

# The Loop

September

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## Antelope Valley Treasure Hunter's Society

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### The Prez Says....!

Greetings all,

The Castaic Lake trip was a blast! Even though I didn't get in the water, it was still fun and HOT temperature-wise. Those attending were Ron Renter, Gary Emmons, John Buck, Scott Sandahl, Adrienne and **Dan Sherwood**, Jason DeBerge, a guest of his, and myself. My hats off to Jason, who ran the planted hunt before lunch (great job, Jason!), and Ron provided the club's food, delicious sandwiches. As always, everyone brought their own drinks. There was more hunting after the meal for a time, on land and in the lake. I've included some photos I took of our intrepid hunters.

September's outing is to Long Beach, somewhere near the aquarium (past it), but newsletter will have the details and map for our outing!

Remember **NO** meeting on the 4th, folks; that's Labor Day! Our monthly meeting is on the 11th of September, after the planned outing to Long Beach.

Also: start preparing for our October Chili Cook-Off at our Rocky Road Claim next month! Time is slipping away, so start gathering the supplies needed for the delicious chili and a fun weekend. **Don't forget:** the cook-off this year is one week later than normal in order to allow club members to attend other annual events! As always, volunteers are needed for various jobs, from helping with: the set-up, the cooking, the judging, the parade planned, and the clean-up. Sign-up sheets will be at the next meeting.

Stay safe out there with all the extreme weather and possible new restrictions coming (from another bout of Covid) Yuck masks !!

Bye for now. Keep those loops swinging



Adrienne and Dan Sherwood scouring the beach.

Jason DeBerge working his loop.



Scott Sandahl searching the waters with other members.



## ***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

## **August Meeting Finds of the Month**

*(Member must be present to display finds)*

### ***Most Unique***

Scott Sandahl Kennedy Half-Dollar, Large

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

Dan Petrozzi Watch

### ***Best Natural Gold***

Gary Emmons

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

Ed Hunn Ring with Jade cab

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

Dennis Miller Barber Dime

### ***Foreign Coin***

Jason DeBerge 1928 Canadian Penny

### ***Best Overall***

Scott Sandahl

## **ATTENDANCE DRAWING**

Rick Harmon (Not present)

(\$15 at September 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**



### **September Birthdays**

<b>Randy Walker</b>	<b>3rd</b>
<b>Gary Emmons</b>	<b>11th</b>
<b>Steve Howard</b>	<b>12th</b>
<b>Renee Sandahl</b>	<b>14th</b>
<b>Scott Sandahl</b>	<b>15th</b>
<b>Ron Renter</b>	<b>20th</b>
<b>Dan Petrozzi</b>	<b>24th</b>
<b>Butch Smith</b>	<b>25th</b>
<b>John Buck</b>	<b>27th</b>

### **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: [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

September

## EVENTS

2023

September 2023 Board Meeting  
September 11, 2023 6:00 pm

September 11, 2023  
General Meeting - 7:00 pm

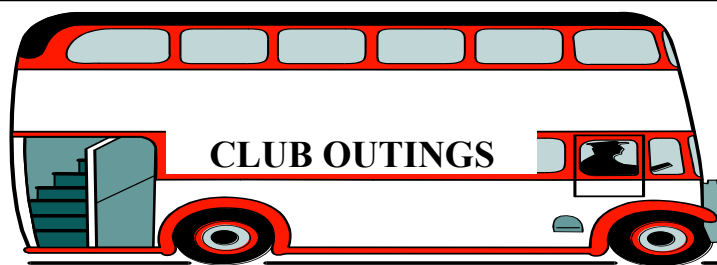
Leisure Lakes Mobile Estates  
Recreation Room

