

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).



Our Queen Speaks...

Remember that the 1st Monday of September is a holiday. So the General Meeting will be on September 9th.

As most know, Queen Anna, Kim Holmes, Wendy and Tonya Baerster took a trip to Alaska in search of the yellow stuff.

Beach Mining/ Beach Sluicing

A plus in beach mining is that you see results before having to pan out the concentrates. If there is gold in the sand, the gold is quickly visible as it collects on the black mat of the sluice and only motivates you to keep working. If you have an ideal location where a steady flow of water allows you to set your sluice in it and a few partners to keep the operation running smoothly, this can be rewarding. Also, the best time to beach mine is after a storm.

Sluicing on the beach WAS on my bucket list. A few of us members arrived in Nome, Alaska when the all time record (since record collecting began in 1907) was set for 24 hour rainfall on August 2nd. Snake River was spilling over, sending water down the beach (along with tiny fish which clogged the Gold Cube at times) and that water stream was used to feed our sluices. Traveling by quads made it easy to survey the beach for dense accumulations of red sand. Buckets were filled and then slow and steadily, the red sands were fed into the sluice. All these conditions contributed to a nice find, along with a hot dog roast one day and pizza delivered the next.

Happy hunting!
Anna

Our Castaic Lagoon Outing; Sounds like we should have called it *Ring Fest 2019*

Nine people were at the Castaic outing: Don Allen, Jason DeBerge, Corinne Coughlin, Ron Renter, Wes Weathers, Scott Sandahl, Kathy Donaldson and her mom, Laura Mulcahy, and myself, Lovetta Burns. The weather couldn't have been more perfect. Nothing like the heat of last year. Some worked the beach and grass areas and some hit the water. As usual, lots of trash and some coins and a few treasures. Scott found a nice silver ring, his first hit in the water. I started off slow at the north end of the swim area. Absolutely no sound from my detector. I had found a penny in the grass, so dropped it in the water to see if my detector was working.....it was, I just hadn't found anything yet. I slowly made my way toward the north end of the area and started finding a few coins and the required trash. I was nearing the north end when I got a nice hit and dug down about 4-5 inches and finally brought up a silver ring that had been down a while, and a few steps further heard a small beep and started on, but decided to check it out. Dug out a couple of scoops and the sound got louder each time. After going down about 7-8 inches finally got my treasure, A nice 14k ring with what looks like 9 diamonds. Sure had a lot of color but doesn't show on my tester. I found \$1.25 in coins. One Canadian penny. I had a great day! I didn't see any other treasures. If anyone else found anything great. Let us know.
Lovetta

Crime Spree comes to an end..

Before and well into last month's General Meeting, many of our Club Members were unknowingly duped into thinking they had volunteered for a new Unit being formed by Lovetta Burns. Actually they had been booked, finger printed and had mug shots taken.

Just kidding!! Actually it was the first step in becoming a volunteer for the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department. Deputy Lonnie Smith was on hand to accept applications, Live Scan (electronically take finger prints), and take photographs for potential Identification Cards.

Deputy Smith is one of the Sheriffs Department Volunteer Coordinators and he was kind enough to drive from someplace so far south of parts unknown (it's likely not on a map), to our Meeting place in north of nowhere. Fortunately, Deputy Smith did bring his Passport just in case he had to cross a territorial Boundary.

Lovetta has been hard at work recruiting Club Members to become members in a cadre of metal detecting experts to assist Sheriffs Department Investigator locate latent metallic evidence at crime scenes. At the August General Meeting, 12 members were processed. There are another 8 who were unable to be at the meeting that will be processed at a later date. If any other members are interested in volunteering, contact Lovetta Burns and arrange to get an application and if at all possible bring the completed application to our September 9th General Meeting.

There will be an orientation meeting on September 16th at 6pm, at the same location as the Club's General Meeting. It is really important that everyone who is volunteering to be present. There is a fair amount of information that will be discussed and set up a schedule for some specific training.

From the Board

The Board is continuing to move forward in preparation for our October Chili Cook-Off. There is a sign up sheet on the front table. We are asking that any members who plan on cooking chili to please sign up now so we know how many plaques to make. Also we thought we would try to get a little more organized on the side dishes members bring this year.

As of now there are three events are scheduled:

Members only Free Hunt with Tokens for Prizes.
We are trying to have at least \$1000 in prizes

Five and Dime Hunt– Open to all, \$20 entry Fee.
All the Fee Money will go into the Hunt Field

Chili Cook-Off Tasting and Judging.

Special Drawing for the Metal Detector, Coin and 5oz Silver.

Other activities can be added should any one have ideas.

Other business, September Outing is at Zuma Beach on September 14th. There will be a Quarterly Planted Hunt at the Outing.

