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



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The summer dive season is bubbling away into history. As of this writing, all the quarries report cool, not cold, water — no gloves necessary, and some people still diving without hoods. No need to sit at home.

Several big events coming up quickly. See the flier for the *Shipwrecks and Scuba Banquet*, November 11, put on by the Bay Area Divers. This is always a fun event, usually sold out. We'll see you there. OCSSDI meeting is the next day, at 10: a.m.

Then look ahead to the biggest dive event of the year, the 42nd annual OCSSDI Banquet Ball weekend. This year it's called **Scuba Expo 2001**, and it will be held at Shawnee State Park Lodge and Resort, April 6-9. It will be beautiful in the mountains about then.

See the flier enclosed. Then think, quickly, about

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It is with great sadness we report the death of two Ohio divers, members of the Bay Area Divers, and friends to many of us. Please read the report from Joyce Hayward in this issue. While we miss them, our thoughts and prayers go out to their families, and to our friends in the BAD.

Let's keep in mind that we honor a man, by remembering not how he died, but how he lived.

getting your room for overnights. One of the great features of this year's Expo is the accommodations.

You can go with rooms, or go with a cabin. The pricing is great. Rooms are usually \$100-\$125 per night, but Southern Ohio Scuba was able to get them for us at \$75; cabins, usually \$150, will be \$125. The cabins have two bedrooms; one has a double bed, the other with a double and three twins, plus a couch. They're listed as sleeping six, but you know divers..... Don't even think of getting one with a hot tub — they're gone already.

Plan on coming Friday night. Besides getting you a head start on Saturday's events, there are three event activities going on Friday. There's a repeat of the Euchre tournament, and the regular film festival (from the ImageFest photo competition). And there's a rum punch get-together, sponsored by the Bahamas Tourist Association, I believe.

Notice the special pricing if you register before March 3.

The spring OCSSDI meeting will be April 8, at the park. New officers will take over at this meeting.

Speakers' Bureau

In the spring of 2000, the OCSSDI decided to establish a speakers' bureau, as a benefit to clubs and to members. A book is to be published with volunteer speakers — photographers, dive specialists, researchers, inc., whose presentations would be interesting, informative, or exciting for members.

In addition, there is \$50 set aside per year, for

each member club, to bring in one of the speakers from our presenters' list, to help defray expenses. This is so a speaker from Akron can be invited down to Dayton, and have some of his expenses covered. (The club is still allowed to offer more, if desired, but up to \$50 will come from OCSSDI.)

To date, the response from presenters, getting their topics and information in to produce the book, has not been overwhelming. Please get on it! We know you mean to, but we'd like to have the book printed and distributed by the beginning of the year.

You may use the *Presenter's Information* form in this newsletter. Your audience is waiting.

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Did you know, this November marks the 25th anniversary of the sinking of the *Edmund Fitzgerald*?

The gales of November will be remembered at the Great Lakes Historical Society, 480 Main St., Vermilion, OH. November 10, a special presentation *A Model For Disaster*, will take place, and a special exhibit will run November 10-April 15.

Sound like a great stop on the way to Shipwrecks and Scuba!!

OCSSDI WEBSITE

Don't forget!! Along with this *Faceplate*, you can get information about the Council, and about dive activities in the state, by checking out the website ocssdi.org.

Robb Shirey is webmaster for the site. Today, he will pick up a lot of information that is sent to the *Faceplate*. But you don't have to be so indirect.

If you have any activities, events, ideas, going on that you want to share with the state (and the world), submit them to Robb. You can do it by mail, using the *Faceplate* address, or e-mail at webmaster@ocssdi.org. The Council site will generally pick up more viewers than an individual club website.

And all you clubs, use the site to post your information, if you don't have your own site.

If you have your own web page, you can link it with OCSSDI. The only requirements are that you be a member club, and you like the OCSSDI site with your own.

A Sad Note From Joyce Hayward

Members and Friends of Bay Area Divers: It is with sadness and regret that we inform you of the loss of two treasured members of the club. Jim Coleman, BAD Vice President, and his close friend Luke Lollini were lost during a dive in Lake Huron.

