

The Loop



Lancaster, California

August 2020

Antelope Valley Treasure Hunter's Society

Volume 40 Issue 8

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



The Prez Says....

Hello everyone out there in pandemic land. I haven't seen a lot of y'all in the past few months, but I hope to see more of you at our next meeting (still to be at The Outpost). Don't worry we have lots of room to spread out. The last meeting had better attendance than the previous month - hopefully that trend continues.

I for one have not been out detecting too much in July (too busy with work) but I'm planning on going out a few more times before next meeting. I was able to host the months outing to Santa Monica. I got there early at around 6:15 and headed out to hunt while waiting for others to arrive. Harry got there before me & was already out hunting the beach. I managed to find about \$4.50 in change & silver earring with a dangling diamond, a Tungsten ring, an old copper ring (Scavenger hunt item) & a few other keepers. When I got back to the parking lot, I found seven other members had shown up. At 10:30 we had our planted hunt with \$65 in change planted in the field. Overall, a really nice day at the beach. Thanks to all who came.

Hope to see you all at the meeting where we will be discussing our next outing which will be to Castaic Lake, unless Covid closes it...

P.S. We will also be talking about the September & October outings & looking for volunteers to help with both.

Thank you & keep swingin' yer Loops!

Scott

AVTHS Outpost Treasure day September 19, 2020 Treasure Hunts and fun for all! Saturday

- 9:30 am Kid's Hunt – Free ages 5-12
10:00 Big Kids Hunt ages 12-17 \$10
10:30 Warm-up Hunt. Free for paid participants (15 minutes)
11:15 Mercs & Morgans Hunt (45 minutes) \$35 (Clad coins, Mercury Dimes & tokens for Morgans)
Noon-1:00 pm Lunch Break & Raffle Drawing
1:00 pm Token Hunt (45 minutes) \$40 (Clad coins & Tokens for Prizes)
3:00 pm Silver & Gold Hunt (50 minutes) \$45 (Clad coins, Silver Dimes, Quarters, halves & Tokens for Silver Dollars & Gold Nuggets and coins)
4:15 pm Raffle Drawing.

There will be educational & informative displays of treasure, mining & prospecting equipment, incl: Metal Detectors, sluices and more.

Antelope Valley Treasure Hunters Society
Treasure Day at the Outpost
34141 116th Street East, Pearblossom, CA 93553
(661) 944-1200

NOTE! Prepaid entries before August 14th get a \$25 discount on 3 Hunt Package: (\$95)



From the Editor...

Well folks, just when you thought it was safe to get a haircut, the Governor shuts it all down again. In my case, the day before my hair appt. so I'm starting to resemble a wooly mammoth.

I've been out hunting a few times to local parks, in the last month. I'm making a point of going to areas I don't usually frequent, to see if some "old" stuff might pop up. I was rewarded with a fake Rolex with a corroded half band (oh thanks!) a fake gold necklace and some coins. What I did see is that people are out playing basketball, sitting out under the trees, and kids are playing soccer, so people are going to the parks.

There are a few photos from the Santa Monica Outing, looks like the people who made it there had a good time.

The August outing to Castaic Lake is, of course, dependent on them not shutting down the facility again, so be sure to check before you head out there. The Club will provide sub sandwich, sides always welcome.

We've got two great outings coming up! The Big Hunt at the Outpost had to be limited to one day instead of two, due to the Covid situation. Scott has put a lot of time and effort into it so hopefully there will be a lot of participation. There are great prizes and it should be a lot of fun. Volunteers are needed though, to make it work.

The October Chili Cook-Off is coming up quick, (See Mike's post on page 4). It will be great to get out of town and away from Pandemic-con for a day or two. Think about being a chili cooking contestant and/or volunteering to lend Mike a hand. (I think Russ and I might cook up something, we'll see.)

Have fun and stay safe.

Linda

Be sure to bring your finds to the August meeting for find of the month.