Speaking of Zuma Beach, About a year ago Maria Molstad was metal detecting at Zuma Beach, about three quarters of *Ed Dorroh* the way to the water. There was somewhat of a low tide and she was working the sorta wet/dry sand line. She got a strong hit and began digging. After she was about a foot down the signal got stronger. Now, more out of curiosity and stubbornness, she was not gonna just walk away. At about two feet down, she finally had the unrecognizable target in sight. She gingerly dug around the perimeter of the target and carefully brought it out of the hole. As she began to break off some of the crud and sand attached to her find, the shape became recognizable. Marie yelled for Steve to come look. As Steve approached, he slipped into Marie's giant hole and for a quick second Marie pondered, *I wonder if anyone would see me covering the body in the hole....* Sorry Steve, Just some editorial liberty.. Luv ya man.

Marie had recovered a Gun. Yes a real gun!! They brushed the sand and crud off the best they could, but it was badly caked on. After they got home they cleaned it more then let it soak in vinegar. Two of the six rounds had been fire, four were still live.



What an amazing find!

Note: The revolver has been turned over the local law enforcement.

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 COOK-OFF/QTR. HUNT
NOV	11/04/2019	11/09/2019	REEFER CITY	BYO FOOD
DEC	12/2/2019	12/7/2018	CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!	MEDRANO'S -LANCASTER

Looking Ahead, The October Chili Cook-Off

The by far the most popular of our Club Outings, the October Chili Cook-Off is quickly approaching. There is a lot of planning and effort that goes into this event. If you think you might be planning on cooking Chili, I am asking that you sign up so I can get an idea of how many participants there will be. The Winners Trophy, (Last years in below), and Participants awards are custom made. I would like to get an approximant head count so I can get an idea how many will need to be made. If anyone has suggestions regarding activities or would like to help out please let us know.



Beach Detecting Tips

Metal Detecting Beaches Detecting Locations & Seasonal Conditions



	Winter	Spring	Summer / Fall	Storms
Dry Sand	XX	XXX	XXXXXXXXXX	
-Old Beach Dry sand	Some Erosion	XX	XXXXXXXXXX	Some Erosion
-New Beach Sand	Complete Erosion	Beach Re-building	XXXXXXXXXX	Complete Erosion
Blanket Line (25-65 Ft Back from Crest)			XXXXXXXXXX	
Beach Crest			XXXXXXXXXX	
Wet Sand	XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXX
-Wet Sand Water Line	XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
-Low Spots, Valleys, Surf Pocket	XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
Sand Scallops	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
-Scallop Left or Right Side	XXXX		XXXX	
-Scallop Valley	XXXXXX		XXXXXX	
Bed Rock or Clay Bottom (Winter Only)	Requires Storms			XXXXXXXXXX
Beach Cuts	Requires High Surf		If Available	XXXXXXXXXX
Beach Slope	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	
-Upper Slope (Near Crest)	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	If Available
-Lower Slope (Near Water)	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	If Available
Flatten Beach (Winter Only)	Not Good Detecting			Can be OK
Water	Dangerous		XXXXXXXXXX	Extremely Dangerous
-Low Tide Trough	Dangerous		XXXXXXXXXX	Extremely Dangerous
Low Tide	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	Extremely Dangerous
High Tide				Dangerous
Surf / Swell Condition	All Conditions	4-8 Ft	Low Surf & Swells	15 Ft + Short Period

XXXXXXXXXX = Best Area, XXXXXX= Good Area, XXXX= Certain Conditions

Metal Detecting Hobby Talk
<http://www.mdhtalk.org>

Metal Detecting Beaches Recommended Detecting Method



Dry Sand Detecting

Select a spot where there is high Beach Traffic and do a Pattern Search perpendicular to the shore line. Swing the coil slow, low, level and scrub the sand with the coil. Listen for LOW signals this usually indicates small or deep targets. Use a Sand Scoop to retrieve Targets.

Wet Sand Detecting

Select a section of the beach where swimmers enter the water. Do an Overlap Search Pattern perpendicular to the waters edge up the beach slope to the Beach Crest. Listen for Low signals this usually indicates small or deep targets. Use a sand or water scoop to retrieve targets. After retrieving a few targets look back to see if there is target pattern (**Drop Zone**), if there is a pattern search this portion of the wet sand going forward.

