

The FACEPLATE

The voice of
The Ohio Council of Skin and Scuba Divers, Inc.



Spring, 2004

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It looks like spring has decided to stay in Ohio, bringing plenty of wetness with it. No matter -- we are diving, both in state and down south. Look inside to see who's going where.

ScubaFest 2004 is now a memory. It was historical in many ways -- you can read the detailed article inside. With three dozen exhibitors, and some 100 attendees (divers, families, and interested people), it was a great time for scuba-people in the midwest. We hope you enjoyed it! And if you weren't there, what could be the reason?

In a somewhat related note, **Our World Underwater** has taken on a different outlook. Starting in 2005, OWU is becoming part of the Chicagoland Outdoors show. A lot of people aren't thrilled with the combination, including many of the vendors. This actually makes ScubaFest the biggest Scuba-only event in the midwest. Look ahead -- you may see it growing bigger and bigger. each year!

IMPORTANT NOTE!! If you have not yet renewed for 2004, this will be the last issue of the Faceplate you will receive.

If you get this by regular mail, look at your mailing label -- you should have the year 2004 listed beside your name. If you don't, you must renew. If you're getting this newsletter by e-mail, you should have received a prior message saying you are renewed for 2004; if not, then we don't have your dues yet.

Today, the OCSSDI is the biggest scuba agency in the state. Check out pages 2 & 3 to see the clubs and professional agencies in Council; and read the abbreviated list of accomplishments as listed by Annette Soule. Also, check out further all the diving and related activities being done statewide. You're part of a happening sport -- stay with us!

A final note -- we are perplexed sometimes talking to Ohio divers, to find that they are not aware either of Scuba events, or about Council activities, even though the person might be a member of an Associate club. Sometimes they don't even know their club is a member of Council. We have even had club where their membership has expired, sometimes for a couple years, and no one know it.

This is the reason I urge you members, to check out the list on club representatives on page 2. These are the people who get your Faceplate (electronic and hard copy); these are the people who should be passing information on to you.

You might double check with your main contact -- is this a position he wants? Is she still a club member, or shows up to meetings? Is the contact info (e-mail and address) correct?

There's a lot happening we don't want you to miss.

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President's Remarks

ScubaFest 2004

During Scubafest 2004, at the Saturday evening banquet, Outgoing President Annette Soule gave a brief address concerning the work and successes of the OCSSDI. Since several people have remarked on how her talk summed up so well the mission of Council, we decided to give an abbreviated version here:

Did you know that the Ohio Council of Skin and Scuba Divers has been in existence since **1959**? The mission of this Council is to **provide a unified voice** for Ohio's divers, and your Council has been very busy doing just that.

The Council provided this voice by attending and testifying at hearings on our behalf, and was instrumental in the passage of House Bill 64 at both the house and senate levels allowing divers to possess medical oxygen in case of a dive emergency.

In 2000, when we found out that Canada was about to pass **House Bill 13** the Marine Heritage Act which would have prevented us from diving Canadian wrecks, we sent their officials an onslaught of letters and e-mail opposing the Bill. **Divers killed the Bill.** A Canadian web site still posts the issue as: "**Divers 1 – Government Legislation 0.**"

When we were told that **an airline was charging excessive fees for scuba gear** we, again, ran to our mailboxes and our telephones to let them know this was unacceptable.

As recently as a few weeks ago, we were told of an attempt to **disband the Submerged Lands Advisory Council**, and we again got the word to each other with drafts of letters and Governor addresses to say "we oppose this!"

The Council is is "about" dive legislation, and many other things. It's been a pleasure for me to chair such an active membership. That's one of the things that makes this an exciting Council – there's always someone stepping forward to say "Yes, I'll be on that committee, how can I help?" These are divers that want to be involved and have achieved goals we can all be proud of.

