

The Loop



July 2023

Antelope Valley Treasure Hunter's Society

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The Prez Says....!

Greetings all,

We have a very nice time at Dennis Miller's historic museum at the Lake Hughes Community Center. Those attending included Jerry and Lorelei Paland, Ron Renter, Wes Weathers, Dennis and Judy Miller, Rick and Vicky Wyatt, (another couple who were past presidents but whose names I didn't catch), Ralph Smith, myself, Gary Emmons, Dan Petrossi, Harry Surtees, and, last but not least, Jason DeBerge. Below is pictured of the people who won for the planted hunt.



The Winners of the Planted Hunt

Dennis, Lorelei, Judy, Wes, Past President (John?), Ron, Harry, Gary, Vicki, Ralph (Jason is the back)

Everyone who attended seemed to have an enjoyable time. Lunch was chicken provided by the club (and picked up by Lorelei -- Thank you!) with everyone bringing potluck dishes to round out the meal. Thanks to all the contributors. The meal was great.



Preparing for Lunch

Remember it's July which means July 4th is our Independence Day. Be careful with your fireworks, if your county allows them, and be aware of the affects on your neighbors' pets. Especially remember to enjoy our many freedoms.

July's Outing is Silverwood Lake under the supervision of Scott Sandahl on July 8th. This means it will occur **before** our meeting on July 10. Last year people trying to attend the outing were turned away for not getting there early enough for parking. This year it is probably best to leave by 6a.m. (Silverwood Lake Recreation Park is an 1-1/2 hours away from Rosamond/Lancaster) There will be no sign-up sheet for this trip.

Please join us at Leisure Lakes Mobile Home Park on **July 10** for our general meeting.

Keep Swinging those Detectors!



June Meeting Finds of the Month

(Member must be present to display finds)

Most Unique

Dennis Miller Counterfeit Penny

Best Jewelry Item

Jason DeBerge 14K Bracelet

Best Natural Gold

Mike Johnson Nugget

Best Silver Item

Dennis Miller Carson City Silver Dollar

Best U.S. Coin

Ed Hunn 1937 Wheat Penny

Foreign Coin

Ralph Smith

Best Overall

Jason DeBerge

ATTENDANCE DRAWING

Henry Konick (#28) \$25.00

(\$15 at July Mtg. if no winner)

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

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



July Birthdays

Richard Hayes	1st
Ralph Smith	1st
John Hendricks	16th
Mary Harvey	17th
Rick Wyatt	29th

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

CLUB

EVENTS

JULY

2023

July 2023 Board Meeting
July 10, 2023 6:00 pm

July 10, 2023
General Meeting - 7:00 pm

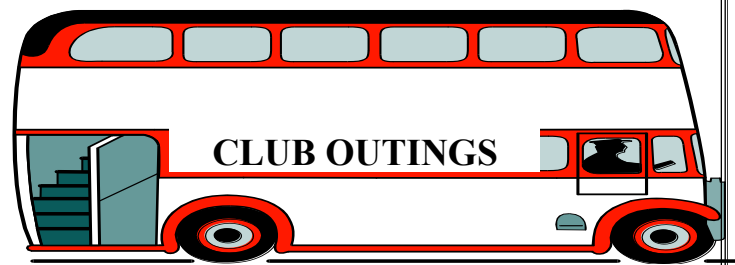
Leisure Lakes Mobile Estates
Recreation Room

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)



July 15, 2023

Silverwood Lake Park

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 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
Jerry Paland..... 661-992-9174
Ron Renter 661 450-7821
Dennis Miller..... 661 917-7256

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Welcome.....John Hendricks
Opportunity Drawing Ron Renter
50/50..... Don Duncan
Club PhotographerAnyone with a camera
Finds 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

