



Lancaster, California

March 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 Pres Says....

"Hello to all the AVTHS members out there, active or inactive, I'd like to encourage you all to attend our meetings & outings, as we have been so far this year enjoying some good turnouts for our outings & great finds to show at our meetings. Keep up the great work y'all! Our outing to Will Rogers Beach had a bunch of hunters show up (have to check with Jason to find out how many). I showed up early enough to still get in for \$5., but not before Harry and Dennis Miller had hit the beach. When I saw there was no cut to work, I stayed mostly on the towel line and managed to find a little clad coin and a folding knife. I headed back to the parking area to find several members just arriving. Since Jason had just got there, I handed him the attendance list and headed off to Santa Monica, north of the pier. Another handful of change and a small Silver Cross later I decided to try some City strips in Venice. I'm sure glad I did.

An hour into an old neighborhood I had found only a few wheats and clad coins when I came to a special spot. A 1920s house with bare dirt below the sidewalk level, just what we love! The first target I dug was an old kids heart ring, followed by a couple wheats. Then I got a 43' Merc and a Rosie from the same hole. A couple more wheats, then a 1905 Indian Cent and a few feet away a 1936 Buffalo nickel in good condition. Wow! All this in front of one house. I don't think I would have done as well at the beach, although Harry managed to find a silver dollar at the North Santa Monica Beach (leave it to Harry).

Our next outing is to Atolia mining area near Randsburg. To search for coins, relics, and gold.

I will lead the outing and will do my best to put us onto some good treasures. It has also been dry enough weather that dry washing in the area wouldn't be out of the question. Anyone trying to caravan feel free to contact me at 661-733-9869 and we will arrange a time and place to meet. Bring your equipment, drinks, snacks, and any other necessary supplies. See you there!

Thanks,
Scott Sandahl.

P.S. I'm sadly announcing the passing of another one of our long-time members, former president of our club and dear friend Mike Temple. Mike was an active member until 2017, attending most meetings and outings (even saying if he made it to 100, he would be club president again.) He almost made that goal, living a very full life of 97 years. There is an old article about Mike, written by Mike, from one of our old newsletters that Rick and Vicki managed to dig up that tells his life story better than I can, but let me just say Mike Temple was a great guy, a dedicated member who loved detecting and showing off his monthly funds! A very knowledgeable guy who loved sharing his experience with all. We'll miss you Mike.

REMINDER: 2020 DUES ARE DUE NOW!

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

**ALSO, RETURN YOUR RENEWAL APPLICATION
AND RELEASE FORM!**

In Memory of...

Mike Temple

1923-2020

Here is Mike in his own words... (From The Loop 2002)

As your President, I believe the members are entitled to know a little about my background.

To begin, I was born Michel George Temple on March 8, 1923 in Nantes, France. My father was a soldier in the First Infantry Division in France. He married a French lady and, as he was a U.S. citizen, both my mother and I automatically became citizens.

When I was nine months old, my parents moved from France to New York City along with my mom's mother. I started school in New York not being able to speak English, as French was spoken at home, but within a couple of months, I was speaking English.

We moved to Riverside, CA from Middletown, N.Y. in 1937. In 1942 I enlisted in the Army Air Corps. After three years in the service, I went back to work at Norton Air Base in San Bernardino as a mechanic. Four years later I started college under the G.I. Bill to be a shop instructor. In 1953, I started teaching metal shop at Birmingham High School in Van Nuys.

When I was growing up, my dad taught me that, when you do a job, it should be done to the best of your ability.

As a teacher any student who told me his project was good enough, got it back to do over again.

I retired in 1983 from full time teaching, but substituted two or three times a week for the next ten years. In the meantime, I was doing the metal work for the Goldscrew Tromell, the Goldscrew Automatic Spiral panner, and the Automatic Concentrate Feeder. Prior to retiring, I manufactured hip mount kits which Jimmy Serra distributed for White's Metal Detectors. Later, I built scoops both for sand and for water hunting.

In the near future, I might make a few more scoops, but for now, I have the Club to think about and still leave time to have fun metal detecting.

Mike, We'll miss you!... Editor



AVTHS Crime Scene Training Session

We have a training session scheduled from 8 to noon, Saturday Feb. 29th at the club house.

Please try to be there. There will be some reviews and some new applications.,

Lovetta

*****Reminder *****

*Don't forget to bring your
Scavenger Hunt items to the
April
meeting!!*

From the Board

The Regular Board Meeting was held on February 3, 2020

This was Wendy's last meeting as Treasurer, those duties will be filled temporarily by Rick W, Vicky, and Mike Snow.



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!

The Holy Grail of Metal-Detecting : The Gold Coin

Editor... We used to take our monthly finds to Russ' sister Betty and her husband, Fred's house to show them what Russ and I had found recently. They decided they wanted to give it a try and about six years ago, they bought metal detectors and started going out themselves. After a couple of gold rings, they were hooked, but I never thought Fred would outdo me so badly... Here's his story:

I spent a lot of time in the South Bay when I was a teenager in the 1950's. After pursuing other hobbies, I came late to metal detecting, only starting in the last few years. I have a White's Prizm 5 with a 950 loop that had been refurbished a couple of years back. (I've since upgraded to a Garrett At-Pro)

When I was sixteen, I lost a seal's tooth on a silver chain at one of my beach haunts. How great would it be if I found it all these years later? On January 27, 2018, a sunny winter day in Southern California, I thought I would give it a try, however long the odds.