In fact, this year for the first time **the entire Council stepped forward** and agreed to organize ScubaFest, which is a lot of work – a lot of **teamwork**. Council members have done an excellent job coordinating this event. This year we were able to bring **dive manufacturers** from all over the world to demonstrate new products and dive technology.

The Council has been able, for the past several years, to offer an annual **scholarship fund**, which we'll be presenting later this evening. This is to assist students pursuing careers related to marine biology, underwater archaeology, and other related fields. **We're happy to support the Ohio dive community through education in this field.**

We support Ohio's dive clubs through our **Speaker's Bureau** and offer a stipend to assist in bringing presentations to your local functions. We **encourage the talent of divers** and present your photography in Roger Roth's fantastic annual photo competition.

This is your voice and your Council, Ohio divers. We have a lot to be proud of, and a lot to look forward to.

OCSSDI

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OCSSDI Minutes, March, 2004

Club Represented:

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Buckeye Divers	Cincinnati Underwater Explorers
Columbus Sea Nags	Gavia Scuba Club
Kittyhawk Scuba Club	Lake Erie Wreck Divers
Lima Scubonauts	Mid-Ohio Divers
Newark Poseidons	TA Dive Club
Toledo Submariners	Underwater Adventurers

Minutes: Motion to accept: 1st, Rich Lauer, 2nd, Mark Pansing.

Treasurers Report:		
STATEMENTS, November 03 thru February 05		
Beginning balance		\$8004.75
INCOME:		
<u>Interest</u>		
NOV		.83
DEC		.87
JAN		.84
FEB		.81
<u>DUES</u>		
(Checkouts and paypal)		\$375.00
<u>ScubaFest 2004</u>		
(paypal holding account for payout)		\$1517.19
TOTAL		\$9900.29
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
R. Lauer (Faceplate)	14 NOV	-\$1317.00
<u>CHECKS WRITTEN</u> (ScubaFest)		
12/10/04 #407		-\$150.00
1/15/04 #408		-\$650.00
1/26/04 #409		-\$470.00
2/10/04 #410		-\$135.00
<u>ENDING BALANCE**</u>		<u>\$7122.29</u>
<i>**Scholarship Total of \$1640.31 is included in ending balance</i>		

Motion to accept: 1st, Mary Anne Higginbotham, 2nd, Roger Roth.

OLD BUSINESS:

Shipwreck Buoy Project: Dave Soule gave a report on our long-time project of putting buoys on Lake Erie shipwrecks. Still in limbo. The state is insisting on a "hold harmless" clause, shielding the state from liability if a lawsuit should arise. Other states have handled similar situations by having a non-profit agency accept liability – in Ohio there are two such agencies, the Council, and MAST.

MAST has a charter number as a non-profit agency, and carries liability insurance, and is discussing assuming the burden.

If so, we may have the shipwrecks buoyed by summer, or have a new road block to face.

Ohio Divers License Plates: Ernie Naples reports that we still need more signatures. Tim McCloud volunteered to work with Ernie to jump start the project.

ScubaFest: Rich Lauer stated that this first year with ScubaFest being handled by an OCSSDI committee was a learning experience. Biggest problem was getting the speakers list finalized – this was the result of having to wait until the exhibitors were signed in, and it resulted in the job being done by three different people. That problem should be behind us in the future.

Besides for having the OCSSDI committee run the show, and coming back year after year, there were several new ideas that worked well this year. Among them, was the use of PayPal for ordering tickets, the Post Office box, and using post cards for confirming tickets. And having the exhibit halls open to the public was a big triumph.

One advantage we have now, since we're coming back to central Ohio year after year, is that we're buying and accumulating materials for the future – sign, exhibit board, banners, etc.

Rich pointed out how few of the member clubs even mentioned ScubaFest in their newsletters – he estimated that only about half listed it on their calendar of events, and less than a third did a special article on the event.

It was noted that ScubaFest info was sent to the club's listed OCSSDI contact. It was suggested that in the future, we send info to the person doing the club newsletter.

