

The Loop



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Antelope Valley Treasure Hunter's Society

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The Prez Says....

Will there be May flowers? I don't recall much rain in April to bring on the flowers! So— I guess we stick with irrigation. But AVTHS will celebrate Spring with our 2020 belated Christmas party! Linda will have the details. I hope to see a lot of familiar faces at the Outpost to celebrate Christmas in the desert! It will be a BBQ feast.

Thanks, Connie Smith



From the Editor...

We discussed the Spring party at the April Meeting. The party will be held at the Outpost beginning at 12:00 Noon. Food will be delivered from Rattler's BBQ Restaurant in Santa Clarita. The menu will consist of two main dishes, chicken will be one and the second will be either ribs or tri-tip and will include two side dishes (probably baked beans and coleslaw) and their delicious garlic rolls. There will be a \$15.00 charge per person and because the food must be ordered a week in advance, there will be no tickets available at the door. If you've never eaten at Rattler's, I can tell you, the food has always been great.

Let's all hope that the notorious Antelope Valley winds will be kind to us that day. Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible. I was told that several members attended the Saugus Central Park outing, Jason, Ron

Renter, Dan Petrozzi, Wes, Daniel R, Joe Covey, Doug S, Chris & Linda Bateman and Dennis Miller. Hope to hear more about that at the meeting.

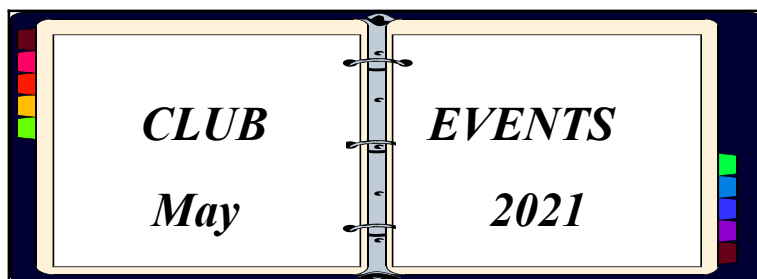
Recently, I have been doing some short hunts on a permission property. The area is private property in Llano that was, in the past, associated with the Llano Del Rio Socialist Colony. So far, I have found artifacts such as antique milk glass canning lid shards; part of a spoon; parts of two separate pocket watches and a shoe buckle from the early 1900's. My most recent find piqued my interest. It is a very small metal button with a heart and a train car on it. I searched online and much to my surprise, I found that the button is a well known brand, Carhartt Overall & Glove Co., which goes back to the 1890's.

Car + Heart = Carhartt. This tiny button was off of a pair of overalls, possibly a child's and is most likely at least one hundred years old. I located pictures of both children and women from the colony wearing overalls. Here is a photo of the button I found and a couple of examples I looked up.

Thanks, Linda Reitz



As always, if you have found something special or unusual, I'd love to include it in the newsletter.



May 3, 2021 General Meeting - 5:30 pm
 The Outpost
 34141 East 116th St.
 Pearblossom, CA

May 3, 2021 Board Meeting - 5:00 pm
 Before the General Meeting

Refreshments:

May Meeting - Dennis Miller

2nd Qtr. 2021 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. Silver Ring .925
2. Toy metal truck
3. Mexican coin
4. Padlock
5. Master brand key
6. Shell casing
7. Metal button
8. Tent stake
9. Silver US coin 1964 or earlier
10. E-cigarette (whole or part)
11. Dog tag (Pet type)
12. Bus token
13. Tire weight
14. Sacagawea Dollar coin
15. ear ring with stone



May Outing - Xmas Spring Party

The Spring Xmas Party will begin at 12:00 noon with lunch planned for One P.M.

The deadline for receiving your Reservation and Payment is Friday April 30th, but please do not wait until the last minute.

Our order must be placed with
Rattler's Restaurant
 one week ahead of the event.

Outing schedule 2021

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| May : | Spring Xmas Party May 8th |
| June: | Silverwood Lake June 7th
Club provides sandwich
Members bring sides |
| July: | Castaic Lake July 17th
BYOF - Planted Hunt |
| Aug.: | Lovetta's Hunt Aug.7th
Club food - Details later |
| Sept. | Zuma Beach
Club food- Planted Hunt |
| Oct.: | Chili Cook-off
Planted hunt |
| Nov.: | Outpost Treasure Days
Nov. 6th Details later |
| Dec.: | Annual Christmas Party
Details TBD |

Crime Scene Team Search, Feb. 20, 2021

The team was called out to a crime scene that was two years old. I cannot divulge where or what the crime, as it is still an open and unsolved case. Some team members may have spoken. There were 17 of us from the AVTHS team and club. Also 5 members of the Downey team through PCSC.

We were called out into the open desert north east of here, in fairly rough terrain so it was a real challenge. It was also a quite unusual search. Being the time frame of the crime, we were given samples of shell casings, that we were looking for. Also any other items that might be related. Since it was in open desert, the Bureau of Land Management was the law enforcement agency in charge and there was also an LA Co. Sheriff in attendance. We covered a roughly 2 mile area in 3 separate spaces.

There were several items found and collected from our searchers, and have proved to be related to this case. This is very exciting and an excellent training session for our team. I am so very proud of everyone of them and also those who volunteered to go help us.

Those from AVTHS search Team members were: Lovetta Burns, Mike Snowden, Mary Black, Kim Holmes, Ron Renter, Carl Schadt, Harry Surtees, Tom Van Langenhoven, Wes Weathers, and Jay Ziegler. Club members and other visitors who were there and helped. Debbie Schadt, Dan Petrozzi, Joe Covey, Anna Valenzuela, Victor Yaw, and Randy Breeden. Lynda Zeigler was also there.

I have been notified the possibility of another call out to a related but different location, maybe mid April or May.

