

Antelope Valley Desert Divers, Inc.



Guest Speaker -Douglas Klug

Diving Photography

May - 2021

Virtual Meeting - Mon -May 10th
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Board Meeting - Thur - May 20th

Virtual Meeting? - TBA

Boat Dive - Sat - May 15th

Sundiver to Catalina Island

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50th year T-shirts are here!!





Presidents Message for May

It is with a heavy heart I write this last letter to you as your President. When I took on this position, I wanted to continue the work of those who came before me to make this a great club to be a part of. I wanted people to be proud of being an AVDD member and let others know about our club, about who we are and what we do. I hope I have.

Unfortunately, with all the things I have going on and Fire Season is already here I need to step away. Your VP Annette has agreed to step up in my absence and continue to move the club in a positive direction.

I will continue to work on building the WAVES Project here in the AV and continue our affiliation with them as the WAVES Project Liaison. I can also continue to do air fills, visual inspections, and hydro's, if you are in need.

Thank you for all of your support over the last 2½ years. Being a member of the best dang dive club in California has meant more to me then you will ever know.

Jeff Carlon



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• Save the Date!!

Alright members, I have 2 save the dates for you.



1st, May 15th will be the monthly club dive for May. Location and details will be coming shortly. Check your email and our social media pages for details.

2nd, June 12th, 2021. This will be our annual Clam Chowder Dive. Location will be Leo Carrillo this year. Come join us for this long tradition and some of the best Clam Chowder West of the Mississippi!! More details later!!!

Let's go diving!

Robert Wisdom Treasurer AVDD.



Guest Speaker for May

Douglas Klug is a SCUBA instructor, underwater photographer, and diving writer based in Santa Barbara, California. Where he attended the University of California, Santa Barbara, at the age of 18 and never left. Since takings, his underwater breaths on certification divers at the Monterey breakwater over 35 years ago. "Diver" Doug has continued to explore California's waters as well as many other tropical waters destinations. His favorite destinations are "kelp" are the kelp forests of Southern California's Channel Islands, but his most favorite adventure has taken him to the Sea turtles of the Hawaiian Islands, the great white sharks of Guadalupe Island, the stunning walls of the Cayman Island, the coral reefs of Fiji, and even the humpback whales of Moorea.

Doug's photo-essays have been published in print world-wide, including articles in California Diving News, DAN Alert Diver, and Dive Training. His images have also been used in numerous print and digital formats including the use by the U.S. National Park Services, US National Marine Sanctuary, and the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Google and Microsoft. Doug has presented for dive clubs and museums in Southern California. Doug experience includes being a recreational SCUBA instructor as well as diving with Nitrox and Rebreathers. Doug hola professional level certifications from NAUI, SSI, PADI, NASDS, and TDI. Doug also participates in volunteer scientific doing for organizations in Reef Check. He has been a former dive shop owner and SCUBA repair technician. Doug now works as an underwater guide for divers not familiar with Southern California Diving. He also still teaches private SCUBA lessons to new divers and underwater photography skills to more seasoned divers. Doug even offers an on-line NAUI certification course on Southern California's nudibranch identification.

Fireworks

It is almost that time of the year again, fireworks! Yup that's right, AVDD is making plans for this year's fireworks booth. So, it's time to put your life on hold and come work some shifts at the AVDD Fireworks booth. We are at the same location this year, 50th St. W and Avenue N and we are expecting to be very busy as usual. So, save the dates of June 27-July 5th. We start selling Monday June 28 at 12pm until Sunday July 4th at 10pm. Booth hours are 10am – 10pm daily. We will have 3 different shifts that you can sign up for, 10am-2pm, 2-6pm and 6-10pm. I also have firework delivery/set-up (Sunday June 27-time unknown) and firework tear down (Monday July 5- time unknown). The incentives are: 2 shifts- single membership, 4 shifts- family membership, 5+ shifts- Catalina Express round trip boat ticket. If you work 1 shift on the 4th of July it will count as 2, this is only good for 1 shift. Lunch will be served for working club members on the 4th of July. I will be emailing a sign-up sheet after May's virtual general meeting.

There is a limited number of spots per shift, so first come first serve.

Everyone be safe, be nice, be healthy and see you at the May 10th virtual general meeting.

Annette Childree, AVDD VP, "lilgnome"





Upcoming AVDD Events

Here are some dates to put on your calendar, you can also check out the events page on the club website- www.avdesertdivers.org

- May 5-** Chamber Day and Eve- Virtual
- May 15th-** Club dive aboard the Sundiver- \$105.00
- June 12-** Clam Chowder Dive- Leo Carillo
- June 28-July 4th-** Fireworks Sales
- July 10-** AVDD Pool Party- **ITS BACK**
- September 3-5-** June Lake Clean Up Weekend



BACK!!!!

AVDD 4th of July Pool Party

Come play, eat and relax at the AVDD 4th of July Pool Party at
Terry & Colleen Hodgkin's house.
(address to be sent later)

Saturday-July 10, 2021 12pm-5pm

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be provided by the club.