Our World Underwater: Joyce Hayward announced that Joe Hoyt, winner of the 2004 (and 2003) Mel Sheehan Scholarship, was also the winner of the national scholarship awarded at Our World Underwater. She urged as many people as possible attend this year's OWU, to promote the Council, and also to show support for Joe.

Mel Sheehan Scholarship: The official Scholarship committee was established, with seven members. They are Dick Colwell (Chairman), Mary Anne Higginbotham, Roger Roth, Marty Bailey, Scott Pansing, Sandy Heschel, and Carol Kender.

Mary Anne announced that there was still money in the old Scholarship Committee fund, not turned over when the rest of Council funds were passed to new treasurer Lu Ann Howard. She will turn that check over to Lu Ann. Also, she has a list of all Scholarship prizes awarded in the past.

Roger Roth pointed out that although the scholarship is officially the *Mel Sheehan* Scholarship, no one knows why it has that name. He suggested Council look into changing that – one suggestion would be the Dave Mikesell Memorial Scholarship. Mary Anne Higginbotham seconded the motion. The committee will discuss this, and get back at a later time.

Dive Ohio Show: This was a project we hoped to unveil at ScubaFest; unfortunately, there were not enough entries. Rod Maxson is still collecting images – we especially need shots from Lake Erie. Remember, we can take video and pictures. All contributors will be listed on the website.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers: There were two nominations for 3-year Trustee. Tim McCloud (Buckeye Divers) was nominated by Dave Soule, 2nd by Dick Colwell. Patrix Heschel was nominated by Marty Bailey, 2nd by Roger Roth. Patrix Heschel was confirmed as 3-year Trustee.

The following were nominated for the office of 1-year Trustee:

Linda Carter (N-CASE)
Tim McCloud (Buckeye Divers)
Mark Pansing (Sea Nags)
Mary Anne Higginbotham (Poseidons)
Roger Roth (Gavias)
Alex Ali (Bay Area Divers)

Chosen as 1-year trustees are: Roger Roth, Elex Ali, Tim McCloud, and Mark Pansing.

Sandy Heschel was elected as Secretary, and Lu Ann Howard as Treasurer.

Oxygen Legislation: Scott Pansing pronounced that the Oxygen Bill had been passed, and signed into law by Governor Taft. Next step is to work with the Pharmaceutical Board. A committee will look at the literature of the training agencies, to see what is taught to scuba students.

At this point, we are looking at a two-step process: one, anyone who is a certified diver can administer oxygen in a suspected diving emergency, and two, that anyone passing a recognized Oxygen Provider course can purchase equipment and buy oxygen.

House Bill 218: Joyce Hayward gave some background on H.B. 218, which has passed the Ohio House. The bill would effectively end the SLAC committee, which has been our voice in the Ohio Legislature for years. It is from SLAC that we were able to promote diving and archeological education, to form MAST, and push for getting buoys on the Lake Erie shipwrecks, and the loss of this committee will be a blow to Ohio diving.

All of the duties of SLAC is to be put under the CRAC Committee. Joyce said that in conversations with CRAC members, they stated they didn't want the tasks or SLAC put on their committee.

A form was passed around to note which state legislators are involved with the committee. It's urged that Council members contact their legislator to express concern with the amendment that will dissolve SLAC.

Archeology Committee: Dave Soule, Archeology Chairman, announced new MAST classes to be held in May, with dives in June. This year's project will involve gathering data on the Craftsman Barge and Crane.

In other action:

It was moved by Rich Lauer, seconded by Carol Kender, that Scubafest be scheduled in March each year, on the weekend best suited, according to other festivals in the country. Passed unanimously.

It was moved by Dick Colwell that children be allowed at the Scubafest Banquet Ball, but only if they are involved with scuba (junior open water or a kid's program, such as SEALS or RANGERS). Seconded by Roger Roth, and passed.

Carol Kender introduced Gene Muchanski, from the Dive Industry Association. The organization, made up of 130 member clubs and professional agencies, was a big help in promoting ScubaFest 2004. There were eight DIA members exhibiting at the show.

