

The Loop



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Antelope Valley Treasure Hunter's Society

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The Prez Says....!

Dear Members of AVTHS,

Whether you have appreciated me or not, it has been my personal pleasure to be your president these last two years. The memories that we have shared through thick and thin have really made an impact on me, and I have found some true friends, in addition to making some enemies. But through it all, I have had some great times and learned to be more diplomatic.

Just some of the areas I have visited that I haven't seen before are Zuma Beach, Santa Monica Beach, Carpinteria Beach, and the "King Tide" this past February, our Rocky Road claim for last year's Chili Cook-Off, metal detecting the different parks in and around Lancaster, Palmdale and others. And the generosity of fellow members have made an impact on my metal detecting skill and equipment. Like Harry Surtee's generous gift of a long-handled beach scoop. and other items that I have acquired or purchased, as a result of being your president.

I want to thank all the people of my staff(s) over these years who have aided and guided me, and helped mature me in some aspects of the club and life in general.. Some of the General and Board Meetings, some of which were very long sessions (like the board/pizza meeting to set the club outing agenda for the year) were, believe me, hair pulling and hair raising!

Life, like metal detecting, can be an adventure and bring treasures and trash into one's life in general. To my friends, family, and new members who have joined recently, I extend my hand and a warm smile, from this elder president of AVTHS ! Always Keep Those Loops Swinging!

Warmest Regards Always, Big John Hendricks
2021-2022 , 2022-2023.

From the Editor...

The year is almost over!

The November Outing was held at Saugus City Park. Bruce and I arrived to find an event going on, so the parking lot was quite full. We soon found Sal Gallegos, one of our club's new members. We found a soccer field that was pretty quiet and soon saw Wes Weathers, Ron Renter, and Dan Petrozzi swinging their metal detectors in another soccer field. Jason DeBerge was also present. Dan found a charm bracelet, and Bruce and Sal found some coins. Wes showed us a silver ring that he found too. He also found a 1935 quarter! The weather was beautiful and it was nice to be outdoors.

Other November News:

- Remember to let Vickie Wyatt know if you are attending the December Christmas Party on December 16. **See page 5 for more information.**
- Nominations for 2024 were held at the November meeting. The board nominations are:
President: Scotty Engle, Ron Renter
V. President: Dennis Miller
Secretary - Cindy Barron
Treasure—Henry Konik

Chairpersons for various 2024 committees are also needed. If you were not able to be at the November meeting, you are still welcome to add your name to the nominations. Voting will be held at the December 4th meeting.

Thank you, John Hendricks, for your service as the 2023 president! Thank you, Aline, Hendricks for working so hard on the newsletter and also serving as secretary!

On a sad note, Butch Smith died on October 30, 2023. He was the first president of our AVTHS Club and served three terms. He also worked on many committees and was a member at large over the past years. His military funeral was held at Bakersfield National Cemetery on November 9, 2023.



The death of Pete Valdivia, a club member was also announced at the last meeting.

Celebrating the Life of Butch Smith



Clarence Floyd Smith
September 25, 1947
October 30, 2023



In Loving Memory Of

April 18,
1946



October 28,
2023

PETER VALDIVIA

Funeral Service On
Thursday, November 16, 2023 10:30 AM
808 E. Lancaster Blvd Lancaster,
CA 93535



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 34141 116th St E Pearblossom, CA
SCOTT SANDAHL
 Proprietor

November Meeting Finds of the Month

(Member must be present to display finds)

Most Unique

Linda Reitz

Best Jewelry

Jason DeBerge

Best Silver Item

Linda Reitz

Best Natural Gold

None

Best U.S. Coin

Scott Sandahl

Best Foreign Coin

Jason DeBerge

Best Overall

Jason DeBerge

Members That Displayed: Wes Weathers, Scott Sandahl, Jason DeBerge, Dennis Miller Ron

2023 Monthly Outing Schedule

	MONTH	MTG DATE	OUTING DATE	Location	Notes
1st Qtr	JAN	1/9/2023	1/21/2023	Zuma Beach	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
2nd Qtr	APRIL	4/3/2023	4/15/2023	Apollo Park	BYOF
	MAY	5/1/2023	5/6/202A	Carpentaria 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	BYOF
	AUG	8/7/2023	8/12/2023	Castaic Beach	Planted Hunt Club provides food
	SEPT	9/11/2023	9/9/2023	Long Beach	BYOF
4th Qtr	OCT	10/4/2023	10/13/2023	Chili Cook-off Weekend	Treasure Hunt/Planted
	NOV	11/6/2023	11/12/2023	Saugus Central Park	BYO Food
	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

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 Provides
February.....	Pie Month
March	Don Duncan
April.....	Rob 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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



December Birthdays

Jerry Paland 15th

Fred Smith 15th

Dennis Miller 28th

Chris Smith 28th



AVTHS Club Merchandise Orders Taken at Meetings

Club Apparel:

