

The Loop

Lancaster, California

December 2020

Antelope Valley Treasure Hunter's Society

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Meeting held 1st Monday of every month at 7:00 PM (unless otherwise noted in newsletter).



The Prez Says....

Hello fellow AVTHS members:

Well another month down in this historically awful year. Hopefully we have all been weathering it well, staying safe and healthy, and not letting it get you down or keeping you from still enjoying the things we love. I know it hasn't stopped me, and from some of the finds displayed at last month's meeting, it hasn't stopped you either. And it shouldn't. Our Valley is far from the viral hot spots in the LA area, and we really shouldn't be lumped in with them. So, don't be scared to go out detecting – Just stay 10 feet or more away, wear a mask (when near others), and sanitize (wash) your hands. That way we can all keep doing our favorite things and I can still see y'all at next month's meeting.

The fall season finally arrived on the 6th of November with our first winter storm - rain and snow, high winds, and super cold nighttime temps (around 22 F*) and it really felt like winter. Being the first storm of the season, Harry Surtees and I decided to go check the beach to see if anything got uncovered. Unfortunately we waited till the storm passed on Monday to go. When we got to Will Rogers beach, we found a nice 4 to 6 foot cut all along the strand. Although we were a day late and the targets were few and far between, Harry managed to pull some deep keepers including a tungsten ring and a small gold ring with a diamond. After a couple hours we left and went to Santa Monica beach, where there was a much smaller 2 foot cut and nothing left along the shore so I spent 3 hours covering all the likely spots in the dry sand and came away with a board full of finds. *See photo below* Even with my favorite dry sand area, the playground and exercise areas, are currently closed. So take a trip to the beach when the next storm hits and try your luck.

At the last meeting we discussed the upcoming outing to Griffith Park. I'm not sure how many ended up going with the stormy windy weather. We also talked about the Christmas party and can we still have one this year. Our usual location, Medrano's is unable to have us this year due to the Covid restrictions, but we are still going to have our celebration at The

Outpost. With winter weather possible, or it could be 80 degrees, we are renting a huge canopy tent with lighting and heaters, chairs and tables to give us a large comfortable area to use. The raffle prizes will be displayed in the saloon and the ones we already purchased are awesome and plentiful. Save up for this raffle - you'll be glad you did! This year the food for the Christmas party will be a potluck with Scott and Renee providing the Turkey and mashed potatoes with gravy. So, what we need from you members is a phone call letting us know if you plan to attend, how many in your group, and what you are bringing to the potluck. We also need 3 volunteers to serve the food (safety first) at the banquet line. Hope to see y'all here!


We also had the election for club president, secretary, and treasurer with all remaining the same. At the time of the meeting, I said I would continue as President as no one volunteered. I mentioned that I have had a lot on my plate lately and am really busy. Connie Smith has since volunteered to step in as President, so unless there are any other volunteers, she will be voted in at the December Meeting. It has been my great pleasure serving as your President for the last year.

Thanks, Scott



From the Editor...

And so this is Christmas...



Your Board members went back and forth about whether or not we should have a celebration this year, with everything that is going on. After months of frustration and solitude, it might provide a needed lift so it was decided to go ahead. We're all adults and can decide for ourselves what we are comfortable with and how to stay safe. We trust that when the time comes, if you are not feeling well or have any symptoms, you will make the right decision. Scott wants to go out with a bang and is working hard to provide great raffle prizes and a warm and safe venue with good food, fellowship and enough social distancing to keep everyone safe.

Which brings me to the next subject. We have a very diverse group of people in our little club and we don't all have the same politics, religion or backgrounds. When we gather, let's talk about the things that we have in common and that bring us together: The glint of gold on a sunny day, finding a coin that no one has laid eyes on for a hundred years, returning something precious to someone who thought they would never see it again... These are things we can all agree on.

I'm looking forward to seeing as many of you that can make it to our Big Tent Event. Thanks, Linda



Be sure to bring your monthly finds to the December meeting for “Find of the Month.”

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Christmas party at the Outpost

2:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Outdoors in a banquet tent so dress accordingly, as a sun sets at around 4:15p.m. and it could be chilly.

We'll have space heaters so we should be comfy. Bring your masks. You can also bring your own favorite beverage or enjoy our open bar. *Please drink responsibly!*

ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

FROM THE BOARD....

*IT WAS DECIDED BY THE BOARD AT THE
NOVEMBER MEETING TO MAKE
MIKE SNOWDEN A LIFETIME MEMBER
TO RECOGNIZE HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE CLUB OVER THE YEARS*

