

Dan Orr will be speaking on
Diving Safety

A.V. Desert Divers

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February - 2022

General meeting - Mon - Feb 14th

Dan Orr - The Five Mistakes in Diving Safety

Board Meeting - Thur - Feb 24th

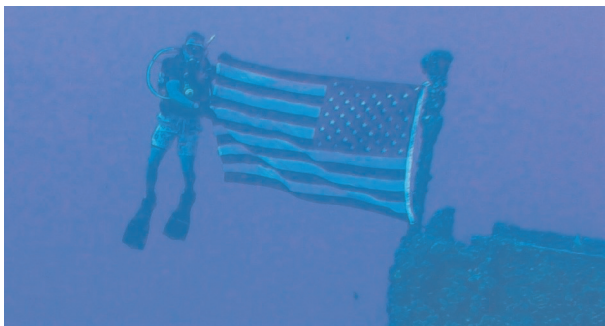
Lancaster Location

Beach Dive - Sat - Feb 26th

Catalina Cleanup

Boat Dive - Sat - Mar 12th

The Spectre Dive Boat



Adam Parra

New Conservation Officer





• **From the President...**

Hello all you desert divers out there. I have a lot to share this month but will do my best to keep it short.

Our annual installation banquet is right around the corner, and I would like your help in making it a great one. Barbara White has agreed to head up the banquet committee again this year. Barbara and her team are the ones who did a fantastic job for our 50th banquet and she could use your help to do it again this year. There is a lot of work that goes into this and the more help we have the better it will be. So please, if you have the time, we would love you to join us.

I am a big believer in committees, this is a perfect opportunity to help out the club and make something really special.

Did you guys see this last general meeting with our speaker from Neptune Warriors? I enjoyed his presentation and liked that their mission and ours with the WAVES Project have a lot in common. If you enjoyed it or would like to hear more from Neptune Warriors, we have the meetings up on our website. They also do a weekly Pod Cast called "One Dive at a Time" Here you can hear more stories from both Rob himself, but also hear firsthand stories from some of the veterans that have gone through their program. I would also ask you subscribe to the Pod Cast if you enjoy it. Doing this also helps out his organization

The Board has also approved the rules of our Challenge Coin, so I look forward to presenting them to people soon. If you don't know what this is, stay tuned for an explanation at one of our next meetings!

I also want to remind everyone that as part of your club membership we offer free tank fills and \$15 tank visuals, so if you are in need, please contact me or one of the board members to arrange to get your tank.

I will close with letting you know that we have a WAVES Project Open Water class starting on Feb 19th. So, if you would like to come by and say hi, I am sure the students would love to meet you.

With that I hope to see everyone on one of our club dives very soon!

Jeff Carlon



March Club Dive

Hello Club Members, our Club Dive for March will be The Spectre, Saturday March,12.

The cost will be \$145. per member. (reg price is \$169.) there are 15 spots available.

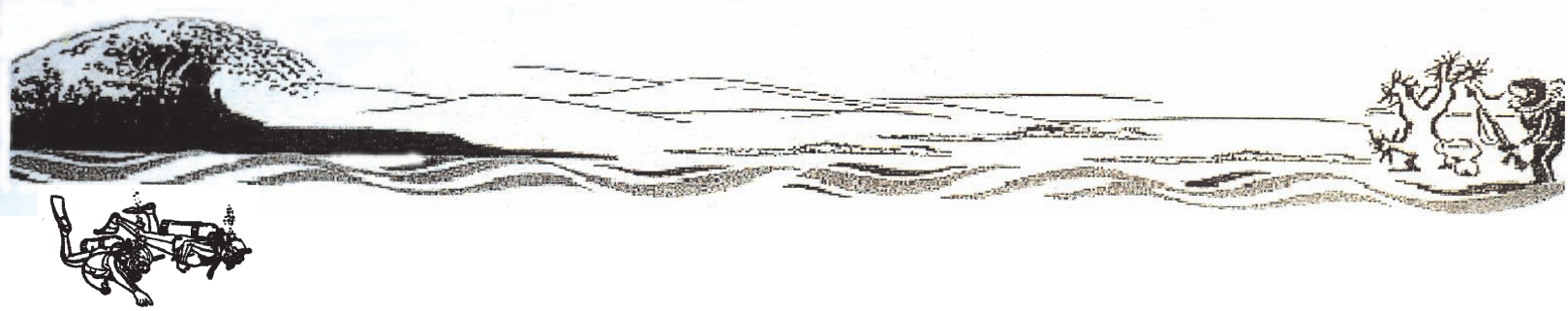
Let me know ASAP if intrested so I can book this trip. Don't hesitate to ask any questions.

