

Antelope Valley Desert Divers, Inc.



The Nicholls with the new collage graduate

June 2007

General Meeting - Monday - June 11th
"Hard core Beach diving in Kona"

Board Meeting - Wednesday - June 20th

Beach Dive - Saturday - June 23rd

Clam Chowder Dive - Leo Carrillo State Beach

A visit to the Scuba Show 2007

Gold Star Dive - July 21st

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General Meeting will be

June 11th

Palmdale Cultural Center



Ross Overstreet "Beach Diving in Kona"



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Speaker June 11th Meeting

AVDD presents, "Hard Core Beach Diving in Kona".

A little while ago Brian Basura presented a slide show of a dive trip to Kona, Hawaii. Since that time, one of our friends Ross Overstreet (who some of you may remember from the banquet excellent mapping presentation) put together pictures, music, and video clips from the same trip into an enjoyable DVD presentation.

If your planning on diving one of the Hawaiian Islands, this fun presentation neatly illustrates the beautiful marine life and fun dives that can be had in Kona.

Come on out, enjoy the show, refreshments, and chat with friends about diving!

Claudia Richardson



Scuba Show 2007

On Sunday, June 3rd Terry and I made the trek to Long Beach to attend the annual SCUBA show. I had never attended this event before and really didn't know what to expect. John Bottka had told us earlier in the week that it was more of a travel show than an equipment show. He hit the nail on the head! While there was some dive gear being shown, there were literally dozens and dozens of dive destinations represented! If you like to travel (which we do), and like to learn about new places (which we do) and you like to talk to the folks who actually own the resort (which we like to do) - then you would have had a great time (which we did)!

The Long Beach Convention center was an ideal place to hold this event. We easily found parking, food and restrooms. Even though there were hundreds of people present and tons of exhibitors we didn't experience the usual event crush. You could take as much or as little time as you wanted at each booth. The diving community put on a smiling face and we chatted it up with many of them. All in all it was a great way to spend a Sunday morning.

Colleen Hodgkins





Clam Chowder Dive June 23, 2007 at Leo Carrillo State Beach



It's time again for our AVDD Clam Chowder Dive. So pack up the dive gear and the whole family and head for Leo Carrillo State Beach. As always, we will have all the chowder you can eat, plus hot dogs and drinks, all for just \$4.00. The diving is free!

The best way to get there is to take HWY 14 to the Ventura Freeway (101) and go west. Exit on Las Virgenes Rd / Malibu Canyon Rd cross over Freeway and continue till you get to Coast HWY 1, turn right and go 14 miles to Leo Carrillo State Beach exit right into the park. Past the entrance booth turn left into large parking lot, go to the west end and follow road under bridge and up the hill, then down to a smaller parking lot on the beach.

Oh one more thing. If you see nothing but surfers in the water and on the beach, you are on at the wrong beach, we will be one cove north west of the main beach.

Plan on diving around 9:00 and eating around noon.

See you there John B.



COME JOIN US THE 2ND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH FOR FUN & DIVING AS WE CLEAN UP OUR LOCAL DIVING ENVIRONMENT
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| JAN - NO EVENT | JULY 14 - SNIGLE COVE |
| FEB 10 - SCUBA PARK | AUG 11 - BOULDER ISLANDS |
| MAR 10 - LAS VEGAS BOAT HARBOR | SEPT 8 - WILLOW BEACH |
| APR 14 - ECHO BAY MARINA | OCT 13 - GOTTENWOOD COVE |
| MAY 12 - PLACER COVE | NOV 10 - SCUBA PARK PARTY |
| JUNE 9 - BOULDER BEACH PARTY | DEC - NO EVENT |

CALL ANY NEAR BYE FACILITY TO VERIFY TIME AND LOCATION, OR CHECK THE SCHEDULE AT WWW.NSRA.ORG

IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!!!!

Time to renew your membership. Renew now and receive your NEW club patch. Please fill out the enclosed document, issue your dues check in the amount of \$20.00 for an individual or \$30.00 for a family, and mail to:

Linda G. Sharp VP, AVDD
3838 Southview Court
Palmdale, CA 93550





From the President...

Well all your problems are solved! For all of those just waiting for the day to savor some of the world famous AVDD claim chowder and today is the day. Meet us at Leo Carrillo for some food, friends and fun. Bring all your good dive stories! See you there!



Ryan P.



Why do a Beach Dive!

This is what I ask myself after a long dry spell, as I'm suiting up and getting ready to dive. Here we were at Corral Beach, overcast, very low tide, rocks where water should be, not looking like a good dive day. The only saving grace was that the surf was also very low, two foot max.

The need to get wet again was fortunately too great to call the dive off. So La Rae, Maria and I entered the water. We all swam well past the surf zone, set our compass, did a final gear check and submerged. Visibility was a surprising 10-15 feet not bad for a beach dive. Our dive plan was to check out a kelp bed that promised to be more than just sandy ocean floor. Sure enough as we got close to the kelp bed rocks started to appear along with some spiny crabs. Just as I'm checking out the crabs I feel a pull on my fins. I turn to look and see directly in front of my dive buddies and next to me a 4-5 foot Bat Ray. Wow I thought, this is great, a ray up close.

As we reached the Kelp bed we were greeted by kelp bass, seniorita fish, little yellow sea lemons, and even more crabs. The kelp bed looked like a dark forest, so I decided to explore the edges where it was light enough to explore and stay within sight of my dive partners. After spending some time in and around the kelp forest visiting with all the little creatures, we finally had to head back to shore.

As we peeled off all our dive equipment and we talked about all the things we saw during our dive, I remembered, why I do beach dives.

John B.

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