Marty Bailey moved that OCSSDI join the organization, 2nd by Roger Roth. Motion passed.

Donald Hudson moved to adjourn

Great Lakes Photography Contest and Exhibit

Bring out your Great Lakes photographs! A photography contest sponsored by the Great Lakes Historical Society, takes place this month, leading to winners and participants being displayed in a special exhibit running until the end of August.

June 21 is the deadline for entering your pictures. All photographs must have as their subject an image related to the Great Lakes or its tributaries, and should have been taken within the past 18 months.

The contest is for prints, 8x10 or 8x12, and all pictures should be matted. Best of show will win \$500; first and second place in each category will win \$75 and \$50 respectively.

Categories of submissions are: Underwater Shipwreck Photography, Natural Photography, Lighthouses, Commercial Shipping, Recreational and Sport Boating, and Miscellaneous.

All participants must agree that their photographs may be displayed (free of charge) in the Society's *Inland Seas* journal, or the newsletter *Chadburn*, with proper credit given. Also, the pictures may be displayed in the exhibit, at the Inland Seas Maritime Museum until August 26, 2004.

(We wouldn't mind seeing them in the *Faceplate*, either!)

You must use an official application form. You can get this form, and get your questions answered, by calling the Great Lakes Historical Society at 800-893-1485.

You may send your entries by mail to: **Photography Contest**, c/o Inland Seas Maritime Museum, PO Box 435, Vermillion, Ohio, 44089. If sending other than by mail, use the street address of 480 main Street, rather than the PO Box.

2004 BBQ For DAN

20 years supporting the Divers Alert Network!

Sponsored by the T.A. Dive Club, Portage Quarry, and Sub-Aquatics

July 24 & 25, 2004

**Portage Quarry Recreation Club
Bowling Green Ohio**



*Good food, good Fun,
and thousands of dollars
worth of prizes!!*

**OCSSDI meeting
10 a.m. July 25**



Treasure Hunt

Saturday, from noon until 3:00 p.m.

limited to first 25 buddy teams

\$25 per team. Registration begins at 11:30 p.m.



BBQ for DAN

Sunday, from noon until 2:00 p.m.

MOVIES ON THE BEACH!!

Weather permitting, join us Saturday night for movies on the beach.
Bring your own chairs and popcorn.

Tickets are \$16, from TA members, or at Sub-Aquatics.

Send check to: TA Club, 8855 E. Broad Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068

Ticket covers entry fee to Portage (one day), dinner, and raffle

Dive Ohio Show

Late in 2003, Council decided to change the focus of the proposed *Dive Ohio* video. With today's technology, it was discussed, a Power Point presentation would seem to be a better idea. We had a fantasy at that time that we could get it goether to show at ScubaFest 2004.

Well, it didn't happen. Submissions from membership (NOTE: that means y'all. Younce. You guys.) were few, not enough to put together a big show. So the project has been continued. How about ScubaFest 2005?

The concept is a 5-minute show, quick-moving music, with hundreds of pictures flashed across the screen. Your photos are needed, both topside and under water, of Diving Ohio. The quarries, the Lakes, the River; fish, clams, divers, shipwrecks, quarry buses and trucks; suiting up, hanging on lines, taking photos – everything. Digital video is also welcome.

Rod Maxson, from the Columbus Sea Nags, has volunteered to head up the project. Talk it up in your club – please don't be humble. Your pictures are good enough.

If you're sending digital, Rod is hoping for digital quality of 1600x1200 pixels, where possible, but send whatever you have. You can send them via e-mail, at rod.maxson@us.abb.com. Or you can send photos or discs to Rod Maxson, 3242 Kenyon Road, Columbus, Ohio 43221. Thanks for the help!

