

# 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..



Hello Everyone,  
Well, the September outing at Zuma Beach was a bust. Zuma was initially scheduled earlier in the year, but was changed. Unfortunately there was a major public event going on and nobody could get near the beach. Then they tried going to Ventura with the same thing. After one hour and then some waiting in traffic, the game was called off. We will just have to remember next year we need to keep the Zuma Beach outing scheduled in January or February.

Our big October Chili Cook-Off is finally here. It's one of two yearly major events for our Club. At last count there are 8 members who are planning to cook chili and there is plenty of room for more. Remember, the chili must be cooked from scratch at the camp site. There is a sign up sheet for cooks and for those bringing side dishes.

On Monday September 16th, we had our AVTHS Evidence Search Team orientation. We had 13 members in attendance and we had an operational presentation, which included an overview on dealing with evidence. Looks like there are 8 to 10 additional members who are interested so we may schedule a second orientation. Our first mock crime scene training will be on Saturday October 26th. If you would like to be included, contact Lovetta Burns. She will get you an LASD Volunteer application to complete.

Last but certainly not least- it's Pie Month!!!! This month we do not have a specific refreshment per-

son. So bring in a home cooked or store bought pie to the October General Meeting

Happy hunting and I'll see everyone at the October General Meeting,

Anna

### From the Board

We are still looking for volunteers to help out at the **Rock N Gem Roundup**, Saturday and Sunday, October 19th & 20th, between 10am and 4pm. Volunteers do not have to be there the entire time, you can just help out for an hour or two if you want.

On the subject of volunteers, the new year is just around the proverbial corner and it's this time of year fear sets and when General Meeting attendance dwindles. What's the cause for this hibernation; Selection of new Club Officers and Committee Chairpersons. In general, the membership, and rightly so, has expectations of the "Club". Shouldn't those expectations be reciprocal? Several of the currently held positions have been held by the same people for many years, due in part because nobody else will volunteer. Some of these same have said under no circumstances will they accept the position next year. SO like a CD or DVD stuck in "Loop" mode every year, I am telling everyone once again that we need 5 or 6 members to volunteer. With only a couple of exceptions, none of the positions require a huge investment of your time and many of them come with a free membership.

Lets move on to some more pleasant topics.

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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 need to be made. Also we thought we would try to get a little more organized on the side dishes members bring this year. Cook-Off- 1st prize is a Silver Eagle Coin, 2nd prize— Silver Round and 3rd prize is a Silver Half. A first prize trophy and participant plaques will also be given out.

Other activities can be added should any one have ideas. While the main activities take place on Saturday October 12th, many member arrive on Friday and stay until Sunday. There will be a portable restroom dropped of on Friday for our members to use all weekend.

As of now there events are scheduled:

#### 9 am

#### **Members Only Free Hunt**

**There are at least 50 token prizes for this hunt! The field will be planted with tokens for prizes worth a value of \$700 and a total of \$114 in coins; \$14 in nickels, \$60 in Dimes and \$40 in quarters.** That's at least 1040 targets to be found!!!!

This year, mixed in with the prizes, there will be three envelopes or small boxes representing an unknown and unseen prize. Neither the onlookers nor the persons who draw the mystery prize tags will know what the prizes associated with the mystery tags are. The mystery prizes will not be revealed until all tokens have been redeemed for prizes. The three people holding the mystery tags will have the option, **at any time during the drawing of numbers**, to draw a new tag from the drawing bucket and returning the mystery tag to the pool of remaining tags. In other words, if the holder of a mystery tag gets cold feet, especially since one of the mystery tags might not have much value, they can draw a new tag for one of the remaining prizes still on display. Two of the three mystery tags will have a value of \$25 or more.

#### 12 noon

Two Bits, Five and Dime Hunt—

Open to all, \$20 entry Fee.

All the Fee Monies will go into the Hunt Field

Last year we planted 1800 coins plus 20 Tokens!!!!!!!!!!!!!! So between the two hunts we planted just under 3000 targets. That's a lot of work. This year we have changed and renamed the Five & Dime Hunt. The new name is **The Two-Bits, Five & Dime Hunt**, where the Two-Bits is a reference for Quarters. We are reducing the number of nickels and dimes planted and adding quarters to the target field. Who knows, we may even throw down some \$2 bill tokens.

#### 4pm

Chili Cook-Off Tasting and Judging.