2020 Monthly Outing Schedule

	MONTH	MTG DATE	OUTING DATE	Location	Notes
1st Qtr	JAN	1/6/2020	1/11/2020	Zuma Beach	Planted Hunt / Club Food
	FEB	2/3/2020	2/8/2020	Will Rodgers Beach	BYOF
	MAR	3/2/2020	3/7/2020	Atolia (near Randsberg)	BYOF
2nd Qtr	APRIL	4/6/2020	4/11/2020	Cancelled	
	MAY	5/4/2020	5/9/2020	Cancelled	
	JUNE	6/1/2020	6/6/2020	Tierra Bonita Park	BYOF
3rd Qtr	JULY	7/6/2020	7/11/2020	Santa Monica Beach ***	BYOF Planted Hunt
	AUG	8/3/2020	8/8/2020	Castaic Lagoon	Club Food
	SEPT	9/14/2020	9/19/2020	Big Hunt at the Outpost	See Enclosed Info
4th Qtr	OCT	10/5/2020	10/10/2020	Rocky Road Claim	Chili Cookoff / 4th Qtr. Hunt
	NOV	11/2/2020	11/7/2020	Griffith Park	BYOF
	DEC	12/7/2020	12/12/2020	CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!	The Outpost

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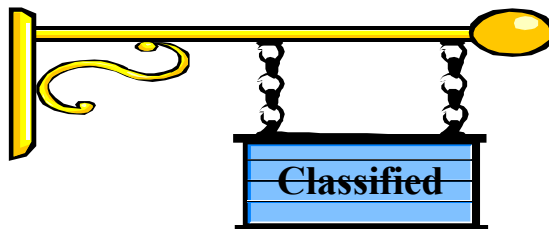


**PLEASE NOTE THE
CHANGE IN MEETING TIMES:
BOARD 5:00 PM
GENERAL 6:00 PM
(At the Outpost)**

Meeting Refreshment volunteers.

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.

January	Mike Snowden
February.....	Pie Month
March	Carl
April.....	No Meeting
May.....	No Meeting
June	Robert Weaver
July	Don
August	Ron Renter
September	Jason DeBerge
October	Scott Sandahl
November	Linda Reitz
December	Connie Smith



For sale:

White's Eclipse Shooter DD Coil
4X6 P/N 624-0426
Use on: M6; Spectra V3I & VX3; DFX; MXT; MX5
8KHZ (?) Missing nut **\$50.00**
Call Dennis Miller **661-917-7256**

Keene DW212V Dry Washer. New, never used, with battery.

**\$750 Cash OR Trade for Honda 90 or 110 ATC
3 wheeler Straight across. (\$1040 Invested)**

Call Rich Brooks **760-876-0339**

**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)

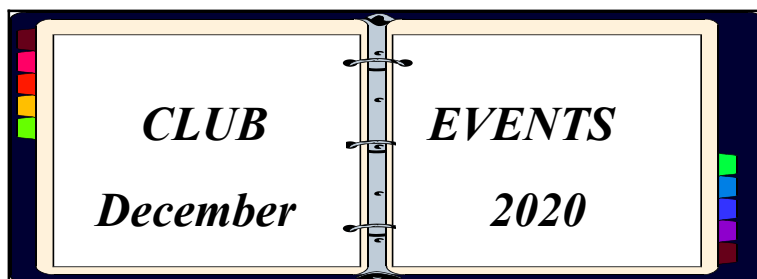
Brass Coin Probe
Digging Knife
Finds Tray

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 Mike at:

avthsnews@gmail.com

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



December 7, 2020 General Meeting - 6:00 pm
The Outpost
34141 East 116th St.
Pearblossom, CA

December 7, 2020 Board Meeting - 5:00 pm
Before the General Meeting

4th Qtr. 2020 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.

1. Dog tag
2. Ear Ring
3. Tire Weight
4. Old round pull tab
5. Any Dollar Coin
6. 1965 Quarter
7. Foreign Coin
8. Battery
9. Toy car or truck
10. 1950's Wheatie
11. Disposable lighter
12. Padlock
13. 1988 Dime
14. Metal ring with a stone
15. Any token



December 12, 2020 Christmas Party 2:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Start:	2:30 pm
Dinner	3:00 pm
Raffle	4:00 pm

This month's outing is the annual Christmas Party & Raffle. Because of Covid, we are unable to use our usual venue at Medrano's. The plan is to put up a large tent with tables, chairs, and Heaters and hold it at The Outpost. There will not be an entrance fee, the club will provide turkey and mashed potatoes and everyone will bring side dishes. It is suggested that masks be worn except when you are eating/sitting at your table.

Please RSVP Scott no later than December 1ST And put your name on the list and choose a side dish to bring. Any hot dishes should be brought in crock pot type dishes that can be kept hot..

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”

