

The Loop



Lancaster, California

March 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:

February is all about LOVE, so I'll be sending some your way. First of all a special thanks to all who donated pies and muffins for our February meeting. Considering how cold it was Monday evening, we had a great turnout of members as well as a few guests.

A special shout out to Jay Ziegler for leading us in the "Happy Birthday" song. That man can sing, what a voice! What better way to spend your birthday, than with the club. *Clay & Gail Graves*

We got through the meeting with lots of confusion on my part, but we did it. Thanks to all those who gave me cues as to what I forgot to say. "Robert's Law" is a bit to learn. Thanks to Mike Snowden for taking the time to find us a microphone and P. A. System.

Happy Valentine's. Happy hunting.

Anna

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Dues were due January 1, 2019! Please fill out the back side of the Membership Application form even if you have been a long time member. We are required to have the release of liability signed and on file for every member annually!

If you haven't already paid your dues, please use the form to send them in to the PO Box on the address page of this newsletter.

Report from San Buenaventura outing:

The drive to the outing was wet. As we exited the freeway, Ventura greeted us with a downpour. I was dressed in three layers of clothing and a fourth lay in waiting just in case. We left the snow capped mountains to a beautiful beach full of tumbled rock, dragged debris, and very little treasure. The waves were a surfer's dream. One had to keep a watchful eye or be surprised by a wave sneaking up on you. Just ask Tonya. As the morning progressed, so did the warmth. Layers of clothes were peeled as the hunt for buried treasure went on. Robert Weaver, Ron Renter, Wes Kim Holmes, Tonya and Wendy Baerster, Jay and Linda Ziegler, Lovetta Burns and Don Allen. It was decided that everyone had enough and decided to go to a near by park. Kim and I ventured three parks scouting for a suitable location for a future club outing.

Anna

Crime Scene volunteers:

Lovetta Burns has been working with the PCSC's (Prospectors Club of Southern California) Crime Scene volunteers where members are asked to help search for metal evidence (bullets, etc.) to help solve crimes. She received a Commendation once for recovering a bullet with a finger print on it that was responsible for convicting a perpetrator. She was recently called upon in Antelope Valley to search a scene. Consequently, she is looking into creating a CS group in AVTHS. Volunteers will be trained by Lovetta and local officers on what and what not to do while detecting a crime scene. Please contact Lovetta if you are interested in joining this group. It's still in the planning stages, but should be a great experience for our members.

Connie Smith, Editor, The Loop

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: March 2019—Lovetta Burns will host her annual Mystery Hunt at Steve Owens Memorial park (formerly Lancaster City Park.) *Ted Bell*

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 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 (TBA)	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	SANTA MONICA	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	3-Dec-2019	8-Dec-2018	CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!	MEDRANO'S -LANCASTER

American Antiquities Act of 1906

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16 USC 431-433 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person who shall appropriate, excavate, injure, or destroy any historic or prehistoric ruin or monument, or any object of antiquity, situated on lands owned or controlled by the Government of the United States, without the permission of the Secretary of the Department of the Government having jurisdiction over the lands on which said antiquities are situated, shall, upon conviction, be fined in a sum of not more than five hundred dollars or be imprisoned for a period of not more than ninety days, or shall suffer both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

Sec. 2. That the President of the United States is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to declare by public proclamation historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest that are situated upon the lands owned or controlled by the Government of the United States to be national monuments, and may reserve as a part thereof parcels of land, the limits of which in all cases shall be confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected: Provided, That when such objects are situated upon a tract covered by a bona-fied unperfected claim or held in private ownership, the tract, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the proper care and management of the object, may be relinquished to the Government, and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to accept the relinquishment of such tracts in behalf of the Government of the United States.

Sec. 3. That permits for the examination of ruins, the excavation of archaeological sites, and the gathering of objects of antiquity upon the lands under their respective jurisdictions may be granted by the Secretaries of the Interior, Agriculture, and War to institutions which they may deem properly qualified to conduct such examination, excavation, or gathering, subject to such rules and regulation as they may prescribe: Provided, That the examinations, excavations, and gatherings are undertaken for the benefit of reputable museums, universities, colleges, or other recognized scientific or educational institutions, with a view to increasing the knowledge of such objects, and that the gatherings shall be made for permanent preservation in public museums.

