

# The Loop



Lancaster, California

February 2020

## Antelope Valley Treasure Hunter's Society

Volume 40 Issue 2

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

### The Pres Says....



Hello everyone! Looks like we're off to a great start to our new year with some awesome finds at the January meeting. Harry Surtees did begin with his 1835 dime along with a bunch of unique items by several who displayed in the find of the month contest. Keep up the good work y'all. We also had a great turn out for our first outing of the year at Zuma with 21 attending. I arrived at 8:45 to find Jason and several others already hunting the beach. The tide was high when we got there but you could see a 5 foot cut all the way along the beach to the South of our parking lot. I headed towards the South and managed to hunt some of the wet area in front of the cut between waves sets. Only got clad coins and a 2 rupees coin from India and no jewelry. Can't get lucky every time... unless maybe you're Linda Reitz, who managed to find a valuable ring (come to the February meeting to see it).

After hunting we had our planted hunt on the beach with \$100 in clad coins in the field. I also threw in some painted nickels, tokens, & keys good for mercury dimes, jerky & sodas (which I also provided). We collectively found at least \$96.60 (by our count) of the \$100 planted. It could be the way Jason was tossing handfuls of shiny coins, which the seagulls and pigeons immediately thought was feeding time. Maybe some dimes made their way down their gullets. Anyway, it was a fun hunt & as Carl Schadt said, we couldn't have had a nicer day for it. The weather gods gave us a break! Lunch was great, with Subway sandwiches brought by Robert Weaver & a multitude of side dishes to fill us all up & then some. (we gave some leftovers to the two homeless guys who had been 5 tables away from us all day; they thanked us all profusely.) Thanks to everyone who came, see ya next month.

Scott Sandahl

### From the Editor...



Just a few things to note... You may have noticed that the Scavenger Hunt items for this quarter are fairly easy. My intention is that at least one quarter should be relatively easy so that, hopefully, more members will participate. My plan is that the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter will be of Medium Difficulty, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, Hardest; and the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, Medium again. If anyone has any suggestions about this or items they would like to see on the list, please email to: [avthnews@gmail.com](mailto:avthnews@gmail.com)

I want to have some feature stories that I think most members will find interesting. If you have made a really incredible or different find, please submit a brief story with a description, What, How, Where, etc. Include a photo if possible. This month, I've included Harry Surtee's story about the 1835 Capped Bust Dime that he found last month. Even if it has been a while, we have newer members who may not have heard about your find.

Additionally, as space allows, I would like to include brief biographies of our members. Something we've talked about but haven't followed up on. What was it that inspired you to get into treasure hunting? How long have you been metal-detecting/gold prospecting? What is your best or most favorite item ever found? Please submit to the same email address listed above.

Lastly, I ask for your patience as I kind of learn as I go, in endeavoring to be a good Editor for our club newsletter.

Thanks,

Linda Reitz

From Lovetta:

In Memory of Donald Allen 6/ 28/ 1939 – 1/ 6/ 2020

It is with great sadness to inform all, of the death of my dear friend, and our club member, Don Allen. Don and I have been friends since we were 19 & 20, meeting in 1959.

Don joined the club a few years ago, after going to our chili cook off, and winning the 50/50 drawing. He was embarrassed at winning, and not being a member, so he gave me the money to donate back to the club. (\$88.00 ) After he got back home in Sacramento, he called and asked me to get him an application, to join. He had enjoyed himself so much and everyone was so friendly, he wanted to be a member. When I explained his donation at the next club meeting, someone piped up that he could pay the initiation fee, membership, and still have a little to donate. Everyone agreed and voted on it at the meeting, so that evening I called him and told him the news.

In spite of living a 6-hour drive away, Don came to as many meetings and outings as possible. In recent years, he was down here nearly every month. His last visit was in October/ November. He couldn't stay for the outing as he had several medical appointments the next couple of weeks, but planned come for holidays and the Christmas party. His physician was concerned about a cough, that Don had for a few weeks, and ordered an x-ray. On Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> Don was told, he had fluid around his lungs and on the 21<sup>st</sup> had 3 liters of fluid removed. Don was unable to travel down for Thanksgiving. His doctor told him that the first biopsy was inconclusive, so more tests were ordered. His cough was back and 2 more liters of fluid removed. He was too weak to drive down for the Christmas party. The 9<sup>th</sup> of December, Don called 911 and went to the hospital for more tests, x-rays, etc. After a week in the hospital, he was diagnosed with pneumonia and a bleeding ulcer. In late December, he was told; he also had stage 4 lung and stomach cancer.

