



April 2009

General Meeting - Mon -April 20th

*"Old gear you may have never seen"*

Board Meeting - Tue - April 28th

Meeting at the Nipper's house

Chamber Day - Wed - May 13th

Clam Chowder Dive - Sat - May 23rd



Danny Reinke will be showing some

*"OLD GUY GEAR"*

A.V. Desert Divers

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AVDD 2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(These dates are tentative so check the Website)

5/13 Chamber Day (tentative)

6/20 Clam Chowder Dive Local TBD

7/4 July 4th Bar-B-Q

9/4-7 June Lake Clean Up

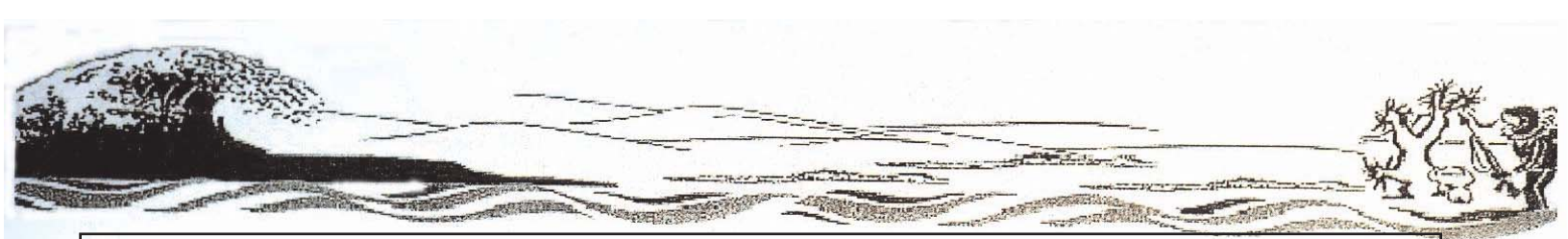
10/ Two Harbors Clean Up

10/24 Pumpkin Dive

See this Newsletter in

**Blazing Color** at:

[www.avdesertdivers.org](http://www.avdesertdivers.org)



## From the President...



Hello fellow divers,

Well the weather is finally starting to cooperate and some sunny days are just around the corner. So drag that dive gear out and let's get wet. Scuba Jack is pulling together some great dive trips so keep an eye out on the website and the newsletter. Your Conservation Officer Don, is looking into some local clean ups that we can do so that it is easier for everyone to participate. We still have a few seats left at the dinner table for Chamber Day, let's get those spots filled up. Please contact your conservation officer Don for additional information.

Don and I won't be at the next meeting as we will be in Hawaii, however Michael Orlando, your Vice President will be running this next meeting. Perhaps we'll come back with a story or two to tell at the May meeting.

We are looking into how we are going to book reservations for the June Lake Cleanup since they aren't taking reservations this year. We'll keep you all posted. There is much going on, so stay tuned.

*Come on out and join in,  
Your Pres, Linda*

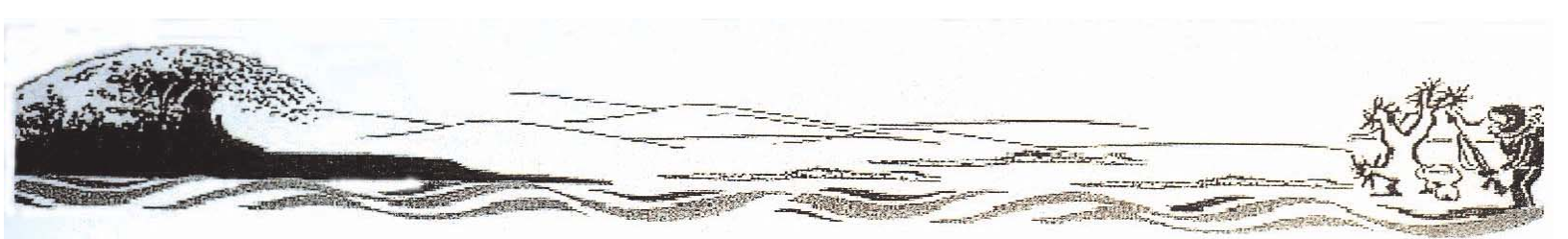


May 30 & 31 2009 @ The Long Beach Convention Center

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## Guest Speaker for April...



Danny Reinke will be displaying some of his old SCUBA gear. Some of the other older members will be bringing in some museum pieces as well. So if you want to see how the old guys did it, come on down to the meeting on the 20th & see things you have only heard about.

Program Director

*Claudia Ric (fading away)*

## June Lake and the Altitude Diver Specialty

Many of our members have been traveling yearly to make the dives at June Lake. June Lake is at an altitude of 7612 feet above sea level. This past year, we had one case of decompression illness reported for the dive. There may have been others in the past, but I am not aware of them. If you have been making this dive for many years and have had no decompression problems, that is great. You are, however, living on borrowed time, if you haven't made the effort to understand all of the implications of diving at altitude.

