

All current AVTHS Club Members: Please completed this application for your renewal

Referred By: \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Antelope Valley Treasure Hunter's Society***

Club Membership Application – Mail to: AVTHS, P.O. Box 4718, Lancaster, CA 93539

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children under 18 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of other clubs to which you belong: \_\_\_\_\_

Please PRINT the way you want your name(s) on your badge(s) \_\_\_\_\_

*Optional Information*

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Treasure Hunting/Prospecting experience \_\_\_\_\_

Family Birthdays (Month & Day) \_\_\_\_\_

### **Membership Fees**

Initiation Fee \$25.00.....Annual Dues \$45.00

( ) Cash \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Check \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Important Notice:** Memberships are annual from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. Initiation Fee and Dues are payable when you join. The Initiation Fee and dues will be charged to those who have let their Annual Membership lapse more than one year. Annual Dues must be paid no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are joining after January, dues are to be paid at the rate of \$4.00 per month for the remainder of the year.

### **Club Use:**

( ) Membership ( ) Treasurer ( ) Editor ( ) Secretary ( ) Badge(s) ( ) Membership Kit

**Two Sided Document**



### RELEASE IN FULL OF ANY AND ALL CLAIMS

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION of being a member of the Antelope Valley Treasure Hunter's Society (hereinafter called the AVTHS), I/we do hereby release, acquit and forever discharge the AVTHS, its members, directors and/or officers, and any other persons, firms or corporations of and from any and all fault, negligence, or other action, causes of action, claims demands, damages, costs, loss of service, expenses and compensation, on account, or in any way growing out of any and all known and unknown personal injuries and property damage resulting or to result from any accident or other activity that could occur on any of the AVTHS-owned properties and during any or all AVTHS-sponsored field trips, outings, workshops, meetings, or other activities.

**I/WE THE UNDERSIGNED, DO HEREBY STATE THAT I/We** have not been influenced to any extent whatsoever in making this release by any representation or statements regarding said injuries, or liability, or any other matters, made by the AVTHS, members, directors, and/or officers hereby released, or by any person(s) representing, or acting for him or them.

This release contains the **ENTIRE AGREEMENT** between the parties hereto, and the terms of this release are contractual and not a mere recital.

**I/WE FURTHER STATE** that I/WE have carefully read the forgoing release and know the contents thereof. And I/We sign the same as my/our free act.

Please print your full name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(If your membership includes members of your immediate family, please have them sign below.)

Please print full name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please print full name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**You must sign and date the declaration above before submitting your Membership renewal**

# The Loop



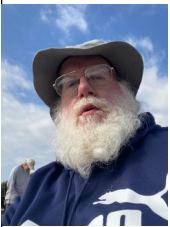
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January 2023

## Antelope Valley Treasure Hunter's Society

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

Greetings all,

The Old Man of 2022 is gone, The New Baby of 2023 is here and rarin' to go! I, for one, am looking forward to the outings and events for this brand new year.

With the holidays just recently in the books, I am reflecting on some of the triumphs of last year: a great Chili Cook-Off, numerous outings that were successful for our members, good gatherings and camaraderie, and a wonderful Christmas Party at Medrano's with all its great prizes that Vickie Wyatt and my VP, Lorelei Paland, were able to gather. Good food, good friends, and good fun!

This new year will bring new challenges with changes for the club but the leadership is stronger than ever with the addition of two new Members At-Large (board members), helping us to hear the concerns and wishes of the society's body of members.

January's meeting will be the 9th, due to New Year's falling on a Sunday this year, and the outing will be the 21 at Zuma Beach to take advantage of the "King Tide" that is supposed to occur over that weekend. Explanation of the "King Tide" can be found in this newsletter for those members who were not present to hear the explanation at the meeting in December.

Our other events, like our quarterly scavenger hunts, Chili Cook-Off, and planted hunts, will also be returning to make this year one to remember.

Keep those loops swinging and finding all those hidden gems! Have a great new year!

Sincerely, Big John

### **From the Editor...**

The president and I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday with family and friends, and a great New Year.

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 ARE INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER. A NEW FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND TURNED IN EVERY YEAR MEMBERSHIP IS CURRENT.**

Also note that there is now a "bonus" item added to the scavenger hunt. Information about this can be found on the same page as the list for the hunt itself. The history of this item will be posted on the society's web page. A special award will be given to the finder of this historic item.

Again, stay warm, stay hydrated, and have fun!

