



April 2019

Antelope Valley Treasure Hunter's Society

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Meeting held 1st Monday of every month at 7:00 PM (unless noted in newsletter).

Prez Sez:

Whew, we made it through another meeting. I remembered my name tag this meeting but forgot to read through the script in regards to "those in favor and those opposed?" AGAIN. I really do appreciate the kind cues that I receive to keep our meeting flowing correctly, so; please keep them up and continue to have patience with me during this learning process.

We had some sweet treats that Ron Renter volunteered to bring in, along with donated desserts from Debra and Lovetta. Thank you, they were delicious and very much appreciated. A special thanks to Ron Renter for filling in for Robert Weaver in his absence. Take note of what it takes to run a successful meeting. There are lots of behind the scene happenings. The gates were opened for access to the Leisure Lake Estates, doors opened to the clubhouse, furniture rearranged to hold the meeting, snack supplies brought in, and coffee prepared. Then at the close of the meeting, there are dishes to be washed, countertops to be wiped down, trash cans to be emptied, the room rearranged and so on. You volunteering, is what makes the club run. Thank you for all those who lend a hand.

Connie Smith, our editor will be gone before we know it! She's moving out of state and we will be left without a newsletter. Please find it in yourself to volunteer if you are capable of providing us with your commitment for the next eight issues.

And, since I am on the subject of volunteers...we really do need you! To keep "Our Club" together and going strong we Need YOU! We need someone to look for those who are not wearing their name tags at our monthly meetings and collect a

dollar from them at each meeting. We need someone to "host" each of the remaining outings. We have East Avenue J/245th St outing in April, AVT Claim Weekend in May, Cajon Creek in June, Silverwood Lake in July, Castaic Lake in August, Zuma Beach in September and the Rocky Claim in October. *Mark Belfield* Let's make this happen. Scott Sandahl has volunteered to host Reefer City again this year, yay Scott.

I was at the Fresno Gold and Treasure show looking for raffle items to replenish our monthly raffle table and also for our Christmas party raffle so I missed Lovetta's hunt. I hope you all enjoyed her hunt and found some cool treasures.

Thanks to Ron Renter for suggesting April's outing location. A new location to detect is always exciting, we hope to see you there.

Happy hunting!

Anna

Board Meeting:

CORRECTION!!! The board voted to limit the refreshment reimbursement to **\$25** per month. While we have had some delicious monthly refreshments, we want to remind those providing them that they are just snacks, not meals! So anything over \$25 is at the generosity of the members bringing them.

BADGES: Every member is to wear their name tags to every MEETING! Mike Snowden looked it up in the By Laws and it is NOT required to wear them at outings, since it's too easy to lose them.

OUTINGS: April 2019—The April Outing will be held at Ave. J and 245th St. E. This is a relic hunt. Ron Renter said that there are numerous old “homesteads” out there to be detected for various artifacts. Basically, take Ave. J east as far as the pavement goes.

MARCH 2019—Lovetta’s Mystery hunt

The weather was perfect for the hunt. A little chilly early, but a beautiful day.

Twelve hunters showed up, along with Deborah Baragona, was her husband, Robert, and her son, Austin. Others were: Joe Covey, Wes Weathers, Jim Gilmore, Wendy Baerster, Jay Zeigler, Bruce Staats, Jason DeBerge, Ron Renter, Mas Kadonaga, Harry Surtees, and Robert Weaver.

I might add, I am so impressed at our new members who were there: Deborah, and family, and Bruce, also a first for Wendy, Jason and Harry, at my hunt. I really appreciate all who were there, and everyone said they had fun and would come again. A great big Thank You to each.

I changed some of the items and was surprised at how few items were found, and the park seemed to be pretty clean.

After discussing this with some, I have decided to change the place next year, so it will be a mystery again.

Happy Hunting, Lovetta

SPECIAL DRAWINGS:

This year the club will hold two special drawings. The first one will be held at the May 10-12 AVT weekend outing. 1st Prize - White’s TRX Pin pointer and 2nd prize - 1 oz. silver bar or round. Tickets for this drawing will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and sales will start at the January meeting. The second special drawing will be held at the Chili Cook-off in October. 1st - White’s metal detector, 2nd prize - 1/4 oz. Gold coin and 3rd prize -5 oz. of silver. These tickets will go on sale **AFTER** the May outing. They will be \$5 each or 6 for \$25. **GOOD LUCK!**

Dues notifications: If you have a notification sticker on the cover of The Loop, please send in your dues to the club’s PO Box on the address page. If your dues haven’t been paid by March 31st. You will no longer receive the newsletter and will no longer be a member of AVTHS. New rosters will be distributed with the May newsletter, as well as membership cards. Also, there are still some members who have not filled out the Release Forms. I will put a different sticker on newsletters of those members. If not signed, you may not be able to attend outings.

