

# The Loop



Lancaster, California

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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).*

### Will this be the last Club newsletter?

*For several months we have not had a Newsletter Editor. Unless someone volunteers this publication will no longer be published.*

### The Prez Says.....

As the weather changes, so should the way you treasure hunt. Here are a few tips to keep in mind:

- >Stay hydrated with lots of water and Gatorade/Powerade for electrolytes
- >Snakes are out, before you pick up a large item, think smart, can a snake be under it? Be aware of where you place your feet or hands
- >Cool neck wraps work wonders. Wear a hat with a large brim to keep the sun off you.
- >Take frequent breaks
- >Go with a buddy and let someone know where you'll be
- >Apply sunscreen
- >Eat salty snacks to replace minerals due to sweating

Do you have any suggestions for raffle prize??? We can always use ideas. We try to keep the new and avid metal detectorist/gold prospector in mind while shopping.

You can always send me emails at:  
amvangel98@aol.com

with suggestions related to prizes and the club. If you want to remain anonymous, I will respect that and not include your name or email.

Happy hunting,  
Anna

### Special Drawings

Our 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. Ticket will be \$5 each or 6 for \$25. **GOOD LUCK!**

### 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

The new Swap N' Sell will be set up in the room with the FOM Displays. The bartering will begin 15 minutes before the General Meeting. Anna has forms and the display board will in the \*Pamela Hesser\* room with the Finds of the Month. We are still looking for some one to bring the display to our monthly meetings. Cut out the Swap "n Sell form on page 5 of this newsletter.

*Remember that the applications for the Crime Scene Unit are due and will need to be turned in at our July 1, 2019 General Meeting. Contact Lovetta Burns if you have any questions. The Sheriffs Department will begin the background checks and be at the August meeting for fingerprinting applicants.*

*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.*

*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.*

## AVTHS 2019 Membership Roster

**The Club Roster is for members only and was removed from the general public web site posting.**

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	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
<b>JULY</b>	<b>07/01/2019</b>	<b>07/06/2019</b>	<b>SILVERWOOD LAKE</b>	<b>BYO FOOD</b>
AUG	08/05/2019	08/10/2019	CASTAIC LOWER LAKE	BYO FOOD
SEPT	09/09/2019	09/14/2019	<b>Changed</b> 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

## ***PROSPECTING TIPS THAT MAY HELP YOU IN GOLD RECOVERY***

**Research-** Without a doubt, research is a key factor in becoming a more successful electronic prospector. Today with access to the internet, you can find tons of material about various gold fields throughout the world. Successful prospectors who have written books, old bulletins and publications, and even your State Universities can be of use. The old saying is, 'to search where gold has been found.' I believe this is an accurate statement. Find the old placer workings and then search the out most areas to find places that may have been missed. Contact the governmental organizations regarding the area where you intend to prospect. Also, find out the land status, driving hundreds of miles to find out the areas is off limits could be a real heart-breaker!!

**Quality Detector-** Purchase a detector that is known to find gold nuggets. Many detectors are multi-use detectors, and these might not be the best choice for searching for gold nuggets in mineralized areas. Old BFO & TR detectors are things of the past. Purchase a good VLF or P1 detector to have the best results. There are at least a dozen manufactures of quality detectors, find the one that suits you best.

**Quality Accessories-** There are many accessories that may increase the detector's performance. A good set of high impedance headphones is a must. Try to match the impedance of the headphones to your detector if possible. I have had good luck with Koss and Gray Ghost headphones over the past several years. An audio booster can increase faint target sounds. These units can run from \$40-\$200 depending on your preference. I have used the Koss EQ30's in the past, but found they wear out due to extensive wire movement. They were designed to sit at home next to a radio, but they work well for a given amount of time. For P1 units, Super Sound & Coiltek, manufacture good signal amplifiers. A good digger, such as an Estwing Hoe Pick or a strong wooden handled pick, will increase digging speed. A strong super magnet is also helpful in areas that may have a lot of iron trash.

**GPS (Global Positioning)-** The use of GPS handheld units are great. Now you can always mark a spot of interest or even places where you find nuggets. You will never get lost and you can always find your way back to a particular point that was saved on the GPS unit. Technology is only making prospecting easier and more fun!!

**Knowing your Detector-** It is best to learn how to use your detector before entering the gold fields. Read the operating manual very thorough and make sure you understand what it's telling you. When in doubt, contact the manufacture for more in-formation or help.