The PADI Altitude Diver Specialty Class is a good way to quickly gain the knowledge you need to dive safely at altitude. Every dive that takes place at an altitude higher than 999 feet, is technically an altitude dive and requires special considerations for dive planning and execution to prevent decompression problems. I will be offering this class at a reduced rate to club members. See me for scheduling and prices. There is one classroom session, one knowledge review, and two open water dives at altitude. Arm yourself with the knowledge you need to dive safely when you participate in this annual AV Desert Divers pilgrimage.



*Jack Cook*

## 21st Annual CHAMBER DAY

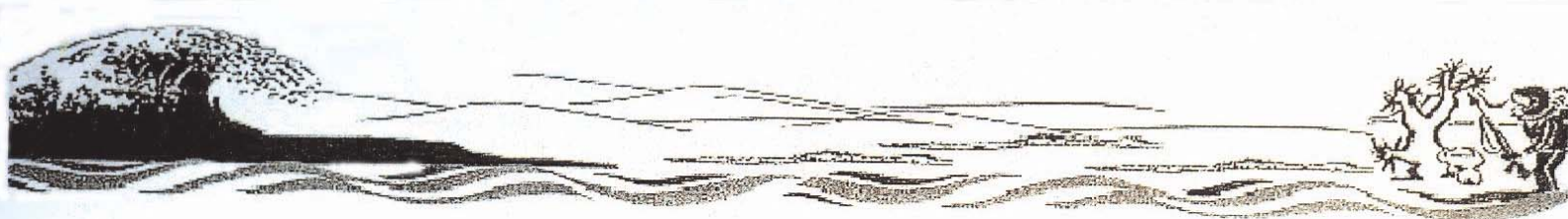
Well, it really is that time of the year... Chamber Day will be on us before you know it. Mark your calendar for the first week in May. The exact day has not been selected but we should be hearing soon. Remember, it is always a Wednesday of diving and fun in the sun and then the dinner at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach. Grab your dive buddy and get signed up. Come for a dive on one of the many boats that contribute their proceeds from that day to the Chamber or join other AVDD members and I at the dinner that evening. As in years past, AVDD has filled a table and we hope to have the same great response from the members. This is a worthwhile event and although we hope none of us ever needs to experience the skills of those volunteers working at the chamber, it is a relief to know that they are there. Remember, they can't exist unless we as divers provide our time, talent and treasures....

For more information, <http://wrigley.usc.edu/hyperbaric/TOP.HTM>

*Your Dive Coordinator/Conservation Officer,*

*Don*





## Hey Next Generation Adventurers,



Keep an eye out for this next Generation “gotta have” vehicle. I can’t wait for Jack and Mike’s “specialty class” on this one. In true James Bond style, a Swiss automobile visionary has now created the “sQuba”. It is goes in water and on land. I do mean “IN” water. Although it can drive on top of the water it can also go under the water. This one comes equipped with life support systems of two on board compressed air cylinders from ScubaPro with standard regulators. So grab your mask and jump in. This open cockpit design allows for the driver and “dive buddy” to be able to easily enter and exit the “vehicle”.

Linda is already bugging me for a test drive.

This puts a new meaning to “Let’s Get Wet”.

For additional information, take a look at the Alert Diver edition of November/December 2008.

*Your Conservation Officer, Don*


## JUNE LAKE – FIRST TIME



Deb and I were going through an old photo album on Easter Sunday. We found a photo of us at June Lake. When I turned it over, it had the date of August 1987 with a note that we were there diving with the Frigid Froggers Dive Club of Bishop. This came about because in February of that year, we had Clive Cussler as our guest speaker for the banquet. Some members of the Frigid Froggers came down to the banquet to see him. So, I asked, “Where do you go diving?” They said they had their own boats and dove in the ocean. They also talked about diving in June Lake; good viz, crawdad cookouts, and finding old coke bottles and other things fisher people had thrown overboard (by mistake?). So, that is what started the whole June Lake thing with the club. The trash cleanups did not start until a few years later. I think it was started by Bill Creighton. Now, 21 years later here we are. This Labor Day weekend will be our 22nd year going up to June Lake to dive. Can’t wait!

*John Nichols*

**AFRICA PARTY**



**jambo**

You are invited to **Palmdale** to see the pictures **john and Debbie** took while on safari in Africa.

**Date: april 18 time: 12 noon till 11pm**  
**The pictures will be shown nonstop, so you can stay as long or as short as you wish.**  
**There will be food and drinks.**  
**Rsvp: 661-947-0863 1122 dianron rd.**