Please note that the August Meeting will be held at The Outpost

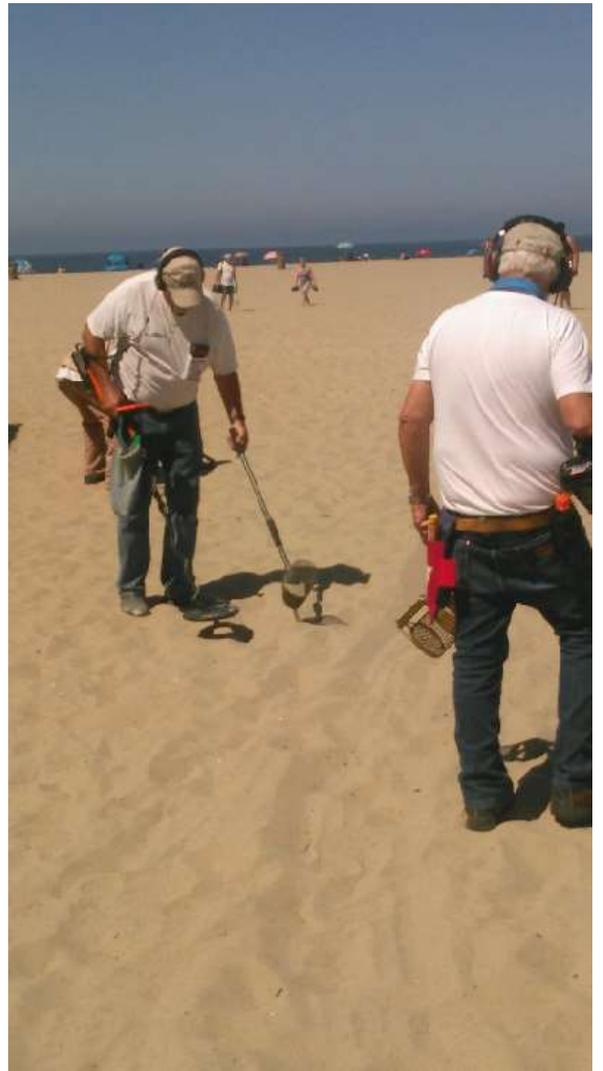
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Pearblossom, CA
116th Street East & Hwy. 138**



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	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

SANTA MONICA JULY 2020



OCTOBER CHILE COOK-OFF

As you know, our monthly General Meeting and Board Meeting are being held at The Outpost Trading Post in Pearblossom. Scott and Renee Sandahl have graciously offered the business facility for use as our monthly meeting location. At this time we have no idea when we will be permitted to return to Leisure Lake Recreation Room. Our meetings at the Outpost location are held outside with social distancing providing our Club membership a safe meeting location.

Well it's August and our annual October Chili Cook-Off is approaching fast. To say the past few months have been a challenge for everyone would be a colossal understatement. Fear, anxiety, frustration, cabin fever and uncertainty, still loom large for the majority of us. I've not heard of any members being diagnosed with COVID-19, so there is a little sunshine peeking out around the edges of the big dark cloud. The October Chili Cook-Off will be a huge departure from what has become the new norm.

For the last several years, I've had the honor of being involved in the planning and facilitation of some of the events held during this event. From trying to keep things flowing smoothly and on time to trying to come up with new ideas and "special prizes", it's been very enjoyable- especially Saturday night after all the events had finished, when I could take step back looking around and see everyone relaxing while relating stories of the "one" that got away.

The 2020 October Chili Cook-off is going to be an epic event. It will be my goal to top all the previous years, especially when it comes to our Members Only Hunt and prizes. Anyone who has participated in our Club Hunts knows I have always added something special in the way of a prize or special drawing. This year will likely be the last time I'll be so involved in the planning and facilitation aspects, so I plan on going out in style and in a big way. For those who know me and this particular Outing, I try to be unpredictable. Whether it was showing movies on a 10 foot outdoor movie screen, handing out ice cream and Eskimo Pies (Steve Molstad Favorite), not telling anyone I was actually cooking chili for the contest- (just in case it turned out terrible, I would be the only one to know I screwed it up), hiding a prize in a prize (only Anna Valenzuela noticed at the time) or the mystery real or booby prize- Lovetta thinking she really won an actual Toilet Seat! So this year I hope to greatly exceed expectations.

