

The Loop



Lancaster, California

January 2021

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 Prez Says....

Boy, will I be glad to see 2020 bite the dust! I don't expect the early parts of 2021 to be much better, but at least we have some vaccines coming down the pike and hopefully they will knock Covid-19 in the derriere! One is already being administered to front line workers. When they get to ambulatory senior citizens, I'll be in line!

As Linda mentioned in last month's newsletter, Scott Sandahl has decided to step down as president and I have volunteered to pick up the gauntlet.

I look forward to getting together with our club members in 2021. Hopefully, things will open up so that we can resume normal meetings and outings ("socially distanced," of course!) and get on with the club. Here's to a better New Year!

Connie Smith



Happy New Year!!



From the Editor...

Here's hoping that you all have the best holiday season possible under the circumstances and that all our members are safe and well.

An emergency Board Meeting was held on the fourth of December at the Outpost. It was decided to cancel both the December General Meeting and the annual Christmas party. The Board felt there was really no choice, given the State/County Shut-down orders, the limited attendance expected and just the overall safety of hosting such an event.

We hope to re-schedule a similar event sometime in the springtime when things are better. We're trying to be optimistic, but obviously, it depends on the Covid situation.

We have tentatively scheduled the regular meeting at the Outpost on January 4th and Outing to Zuma Beach on January 9th. If that changes, you will be notified by email or telephone as soon as possible.

As I've mentioned before, it would be great if some of you would share your special treasure hunting stories. Your favorite or best find and a picture if you have one. I know I personally love hearing about what other people have found.

Thanks, Linda

The Gold Mine by Linda Reitz

When I was in high school, my sister's brother-in-law, Al, had a gold mine at Red Mountain near Randsburg.

He actually lived in the mine. It was closed in, with a front door to the entrance of the horizontal shaft. The main shaft went back deep into the mountain but there were small rooms carved out of the rock to the left and right. As you entered, to the left there was a kitchen with table and chairs, ice box refrigerator and wood stove ventilated to the outside. We occasionally visited and took supplies to him. We would play cards at the table and listen to his stories. We slept on army cots in the small cave rooms and listened to the scurry of mice and packrats during the night.

You might not think the average six-teen year old high school girl would enjoy this kind of adventure but I grew up with my dad and uncle being miners. I was surrounded with talk of gold and minerals and went to the desert with them often as a kid. My uncle was a full time miner who had several claims in the Barstow and Daggett areas. He was given a discharge from the Army to mine for the government in the war years. He and my father grew up in the Mogollon mining area of New Mexico. He also worked for Knott's in the transformation of Calico Ghost town into a tourist attraction. My father gave me a beautiful amethyst crystal concretion which I had for quite a time. Also, a polished Onyx stone which I've had since I was eight years old.

So, spending the night in a cave never seemed unusual to me. During the summer, it might be 105 degrees outside but it was always nice and cool inside the mine. Unfortunately, life inside of a mine isn't very healthy. Al passed away at a fairly young age of Black Lung Disease, common to miners. My sister, for many years, had a large gold nugget that he gave her. It would probably be worth a bundle now if she still had it.

Just a Reminder

2021 Membership Dues

Due in January

Bring your monthly finds for December & January to the January meeting for:

"Find of the Month."

Keep each month separate.

Also 4th quarter Scavenger items

FROM THE BOARD....



Please Note: The January Board Meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m.

2021 Monthly Outing Schedule

	MONTH	MTG DATE	OUTING DATE	Location	Notes
1st Qtr	JAN	1/4/2021	1/9/2021	Zuma Beach	Planted Hunt / Club Food
	FEB	2/2/2021	2/6/2021	TBD	TBD
	MAR	3/1/2021	3/6/2021	TBD	TBD
2nd Qtr	APRIL	4/5/2021	4/10/2021	TBD	TBD
	MAY	5/3/2021	5/8/2021	TBD	TBD
	JUNE	6/7/2021	6/12/2021	TBD	TBD
3rd Qtr	JULY	7/12/2021	7/17/2021	TBD	TBD
	AUG	8/2/2021	8/7/2021	TBD	TBD
	SEPT	9/13/2021	9/18/2021	TBD	TBD
4th Qtr	OCT	10/4/2021	10/9/2021	TBD	TBD
	NOV	11/1/2021	11/6/2021	TBD	TBD
	DEC	12/6/2021	12/11/2021	TBD	TBD

