

# The Loop

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## Antelope Valley Treasure Hunter's Society



Lancaster, California

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

I did not attend the February outing. Bruce and I were traveling around Montana. Thank you, Dennis Miller for writing a description of the day. Thank you Carol Fuller for taking notes during the February meeting too!

Editor, Cindy Barron

### **Scavenger Hunt 4th Quarter 2023 Results and End of Year "Bonus"**

#### **Drawing Results:**

Dennis Miller 8 items.....Silver Dime  
Rick Guethlein 11 items.....Silver Quarter  
Jason DeBerge 13 items.....Silver Quarter  
Scott Sandahl all 15 items..Silver Half Dollar

*Scott Sandahl won the drawing and chose the One-Year Free Membership! Congratulations Scott!*

The 2024 1st Quarter Scavenger Hunt is continuing, January through March 31st. The 15 items, "Bonus" item and Rules are listed in your Newsletter. Don't forget your AVTHS Free Finds Bag Tag! Ask Dennis Miller for yours.

Good Luck!



### **AVTHS**

#### **February Outing**

By Dennis Miller

Well, this outing started much like January's outing, meeting at the Park and Ride in Palmdale. Next, Rick Guethlein, Mike Goerisch, and myself traversing Saturday morning traffic to arrive at Zuma Beach. With detectors in one hand and scoops in the other we hit the sand with high hopes!

Fast forward a couple hours with little bits of treasures in our "Finds" bag and sand in our eyes and other areas I won't mention, it was time for lunch, yeahhh!

Thanks Lorelei and Jerry Paland for bringing the fried chicken! Members also brought potato salad, Hawaiian roles, tortilla chip salad (I think), bags of chips, cookies, and of course Vikki's Brownies!

After a very satisfying lunch, we moved on to the Planted Hunt! With plenty of clad to be had, there were red/blue penny's worth, \$2 bucks each and black quarters ear marked for \$5 bucks each.

All and all, another great turnout with I believe, 17 people showing up (I hope someone got all the names?).

Remember next month is the AVTHS claim cleanup. Maybe we can get Rick Wyatt to cook Chili Dogs again :) :)!

Spring is coming....I can see the light at the end of the tunnel!

Dennis Miller

**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

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

**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

Recycling .....Wes Weathers  
 Welcome.....Don Duncan  
 Opportunity Drawing.....Christie Stoneback  
 50/50..... Christie Stoneback  
 Club Photographer .....Anyone with a camera  
 Finds of the Month .....Scott Sandahl  
 Mining Claims .....Rick Guethlein  
 Metal Detecting .....Scott Sandahl  
 Refreshments .....Volunteer for each meeting  
 Club Apparel .....Mike & Colleen Johnson  
 Club Public Web .....Rick Wyatt  
 Newsletter.....Cindy Barron  
 Membership .....Vicki Wyatt

**February Meeting Finds of the Month**

*(Member must be present to display finds)*

***Most Unique***  
*Sam Alexander*

***Best Silver Item***  
*Ron Renter*

***Best Natural Gold***  
*Sam Alexander*

***Best U.S. Coin***  
*Jason DeBerge & Scott Sandahl*

***Best Foreign Coin***  
*Rick Guethlein*

***Best Gold***  
*Jason DeBerge*

***Best Overall***  
*Scott Sandahl*

**Also Displayed: Dennis Miller, Mary Black**

**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
	<b>MAR</b>	<b>3/4/2024</b>	<b>3/9/2024</b>	<b>AVT Claim</b>	<b>Claim Clean-up/Prospecting Pot Luck</b>
2nd Qtr	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>4/1/2024</b>	<b>4/6/2024</b>	<b>McAdams Park</b>	<b>Planted Hunt Club Provides Food</b>
	<b>MAY</b>	<b>5/6/2024</b>	<b>5/11/2024</b>	<b>Ventura Harbor/Marina Park</b>	<b>BYOF</b>
	<b>JUNE</b>	<b>6/3/2024</b>	<b>6/8/2024</b>	<b>Special TBA Hunt!</b>	<b>BYOF</b>
3rd Qtr	<b>JULY</b>	<b>7/1/2024</b>	<b>7/8/2024</b>	<b>Silverwood Lake Special Monday Outing</b>	<b>BYOF</b>
	<b>AUG</b>	<b>8/5/2024</b>	<b>8/10/2024</b>	<b>Castaic Beach</b>	<b>BYOF</b>
	<b>SEPT</b>	<b>9/9/2024</b>	<b>9/14/2024</b>	<b>Lake Hughes Community Center</b>	<b>Planted Hunt Club Provides Food</b>
4th Qtr	<b>OCT</b>	<b>10/7/2024</b>	<b>10/12/2024 (tentative)</b>	<b>Rocky Road Claim Chili Cook Off Weekend</b>	<b>Treasure Hunt/Planted</b>
	<b>NOV</b>	<b>11/4/2024</b>	<b>11/9/2024 (tentative)</b>	<b>The Outpost</b>	<b>BYOF</b>
	<b>DEC</b>	<b>12/2/2024</b>	<b>12/6/2024 (tentative)</b>	<b>Christmas Party</b>	<b>Leisure Lakes Community Center</b>