Just bring the dish or drink you signed up for, your towels and chairs and get ready to laugh, have a good time and get wet (super soakers and or water cannons are highly recommended!!!).

Sign ups for side dishes, desserts, drinks and ice will be sent out at a later date.



Chamber Day, Evening & Flying Dutchman!!

Hello Fellow Divers!

You still have time to sign up for this event!

As you all know, the chamber on Catalina serves our diving community. They are only able to do this through our continued support. The club this year was able to make a \$5,000 through the Chamber Challenge. This was due to your help and support through our fundraising activities last year.

Even though current guidelines have prevented USC from hosting this as an in-person event, there are some pretty cool activities planned virtually this year.

I urge you to sign up and join us for this event.

Check out the link and go to the website: <https://dornsife.usc.edu/chamberday/>

You can sign up for each of the events all on one site.

You can also check out their social media sites as well:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CatHyperChamber>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/usc_hyperbaric_chamber/

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/CatHyperChamber>

Join us in supporting the Chamber!!

Regards,

Robert Wisdom

Treasurer AVDD





June Lake

June Lake is just around the corner. AVDD will once again be going up to June Lake to clean up the lake.

September 4th will be the Clean up dive with a Potluck that evening. If you want to get a jump on the campsites, reservations are available 180 days in advance.

Meaning, if you're planning on arriving Friday September 3rd you can make your reservations on Sunday March 7th, 2021.

If you're arriving earlier, like myself and a few others, subtract your days accordingly. Reservations can be made at <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/232269>

Don't miss this long-time tradition! Cannot wait to see you all there!!

Robert Wisdom Treasurer AVDD



Club Dive for May

AVDD and WAVES are chartering the Sundiver on Saturday, May 15th

the cost is \$105.00 for AVDD members. This includes tanks and food, but no overnight bunks.

Max number of divers is 20 and as of this morning we have between 5-7 spots left. You can sign up and pay for your spot on the club website Antelope Valley Desert Divers

Thank you and dive safe,

Annette Childree AVDD VP, "lil gnome"

2021 AVDD Annual Clam Chowder Event



Annual Clam Chowder Event / Dive

Antelope Valley Desert Divers will again be hosting our annual Clam Chowder Dive event.

Our recipe has been handed down for years! Bring your own hot sauce!

Parking is \$12.00 per vehicle.

Meet at 9:00AM for the dive briefing, Clam Chowder will be served @ 11:30AM.

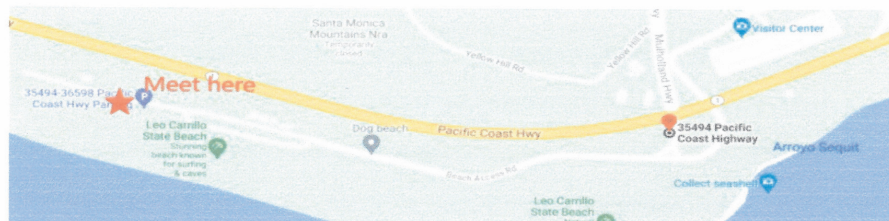
Come join us for this lifelong tradition.

Fun for the whole family.

See you there!

June 12th 2021 9:00AM

**Leo Carrillo State Park & Beach, 35000 Pacific Coast Hwy, Malibu,
CA 90265**





Our AVDD Challenge coin

The front: is our beginning, we were established in 1970 with the values we still hold true 50 years later.

The Back: The rope signifies our strength. As the rope grows stronger with every fiber added, so does our club with each of you, our members, and supporters.

In the outer ring shows our “**Core Values**”:

Support- is at the top. It represents our commitment to support each other, our local and dive community, and our affiliates.

Educate- we have always strived to educate people about the wonderful world underwater. We do this by annual scholarships, online certifications, in person training, and sometimes just when standing in line at the store when someone sees our dive shirt and starts to ask us about scuba diving!

Conserve- we have a proud and long-standing commitment to conserve our underwater world. We support underwater clean ups, Heal the Bay, and beach clean ups.

On either side of Support, you will find a Star. The one on the left is solid. This reminds us that we are a Buddy Sport, and it is important to look out for each other. We always make sure to do our buddy check before jumping into the deep blue and helping when we see a need.

The empty Star **on the right** symbolizes the loss we have suffered in the sport. A tragic dive accident or the loss of a member of the club.

The AVDD shark is our newest logo and shows that as we move forward, we still stand on a solid base (our Core Values) that has kept our club going strong for over 50 years.

Behind the shark is a wave. This represents our affiliation with the WAVES Project through our Core Values to Support and Educate our community, in this case it is our Veterans.

At the bottom we have a banner with the Latin phrase “Cura Personalis” that simply reads Care of People. This is the heart of our club, to always look out for each other and make everyone who visits us feels welcome and part of our family.



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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.

