



Sam & Annette are  
Moving Away

A.V. Desert Divers

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September - 2021

**General Meeting - Mon - Sept 13th**

Dan Orr - Diving for older divers

**Board Meeting - Thur - Sept 23rd**

Lancaster Location

**June Lake Cleanup - Weekend - Sept 4-6th**

Clean up & Pot Luck Dinner **Canceled**

**Goodby party for Sam & Annette - Sat - Sept 11th**

Bravery Brewery - Around 6pm



**June Lake Cleanup  
Sept 4-6th**  
**Canceled**



Guest Speaker - Dan Orr



## • President's Message for September

Wow!! It was so awesome to see so many of you at our in person AVDD general meeting in August and it looks like right now our September meeting will also be in person. So please plan on attending Monday September 13 @ 7pm. Can't wait.

Its June Lake Clean Up time and it looks like we will have a good group including a couple from WAVES, can't wait to see everyone. As a matter of fact, we just had another campsite open, and it is reserved from Thursday-September 2 until Monday- September 6th. It's in Squirrel Loop # 45. If you want it, it's yours, just let me know. Remember the club dive is Saturday and the raffle and potluck is Saturday evening. I can't wait to see all the raffle prizes. Thanks to everyone that donated or went out and got prizes for the raffle.

As you all have heard the club dive for August was aboard the Humboldt with Waterhorse Charter and it was great. Viz was about 5-10 feet and the water was a little chilly. My favorite dive was the Ruby E. Swimming around her was like looking at a float from the rose parade. So many colors. The crew was awesome, and I hope we will use them again.

Our annual club fall trip to Catalina is right around the corner and is scheduled for the first weekend in November. Remember to start making reservation at the Seaport Village, they take very good care of us.

All memberships expired July 31, 2021. If you haven't already done so, please renew your membership and most importantly sign and return your liability waiver. If you've already paid and haven't received it yet, please email a board member and we will get you taken care of. If you know of anyone that would like to learn how to scuba dive and become part of the AVDD, tell them about the scholarship that is offered for new divers. All the information is on the club website.

Now on a personnel note, this president's message is very difficult for me to write, because it is my last. I will be resigning as president effective September 30, 2021. Sam and I are moving to Texas. We put our house up for sale and we accepted an offer the third day. I never thought this would happen so fast. Sam and I became AVDD members in 2009 after becoming OW certified. Well actually, we didn't have a choice, our instructor, Mike Orlando was very persuasive and I'm glad he was because we have never looked back. We have made many incredible forever friends and so much more. The love and support from past and present members is something that I will never forget, Sam and I will always be part of the AVDD family. I will see some of you up at June Lake for the last time, but if I don't, Sam and I are having a little get together to say goodbye at Bravery Brewery on Saturday- September 11th around 6pm. I know this is a difficult day for some, but our time is short, and we want to say goodbye and thank you too as many of you as we can. So, we hope to see you there.

## Goodbye for now and dive safe.

*Annette Childree*

*AVDD President, "lilgnome"*



## AVDD Fall Trip

Hello fellow members. Guess what time it is?

Yep, you guessed it! It is time for our annual Fall trip to Catalina!!

This year our trip will be November 5th ~ 7th

Many of us will be staying at the Seaport Village Inn. Reservations are filling up quick so go online and make your reservation.

If you do not want to stay at Seaport, there are many other options available for you to choose from.

Look forward to seeing you there!

*Robert Wisdom Treasurer AVDD*

## AVDD Board of Directors 2021-2022

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| President            | Annette Childree |
| Treasurer            | Robert Wisdom    |
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To contact any of the board members E-mail  
(avdesertdive@gmail.com)

## BAKED MACARONI AND CHEESE WITH CRAWFISH

8oz pasta

1qt water

16oz crawfish tails (precooked and de-shelled)

4 slices of bacon

3 green onions

2 tbsp butter

1/2 cup Half and Half

1 diced jalapeño

1 tbsp creole seasoning (Tony's Creole)

2 tbsp flour

1 1/2 cup sharp cheddar cheese

1 1/2 cup Monterrey jack cheese

1/4 bread crumbs

Cook pasta in water with tsp salt until AL dente (per package instructions)

In a pan cook the bacon until crisp and remove - leaving grease in pan.

Crumble the bacon and set aside.

At medium heat melt half of the butter into the bacon grease melt butter and stir in green onions and jalapeño, cook for about 2 minutes.

Add flour and whisk to remove lumps. Cook for a minute.

Stir in the half and half, then add crawfish tails and cheese. Stir to remove lumps and heat the crawfish. About 2-3 minutes.

