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These last couple months were a gift, to those of us who like to dive up north. Two weeks ago it was still 80+ degrees. Wow!

Fall has come at last, but all reports I've heard still puts local waters in the mid-60s. Plenty of diving left.

Since you got your last newsletter, in July, OCSSDI has met three times. There's a lot going on, and we are fortunate to have a dedicated group of Trustees and Officers working to support our favorite pastime. If you haven't taken time to thank any of the officers or trustees recently, their names are right over to the left. They don't have to hear from you only when you don't like something.

Senior Trustee Don Snyder called a special OCSSDI meeting after our regular March 11 meeting, since there was a lot to cover. The minutes of that meeting begin on page 5. Minutes from the regular summer meeting begin on page 7. A couple highlights from the meetings:

- OCSSDI decided to start having the election of new officers and Trustees at the November meeting, instead of the spring meeting. That will be next week. Don't be afraid to volunteer -- we need your input.
- We discussed the special silent auction table we have at ScubaFest. It has become a regular thing to allow the Underwater Images competition display and auction off their excess prizes. The questions was, what if there is another agency that wants to do the same thing?

Roger Roth made the suggestion (and it was approved) that any Non-Profit or Not-For-Profit be allowed to participate, so long as the organization is identified, and they contribute 25% of proceeds to ScubaFest.

Next OCSSDI meeting will be held Sunday, November 18, during the Shipwrecks & Scuba weekend (see details pgs. 4 & 12). Meeting will start at 9am, and you are invited.

As soon as we're done, MAST will hold their meeting.

OCSSDI Mission Statement: To promote the sports of skin and scuba diving and appropriate research; to encourage safety; to represent skin and scuba divers in all interests related to recreational diving; to encourage the protection of the environment; to provide a vehicle for the exchange of information within the diving community; and any and all things necessary of incident to any thereof.

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As of this writing, there are still tickets available for the Annual *Shipwrecks and Scuba Banquet*, taking place November 17 in Huron, Ohio.

Dedicated (obviously) to shipwrecks and diving, it is put on by the Bay Area Divers, and has grown to be one of the three biggest scuba events in the state each year. It's a chance to learn, enjoy, and be fascinated by this particular aspect of marine history. The upcoming show has a particularly fascinating afternoon presentation: *Life After Shipwrecks -- Survivor Stories*. Here's your chance to hear first and second-hand accounts of experiencing and surviving a tragedy at sea.

Also each year, there's an instructive seminar based on requests from attendees. This year Cleveland's David Haas will present a *Digital Photography Update*.

Yeah, yeah, I know: there's a football game that weekend. I promise you will be able to watch it here, and you'll have plenty of time to see the exhibits and hear the speakers, then enjoy a great dinner and presentation.

See the details on page 12.

ScubaFest 2008 will be April 25-27

April 25-27, 2008, is the weekend for the 49th annual ScubaFest, sponsored by the OCSSDI, your Ohio scuba alliance. It is a weekend of FREE scuba exhibits, seminars, pool activities, film festivals, speakers, door prizes, workshops, and dancing, topped off by the Saturday night banquet dinner.

The 2008 event takes place again at the Roberts Convention Center in Wilmington, a central meeting point from Dayton, Cincinnati, and Columbus. The spacious meeting hall is located just off I-71, easy driving from anywhere in the state.

You'd be hard pressed to find any scuba-related event that dates back 49 years. Ohio has done it! The 2008 show is taking place later in the spring than we have it in the past. Generally, by now, we'd have more details out regarding speakers, topics, and prizes. Those will be forthcoming soon: you'll be able to find them on line at www.scubafest.org, as they are being arranged.

Details for the annual Underwater Images Photo and Video Competition are also not yet finalized. As we get more particulars for the two affairs, I can send out info via e-mail, as we do for other happenings. And of course there will be many details in the January *Faceplate*.