We could use a few more bodies to help, if possible, as there may be 3-4 separate locations to cover. You do not have to be a member of the team. If interested in helping us, contact me. Lovetta Burns, 661-256-1654.

(I want to thank Tom Van for the wonderful pictures. He is our designated team photographer.)





**Crime Scene Evidence
Recovery Team**

February 20, 2021



“THE END OF THE LOOP”

April Finds of the Month

(Member must be present to display finds)

Most Unique

Harry Surtees - Cannonball

Best Gold Item

Dan Petrozzi - Gold Ring

Best Natural Gold

Steve Howard

Best U.S. Coin

Jason DeBerge - 1918 Cent

Best Foreign Coin

Harry Surtees - 1945 Nederland's cent

Best Silver Item

Harry Surtees - Unique silver cross

Best Overall

Harry Surtees

50/50 Drawing

Jay Zeigler \$29

Attendance Drawing

Jack & Tina Geddis - Not present (\$30 May Mtg.)

Scavenger Hunt 1st Quarter

3-Way tie: Dan P., Jason & Scott S.

Will cut cards next meeting



May Birthdays

Cindy Barron

Becky Beck

Donna Haynes

Linda Reitz



OFFICERS

President: **Connie Smith** 818 414-6707

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MEMBERS AT LARGE

Robert Weaver 661 948-8350

Ron Renter 661 450-7821

Don Duncan..... 661 478-2409

Anna Valenzuela 661 874-5706

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Welcome.....Vivian Sexton

Opportunity Drawing Colleen Johnson
and Scotty Engles

50/50.....Scotty Engles

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

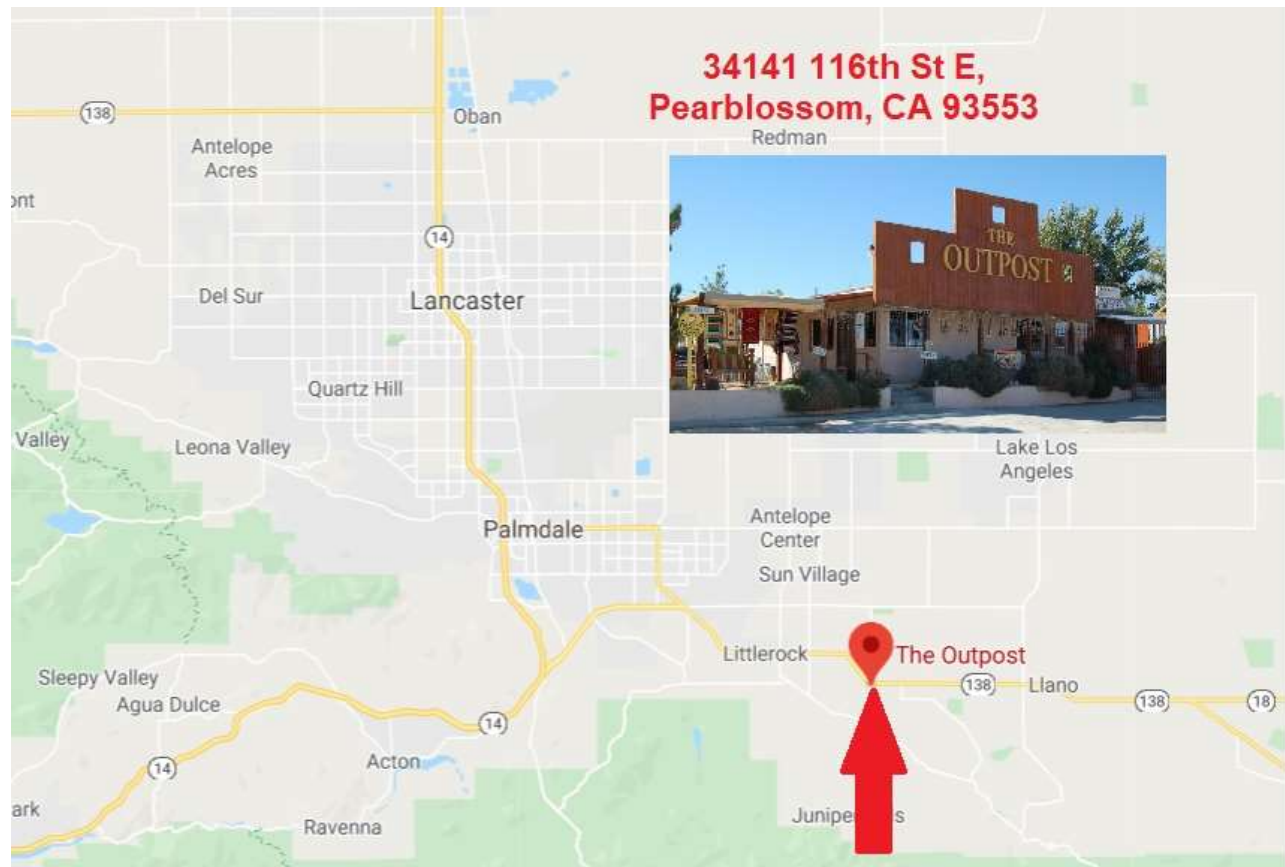
Swap n' Sell ???

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.

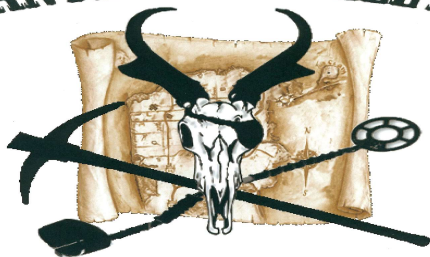


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TREASURE HUNTER'S SOCIETY

**MAY OUTING
SPRING PARTY
AT THE OUTPOST**