## *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.

January .....	Don Duncan
February.....	Pie Month
<b>March .....</b>	<b>Jason DeBerge</b>
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**



## **March Birthdays**

**Kent Hess 4th**

**Michael Johnson 7th**

**Deepak Dhillonn Hunn 16th**

**Jo An Covey 20th**

**Don Reed 23rd**



## **AVTHS Club Merchandise Orders Taken at Meetings**

### **Club Apparel:**

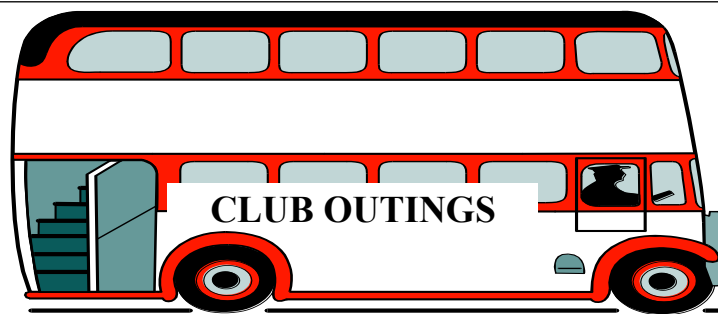
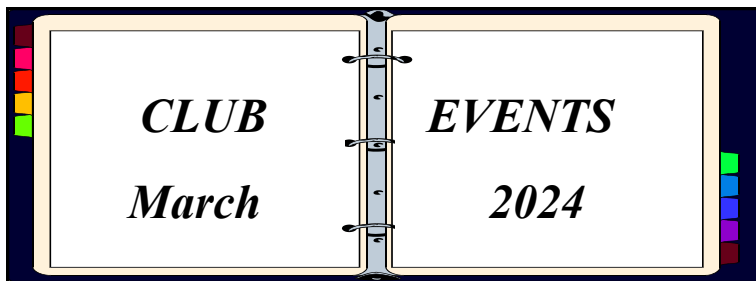
- Short Sleeve T-Shirt
- Long Sleeve T-Shirt
- Polo Shirts
- Pull-Over Sweat Shirt
- Hoodies
- Hats
- Club Logo Patch

Items will no longer be brought to the meetings. Please place orders with Mike and Colleen Johnson. Proceeds from sales are

February 50/50 Meeting Winner:  
**Sam Alexander**

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](mailto:avthsnews@gmail.com)

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



**March Board Meeting -  
March 4, 2024 at 6:00 PM**

**March 4, 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)***

***March 9, 2024***

***AVT Claim  
A time for Prospecting and Claim  
Clean-up***

***Potluck meal***

***Details will be given at the March  
4th 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 January General Meeting. Winners must be present.

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**

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](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. **\*Wes Weathers\***



So, for the "Bonus" item, any 1 Barber coin 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*

## Tid Bits!

From Dennis Miller

**Fact: There's more money lost than in circulation today!**

It's a little known fact...throughout history more money has been lost than is currently in circulation. Think about the possibilities! Not only could you find a single coin worth enough to pay for your metal detector, but it's not uncommon for the hobbyists to find several dollars a day in new, clad money! Not to mention jewel-



