



Corral Beach Cleanup

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April 2018

General Meeting - Mon - Apr 9th

Steve Wilson - Ice Diving

Board Meeting - Wed - Apr 18th

PCH Dive Shop

Boat Dive - Sat - Apr 14th

Spectre to Northern Channel Islands

Beach Clean-up - Sat - Apr 28th

Dan Blocker/ Corral beach.



Grant County Search and Rescue divers Steve Wilson (right) and Jim Gantenbein (left) talked with other rescuers before diving into Moses Lake near Marsh Island Wednesday evening to search a submerged pickup truck for additional accident victims. A short while earlier,

city and county firefighters had pulled John J. Harshbarger, 71, of Odessa from the truck. Harshbarger, who was underwater for approximately 20 minutes, was pronounced dead at Samaritan Hospital of asphyxiation by drowning after rescuers and hospital personnel

worked more than an hour in an effort to revive him. Divers determined no one else was in Harshbarger's truck when it went off the east-bound lanes of the freeway and into the lake. —Herald photo by Chad Hutson

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Steve Wilson - Guest Speaker



President's Message: April 2018 - Our Club, Our Fun



At our April meeting, Steve Wilson will be our guest speaker. We are having a booth this year at the Poppy Festival. Our April 14th dive we filled up the bottom Spectre, if interested contact our dive coordinator to see if there are any spots available. Our Club Dives are getting more and more popular.

We have 83 members now and are still growing. None of this would be possible without teamwork. The hard work of your board members supported by you, our members, has enhanced AVDD's reputation in the dive community and furthered our chartered goals of educating the public and promoting dive safety. We are always looking for members who want to join any experience of perpetuating our success as a dive club.

Anyone interested in attending Chamber Eve on May 2 please contact any board member. We need a headcount. For those of you who can be off work all day on a Wednesday, take the opportunity to participate in Chamber Day, as well. You not only get to tour the Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber, but also get to make two dives instead of slaving away at work. And don't forget: AVDD is part of the Amazon Smiles programs. When you sign up with Amazon, a small portion of your purchase price will be donated back to the club. I know it's hard to find where to sign up for Amazon smile, so here is an Amazon Smile special link for AVDD: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-4345408>.

As always, stay wet, be safe, and dive well!

Mike

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Steve Wilson will be our guest speaker for April



PADI Certified since 1986 - Search and Rescue Diver - Ice Rescue Specialist

American Heart Association First Aid / CPR Instructor - National Association of EMS instructors

(NAEMSE) CERT Instructor - 44 years teaching science and coaching in public schools

Palmdale High School Athletic Trainer - Co-Owner of a Medical Clinic in Central Mexico

**He will be speaking on "Ice Diving"
Should be a good one, Don't miss it!**



PADI and Mission Blue Join Forces for Marine Conservation

Sylvia Earle joins the largest dive training agency in encouraging everyone to become a "Hope Spot."

"Be the change you wish to see."



That's the challenge from two of the most influential forces in diving — PADI and Mission Blue — which are combining their powers to urge all who care about Earth's oceans to live that commitment in more active and tangible ways.

The goal is "to inspire people to use their powers — whatever they are — to do whatever it takes to protect the blue heart of the planet," Earle says.

That action can take many forms, from letting others know "the value of fish beyond something to eat" to encouraging friends and family to learn to dive so they too "get to know the ocean's creatures on their own terms," Earle says. "Divers are the best ambassadors for the ocean; we see what others cannot."

Earle pointed to the enormous changes that have taken place in all seas since PADI was founded in 1966. "Humans are changing the nature of nature," she says. "We want to make people think more deeply about what's happening in the underwater space," Richardson says, calling for a network of informed and engaged divers who work to influence others "locally, socially and politically."

"We need the oceans, and now the oceans need us," Earle says.



Conservation Officer Report



April is here and that means Spiny Lobster season is over ????. It also means that you need to get your lobster report card turned in. If you haven't already done it, it is due by April 31st; unless of course you want to pay the late filing penalty \$\$\$\$\$.

If you plan on going to June Lake this year you should get your reservations made at Oh Ridge State Camp ground while you still can. Though they usually sell out, you may be able to get a last-minute site but I wouldn't bet on that. Make your reservations at WWW.ReserveAmerica.com. Search for Oh Ridge, CA.



A beach cleanup is planned for April 28th at our adopted beach, Dan Blocker/ Corral beach. The plan is to clean the beach from 9 to 12 and then grab some lunch at the Lucky Fools Pub in Moorpark on the way home. Please send me an RSVP so I

know what to expect. AVDD.ConservationOfficer@gmail.com I look forward to seeing you there.

It won't be hard work, and we'll have some fun to. See you at the beach!

Don Nipper Conservation Officer

Something's Gonna Getcha

(but odds are very good it's not going to be a shark)

You might want a bigger boat, but you probably don't need better odds.

The chances of being involved in a negative shark encounter are infinitesimally small, and the likelihood of an attack resulting in serious injury or death is smaller still. In 2016, there were 84 unprovoked shark attacks in the U.S. - none fatal- according to the Florida Museum of Natural History's International Shark Attacks file. Statistically, experts say, you're more likely to be killed by an asteroid. Odds vary, depending on where you are and what you're doing in the water, but the National Aquarium in Baltimore says the odds of being killed by a shark are 1 in 3.7 million. You're in much greater danger of dying from the flu (a 1 in 63 chance), a car accident (1 in 90), a fall (1 in 218), a lightning strike (1 in 960,000), or even an asteroid (1 in 2.6 million).



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