



## AVTHS CHILI COOK-OFF WEEKEND!

The AVTHS Chili Cook-Off Weekend at the Rocky Road Claim starts on Friday, October 13, 2023. Schedule of events is below:

Friday	Arrival at site for weekenders and set-up. Friendship, sharing of food and stories, and enjoying the site at the end of the day.				
Saturday	<p>9:00 a.m. The free hunt begins. Participants need to look for tokens. Open to members only.</p> <p>Noon (12:00) Five and Dime Hunt begins.</p> <p>Entrance fee is \$20.00. Open to members and guests.</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Judging of the chili begins. Samples cups and utensils will be provided for each chef to use. Numbers are assigned to each chef to put on their samples. Winner will be announced and prizes awarded. (REMEMBER: Chili MUST be made from scratch. No canned chili is allowed.)</p>				
TBD	<p>Potluck dinner will follow the end of judging. Please bring a dish to share with at least 10 people. The following is the assigned dishes by last name:</p> <table> <tr> <td>A — M</td><td>Desserts</td></tr> <tr> <td>N — Z</td><td>Salads/Side dishes</td></tr> </table>	A — M	Desserts	N — Z	Salads/Side dishes
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After Dinner	The parade of the Queens of the Cook-Off				
Sunday	Clean-up, pack-up and departure.				

Enjoy the camaraderie, the food, and keep those loops swinging!



# The Loop



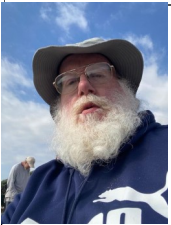
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October 2023

## Antelope Valley Treasure Hunter's Society

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

Greetings all,

I was unable to attend the Long Beach outing last month due to scheduling conflicts. I was told that only four members went, probably due to the distance and the travel time. Apparently not very much was found in the area that they looked, which is a shame, considering the time it took to arrive there.

However, this month is scheduled to be fantastic. It is our annual CHILI COOK-OFF WEEKEND! A weekend packed with camping, exploring, hunts, food and fun! This year has added a few new items, and, as has been in the past, Garrett is sponsoring the cook-off and has sent a huge box full of wonderful prizes for those of you who will win the different events.

Those of you who are cooks, get your recipes and ingredients ready, not to mention your cooking utensils. Remember, all chili must be made on the site in order to create a fair contest. No canned chili, no canned or packaged starter kits!

Those of you who are tasters, get your taste buds ready. Some of our cooks are the best makers of chili in the state. Remember to look at the enclosed flyer for information about what side dishes people are to bring to make a grand meal! The club will supply the plates, cups and utensils. Along with the potluck dish you need to bring, remember to bring your favorite drink, be it soda, tea, or just, plain water.

I hope to be there on Saturday, in time for the planted hunt and to enjoy the fare. Hopefully I will see a number of you there.

And don't forget — our elections are to be held in December. Nominations are in November. If you are interested in serving on the Board or even to help out the club, be sure to step up and let people know you wish to serve.

Bye for now. Keep those loops swinging

### **TIDBIT** Dennis Miller

#### **DID YOU KNOW...**

...your local library is a great source of finding areas to hunt. Look at old newspapers to see where outdoor activities were held, or celebrations done at parks and recreational areas. Study old photographs and sketches to get your bearings. Keep in mind that your community could have been much different at the turn of the last century with different building and structures areas. While remnants of those old structures might not be visible to us now, news articles and announcements would have information about where and when people gathered or events occurred.

The best time to do your research is in the winter when you can plan your spring outings. Just be careful as a good number of creepy crawlies also like the springtime after a cool/cold winter.





## ***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

## **September Meeting Finds of the Month**

*(Member must be present to display finds)*

### ***Most Unique***

Scott Sandahl Decal "Body by Studebaker"

### ***Best Jewelry Item***

Jason DeBerge Cross & Chain

### ***Best Silver Item***

Scott Sandahl Ring with Sapphire

### ***Best U.S. Coin***

Scott Sandahl 1923 Mercury Dime

### ***Foreign Coin***

Scott Sandahl English 50p

### ***Best Overall***

Scott Sandahl

## **ATTENDANCE DRAWING**

Dave Bitter (Not present)

*(\$20 at October 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/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

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



### October Birthdays

Masaio Kadonaga	4
Peggy Howard	6
Dan Petrozzi	8
Lovette Burns	10
Carmen Myrick	10
Chris Beck	17
Wes Weathers	21
Colleen Johnson	28
Bruce Barron	29
Rick Guethlein	29

### AVTHS Club Merchandise Orders at Meetings Only

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

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

# CLUB EVENTS

## October 2023

October 2023 Board Meeting  
October 2, 2023 6:00 pm

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General Meeting - 7:00 pm

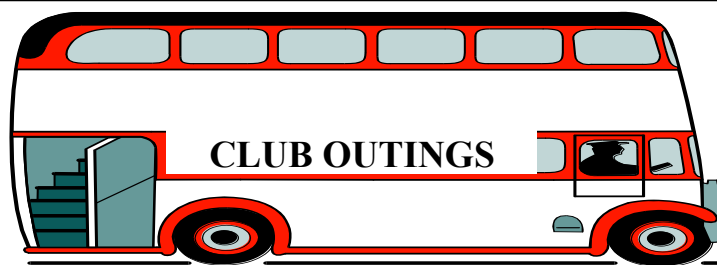
Leisure Lakes Mobile Estates  
Recreation Room