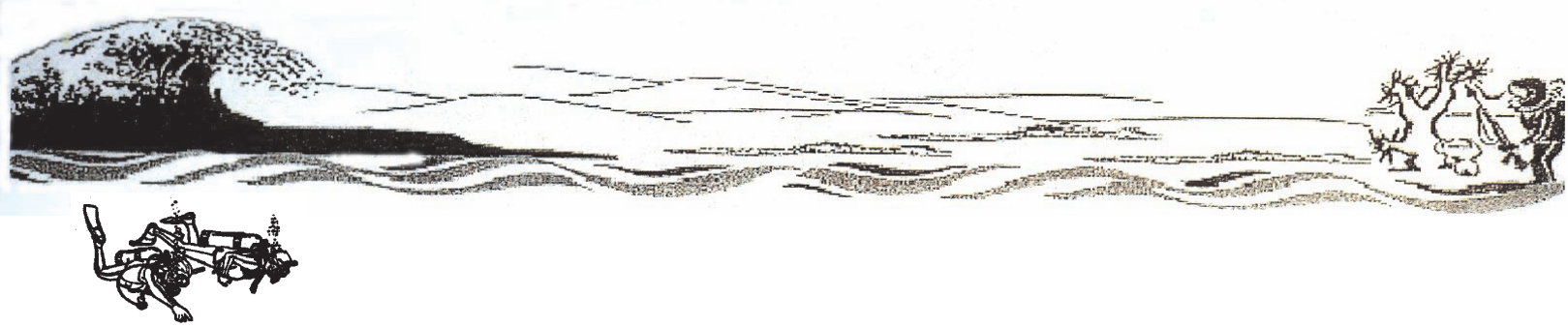
Fold in pasta and crumbled bacon.

Place in oven safe container and spread evenly.

Turn on broiler.

Melt remaining tbsp of butter and mix with breadcrumbs. Cover the mac and cheese and place in over under broiler until breadcrumbs are golden brown.





### Guest Speaker for September

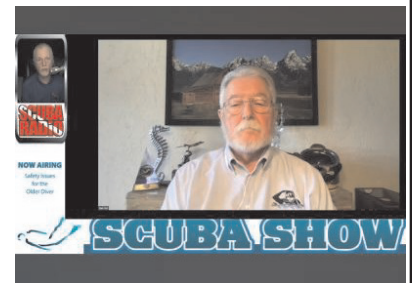
Virtual Seminar: Safety and Practical Issues for the Older Diver

Presented by Dan Orr with emcee Greg Holt from ScubaRadio.

"This presentation is a review of how the normal aging process affects diver safety, and what every diver should know about risk and risk mitigation to improve their safety, regardless of age.

When taking stock of our physical abilities and capabilities as we age there are absolutes that divers should be familiar with. The good news is that with age, usually comes wisdom and that improved judgment and reasoning can help you compensate for most negative body function changes. Knowing that we will have some level of impairment as we age brings us to how we can make accommodations and still dive safely. Aging is a fact of

life but how we handle growing older can make the difference between enjoying diving well into our Golden Years and having to prematurely hang up our fins."



### Membership Renewal

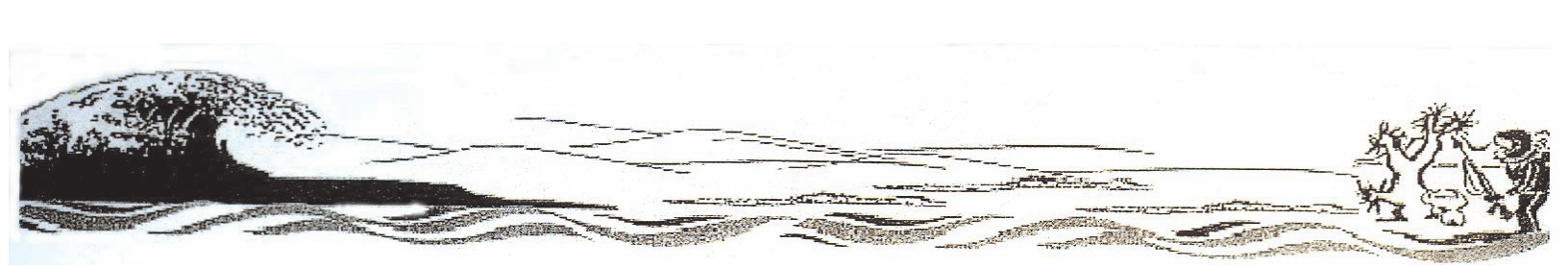
Well it's that time of year again, membership renewal time. Current memberships expired July 31, 2021. You can renew your membership at the club website [www.avdesertdivers.org](http://www.avdesertdivers.org), click membership and complete your transaction. Once your transaction is received, you will 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 AVDD President, ôlil gnomeö*



## Board Member Elections

Dear Members, it's that time of the year where we need to start looking for board members to guide our club into the future. As you know we currently have open board positions for President, Vice President & Conservation Officer. These are very important positions, and our club cannot continue to exist without having those positions filled.

Board Nominations will be at our November 8th board meeting. And the elections will be at our December 13th General Meeting Christmas Potluck Meeting. If you would like to become a board member or know someone that would be willing to be a board member, contact me at [treasurer@avdesertdivers.org](mailto:treasurer@avdesertdivers.org).

Also, Board meetings are open to all current members. So if you would like to attend the next board meeting, details are in this newsletter. Remember, this is your club. You can help guide it to the next level. Thank you all for your help and support.

*Regards, Robert Wisdom Treasurer AVDD.*



## Coastal Cleanup Day

Coastal Cleanup Day 2021 will be an in-person event again! AVDD has sponsored CCD at Corral Canyon/Dan Blocker Beach for the last 5 years or so (except for last year of course).

This year it is Saturday, September 18. Please come out and join us for another great event. It is because of you that we have been such a success out there year after year. We will exercise COVID precautions to ensure everybody has a safe, fun time.

Please register at: California Coastal Commission

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Let's make this the best year ever!

*Don Nipper AVDD Conservationist At-Large*

