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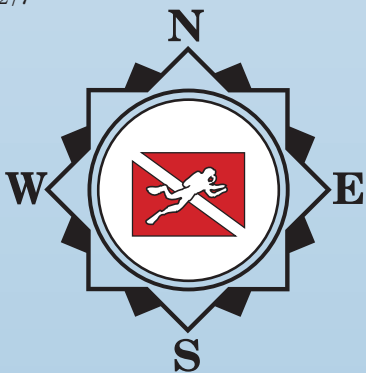
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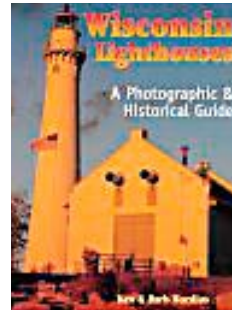
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Wisconsin Lighthouses

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). Collectors of lighthouse photography, this book was two years in the making.

Last month's speaker

Thanks to Rob Stroud for an enjoyable video of Caribbean dive destinations and tropical fish. Rob filmed his vacation in Grand Turk aboard the Wind Dancer liveaboard. The highlight of his video was scenes of schooling spotted eagle rays. Other delights were great shots of mantas, stingrays, turtles, parrotfish, butterfly fish, angelfish, crabs and lobsters.

August raffle prize

Will be an irresistible colorful angelfish tote bag 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 organizers offer to assist the new managers of these events. Contact Ellen Evans by November.

Dives done

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

John and Ellen enjoyed a relaxing dive trip near Playa del Carman south of Cancun.

Ken Johnson, dive master in Florida, formerly of Madison, writes that he went to Grand Cayman in September with non-diving friends and *still had a great time.* He snorkeled at stingray city sandbar (fed and photoed the rays) and at Smith's Cove (Elkhorn and staghorn coral). He promises to send photos.

Underwater hockey

The Fall schedule has begun and will continue every Monday until (and including) December 17.

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. We have had an incredible turnout of over 15 people for the past two weeks, the play has been great. There is some talk of adding some Wednesday night games. Contact Danny Aerts 821-0048

Diver's Realm, Inc is holding an "Underwater Costume Ball and DAN benefit" October 20th.

Tickets are \$15, prizes for everyone, call 920-831-0126 for more details.

WUAA Fall Workshop

Sunday November 11, 10-5, Canal Park Marine Museum, Duluth, MN. *Smoke on the Water: A*

Cheap Thrills, Deep Thrills

From Rodale's Scuba Diving magazine by Ann Stockham.

For most of us, a trip to the hyperbaric chamber is something to be avoided at all costs. But at Lutheran General Hospital near Chicago, divers line up for the privilege each Saturday morning.

The attraction is the weekly chamber dive to 165 feet. It costs \$20 per person and lasts about two hours. There may not be

Historical Overview of Steam Engines on the Great Lakes

presented by C. Patrick Labadie. \$35/\$45, contact Tom Villand 608-221-1996, tvill@chorus.net for more information or to register.

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 and 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. Contact Betsy True for directions.

Halloween party

John and Ellen will host their annual hairy scary October 27 at their house. Party starts at 7, all are welcome, costumes required or provided at the door, start

much to see, but the plunge is so popular with Illinois divers that there's often a waiting list to get in.

"We wanted to give divers a more in-depth look at the effects of pressure," said Michael Caputo, an instructor who organized a recent outing for friends.

Whether divers do it for education or recreation, to bone up on Boyle's Law or simply to get narced out of their minds, they're

making yours now. It may rain, but what the heck. Be sure to approach their door with caution, there are surprises everywhere. Call Ellen if you need directions.

November meeting one week earlier

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

Club Holiday Party

December 12 at Jingles. This year will be an event to honor the club members for their diving accomplishments, see next page for categories and pick your winning area. Bring a dessert, the rest is provided.

Ghost Ships Festival

This annual conference is scheduled to be held March 16, 2002. For more info, email: tickets@ghost-ships.org.

in good company. Since respiratory care specialist Dan Mazzolini started offering recreational chamber rides in 1994 as a way to raise diver awareness about the effects of pressure and nitrogen narcosis – along with a little money for staff training – word-of-mouth has attracted some 500 divers.