Typically, Friday night is a social event, with old and new friends meeting at the bar or hospitality room. The evening also features the top videos from the Underwater Images competition, and an evening of fun at Casino night.

Saturday and Sunday, exhibit halls are open. Last year we had 50 vendors -- travel businesses, local scuba facilities, dive equipment, specialized agencies, even a chair massage for the weary. Remember, entrance to the exhibit hall is FREE -- bring along your non-diving friends & family.

We had four speaker rooms running simultaneously until we closed them down for dinner.

Since many plans are still being arranged, you can get involved. Speakers last year ran the gamut from shipwreck exploration, digital photography, world travel, dive safety, technical diving. Three questions: first, what topics would you like to see covered. Great Lakes shipwrecks, or Truk Lagoon? Underwater photo correction, or point-and-shoot techniques? Rebreathers? Cave Diving? Environment? Medical? Indonesia, or Ohio diving opportunities?

The amount of talent in the midwest is formidable. We've probably got someone who can produce the presentation you'd like to see, if we know you're interested.

Second, who would you like to see here? This is your chance to nominate someone in your dive club or scuba community. If you think he or she and speak on an interesting topic, we will probably agree. And third, what presentation would YOU like to give? Made a great trip recently, explored a spectacular cave or shipwreck, or learned some new photo or video techniques?

Speakers are compensated with a free weekend pass, including the Saturday night banquet. We will provide slide projectors, laptop, DVD player, and LCD projector for you, if you'd like. Let us know. You can drop a line to OCSSDI, PO Box 85, Summit Station, Ohio 43073, or e-mail rlauer@ohiohills.com.

Here's a final point, going out to you OCSSDI regulars. It has been understood for several years that this 2008 event would repeat in Wilmington, and for 2009 (the 50th ScubaFest!) would move north, to Cleveland, Sandusky, or Toledo. We haven't seen anyone step forward to take this project on. Where is this at? -- At this point it's time to start planning. Please be ready to discuss this at the November 18 OCSSDI meeting.

Ohio Council of Skin & Scuba Divers

April 28, 2007 Meeting Grand Host East, Columbus, OH

In attendance:

Ernie Naples, TA Club

Lu Ann Howard, Buckeye Divers

Patric S. Heschel, Bay Area Divers

Mark Beatty, Kittyhawk Scuba

Richard Colwell, Sea Nags

Donald Snyder, Mid Ohio Divers

Michelle Ulrich Thomas, Aqua Immersion Club/MAST

Vivian Duff, Aquatic Adventurers

Glenn Mitchell, Sea Nags

Andrea Caito, Sea Nags

Marty Bailey, Sea Nags

Roger Roth, Gavia

Bill Libecap, Gavia

Bob Lucas, Underwater Adventurers

Pre-Meeting Discussion:

Fourteen were in attendance. Discussion before the meeting formally started involved moving the Council year from November – October with dues payable in November to January – December (dues payable in January). How will clubs forward money to Ohio Council? Encouraging renewing and new members to use the website on-line option ensures prompt payment to the Ohio Council. Some members have indicated they want better notification of their current status (active or inactive) and Faceplate subscription status to be available on the website.

Meeting Minutes:

Don Snyder brought the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m. It was noted that Mark Beatty did not receive a copy of the By-Laws prior to the meeting. Dave Rauch or Scott Pansing should be able to provide the By-Laws to Mark.

Official club representation needs to be updated. Perhaps anyone who attends from a club is a club representative. Independents who are not affiliated with a club need a representative for them to be counted. The list of current affiliated clubs was reviewed and updated. MAST is a member. It was determined that a quorum was present with eleven groups present.

A meeting agenda was distributed to the members.

Vivian Duff is the new **Secretary**. Lou Ann Howard continues as **Treasurer**.

Four nominations for **one year Trustees** were accepted:

Dan Jolly

Woody Wodrich

Vivian Duff

Bill Libecap

One nomination for **three year Trustee** was accepted:

Patric Heschel

All five Trustees were asked, accepted and elected.

