

The Loop



Lancaster, California

May 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....

Well here we go again! I guess I have to be the bad guy & announce the obvious - with state mandatory measures to stop the spread of the corona virus we cannot meet again this month. This also means no outings yet either. But this mess doesn't mean we can't still get out & treasure hunt if we are smart & cautious. Hope that's sooner than later...

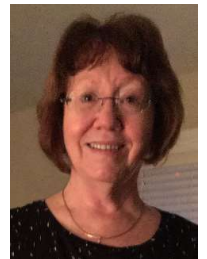
Hope you all are staying in good health & I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Take Care,

Scott

From the Editor...

Well, I for one, have taken a break from metal-detecting for the last few weeks. I tried to go to Sorensen Park last month but there was a Sheriff's deputy there. He was chasing four other people out of the park so I didn't even get out of the car.



I tried Murray park in Littlerock, there was a dog walker there and someone working in the office. I've never had any luck at that park and the wind was coming up so I left about thirty minutes and two dimes later.

Right after the last meeting in March and before the social shut down, I did make an exciting (to me) find. Goes to show, no matter what you might be looking for or where you are looking, you never really know what you might find. (See Page 2)

I hope some of you will send your stories in, otherwise, I know you're going to get mighty tired of mine.

I hope everyone is doing okay and hopefully we'll be able to get together soon!

I grew up on an egg-producing chicken ranch in the A.V. It was several acres, with 5-6 large chicken houses and a brood house for chicks. It dated back to the 1930's at least. There was a main ranch house, some smaller houses where the ranch family lived and many cottages that were rented out. All of the buildings including the foundations were bulldozed over 25 years ago and the property remains mostly empty. Because I lived there, I can still picture where the buildings and driveways were.

I've gone there a couple of times and metal-detected along the edges of the property, I always thought it would be a great place to find some old silver coins. In the first week of March, before the lockdown, I decided to stop there for thirty minutes or so on my way home from park hunting. Now keep in mind, this is a dumpsite, with remains of broken concrete, tiny metal pieces, old plumbing pieces, etc. I thought that a silver coin might stand out against the cacophony of trash.

I found a 1972 penny, a wheatie and an old padlock in the first twenty minutes. I had several silver signals that turned out to be bits of scrap metal. Then I got a high penny signal; 78-79 on my AT Max. This is usually a penny, a dime or occasionally a silver ring or charm. I dug about 4" down after scraping away the debris on top. I pulled up a dirt clod and thought it was a washer at first, but I couldn't have been more shocked - It was a ring!!

I don't really know what to make of. It might be junk, but what I think it is possibly, is an old German silver Native American ring. It is well made, with a clear faceted stone, but has no markings at all. The area around and under the stone is very dirty despite my best efforts. It may have been in the ground for 80 years or could have been lost by a construction worker during the demolition. Who knows?

I lived there over sixty years ago. There's always a mystery to the treasures we find— who did it belong to, where did they get it? How did it come to be lost? What led me to that spot in an acre of trash? I wonder....



*** Reminder ***

Hold on to your 1st quarter Scavenger Hunt Items, until we meet again! Also hold on to your Finda of the month items!

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	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

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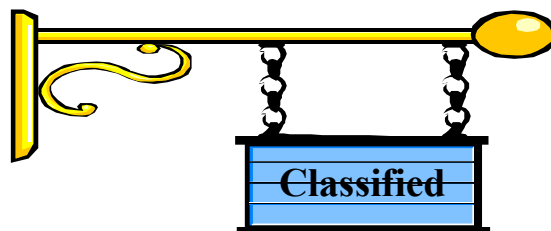
SCOTT SANDAHL

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.....	No Meeting
May.....	No Meeting
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

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

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

Keene DW212 Dry Washer. New, never used.

12Volt or Handcrank, \$750 Cash

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



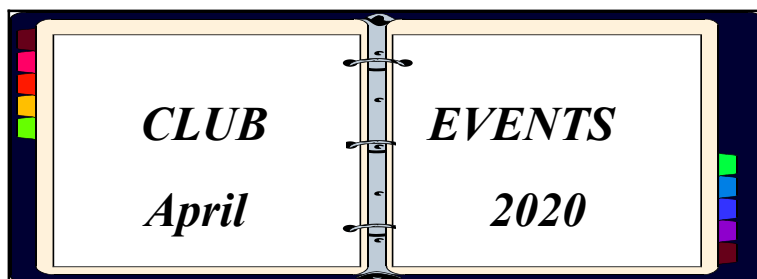
New Items (Limited Availability)

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:
avthnews@gmail.com

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



June 1, 2020 **General Meeting - 7:00 pm**
 (Tentative) **Leisure Lake Mobile Estates**
 48303 20th St. West
 Lancaster, CA 93534

June 1, 2020 **Board Meeting - 6:00 pm**
 (Tentative) **Before the General Meeting**

2nd 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. Lug Nut
2. Canadian Coin
3. Unfired bullet
4. 3 zipper pulls
5. Silver coin 1950 or earlier
6. Padlock
7. Knife – any kind
8. Hoop Earring
9. 5 tokens – any kind
10. Ring – Titanium or Tungsten
11. Disposable lighter
12. Metal fork
13. Bracelet – any metal
14. Battery
15. E-Cigarette



May 9, 2020

LOVETTA'S MYSTERY HUNT

****CANCELLED****

June 6, 2020

SANTA MONICA BEACH

Tentatively scheduled depending
on how soon the Beach Ban is
lifted and the virus is under control.

