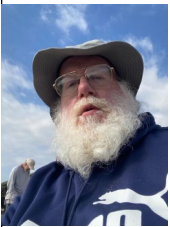




March 2023

Antelope Valley Treasure Hunter's Society

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The Prez Says....!

Greetings all,

Though it doesn't seem like Spring with the freezing temps and snow flurries blasting through our state, the calendar says it will be this month. And since it's March, we have our annual trip to our AVT claim over by Johannesburg, California, Saturday, March 11th. We will be having a workday/prospecting day at the claim, and possibly a barbecue/potluck. We need input from the members at the March meeting before the outing to make this happen! The sign up at the meeting will tell us who and how many are attending this outing.

Don't forget that also the Sunday after the outing is a return to "Daylight Savings time" (Spring forward). Be sure to set your clocks to lose that hour.

Last month's outing to Santa Monica Beach, everyone who attended found something in the hunt, including me, your president. Come to the meeting and find out what my unique find was! It will probably surprise you as it did me. (Hint: One normally finds these things in most kitchens.)

Keep those detectors swinging. Some amazing finds are popping out of the ground! The next great find could be yours!

Hope you all attend the March Meeting

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 ***Ed Mac*** scavenger hunt items, please find an explanation of the bonus item for the scavenger hunt.

At the March meeting, the membership will be polled to see if participants want a potluck barbecue at the outing. Please be sure to vote yea or nay.

Again, stay warm, stay hydrated, and have fun! And remember, on the 17th, everyone is Irish, even the English! LOL





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

February Meeting Finds of the Month

(Member must be present to display finds)

***Most Unique
Scott Sandahl Sign***

***Best Gold Item
Ron Renter 18K Ring***

***Best Silver Item
Ron Renter Lion medallion***

***Best U.S. Coin
Scott Sandahl 1909***

***Best Foreign Coin
Linda Reitz Copper 25???***

***Best Overall
Harry Surtees***

(\$30 at March 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	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 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	?
July	Dan Petrozzi
August	Dennis Miller
September	John Hendricks
October	Pie Month
November	Linda Reitz
December	Lorelei Paland

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



March Birthdays

Kent Hess 4th

Michael Johnson 7th

Deepak Dhillonn Hunn 16th

JoAnn Covey 20th

Don Reed 23rd

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

March

EVENTS

2023

March 2023 Board Meeting - TBD

March 6, 2023

General Meeting - 7:00 pm

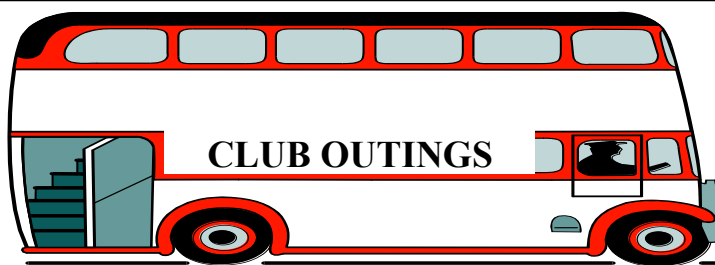
**Leisure Lakes Mobile Estates
Recreation Room**

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**



March 11, 2023

AVT Claim Clean-up/Prospecting

***Pot Luck Barbecue ???
See maps 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.

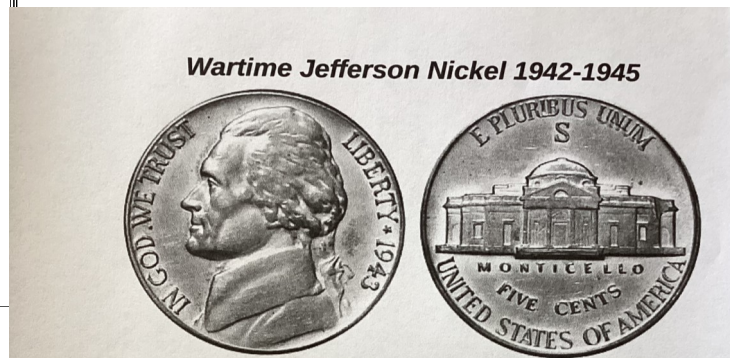
However, the finding of a “bonus item” has been added with the following rules:

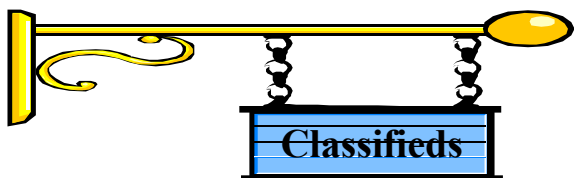
Every quarter a new bonus item will be named. If, during that quarter, the item is found, the finder(s) will receive a small “floating” display case and a ticket that to be entered into a drawing that will be held during the December Christmas Party.

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 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!

IN MEMORIAM

It is with a heavy heart we announce the passing of a past president. Steve Harnos passed away on November 6, 2022, just one day after his beloved wife of 60 years, Barbara. Both had been struggling with health issues for some time. Steve served as a president to the club, attended many meetings, events, and parties. He was a kind and generous man with a zest for living.

He will be missed.

R.I.P.



**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
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

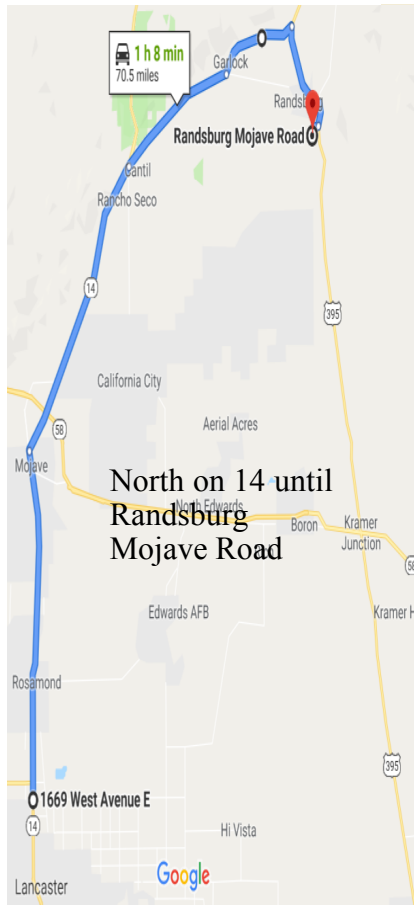


FREE RAFFLE TICKET

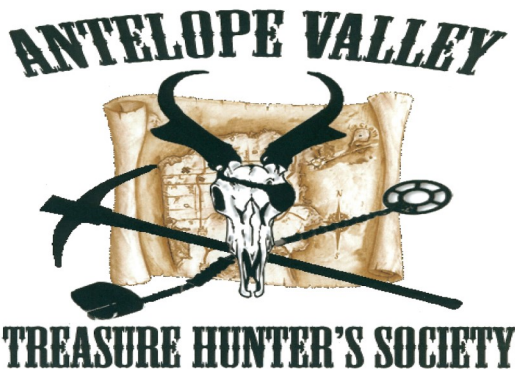
If you find your name in the newsletter and it looks like this: **Your Name** You get a free raffle ticket at the next general meeting. Bring it to the attention of the ticket seller.



AVT CLAIM



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



This Month's Club Outing
AVT Claim

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