Other individuals will carry on in the positions as listed in the minutes in the April Faceplate. Legislative Action is open; otherwise, all others renew their current positions.

Don Snyder will contact Scott Pansing regarding taking over Legislative Action from Joyce Hayward. If Scott takes Legislative Action, Mark Beatty made a motion to combine Legislative Action with Oxygen. The motion carried.

Two items were tabled: ScubaFest Chairman plus Ohio Council Liaison.

It was agreed to rename the Pollution Committee as Environmental Committee.

Mark Beatty is volunteering to head a temporary committee to review the By-Laws.

Don Snyder reported that on Monday, April 24, there was a review of the 2007 ScubaFest successes and areas for improvement.

Marty Bailey made an amended motion to **distribute charitable proceeds from ScubaFest** as follows:

MAST to receive \$1,500

Ohio Council Scholarships \$2,000

WAVE Program for children's education at the Newport Aquarium \$1,000 upon the condition that it does not hurt other funding they receive. If they are hurt, the money will go to Underwater Images charities.

Michelle Thomas seconded the motion. Unanimous vote yes. Motion carried. Ohio Council will be maintaining \$7,000 seed money for ScubaFest 2008.

Discussion occurred regarding the Mission of ScubaFest. The Ohio Council mission statement appears on the front of the Faceplate to promote recreational skin and scuba diving and appropriate research. It was determined that ScubaFest is a subcommittee of Ohio Council; therefore, it is a furtherance of the Ohio Council Mission statement.

Roger Roth made a motion to remove any reference to 'types' (recreational, technical, etc.) of diving. Glenn Mitchell seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all in favor.

ScubaFest was discussed regarding a schedule change modification. The start of the event will be changed from Friday afternoon to Friday evening which will allow vendors more time for travel and set-up. This will allow more focus on the Friday night Film Festival. Mark Beatty made a motion to modify the Friday schedule, Michelle Thomas seconded the motion, a vote occurred with all in favor.

The ScubaFest 2007 Registration Summary and Treasurer's report was distributed for information.

Patix Heschel made a motion to move the early Sunday morning ScubaFest Ohio Council meeting to a different day during the weekend. Further discussion occurred. It was decided to move elections to the November meeting. Mark Beatty made a modified motion to move elections to the November meeting and add an additional meeting within 60 days of ScubaFest for wrap-up details, but leave the ScubaFest Ohio Council meeting on Sunday morning before Sunday activities start. Michelle Thomas seconded it. A vote was taken and it passed unanimously. The Sunday meeting at Scuba Fest should be considerably shorter now that elections have been moved allowing participants to attend the meeting and not miss a Sunday educational session or allow them to leave earlier to drive home.

Don Synder presented the Mandates and Guidelines for ScubaFest as established by the OCSSDI. Roger Roth made a motion to modify three references to Underwater Images. Further discussion started by Dick Colwell was regarding removing the Underwater Images name and change the wording to 'any non-profit' who donates a minimum of 20% of their proceeds for their silent auction items back to Ohio Council charities. There was further discussion. Don Snyder made a motion of 25%.

Roger Roth made a motion to replace paragraph 3) in the Mandates with: "Non-profit and not for profit organizations will be permitted to display items for sale on the silent auction table to raise funds. That organizations will donate a minimum of 25% of the proceeds back to approved Ohio Council beneficiaries. All bid sheets will state the benefiting organization(s) including Ohio Council. Copies of bid sheets will be given to both organizations." There was further discussion of the Mandates.

Dick Colwell proposed an addition to paragraph 1). The final budget and proposed program for ScubaFest should be approved by the Trustees not later than September 30 for the next year's ScubaFest.

The Mandates document was discussed paragraph by paragraph. Michelle Thomas kept track of the changes and offered to revise the document.