Sec. 4. That the Secretaries of the Departments aforesaid shall make and publish from time to time uniform rules and regulations for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act. Approved, June 8, 1906.

Gold Facts

Colors of Gold:

Gold is a mixture of gold, silver and copper. Too much silver will provide a greenish tint and too much copper will provide a reddish tint resulting in rose gold.

The addition of Nickel will overpower the yellowish tint of gold, with the result being white gold.

Gold Purity:

The purity of gold can be described by the following three methods:

- **Karat:** parts of gold per 24
- **Percent:** parts of gold per 100
- **Fineness:** parts of gold per 1,000 (European System)

Karat	Percent	Fineness
24K	100%	1000
22K	95.83%	958
18K	75%	750
15K	62.50%	625
14K	58.33%	583
10K	41.67%	417
9K	37.50%	375

Rolled Gold Plate (RGP):

Jewelry that has a 14K R.G.P. mark is not a 14 karat gold piece of jewelry. The R.G.P. stands for rolled gold plate (RGP). RGP is the applying a layer of gold alloy to a layer of base metal with the gold alloy having some Karat rating such as: 14K. Rolled gold plating were popular in the 1800s and 1900s.

Vermeil:

This is gold plating of some type over sterling silver.

Gold Leaf:

24K gold that is formed into sheets that is then applied over a surface by hand.

The letter "P":

"P" may be found following the karat designation on a jewelry item, i.e.:14KP. The letter "P" represents the word plumb, plumb indicates that the gold content is not less than 14 Karat.

HGE is Heavy Gold Electroplate - not solid gold.

Gold Filled is marked to show, a gold layer on the outside of a base metal. For example, the mark 1/12 14kGF. This means the gold layer is 14k and the gold is 1/20 the weight of the total metal in the item.

Silver Facts:

Sterling Silver jewelry is often marked 925 or .925 (92.5% fine silver)

Other silver jewelry hallmarks include .800, .813, .875, .935, .980 or other number variations that depend upon the represent the silver content

European countries also use a variety of other symbols to mark silver jewelry and non-jewelry items.

These marks can be used in conjunction with purity or other designations.

England: the walking lion

Scotland: the thistle, before 1975

Russia: hammer and sickle in star mark

Sweden: "S" (in hexagon indicating 830 silver or higher)

France: a boar's head (from 1838 to 1961) and outside of Paris, the crab mark etc.

Platinum Facts

Platinum or PLAT if the jewelry is .950 or 95% or more platinum.

Other marks are Pt1000, 1000Pt or 1000Plat for pure platinum; or Pt950, 950Pt.

If less than 95%, the mix is shown such as 10% IRID PLAT, meaning the item is 90% platinum and 10% iridium (Iridium is actually more expensive than platinum). Also you will sometimes see imported items with 800 PLAT, 80% platinum popular in a few foreign countries.

Gold Purity Calculation

Karat Rating	Percent	Formula
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- 24K..100%..... $24/24 = 1 \times 100 = 100\%$
- 22K..91.7%..... $24/22 = .917 \times 100 = 91.7\%$
- 18K..75.0%.... $24/18 = .75 \times 100 = 75\%$
- 16K..66.67%.. $24/16 = .667 \times 100 = 66.67\%$
- 14K..58.33%.. $24/14 = .583 \times 100 = 58.33\%$
- 12K..50.0%.... $24/12 = .50 \times 100 = 50\%$
- 10K..41.67%... $24/10 = .417 \times 100 = 41.67\%$
- 9K..37.5%.... $24/9 = .375 \times 100 = 37.5\%$

Calculation Steps One to Three to Find Gold's Market Value:

1st) 31.1034 grams or ONE ounce of 14K gold

2nd) 31.1034 times 58.33% (14K) equals 18.1426 grams of gold

3rd) Suggested Gold Market value of \$800 divided by 31.1034 grams equals \$25.72 per gram.

Calculated Step Four to Find Value of 14K:

4th) 18.1426 grams times \$25.72 equals \$466.63 of Gold value.

Step 5: Your Return on 14K Gold Sold to Refiner:

5th) \$466.67 times refiner percentage to you 94% equals return to you \$438.67.