### 4thQtr. 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. 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
15. Light Bulb (broken or whole)



**October 13-15, 2023**

*Chili Cook-Off  
Rocky Road Claim  
Planted Hunt  
Chili Cooking Contest and Meal*

### 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.

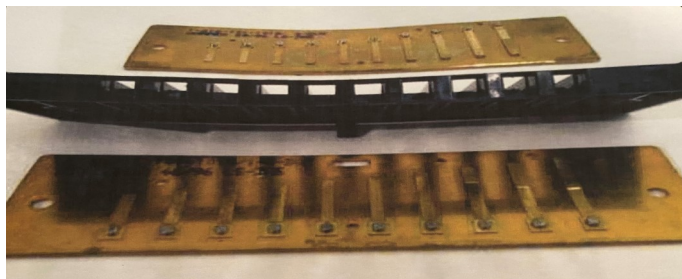
However, the finding of a “bonus item” has been added with the following rules:

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 4th QUARTER



Harmonica Reed

## 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 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 fine 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!



**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

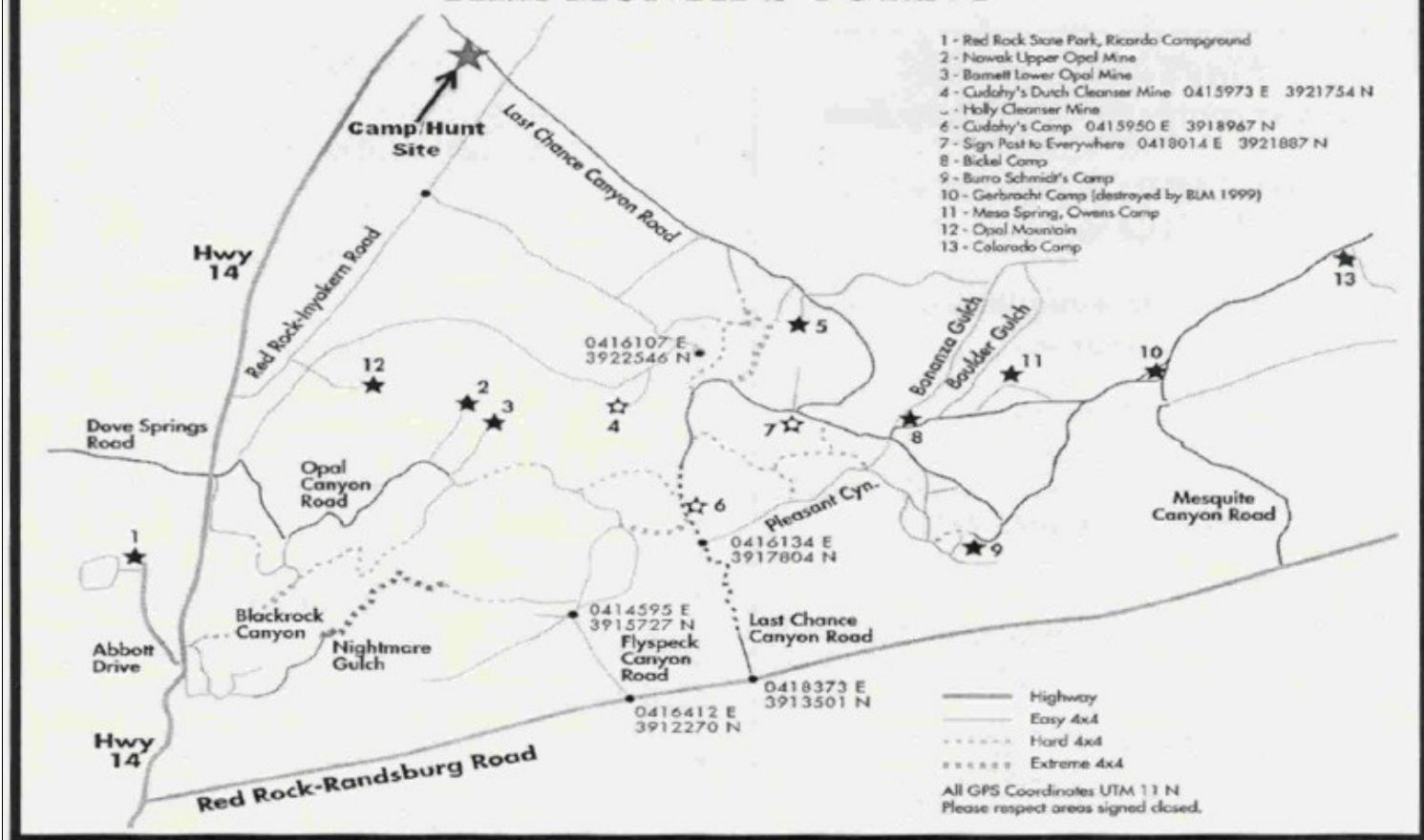


### The Chili Cook-off is Coming!

October is the society's annual chili cook-off at the Rocky Road Claim. Volunteers are badly needed to help make this year's great! Sign-up for chefs will also be available at the meeting. Please sign up to help build a better cook-off for all!



## THIS MONTH'S OUTING



**Antelope Valley Treasure Hunter's Society**  
**P. O. Box 4718**  
**Lancaster, California 93539**



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

**This Month's Club Outing**  
**Chili Cook-Off Weekend**  
**Rocky Road Claim**