Bill Libecap offered to contact scuba equipment vendors, Ohio Council dive store members, organizations who had a booth at the 2007 ScubaFest and perhaps other Ohio scuba shops to see if they would be offended if Ohio Council were to offer an equipment Swap Meet at ScubaFest 2008 that would be open only to members of Ohio Council. It was discussed whether ScubaFest is in the interest of the attendees or scuba shops and their business. Ohio Council wants to

be considerate of both groups. We do not want our donations of door prizes to decline if the above groups are in disagreement with members swapping used equipment which would possibly take away sales of new equipment from organizations purchasing a booth at ScubaFest or doing business in Ohio.

The items on the meeting agenda not discussed were related to ScubaFest. A committee has not yet been appointed. Michelle Thomas will call the Roberts Center in Wilmington, Ohio to see if they have any dates for April or May, 2008. The Ohio Council will accept names to contact regarding Committee positions. Direct experience running similar events is highly desirable. Activities for next year and better promotion of ScubaFest 2008 will need to be discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vivian Duff, Secretary

Ohio Council of Skin & Scuba Divers

July 22, 2007 Meeting

Portage Quarry, Bowling Green, OH

In attendance:

Dick Colwell, Sea Nags

Don Snyder, Mid Ohio Divers

Dan Jolly, Aquatic Adventurers

Bill Libecap, Gavia Scuba Club

Ernie Naples, T.A. Club

Rich Lauer, T.A. Club

Roger Hayes, T.A. Club

Vivian Duff, Aquatic Adventurers

Scott Pansing, Sea Nags

Vernon Rauch, Newark Ohio Poseidons

Elex Ali, Lake Erie Wreck Divers

Anita Frodl, Bay Area Divers

Judy Logan, T.A. Club

Darrell Logan, T.A. Club

Don Snyder brought the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. The minutes from the April 28, 2007 meeting were read by Vivian Duff, Secretary. Dan Jolly moved to accept the minutes as read, Don Snyder seconded the motion. All members approved.

A discussion was started by Rich Lauer regarding the Ohio Council member status on the website as written up in the April minutes. Currently, he sends an e-mail once a year regarding member dues. The member does receive a confirmation of payment. It was suggested that Mark Beatty may be able to modify the website so that members can check their membership status any time they log-in. Mark was not in attendance.

Treasurer's Report

Dick Colwell read over the Treasurer's report from Lu Ann Howard who was not in attendance. Dick had some question regarding the content of the report and plans to call Lu Ann for clarification. The report was tabled until the next Ohio Council meeting.

Legislative Committee Update

Scott Pansing is accepting the chair of the committee combining it with the Oxygen Committee per Don Snyder. Scott was not in attendance to comment further.

Archaeology Committee

Carrie Sowden is not in attendance; therefore, no update.

Legislative Committee

Scott Pansing arrived and gave a Legislative Committee Update. The Michigan bill regarding the state taking over the underwater preserves is now dead due to the fact they received diver input and the Michigan Dept of Natural Resources decided they did not have the money nor manpower to manage the preserves well. The non-profit Underwater Preserve will continue as it has in the past which is in the best interest of the diving public.

Oxygen Update. It is time to get with the Ohio Pharmacy Board to propose their filling out the form and discuss it with the committee regarding any additions or subtractions to the content and how it affects divers who need a prescription to fill an oxygen tank.

Promotions, Marketing & Publicity: The Ohio Council will have a table at the Legends weekend at Portage Quarry on Aug. 10 – 12, 2007.

Faceplate Committee

Rich Lauer said it's hard to get articles from clubs even though he has been sending 3 e-mails. In the future, news won't appear unless submitted. The Speaker's Bureau is chaired by Mary and Annette. Dave Rauch suggested adding club website addresses in the Faceplate and adding a statement that readers can visit the club websites for upcoming events in lieu of submitting news to Rich Lauer. This may provide better communication to members who are looking for an event on any particular weekend.

