



AVDD at Dry Town's "Lazy River"

June 2010

General Meeting - Mon - June 14th

The Hodgkins' slides of the Bahamas

Board Meeting - Tue - June 15th

Robert Wisdom's house to cut stuff for clam chowder

Clam Chowder Dive - Sat - June 19th

Leo Carrillo State Beach

4Th of July Pool Party

A.V. Desert Divers

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2010 Upcomming Events Calendar

Jun. 14 - General Meeting

Jun. 19 - Clam Chowder Dive (Leo Carrillo)

Jul. 4 - 4th of July BBQ

Aug. 9 - General Meeting

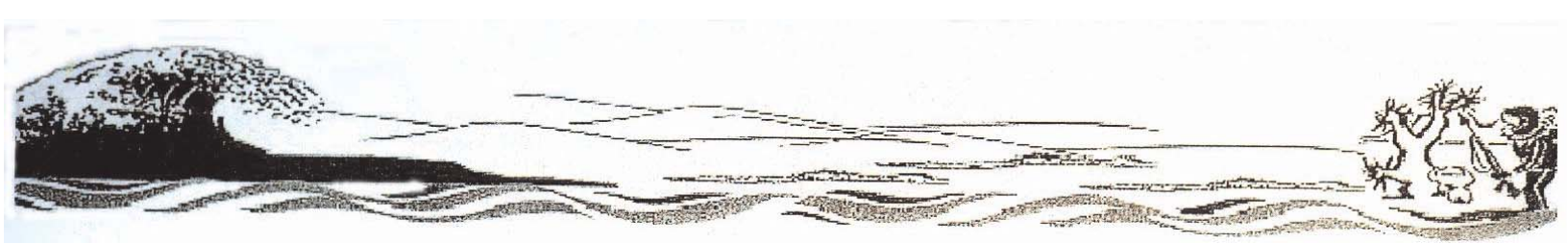
Sept. 1-4 - June Lake Cleanup

Oct. 1st - Opening of Lobster Season

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From the President...

Summer is around the corner, the kids are out of school in a few weeks and it is time to get WET!!!! In our attempts to get ready, Don and I finally got the boat in a slip at Shoreline Marina (Long Beach) and we are very excited. We went down on Friday to put her in the water and there were a few obstacles that presented themselves, after we hauled the boat 90+ miles:

- 1) They wanted a copy of our marriage license (since I am a woman of the 90's and kept my maiden name), which, would have been a great thing to know before we got there,
- 2) Guess what, at Shoreline Marina, they will only accept boats that are 30 ft in length. Also a good thing to know before hand, since we registered on the waiting list 290 Cabrio, should have been a great clue to the Harbor Masters office, that we weren't 30 ft. Well, ours is only 29ft, 5 inches, thus, they are giving us a "temporary slip" for 30 days until our boat grows up with the big boys. Somehow, we have to add 7 inches to our boat or be moved to Alamitos Bay,
- 3) And just as it has been in our fair valley, the wind blew all weekend making it a bit tough to take the boat out.

In spite of it all, we are looking forward to a great summer and the club has some great events planned. We have the Clam Chowder dive around the corner which is always a fun event for family and friends. Even if you don't want to do a beach dive, come on down, have some chowder and a nice day at the beach. Mike Orlando has been working with Parks and Rec and has arranged a drift dive at Dry Town. This is going to be a hoot. So grab your gear and come on out to Dry Town with us and practice a drift dive. They are promising to crank up the jets and get it moving. Then we have the July 4th Bar-B-Que. As Larry mentions in his submission, now is the time to get registered for June Lake. Summer will be gone before you know it.