Little did I know that there was a different prize waiting at this spot, for the first treasure seeker that came along. Anyone, detecting that day could have found it, but on this day, at this moment, in this square inch of sand, it was mine. I couldn't believe what it was at first, an 1881 Liberty Half-Eagle five dollar gold coin! How neat is that?

Fred Pfahler,
Llano, CA



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	-	Hats	5 In the mtg tub	\$15.00			Tee Shirt- Sand Short Sleeve w/Pocket	\$18.00
5		Patches	In the mtg tub	\$7.00	2	S		
		Hoodies, Gray		\$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				Tee Shirt- Sand Short Sleeve No Pocke	\$18.00
		Sweat Shirt- Gray		\$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				Tee Shirt- Gray Short Sleeve No Pocke	\$18.00
3	2X		1 In the mtg tub		5	L		
		Polo Shirt Embroidered Tan		\$30.00	2	3X		
7	2X						Tee Shirt- Gray Long Sleeve w/ Pocket	\$19.00
		Tee Shirt- Sand, Long Sleeve No Pocket		\$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							

RICK & VICKIE WYATT (661) 943-1124

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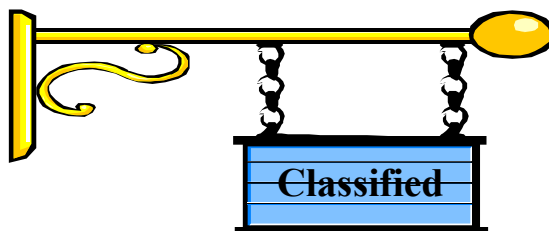
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Proprietor

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



For sale:

A Whites DFX with some extras. \$500.00

Tesoro Tiger Shark. \$500.00

Fischer Gold Bug 2, used about 4 times. \$ 500.00

Other misc. as I go through things.

Call Lovetta, 661-256-1654 (leave message)

I can bring to the March meeting if interested.

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



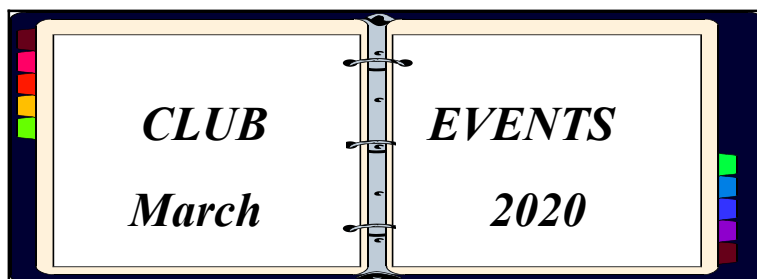
New Items (Limited Availability)

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.



March 2, 2020 General Meeting - 7:00 pm
Leisure Lake Mobile Estates
48303 20th St. West
Lancaster, CA 93534

March 2, 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



March 7, 2020 9:30 am

ATOLIA

GPS coordinates:
35.316355 - 117.608420

Remember to bring plenty to drink, a chair and sunscreen. For those who want to caravan
Contact Scott Sandahl, 661-733-9869

Info:

Atolia is a ghost town in the Mojave desert near Randsburg, in northwestern San Bernardino County. According to Wikipedia, it was originally the site of a Tungsten mine from 1905. The town was named after two mine officials, Atkins and DeGolia. In it's heyday, it had two thousand residents. There was once a dairy, a movie theater and a saloon.

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”

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

Most Unique

Ron Renter - Class of 18 Pendant

Best Gold Item

Linda Reitz - Steel and Gold Ring

Best Natural Gold

None

Best U.S. Coin

Dennis Miller -1910 S Penny

Best Foreign Coin

Scott Sandahl - 2 Rupee coin

Best Silver Item

Dan Petrozzi - Silver & turquoise Pendant

Best Overall

Scott Sandahl

Attendance Drawing

David Adler \$50

50/50 Drawing

Harry Surtees - \$43



March Birthdays

Jo Ann Covey
Kathy Donaldson
Kent Hess
Ruth Hoffman
Mike Johnson
Don Reed
Lynda Zeigler



OFFICERS

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

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

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

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Robert Weaver661-948-8350

Mike Snowden661-269-2937

Ron Renter661-450-7821

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

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Welcome.....Vivian Sexton

Opportunity Drawing Anna Valenzuela

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

Club PhotographerAnyone with a camera

Find of the MonthHarry Surtees

Mining ClaimsRick Guethlein

Metal DetectingScott Sandahl

RefreshmentsVolunteer for each meeting

Club Apparel Vacant

Club Public Web Rick Wyatt

Newsletter Linda Reitz

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 fund prizes and food at the outing.



ATOLIA GHOST TOWN-



**23 mi. North of
Kramer Junction on
Highway 395
7 mi. South of
Randsburg**



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**This Month's Club Outing
Atolia Ghost Town**