**Proper Coil Movements-** A common error is coil speed and movement. Many detectorist detect like they are swinging a golf club. Keep the coil as close as you can to the ground. Don't worry about scratching the bottom of the coil, that is what a coil cover is for. Over lap swings to eliminate missing possible nuggets. The old saying is, "Low and Slow!!"

**Relax and enjoy-** Don't tense up, enjoy the outdoors and all that comes with it. Occasionally, take breaks to avoid ex-haustion. Be observant, look for signs such as red soil, iron stones, rusty or rotten quartz and even vegetation to select the direc-tion in which you detect. If you have a "*gut feeling*," go with what your mind & body are telling you. Sometimes you might just surprise yourself!!

**Old workings-** Look for signs of old workings while detecting. These areas may hold potential for nuggets that have been missed. Dig, rake and even kick down old dry washer piles to see if there are any missed values. A few inches removed, is a few more inches that you can detect. Sometimes, just an inch, can make a big difference.

**Keep Reports or Records-** Always keep notes on where you have found gold. Keeping a log on your finds can allow you to refer back to the places where you have been most successful. Technology is always advancing, and going back to old spots with newer technologies can be rewarding. The GPS is an important tool for keeping records on specific spots of interest.

**Keep a Positive Mind-** Confidence is very important in electronic prospecting. Believe in yourself and the equipment that you are using. Negative thoughts are the first steps to failure. Believe that there is going to be a nugget on the next search coil swing. When you get discouraged, take a break, don't give up too early. Trashy areas can be discouraging, but sizable nuggets have been found in trashy areas such as placer camps. Dig all targets, when you start overlooking and not digging targets, it's time to go home.

**Spare Parts-** Murphy's Law, when your finding gold, something is bound to break or go wrong! Always carry extra parts and accessories to eliminate down time. Extra batteries, lower shafts, spare power cords and even a backup detector might be worthwhile. A general rule that I use it to make sure everything is working properly before heading away from your vehicle. Too many times I have hiked several miles to realize the detector is not working for some odd reason.

**Get Access or Permission-** High grading is not taken lightly in this field. Technically it's stealing, and you may get into serious trouble. Always try to get permission or access to an area before nugget hunting. A general rule: If the area looks claimed, then it probably is. Areas such as State Trust Land and Patented Properties are off limits to metal detectorist. Obtain a land surface map to find out the status of the land in which you intend to prospect. Local BLM offices usually have them in stock. Honesty is the best policy!! Tell the claim owner your intentions and you may get permission to hunt freely.

Thanks to Vickie Wyatt for this contribution

**RICK & VICKIE WYATT (661) 943-1124**

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**34141 116th St E Pearblossom, CA**

**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

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**

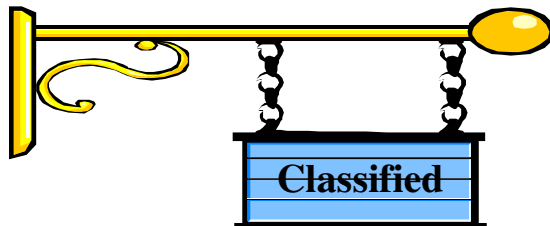
**DECEMBER—Carl Schadt**

**Bring your receipts—club will reimburse up to \$25/month**

Do you have 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.



**AVTHS Swap 'n Sell**

**Member:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Info:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I collect:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to Sell:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I have to Trade or Give Away:** \_\_\_\_\_

**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

July

## EVENTS

2019

July 1, 2019

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

July 1, 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. Tire Weight
02. Safety Pin
03. Knife (Any— Metal)
04. Bolt
05. Dime, Nickel and Quarter— all same year
06. Fishing Lure
07. Any Silver Jewelry Item
08. One Square or 5 Recent Common Nails
09. 100 pull tabs pulled out of the ground
10. Brass Shell Casing— Any Caliber
11. Any Foreign Coin
12. Any Metal Key
13. 50 Recyclable Plastic Bottles or Aluminum cans. ( to be turned in at the October General Meeting )
14. Metallic Toy
14. U.S. Dollar Coin
15. Railroad Spike



July 6, 2019 Silverwood Lake 8:00 am

**For those who want to caravan, we will meet that the Park and Ride on Ave S west of the 14 Freeway at 6:30am. Check for more info for this option at the July 1 meeting**

This is always a popular outing. Hopefully, we will find some nice stuff in and around the lake. For newer members, this is an outing where we can go into the lake with water detectors to hunt for lost coins and jewelry. But if you don't have a water detector, there is plenty of park area surrounding the swim area to hunt with your land detectors.