I do not plan on going into many details except to say the number and value of prizes will be double that of last year's record, in both value and numbers- maybe even triple. So be forewarned, missing this year's October Chili Cook-Off outing could be hazardous to your health.....



Mike Snowden

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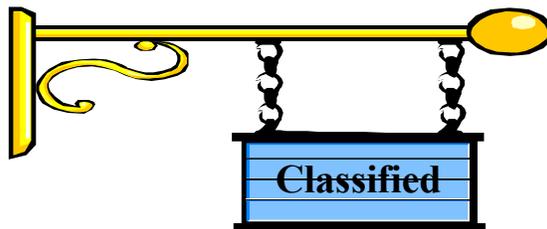
More Than Just a Gift Shop (661) 944-1548
Rugs & Blankets - Amer. Indian Arts & Crafts
Fine Art Gallery - Coins, Gold & Collectibles
Gold Panning Ins. & Classes - Rocks & Gems
34141 116th St E Pearblossom, CA
SCOTT SANDAHL

Proprietor

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)

UPDATED !!!!

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



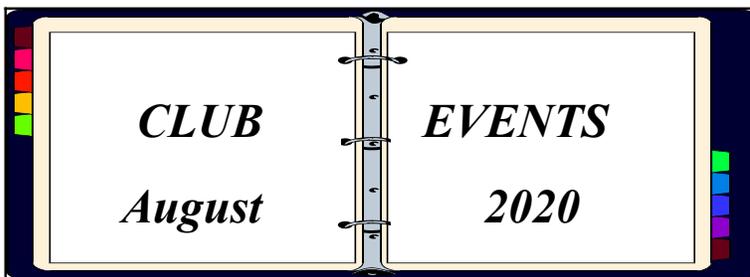
New Items (Limited Availability)

- 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.



August 3, 2020 **General Meeting - 7:00 pm**
The Outpost
34141 East 116th St.
Pearblossom, CA

August 3, 2020 **Board Meeting - 6:00 pm**
Before the General Meeting

3rd 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. Gold Ring
2. Stud Ear Ring
3. Fishing Weight
4. "Wire cage" from Champagne cork
5. Susan B. Anthony Dollar Coin
6. Pressed Penny Token
7. 2 Tent Stakes
8. .925 Silver Jewelry Piece - Any
9. 2 Shell Casings
10. Copper Ring
11. Lapel Pin
12. Metal Spoon
13. Key Chain with Key
14. Blue Moon Bottle Cap
15. Metal Button



August 8, 2020 8:00 AM

Castaic Lake Lagoon (Tentative)
(Be sure to check if they are open before heading out !)

Directions

Exit the I-5 at Lake Hughes road, turn right onto Lake Hughes Road and drive about ½ mile to the Ridge Route Road, turn left on Ridge Route Road and drive north for about ½ mile to Castaic Lake Drive and turn right. Follow Castaic Lake Drive for about ¼ mile the turn right at the entrance road to the lake. Look for the entry tollbooth. The entry fee is \$11 per car (Ask about Senior or Handicap discount) After entering, make the first right turn and follow the access road to Parking Area 2. From this parking area, the concrete path leading to the beach areas can be used. If you park elsewhere, the beaches can be accessed via uneven ground of wither hard dirt or grass.

***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”

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

Most Unique

Ron Renter - Large “Jack” toy

Best Gold Item

Jason DeBerge - Gold credit card

Best Natural Gold

Scott Sandahl

Best U.S. Coin

Scott Sandahl–1883 V Nickel

Best Foreign Coin

Ron Renter – U.A.E. Coin

Best Silver Item

Dan Petrozzi - Silver Ring

Best Overall

Harry Surtees

Attendance Drawing

Fred Smith (Not Present)

