



Guest Speaker - Grant Treloar  
Wreck Diver

**November - 2020**

**Virtual Meeting - Mon - Nov 9th**

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**Board Meeting - Thur - Nov 19th**

Virtual Meeting

**Fall Catalina Trip - Nov. 6-9th**

Diving Casino Point Park

**Veterans Day - Wed - Nov 11th**

**A.V. Desert Divers**

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**Catalina Fall Dive  
November 6th - 9th**





## President's Message

As many of you know, our club president Jeff Carlon is on the front line of a fire in New Mexico. So, this month's presidents' message will be a short and sweet VP message.

Our fall trip to Catalina is November 6-8, 2020, it is a little over a week away. The official club dive will be on Saturday, we will also be having a small memorial for Mike Orlando, a long-time club member that passed away in September. As many of you know the Underwater Pumpkin carving contest was one Mike's favorite events. So, thanks to club members John and Debbie Nichols, we will be having a "small" pumpkin carving event. Small pumpkins, carving tools and sharpies will be provided. You can carve them and even write a little message or memory on them. We will then be putting them in the dive park, one of Mike's favorite places to dive. Saturday evening, there is club dinner planned at the Buffalo Nickel restaurant. We all had a good time there last year.



A quick WAVES update, Steve and his team certified their first group of veterans in Florida this past weekend. Congrats to you all!!!!!!!

AVDD's Christmas potluck normally scheduled for December 14 is still on the calendar but more than likely won't happen thanks to COVID. I will keep everyone updated.

On a personal note, I would like to personally thank everyone that donated to the Mike Orlando Last Dive Memorial Go Fund Me fundraiser. I know Mike's daughters Shawna and Jessica greatly appreciate everyone's support and kind words. I would also like to say a big THANK YOU to all our first responders that are out there every day, putting their lives on the line. Stay safe

Everyone stay safe and dive safe, be respectful, nice and kind to each other. You don't know what's going on in someone else's world. Hopefully soon we will be able to have our general meeting in person. See everyone in Catalina.

*Annette Childree*

*AVDD VP, "lil gnome"*

### AVDD Board of Directors 2020-2021

President	Jeff Carlon
Vice President	Annette Childree
Treasurer	Robert Wisdom
Secretary	Shawna Ricker
Program Coordinator	Liliana Elenez
Conservation Officer	Don Nipper
Newsletter Editor	Terry Hodgkins
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Dive Coordinator	Ken White
Corporate Secretary	Kim Hill
Sergeant at Arms	Patrick Hill
Quartermaster	Lee Siffleet

To contact any of the board members E-mail (avdesertdive@gmail.com)

### *T-shirts are Needed*

Tina Carlon would like to have any of your old AVDD related T-shirts, even if they are stained, faded or ripped!

She will be cutting them up and making something out of them?

...so only give them up if you are done with them!

*Thank you very much!*





## Grant Treloar - November Guest Speaker

Grant Treloar is a Scuba Diver who resides in Darwin Northern Territory Australia and is passionate about diving and uncovering as much as possible about the shipwrecks/plane wrecks in and around top end of Australia

Grant believes there is so much more to be discovered and many stories yet untold by locating missing pieces in our history in the underwater environment. In the past Grant has been involved on a number of government run projects to map, measure and record data of known wrecks. He has continued his own search for the last missing WW2 plane in Darwin harbour for many years and that continues to this day.

Grant has recently, with other local divers, discovered propellers and wreckage from an American destroyer (USS Peary 226) which was lost in the bombing of Darwin on 19 Feb 1942, where approximately 90 servicemen lost their lives. The wreckage, undiscovered for 78 years, is located over 2 km from the main Peary wreck site. This has changed history and we now better understand what took place on that day.

