

Antelope Valley Desert Divers, Inc.



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General Meeting will be

April 9th

Palmdale Cultural Center

April 2007

General Meeting - Monday - April 9th
"Reef Check" - Chris Knight

Board Meeting - Wednesday - April 18th

Beach Dive - Saturday - Mar 31st

Huntington Beach Cook out

Bald eagle eggs hatch on Catalina Island

Chamber Day - Wednesday - May 2nd



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CHAMBER DAY & EVENING 2007

Registration is now underway for the 19th annual Chamber Day events (to be held on Wednesday, May 2 this year). In case you're not aware of it, Chamber Day is a fund-raiser for our Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber, and is the largest single-day scuba charity event in the United States.

As you may or may not know, the Catalina Chamber is dedicated strictly to the treatment of diving accidents on a 24/7/365 basis. Although we hope you'll never need it, having the Chamber available gives divers a vital safety net in the event something should go wrong with your dive. A contract from LA County provides about 60% of the Chamber's annual budget, and income from courses, donations and fund-raisers provide the remainder. Of these fund-raisers, Chamber Day is by far the largest.

The great thing about this event is that ALL the monies raised goes to the Chamber. No administrative fees are deducted from the proceeds, the local SoCal boats donate their time and services, the manufacturers donate gear for raffle prizes (roughly \$30,000 worth last year), the Aquarium of the Pacific donates their facility for the evening event, hundreds of volunteers donate their time, and you (hopefully) donate your money. Last year we raised over \$105,000 (last year's summary) and this year we're hoping to do even better. The event has many facets and there are multiple ways for you to get involved.

Go to the website: www.ChamberDay.org for more info.

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Pair of bald eagle eggs Hatch on Catalina Island

Avalon (AP) 4-3-07 - Two bald eagles eggs hatched in the wild on Catalina Island for the first time since chemical contamination there wiped out majestic birds decades ago, conservation officials said Monday. Biologists spotted the first egglet Saturday and the second Sunday, according to C.I.C. officials. Their eggs were laid last month in a Cliffside nest. "We were shouting and excited and happy when we got the news this morning," said Ann M. Muscat, President & CEO of the Catalina Island Conservancy. The chicks belong to an 8-year-old female and a 21-year-old male introduced under a program aimed at restoring the island's bald eagle population.

Terry Hodgkins



Underwater Cannel.tv

The Underwater Cannel.tv website is running pilot broadcasting thru April, this means it's in it's trial launch faze. Why is this exciting? Because they're accepting e-mails to give them ideas on exactly what we want to see on this live broadcast network!!! Please use this opportunity to voice your opinion and desires. Wouldn't it be wonderful to say all of us here at AVDD helped form what we view on The Underwater Cannel.tv? Please log on and give your input by telling them what you'd like to see. Also, tell a friend! Forward this e-mail to all the divers and diving organizations you know. Lets help this extraordinary new channel be a success! Who knows, maybe they'll have a free advertising section for non profit groups in the future and we can say we were there to hold their hand from the beginning!

Maria Jacobson



Raffle prize winner for the March 2007 meeting

1. Akona gear bag (weight bag)-----Claudia Richardson
2. Franko's map of L.A county coast diving---Colin Young
3. Guide to Pacific coast inshore fish-----Danny Reinke
4. Small blue dry case-----Colleen Hodgkins
5. Cetacea Tank Knocker-----Claudia Richardson
6. Boat, Dive and fish Catalena Island-----Pam Fetchko
7. Sea drops anti fog and
8. Dive flag decal and
9. Turtle dive flag decal-----Misty Bennet
10. 500 PSI wetsuit and BC cleaner-----Claudia Richardson
11. 500 PSI wetsuit and BC cleaner-----Colleen Hodgkins
12. "Bingo" cushions-----Claudia Richardson



April Speaker

Chris Knight – Director of Training

An award-winning dive industry professional, Mr. Knight is a 1990 graduate of UCLA with a degree in political science. He has extensive experience with the recreational and scientific diving community having worked in marketing and product management for the Professional Association of Dive Instructors (PADI). In addition, Mr. Knight serves on the board of directors of the Los Angeles County Underwater Instructors Association, the oldest and most prestigious training agency in diving. He has served as a research diver with the Catalina Island Conservancy and holds multiple diving, training, and first aid certifications. He is currently an active instructor with NAUI, PADI, and Los Angeles County.

Claudia

Antelope Valley Desert Divers 2007 Beach Dive Schedule

January 13 th	Leo Carrillo State Beach (Lobster Season)
February 24 th	Redondo Beach Submarine Canyon (Night Dive)
March 31 st	Corral Beach (Maibu)
April 21 st	Huntington Beach (BEACH PARTY & COOK OUT)
May 19 th	Corral Beach (Maibu)
June 23 rd	Leo Carrillo State Beach (Clam Chowder Dive)
July	TBD
August	TBD
September	1 st , 2 nd , & 3 rd June Lake Altitude / Adventure Dive (Labor Day Weekend) OVI Ridge Campground - June Lake, Ca.
September 15 th	Corral Beach (Coastal Clean Day & Dive)
October 6 th	Corral Beach (Lobster Season)
November 10 th	Leo Carrillo State Beach (Lobster Season)
December	TBD

TBD = To Be Determined

* Weather and Conditions can cause for cancellation

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EARTH DAY AT CHA 2007

LEARN HOW TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

SATURDAY APRIL 21

FREE ADMISSION
10AM - 4PM

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8:30am Beach Cleanup

Start early with our coastal cleanup!

Clear the litter from our Pacific Palms Marine

Life Bridge and California Surfer

and other beaches.

Autism Programs

BOV game dock-in

An Incentive Tour 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Environmental Displays

10AM - 3PM

Games and interactive activities for all ages

will be featured - Soft splash Open House,

Salmon de Sea Fishing LIVE! 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Display and Solar Zone - Organizations and

ignition will display their programs, and

if they're interested and available - Food

A drink and a variety of environmental issues

and more available

3:30PM

Autism/Environmental Exhibit

Admission is Free

Admission is FREE. Don't miss a Day

There's No Day Like Today

