

# The Loop



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## Antelope Valley Treasure Hunter's Society

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### The Prez Says.....!

Greetings all,

Well, another month is in the bag, reminding us it isn't too long until our big **Chili Cook-Off** in October. Only two more months until that fun weekend. All you cooks out there, start making preparations to make your best chili to thrill our tastebuds!

As for this month's outing, it was Silverwood Lake Park. Always a great place to spend a lazy summer retreat, boating, swimming, and camping, but not so good for metal detecting. While a couple of our members ventured out to the site, I unfortunately had a prior commitment. However, Scott Sandahl gave an excellent review of the event.

At our last meeting, Scott reported while parking is limited, Ron Renter, Wes Weavers, Jason DeBerge, himself, and two others were present to search the campgrounds and the beach for any treasures while he was the organizer of the event. Despite the rule of no alcoholic beverages being allowed at the site, most of the finds consisted of beer bottle caps. Wes was lucky enough to find a 1941 dime, but that was the most valuable item found. Needless to say, the group did not stay long at the area, especially after such dismal hunting. A couple of the hunters hit other parks on their way home, but no great treasure was found there.

Scott stated that August's outing to Castaic will be much better. In addition to being a planted hunt, the park authorities recently added two more inches of sand to the beach front, making a great ground to find other people's lost treasures.

A BIG thanks to Scott for organizing this month's event and giving the report on it.

As always, keeps those loops swinging!

Big John

### Scavenger Hunt Second Quarter 2023

15 items	Scott Sandahl
14 items	Ed Hunn Jason DeBerge
13 items	Dennis Miller Dan Petrozzi
11 items	Rick G.

### Bonus Item Winners

Jason DeBerge

Dennis Miller

Rick G.

### Display with no wins

Ron Renter

Gary Emmons

Wes Weathers

Congratulations to all the winners! Prizes will be awarded at the August meeting.



**July Meeting Finds of the Month**

*(Member must be present to display finds)*

**Most Unique**

Ed Hunn Texas Ranger Toy Badge

**Best Jewelry Item**

Dan Petrozzi Blue Sapphire Ring

**Best Natural Gold**

Jason DeBerge

**Best Silver Item**

Dan Petrozzi Ring

**Best U.S. Coin**

Dennis Miller 1907 Dime

**Foreign Coin**

Jason DeBerge \$20 Mexican Coin

**Best Overall**

Ed Hunn

**ATTENDANCE DRAWING**

N/A

*(\$15 at August Mtg. if no winner)*

**The Outpost**

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More Than Just a Gift Shop

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Rugs & Blankets - Amer. Indian Arts & Crafts

Fine Art Gallery - Coins, Gold & Collectibles

Gold Panning Ins. & Classes - Rocks & Gems

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**SCOTT SANDAHL**

Proprietor

**2023 Monthly Outing Schedule**

	MONTH	MTG DATE	OUTING DATE	Location	Notes
1st Qtr	JAN	1/9/2023	1/21/2023	Zuma Beach	King Tide weekend BYOF
	FEB	2/6/2023	2/11/2023	Santa Monica	Planted Hunt Club provides food
	MAR	3/6/2023	3/11/2023	AVT Claim	Claim Clean-up/Prospecting Pot Luck Barbecue ???
2nd Qtr	APRIL	4/3/2023	4/15/2023	Apollo Park	BYOFood
	MAY	5/1/2023	5/6/2023	Carpinteria Beach	BYOF
	JUNE	6/5/2023	6/10/2023	Lake Hughes Community Center	Planted Hunt Club provides food
3rd Qtr	JULY	7/10/2023	7/8/2023	Silverwood Lake	BYOFood Scott Sandahl in charge
	AUG	8/7/2023	8/12/2023	Castaic	Planted Hunt Club provides food
	SEPT	9/11/2023	9/9/2023	Long Beach	BYOF
4th Qtr	OCT	10/2/2023	10/13/2023	Chili Cook-off Weekend	Plated hunts Potluck
	NOV	11/6/2023	11/12/2023	Saugus Central Park	BYOFood
	DEC	12/4/2023	12/16/2023	Christmas Party	Leisure Lakes Community Center

## *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.

### 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 .....	Club will provide
February .....	Pie Month
March .....	Don Duncan
April .....	Ron Renter
May .....	Connie Smith
June .....	Joe Covey
July .....	Dan Petrozzi
August .....	Dennis Miller
September .....	John Hendricks
October .....	Pie Month
November .....	Linda Reitz
December .....	Lorelei Paland



### **August Birthdays**

Dino Barnett                      6th

### **AVTHS Club Merchandise Available During Our Monthly Meetings**

#### Club Apparel

Short Sleeve T-Shirt  
 Long Sleeve T-Shirt  
 Polo Shirts  
 Pull-Over Sweat Shirt  
 Hoodies  
 Hats  
 Club Logo Patch  
 And more!



Items will no longer be brought to the meetings. Please place orders with seller. Proceeds from sales are used to support prizes and food at our monthly outings.