Scholarship Committee

Dick Colwell had no report other than pictures of the scholarship recipients and their biographies which will be sent to Rich Lauer for inclusion in an upcoming Faceplate.

ScubaFest Committee

Dick Colwell will be Executive Director for 2008. ScubaFest 2008 will be held again at the Roberts Centre April 25 – April 28, 2008 near Wilmington, OH. Eleven of thirteen exhibitors responded favorably to the above dates. There is a signed contract with the convention center and hotel. The website will be updated in the near future. Rich Lauer asked how Dick will fill the Committee.

The appointments as of this meeting were:

Dick Colwell, Director

Darrell & Judy Logan, Registration

Judy Logan, Treasurer

Bill Libecap, proposed trustee

Rich Lauer, Speakers and program book

Patrx Heschel, Vendors

Kick-off meeting date and time to be determined.

There was a brief discussion led by Bill Libecap regarding Judy doing both registration and treasurer's work and the ethics of holding both positions, separation of duties and checks and balances. Rich brought up the fact that it is a three person committee who approves all receipts and expenditures. The committee is made up of Dick Colwell, Bill Libecap and Rich Lauer. It was decided it is OK for her to hold both positions and it will simplify receipt of registrations, checks and ensuring during event check-in that an attendee is paid in advance or owes for admission, banquet and other items.

The committee reports were accepted and approved unanimously.

Status of the Dive Ohio video – No report by Rich Lauer.

Ohio license plate collection of signatures – Ernie Naples had no report. . Don Snyder asked if the petition names have been entered into a database for comparison of the names to the sheets. No. Darrell Logan offered to enter the names into a database and received the original signed sheets from Ernie.

ScubaFest Guidelines

On April 28 at the Ohio Council meeting, the Guidelines were discussed due to having a quorum of members and club representation. Don stated that an addition will be made to the Guidelines to include the requirement 'Any e-mail regarding ScubaFest must be approved by the Committee before being sent to Ohio Council members'. Don asked for acceptance for the addition. Rich Lauer stated that the guidelines need to be fluid. Dave Rauch thought there was an existing manual from years ago, but no one else has seen it. Per Don, the Guidelines will be tabled regarding the amendment until approved by the ScubaFest Committee.

Dick is still checking on the WAVE program funding status and the Ohio Council donation. \$1,000 to WAVE has not yet been distributed.

Other Old Business

By-laws – Mark Beatty at the previous Ohio Council meeting stated the By-laws were outdated. Don Snyder visited the Ohio Secretary of State's website and found no mention of the By-laws. Dick and Mark will check with legal counsel regarding the By-laws and filing them with the Secretary of State's office.

Dick Colwell gave a brief accounting of the proceeds from ScubaFest 2007:

Gross receipts:	\$25,170.90
Expenses:	18,432.75
Donations:	5,026.00 (approved donations)
Net:	1,787.15
Balance:	7,595.76 carried forward to fund ScubaFest 2008

New Business:

1. Patrix Heschel (not present) has asked Ohio Council for \$600 for clean-up of Put-in-Bay harbor this year. His former sponsors have dropped off in number and amount of financial support. Rich Lauer made a motion to provide \$600 to Patrix for the clean-up. Darrell Logan seconded it.

Dick Colwell proposed the Put-in-Bay event could be a proposed 2008 ScubaFest charity. We would need to check the non-profit status if interested. Rich Lauer mentioned he would like to list the supported charities in the Faceplate.

The motion passed unanimously to support the event this year. Lu Ann Howard will write a check once she has an invoice from the Put-in-Bay Committee.