A report from Joyce Hayward, Chair of the OCSSDI Legislative Action Committee:

First, the good news: Oxygen Bill HB 64 Passed, and signed into law by Governor Taft! Scott Pansing, Patrix Heschel, Marty Bailey, Dave Rauch, and others carrying this forward, and have assembled a committee of OCSSDI members to meet with the Pharmacy Board regarding the Rules Committee and the necessity to compile information related to diver training and oxygen. Legislative action is no longer needed - it is now in the hands of education and compiling resources from teaching agencies. **Second, there's HB 218** This bill has passed the House, and is now in Senate: It addresses low and high water marks of Lake Erie shoreline, and who owns the land.

That part of the bill is NOT an issue for OCSSDI - HOWEVER, what IS an issue is an amendment which, if the bill passes, would dissolve the Submerged Lands Advisory Council (SLAC) which presently is our voice in the management of our shipwrecks.

Donn Ellerbrock, our OCSSDI eyes and ears in the Capitol, met with us at ScubaFest and suggested methods to try to stop this amendment. First, we (led by Rod Althaus) contacted House Minority Leader, Democrat Chris Redfern, who is a "friend to divers" and asked for his help in contacting his fellow democrats on the Energy, Natural Resources and Environment committee (who are hearing this bill in Senate). He agreed, and has done so.

Next, Donn suggested we needed to find someone who might write an amendment to stop the dissolution of the SLAC committee. Tim McCloud emailed me that he had a contact with the Co-chair of the committee, Senator Jay Hottinger, and that he might be willing to help us. I have emailed and faxed asking for his help, but as yet, (April 22) I have not heard from him.

NEXT, I am asking you to contact your local Senators - mainly the ones who are on that committee. I will give you their contact information (below) and simply ask that you email them stating that "although you have no issue with HB 218, you strongly oppose the amendment that dissolves the SLAC committee and places their responsibilities into another committee, the CRAC committee. You would like to strike that amendment and retain SLAC as the council to oversee shipwrecks of Lake Erie" It's as simple as that!

Please don't feel foolish or uncomfortable doing this...it is a simple gesture of our American rights to contact our representatives in our government regarding our opinion - that is what they need to represent us in their job.

Thank you,

Joyce Hayward, Chair OCSSDI Legislative Action Committee

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Thank you - call me or email if you have questions or concerns: 419-483-3074, or joycehayward@cros.net.

Oxygen Rules Committee

Mark Keeley, R.Ph., Legislative Affairs Administrator of the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy, has announced that the following members of Council have been appointed by the Board of Pharmacy to the rules committee regarding HB64 (Oxygen and Scuba Divers): Dave Rauch, Linda Pansing, Patrix Heschel, Marty Bailey, Rich Lauer, Twink Miller, and Ken Karst. Also on the committee is Scott Pansing, Chair of the OCSSDI Oxygen Legislation committee.

All of these people were involved with HB64 from its inception, or have volunteered recently.

Next step is a series of meetings, most likely in June or July, to hash out the rules regarding which divers may administer oxygen, and which ones can possess oxygen cylinders and get them filled.

Joe Hoyt Wins OWU Scholarship

Winner of the 2004 OCSSDI Scholarship was Joseph Hoyt, of the Bay Area Divers. We must have been right about something -- Joe was also named North American Rolex Scholar, by the and Phoebe Rudonimo-Dusiacka to Be Introduced at Rolex Banquet on March 24th concurrent to The Our World Underwater Scholarship Committee.

After learning to dive at the age of 15, Joe followed his father's lead and enrolled in an underwater archaeology program at Bowling Green University. He is a NAUI Instructor and PADI Divemaster who continues to train divers and participate in underwater research. He has been part of the team on several dives on the USS Monitor and helps to coordinate graduate research for student's thesis projects.

Congratulations to Joe, to BAD, and to OCSSDI. Can we raise 'em right, or not?

Club News from across the state

As of April 2004, there are 23 member clubs in the OCSSDI. However, we do know that several of the clubs have fallen on rocky times, and may be dropping out this year. The officers will be discussing that at the July meeting. Meanwhile, it's a great group of people!

