



Catalina Cleanup is Feb 25th

A.V. Desert Divers

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January - 2023

General Meeting - Mon - Jan 9th

JEFF CARLON - 2023 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Due to a fire at the meeting sight, a new location will be announced

Board Meeting - Wed - Jan 18th

Lancaster Location

Boat Dive - Sat - Jan 21st

Sundiver Express - Catalina Island



Bravery Brewery writes a check for WAVES





President message for January 2023

Happy New Year everyone!!! Thank you for electing me to be your President for one more year. I am excited about 2023.

In last month's newsletter I talked about our past year and all the good things we accomplished. This month I am setting our sights to the future. I would love to keep our momentum going and make this next year even better than the last. It can be done with the continued support and participation of you, our club members.

I had the honor of presenting club member Brian Avery our Challenge Coin. Brian is a part of Bravery Brewing and he and his wife Kara are club members and outstanding supporters of the AVDD, WAVES Project, and many other organizations in the AV. I think we all agree that Brian constantly represents our core values of Educate, Support and Conserve in everything he does. Now we just need to get him and Kara back in the water if their busy schedule will allow.

Speaking of the support, last month the WAVES Project was the recipient of Bravery Brewing's Pizza with Purpose. This fundraiser raised \$2,022 for the program. They also brought back the "Under the WAVES IPA" that went very well with their pizza. It is still available but not for long, so if you hadn't tried it, time is running out.

We have a lot of good things lining up for this next year and at our January meeting, we will discuss what our new year looks like and how you can help. Our goal is to try and have more people involved by participating in committees and exploring new ideas. So please come (or Zoom in) to the meeting if you have ideas, feedback, or input!

Jeff Carlon



Brian Avery receives our Challenge Coin.

Boat Dive for January

The boat dive for January will be on Sundiver Express to Catalina Island on January 21st.

3 tanks & food - \$125

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Conservation Officer Report

Join us on Saturday, February 25th 2023 at 7am for the 41st annual “Avalon Harbor Underwater Clean Up”. The Antelope Valley Desert Divers will be participating in this as a team!

If you would like to join us. Sign up on the Catalina Divers Supply website at <https://www.catalinadiverssupply.com/avalon-harbor-underwater-cleanup>

Early Registration is \$45, Non Diver registration is \$30. For this fee, you get the opportunity to dive in the harbor, a raffle ticket, an event t-shirt, and one free air fill from Catalina Divers Supply. When you sign up, choose “Antelope Valley Desert Divers” for the team, and select “Step Beach” for the dive location.

At the conclusion of the dive there are several raffle prizes given away, along with awards for trash categories such as “most interesting finds.” I will be there the day before diving if anyone else would like to join me. Last year the event hosted more than 550 divers, and collected 1.69 tons of trash! Proceeds benefit the USC Hyperbaric Chamber, the Avalon Rotary Club Foundation and Avalon Beautiful's Casino Dive Park improvement project. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Adam Parra - Conservation Officer



2023 T-Shirt Design Contest

Our 2023 T-Shirt design winner will be announced at the March Banquet! We can't wait to see what awesome designs you come up with!

Participation Rules:

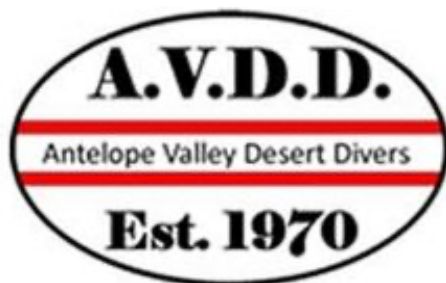
- White border (so we can put your design on shirts of different colors)
- Themed is preferred
- You may design the front and back or just the back, but leave room for our logo!

The deadline for submissions is

February 4, 2023

Email submissions to

avdesertdive@gmail.com



A vibrant underwater photograph of a coral reef. The scene is filled with various types of coral, including branching and table corals, in shades of yellow, orange, and green. The water is clear and blue, with sunlight filtering through from above, creating a bright and lively atmosphere. A large, semi-transparent teal circle is overlaid on the center of the image, containing text and a list of benefits.

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Do you know your benefits of being a member of the Antelope Valley Desert Divers?

- Reduced price on monthly boat dives
- Club trips throughout the year
- Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest
- Free air fills
- Annual Visual inspections on your scuba tanks
- Reduced price on hydrostatic testing of your tanks
- Continuing education certifications like High Altitude Diver training
- First-aid and CPR training
- Discounted pricing on equipment
- Refresher training
- Cool swag!!