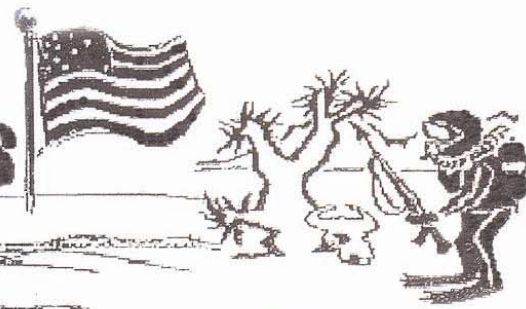


Desert Waves



August 2008

General Meeting - Mon - Aug 12th

Bill McGee talking on Dive Vacations

Board Meeting - Tue - Aug 19th

Meeting at the Nipper's house

June Lake Clean-up Dive

Aug 29,30,31 - Fri, Sat, & Sun

Bill McGee will be talking about
diving vacations

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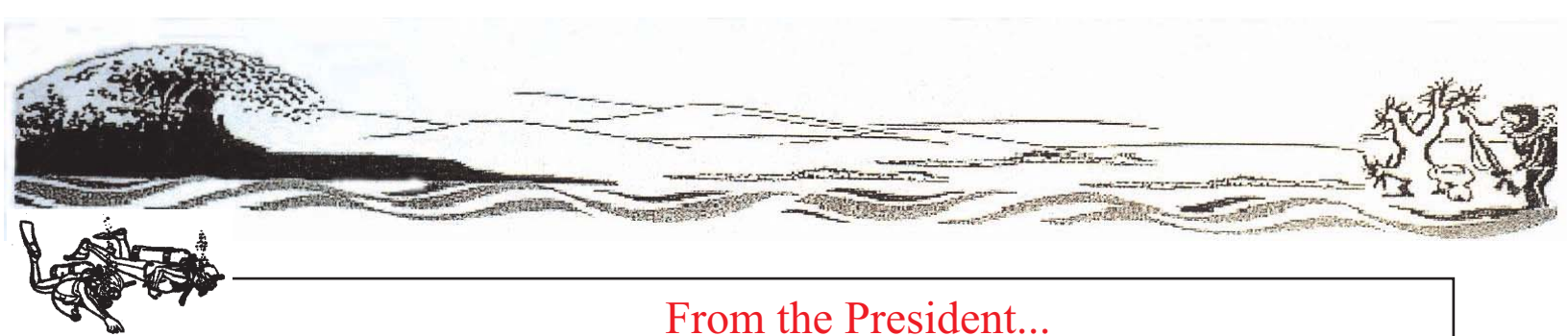
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From the President...

Fellow Divers, We are wrapping up the first half of the year. It seems to have flown by. With several awesome events behind us, we have even more on the horizon. If you haven't already, make sure and make your reservations for the June Lake Clean Up over Labor Day Weekend. You can book your reservation for Oh Ridge campground through Reserve America. It will be another great year.

Claudia has done a great job of getting a hold of many of the local businesses and they are contributing a number of items to our raffle. Sport Chalet has graciously added some really nice dive items to the raffle kitty. Larry was instrumental in getting the local marina's to participate by providing boats for hauling divers and trash around. Things are really shaping up.

Don, the kids and I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting and hopefully you can dig out that old camping gear and join us at June Lake.



Your Pres,

Linda

From the Vice-President...



It that time of year again. Time to renew your membership. Please fill out the enclosed document and issue your dues check in the amount of \$25.00 for individual or \$40.00 for a family and mail to:

Mike Orlando VP. AVDD, 2130 Sweetbrier St. , Palmdale CA 93550

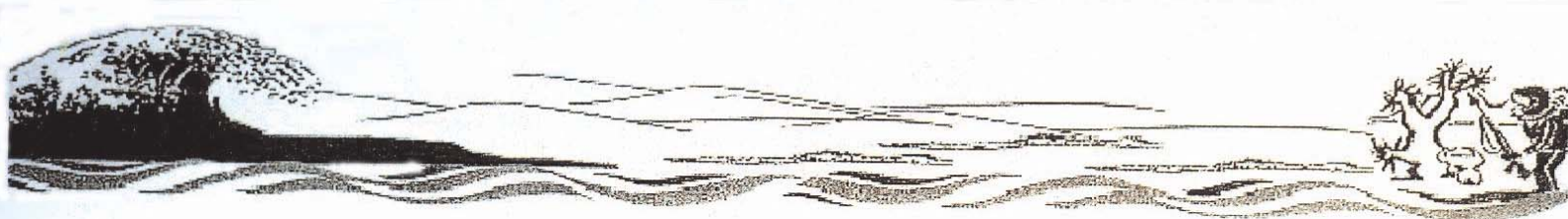
Thanks,

Mike Orlando

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2008 June Lake Campout and Dive

It's that time again, time to pack up all the camping gear and SCUBA gear and head north to June Lake for our annual campout and lake clean-up dive, Vicki and I drove by the lake on Sunday July 27th and talked to the guys at the two marina's and they are eagerly waiting for us to find all the treasures under their docks and around their marina's, They have both donated the use of a couple boats with motors for our use in cleaning up the lake. They have also said they will donate some raffle prizes for our efforts. We will be needing at least 4 volunteers to help with the boats on Saturday Aug. 30th. So if you're handy with boats or want to learn. Please contact a board member and let them know you want to help out.

