

ANTELOPE VALLEY TREASURE HUNTER'S SOCIETY

CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - Mail to: AVTHS, P.O. Box 4718, Lancaster, CA. 93539

LAST NAME _____ FIRST _____

SPOUSE _____ # OF CHILDREN UNDER 18 _____

ADDRESS _____ APT# _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE # _____ E-MAIL _____

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NAMES OF OTHER CLUBS YOU BELONG _____

PRINT WAY YOU WANT NAME(S) ON BADGES(S) _____

OPTIONAL INFORMATION

OCCUPATION _____

TREASURE HUNTING/PROSPECTING EXPERIENCE _____

FAMILY BIRTHDAYS (Month & Day) _____

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Initiation Fee \$25.00 Annual Dues \$45.00

() Cash () Check Total Enclosed \$ _____ Date _____

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Memberships are annual from January 1st through December 31st. Initiation fee and dues are payable when you join. The initiation fee, plus 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 1st. If joining after January, dues are to be paid at the rate of \$4.00 per month for the remainder of the year (new members only).

CLUB USE:

() Membership () Treasurer () Editor () Secretary () Badges () Membership Kit

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, Sign and Date

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

Please print your full name, Sign and Date

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You must sign and date the declaration above and submit with your AVTHS Membership Application.

The Loop

February, 2024

Antelope Valley Treasure Hunter's Society



Lancaster, California

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The Prez Says....!

It was a beautiful day at the beach on January 13, with temperatures around 70 degrees. It was hard to come back to Antelope Valley weather. Wes W, Dan P. and I got to Santa Monica at 10:00 AM and stayed until around 3:00 PM. I found a gold/silver ring. Dan and Wes got rings too. There was a Frisbee tournament going on at the beach, which made it interesting.

There was a good cut, but unfortunately, it was under the pier so we couldn't get to that area. Rick G, Dennis M. and Joe C, and Scott S. were also there and everyone seemed to have a good time.

- Ron Renter, President

FEBRUARY MEETING IS PIE MONTH!

Remember to bring a pie to share with everyone.



From the Editor...

I did not attend the January outing. Dennis Miller wrote a description of the day. Don't forget to pay your 2024 membership dues and send in your application.

Editor, Cindy Barron

AVTHS Outing Santa Monica Beach

By Dennis Miller

So the day started by meeting Rick G. at the Palmdale Park and Ride on Avenue "S" at 8 AM. After a number of Freeway accidents, we finally made our way to the Santa Monica Beach parking lot. There, we met up with Joe Covey then about 15 minutes later with Ron Renter and his group, Wes Weathers and Dan Petrozzi. Later in the day, Scott Sandahl met us after detecting most of the morning on the other side of the pier.

Absolutely Beautiful Day! The beach started filling up with beach goers and vendors. Some of us had a good day of finds and others, like me, not so! (I think we should consider more Monday outings at beaches and Park outings. Just a thought!)

Just afternoon, Rick and I decided to head into town looking for schools, parks, green belts, etc....Found an elementary school and spent an hour there with better finds than at the beach. Moved on to Santa Clarita where we found a park we haven't detected yet. As the sun was nearing the mountain tops, we headed for some dinner and then back home. A GREAT day of detecting and being out side (away from the boob tube)! Another Good Day brought to you by AVTHS!

OFFICERS: 2024

President: Ron Renter.....661-450-7821
Vice President: Dennis Miller.....661-917-7256
Treasurer: Henry Konik.....661-609-4892
Secretary: Cindy Barron.....661-274-9083

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Bruce Barron661-816-0879
Jerry Paland.....661-992-9174
Dan Petrozzi661-948-7895
Rick Wyatt.....661-943-1124

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

RecyclingWes Weathers
Welcome.....Don Duncan
Opportunity Drawing.....Christie Stoneback
50/50..... Christie Stoneback
Club PhotographerAnyone with a camera
Finds of the MonthScott Sandahl
Mining ClaimsRick Guethlein
Metal DetectingScott Sandahl
RefreshmentsVolunteer for each meeting
Club ApparelMike & Colleen Johnson
Club Public WebRick Wyatt
Newsletter.....Cindy Barron
MembershipVicki Wyatt

January Meeting Finds of the Month

(Member must be present to display finds)