The Outpost

(661) 944-1200

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

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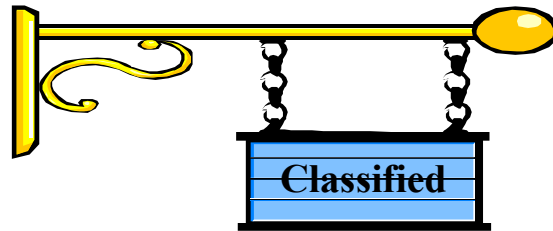
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR REFRESHMENTS FOR 2021

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	TBD
February.....	TBD
March	TBD
April.....	TBD
May.....	TBD
June	TBD
July	TBD
August	TBD
September	TBD
October	TBD
November	TBD
December	TBD

Need Volunteers for 2021!



For sale:

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)

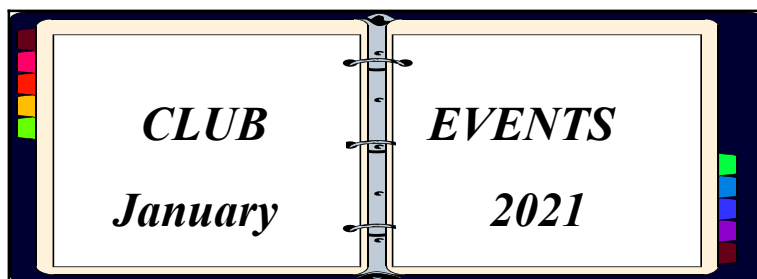
Brass Coin Probe
Digging Knife
Finds Tray

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.



January 4, 2021 General Meeting - 6:00 pm
The Outpost
34141 East 116th St.
Pearblossom, CA

January 4, 2021 Board Meeting - 5:00 pm
Before the General Meeting

1st 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. Fishing weight
2. Silver Jewelry item
3. Metal Key - any
4. Wheat penny
5. Hoop earring
6. Bolt
7. Foreign coin
8. Metal Toy
9. Ring with stone—Any metal
10. Chucky Cheese token
11. Dollar Coin - U.S.
12. Bobby pin
13. Coca Cola bottle cap
14. National Park Quarter
15. Pendant—any metal



January 9, 2021 8:30am

Zuma Beach
30000 Pacific Coast Highway
Malibu, California
GPS 34.022693, -118.831778

Take Hwy 1 from whatever direction you are traveling. From south, Exit Hwy 1—Pacific Coast Drive—at Busch Drive to the right and loop around under Hwy 1 to the entrance of Zuma Beach. From north, just exit at beach entrance. There is a parking fee of about \$10/car. Take Zuma Beach Access Road north to the picnic tables. This is between the 7th and 8th parking lots. The club will be providing foot-long sandwiches. Members will need to bring their own individual sides, it will not be potluck due to current situation. 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 7:00 a.m.**

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”

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

Most Unique

TBD - January Meeting

Best Gold Item

TBD - January Meeting

Best Natural Gold

TBD - January Meeting

Best U.S. Coin

TBD - January Meeting

Best Foreign Coin

TBD - January Meeting

Best Silver Item

TBD - January Meeting

Best Overall

TBD - January Meeting

Scavenger Hunt 4th Quarter

Bring to - January Meeting



January Birthdays

Wendy Baerster
Jason DeBerge
Scott Engle
Clay Graves
Kinny Patrick
Connie Smith



OFFICERS

President: **Connie Smith** 818 414-6707
Vice President: **Jason DeBerge** 818 419-6988
Treasurer: **Rick Wyatt (Temp)**..... 661 943-1124
Secretary: **John Hendricks** 760 535-7502

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Robert Weaver661 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.....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

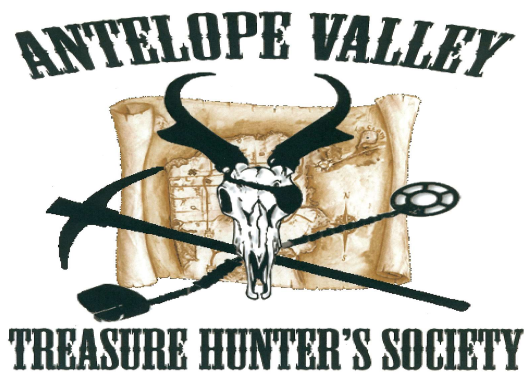
Remember, as with the recycling collection, the proceeds from the sale of apparel are put back in the club to fund prizes and food at the outing.



ZUMA BEACH



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P. O. Box 4718
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January Club Outing
Zuma Beach