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”

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

Most Unique

Harry Surtees - Tax Token

Best Gold Item

Scott Sandahl - Gold Locket

Best Natural Gold

Kim Holmes

Best U.S. Coin

Harry Surtees - 2011 Silver Eagle Dollar

Best Foreign Coin

Harry Surtees - 1914 Silver Six Pence

Best Silver Item

Jason DeBerge - Charm Bracelet

Best Overall

Scott Sandahl

Attendance Drawing

Corinne Coughlin - Not Present

50/50 Drawing

Jay Zeigler - \$44.50



May Birthdays

Cindy Barron

Becky Beck

Donna Haynes

Linda Reitz



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 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.....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

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

Membership Vivian Sexton

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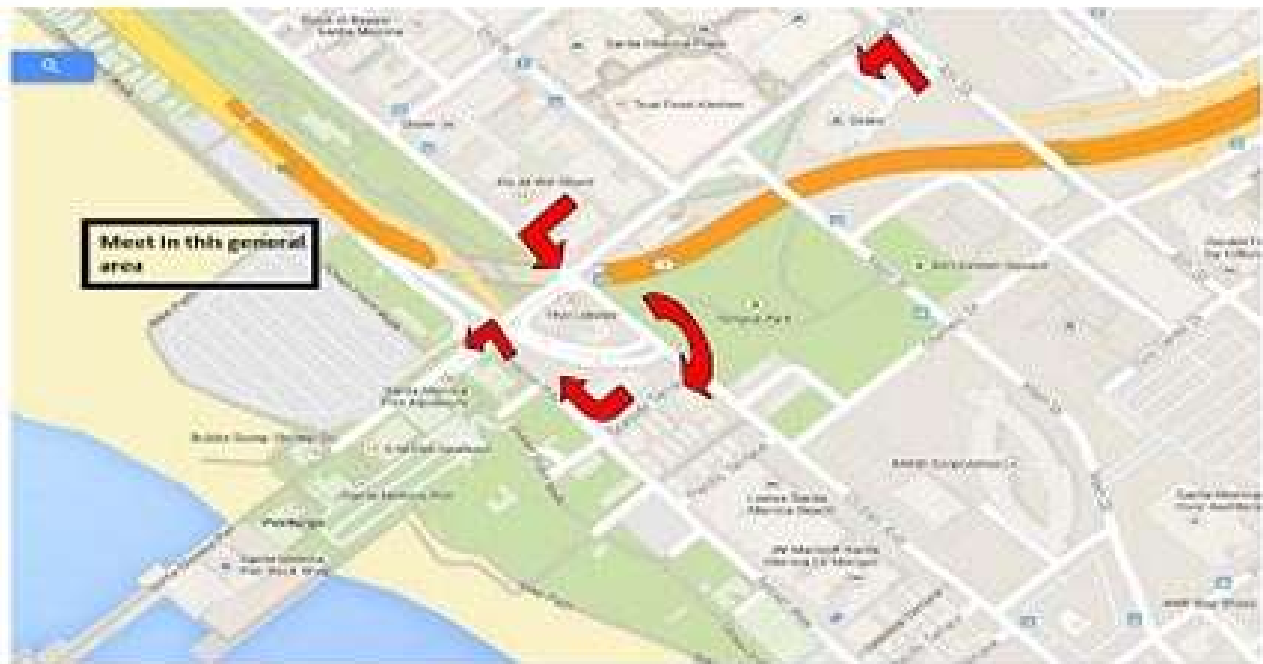
RecyclingWes Weathers

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.

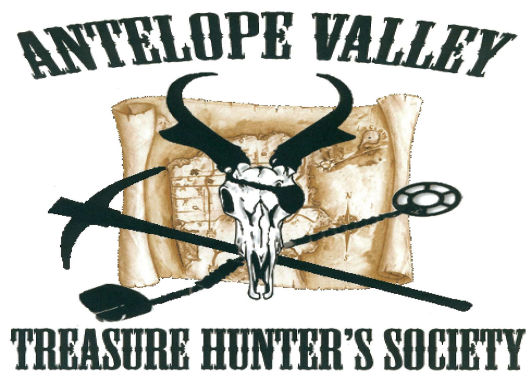


SANTA MONICA - JUNE TENTATIVE OUTING

Outing Map—Santa Monica Pier



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P. O. Box 4718
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June Club Outing
Santa Monica Pier
(Tentative)