2. Jeff Rice is hosting the second annual Legends weekend at Portage Quarry. The Ohio Council is listed as a sponsor. As such, should the Ohio Council contribute money? Rich Lauer made a motion that we vote whether Ohio Council is an official sponsor. Darrell Logan seconded the motion. Elex Ali asked whether Legends is 'not for profit' and does it affect Ohio Council contributions? Dick Colwell suggested we discuss it with Jeff and how Ohio Council can help to make the event a success. Dick recommended we support Legends with manpower, money and a committee to promote diving. Don said we should have a table to promote Ohio Council sign-up for new members. Rich made the motion, Dick seconded it. All were in favor – motion passed. Rich then made a motion that for 2007 we give Jeff \$500 under the stipulation that the amount of \$500 is not required to be given every year forthcoming. Dick seconded the motion. Darrell Logan amended the motion: \$500 will be voted upon by the Ohio Council annually and the amount may be increased or decreased each year as finances allow. Dave Rauch eliminated the reference to 2007. All were in favor and the motion passed.

3. Roger Hayes asked whether the Ohio Council would be interested in sponsoring a handicapped soldier for scuba lessons similar to the 'wounded warrior' article in a recent Alert Diver issue. Could Ohio Council sponsor an Ohio soldier perhaps one from Lima Company?

Don Snyder asked Roger to get more information for a future meeting.

4. The next Ohio Council meeting will be held on Sunday, August 12, at 10 a.m. during the Legends weekend at Portage Quarry.

Rich Lauer made a motion to adjourn. Don Snyder seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vivian Duff, Secretary



Members of the OCSSDI did meet on Sunday morning, August 12, during the *Legends of Diving* weekend. There was only a small group present, not enough for a quorum.

The meeting consisted of a series of reports and updates regarding ScubaFest, membership, promotions, the oxygen committee, and the like. A lot of good ideas were discussed. Since it did not constitute a meeting, there are no minutes reported here. Lu Ann Howard did take notes, so if anyone feels these should be reported, we can do it in a future *Faceplate*.

Membership for 2008 Ohio Council of Skin and Scuba Divers, Inc.



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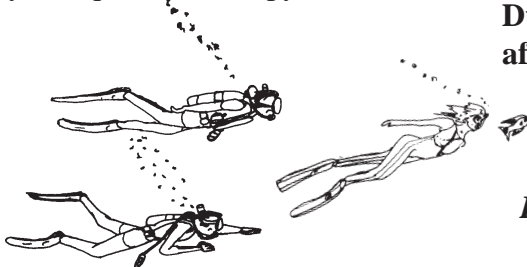
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The Ohio Council Memorial Scholarship Fund

Now is the time you start working on applications for the 2008 Ohio Council Memorial Scholarship. Deadline to apply is February 15, 2008, says Dick Colwell, Scholarship Fund Chairman.

The OCSSDI sponsors an educational scholarship for students to pursue careers related to marine biology, underwater archaeology, and other related fields. The Ohio Council Memorial Scholarship Fund is presented to honor the many who have contributed so much to scuba diving in Ohio. The OCSSDI raises scholarship money through raffles at the annual spring ScubaFest and Banquet Ball, donations from the state association, and support provided by Underwater Images photo/ video competition.

There are very few hard and fast rules. The amount given to the Scholarship winner is decided on by the committee. This includes deciding whether to award more than one scholarship, or none at all. Over the past several years, the scholarship amounted to \$1000 per annum.

Last year four applications were received, and three \$1000 scholarships were awarded.

To qualify, the applicant, or an immediate family member, must be a member in good standing of the OCSSDI, and pursuing a career in one of the fields mentioned above.

Interested individuals may download the scholarship requirements and application from the Ohio Council of Skin and Scuba Divers, web site. Click on the Scholarships tab along the left border. The application, and all supporting documents, should be mailed to OCSSDI Scholarship, PO Box 85, Summit Station, Ohio 43073, By February 15.

The Council is very interested in spreading knowledge and education in our sport, shipwrecks, and the aquatic environment. This scholarship is one of the ways we work to do that. If you have questions about the scholarship, you may mail them at the above address, and we'll get back to you right away.

