

The Loop



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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).

Note: The new Club Membership Cards will be sent out with next months newsletter due to printing issues.

Prez Sayz:

I'm so excited, I had such an awesome time exploring new territory. A special thanks to Ron Renter and Dan Petrozzi for sharing this location with the club. We had a great turnout with 18 members totting metal detectors, some nice weather, and the opportunity to check out Hi Vista's abandoned home sites. If you have a chance, go to the area. We took Avenue J heading East past 250th, where the road ends. We had the planted hunt (\$64 in coins) early in the morning since our former president asked if we could hold it early, giving him the chance to participate before heading out to another commitment. We awarded prizes for the most coins and for the highest face value. Tonya Baerster won those two categories having found 90 coins totaling \$6.20. Next prizes were given for picking up the most shoes which were illegally dumped within the parameters of the hunt. No wins. Wes Weathers won for having picked up the bullet casings he happened upon. Don Allen scored a token and Colleen Johnson dragged out the most trash. Our new member Kathy won the consolation prize as she took her new detector out for a spin. We scouted around and met back at the meeting place at noon to check out each others finds and voted on the most unique find. Kim Holmes had donated a half gram of natural gold. Mike Johnson took that home after receiving the most votes for his Tiki totem. Wendy Baerster decided the illegally dumped trash needed to be hauled out. A special thanks to Tonya and Mas and Carl Schadt for hauling it out. This site was once part of homesteading by people who apparently were unable to make it work. While not old history, recent history could be determined by dating

some of the finds. As hosts, Kim and I received positive feedback on the outing. This location is definitely a keeper.

Anna

From the outing



Note the history above. Needed to use a can opener on the beer cans. Pull tabs came in the early 1960's. The Sta-Tab became popular in early 1980's.



New Changes to the Quarterly Scavenger Hunts

Starting with the Second Quarter the prizes will change: **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 Quarter**. Member finding and bringing **9 items or less will get a Silver Dime**.

News From The Board

During the April Board of Directors meeting it was suggested that the membership might enjoy and benefit from a way to sell or trade unwanted finds they have collected. Nothing was decided but the idea was brought to the attention of the attending membership who collectively responded positively to the prospect. Finding the time for the Swap n' Sell will be an exercise in logistics. One possibility would be to hold the Swap N' Sell before the start of the General Meeting. Another was have a table at the annual Christmas Party. may be the primary issue.

Just a reminder; in order to give our Club Board Members a chance to view and vote on the Finds Of The Month, the first five minutes of the mid-meeting break had been designated for ONLY-Board members to view the FOM and vote. Please hold your questions and do not go into the viewing area until they have finished.

A suggestion was made regarding decals or stickers for the Club. We will be looking into a sticker version of our club Patch. If anyone has suggestions or artwork they wish the Board to con-

sider or submit a design, please let the Board know as soon as possible.

Club Business cards have been printed and are now available. The business cards have our Club Logo on one side and the reverse side has our contact and meeting information. Now when people come up to you while you're detecting with questions, you can provide them with our Club Information.

Keep your eye on the monthly raffle table for a special mystery item. Periodically you might see a sealed container of some sorts, that will have a special un-described item.

And finally, don't forget to buy your tickets for first Special Drawing for the White's TRX Pin Pointer or the 1oz. Silver Bar. The drawing will be at this months outing at the AVT Claim. Winner does not need to be present.

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!**

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	Changed to 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	3-Dec-2019	8-Dec-2018	CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!	MEDRANO'S -LANCASTER

California dreamin' includes treasure hunting off coast.

by Genevieve Jerome posted 08.04.2011

When people think about California, they often think of beaches, Hollywood, Half Dome and the Golden Gate Bridge.

But how about old shipwrecks off the coast? How 'bout gold mining?

One government entity, the State Lands Commission, knows all about those shipwrecks and the treasures they may contain. And rightly so: Treasure hunters must fork over a portion of what they find to the state.

Treasure seekers, history buffs and people who are just curious must apply with the State Lands Commission to legally search for buried treasure off the California Coast.

There's plenty to search for.

On July 30, 1865, for example, the Brother Jonathan foundered off the coast of Crescent City, a vessel that began its journey during the Gold Rush and ended it in the West Coast trades.

