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Wednesday
September 12

7:30 pm
Jingles Coliseum
Bar

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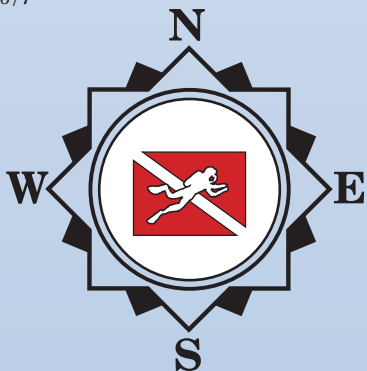
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Grand Turk in motion

Rob Stroud does Grand Turk on a liveboard in video. Rob's last video presentation was great, this one is promised to be even better. Don't miss this cool show.

Last month's speaker

Once again George and Joyce have impressed us with their extensive travels. George's favorite slides are mostly from the South Pacific. He takes us to a rare moment on Ayers Rock where it appears silver in the rain, an underground hotel room hewn from rock, local aborigines dancing for tourists. He shows us a medicine man and wigman from Papua, New Guinea. He recounts tales of Green turtles laying eggs just outside their room door in Sipidan. Did you know that there are 20 species of clown fish, but only 8-10 species of anemones that host them? More slides of fantastic fish: lionfish, blue spotted stingray, leafy scorpionfish, flying gurnard, cuttlefish, spiny lobster, freshwater jellyfish and titan triggerfish. ...collected memories of a lifetime of diving.

August raffle prize

Will be a poster from an original watercolor by Craig MacIntosh of

the Edmund Fitzgerald and a DAN luggage belt.

New leaders needed

This is a time for staff turnover. Present organizers are announcing their intentions to retire from management of the Dive for DAN and Stake in the Lakes. If you would like to see these events continue STEP FORWARD. The retiring leadership offers to assist the new managers of these events. Contact Ellen Evans by November.

Dives done

Lake Wazee Dive: John and Ellen represented the club on this late summer dive. Paul and June, members still in absentia, both dove cold water in wetsuits. It was 40° at 100 feet.

Tom Henter dove Devil's Lake, 20-25' viz, 79° surface, 74° at depth.

Tami Markgraf returned from Costa Rica: Dove the Pacific side, Guelfo of Papagayo. 82°, thermocline at 97 feet. There was lots of surge, waves, saw blacked tipped reef sharks, moreys, octopus.

Mike Black and Kevin Willey returned from their trip to Isle Royale with stories to tell. The Emperor and Congdon wrecks

were awesome; they also dove the Monarch and Algoma. The weather was good. Viz 30', bottom temperature 42°. They each took 8 tanks. Mike had his boat carried across Superior by the ferry.

Dives to be done

John and Ellen will be enjoying a relaxing dive trip near Playa del Carman south of Cancun.

Wazee Treasure Dive Coming up September 15. Tami and Jim are going. The event costs \$15/person.

Tami Markgraf collects this month on her DAN prize trip on the Nekton in the Bahamas. We will be interested in her report.

Rob Stroud will be chaperoning his daughter on her checkout dive on the Great Barrier Reef.

John and Ellen are planning a trip out of Milwaukee on the Lender September 23 early Sunday afternoon. Other divers are welcome to join this trip. Call Lender Charters at 414-588-6764 and let them know you are with the Todd Ward group. \$60 per person, 2 tank dive, bring all your own gear. Prins Willem a likely dive destination. Plan to eat out.

Underwater hockey

The Fall schedule will begin September 10 and continue every Monday until (and including) December 17. Now is the time to begin while we're all fresh from summer break. From 8 'til 9 pm at the McFarland high school

pool (it's easy to find). Bring your mask, fins and snorkel (and suit), grab your guy/girl and make it a date. This is loads of fun. Join us after at the local watering hole. Contact: Danny Aerts 821-0048

Club picnic

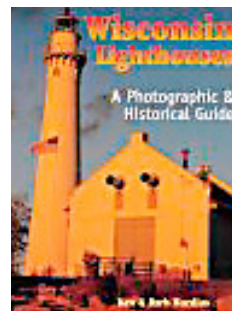
September 16, 11:00 am, Lake Farm Park, Shelter #3. Beer, grilled chicken and steaks will be provided, bring a dish to pass. If your last name begins with A-J you may bring beans, if not, you will get your chance next year. We will play the traditional game of Jarts (bring your helmets), and there will be a Tonka Toaster demo and club photo album review. Bring logbook reports if you're contending for the 2001 "All Four Lakes" dive certificate. Sand volleyball is available. It will not rain.

Next board meeting

September 19 at the home of Dave Neudek and Janice Edison Call 437-6004 for directions.