AV GEM AND MINERAL CLUB has offered AVTHS a free booth at their upcoming show April 27th and 28th to promote our club! Don Duncan and Ron Renter have offered to man the booth at the AV Fairgrounds (new venue for AVG&MC). If you are interested in helping *Patrick & Patricia Bracken* them, please contact them to see what you can do. This will be a good opportunity to let people know about us and possibly give guidance to those who want to detect but don’t know how to go about it.

MONTH	MEETING DATE	OUTING DATE	Location	Notes
JAN	01/07/2019	01/12/2019	ZUMA BEACH—8:00 AM	CLUB FOOD/QTR. HUNT/MEMBER SIDES
FEB	02/04/2019	02/09/2019	San Buenaventura Beach– Ventura	BYO FOOD
MARCH	03/04/2019	03/09/2019	Lovetta’s Hunt–Sgt. Steve Owens Park	BYO FOOD
APRIL	04/01/2019	04/06/2019	RELIC HUNT—E Ave. J	BYO FOOD
MAY	05/06/2019	05/10-12/2019	AVT WEEKEND—SMALL PRIZE	CLUB FOOD SAT. QTR. HUNT
JUNE	06/03/2019	06/08/2019	CAJON CREEK (OFF I-15)	BYO FOOD—SLUICING
JULY	07/01/2019	07/06/2019	SILVERWOOD LAKE	BYO FOOD
AUG	08/05/2019	08/10/2019	CASTAIC LOWER LAKE	BYO FOOD
SEPT	09/09/2019	09/14/2019	ZUMA BEACH	CLUB FOOD—Qtr. Hunt
OCT	10/07/2019	10/11-13/2019	ROCKY ROAD CLAIM WEEKEND	CHILI COOKOFF/QTR. HUNT
NOV	11/04/2019	11/09/2019	REEFER CITY	BYO FOOD
DEC	2-Dec-2019	7-Dec-2018	CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!	MEDRANO’S -LANCASTER

SPECIAL HUNT:

Scott Sandahl's Clean Up hunt was a big success! There were 10 participants that included new member, Debra Baragona, who found a 1961 silver half dollar! Ain't beginner's luck grand? Debra also won Best US Coin in the Find Of The Month (FOM) for March with that little piece of silver! Scott found 3 mercury dimes and Wes Weathers found a 1917D penny! Scott gave out a lot of prizes for trash, too! After all, this WAS a clean-up hunt and this group really did "clean up!"

CRIME SCENE SEARCH TEAM:

Lovetta Burns was blown away by the huge response that she received when she suggested that we organize a local team to assist AV (plus any other law enforcement group) Sheriff's Office in searching crime scenes for metal objects related to a crime that is being investigated. She had a list of 17 volunteers, when she was only expecting about 6-7! She is awaiting forms for background checks and will contact those on her list when they come in. I'm glad that this is going so well! She reminded everyone at the meeting, though, that calls can come in at odd hours, days, and in any kind of weather! The day she and Jason DeBerge went out to the Lake Hughes area, it was pouring rain—and cold!

NEWSLETTER EDITOR UPDATE:

Anna mentioned in her Prez Sez notes the need for a new Editor for The Loop due to my plan to relocate to Sun City, AZ. However, that plan is on hold due to a more urgent situation. I have just been diagnosed with uterine cancer and I will probably be stepping down sooner than originally planned, most likely after this issue of The Loop. A contrast CT Scan showed that it's still confined to the uterus (yay!) I'm scheduled for a complete hysterectomy on April 1 and probably at least chemo, possibly radiation going forward. This will take much of my energy and time, so if any of you have some computer skills that you'd like to put to good use for AVTHS, please step up soon! I'm keeping a positive attitude and have lots of folks praying for me. Also, after reading that this particular variety (clear cell carcinoma) can be aggressive, but often has a high rate of survival, I'm keeping that thought in my head and it keeps me upbeat and positive!



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE Document: On How to Submit State Metal Detecting Legislation

Introduction

Metal Detecting is becoming a recognized recreational hobby and has also contributed to learning more about our past through some very important finds. Today, there are more and more battlefield projects in the U.S. that use volunteer metal detectorists. Metal Detectorists with their expertise can be a great help in locating battlefield artifacts.

England passed a Treasure Act in 1996. Since its enactment this act has provided the legal environment for many great historical and valuable metal detecting finds. Evidence of these finds are published almost on a daily basis.

It is time in the U.S. that state metal detecting laws come under review. Some states prohibit metal detecting completely, other states set rigid limitations and a few states have no regulation or law at all just internal DNR memorandums.