Jim, Luke and Steve Sheridan met us at the campsite on Thursday evening. Our group consisted of Dean and Diane Ziegler, their family, Gary Gentile and Joyce Hayward. We made plans to meet to dive the *Regina* the next day in the afternoon. Our boat, *Ziggy II* would dive the *Arctic Steamer* while their group would do something more shallow, as they were being joined by an advanced student and two other divers.

Friday, Aug. 18, we met at the dive store to fill tanks and further coordinate our day. Because our group had bad numbers for the *Arctic*, we were unable to complete our morning dive, and arrived at *The Regina* before Steve's group (aboard *Scuba Recovery*). Dean and Joyce made the first dive. Visibility was excellent, and our dive lasted over an hour.

Upon ascent, we found that L. Huron was really kicking up! Scuba Recovery had arrived, and we conversed back and forth for a while. Our final diver, Gary Gentile, completed his dive, and with the bad weather, we called to the other boat to say we were heading to shore and would see them shortly.

After we had made about 2 miles, Steve Sheridan called *Ziggy II* to ask our opinion about the length of time Jim and Luke had been down. When it was assured that they were not hanging on the line in deco, no bubbles were evident, they were wearing single, not double, tanks and the dive was nearly an hour, we feared the worst.

Steve Sheridan immediately prepared to dive to find the men, and we turned back to help. *Ziggy II* called for the Coast Guard, rescue divers and a helicopter in case they were on the surface. Soon it was evident from a distance that Steve had found Jim. Radio contact confirmed they were starting CPR and heading for shore. Gary Gentile had begun suiting up immediately as we turned back to the *Regina*, and as soon as Steve started for shore, we arrived and Gary jumped in to look for Luke.

Gary made an extended dive, but was unable to locate Luke. As he surfaced, the rescue divers on board *Huron Explorer*, headed by Gary Biniacki, had arrived. They were briefed by Gary as to the area he had searched, and they began their two-man team dives. The helicopter was searching above, with hopes that Luke might be on the surface, since Steve had found Jim near an opening. The weather was deteriorating and as darkness neared, the last team finally located Luke, but was unable to remove him from the passageway near the chain locker. The next morning, his remains were recovered.

Post notes. The Rescue team members were incredible. Their quick response, immediate arrival to the site, their competent search and organization were remarkable. They had already reserved a location where we were all to meet when we came ashore, and the restaurant had food and warm drinks ready as we arrived. The caring, concern and bravery demonstrated was remarkable. I would also like to commend Steve Sheridan, and the other divers on his boat for all they did. Steve's solo dive to find Jim and bring him to the surface unaided, followed by the CPR administered by those aboard as Steve rushed to shore deserves commendation. And, the solo dive into the ship's interior by Gary Gentile to look for Luke was characteristic of this remarkable diver who has never turned away from helping others.

It was a sad ending to the many years that Luke and Jim enjoyed diving. We will probably never know what happened, and no comments will be made regarding opinions. The report simply stated that they probably became lost until they ran out of air.

Jim Coleman, instructor, Vice President of Bay Area Divers, friendLuke Lollini, avid Master diver, one who loved boats, diving and water, member of the club along with his family, friend...

We will miss your wonderful smiling faces, your positive attitude, cheerfulness and your friendship.

Club News

...across the state

As the diving begins to slow down, more end-of-year activities and diving conventions fill the schedule. Don't miss them!

There are 18 member clubs in the OCSSDI. If you want to get your club news and events listed, drop a line, or e-mail, early in December, March, June, and September.

Or just be sure I get your newsletter. At this time, I get less than a dozen. We'd love to hear what you're doing.

Here's some of the activities going on around the state:

Cincinnati Underwater Explorers

July and August were travel months — we dived the beautiful waters surrounding Dominica and the Red Sea at Sharm El Sheik.

Locally we participated in a Scavenger Hunt at Blue Springs, plus held a picnic and dive at Hidden Paradise. Non-diving activities consisted of a canoe trip and white water rafting.

Southern Ohio Scuba

Who is busy? The 42nd annual Banquet Ball is just a few months away. Join us in the mountains April 6-8 — a good time is guaranteed. Please get out of the hot tubs long enough to attend the seminars.