Everyone at the Chili Cook-Off will get a plate with small tasting cups of the entered chili. Attached to each plate is one voting slip. On the side of each cup there will be a number. After you have tasted all of the samples, write the tasting cup number of your choice for the best tasting chili. Only vote for one—your favorite, and only one vote per person. Put your voting slip in the orange Pumpkin vote bucket. Once all votes are in and counted, we will announce who cooked which pot of Chili and who the winners are.

The Special Drawing for the Metal Detector, Coin and 5oz of Silver will take place shortly after the Chili Cook-Off festivities. You can still purchase drawing tickets right up to the time of the drawing. Tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25. Winners do not need to be present for this drawing.

For those who stay the night, frequently in the past there has been a group Sunday Morning Breakfast. This only happens is some one volunteers to organize it. If your interested please let a Board Member know.

#### **Claims**

The associated documents for the upcoming year have been filed with the BLM and Kern County. The Claims Maintenance Fees have gone up and are at \$1340 per Claim, (\$2680 for our two claims). Fortunately we are still able to file a Waiver for our two claims which was only \$30. The fees Kern County assesses remained stable this year, at \$181. The Maintenance Waiver fee was increased by \$10. In total the Club spent \$255 in fees associated to our Claims and there will likely be more increases next year, especially if the Maintenance Fee Waiver program is discontinued.

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
<b>AUG</b>	<b>08/05/2019</b>	<b>08/10/2019</b>	CASTAIC LOWER LAKE	BYO FOOD
SEPT	09/09/2019	09/14/2019	<b>Changed</b> to ZUMA BEACH	CLUB FOOD— Qtr. Hunt
<b>OCT</b>	<b>10/07/2019</b>	<b>10/11-13/2019</b>	<b>ROCKY ROAD CLAIM WEEKEND</b>	<b>CHILI COOK-OFF/QTR. HUNT</b>
NOV	11/04/2019	11/09/2019	REEFER CITY	BYO FOOD
DEC	12/2/2019	12/7/2018	CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!	MEDRANO'S -LANCASTER

## Chili Cook-Off First Place Trophy



## Participant Plaque



This beautiful artwork was made by one of our members— Ron Myrick. Ron has donated his vision to our Club. The Board is looking for ideas on how to find a home for this gorgeous artwork.

Raffle Drawing, Prize ??????????????  
Give us your ideas.



# Chili Cook-Off

Looking North as you drive you will see 4 large billboard signs. The ads may be different. The turn off in almost mid way between the 4 signs



Turn Right on the Dirt road. The road is not marked with a sign post. Some maps have it as Last Chance Canyon. In the past there has been a sign indicating the turn off for Burro Schmidt Tunnel.



This is a dirt road, it is groomed and almost any car can drive over it without any trouble. Our camp site is about 4000 feet down the road on the right.

RICK & VICKIE WYATT (661) 943-1124

### ANTELOPE VALLEY TREASURE HUNTING SUPPLIES

Factory Authorized Dealer  
Metal Detectors and Prospecting Equipment



**The Outpost** (661) 944-1200  
More Than Just a Gift Shop (661) 944-1548  
Rugs & Blankets - Amer. Indian Arts & Crafts  
Fine Art Gallery - Coins, Gold & Collectibles  
Gold Panning Ins. & Classes - Rocks & Gems  
34141 116th St E Pearblossom, CA  
**SCOTT SANDAHL** Proprietor



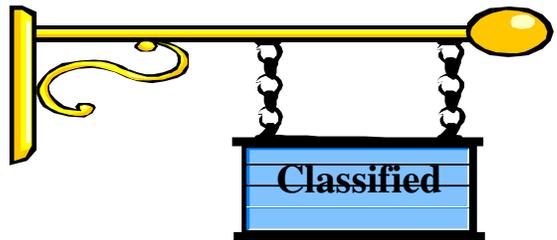
### FREE RAFFLE TICKET

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 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 Hesper
- 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](mailto:avthnews@gmail.com)

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

## CLUB

October

## EVENTS

2019

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

October 7, 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. Lock
02. Steel Ring
03. Metal Tag— Any
04. 5 lead bullets
05. Old Metal Can w/old triangle can opener holes
06. Ring Style Pull Tab
07. Spark Plug
08. Metal Chain— Any, Any Length
09. 5 Consecutive Dated Quarters
10. Hose Clamp
11. 25 Beer Bottle Caps
12. Defiant or Kwikset House Key
13. Battery
14. Metal Button
15. Spring



## October 11, 12 13, 2019 Chili Cook-Off

**Member Hunt                    9:00 am**

**Five & Dime Hunt    12noon**

**Chili Turn In                    4 pm**

This month's outing is the annual October Chili Cook off and Club Hunt at Rocky Road. The camp site is located approximately 34¼ miles northeast of Mojave, along highway 14.