2008 Should See A New Florida Shipwreck

NORFOLK, Va. — After 10 years of fundraising and permitting, a project has begun to sink a retired military ship off Key West, Fla., to serve as an artificial reef.

The decommissioned U.S. Air Force missile-tracking ship Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, a 523-foot ship that also monitored NASA space launches from 1963 to 1983, has been towed from the James River Naval Reserve Fleet in Fort Eustis, Va., to Colonna's Shipyard in Norfolk, Va.

The ship also saw "action" as a film set in the 1999 movie "Virus," starring Jamie Lee Curtis and William Baldwin.

The ship is to become the second-largest vessel ever intentionally sunk to become an artificial reef, according to maritime and recreational diving experts. Currently, the largest ship ever scuttled for an artificial marine habitat is the USS Oriskany, an 888-foot Navy aircraft carrier sunk in May 2006, 21 miles southeast of Pensacola, Fla. To date, the second largest vessel, the 510-foot landing ship dock Spiegel Grove, was scuttled in May 2002 about six miles off Key Largo.

Artificial Reefs of the Keys has \$3 million in commitments from two Monroe County government entities, a \$1.3 million pledge from the City of Key West and other funding resources to help defray the estimated \$5.7 million price tag to properly sink the ship, according to Joe Weatherby, the project's coordinator and founder of ARK.

Ship cleaning and make-ready is being coordinated by ReefMakers, and is expected to take about a year. The ship is slated for scuttling about six miles off Key West sometime in the first half of 2008.

The proposed artificial reef is expected to attract marine life, provide ongoing positive impact to the tourism-based economy and benefit the underwater environment by taking recreational diving pressure off natural coral reefs. It will also serve as a sportfishing venue for anglers.

"She's an eye-popper and doesn't look like anything else out there," Weatherby said, noting the large electronic tracking dishes that are to be removed and then reinstalled on the ship before sinking. "Portions (of the ship) will come up to within 40 feet from the surface, making it a world-class dive."

For more information on the Vandenberg, dive in to bigshipwrecks.com.

BAY AREA DIVERS PRESENTS
SHIPWRECKS and SCUBA — November 17, 2007
New Venue: SAWMILL CREEK RESORT, HURON, OHIO

**SUBMARINES: CIVIL WAR H. L. HUNLEY
WORLD WAR II U-853**

EVENING BANQUET PROGRAM 6:30 P.M. Admission - \$32.00

H. L. Hunley – First Successful Submarine – Presentation by Ralph Wilbanks, a member of The Clive Cussler Search Team that found the Confederate Civil War era sub

Submarine warfare had its beginning during the Civil War. The *H. L. Hunley*, a Confederate crankshaft sub, successfully attacked the Union ship, *Housatonic* and disappeared for 131 years. Clive Cussler's Dive Search Team found the *H. L. Hunley* on May 3, 1995. Ralph Wilbanks will have you relive the day he and his dive team found the elusive submarine, its recovery and preservation in South Carolina.

East Coast German Submarine U-853 – Presentation by Peter Venoutsos, commercial diver, adventurer and photographer

Last year's program, by Deep Sea Detectives John Chatterton and Richie Kohler, presented the discovery of the German Submarine *U-869*, the subject of the book *Shadow Divers*, which gave an insight to German underwater warfare. Peter Venoutsos will take you on a journey to the final resting place of German Submarine *U-853*, which was sunk by U. S. Forces just after Germany surrendered.

Anthony Wayne – Recently discovered historic Lake Erie steamship by David VanZandt and Tom Kowalczyk, Cleveland Underwater Explorers, and NBC News Anchorman, Jim Blue, Ch 24 Toledo www.clueshipwrecks.org

The 1837 steamship, *Anthony Wayne*, was found in Lake Erie off Vermillion recently by Cleveland divers. Although this historic shipwreck is still being surveyed, the speakers will present a brief overview of its discovery and its sinking on April 23, 1850.