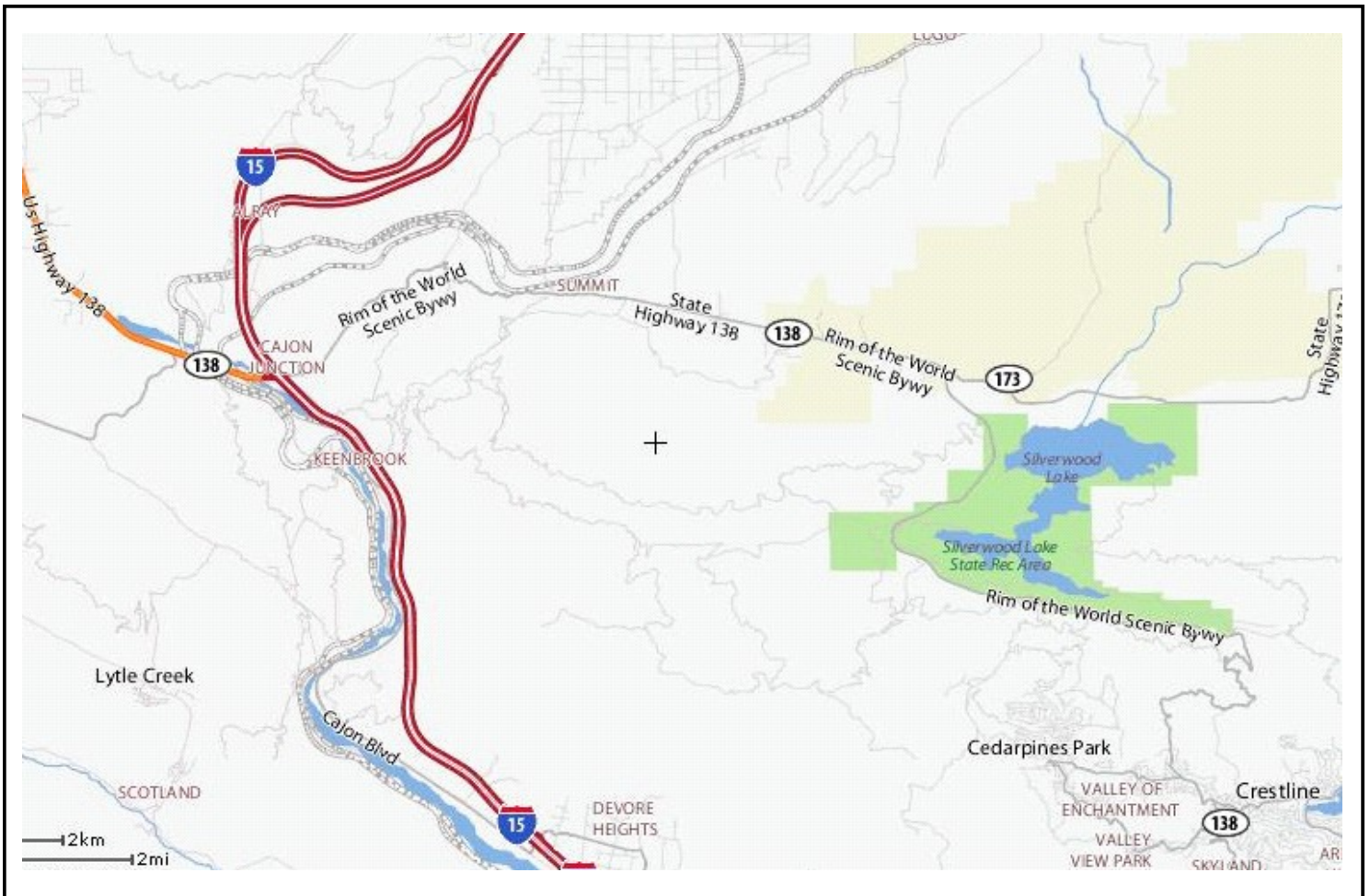


Remember, as with the recycling collection, the proceeds from the sale of apparel are put back in the

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.





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TREASURE HUNTER'S SOCIETY

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

This Month's Club Outing
 Silverwood Lake Park