This much we know: not many people are hanging around Ohio for the Memorial Day weekend!

If there is a particular thing you want listed in our club news, or a flier you want published for a special event, drop a line, or e-mail. Next issue will come out mid-July.

How do I get the information for this page? First I got what I could from the newsletters I get in the mail, and from the newsletters I get on line. Then I write your club OCSSDI contact. If you're not listed here, it's time to ask your representative why. Let us know what's going on -- we love to hear from you.

Kittyhawk Scuba Club

We've been enjoying programs from Steve Cavedo and had finally seen them all; but with new trips coming up we'll soon have more to enjoy. On the calendar is a quick trip to Panama City Beach and the St Clair River, and our regular quarry diving this summer.

Cincinnati Underwater Explorers

Spring split us two ways: some members journeyed to La Grange, KY in May while others went to St. Lucia to dive and enjoy the St. Lucia Jazz Festival. In June we will take part in D.O.G. Rally and Demo Days, and we'll Dive Gilboa June 19th.

Bay Area Divers

We join with LEWD for a meeting and visit to the Great Lakes Historical Society. Our diving start May 29 at Whitestar; and we visit Lake Erie, and the quarries over the summer. But it's warm water with Blackbeards Cruises in September.

Buckeye Divers

Memorial Day will find us in Key Largo, and the July 4 weekend sees us at Carolina Beach. Big trip for the year will be in Little Cayman October 2-9. Lest we forget our fresh water sites, we'll do Kingston, Ontario over Labor Day, and a couple weekends at the St. Clair River.

Aqua Masters

We head to Beaufort, NC, for the Memorial Day weekend. June finds us on a Waruwanago Charter in Leamington, Ontario. Two great trips in July -- with Osprey Charters in New York, and then to Lake Huron.

Aqua Mariners

Annual Easter Egg dive in Lake Cable was a success -- diving in the rain can be fun! We next head over the Whitestar Quarry for Memorial Day, while planning our other summer dives, and the annual picnic.



Columbus Sea Nags

We're hitting the local sites each weekend, but in the summer we make them a combination dive/campout, starting at Portage June 5. July 17 is a dive scooter seminar at Circleville, and August 15 is the Woman's dive day.

Central Ohio Divers

Eight members have just recently returned from a Blackbeards Liveaboard trip to The Bahamas. Not many of us (including crew!) survived the crossing without losing our lunch but a hardy two became members of the infamous "No Chuck Club"

Lake Erie Wreck Divers

Don't look for us up north over Memorial Day: more than two dozen of us will be in Morehead City diving the wrecks of the Atlantic. In September, we join BAD to dive the wrecks of Tobermorey.

Aqua Amigos

April 25 found us participating again in the scuba for Diabetes. A special open meeting May 26 brings Jeffrey Reutter of the Ohio Sea Grant Program. We join MAST for the Underwater Survey Class in May and June.

T.A. Club

Back from the Bonne Terre mines in April, we're taking full advantage of our local sites, with our monthly *Dive Ohio* days. Make sure you join July 24 & 25, for the annual Barbecue for DAN at Portage Quarry.

North Coast Aquatic Scuba Explorers

Club members are getting antsy -- we're setting sail and diving Belize at Ambergis Caye near San Pedro. Might even be an opening if you're interested.

Springfield Scuba Society

It's Natural Springs for our first dive this season, May 22, before we dive Whitestar, Portage, Long Lake and Gilboa over the summer. Club meeting and picnic is at Buck Creek June 19.

Toledo Submariners

We return to Whitestar May 22 for a camp and dive. We do the same thing June 26-27 at Kelly's Island. Looking ahead, we're off to dive the wrecks at Tobermorey, Canada, July 24.

Lima Scubanauts

It's spring, so our monthly meetings will include pot luck lunch and diving -- in May we begin the process at Long Lake. We look forward to our trip to Cozumel, Mexico, June 19-26.