My daughter agreed to take me up there, arriving at the hospital the day after Christmas. Don was extremely thin and weak, but was finally able to stand for a short time, and sit in

a wheel chair to eat. Due to extremely low blood pressure, he was moved to a rehab facility. I visited every day and was hopeful, but he began deteriorate rapidly. He kept apologizing for messing up our plans. (A few months ago he told me he was going to sell his home and buy something around here, buy me rings and we would be together the rest of our lives.) GOD had other plans!

Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> Don had a bad night, and his son was told; he needed to be transferred to a hospice facility. Don was transported on January 5<sup>th</sup>, and as I was getting ready to go see him on the 6<sup>th</sup>, Don's son, Mike called me, Don had passed away. I will never forget you Don! Lovetta

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**REMINDER: 2020 DUES ARE DUE NOW!**

**ANY MEMBERSHIPS NOT PAID BY  
THE MARCH MEETING WILL BE CANCELLED.**

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### **From the Board**

The Regular Board Meeting was held on January 6, 2020

A decision was made and voted on, to discontinue the free raffle ticket if your name was included in the Newsletter.



## **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	Keyssville	BYOF
	MAY	5/4/2020	5/9/2020	Lovetta's Mystery Hunt	Whit Carter Park. BYOF
	JUNE	6/1/2020	6/6/2020	Santa Monica Beach	Planted Hunt / Club Food
3rd Qtr	JULY	7/6/2020	7/11/2020	Silverwood Lake	BYOF
	AUG	8/3/2020	8/8/2020	Castaic Lagoon	Planted Hunt / Club Food
	SEPT	9/14/2020	9/19/2020	Special Event	Details to be announced
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!!!	MEDRANO'S -LANCASTER

## *Finds of a lifetime!*

*We all hope for that one incredible find that makes it all worth while. Recently Harry Surtees found one such treasure. Here's his story:*

I'm in the process of painting my house. Since my new metal detector (Minelab Equinox 800) came a week or so ago, I've laid down my paintbrush and headed out metal detecting. Two trips to Jane Reynolds Park, have netted me twenty wheat cents, and four silver dimes. One of the wheat cents was down twelve inches. I love this machine. My third trip to Jane Reynolds found me kitty corner to the park, hitting parkways. A resident came along and offered to let me do his yard. The only thing I found was a wheat penny and a few clad coins. Before I finished, I saw a neighbor across the street taking her trash out to the curb for pick up. So I hurried over and she said yes, I could do her yard. Her husband was real nice and told me how old the house was and said I might find something real interesting. Well, before I started their yard, the first target in the parkway out front was a silver dime. I ended up digging a half dozen wheat cents, two-four clad quarters, and a few other coins. Before I could finish that yard, the next-door neighbor came out and started talking to me. He asked if I was a member of the local club? I told him yes, and he said he was one of the original four people who started the club back in 1980. He told me he doesn't hunt for coins anymore, just gold nuggets in the desert. Naturally, I asked if I could hunt his back yard, since his front yard was all landscape rock. He said, "You can look if you want, but there's nothing there, I've been over it." Well, for me, that's a challenge. He told me to come in the gate when I was ready. Well, I did come in the gate and knocked on the door and he introduced me to his wife, and told me to go for it. Well, that late afternoon, I dug two wheat pennies, and one 1964 dime, and none of them were very deep. The homeowner was surprised, and told me I could come back anytime and finish the yard as it was getting dark. I went back the next day, and the first target I dug, I just couldn't believe. A Capped Bust Silver Dime! How could an 1835 dime be in that early 1900's yard? 1835, that's even before a Seated Coin. This is the oldest silver coin I've found in eight years of metal detecting. Before I finished, I saw a couple pull in their driveway across the street. I went over to inquire, and they said yes too. That made four houses in a row that I got permission and they were all next door or just across the street.

Detecting parkways gets you into the old neighborhoods, and once you're there, anything can happen. The majority of people are really nice, and will give you permission if you ask.