In another case, researchers in October 1997 set off on the Point Reyes National Seashore (Drakes Bay) and scoured the bottom of Drakes Bay looking for the San Agustin, a Spanish galleon that sank in 1595 some 400 years earlier.

But no matter how intriguing the subject matter (what's more exciting than buried treasure?) the bureaucracy of government gets in the way, starting with the Lands Commission.

However, dealing with any government entity, notes the federal Bureau of Land Management, can be a tedious process for treasure hunters. The steps needed to obtain a permit may even deter some.

Hunting for gold isn't limited to coastal waters. The process that made California's reputation around the earth, gold mining, also offers attractions.

But for those determined to hunt for riches, there are some simple **Dean Erskine** requirements. According to www.blm.gov, any citizen of the United States over the age of 18 can obtain a permit to mine for gold.

Other steps include obtaining a claim from the BLM and Forest Service that have current mining sites open. There are four different mining claims and sites available

to researchers: a Lode, a Placer, a Tunnel Site, and a Mill Site. Placers contain deposits of sand and gravel containing free gold, where a Lode is a rock placed between definite walls.

It's also not free to mine for gold. According to the BLM website the costs vary, including a \$15 service charge, a \$34 location fee and a \$140 maintenance payment.

According to californiagold.net, "In 2001, California ranked fourth in the United States in gold production. Approximately 449,200 troy ounces were produced worth about \$122.3 million."

Searching for gold is a popular activity in California, but one has to have the motivation and money to do so.

"I would love to mine for gold off of the California coast," says Betty Gauthier, California gold enthusiast and history buff, "However, I've heard the costs to do so are expensive and if I don't find any gold, then I'm out of a good sum of money."

There have been many shipwrecks that have taken place off California, including at least one in Drakes Bay and the famous Electra, which was operated in San Francisco.

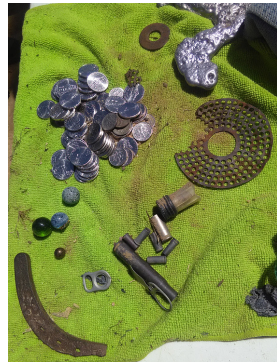
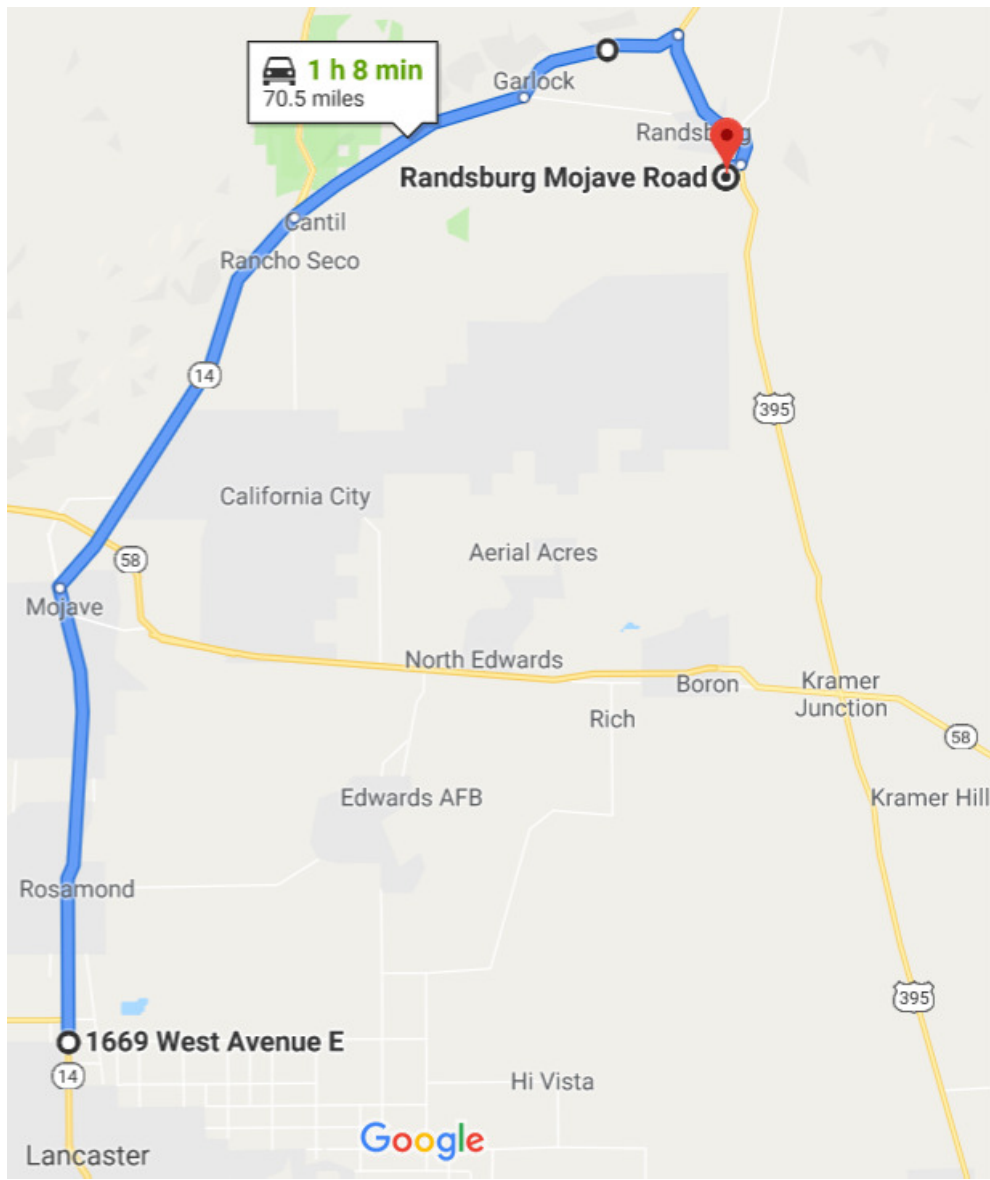
"I remember learning about the Electra at a very young age and becoming very passionate about what these ships went through," says Paul Baumgarten, professional actor and historical collector out of Sacramento. "I learned all I could about all the ships that wrecked in California," says Baumgarten. "I would love the opportunity to mine for gold. My wife and I are thinking about possibly going out on an expedition."