Or Use This Precious Metal Calculator from [Dendritics](#)

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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

MARCH— Robert Weaver

APRIL— Don Duncan

MAY— Scott Sandahl

JUNE— Dan Petrozzi

JULY— Ron Renter

AUGUST— Ted Bell

SEPTEMBER— Vickie Whatt

OCTOBER— PIE MONTH! (NO REIMBURSEMENT!)

NOVEMBER— Pam Hesar

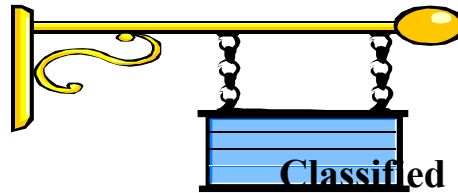
DECEMBER— Carl Schadt

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 \$30

Sun Ray D -1 pinpointing coil \$100

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

Please feel free to call me at 818 414-6707 or email me at:

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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

CLUB February

EVENTS 2019

March 4, 2019 **General Meeting - 7:00 pm**
Leisure Lake Mobile Estates
48303 20th St. West
Lancaster, CA 93534

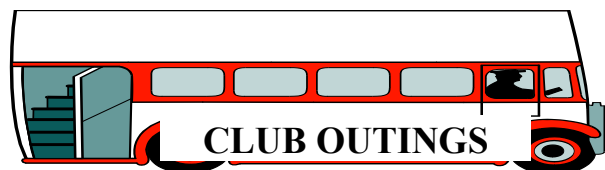
March 4, 2019 **Board Meeting 6:00pm-**
precedes the General Meeting

Scavenger Hunt—1st. 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 dol-
 lar. If there is a ties, 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.

01. 5 Consecutively numbered quarters
02. One extra small bobby pin (less than 2 3/4")
03. One non-disposable lighter
04. Any metal ring with a stone
05. Ten red Monster pull-tabs
06. One silver earring
07. One tire stem
08. Any metal toy
09. Coke bottle cap (not twist type)
10. 100 pull tabs
11. One 3" long screw
12. Faucet handle
13. Bus token
14. One #2 pencil
15. Any Mexican coin



Lovetta's Mystery Hunt—Sgt. Steve Owens Me-
memorial Park (FKA Lancaster City Park) 8AM

Lovetta puts together a great hunt! Something
different every time! This outing will start at
8AM. Lovetta will give instructions in the begin-
ning as well as where to hunt and when to return.
Prizes will be given out. Sgt. Steve Owens Me-
memorial Park is located on 10th St. West just north
of Costco. See map on address page. Take
CA14 to either Ave. J exit or Ave. L exit. From
Ave. J turn right onto 10th St. W. and turn right
into the park entrance. From Ave. L turn left on
10th St. W and turn left into the park entrance.
Take the road through to the baseball fields and
park in the parking lot shown on map.

I hope to see you there!

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 prop-
 erty 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 re-
 sources, 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 prob-
 lems that will limit their ability to peacefully pursue the hob-
 by.

I will build fires in designated or safe places only.

I will report to the proper authorities any individuals who en-
 ter and/or remove artifacts from federal parks or state pre-
 serves.

"THE END OF THE LOOP"

February Finds of the Month

Member must be present to display finds

Most Unique

Rick Guethlein—Knife (kids park)

Best Gold Item

None

Best Natural Gold

Kim Holmes—Nuggets

Best U.S. Coin

Scott Sandahl—1935-S Mercury dime

Best Foreign Coin

Scott Sandahl—German coin

Best Silver Item

Jason DeBerge—?

Best Overall

Jason DeBerge

Attendance Drawing

Kent & Nancy Hess—Not present, next drawing

\$30

50/50 Drawing

\$28.50

?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



March Birthdays

Sean Christy, Joe Covey, Ross Hernandez, Kent Hess,
Ruth Hoffman, Deepak Dhillonn, Michael Johnson, Don
Reed, Lynda Zeigler



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COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Welcome.....Vivian Sexton