So with these thoughts in mind, the following document was written. The focus is on what you need to know and what to consider if you are about to seek change or create new recreational metal detecting state law.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Terry Wright, Metal Detecting Association of Washington <http://www.metaldetectwa.org> for taking the time to share his knowledge about working with state legislators. Terry has been involved with state officials since 1986 concerning metal detecting law. He and a team of metal detectorists from many Washington State Metal Detecting Clubs were instrumental in getting an Act passed in 1996 which is the foundation for today's metal detecting law in Washington State.

Purpose of This Paper

The overall objective of this document is to provide an informative framework that can be used to create, change and submit state legislation for recreational metal detecting. The sole intent is to provide aid and prepare a state metal detecting association or committee as they approach the task of getting metal detecting legislation passed.

All states have direct or indirect laws, regulations, or internal memorandums that may forbid or restrict recreational metal detecting on public lands. The goal of many of these laws is not only to limit metal detecting, but to make recreational metal detecting outright unlawful on state lands, seashores and beaches.

In this document will find one example and up to seven different legislative options that could be used to create metal detecting state legislation. The document will highlight the federal and state barriers to any metal detecting legislation, list the opposed interested parties, plus provide seven appendices with reference and support materials. Finally, this document should provide a workable blueprint on how to move forward with any metal detecting legislative initiative.

Note: This main body of the article is about 26 pages long with the remaining part of the document consisting of seven appendices that take up another 100 pages of support material.

[Read More Get The Full Article](#) This is a 1.7 Meg. Byte File

<http://www.mdhtalk.org/articles/state-legislation-initiative/mdhtalk-change-state-legislation.htm>

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SCOTT SANDAHL

Proprietor



FREE RAFFLE TICKET

If you find your name in the newsletter and it looks like this: *Your Name* You get a free raffle ticket at the next general meeting. Bring it to the attention of the ticket seller.

Refreshments volunteers for 2018

Refreshments

APRIL— Don Duncan

MAY— Scott Sandahl

JUNE— Dan Petrozzi

JULY— Robert Weaver

AUGUST— Ted Bell

SEPTEMBER— Vickie Whatt

OCTOBER— PIE MONTH! (NO REIMBURSEMENT!)

NOVEMBER— Pam Hesar

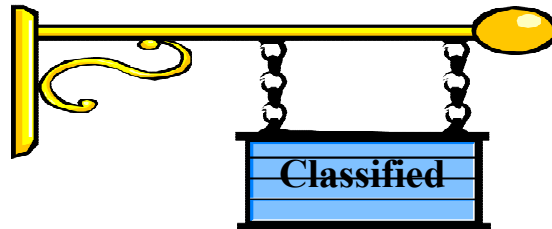
DECEMBER— Carl Schadt

Bring your receipts—club will reimburse up to \$25/month (except Pie Months)

Want an Email copy of The Loop? Members can send their request to me at:

avthsnews@gmail.com

We would be happy to send it as a .pdf file. It is generally about 2mb for the issue.



FOR SALE:

Whites XLT w/Spectrum 10" coil \$300

Bigfoot for XLT—\$75

White's GMT Goldmaster E-Series w/White's Twin D 10"x6" \$300

Gold Master II Long Scan 10"x6" coil \$50

Sun Ray D -1 pinpointing coil \$100

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Connie Smith

AVTHS Club Merchandise

Available During Our Monthly Meetings

Club Apparel

Short Sleeve T-Shirt

Long Sleeve T-Shirt

Pull Over Sweat Shirt

Hoodie

Hats

Club Logo Patch



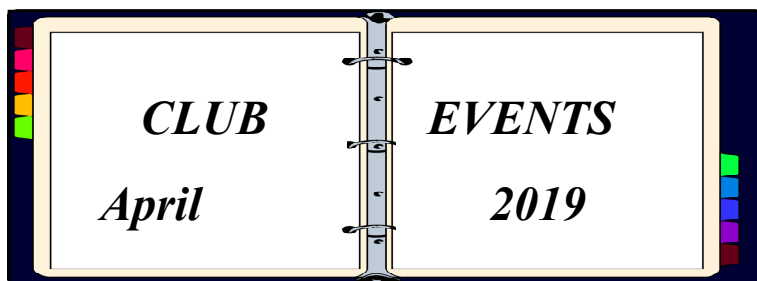
New Items (Limited Availability)

Brass Coin Probe

Digging Knife

Finds Tray

Proceeds from sales are used to support prizes and food at our monthly outings



April 4, 2019

General Meeting - 7:00 pm
Leisure Lake Mobile Estates
48303 20th St. West
Lancaster, CA 93534

April 4, 2019

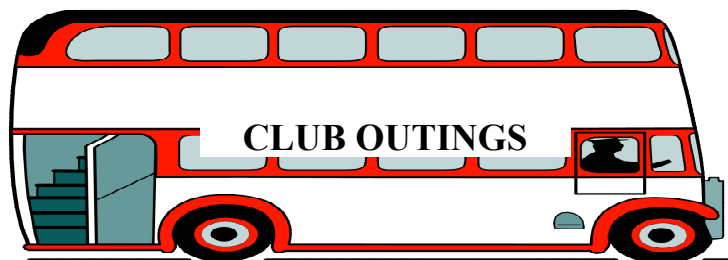
Board Meeting 6:00pm-
precedes the General Meeting

Scavenger Hunt—2nd. Qtr.