Water Detecting

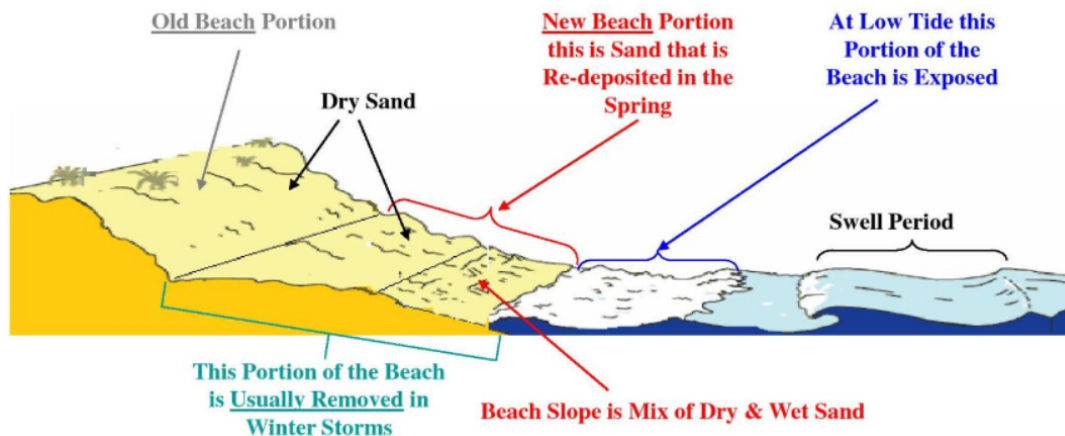
Select an area of water that appears to get many swimmers during the day. Start an overlap search pattern in the water perpendicular to the shore line moving deeper into the water. Continue this pattern back and forth looking for a potential target zone in the water. Also look for troughs that may run parallel to the shore line. Troughs collect targets and can be very productive. Use a water scoop to retrieve targets.

Drop Zone: This can be found on a wet sand slope. This is caused by the surf's action during high tide and as the tide recedes, a zone of targets may be left behind. This can occur anytime there has been some noticeable beach erosion.

If you would like to see the full presentation, go to :

<http://www.mdhtalk.org/fb-beach/files/mobile/index.html#1>

Metal Detecting Hobby Talk
<http://www.mdhtalk.org>



To Become a Serious Beach Hunter and have Consistent Results You Must Learn to READ the Beach

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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 attention of the ticket seller.

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

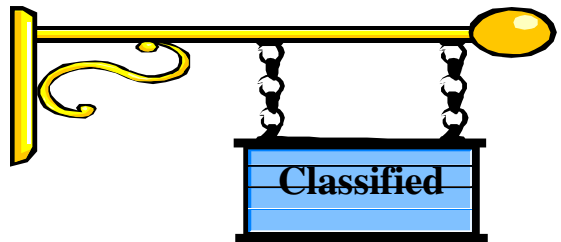
SEPTEMBER—Vickie Wyatt

OCTOBER—PIE MONTH! (NO REIMBURSEMENT!)

NOVEMBER—Pam Hesel

DECEMBER—Carl Schadt

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



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

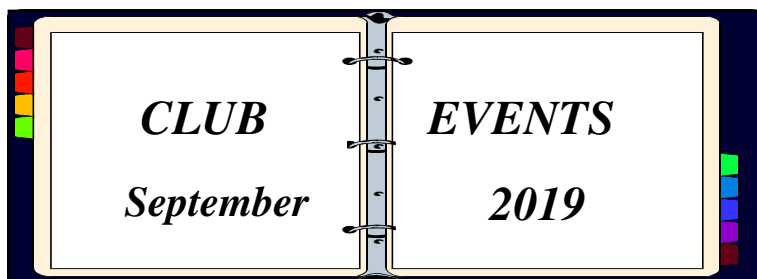
Finds Tray

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

Do you have something to post or want an Email copy of The Loop? Members can send their request to me at:

avthnews@gmail.com

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



- September 9, 2019 **General Meeting - 7:00 pm**
Leisure Lake Mobile Estates
48303 20th St. West
Lancaster, CA 93534
- September 9, 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
15. U.S. Dollar Coin
16. Railroad Spike



September 14, 2019 Zuma Beach
8:00 am

For those who want to caravan, we will meet at the Park and Ride on Ave S west of the 14 Freeway at 7:00am.

This outing includes a Quarterly Planted Hunt

Take Hwy 1 from whatever direction you are traveling. From south, Exit Hwy 1—Pacific Coast Drive—at Busch Drive to the right and loop around under Hwy 1 to the entrance of Zuma Beach. From north, just exit at beach entrance. There is a parking fee of about \$10/car. Take Zuma Beach Access Road north to the picnic tables. This is between the 7th and 8th parking lots. The club will be providing main dish — hot dogs. Members will need to bring sides, such as fruit, salads, chips, cookies, cake or some other dish. Remember to bring plenty to drink, a chair and sunscreen.

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"

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

Most Unique
Scott Sandahl– 1922 Chauffer's Badge

Best Gold Item
Harry Surtees– Gold Mothers Ring

Best Natural Gold
Jason DeBerge

Best U.S. Coin
Harry Surtees– 1902 Indian Head Penny

Best Foreign Coin
Scott Sandahl– Philippian Coin

Best Silver Item
Dan Petrozi– Silver Ring

Best Overall
Harry Sutrees

Attendance Drawing
Don Duncan

50/50 Drawing
Joe Covey



September Birthdays

Austin Baragona
Dean Erskine
Dave Hoffman
Steve Howard
Penny Petrozi
Ron Renter
Robin Sams
Scott & Renee Sandahl
Dee Weaver



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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 ??????????
Swap n' Sell ??????????

Membership Vivian Sexton
661 478- 0174
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.

Zuma Beach



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This Month's Club Outing
Zuma Beach