Opportunity Drawing ...Colleen Johnson/Lorelei Paland

50/50.....Mary Black

Club PhotographerAnyone with a camera

Find of the MonthScott Sandahl

ClaimsMike Snowden

Metal DetectingScott Sandahl

RefreshmentsVolunteer for each meeting

Club ApparelMike Snowden

Club Public WebRick Wyatt

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MembershipVivian Sexton

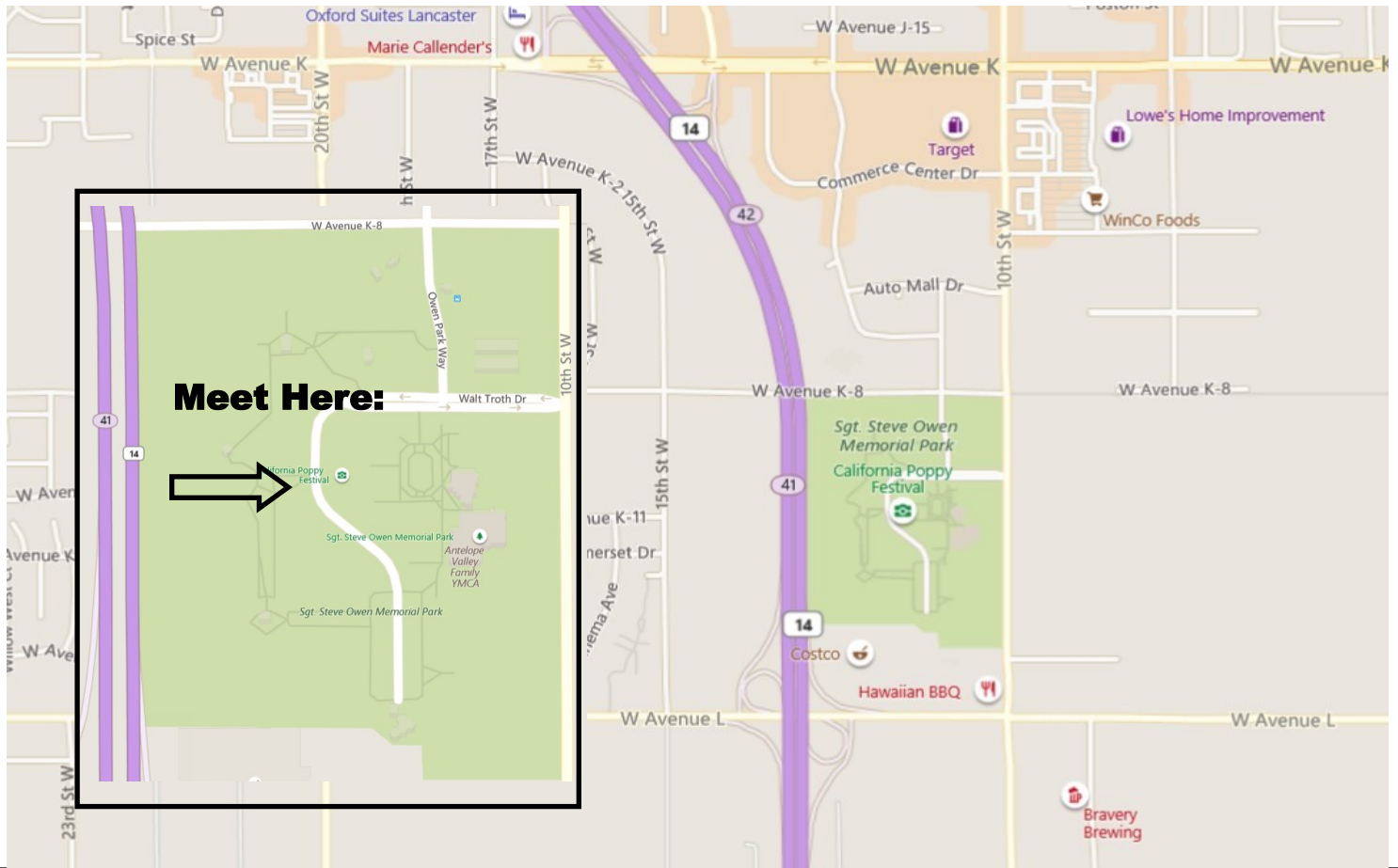
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RecyclingWes Weathers



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.

Lovetta's Hunt—Sgt. Steve Owens Mem. Park



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