He said the Electra went down on Oct. 16, 1894, and many of the crew were injured or lost.

"It saddens me to know these people were on these ships and some were never found," says Baumgarten. "But it's amazing what they were willing to endure out on the seas."

According to author April Van Wyke in an article for the California State Lands Commission, "The La Paz, a ship of Chilean registry, was wrecked in a dramatic sea disaster in Mendocino harbor which resulted in the loss of a total of three vessels." The La Paz shipwreck took place in 1855.

According to Lands Commission records, five people were lost in the La Paz Shipwreck and only one body was found – the captain's wife.



More photographs from the April 6th Relic Hunt

Top Left:
Overall Map on how to get to the AVT Claim. See the insert map on the last page for details once you exit the freeway.



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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

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.

Refreshments volunteers for 2018

Refreshments

JANUARY—Wendy & Tonya Baerster

FEBRUARY—PIE MONTH! (NO REIMBURSEMENT!)

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 Hesser

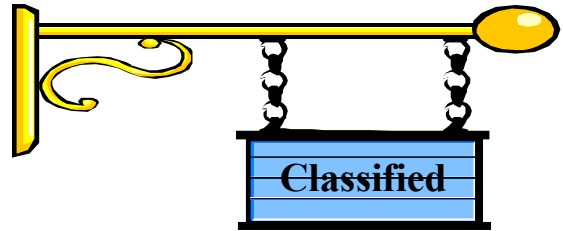
DECEMBER—Carl Schadt

Bring your receipts—club will reimburse up

Do you something to post or 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:

With XLT w/Spectrum 10" coil- \$300

Bigfoot coil for the XLT- \$75

**Whites GMT Goldmaster E-Series with White's
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Sun Ray D-1 Pinpointing Coil- \$100

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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