Do you know someone who would be a good speaker on metal detecting or gold prospecting? Please contact John Hendricks(760) 535-7502 or Rick Wyatt (661) 943-1124 to recommend them.

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](mailto:avthnews@gmail.com)

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

**CLUB**  
**AUGUST**

**EVENTS**  
**2023**

August 2023 Board Meeting  
August 7, 2023 6:00 pm

August 7, 2023  
General Meeting - 7:00 pm

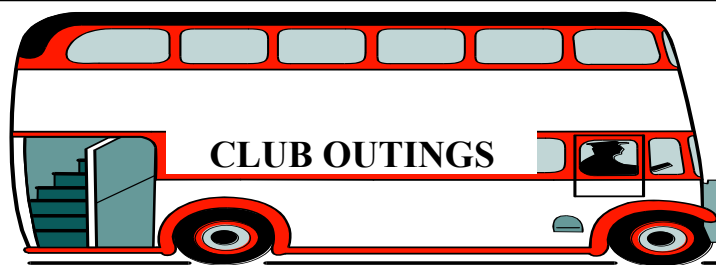
Leisure Lakes Mobile Estates  
Recreation Room

**3rd Qtr. 2023 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. Mexican coin
2. Jewelry piece with heart
3. 20 pull tabs (whole)
4. Mercury dime (1916-1945)
5. Dog license
6. Zipper pull
7. Buckle
8. "S" hook
9. Coffee can key
10. Metal food knife
11. Hose clamp
12. Any metal button
13. Batteries—any size (AA, AAA, C, etc)
14. Any size nail
15. Earring (any type)



**August 12, 2023**

*Castaic Park*

*Planted Hunt  
Club provides main dish*

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SCAVENGER HUNT FOR 2023**

The main scavenger hunt will remain the same as in previous years, possibly a little more challenging, but the rewards are the same.

However, the finding of a "bonus item" has been added with the following rules:

Every quarter a new bonus item will be named. If, during that quarter, the item is found, the finder(s) will receive a small "floating" display case and a ticket that to be entered into a drawing that will be held during the December Christmas Party.

Each bonus item found will receive the same prizes and a chance to win the following prize:

- 1) A free membership in the club for the following year OR
- 2) Silver round OR
- 3) An apparel item from the club's store.

**BONUS ITEM FOR THE 3rd QUARTER**



Railroad Spike

## FOR SALE

Do you have some metal detecting or prospecting items cluttering up your garage or storage that isn't needed or used any longer?

### Sell them in our classifieds!

To do so, please write a description of the item(s) with the price you wish to ask to Aline Hendricks at [gralynx1@yahoo.com](mailto:gralynx1@yahoo.com) and we'll do the rest!

## DESCRIPTION OF BONUS ITEM

The earliest railroad of any form in the U.S. was constructed in 1764 for military purposes at the Niagara portage in Lewiston, New York. The first actual charter for a U.S. railroad was granted to Stevens in 1815, but surveying and construction on the first U.S. railroad, the Baltimore and Ohio, chartered in 1827 didn't really begin operation until 1830 when the first fourteen miles of track were laid.

Railroad spikes had been hand-forged in small quantity, but almost immediately the need for railroad spike producing machines were evident. Although you might expect to find a railroad spike that's hand forged it is most likely a machined spike. Consider that by the time railroads were being built across the continent, the volume of spikes needed to secure rails to ties was so enormous that hand-forging these fasteners would not have been reasonable. But those off-set or "hook-headed" spikes may date from about 1850.



**Is there something you're not sure is gold or silver? Or even possibly a gemstone?  
Then you need an assayer!**

**Now assaying items for the club that have been found is  
Jerry Paland.  
Contact him at 661-992-9174.  
He will be happy to test any items.**

**REMEMBER:** Any submission for the newsletter **MUST** be in by the 15th of the prior month to be included.

## "THE END OF THE LOOP"



### OFFICERS

President: **John Hendricks** ..... 760-535-7502  
Vice President: **Lorelei Paland** ..... 661-992-9174  
Treasurer: **Rick Wyatt** ..... 661 943-1124  
Secretary: **Aline Hendricks**..... 760-535-7502

### MEMBERS AT LARGE

Don Duncan..... 661 478-2409  
Dennis Miller..... 661 917-7256  
Jerry Paland..... 661-992-9174  
Ron Renter ..... 661 450-7821

### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Welcome.....John Hendricks  
Opportunity Drawing ..... Ron Renter  
50/50..... Don Duncan  
Club Photographer .....Anyone with a camera  
Finds of the Month .....Harry Surtees  
Mining Claims .....Rick Guethlein  
Metal Detecting .....Harry Surtees  
Refreshments .....Volunteer for each meeting  
Club Apparel ..... Dennis Miller  
Club Public Web ..... Rick Wyatt  
Newsletter..... Aline Hendricks