Short Sleeve T-Shirt

Long Sleeve T-Shirt

Polo Shirts

Pull-Over Sweat Shirt

Hoodies

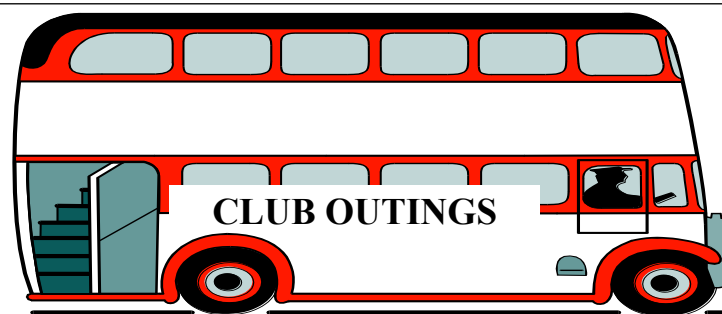
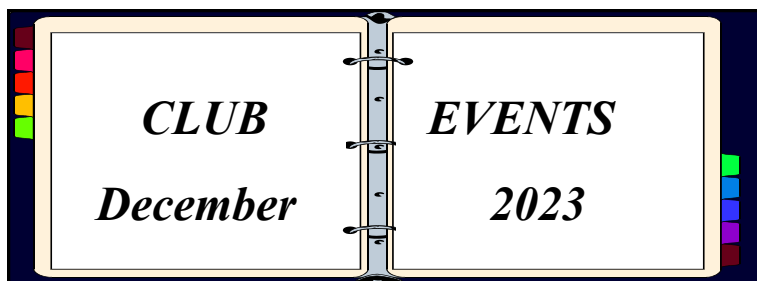
Hats

Club Logo Patch

Items will no longer be brought to the meetings. Please place orders with Dennis Miller. 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 Rick at:
avthsnews@gmail.com

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



**December Board Meeting -
December 4, 2023 at 6:00 PM**

**December 4, 2023
General Meeting - 7:00 pm
Leisure Lake Mobile Home Estates**

4th Qtr. 2023 Scavenger Hunt

Quarterly Scavenger Hunts: 1st Quarter Jan-
uary 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. Can/Bottle Opener**
- 2. Drawer Pull**
- 3. Cigarette Lighter**
- 4. Paper Clip**
- 5. Fishing Hook**
- 6. U.S. Silver Coin (any denomination)**
- 7. Bullet Casing (empty)**
- 8. Magnet**
- 9. Any Colored Pull Tab (not silver)**
- 10. Canadian Coin (any denomination)**
- 11. 1930's Wheat Penny**
- 12. 6 Beer/Bottle Caps**
- 13. Key**
- 14. Tire Weight**

Club Christmas Party

December 16, 2023

12:00 PM

***Location: Leisure Lake Mobile
Home Estates***

Dinner from Rattlers BBQ

Cost: \$20 per person

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE 2023 SCAVENGER HUNT

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 fining 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 will be entered into a drawing to 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 to the club for the following year **OR**
 2. Silver Round **OR**
 3. An apparel item from the club's store.
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Bonus Item for the 4th Quarter Harmonica Reed

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[**avthsnews@gmail.com**](mailto:avthsnews@gmail.com)

"THE END OF THE LOOP"

Scavenger Hunt Information Continued:

DESCRIPTION OF BONUS ITEM

Harmonica/Harmonica Reed

The harmonica first appeared in Vienna, Austria, where harmonicas and chambers were sold before 1824. Immigrants from Europe brought this instrument to America where it became very popular among children (an easier instrument to master and carry than the piano) and miners during the late 1800's through the early 20th century. Travelers, cowboys, miners, and others found its light weight and small size a plus when going about their activities. It became so popular at one point that sheet music for it was created and distributed to those wishing to master the instrument.

The harmonica itself from those early days is seldom found intact at the mining sites, being constructed usually of tin and/or wood. Unusual models were occasionally constructed of finer metals at the request of the players. Those are extremely rare to find and are seldom found at the sites of working class families and miners. Usually only the reed is found when exploring the mining camps, old ranches, steads, and early homes.

Good Luck! ***Rick Homan***



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.

FOR SALE

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

Sell them in our classifieds!

To do so, please write a description of the items with the price you wish to ask to Cindy Barron at brbarron@msn.com and we will include them in

Attendance Drawing—October

Scotty Engle

(not in attendance—Next month is \$50)

50/50 Drawing

John Hendricks



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.



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.



OFFICERS

2023

President: **John Hendricks** 760-535-7502
Vice President: **Lorelei Paland**.... 661-273-3932
Treasurer: **Rick Wyatt**..... 661 943-1124
Secretary:

MEMBERS AT LARGE

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

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Welcome.....John Hendricks
Opportunity Drawing..... Ron Renter
50/50.....Don Duncan
Club PhotographerAnyone with a camera
Find of the MonthScott Sandahl
Mining ClaimsRick Guethlein
Metal DetectingScott Sandahl
RefreshmentsVolunteer for each meeting
Club Apparel Dennis Miller
Club Public Web Rick Wyatt
Newsletter..... Cindy Barron

Membership Vicki Wyatt
RecyclingWes Weathers

***Club Christmas Party
December 16, 2023***



The Christmas Party is located at Leisure Lakes Mobile Estates Recreation Room.

Address: 48303 20th Street West, Lancaster, CA 93534

Time: 12:00 PM

Price: \$20

Dinner: Rattlers BBQ

Make sure you have given your payment to Vickie Wyatt.

Directions: Access the Recreation Room by turning on Leisure Lake Parkway off of 20th Street West. There is more parking around the corner from the Recreation Room parking lot or you can park outside the gate.

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Lancaster, California 93539***



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December 16
Club Christmas Party at 12:00**