50/50 Drawing

Not Held



August Birthdays

Mark Belfield



OFFICERS

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Vice President: **Jason DeBerge**818 419-6988
Treasurer: **Wendy Baerster**C 661 220-3999
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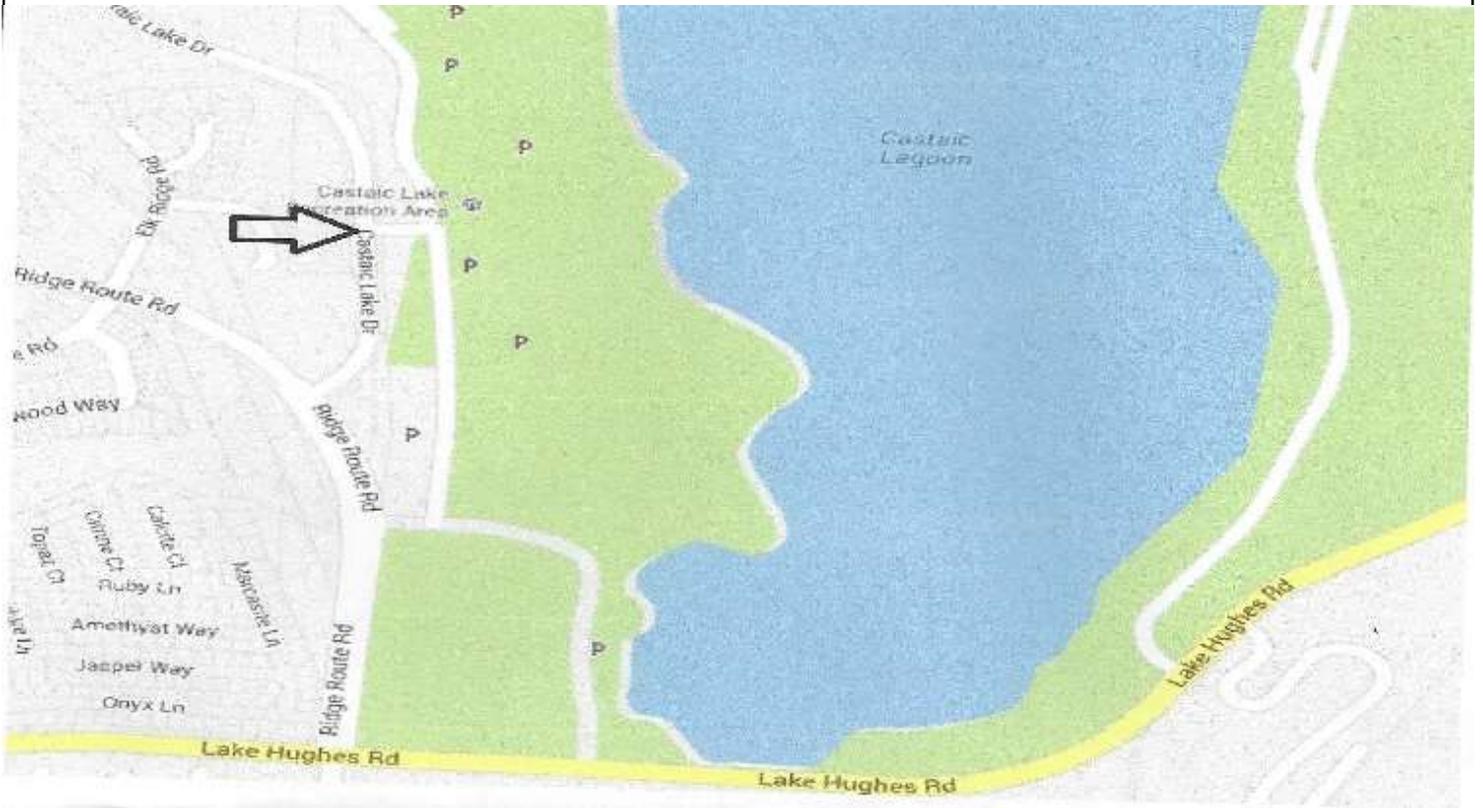
COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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
661-478-7938
Membership Vivian Sexton
661 478- 0174
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.

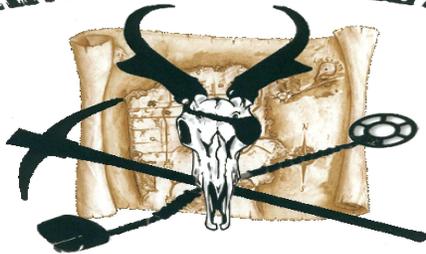


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TREASURE HUNTER'S SOCIETY

August Club Outing
Castaic Lake Lagoon
Castaic, CA