Scavenger Hunt winner for the 4th Quarter 2018
was— Jason DeBerge—10+ items.

Quarterly Scavenger Hunts: 1st Quarter January 1—March 31; 2nd Quarter April 1—June 30; 3rd Quarter July 1—September 30; 4th Quarter October 1—December 31. No early turn-ins! All must be brought to the first General Meeting following the closing of the Quarter. Display owner must be present to win. Member that finds all 15 items will win 1st Prize—Silver half dollar. If there is a tie, the winner will be decided by a cut of the cards, high card takes 1st Place. The runner up will receive a Silver quarter. Members finding at least 10 items will receive a Silver dime.

1. Gold chain
2. Silver toe ring
3. Lug nut
4. Key ring with House & car key
5. Religious charm
6. Fish hook
7. Old style pull tab
8. Belt buckle
9. CD
10. Cell phone
11. Nail clippers
12. Padlock
13. Dog tag
14. Bus token
15. Gold ring with stone



April 6, 2019 8:00 AM—RELIC HUNT—E. AVE. J

This outing is at the eastern end of East Ave. J. at about 245th St. E where the paved part ends. Scott Sandahl, Ron Renter, Anna Valenzuela and Kim Holmes have checked it out and say it's got a decent amount of relics. Ron said there are a bunch of old buildings that are abandoned so plenty of places to hunt. It's a "BYO FOOD" event. Check out the map on the address page of this newsletter.

Treasure Hunters Code of Ethics

I will always check federal, state, county and local laws before searching; it is my responsibility to know the law.

I will respect private property and will not enter private property without the owner's permission. Where possible, such permission will be in writing.

I will take care to refill any holes and try not to leave any damage.

I will remove and dispose of any and all trash and litter that I find.

I will appreciate and protect our inheritance of natural resources, wildlife, and private property.

I will, as an ambassador for the hobby, use thoughtfulness, consideration and courtesy at all times.

I will work to help bring unity to our hobby by working with any organization of any geographic area that may have problems that will limit their ability to peacefully pursue the hobby.

I will build fires in designated or safe places only.

I will report to the proper authorities any individuals who enter and/or remove artifacts from federal parks or state preserves.

"THE END OF THE LOOP"

March Finds of the Month

Member must be present to display finds

Debra Baragona

Most Unique

Scott Sandahl—Wooden bridge

Best Gold Item

Tonya Baerster

Best Natural Gold

Kim Holmes—Nuggets

Best U.S. Coin

Debra Baragona—1961 Silver half dollar

Best Foreign Coin

Scott Sandahl—1943 Australian coin

Best Silver Item

Harry Surtees—Silver heart ring

Best Overall

Harry Surtees

Attendance Drawing

Carl Schadt— \$30 (\$25 next month)

50/50 Drawing

Wes Weathers—\$32.50

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



April Birthdays

Ronald Myrick, Marvin Powers, Carl Schadt



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50/50.....Colleen Johnson

Club PhotographerAnyone with a camera

Find of the MonthScott Sandahl

ClaimsMike Snowden

Metal DetectingScott Sandahl

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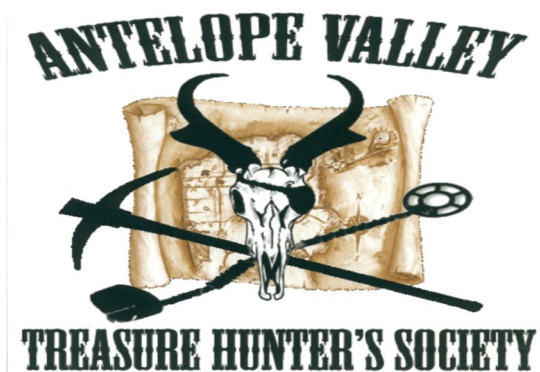
RecyclingWes Weathers



Remember, as with the recycling collection, the proceeds from the sale of apparel are put back in the club to fund prizes and food at the outing.

RELIC HUNT—E. AVE J (Eastern end of street)

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This Month's Club Outing
Lovetta's Hunt
Sgt. Steve Owen Park, Lancaster