Harry



**We discovered addition apparel in various sizes has become available. First come - First served**

### AVTHS Club Apparel

Qty	Size		Discription	Price	Qty	Size	Discription	Price
16	-	<b>Hats</b>	5 In the mtg tub	\$15.00			<b>Tee Shirt- Sand Short Sleeve w/Pocket</b>	\$18.00
5		<b>Patches</b>	In the mtg tub	\$7.00	2	S		
		<b>Hoodies, Gray</b>		\$39.00	3	M		
2	M				2	L	1 In the mtg tub	
2	L		1 In the mtg tub		1	XL	1 In the mtg tub	
5	XL		1 In the mtg tub		1	2X	1 In the mtg tub	
3	2X		1 In the mtg tub				<b>Tee Shirt- Sand Short Sleeve No Pocke</b>	\$18.00
		<b>Sweat Shirt- Gray</b>		\$20.00	2	M	1 In the mtg tub	
2	M		1 In the mtg tub		2	L	1 In the mtg tub	
2	L		1 In the mtg tub		4	3X		
5	XL		1 In the mtg tub				<b>Tee Shirt- Gray Short Sleeve No Pocke</b>	\$18.00
3	2X		1 In the mtg tub		5	L		
		<b>Polo Shirt Embroidered Tan</b>		\$30.00	2	3X		
7	2X						<b>Tee Shirt- Gray Long Sleeve w/ Pocket</b>	\$19.00
		<b>Tee Shirt- Sand, Long Sleeve No Pocket</b>		\$19.00	1	M	1 In the mtg tub	
1	S				1	L		
1	M				4	XL	1 In the mtg tub	
2	L				1	2X	1 In the mtg tub	
4	XL							
4	2X							







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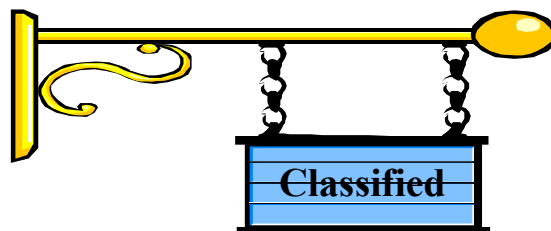
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Proprietor

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.....	Pam
May.....	Heckman
June .....	Robert Weaver
July .....	Don
August .....	Ron Renter
September .....	Jason DeBerge
October .....	Pie Month
November .....	Linda Reitz
December .....	Scott Sandahl



**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

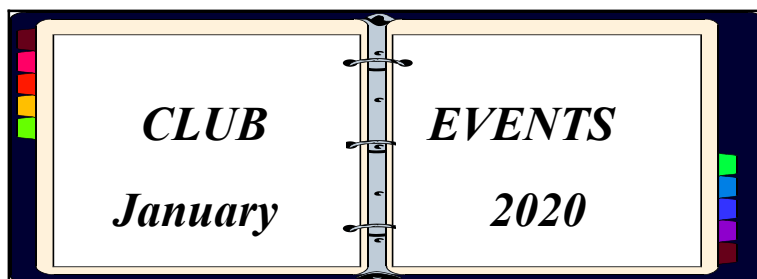
Finds Tray

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 Mike at:

**avthnews@gmail.com**

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



**February 3, 2020 General Meeting - 7:00 pm**  
**Leisure Lake Mobile Estates**  
**48303 20th St. West**  
**Lancaster, CA 93534**

**February 3, 2020 Board Meeting - 6:00 pm**  
**before the General Meeting**

## ***1st 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. 1980 Coin
2. House Key
3. Token - Bus or Baseball
4. Tire Weight
5. Mexican Coin— Any
6. Tent stake
7. "Mike's" bottle cap
8. Silver ring
9. 1970's Quarter 1970-1979
10. Toy car or truck
11. Any ear ring with a stone
12. Dollar Coin
13. Shell casing - Any
14. Religious medal or cross
15. Fishing weight



**February 8, 2020 8:00 am**  
**Will Rogers State Beach**  
**17000 Pacific Coast Hwy.**  
**Pacific Palisades, California**

**GPS coordinates:**  
**34.036649 - 118.538107**

**Remember to bring plenty to drink, a chair and sunscreen. 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.**

**Take the 14 Freeway to I-5 South**  
**I-5 South to 405 South**  
**405 South to I-10 west (Santa Monica Fwy.)**  
**Keep left to stay on I-10 to it's end at PCH**  
**Pacific Coast Highway north approximately**  
**3.5 miles to Will Rogers State Beach parking lot**  
**on left. (Temescal Canyon Rd. & PCH)**