### 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)



**September 9, 2023**

*Long Beach  
Shoreline Village Drive  
Long Beach*

*BYOF*

### 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

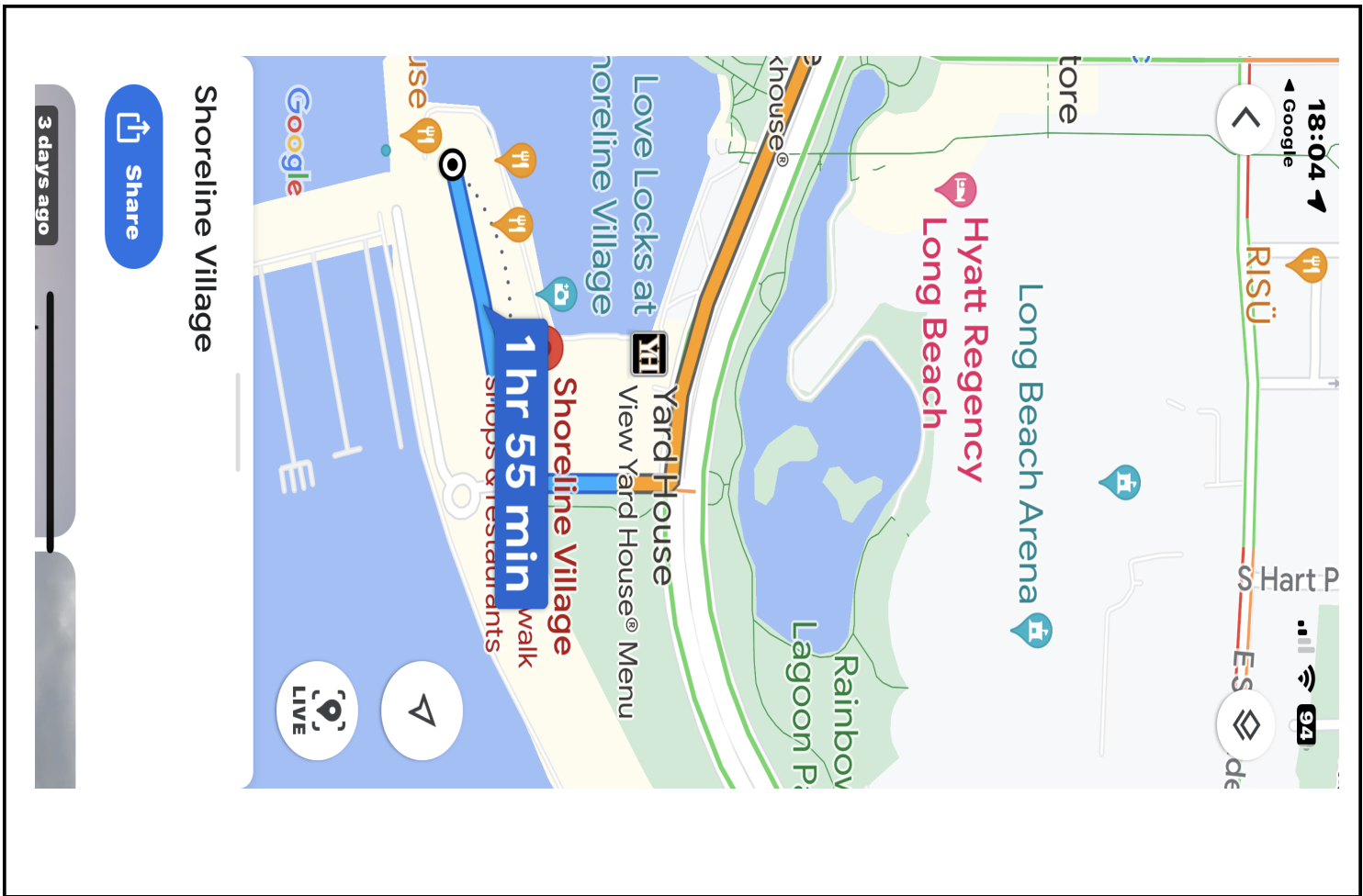
### FREE RAFFLE TICKET

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



### The Chili Cook-off is Coming!

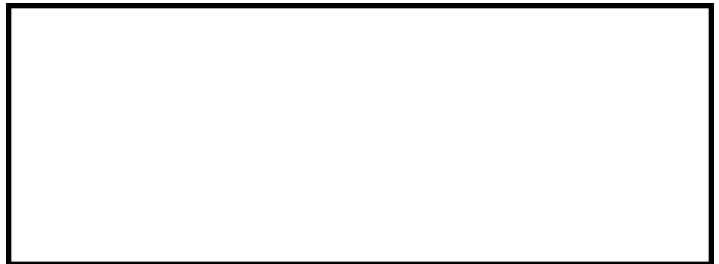
October is the society's annual chili cook-off at the Rocky Road Claim. Volunteers are badly needed to help make this year's great! Sign-up for chefs will also be available at the meeting. Please sign up to help build a better cook-off for all!



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



**This Month's Club Outing**  
 Long Beach  
 Shoreline Village Drive