MORNING WORKSHOP 8:30-12:00 Digital Photography Update Admission - \$30.00

Renowned underwater photographer, David Haas will give you hands-on instruction in the latest digital photography techniques. The program is customized to accommodate the novice as well as the advanced photographers, land or sea. www.haasimages.com

AFTERNOON SEMINAR 1:00-4:00-LIFE AFTER SHIPWRECKS- SURVIVOR STORIES - Admission \$10.00

Peter Venoutsos - A diver's view of underwater life after the ship sinks.

Cris Kohl – Diver and author of *Titanic-The Great Lakes Connections*, talks about how relatives and family members of the Titanic in the Great Lakes area, were affected by its sinking on April 12, 1912. One of the survivors, Frank J. Goldsmith, Jr., who lived in Mansfield, OH, was able to tell the story of that fateful night to his family. www.seawolfcommunications.com

Thomas W. Goldsmith – Grandson of Titanic survivor Frank J. Goldsmith, Jr., will share some of his grandfather's stories when Frank Jr., then age 9, got into a lifeboat with his mother, leaving his father, Frank Sr., behind.

James Wilson- On Oct. 11, 1999, while at the helm of the 63' wooden trawler *Carol Sue II*, the vessel took on water near Conneaut, OH and sank in 5 minutes. Jim will tell how he and the other 2 crew men survived. Video by Georgann and Mike Wachter. www.Eriewrecks.com

Dennis Hale- Daniel J. Morrell, a 586' lake freighter sank in a fierce storm on November 29, 1966 in Lake Huron. Dennis was the sole survivor and he will share his story with the audience as he has done regularly since 1987. www.greatlakesurvivor.com

OVER 30 DISPLAYS BY SPONSORS AND OTHERS OPEN AT 2:00. Speaker Reception at 4:00.

SAWMILL CREEK RESORT-SPECIAL RATE OF \$69.00 AVAILABLE (mention you are with Shipwrecks & Scuba or B.A.D.) 400 Sawmill Creek, Huron, OH 44839 Phone- 1-800-SAWMILL (1-800-729-6455) www.sawmillcreek.com

Name _____ Dinner: Chicken or Beef Displays, Dinner, Program, Reception \$32.00

Address _____ Potatoes, Rolls, Morning Workshop \$30.00

City _____ Zip _____ Vegetables, Salad, Afternoon Seminar \$10.00

Phone _____ e mail _____ Dessert & Drink All Three \$72.00

We would like ___ Morning Workshop ___ Afternoon Seminars ___ Dinner/Presentations/Reception

We would like ___ Beef ___ Chicken (how many each) We would like to be seated with _____

Total Enclosed: _____ Mail to Bay Area Divers, Sandy Heschel, 603 W. Third St., Port Clinton, OH 43452
or Pay Pal at Bayareadivers.net — or call Sandy at 419-732-1728

Schedule of Events

November 17: **Shipwrecks and Scuba**, Bay Area Divers

November 18: **OCSSDI Meeting**, Huron, Ohio

December 31: **Deadline, Beneath the Sea Photo Contest**

www.beneaththesea.org

January 1, 2008: **New Years Day Dive**

White Star Quarry Park, 10am-4pm

February 10: **Deadline, Scholarship Applications**

March 8: **MAST Spring Membership Meeting**

March 15: **Deadline, Scuba Diving Magazine Photo Contest**

www.scubadiving.com/

photo/video

March 28-30: **Beneath The Sea**, Secaucus, NJ

www.beneaththesea.org

April 12-13: **GLHS-MAST Archaeology Workshop**

In-water work May 17 & 18

www.ohiomast.org

April 12: **MAST Annual Dinner**

Keynote Speaker Brendon

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April 25-28: **ScubaFest 2008**, Wilmington, Ohio

See articles in newsletter

April 28: **OCSSDI Meeting**, Wilmington, Ohio

