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## DOHENY UPDATE for MARCH 2013



**THOR'S HAMMER**



**FAREWELL, GOOD FRIEND:** DSBIA Board Member Mike Peck passed in late February leaving family and friends saddened by his loss and richer for his presence in our lives. Mike was a giver, one of those special people who are constantly involved in organizations that contribute to their community. Among many, he was active in his son's youth sports leagues and schools, a treasured member of Doheny Longboard Surfing Association and, of course, very active in DSBIA. If there were food or drink involved, you'd find Mike setting up the cook site, preparing and serving the food, and pouring the drinks. He was a coordinator for the Mongoose Challenge in its first years. Mike had a special love for Doheny. He and wife Carol would often be found camping at the park in their RV.

***Godspeed, compadre, Vaya con Dios.***

**SUNRISE / SUNSET:** On March 1<sup>st</sup>, we gain 2 minutes, 5 seconds of sunlight from the day before. March 31, we gain 2 minute and 6 seconds from the previous day.

March 1: Sunrise @ 6:21 AM / Sunset @ 5:50PM = **11 hrs. 28 mins. 21 secs. of sun.**

Daylight Savings Time begins on March 10. Spring forward one hour.

Vernal Equinox (Spring begins) March 20 @ 4:02 PM

March 31: Sunrise @ 6:41 AM / Sunset @ 7:13 PM = **12 hrs. 32 mins. 02 secs. of sun**

**GAINED MINUTES OF DAYLIGHT:** +20 AM minutes / +84 PM minutes **Total: +104 minutes**

**WHY “DOHENY” STATE BEACH?** Most of the land that now makes up Doheny State Beach was donated to the State of California by oil tycoon Edward Doheny, Sr. for the purpose of creating a public park in memorial of his adult son, Edward “Ned” Doheny, Jr. Ned died in his grandiose Beverly Hills mansion under mysterious circumstance on Feb. 17, 1929. The movie, “There Will Be Blood” (“I drink your milkshake!”) is loosely based on the life of Doheny, Sr. He and Ned were caught up in the Teapot Dome scandal of the 1920’s. Ned’s death (a murder? a suicide?) seemed to be “swept under the rug” to protect the names of those involved and perhaps to derail a U.S. Senate investigation. The following link is to a great essay about Edward, Sr., Ned, fictional detective Philip Marlowe and author Richard Chandler. Kinda gives you a “Big Chill”. Who done it?

<http://home.comcast.net/~mossrobert/html/criticism/cassidy.htm>



**MEET ED NEELY:** Ed is one of your DSBIA Board members. A retired teacher and school principal, he puts out the Doheny UPDATE, edits the South Swell e-magazine and takes care of Membership. Ed also volunteers as a tide pool docent at the Ocean Institute. He and wife Lu live in Dana Point and have just returned from a 5-week odyssey in New Zealand.



**SAN JUAN CREEK WATERSHED:** San Juan Creek, which empties into the ocean at [Doheny State Beach](#), runs about 29 miles from its start in the Santa Ana Mountains, dropping 5,100 feet. Along with its major tributaries, Trabuco Creek and Oso Creek, it drains 133 square miles in south Orange County.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San\\_Juan\\_Creek#Spanish\\_arrival](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Juan_Creek#Spanish_arrival)



**CALENDAR:** Not all events are DSBIA sponsored, but all will be fun.

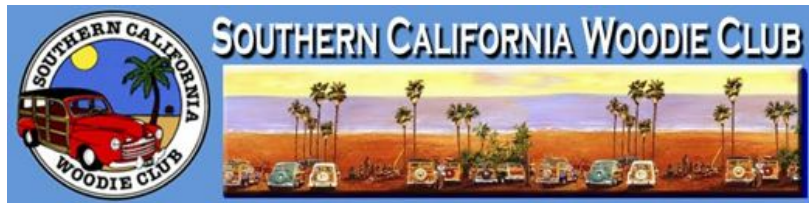
**SATURDAY, MARCH 9: 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GRUNION RUN.**

10K & 5K Run/Walk and Kids' 1K Run will take place in Doheny State Beach on Saturday, March 9, 2013 starting at 7:45am. This is a fast and flat scenic run / walk along the coast and through Doheny State Beach. The event is part of the two week Dana Point Festival of Whales. For more information

about the Festival of Whales, visit [www.dpfestivalofwhales.com](http://www.dpfestivalofwhales.com).

**SATURDAY, MARCH 9: DOHENY MOBILE MARINE MAMMAL MUSEUM.** Our Marine Mammal exhibits will be on display from 11 AM to 3 PM along the Doheny State Beach esplanade between the snack stand and the west jetty. A chance to see and feel authentic marine mammal artifacts (and some cool replicas, too).

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10: WHALE OF A BEACH CLEAN UP, 9AM - NOON.** Celebrate the return of the majestic Gray Whales by cleaning up the beach before the debris washes off into the their ocean. We meet at lifeguard headquarters.



**SATURDAY, APRIL 13: DOHENYWOOD, 8AM to 3PM:** Come see the hottest and coolest woodies to be found on the coast. It's the annual Southern California Woodie Club Car Show held in the South Day-Use area of the park. <https://sites.google.com/site/socalwoodieclub/doheny-wood>

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13: EARTHDAY NATIVE PLANTING, 9 AM to 1 PM** Join park Naturalist Vickie Wiker and plant some native species to re-green the park.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20 DANA POINT WINE FESTIVAL, 11 AM TO 4 PM** Hit the grassy, palm-lined Doheny State Beach to experience the quintessential California wine tasting event at our Orange County California Wine Festival grand finale. <http://www.californiawinefestival.com/eventschedule.html>

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27:** Paddle for Humanity Paddleboard/SUP Race

**WHOA, JOE!!! NOT A DSBIA MEMBER YET?** Join us in supporting the mission of DSBIA to provide activities and materials to educate the public about the natural and cultural importance of Doheny State Beach. **Here's a printable membership form.**  
[http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/pdf/DSBIA\\_Membership\\_App\\_Rev-2010.pdf](http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/pdf/DSBIA_Membership_App_Rev-2010.pdf)

**MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS:** With the exception of December, DSBIA Board of Directors meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month, 7 PM at the Double Tree Hotel on Pacific Coast Highway across from Doheny State Beach in Dana Point. Meetings are open to all DSBIA members.

**VISIT OUR WEB SITE** at <http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/index.html>

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