For those of you who are new to this trip. Here are a couple things to remember. The weather on Labor Day in the Sierra's can be unpredictable. You need to pack everything from shorts to parkas. We have had rain and snow in the past with temperatures dropping to the 20's at night and back up to the 80's during the day. So bring the right clothes and gear for the weather.

Luckily it looks like the price of gas is dropping a little, but remember to fill up in Bishop before coming up the mountain. Gas in Lee Vining is around \$6.00 a gallon.

Vicki and I will be in Rabbit #62. And will be arriving on Thursday Aug. 28. So come look us up. Bring some extra money for T shirts and raffle prizes. Oh. Also, if your planning on having a camp fire. Bring as much wood as you can because a little bundle of wood now costs \$6.00.

Remember that on Saturday afternoon, around 5 PM. We will be having our Pot Luck dinner and HUGE RAFFLE. So bring your favorite campground grub. (Enough to feed a small army) there should be about 60 warm, hungry bodies. So cook accordingly.

If you have any unanswered questions. Please give any board member a call and we can try to set you straight. My number is 661 724 1048; my cell is 805 341 7478. And yes, cell phones do work at Oh Ridge campground.

Here are just a few of the Raffle Prizes

Cathy's Candy, \$25 Gift Certificate: Cathy has Candy; Coffee; Ice Cream; Christmas Everyday; and gift store.

Carson Peak Inn, Chicken or Rib take-out Lunch

Tiger Bar, Gift Certificate(Hat or T-shirt)

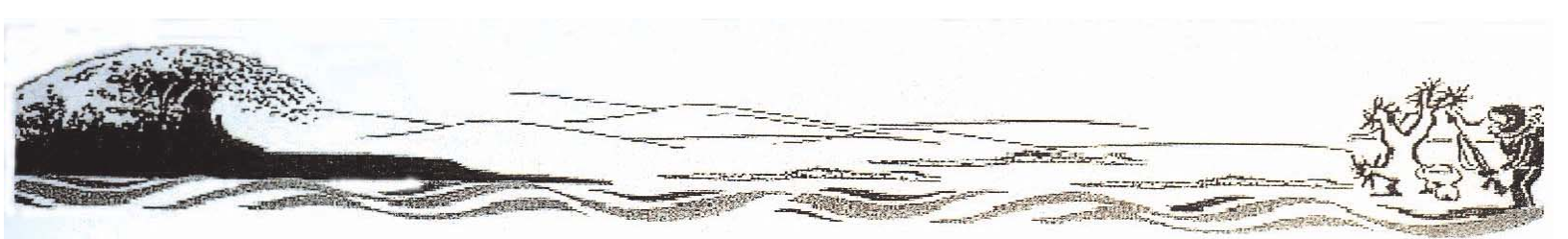
Eagles Landing Resort and Spa, Gift Certificate

Sierra Wave T-Shirts and Gift, T-Shirt and Gift certificate



See you all up the mountain , You're Secretary

Larry Ladd



Guest Speaker for August...

AVDD Presents Captain Bill (Part II)

Last February Captain Bill was unable to make our meeting due to an emergency (literally). But now he is back and in good health and will be present to tell us all about great ways to take dive vacations for less. Please attend, learn something new, and let's get diving!

Claudia Richardson

Dive Report: Sue-Jac Wreck Dive

Despite the rumor that winter storms had tumbled the wreck of the Sue-Jac, a 65 foot ferrocement schooner that sank at the entrance to Avalon Harbor in 1980, Wayne Bechtel and I went looking for it two weeks ago. We found it just off Big Casino Reef in the Avalon Underwater Park at the 60 foot contour line on a heading of 30 degrees from the harbor entrance navigation light. The wreck is still upright in its original location. The wreck featured the usual cast of Catalina fishy characters, numerous Spanish Shawl nudibranchs, and at least three species of Gorgonian. The jagged hole in the hull at about 70 feet makes for a great photo opportunity when your dive partner swims through. Check it out. It is an easy dive and an interesting wreck.

Jack Cook



We Need Your Help!

I was just looking at the updated website. It looks like Brian has been adding pictures. See if you have some of the missing pictures for many of the events and I don't see pictures in there for:

- 1) Clam Chowder dive this year
- 2) Banquet
- 3) Chamber Day
- 4) And any others that you may have that would be great additions to the website.

What do you guys think about adding a section of member dive photos as a section. I know that Terry has some really good ones and I'm sure that others do as well.

Linda Sharp