Grant holds several diving certificates, PADI divemaster for over 27 years, tech, deep diver, gas blender certifications. His first ever certification as a diver was well before plastic cards and was awarded back in 1979. Yes over 41 years ago.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Xfkv0lXo4M>





## AVDD Board Elections

It is that time of year, AVDD Board election time. As of right know there is only 1 position that will be vacated and that is Conservation Officer, but anyone can run for a position even if it is not vacant. Nominees will be accepted at the November general meeting and voted on at the December general meeting. If you are nominating someone for a position, that person must be present to accept the nomination. Below is a list of elected positions.

### Elected Positions

**President** - presides at club meetings, board meetings, and special events. The President is also the corporate representative at all functions.

**Vice President** - is in charge of organizing our yearly membership drive, accurately tracking memberships, and providing membership updates (number of members, new members, etc.) at each monthly club or board meeting. The Vice President also prepares and ensures delivery of membership packages to new members.

**Treasurer**- collects dues and all other club monies, maintains the club's savings and checking accounts, and makes facility reservations for special events. The Treasurer also presents a brief financial report at each club and board meeting and prepares a yearly written financial report for the annual corporate meeting.

**Secretary**- takes minutes at both the club and board meetings and maintains those minutes so they are readily accessible during the meetings. The secretary also maintains an inventory and location of club property.

**Program Coordinator**- schedules speakers and/or entertainment for monthly club meetings, special activities, and our annual banquet. They also coordinate facility needs for guest speakers and introduces them at the event. The Program Officer also obtains raffle prizes for the monthly meeting and ensures that refreshments are available.

**Newsletter Editor**- compiles articles for the newsletter, prepares the newsletter for reproduction, reproduces newsletter, and mails the newsletters before a scheduled club meeting. The Newsletter Editor also prepares and produces materials needed for the annual banquet and other events.

**Conservation Officer**- advises the membership and Board of Directors on conservation matters including cleanup activities and changes in federal, state and local regulations. The Conservation Officer also coordinates the club's involvement in events such as Earth Day, Coastal Clean-up, and other environmental activities the club pursues.



## Conservation Officer Report

Greeting Divers,

I hope you are all doing well. By my household chores calendar It's Winter. I know this because Linda just made me wrap up the swamp cooler. By my AVDD calendar its November. I know its November because AVDD holds elections in November. Its time to nominate members of the board that steers this club. Serving on the Board is rewarding and any meeting when you can have a beer (or beverage of your choice) isn't torture to attend.

The 20/21 Lobster season has kicked off and runs through March 15th.

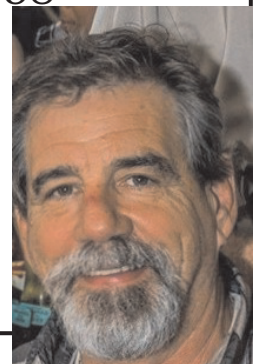
I hope you're all hunting safe. Hunting Lobsters without all the right stuff is POACHING. Please don't POACH.

Report POACHING to Ca DFG.

CalTIP - Californians Turn In Poachers and Polluters

1-888-334-CalTIP that's 1-888-334-2258

*Don Nipper Conservation Officer*





## 50th Anniversary T-Shirts & Hats

I've come up with a cool T-shirt design for our 50th anniversary with the help of Courtney drawing the octopus, once the picture goes to the T-shirt graphic guy, he can adjust color and the featured 'angry face' as needed.

Also, it will have the WAVES emblem on the left sleeve and the front the traditional AVDD club emblem.

Now the hat, it is a light weight navy blue (I think that is the color), it has a nice wide brim for sun shade, neck, forehead and the nose :) and is UV 50+ protected, also has a built in sweat band. Prices to come at a later date due to certain life happening circumstances.



*From the desert to as far as the ocean seen,  
lets dive somewhere in between.  
stay safe ya'll.  
The Merman. AKA Lee.*



## Catalina Fall Dive

Upcoming Dive Catalina Island Weekend Trip on Nov. 6-9

Diving the Casino Point park

**Ken**

