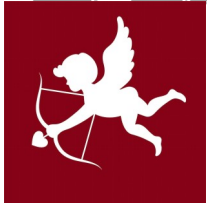


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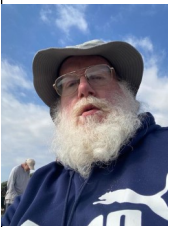


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The Prez Says....!

Greetings all,

I never have experienced a King Tide before this month. However, now I can say that I have had that experience! What a sight, seeing the waves pulled back further than I've ever seen! The only other time I understand that happens is before a tidal wave, and I am definitely not wanting to see that!

I'm looking forward to every outing on the club's calendar ! This month our outing will be to Santa Monica Beach, where we will have our quarterly planted hunt and a tasty provided lunch for all who will be attending,

I know that this is the "Month of Love," and I have found out that I love the beach, even more than I did as a youth hanging out with my friends, especially when I have my metal detector! Finding those unexpected lost hidden treasures brings joy to my heart, even if it's a torn up Pepsi can or a rusted bolt. One man's trash truly is another man's treasure.

Hope to see you at the meeting on the 6th and at the beach on the 11th. And don't forget to send your dues and forms in for renewal. This looks to be an interesting and fun year for our members!

I wish a Happy Valentine's Day to you and your loved ones!

Sincerely, Big John

From the Editor...

It's that time of year again! Please note the following:

REMINDER: 2023 DUES ARE DUE

ANY MEMBER NOT PAID BY THE MARCH MEETING WILL BE CANCELLED.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS AND THE LIABILITY RELEASE FORMS WERE INCLUDED IN JANUARY'S NEWSLETTER. A NEW FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND TURNED IN EVERY YEAR MEMBERSHIP IS CURRENT. IF YOU DON'T HAVE THAT NEWSLETTER AND NEED TO RENEW, IT CAN BE FOUND ON AVTHS' WEBSITE.

On the page listing the quarterly scavenger hunt items, please find an explanation of the bonus item for the scavenger hunt. I have been informed there is some confusion over this new addition. I apologize for any inconvenience this lack of information has caused.

Also please note that on the outing list, **July's outing is now Silverwood Lake**. Scott Sandahl will be in charge of this outing.

Again, stay warm, stay hydrated, and have fun! And Happy Valentine's Day everyone!





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

SCOTT SANDAHL

Proprietor

January Meeting Finds of the Month

(Member must be present to display finds)

Most Unique

Ron Renter Soccer Ball Pump

Best Gold Item

Harry Surtees 14K Ring

Best Silver Item

Dennis Miller 2 Hearts Pendant

Best Natural Gold

Jason DeBerge

Best U.S. Coin

Harry Surtees 1952 Franklin Half Dollar

Best Foreign Coin

Jason DeBerge 1991 20 Francs

Best Overall

Harry Surtees

(\$30 at February Mtg. if no winner)

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 BYOFood
2nd Qtr	APRIL	4/3/2023	4/15/2023	Apollo Park	BYOFood
	MAY	5/1/2023	5/6/2023	Carpenteria 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
	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.....	?
May.....	?
June	?
July	?
August	?
September	?
October	Pie Month
November	?
December	?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



February Birthdays

Anna Valenzuela	4
Sean Grother	7
Robert Sams	9
Gordon Stocks	12
Brad Braverman	14
Tonya Baerster	16
Joe Covey	18

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



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

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

CLUB

February

EVENTS

2023

February 2023 Board Meeting - TBD

**February 6, 2023
General Meeting - 7:00 pm**

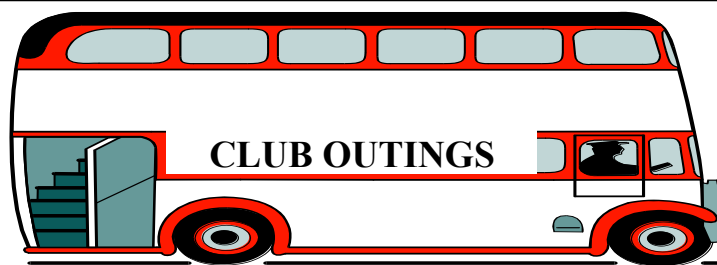
**Leisure Lakes Mobile Estates
Recreation Room**

1st Qtr. 2023 Scavenger Hunt

Quarterly Scavenger Hunts: 1st Quarter Janu-
ary 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. Shotgun shell (unloaded)**
- 2. Memorial copper penny (any 1959-82)**
- 3. Fishing weight**
- 4. House key**
- 5. Ohio state quarter 2002**
- 6. Bullet -- no casing**
- 7. Silver Roosevelt dime 1946-1964**
- 8. Steel ball**
- 9. Diamond object (fake or real)**
- 10. Safety pin**
- 11. Tent stake**
- 12. Foreign coin**
- 13. Fuse**
- 14. Screwdriver**
- 15. Fishing lure**



February 11, 2023

Santa Monica Beach

9:00 a.m.— ?

***South of the Pier
(See map on back)***

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.