The turn off is an easily passable dirt road, Last Chance Canyon Road, on the right as you travel north. There are two large billboards just before the turn off, one on each side of the highway.

Go to the internet and Google Maps and do a search for n35 30 2.80, w117 56 56.01. This will give you a better idea of the location. The actual camp site is about ¾ of a mile in from the highway.

## 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.

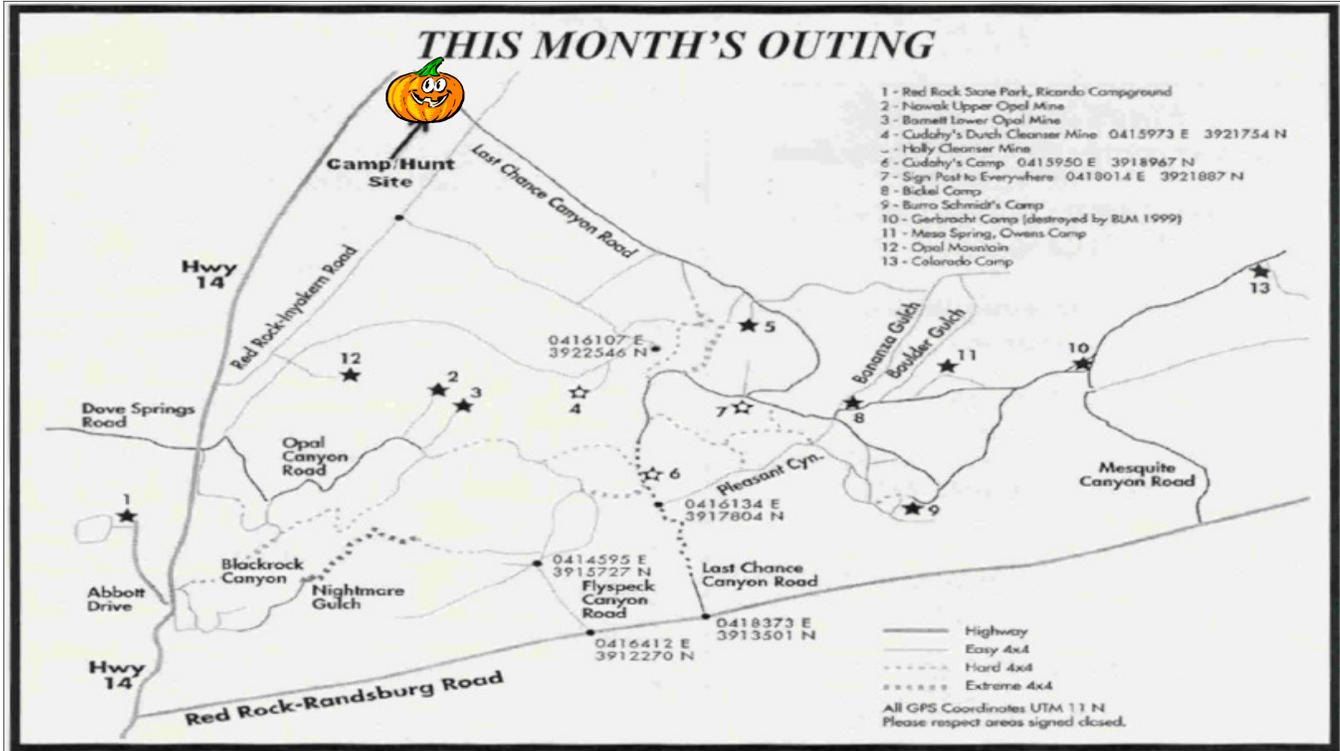
I will work to help bring unity to our hobby by working with any organization of any geographic area that may have problems that will limit their ability to peacefully pursue the hobby.

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.



# Chili Cook-Off



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**TREASURE HUNTER'S SOCIETY**

This Month's Club Outing  
 Rocky Road Claim  
 Chili Cook-Off