Ken White Dive Coordinator

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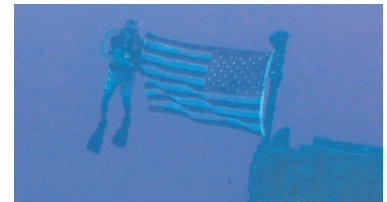
Conversation Officer Report



The Avalon Harbor cleanup is coming up fast. It will be on Sat, Feb 26th at 7am. If you plan on attending, please sign up at <https://dornsife.usc.edu/wrigley/wies-ccd-cleanup>.

Thanks to Robert we are now registered as a team. When signing up, select “Antelope Valley Desert Divers” under the dive team option, and select “Step Beach” for the dive site option. If you already registered before we had the option to select the club, please contact Robert Wisdom with the e-mail you used to register so we can get you added to the team.

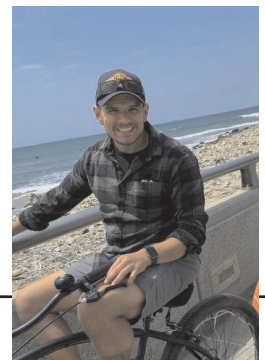
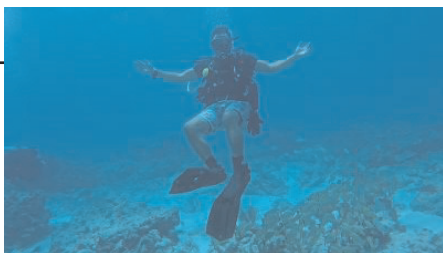
Please bring the completed waiver packet, and your certification cards. The waiver packet can be found at https://dornsife.usc.edu/assets/sites/218/docs/ccd/2022/WIES-CCD2022_PaperworkPacket.pdf If you happen to forget the packet, don't sweat, I'll bring a few extras.



We will meet at step beach at 7am. The dive begins at 9:30am, and we must be out of the water at 11am. If you're not bringing your own tanks, be sure to reserve early because I'm sure there will be a large turnout! Also be sure to bring a game bag of some sort to haul whatever you may find. Let me know if you have any questions.

In other news, I was recently in touch with the California Science Center concerning Diver Volunteers. I was told they will be accepting applications in the springtime, or early summer. I will continue to reach out to them to see when they are accepting applications and pass on what I find out.... I'm looking forward to diving with you all at Catalina!

Adam Parra, Conversation Officer (520) 906-0015





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Presentation: The Five Mistakes in Diving Safety

Recreational scuba diving is inherently safe but is very unforgiving of mistakes. When you look at the available diving accident data, especially the 'triggering events' in diving fatalities, the majority are either directly or indirectly caused by human error. With the appropriate amount of forethought and preparation, divers should be able to reduce the likelihood that when something does happen, an incorrect choice will plunge the diver into a cascade of events leading towards truly unwanted circumstances.

Brief Bio

Dan Orr is President of Dan Orr Consulting providing a variety of services to the diving community. Dan retired from the position of President of Divers Alert Network (DAN), he has helped DAN focus on its worldwide diving safety mission. Prior to coming to DAN, he worked and taught recreational diving in a retail store, developed and implemented course curricula in the academic environment, collected data and supervised research efforts in the field of science diving and tested diving equipment for military contractors. Dan has served on the Boards of various not-for-profit organizations during his career including The Historical Diving Society (President and Chairman of the Board), Diving Equipment & Marketing Association (DEMA -Chairman of the Board), Academy of Underwater Arts & Sciences (President), Force Blue (Chairman of the Board), Best Publishing Company (Chairman of the Board), WCH Media Group (Chairman of the Board), The Our World Underwater Scholarship Society and The Institute of Diving.

He has published and co-authored over 200 articles and a dozen books and manuals including: 101 Tips for Recreational Divers, Scuba Diving Safety, Pocket Guide to First Aid for Scuba Diving Injuries; Pocket Guide for Hazardous Marine Life Injuries; and the DAN Oxygen First Aid for Scuba Diving Injuries Training Manual.

He has also been the recipient of many prestigious awards and honors including the NOGI Award in Sports/Education, the Leonard Greenstone Award for Diving Safety, the Our World-Underwater Award, Beneath the Sea's Diver of the Year, the Wyland Foundation Award for Lifetime Achievement, the Hall of Fame for Divers with Disabilities, the DEMA Reaching Out Award, Inductee into the International Scuba Diving Hall of Fame and the NAUI Hall of Honor.



Calling all Photographers!!

Hello fellow dive photographers. I will be putting together this years slide show for our annual banquet. If you have any photos from 2021 that you want included in our slide show, please email them to me @ treasurer@avdesertdivers.org I look forward to hearing from you!

Robert Wisdom Treasurer AVDD



AVDD Banquet Let's make it fun, fun, fun.... If you would like to take part in making this year's AVDD Banquet better than the last 'GROOVY' one.

WE NEED YOU!!

**Please contact Barbara White at 661-202-5828 or
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