

Antelope Valley Desert Divers, Inc.



February 2006

General Meeting - Monday Feb 13th

Board Meeting - Wednesday Feb 23rd

A.V.D.D. Banquet - Saturday Feb 18th

Mardi Gras Theme

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General Meeting will be on
2nd Monday at the
Palmdale Cultural Center



Pictures from the vault



Beach Dive February 25th Corral Beach (Malibu)

February 25th we will be diving Corral Beach in Malibu. We have made many dives at this beach over the years. Conditions can vary from day to day. The dive has a lot of variation from sand, rock reefs and kelp beds. It is a fun dive. Plan is to be in the water by 8:00a.m. Drive time is about 1hr. 20 min. Directions to this beach are: 14 Fwy to the I-5 then to the 405 (San Diego). From the 405 you will take the 101 Ventura Fwy West. Exit Malibu Canyon Road and turn left over the freeway. Follow to PCH approx. 10 miles. Turn Right and approx. 2 miles is where will meet. If you go past the Union 76 gas station you went too far. Turn around and park on the dirt easement. It is a short hike to the water. There are no restrooms at this beach so plan ahead.

Don't forget to get your Banquet Tickets \$28.00 dollars from any board member. Any other questions please call.

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Antelope Valley Desert Divers 2006 Beach Dive Schedule

February 25th	Corral Beach (Malibu)
March 18th	Redondo Beach Submarine Canyon
April 29th	Refugio State Beach (Santa Barbara Co.)
May 20th	Corral Beach
June 17th	Leo Carrillo State Beach (Clam Chowder Dive)
July	TBD
August	TBD
September 16th	Corral Beach (Coastal Clean Day & Dive)
October 7th	Corral Beach (Lobster Season)
November 11th	Leo Carrillo State Beach (Lobster Season)
December	TBD

TBD = To Be Determined





Whale damages boat

03/02/2006)

Santa Barbara, California - A whale smashed into an 8m boat, destroying the cabin, steering and radar, and injuring one passenger, the boat's owner said.

The Bayliner was cruising off the Santa Barbara coast to catch the sunset on Wednesday when the whale came up from below and belly-flopped onto the boat, owner Jerry Gormley said.

The whale emerged again, and its tail toppled the vessel's railings and knocked over a passenger. Bob Thornburgh, 50, was later treated for cracked ribs, his wife said.

The whale was estimated to be about 9m long.

Wayne Perryman, a researcher with the National Marine Fisheries Service, said the boaters probably encountered a grey whale, which rarely show aggressive behaviour and are common off California this time of year. It could have been a coincidence that the whale surfaced where the boat was, he said.

The whales are also known for approaching boats out of curiosity, he said.



Whale watching season begins in December and runs through April.

Whale vomit will cost ya!

Sydney - A family on the south Australian coast found a piece of whale vomit on the beach that is tipped to be worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, national radio reported on Tuesday.

The chunk of ambergris, which is sought after by perfume manufacturers, weighed 14.75kg and is worth about \$20 per gram, ABC radio said - making a total of \$295 000.

Fisherman Leon Wright and his wife Lorelee found the ambergris, which sperm whales are believed to vomit to rid their intestines of hard objects such as squid beaks, on a remote beach near Streaky Bay.



From the President...

Happy Valentine Day to all! February is not only the shortest month of the year but one of the busiest, fun filled months. We get to start the month with, Super Bowl Sunday, then our regular meeting at the Palmdale Cultural Center on Monday February 13. The Guest Speaker for this meeting will be our good friend Marty Golden. On Tuesday we have Valentines Day, hint, jewelry always works and I'm sure Terry Hodgkins can help you out in that department.

February 18 is our Annual Banquet Dinner, at the Antelope Valley Inn. Tickets are still on sale and are only \$28.00. We are having a Marti Gras theme that can only mean fun times for all that join us. Our Guest Speaker for the Banquet will be Dale Lopez and he will be talking about diving in Indonesia. Plan on a night of Marti Gras fun, with lots of great Raffle Prizes, a Speaker talking about our favorite sport, shared with your fellow Antelope Valley Desert Divers.



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