Buckeye Divers

Kingston, Ontario was our destination over Labor Day. We ended up visiting four wrecks on our annual

visit. Several of us, though, were hitting the wrecks at Scapa Flow, and sharing our Ohio culture with the British.

Over Thanksgiving, we head south to Venice Beach.

Springfield Scuba Society

If we aren't diving, we can eat. Annual Halloween Party and Cookout is October 21, and heading to the Valley Vinyard in November.

How about paintball? That's coming up in November.

Bay Area Divers

Who is busy? We're working hard on the *Shipwrecks and Scuba Banquet*, just around the corner November 11.

Hope to see you here.

Christmas Party is December 16.

Lima Scubanauts

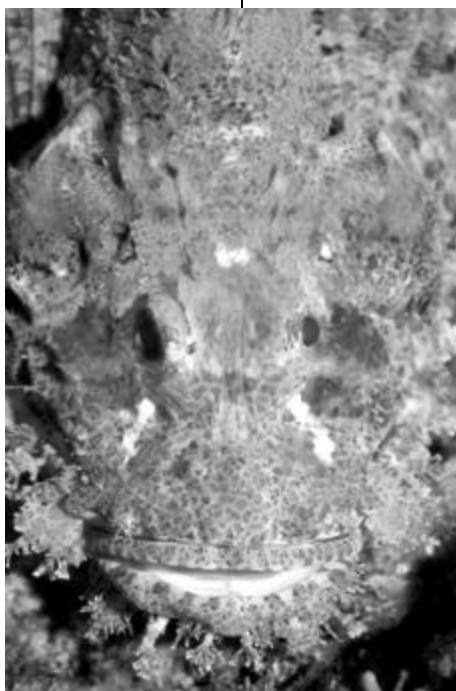
Cold weather doesn't keep us dry! We dive monthly at the YWCA, November 12, December 10, and January 14. Plus, come ice or high water, we'll start the year with a dive at Long Lake.

We do Fiji in November — have fun in Ohio.

Aqua Mariners

Just 45 years ago, Aqua-Mariners was founded by Navy frogman Robert Obringer. We're making plans for a 45th anniversary party.

As usual, we've set our annual Easter Egg Dive, for April 29.



Ashland Scuba Club

We were the first! We took advantage of the Ohio Council program to bring in speakers for our club meetings, and we had the pleasure of hearing Joyce Hayward in our October meeting.

T.A. Club

Pirates and the like! Again this year, we haunt the Infirmary Mound Park Pond as a fund raiser for the county.

Another successful barbecue for DAN: we raised \$2000 for DAN. Now, we look ahead to the annual Bonne Terre Mines trip in February.

Toledo Submariners

Back from Tobermorey in September. A bit cold, but the diving was great. And the weather was nicer to us in Canada, than it was to our group diving White Star.

October gives us the annual pumpkin carving contest at White Star, and the President's Steak Fry.

Lake Erie Wreck Divers

Port Colborne was our land station as we dived two wrecks on the eastern end of Lake Erie. We're going back!

Meanwhile we're looking over possible destinations for some winter salt water. Dominica seems to be winning!

With the next month or so, the dive clubs will be receiving an application for renewing for 2001. The application will be asking the names of officers, OCSSDI contact, and so on. We realize this doesn't fit every club's structure. Just fill in what does fit.

For 2001, for as many clubs as are interested, we'd like to list in the *Faceplate* a contact phone number, and an *e-mail*, or both. Please note this on the application.

DAN Volunteers needed

DAN needs certified scuba divers, minimum age 18, to participate in the Ascent Rate Study being held in the hyperbaric chamber at Duke University Medical Center. Participants receive food, lodging, and \$75 per day.

Upcoming dates for the study are November 3, December 1, and December 15.