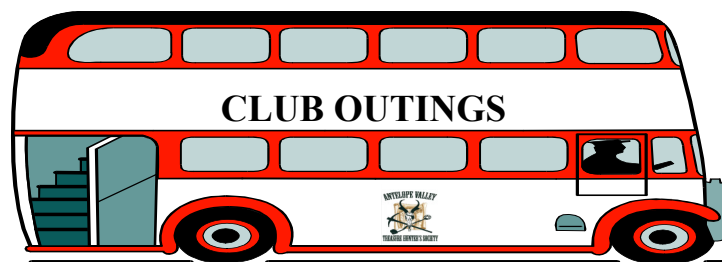
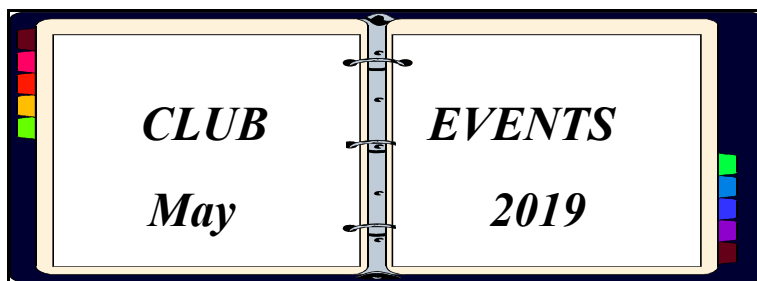
New Items (Limited Availability)

Brass Coin Probe

Digging Knife

Finds Tray

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



May 6, 2019

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

May 6, 2019

**Board Meeting 6:00pm-
precedes the General Meeting**

Scavenger Hunt

Quarterly Scavenger Hunts: 1st Quarter January 1 to March 31; **2nd Quarter** April 1 to June 30; **3rd Quarter** July 1 to September 30; **4th Quarter** October 1 to 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 Quarter. Member finding and bringing 9 or less items will get a Silver Dime .

01. Gold Chain
02. Silver Toe Ring
03. Lug Nut
04. King Ring with House and Care Key
05. Religious
06. Fishing Hook
07. Old Style Pull Tab
08. Belt Buckle
09. CD
10. Cell Phone
11. Nail Clipper
12. Padlock
13. Dog Tag
14. Bus Token
15. Gold Ring with Stone

AVT Claim - 8:00 AM May 11, 2019

From Lancaster, CA

For the purpose of directions, the starting point will be the 14 Fwy and Ave F, near the Club meeting location. Take CA-14 north for approximately 42.5 miles to the Red Rock—Randsberg Cut Off road. Turn slightly right onto Red Rock—Randsberg Road. Go approximately 20.5 miles to the US-395. Go south on the US-395 for approximately 7.3 miles to the Osdick Road off ramp. Go west on Osdick for approximately 5 miles. Osdick Rd is a dirt road and turns slightly south as you travel. Just before the 5 mile point of travel, look for a power line tower. Before the tower there is an open area to the left or east. Pick the best trail and follow it. The AVT claim is ahead approximately 1000 feet. We will try to put up some sort of signage or marker to help locate the claim and the concrete pad. GPS Coordinates are N35.328635 W117.633998. Enter in the Google Search and get an idea of the route.

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"

May Finds of the Month *Member must be present to display finds*

Most Unique

Harry Surtees- *Brass Oil Tag*

Best Gold Item

Tonya Baerster- *Platinum Ring*

Best Natural Gold

Kim Holmes- *7 Jokers, Barstow Claim*

Best U.S. Coin

Scott Sandahl- *1907 Barber Dime*

Best Foreign Coin

Harry Surtees- *1912-1917 Chinese Coin*

Best Silver Item

Dan Petrozzi- *Silver Crown*

Best Overall

Harry Surtees

Attendance Drawing

Jason DeBerg \$49.50

50/50 Drawing

Wes Weathers \$25.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



May Birthdays

Cindy Barron

Becky Beck

Ted Bell

Sue Yergensen

Lorelei Poland

Bruce Posten

Linda Reitz



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COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Welcome.....Vivian Sexton