The morning starts with the ritual signing of waivers and a slide

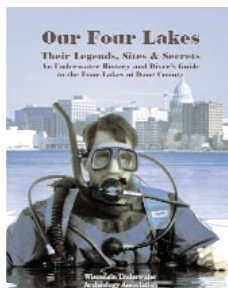
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Our Four Lakes: the second edition

New and improved. Written and produced by club members.

Available at the meetings and through local dive shops.

\$14.95.



Loads and loads of dive gear for sale:

Dive computer - Aladdin Air X (hoseless): \$600

Dive computer - Aladdin Pro wrist mount: \$150

Scooter, 2 chargers, 2 batteries, compass, Desert Star beacon system: \$15,00

Force Fins, size L, new \$500: \$150

Force Fins, size XXL, new \$140: \$50

Esclopez Fins size 44, new \$150: \$75

UWatec AirX, new \$1100: \$500

UWatec Aladdin Pro: \$150

DUI CF-200, size M, new \$2000,

includes hood, 2 sets mitts, ankle weights: \$800

UK 400R 20 watt dive light: \$50

Dive kayak, paddle, pack rest, anchor, life jacket: \$500

Contact Jon Zeaman at Jon.Zeaman@waterloo.k12.wi.us or 224-0531

"All Four Lakes" certificates

Let the newsletter writer know by the November meeting if you have dived all four lakes: Mendota, Monona, Waubesa 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.

Renewal time

Check your mailing label for your renewal date. If yours is highlighted please see Treasurer John Fafinski at the next meeting to renew. Emailed newsletter recipients will get an email message informing them of their status.

Club T-shirts

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

Holiday Party Dive Contest Categories:

Oldest C Card

Most C Cards

Youngest Diver

Most Recently Certified

Most Remote Dive (distance)

Most Travelled Diver (# of trips)

Best Dressed (nicest gear)

Worst Visibility

Most Logged Dives (bring your logbook)

Longest Club Membership

Most SaltWater Dives

Most Local Dives

Oldest Tank

Oldest Wet Suit

and more . . . feel free to contribute your own category, but it must be posted in the next newsletter to be a contest. Bring evidence.

Calendar 2001

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.

Steering committee:

October 24 at Mike Black's house

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.

Steering committee:

November 28 at Howard Schuck's house

December 12 holiday party

Annual winter event will be at Jingles Coliseum Bar. Eat, drink and be merry.

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.



Cheap Thrills *continued*

show. Mazzolini cautions he may have to abort the dive should the chamber be needed for medical use. Then the divers cram into a 24-foot chamber festooned with images of marine life. Inside, the atmosphere is less hospitable, more hospitalesque. And because most chamber guests enter via wheelchair, there's a distinct lack of formal seating. Mazzolini tosses in some blankets to Caputo's group. "You never what's on that floor," he says.

Mazzolini has told the divers what to expect, but no one is prepared for the drop-off. It's loud, it's hot, and by the time the gauges read four feet, all nine divers are clearing their ears like

go-go dancers doing the swim.

At 50 feet, voices begin to sound helium-hit. At 80, Styrofoam cups collapse, glove balloons wither. At 104 feet, a whistling contest is cancelled when no one can produce a note. And at 165 feet, everyone is chattering like Donald Duck after a mai tai.

After only two tantalizing minutes, Mazzolini begins the ascent. As the temperature drops, fog rolls in; several divers rub itchy ears. Two safety stops later, and it's over. Total dive time: 40 minutes.

"The whole setup was like being at a cocktail party and having a couple of drinks – People sprawling on the floor, taking their shirts off. It was fun," says

Caputo, adding that he'd organize such an outing again. "But once was enough for me."

For interesting club reports of the experience, check out:

<http://www.chicagolandscuba.com/chicagolandscuba/travel.html>

<http://home.xnet.com/~stuart/scubaneers/>

<http://skyline.scuba-club.com/skyline/Newsletters/n199806.htm>

If you have material you think should be in this newsletter (stories, reviews, dive reports, gear for sale) contact this editor.

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

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