



50th year T-shirts are here!!

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February - 2021

Virtual Meeting - Mon -Feb 8th

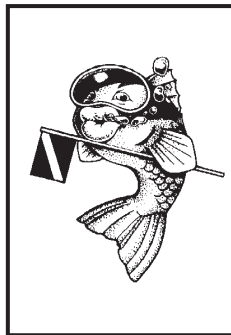
Pros & Cons of snorkeling. Bret Bovard

Board Meeting - Thur - Feb 18th

Virtual Meeting

Beach Dive - Sat - Feb 19th

Catalina Clean -up





- **Presidents February News Article**

Tomorrow I head down to WAVES Project HQ to drop off almost 30 scuba tanks to get hydro tested, along with the club's O2 bottle. Some of you may not have heard, but we are getting a great price for hydro services through our affiliate the WAVES Project. We need to give a huge "Thank You" to them for passing along this great deal to our club. They truly appreciate all the support we have given over the years.



We have a lot of good things coming up so make sure to mark them down on your calendar:

* February 8 First off, we have selected someone for our new "Michael Orlando Scholarship". To find out who, you will need to tune into next month's General Meeting! (drum roll.....)

* February 19-21: Next, like a broken record, Covid has put the brakes on a lot of great events. One of them is the Catalina Clean-up. We do have a small group of divers, and myself, still going to Catalina that weekend, and you are all still more than welcome to come if you have the desire. The official clean up at the island has been cancelled, so they have set up a donation page to help make up the loss from the fund raiser. The Board has voted to support this worthy cause. Be sure to see the nice writeup about that our VP Annette has done. Most of the hyperbaric chamber fund raising will be done virtually this year, and we as a club will be doing our part again to support as much as we can, we will also be asking for your help individually as well, to help support them. The more we can do individually and as a club will help to ensure that it will be there when it is needed to save a diver's life.

* Labor Day weekend, September 3-6: The time is fast approaching to make your reservations for June Lake camping Labor Day weekend! Reservations open approximately 6 months. So If you are planning on camping there this year, make reservations early. Camping is the #1 thing people are doing during the lockdown so getting spots might be a challenge this year. Do not forget: if the camping spots are gone, and/or if camping is not your thing, you can still come and have a great time! Just get hotel reservations in either June Lake or Lee Vining. My wife and son did this last year, and she says there are lots of little mom and pop motels, larger hotels, and even air BnBs' to choose from in the area – in pretty much all price ranges. It is always a good time and I hope you will join us!

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50th Year Anniversary T-shirts

Greetings AVDD's, Exciting news the '50th year anniversary'

of our club T-shirts are finally in.

Start putting your request in for colour and size



I can ship from my work (s&h cost to be determined) or

you can come by my work, CED 42032 6th st W, 93534 off of Ave M,

. Available sizes; XXXL-4, XXL- 4, XXL - 4, XL-16, L-12, M-10 & S.-4

I'm there from 0630-1530 M-F but do need a days notice, text or call (661) 510-0095.

From the desert to as far as the ocean seen, lets dive somewhere in between,

stay safe y'all.

The Merman. AKA Lee.





The 'WAVES' Calendar

Did you help sponsor the WAVES Project photo contest last year?

Well, the winners were chosen and put into a calendar for 2021, AVDD even has a couple that made it.

We have January and December, and good news we have a few to give away.

If you would like one, please let us know asap. We only have a limited number, and they will go fast.

Jeff



Since this year's cleanup is virtual and most club members cannot participate and help raise money, your club, the AVDD has made a \$1000.00 donation and become a primary sponsor of the cleanup.

You can still sign up to be a single participant for \$50.00.

Participants will receive the one-of-a-kind Quarantine Cleanup T-shirt and be eligible to enter the blind-bid auction!

Your participation is essential to support the life-saving efforts of USC's Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber, as well as the marine research and monitoring of the Wrigley Institute's Catalina Conservation Divers, and Scientific Diving Program

Need more information of the clean up or signing up here is the website

dornsife.usc.edu/wrigley/wies-ccd-cleanup