Calendar change, new speakers October 10

Authors Ken and Barb Wardius will speak, showing slides from their book *Wisconsin Lighthouses, A*



Photographic & Historical Guide. They will have copies available for sale (about \$25).

Phoenix party

October 13 at the True-Aerts home. Come for a good time, bonfire, pot luck, tonka-toaster bake and anchor roast. We expect to start the anchors at around 3 to finish before dark. The party will continue. Bring a dish to pass or TT filling. Event coordinators would also appreciate it if you would bring a piece of firewood and tonka toasters if you have them. It will not rain here either. Contact Betsy True for directions.

Halloween party

John and Ellen will host their annual hairy scary October 27, 7 pm at their house. All are welcome, details later. Costumes required, or provided at the door, start making yours now. It might rain, but it won't matter.

November meeting one week earlier

November 7 Kathy (Fach) Green will give a talk on her research area, ship figureheads.

If you have material: stories, accounts, reviews, gear to sell, you think should be in this newsletter, contact me.

If you are willing to receive your newsletter electronically instead of by US mail and are not already doing so, send me an email at and let me know.

Betsy True at btrue@facstaff.wisc.edu.

Calendar 2001

September 12 meeting:

Rob Stroud will show a digital video journal of his travels

Summer picnic

September 16, 11 am, Lake Farm Park, Shelter #3, dish to pass, helmet.

Steering committee:

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Phoenix party

Evening of October 13 at Danny Aerts and Betsy True's house. We gather together to prepare the anchor harvest. Bring anchors to roast and stuff to stuff the Tonka Toasters.

November 7 meeting (one week early):

Kathy Green from the Underwater Archeology Association will present her work on the historical study of early ship figureheads.

December 12 holiday party

Annual winter event will be at Jingles

Calendar 2002

January 9 meeting:

Russ Green will speak on Civil War underwater archeology.

February 13 meeting:

Tami Ebert will discuss her experiences diving on the Monitor.

Dive for DAN

Already scheduled for June 8. Put it on your calendar. Talk to Ellen about taking responsibility for organizing this premier event.

Gear for sale - still available

US divers Scan-4 air integrated dive computer with compass, extra battery, and owners manual. Asking \$270.00 call (608) 635-7710 (Poynette) ask for Jim.

Dive hats a hit

Available in trendy beige for \$12 through Steve Feine. Call 244-1821 to order yours.



Dive stickers for sale

Steve Feine has Wisconsin and regular dive stickers for sale for \$3 and will donate half the proceeds to the club.

Our Four Lakes: the second edition

New and improved. Written and produced by club members. Available at the meetings and through local dive shops. \$14.95.



Club T-shirts

There are only four left. Get your collectable official club t-shirt for \$10. Ask Ellen.

Two computers for sale

Aladdin Air X hoseless model and Aladdin pro wrist mount. \$600 for the hoseless one, \$150 for the Pro. Contact Jon Zeaman at Jon.Zeaman@waterloo.k12.wi.us

"All Four Lakes" certificates

Let the newsletter writer know if you have dived all four lakes: Mendota, Menona, Wabesa and Kegonsa. You will qualify for the coveted annual framable color certificate, signed by the club authorities, that proves you're a genuinely thorough diving fool.

Being politically correct

The large grouper previously named the *Jewfish* has been formally renamed the *Goliath Grouper*. This is reported by *Skin Diver* as published in *Fisheries*, the American Fisheries Society's monthly magazine.

Palm Pilot Dive Log

Ruiz SCUBA Log is a comprehensive dive log companion software for the Palm OS system.

Enter dive information into your Palm Pilot on trips and download it later to your PC computer for storage or printing. Version 3.0 being released soon is available for \$15. Go to owner's website to see shots of the types of information screens available in this handy application and ask when a Mac version will be released. There is also a backup application available for the nervous.

<http://www.ruizlog.com/>

Wazee dive news

Underwater fishing!

September 8: we will organize this event to see who can catch the BIG ONE! You must have a valid fishing license. Call for details.

The 3rd Annual Wazee Clean-up Day!!

September 15, 2001: Free diving Lake Wazee along with a picnic style lunch, compliments of the Jackson County Parks and Forests!

Registration: 9am-12 at Wazee Sport Center

Picnic Lunch: noon - 2pm

Serving brats, hotdogs and pop.

Spring/Summer store hours

Mon -Thurs: 9am - 6pm

Fri: 9am - 7pm

Sat: 9am - 6pm

Sun: 9am - 4pm

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3 Little Devils

Trash and Treasure Dive

September 8

Historically a popular event with our club. Also big sales at the store. Diving starts at 9:30.

For details contact the store at 608-356-5866

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