Opportunity Drawing ...Colleen Johnson/Lorelei Paland

50/50..... Colleen Johnson

Club PhotographerAnyone with a camera

Find of the MonthScott Sandahl

Claims Mike Snowden

Metal DetectingScott Sandahl

RefreshmentsVolunteer for each meeting

Club ApparelMike Snowden

Club Public Web Rick Wyatt

Newsletter

Membership Vivian Sexton

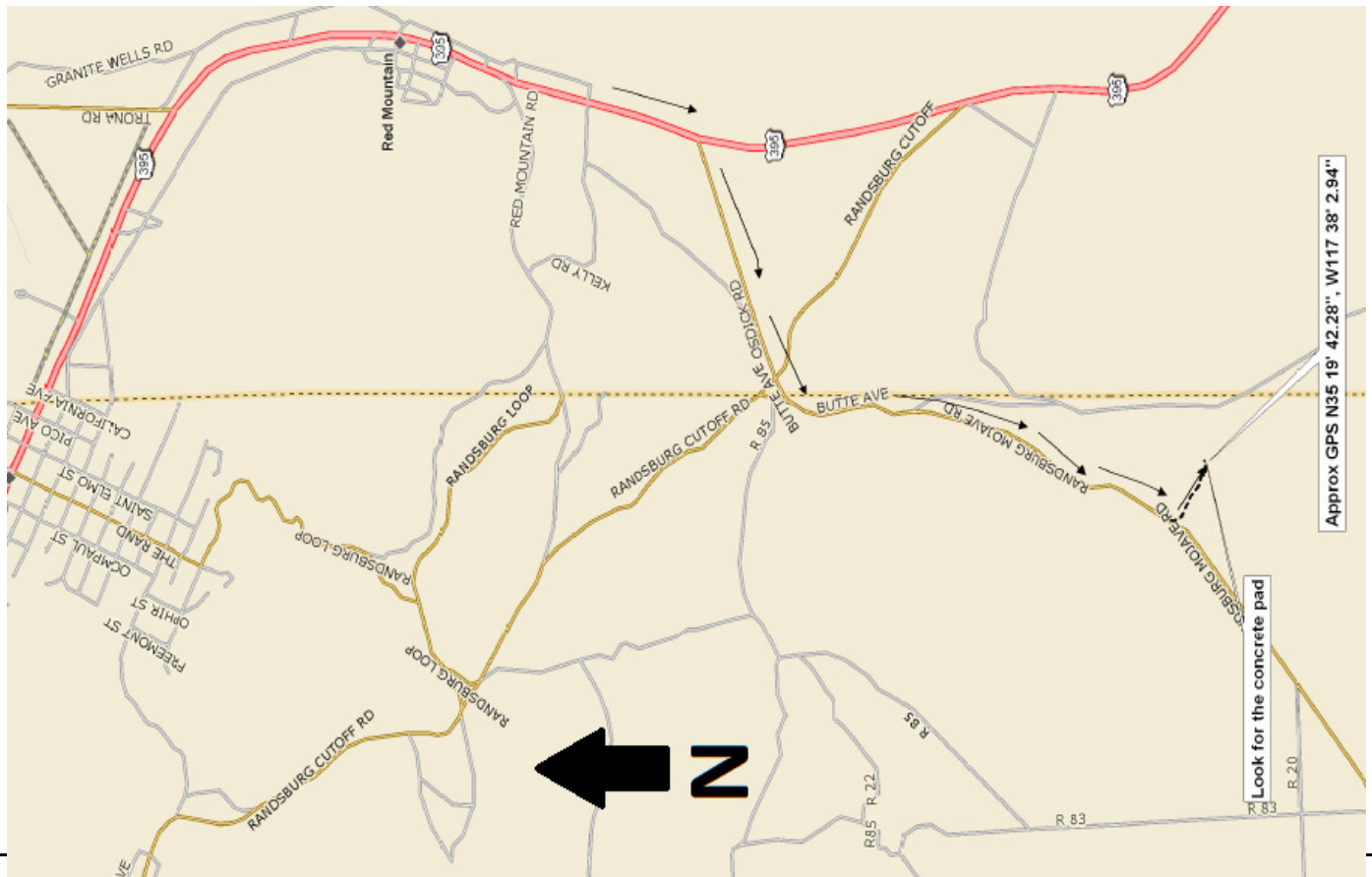
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RecyclingWes Weathers



Remember, as with the recycling collection, the proceeds from the sale of apparel are put back in the club to help fund our various activities.

AVT CLAIM



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This Month's Club Outing
AVT Claim
Randsberg, CA