Most Unique
Jason DeBerge

Best Jewelry
Brian Skerston

Best Silver Item
Jason DeBerge

Best Natural Gold
Jason DeBerge

Best U.S. Coin
Scott Sandhal

Best Foreign Coin
Ed Hunn

Best Overall
Jason DeBerge

2024 Monthly Outing Schedule

	MONTH	MTG DATE	OUTING DATE	Location	Notes
1st Qtr	JAN	1/8/2024	1/13/2024	Santa Monica	BYOF
	FEB	2/5/2024	2/10/2024	Zuma Beach	Planted Hunt Club provides food
	MAR	3/4/2024	3/9/2024	AVT Claim	Claim Clean-up/Prospecting Pot Luck
2nd Qtr	APRIL	4/1/2024	4/6/2024	McAdams Park	Planted Hunt Club Provides Food
	MAY	5/6/2024	5/11/2024	Ventura Harbor/Marina Park	BYOF
	JUNE	6/3/2024	6/8/2024	Special TBA Hunt!	BYOF
3rd Qtr	JULY	7/1/2024	7/8/2024	Silverwood Lake Special Monday Outing	BYOF
	AUG	8/5/2024	8/10/2024	Castaic Beach	BYOF
	SEPT	9/9/2024	9/14/2024	Lake Hughes Community Center	Planted Hunt Club Provides Food
4th Qtr	OCT	10/7/2024	10/12/2024 (tentative)	Rocky Road Claim Chili Cook Off Weekend	Treasure Hunt/Planted
	NOV	11/4/2024	11/9/2024 (tentative)	The Outpost	BYOF
	DEC	12/2/2024	12/6/2024 (tentative)	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

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. ***Robert Sams***

January	Don Duncan
February.....	Pie Month
March	Jason DeBerge
April.....	Mike & Colleen J.
May.....	Bruce Barron
June	Carol Fuller
July	Scott Sandhal
August	Dennis Miller
September	Ron Renter
October	Pie Month
November	Linda Reitz
December	TBA

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



February Birthdays

Christie Stoneback 6th

Robert Sams 9th

Gordon Stocks 12th

Brad Braverman 14th

Joe Covey 18th

AVTHS Club Merchandise Orders Taken at Meetings

Club Apparel:

Short Sleeve T-Shirt

Long Sleeve T-Shirt

Polo Shirts

Pull-Over Sweat Shirt

Hoodies

Hats

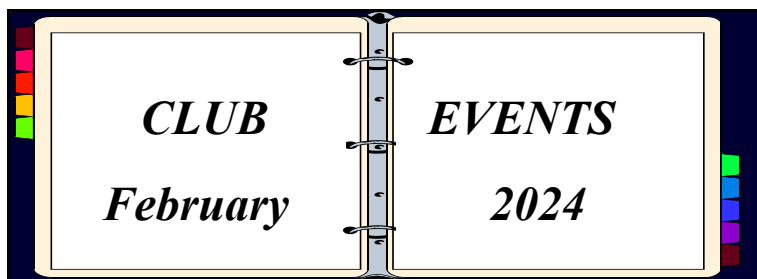
Club Logo Patch

Items will no longer be brought to the meetings. Please place orders with Mike and Colleen Johnson. Proceeds from sales are used to support prizes and food at our monthly outings.

Do you have something to post or want an Email copy of The Loop? Members can send their request to Rick at:

avthsnews@gmail.com

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



**February Board Meeting -
February 5, 2024 at 6:00 PM**

**February 5, 2024
General Meeting - 7:00 pm
Leisure Lake Mobile Home Estates**

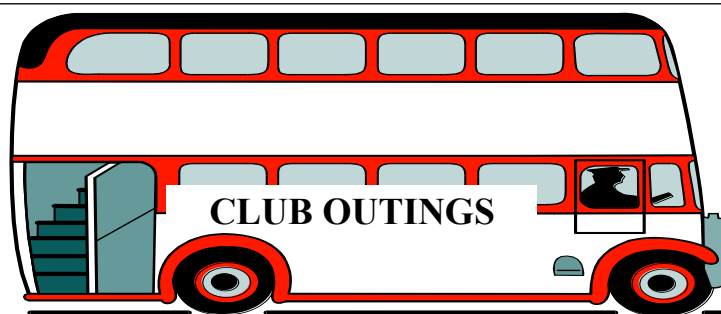
1st Qtr. 2024 Scavenger Hunt

**Quarterly Scavenger Hunts: 1st Quarter Jan-
uary 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. **Charm (any)**
2. **Virginia State Quarter (2000)**
3. **Bullet Casing (any)**
4. **Electrical part (any)**
5. **Screw**
6. **Fingernail clippers**
7. **Metal Chain (2 links or more)**
8. **1940's Wheat penny**
9. **Spark plug**
10. **Allen key/wrench**
11. **Bicentennial quarter (1976)**
12. **Zipper pull**
13. **Key ring**
14. **Pre-War Jefferson Nickel (1838-1942)**
15. **1969 Memorial penny**

"Bonus" Item-Barber coin 1892-1916 (any)



***February 10, 2024
Zuma Beach***

***Members are welcome to meet at the
Avenue S Park and Ride to caravan
together.
Leave for the beach at 8:00 a.m.***

***The Club will provide food and a Planted
Hunt!
Details will be given at the February
Meeting.***

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE 2024 SCAVENGER HUNT

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 fining 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 will be entered into a drawing to 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 to the club for the following year **OR**
 2. Silver Round **OR**
 3. An apparel item from the club's store.
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**Bonus Item for the 1st Quarter
Barber Coins**

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

"THE END OF THE LOOP"

Scavenger Hunt Information Continued:

DESCRIPTION OF BONUS ITEM **Barber Coins**

The Barber coins consist of a dime, quarter, and half dollar designed by United States Bureau of the Mint Chief Engraver Charles E. Barber. They were minted between 1892 and 1916 though no half dollars were struck in the final year of the series.