Get to the junction of I-15 and 138 by the best route for you. Take 138 east toward Silverwood Lake. Follow until you see signs for the lake entrance (see map on back.) As you leave the pay station at the entrance (\$10/\$9 for seniors—carpool to save\$\$) follow the main road (Sawpit Canyon Rd.) until you see a sign pointing to the left for parking (see satellite picture on back.) We park in Lot #1. Make the left turn then turn right where it says Lot#1 and Lot#2. Lot#2 comes first. Bypass that and go into Lot#1 and park wherever you can. We will try to get a table under the trees. There is water hunting as well as sand/recreation area detecting, so don't stay away just because you don't have a water detector!

## 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"***

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

### ***Most Unique***

Anna Valenzuela– Rock Crushing Ball

### ***Best Gold Item***

Tonya Baerster– Pendent

### ***Best Natural Gold***

Jason DeBerg– Rocky Road Claim

### ***Best U.S. Coin***

Scott Sandahl- 1915S Penney

### ***Best Foreign Coin***

Carey Thompson—1967 Samoan Penny

### ***Best Silver Item***

Jason DeBerg– Silver Round

### ***Best Overall***

Scott Sandahl

### ***Attendance Drawing***

Dean Eskrine—Not Present

### ***50/50 Drawing***

Robert Weaver \$50

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



## ***July Birthdays***

*Don Duncan*

*Richard Haynes*

*Dean Julian*

*Carl Schadt*

*John Sexton*

*Dick Waters*



## **OFFICERS**

President: **Anna Valenzuela** .....C 661-874-5706

Vice President: **Lovetta Burns** .....H 661-256-1654  
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Treasurer: **Wendy Baerster** .....C 661 220-3999

Secretary: **Tonya Baerster** .....C 435-616-0666

## **MEMBERS AT LARGE**

Robert Weaver .....661-948-8350

Mike Snowden .....661-269-2937

Ron Renter .....661-450-7821

Jerry & Lorelei Paland .....661-273-3932

Don Duncan.....661-478-2409

## **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

Welcome.....Vivian Sexton

Opportunity Drawing ...Colleen Johnson/Lorelei Paland  
50/50..... Colleen Johnson

Club Photographer .....Anyone with a camera

Find of the Month .....Scott Sandahl

Claims ..... Mike Snowden

Metal Detecting .....Scott Sandahl

Refreshments .....Volunteer for each meeting

Club Apparel .....Mike Snowden

Club Public Web ..... Rick Wyatt

Newsletter .....

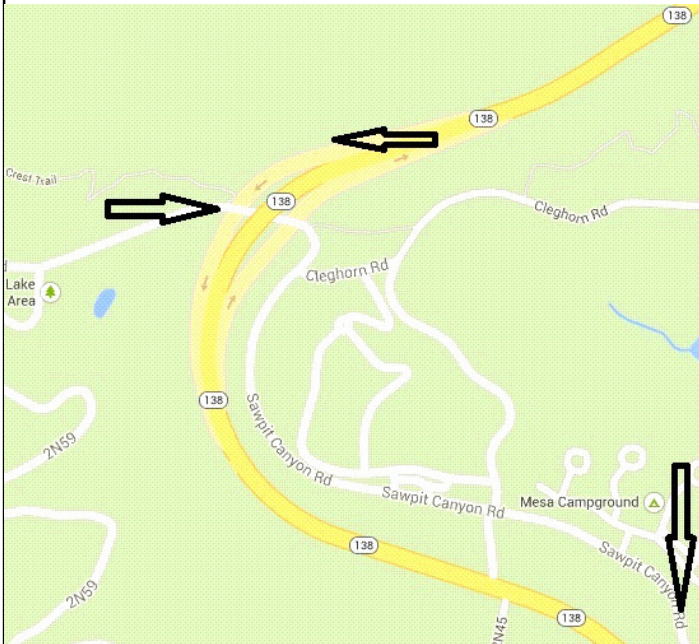
Membership ..... Vivian Sexton  
661 478- 0174

Recycling .....Wes 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.

# Silverwood Lake



***Antelope Valley Treasure Hunter's Society***  
***P. O. Box 4718***  
***Lancaster, California 93539***



**This Month's Club Outing**

**Silverwood Lake**