## ***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”***

## **January Finds of the Month**

**Member must be present to display finds**

**Most Unique**

**Dennis Miller—Button**

**Best Gold Item**

**Jason DeBerge – Chain**

**Best Natural Gold**

**None**

**Best U.S. Coin**

**Harry Surtees - 1935 Capped Bust Silver Dime**

**Best Foreign Coin**

**Harry Surtees – 1921 Canadian Penny**

**Best Silver Item**

**Jason DeBerge—Chain**

**Best Overall**

**Harry Surtees**

**Attendance Drawing**

**Robert/Robin Sams- \$35; Not Present**

**50/50 Drawing**

**Not Held**



## **February Birthdays**

*Tonya Baerster*

*Joe Covey*

*Jack Geddis*

*Robert Sams*

*Gordon Stocks*

*Anna Valenzuela*



## **OFFICERS**

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

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

Treasurer: **Wendy Baerster** .....C 661 220-3999

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

## **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 ..... Anna Valenzuela

50/50.....Mary Black / Colleen Johnson

Club Photographer .....Anyone with a camera

Find of the Month .....Harry Surtees

Mining Claims .....Rick Guethlein

Metal Detecting .....Scott Sandahl

Refreshments .....Volunteer for each meeting

Club Apparel ..... Vacant

Club Public Web ..... Rick Wyatt

Newsletter ..... Linda Reitz

**Swap n' Sell ..... ??????????**

Membership ..... Vivian Sexton

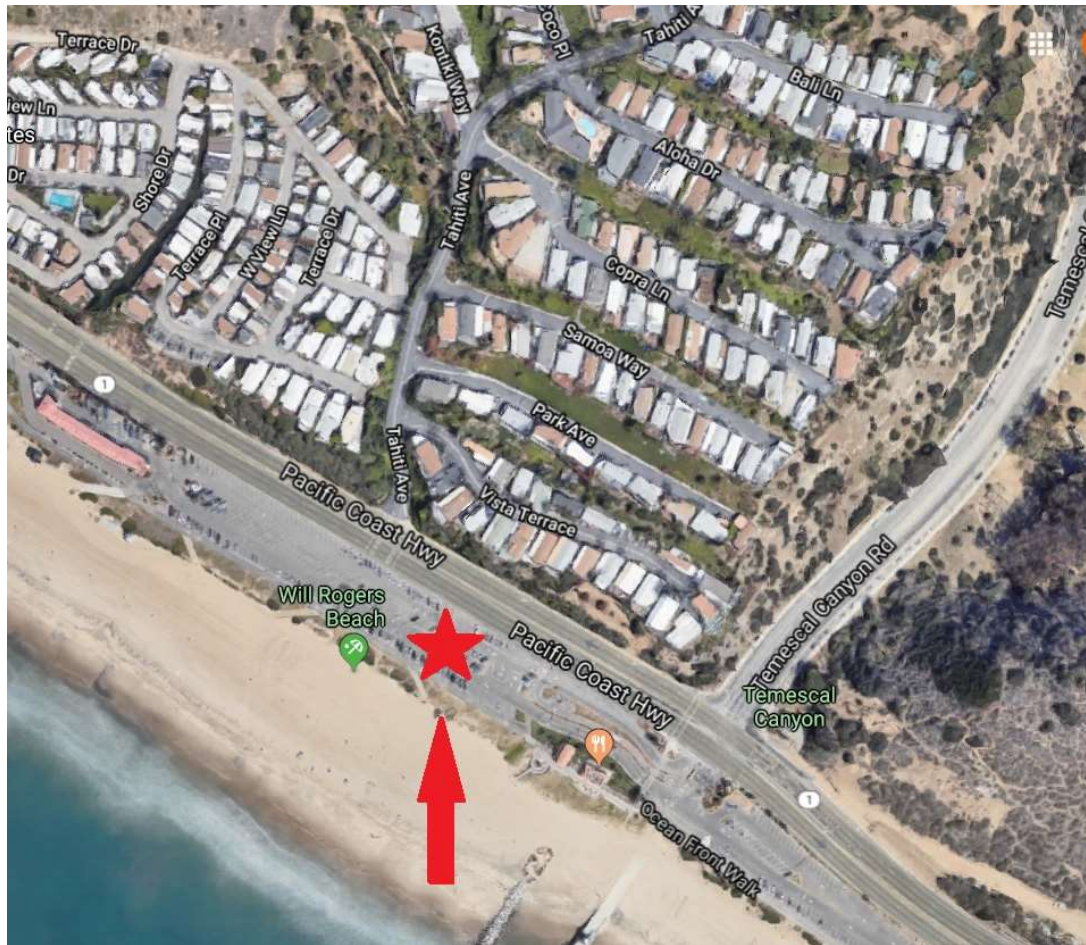
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Recycling .....Wes Weathers

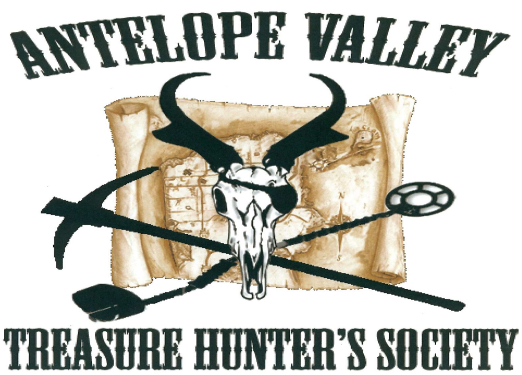
Remember, as with the recycling collection, the proceeds from the sale of apparel are put back in the club to fund prizes and food at the outing.







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**This Month's Club Outing**  
**Will Rogers State Beach**