But did you know the Liberty Head nickel, sometimes referred to as the "V" nickel, was also designed by Barber! In the early 1880's the United States Mint was looking to replace the "Shield" nickel and instructed Barber to prepare designs for the one-, three-, and five-cent pieces. Only the new five-cent piece was approved, and went into production in 1883 for the next thirty years.

So, for the "Bonus" item, any 4 Barber coins will do!
Good Luck!



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



*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*

FOR SALE

Do you have some metal detecting or prospecting items cluttering up you garage or storage that aren't needed or used any longer?

Sell them in our classifieds!

To do so, please write a description of the items with the price you wish to ask to Cindy Barron at brbarron@msn.com and we will include them in the club newsletter.



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.

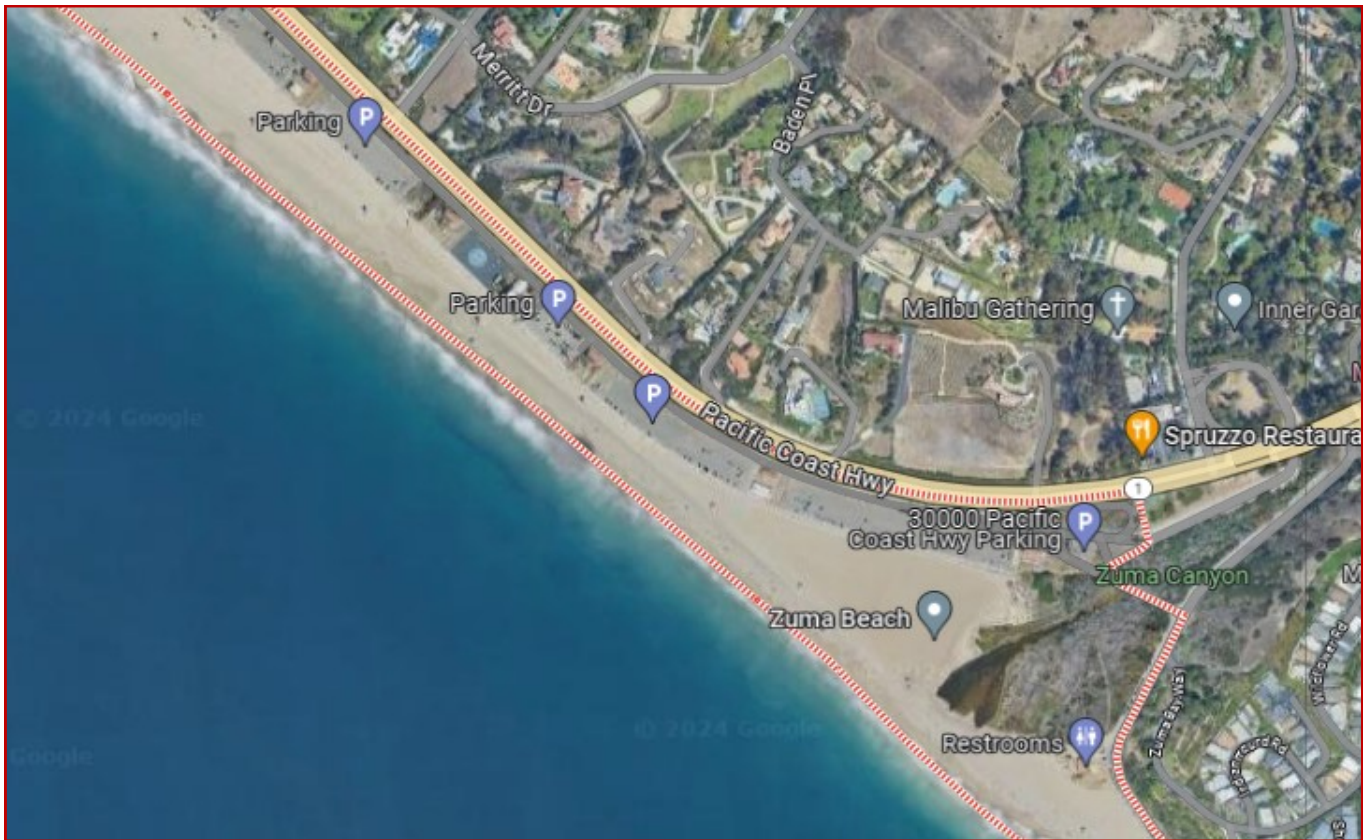


Remember, as with the recycling collection, the proceeds from the sale of apparel are put back in the club to fund prizes and food at the outing.

***Zuma Beach Outing
February 10, 2024***

***Details about the meeting spot will
be given at the February meeting.***

**Membership Dues and
Applications are due
for 2024.**



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



**This Month's Club Outing:
February 10
Zuma Beach**

**February 5th Club Meeting
7:00 P.M.
Leisure Lakes Mobile Estates
Recreation Room
48303 20th St. West,
Lancaster, CA 93534**