Membership for 2004 Ohio Council of Skin and Scuba Divers, Inc.

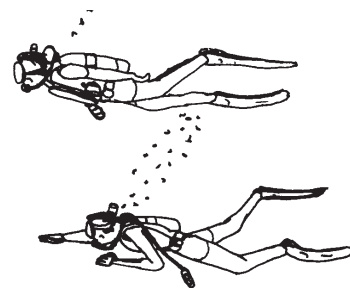


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SCUBAFEST 2004

And now we again do an article that may seem like déjà vu: again, we can report that ScubaFest was a great time, a rollicking get-together of up to 1000 scuba-absorbed people from all over Ohio and surrounding states. For this one weekend, landlocked Ohio was the scene of historical shipwrecks, drowned caves, shark photography, world-wide scuba travel, dive equipment, every type of aquatics photography and video, and four generations of people enjoying scuba. Hope you were there!

This 45th ScubaFest was historical for many reasons: It was the first of the annual festivals put on by a committee from OCSDDI. The exhibit halls were open free to the general public – this, along with excellent pool demos for everyone 8 years to 80 fill ed the Wyndham Hotel with people getting their first excitement about scuba.

There were a lot of successful experiments: we used PayPal for the first time, and a permanent PO Box for registration. All ticket orders were confirmed via post card. A few didn't work quite so well, but I won't bore you with those details here.

The highlight again was the sold-out Saturday evening banquet. Joe Hoyt, winner of the Mel Sheehan Scholarship, gave an interesting and reflective presentation. The scholarship committee was presented with \$500 from the Underwater Images Competition.

Council member were exuberant about the recent passage of the Divers and Oxygen legislation. At the Banquet, a special presentation was made to Ron Smith and Joyce Hayward, who were instrumental in beginning the ratification process. Both were awarded with pens from Governor Taft, which were used in signing the bill.

Keynote speakers Jim and Pat Stayer kept the audience immersed with a beautiful look at Yap. Also, winner of Underwater Images were exhibited – as usual, stunning photographs and video.

After the bills were paid, \$10,000 was raised by ScubaFest. As promised, \$1000 was awarded to the Scholarship Committee, and \$3000 was given to the Roatan Dental Project.

To see what you missed, or to relive the weekend, see the pictures on ScubaFest.org. Also, log on to UW Images.org for a dazzling reminder of what underwater image-making is all about.

Thanks go out to so many people – the three dozen exhibitors, the many wonderful sponsors of the UW Images Competition, and to the hard working committee who stressed and sweated all weekend to ensure a good time.

We are already underway for ScubaFest 2005. Keynote speaker will be Joe Wysocki, whose travelogue from the west coast wowed so many viewers. Posters for next year's event are already on display at the state scuba quarries. Mark your calendar for March 11-13, 2005. See you in Dublin!

New Suggestions For Mouth To Mouth and CPR

This is a new article which may be of interest to all rescue-trained divers, and others.

No recommendations here, but it may be something to think about....

KANSAS CITY, Mo -- Bystanders who want to help a heart attack victim are increasingly being told by 911 dispatchers to skip the mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and concentrate on giving chest compressions until medical help arrives.

Driven by medical surveys and continued public resistance to giving mouth-to-mouth, emergency medical groups across the country have either changed or are considering changing the traditional instructions given over the phone to untrained individuals helping a heart attack victim.

"If someone is going to do nothing because they are apprehensive about doing mouth-to-mouth, it is simple to tell them to find the middle of the chest and start pressing," said Dr. David Wald, a physician in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia. "That is better than nothing."

The reasoning is simple: A heart attack victim's chance of survival drops about 10 percent for every minute he or she does not get some type of help. Giving an untrained person instructions on performing mouth-to-mouth wastes some of those precious minutes, but it is relatively easy to tell someone how to properly do chest compressions.