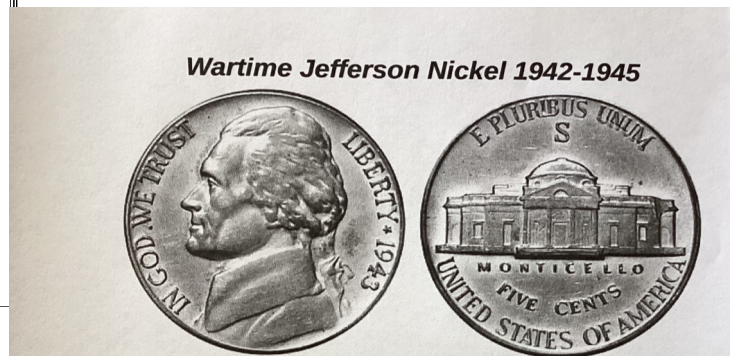
However, the finding of a “bonus item” has been added with the following rules:

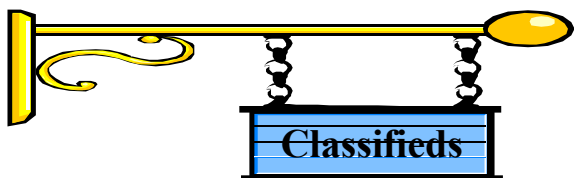
Every quarter a new bonus item will be named. If, during that quarter, the item is found, the finder(s) will receive a small “floating” display case and a ticket that to be entered into a drawing that will be held during the December Christmas Party.

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 1ST QUARTER





Do you have some metal detecting or prospecting items cluttering up your garage or storage that you don't need or use any longer?

Post 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 and we'll do the rest!

What is the best or most interesting thing you have ever found? Send a picture and a short explanation and we will include it in the Loop!



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.



**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
Jerry Paland..... 661-992-9174
Ron Renter 661 450-7821
Jason DeBerge..... 818 419-6988
Dennis Miller..... 661 917-7256

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

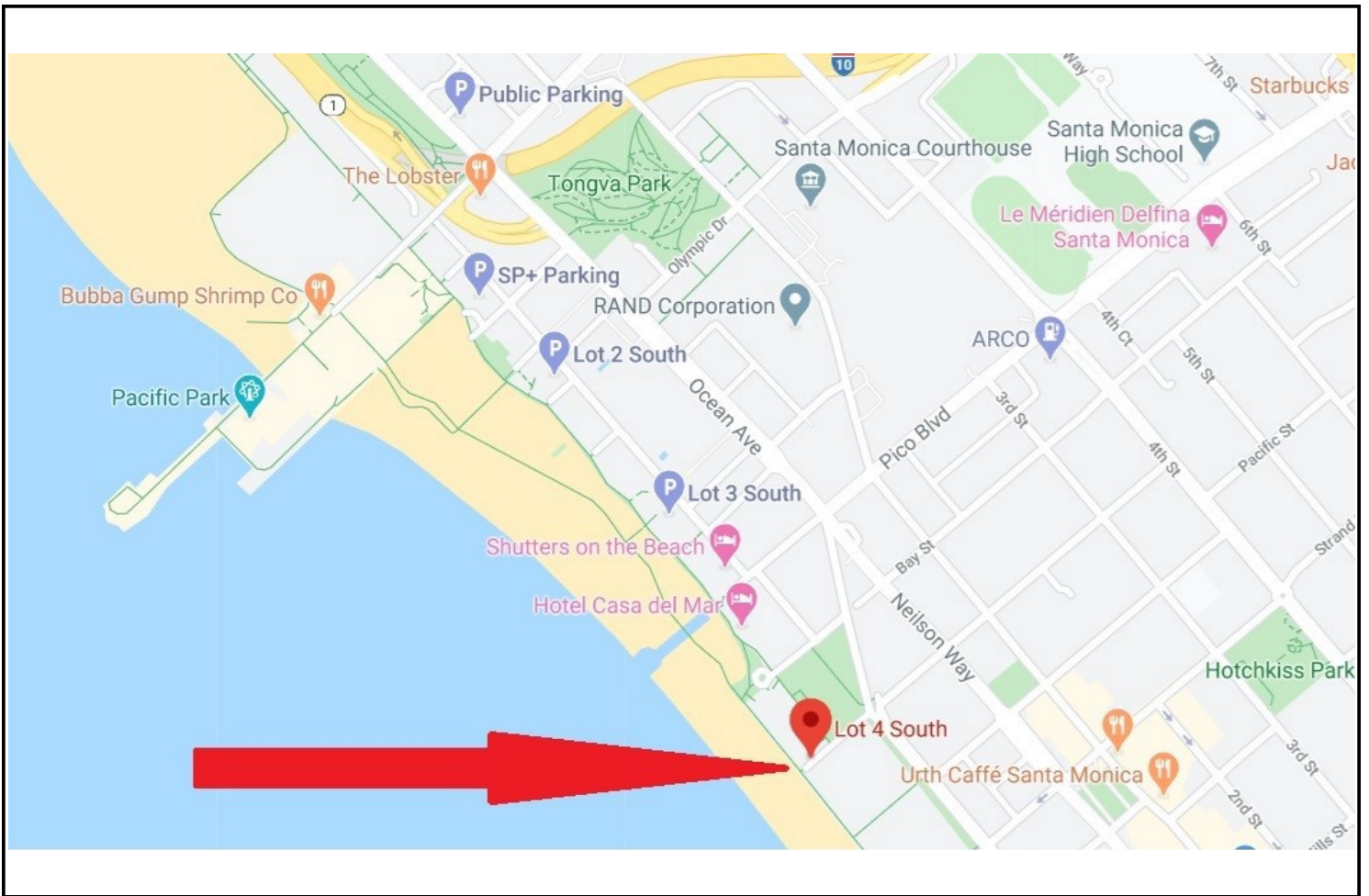
Welcome.....John Hendricks
Opportunity Drawing Jason DeBerge
50/50..... Don Duncan
Club PhotographerAnyone with a camera
Find of the MonthHarry Surtees
Mining ClaimsRick Guethlein
Metal DetectingHarry Surtees
RefreshmentsVolunteer for each meeting
Club Apparel Dennis Miller
Club Public Web Rick Wyatt
Newsletter..... Aline Hendricks

Membership Vicki Wyatt
RecyclingWes Weathers



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





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

This Month's Club Outing
Santa Monica