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

Most Unique

Dennis Miller - Wolf Button

Best Gold Item

Jason DeBerge - Gold Ring

Best Natural Gold

Jason DeBerge

Best U.S. Coin

Harry Surtees - 1918 Quarter

Best Foreign Coin

Anna - 1988 20 Pence

Best Silver Item

Harry Surtees - Silver Ear Ring

Best Overall

Jason DeBerge

Attendance Drawing

Chris & Becky Beck - not present

50/50

Linda Bateman \$34



December Birthdays

Ann Hill

Dennis Miller

Lorelei Paland

Patricia Patrick

Christina Smith

Fred Smith

Anna Valenzuela

Jay Zeigler



OFFICERS

President: **Scott Sandahl** 661 944-1200

Vice President: **Jason DeBerge** 818 419-6988

Treasurer: **Rick Wyatt (Temp)**..... 661 943-1124

Secretary: **John Hendricks** 760 535-7502

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Robert Weaver661-948-8350

Ron Renter 661-450-7821

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

Anna Valenzuela 661-874-5706

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Welcome.....Vivian Sexton

Opportunity DrawingColleen & Scotty

50/50.....Colleen Johnson

Club PhotographerAnyone with a camera

Find of the MonthHarry Surtees

Mining ClaimsRick Guethlein

Metal DetectingScott Sandahl

RefreshmentsVolunteer for each meeting

Club Apparel Ron Renter

Club Public Web Rick Wyatt

Newsletter..... Linda Reitz

661-478-7938

Membership Vivian Sexton

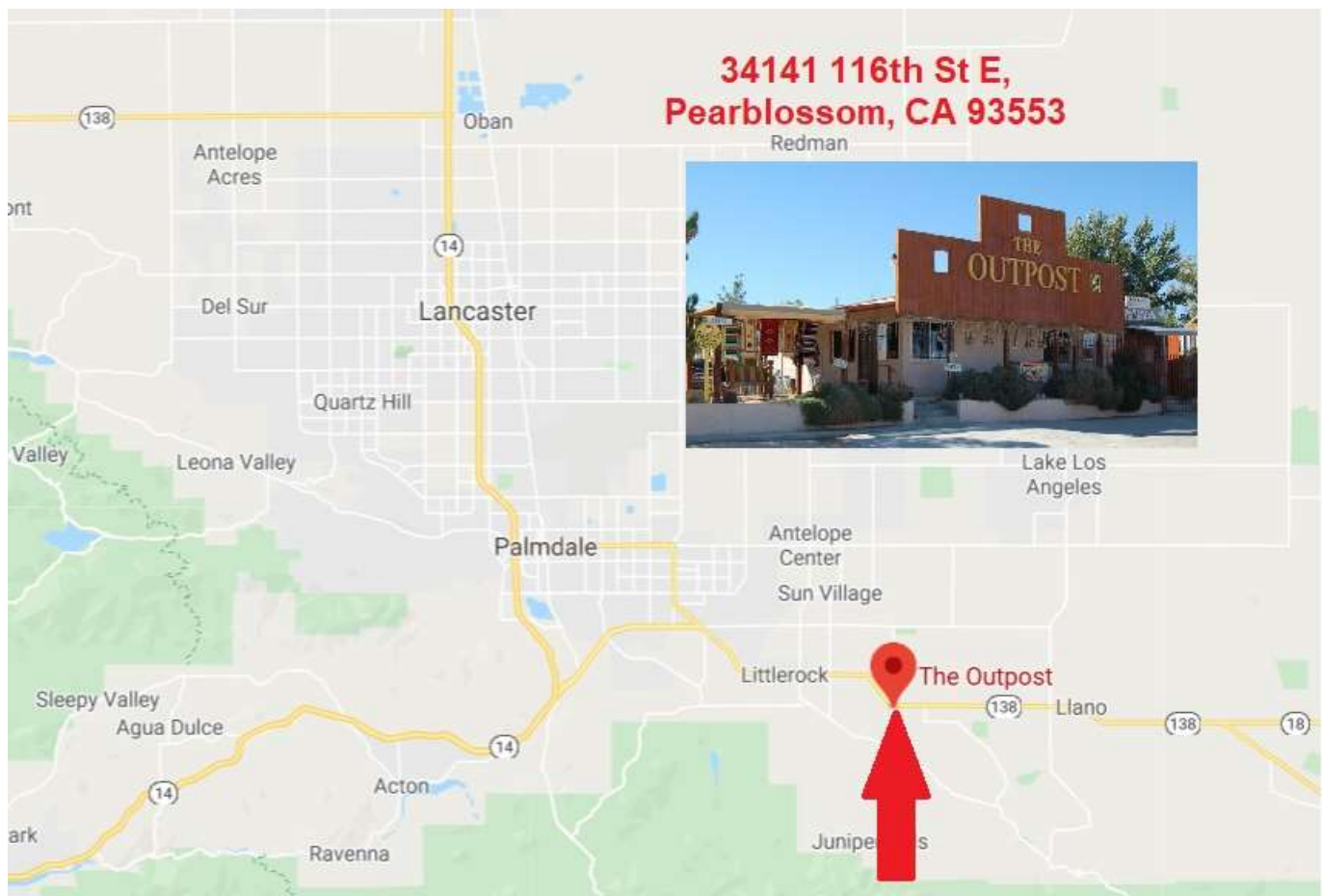
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Swap n' Sell ??????????

RecyclingWes Weathers

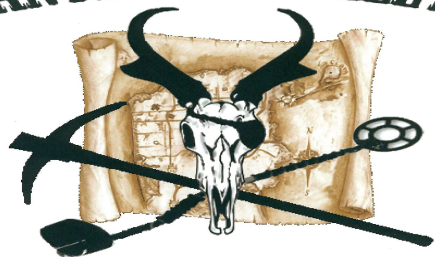
Remember, as with the recycling collection, the proceeds from the sale of apparel are put back in the club to fund prizes and food at the outing.





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