Wald said between 1,000 to 1,500 people die of cardiac arrest every day in the United States. The chances of saving heart attack victims is "realistically very small" because of several factors — ranging from why the person collapsed, to how CPR is performed and how long it takes paramedics to arrive, he said.

But performing some type of cardiopulmonary resuscitation can expand by four minutes the window of time generally considered necessary for paramedics to respond and still have a chance at saving a victim, Wald said.

Easier-to-follow instructions

The changes are only for victims over age 18 whose hearts have suddenly stopped. Children and those who have stopped breathing because of such things as drug overdoses, drowning, carbon monoxide poisoning or allergic reactions still require mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

Many proponents of the change cite a 2000 study done in Seattle that compared compression and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation with compressions alone. It found the difference in survival rates was not statistically significant, but compressions took less time and was the preferred method of bystanders inexperienced in CPR.

"What the study found was that bystanders started the compressions about 1 1/2 minutes earlier and it was easier to follow the instructions," said Dr. Paul Pepe, chairman of emergency medicine at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "It's just intuitive to know that it is easier to do one thing in that situation than trying to do both."

In February, emergency medical directors in several cities — including Los Angeles, Chicago and Dallas — decided to make the change. And just recently, emergency dispatch services in 17 cities and counties nationwide began a test of instructions from the National Academies of Emergency Dispatch that advise using only chest compressions on heart attack victims.

The American Heart Association also is studying the issue and will decide next year whether to change its guidelines.

Schedule of Events



May 15-17: **Ocean Fest 2004,**

Lauderdale-By-The-Sea www.oceanfest.com

June 5-6: **DUI Demo Days,** Gilboa Quarry

June 19-20: **Father's Day Dive,** Natural Springs Resort

June 21: **Deadline, Great Lakes Historical Society Photo Contest**

Details, (800) 893-1485 *See article elsewhere in newsletter*

June 26-August 26: **Photography Exhibit,** Great Lakes Historical Society

July 4: **Fireworks From Under Water,** Natural Springs Resort

maximum 20 divers, Reservations required 888-330-5771

July 3: **Blowout 2004,** Portage Quarry

July 24-25: **Barbecue for DAN,** Portage Quarry

July 25: **OCSSDI meeting,** Portage Quarry

July 31: **deadline, 6th Annual Project Aware Photo Contest**

Interaction Without Distraction www.projectaware.org

September 28: **Instructor Appreciation Day,** Natural Springs Resort

call for details

September 24: **Deadline, International U/W Photo**

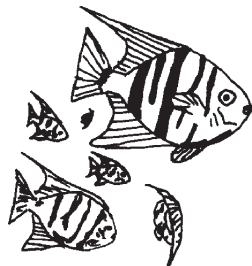
Competition Los Angeles U/W Photo Society

www.LAUPS.org

November 13: **Shipwrecks and Scuba,** Sandusky

Bay Area Divers

November 14: **OCSSDI meeting,** Sandusky



Ohio Diver License Update

Ernie Naples, Chair of the License Plate Committee, reported to Council that we have about half the signatures we need to have a license plate printed for Ohio Divers.

The process would involve getting 1000 signatures of drivers who would buy and display the new plate. After the signatures are collected the request is sent to the state legislature for vote, then it goes to the governor for approval.

Petitions were sent to the state Scuba Stores, and to all Council dive clubs. This past year the process has bogged down a bit.

Council Trustee Tim McCloud has teamed up with Ernie to get the process rejuvenated. Dive clubs will

receive new petitions, and we'll send them out to the stores again.

Your signature is not a legally-binding commitment — if you do sign the petition you can always decide later to not do it, without penalty. If you sign at your local dive shop, DO NOT turn around again and sign at the club meeting — we need 1000 valid commitments. However, if you own more than one vehicle, you can sign for each of them.

Let everyone know how proud you are to be one of the rare people who gets their enjoyment down under. OCSSDI is underwriting expenses — registration, printing and postage.