## **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.



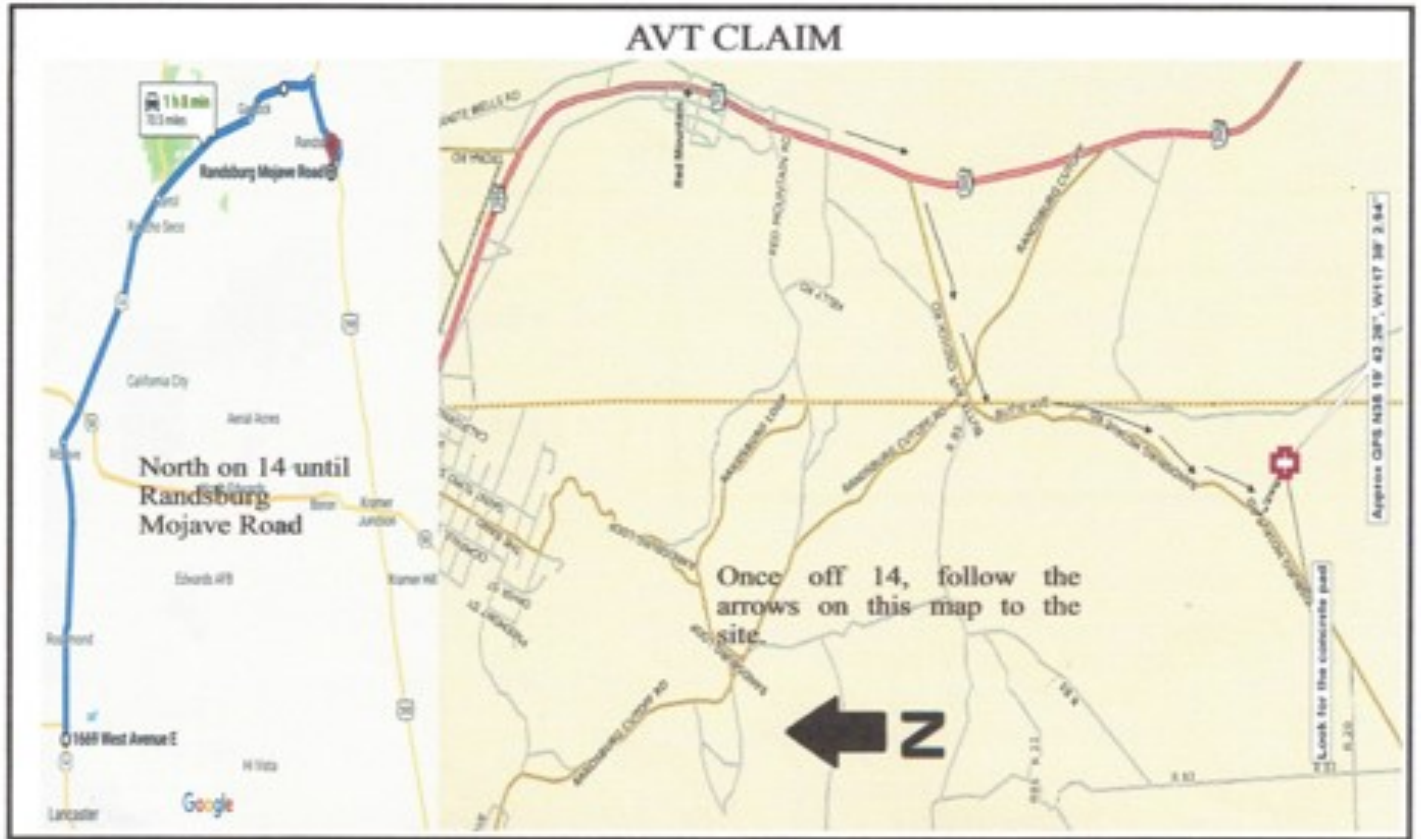
Remember, as with the recycling collection, the proceeds from the sale of apparel are put back in the club to fund prizes and food at the outing.

A.V.T.H.S. Web Site: <http://www.avtreasurehunters.com>

**AVT Claim**  
**March 9, 2024**

*Details about the outing will  
be given at the March meeting.*

Membership Dues and  
Applications are due  
for 2024.



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**ANTELOPE VALLEY**



**TREASURE HUNTER'S SOCIETY**

**This Month's Club Outing:**  
**March 9, 2024**  
**AVT Claim**

**March 4th Club Meeting**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**Leisure Lakes Mobile Estates**  
**Recreation Room**  
**48303 20th St. West,**  
**Lancaster, CA 93534**

