



November - 2021

**General Meeting - Mon - Nov 8th**

Jeff Carlon - Waves Update

**Board Meeting - Thur - Nov 18th**

Lancaster Location

**Beach Dive - Weekend - Nov 5-7th**

Catalina Fall Trip

**Boat Dive - Sat - Dec 4th**

Club dive on the Spectre

**Holiday meeting - Mon - Dec 13th**

Potluck Dinner & Yankee swap



*Club dive on the Spectre- Dec 4th*

**A.V. Desert Divers**

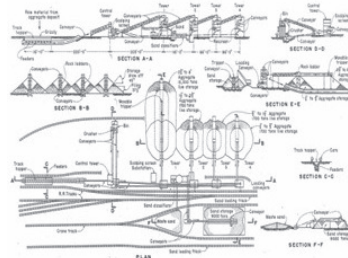
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Fall trip to Catalina Island

Nov 5-7th



Want to know more...

**Guest Speaker - Jeff Carlon**

## Boat Dive for December

I still need 4 more divers for the Dec. 4 Club dive on the Spectre, we need a minimum of 10 divers to get the \$120.00 per diver rate. this is a 3 tank dive (tanks NOT included) , and includes all meals.

Divers confirmed: Ken White, Robert Shay, ohn Nichols, Debbie Nichols, John Lanigan, Robert Wisdom.

*Ken White*



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To contact any of the board members E-mail  
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## October 2021 President's Message

WOW, I can't believe it's November already!

This year has been just flying by!

Well, with a lot of hard work, we were able to hold our annual Underwater Pumpkin carving contest this year. It turned out to be a great success! Take a look on our social media platforms for all the pictures. I need to give a special thanks to a few people. This event would not have been possible without their hard work. Jeff Carlson worked really hard with the City of Palmdale to secure the pool. There were countless meetings that happened behind the scenes. Thank you Jeff! I also need to thank Shawna Ricker & Larry Ladd for getting our Pumpkins donated. I also need to thank Shawna again along with her employer, Duke Engineering, for donating raffle prizes. Lastly I need to thank all the remaining board members. They took time out of their busy schedules to come up Friday before the contest and clean out pumpkins. Thank you all!

With November here, we have a couple things going on this month.

1) Our Annual Fall Trip is 11/5 ~ 11/7. I cannot wait to see many of you there!. It is always a fun weekend. We will plan a dinner at Buffalo Nickel on Saturday evening. We'll nail down a time when we're on the island.

2) Board Nominations. This will happen at our General Meeting on November 8th. If you, or someone you know, are interested in becoming a board member, contact myself or any other board member. We welcome everyone to be involved with our club.

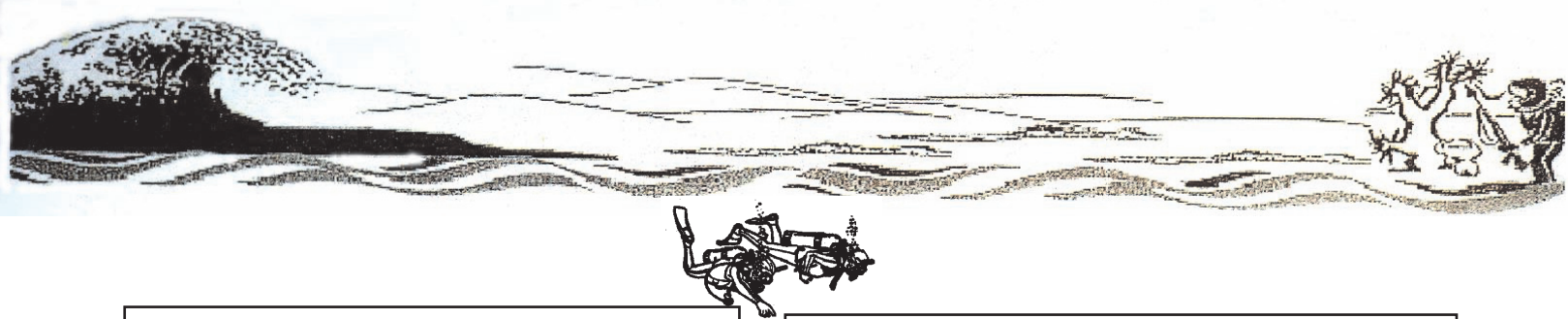
Our annual Holiday Potluck and Yankee Gift swap will be December 13th at our General meeting. We will also have our elections that evening as well. We will have a sign-up sheet for your side dishes at the November General Meeting.

Our Annual Installation Banquet will be March 5th 2022. Stay tuned for details!!

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting!

*Robert Wisdom*

**Interim President-Treasurer.**



## T shirts & Sun Hats

First person to purchase a T shirt from the web gets the medium Trident shark shirt thrown in and still have a few left and old ones too, go to

<https://www.avdesertdivers.org>

then click on the 3 white lines top right to take you to the store for purchase of new and old shirts.

Don't forget the sun hats with the hidden rolled up neck covering from those nasty UV rays.

Also the hat is infused with Permethrin which is an insect repellent which remains effective for up to 70 washes.

'From the desert to as far as the ocean seen, let's dive somewhere in between'



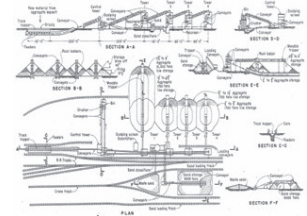
Stay safe y'all. The Merman.

*AKA Lee.*

## Guest Speaker

Jeff Carlon our very own, will be talking about the mapping project that the WAVES Project is doing with the Nation Park out at lake Mead.

He will talk about the Aggregate plant and its role in creating the Hoover Dam. Once considered state of the art engineering, now a dive destination.



## Membership Renewal

Well it's that time of year again, membership renewal time. Current memberships expired July 31, 2021. You can renew your membership at the club website [www.avdesertdivers.org](http://www.avdesertdivers.org), click membership and complete your transaction. Once your transaction is received, you will receive a new liability waiver to sign and return electronically. At only \$25 for a single membership and \$40 for the family, this membership practically pays for itself. All memberships must be current by September 30, 2020.

Here are some of the perks you get with your membership. AVDD Members Benefits \* Fun and informative meetings by Zoom and hopefully in person soon \* Banquets, Potlucks, BBQ's, and Christmas party \* Discount on boat dives \* Volunteer opportunities \* Beach clean-up/ dives \* First aid / CPR class \* Discounted international trips \* Annual June Lake clean-up/campout \* \$20 annual tank visuals and discounted Hydro's \* Complementary air tank fills \* Monthly newsletter.

The support that you give to the club, is what makes it a great organization to be part of. Thank you all and together we will continue to be saying "Isn't it nifty, diving at 50"

*Dive safe everyone,*

*Annette Childree 'lil gnome'*



### 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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