Membership ..... Vicki Wyatt  
Recycling .....Wes Weathers



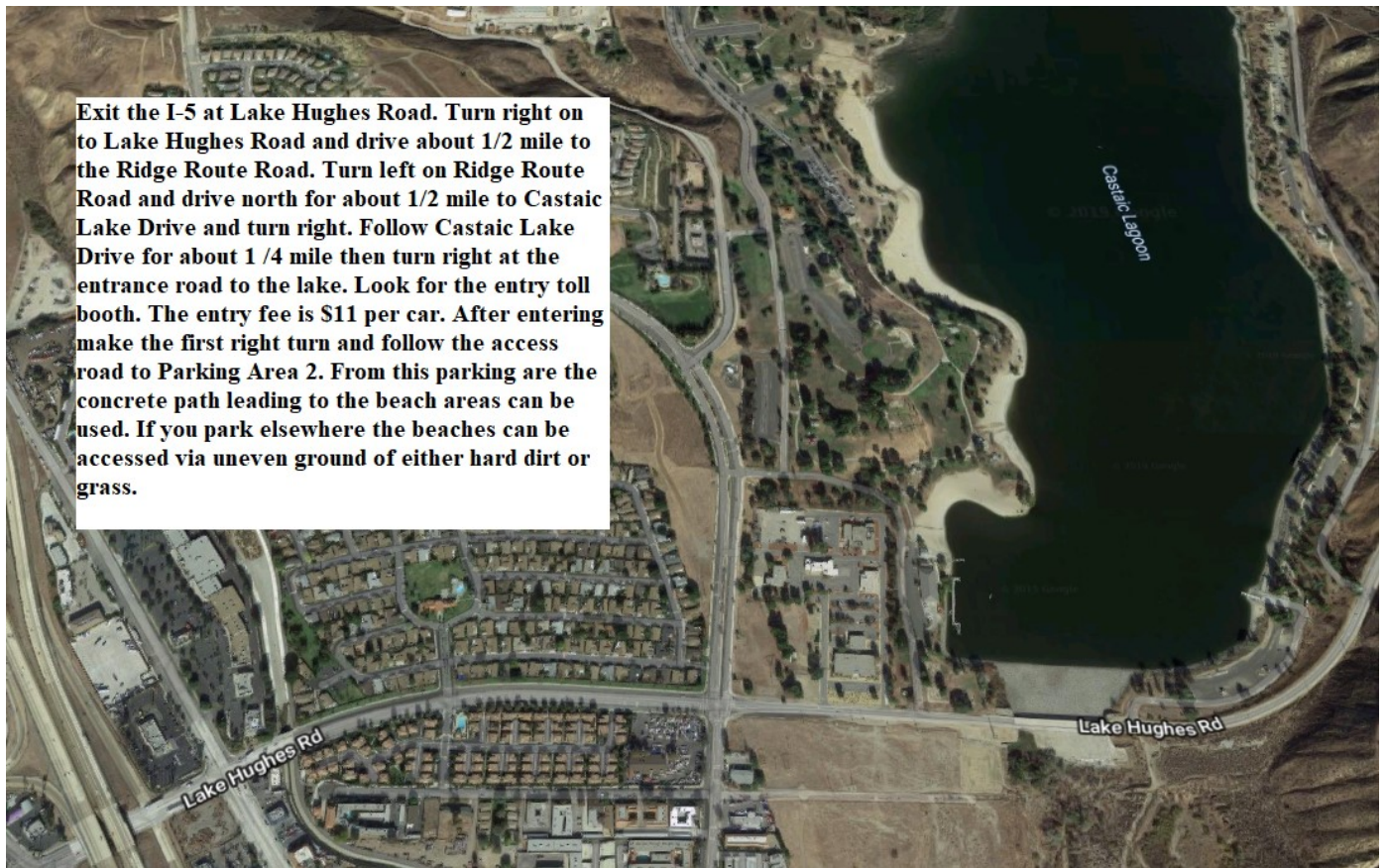
Remember, as with the recycling collection, the proceeds from the sale of apparel are put back in the

### FREE RAFFLE TICKET

If you find your name in the newsletter and it looks like this: **Your Name** You get a free raffle ticket at the next general meeting. Bring it to the attention of the ticket seller.



Exit the I-5 at Lake Hughes Road. Turn right on to Lake Hughes Road and drive about 1/2 mile to the Ridge Route Road. Turn left on Ridge Route Road and drive north for about 1/2 mile to Castaic Lake Drive and turn right. Follow Castaic Lake Drive for about 1/4 mile then turn right at the entrance road to the lake. Look for the entry toll booth. The entry fee is \$11 per car. After entering make the first right turn and follow the access road to Parking Area 2. From this parking are the concrete path leading to the beach areas can be used. If you park elsewhere the beaches can be accessed via uneven ground of either hard dirt or grass.



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**ANTELOPE VALLEY**



**TREASURE HUNTER'S SOCIETY**

**MEETING SITE: LEISURE  
LAKES MOBILE ESTATES  
RECREATION ROOM**

**This Month's Club Outing**  
Castaic Park