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting on Monday, so be safe and get wet,

*Your Pres,
Linda*



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June Guest Speaker



Let the warm waters & cool breezes of the Bahamas entertain you. Terry & Colleen Hodgkins, along with some other club members, have just returned. Their slides will cover snorkeling with sea turtles, swimming with sharks, wreck dives & Jaws Beach movie set. Come on out & cool off with "The Bahamas"



RISING TIDES - Briand and Claudia

What an adventure our two club members are having! The last time we updated they had logged just over 1000 nautical miles, less than one third of the distance needed to reach their destination, the Marqueses. They were making nice headway till they neared the ITCZ, the intertropical convergence zone. (This is the area encircling the earth near the equator where subtropical air from both hemispheres converges.) Brian and Claudia encountered incredibly unstable seas, squalls and very erratic winds. It would blow from the north, then from the south. And the current! At times they were actually motoring with their sails up and they were still going backwards! It took them many days to get through this and by the time they did they had lost their head sail and were nearly out of fuel. They were able to contact the Coast Guard out of Hawaii, who in turn contacted a Russian vessel who ended up bringing them the fuel they needed. (The story of the fuel transfer from the 600 ft., fully stacked, container ship is harrowing and needs to be made into a movie!) They were able to get back on course and arrived at their destination, Nuku Hiva, on May 14th.

As of this writing they are safely anchored in Daniels Bay (probably the most beautiful place on the planet) and have been able to make most of the repairs to Skylight that were needed. They have been exploring the island above and below the water, have met most of the boaters that they knew only through ham radio contact and have eaten some great (expensive) hamburgers. They are safe! And having an adventure most of us only dream about.



Colleen Hodgkins

Time for Summer Planning 2010

Hello fellow A V Desert Divers, Ya know, Summer isn't even here yet and it's already time to start planning the END of summer, Our annual high altitude June Lake clean up dive is coming up fast the end of August, if you haven't already made your reservations at Oh Ridge Campground, It's time you "Get er Done"! Most of the board members have already made our reservations and most of us are in the "Rabbit" loop. Vicki and I are in Rabbit # 60 and there are quite a few spots still available. To make a reservation, you will need to log onto Reserve America, create an account and pick your spot; we will be there from Thursday Sept. 2 till Monday Sept. 6. The cost this year for 4 days is \$94.99 so I assume 3 days is around \$62. I will be writing another article with more information on high altitude diving and what you need to expect camping at 7800 feet above sea level.

I have a new game planned for this year; we will have a largest and smallest crawdad contest, I have a neat electronic scale that measures down to 1 gram, so I will weight the smallest and the largest crawdads and the winner in each category will win a fabulous prize donated by the dive club. So remember while you're diving to keep your eyes out for that "Trophy" bug. Bring it ashore and get it weighed to win. Note, all little bugs will be returned to the lake. While the big ones can either go back in the lake or into the "Pot". I guess it sucks to be a big bug?

We are also planning a one day beach clean up and Bar B Q up at Littlerock Dam. sometime this summer. I should be getting all the plans worked out for that next week and have some information at the next meeting. Hope to see you all there?

You're Conservation Officer

Larry Ladd





Drift dive at Dry Town

A great time was had by those hardy soles who ventured into the raging waters of Dry Town's 'Lazy River.' The current was up & just a lot of fun. The club will be host to other events at the park. Stay tuned for more information on future Splash rides.



Annual Clam Chowder Dive

Everyone, mark your calendars. Saturday June 19th, 2010 will be the date for our annual clam chowder dive event. Location: Leo Carrillo State Beach. Click on link for map—http://www.parks.ca.gov/lat_long_map/default.asp?lvl_id=255 Date: June 19th, 2010 Time: Diving starts at 9:00am (Conditions Permitting), Clam Chowder @ 11:00am. For those of you that have never attended this long time tradition, make this the year! It's a fun family-friendly event. Come out and spend time with your fellow club members. It is a fun event for all! If there is an interest for a caravan down to Leo Carrillo, Please contact myself or any other board member and we can set-up the details! Thank you and see you there!



Disabled Veterans

Our next class for teaching disabled veterans will start June 6th at 5:00 pm at the Joint Forces Training Base, USA Water Polo Pool, Los Alamitos, Ca

This class will include quadriplegics (2) and paraplegic (3) students, a blind veteran as well as Iraq and Afghanistan veterans with PTSD/TBI/Poly-Traumas.

June issue of Dive Training Magazine (an international publication) has an excellent article about adaptive SCUBA and even mentions our organization. Copy attached (reprinted with permission).

As always we are looking for opportunities to speak to groups of military or civilian, SCUBA Divers and Non-Divers alike to promote awareness of adaptive SCUBA and its benefits as well as to raise funds for our non-profit.

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