#### **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.







## ***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

## ***December 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 January 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	Castaic	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 .....	?
April .....	?
May .....	?
June .....	?
July .....	?
August .....	?
September .....	?
October .....	Pie Month
November .....	?
December .....	?

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



### **January Birthdays**

<u><b>Ed Hunn</b></u>	8th
Rick Homan	19th
Scott Engle	20th
Jason DeBerge	25th
Connie Smith	26th

### **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  
to support prizes and  
at our monthly outings.



used  
food

**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!**



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

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

January

# EVENTS

2023

January 2023 Board Meeting - TBD

January 9, 2023

General Meeting - 7:00 pm

Leisure Lakes Mobile Estates  
Recreation Room

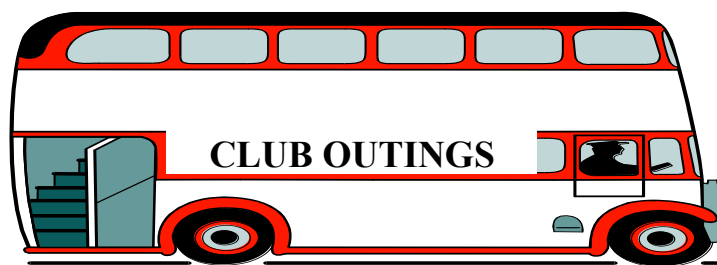
## 1st Qtr. 2023 Scavenger Hunt

### 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. 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



January 21, 2023

Zuma Beach  
9:00 a.m.— ?

**BYOF**

You will notice that the outing for this month is later in the month than usual. This is because of the "King Tide" that is expected to occur that weekend. The following information is from the "King Tide Project" page under the jurisdiction of the California Costal Commission.

"While the term "King Tide" isn't a scientific term, it is used to describe very high tides, caused when there is alignment of the gravitational pull between sun, moon, and Earth. When King Tides occur during floods or storms, water levels can rise higher and have the potential to cause great damage to the coastline and coastal property.

King Tides:

- occur naturally and regularly,
- are predictable and expected, and are not an everyday occurrence."

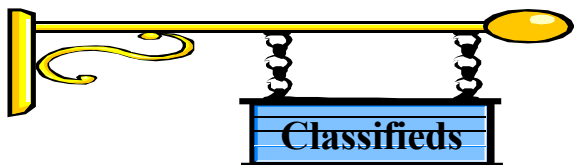
### BONUS ITEM FOR THE 1ST QUARTER

Wartime Jefferson Nickel 1942-1945



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**BELOW ARE ITEMS THAT  
HAVE BEEN LISTED FOR SALE.  
If you are interested in listing your  
unwanted AVTHS-related items, please contact  
Aline Hendricks at [gralynx1@yahoo.com](mailto:gralynx1@yahoo.com).**

(1) For sale 191 Keene dry washer \$2000

(2) For sale 140 Keene dry washer \$400

Contact Steve or Peggy Howard  
661 951-7375

In new condition

Nokta Mackro Fors Relic comes with a 5.5"x 10"  
Fors Gold+coil. Concentric 5" Fors Relic coil. DD  
(2) camo covers & manual \$250.00

Dennis Miller  
[coleman4me@verizon.net](mailto:coleman4me@verizon.net)  
661-917-7256



**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 661-992-9074.  
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.....Vivian Sexton  
Opportunity Drawing ..... Vickie Wyatt  
and Don Duncan  
50/50..... Don Duncan  
Club Photographer .....Anyone with a camera  
Find 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 ..... Vivian Sexton  
661 478- 0174

**Swap n' Sell ..... ???**



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

Recycling .....Wes Weathers

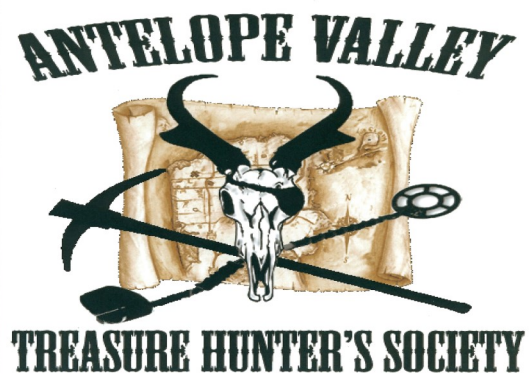




## ZUMA BEACH



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*P. O. Box 4718*  
*Lancaster, California 93539*



**This Month's Club Outing**  
**Zuma Beach—King Tide**

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