For more information, contact DAN at

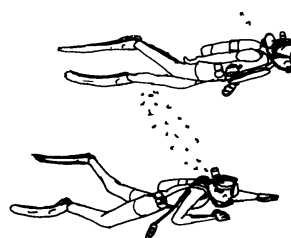
Membership for 2001 Ohio Council of Skin & Scuba Divers



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Dues: \$12 per year. \$8 per year, if a member of an affiliate club. Make checks to OCSSDI, send to:

Rich Lauer
710 Ravenna Circle
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068



Schedule of Events



October 28-29: **Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest**
Gilboa Stone Quarry

November 10: *A Model for Disaster, the Edmund Fitzgerald*
Great Lakes Historical Society, Vermilion, OH
Edmund Fitzgerald exhibit runs until April 15

November 11: **Shipwrecks and Scuba**, Bay Area Divers
Holiday Inn, Sandusky, Ohio. *See flier*

November 12: **OCSSDI Meeting**, Sandusky, Ohio

January 1: **New Year's Day Dives...**
Long Lake, with Lima Scubonauts
Where else? Let us know!

February 17, 2001: **Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival**

April 6-8, 2001: **42nd Annual OCSSDI Banquet Ball**
Shawnee State Park
See flier, related articles

April 8: **OCSSDI Meeting**, Shawnee State Park
new officers take over

April 27-29: **Our World Underwater**, Chicago, IL

April 29: **Easter Egg Dive**, Lake Cable
sponsored by the Aqua Mariners



Archeological Survey Team Created

Divers and non-divers who have taken the Underwater Archeology Workshop have been invited to join the **Maritime Archeological Survey Team**.

MAST members will assist the ODNR and Ohio Historical Society survey shipwrecks in Ohio's Lake Erie waters. The group's headquarters will be at the new Lake Erie Research Center. Located next to the Great Lakes Historical Society Inland Museum.

If you have not taken this workshop, we suggest you do! It's usually offered each fall. Check these pages for more info!

Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival

The 24th Annual **Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival** will be held February 17, 2001, in Dearborn, Michigan.

This very popular event is sponsored by the Ford Seahorses Scuba Diving Club. The festival consists of multimedia presenters of diving discoveries in fresh and salt water, plus a number of seminars. There is also a photo contest.

You can get more information, plus order tickets, by calling (734) 769-2458, or by logging on to the website www.fordseahorses.org.

Scuba Expo 2001



Ohio Council of Skin And Scuba Divers 42nd Annual Banquet Ball



April 6, 7, and 8

Shawnee State Park Lodge and Resort, Friendship, Ohio

Keynote presentation by Marc Bernardi -

Marc has been diving for 23 years. He is an accomplished underwater photographer and video producer; his work has been published in major dive magazines like *Skin Diver*, *Underwater USA*, and *Dive Travel*. He is also the owner of Aquatic Encounters, Inc. Marc's keynote address "*Close Encounters with Giants... the Galapagos Islands*" is sure to dazzle all who attend.

PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS:

Numerous presentations throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday, on topics covering dive destination & travel, photography, equipment, and many others. Four work shops — two in photography/videography, and two for the technically oriented.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Discover Scuba

Friday night Social and Euchre tournament, rum punch Bahamas theme—
Sponsored by The Bahamas
Tourist Association

Diving Concepts Dry-suit trials courses in
the pool and at Plum Run—
Sponsored by Plum Run Diving

Door Prizes, Raffels, Giveaways, Silent
auction.

REGISTRATION / INFORMATION

For more Information Contact

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Scubadvr@bright.net

Registration form on back!

ADDITIONALLY

We still need help, if you club or organization would like to help, advertise, or purchase booth space contact Rob Stone at the above phone number.

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

*All Inclusive Pass is **only \$50** if received by 3/03/01!*

Sign up for:

- | | <u>Price</u> |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> One Day Pass (Sat. or Sun.) | \$15.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two Day Pass (Both Days, Show Only) | \$25.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All Inclusive Pass Includes 2 days of show passes and Banquet Pass
(If Received Before 3/03/01) | \$50.00 |

*Includes: Cash Bar Cocktail Hour, Buffet Dinner, Keynote Address, Dancing.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All Inclusive Pass, regular price (If Received After 3/03/01) | \$65.00 |
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or feel free to send your reservations by FAX to

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or you can call the toll free reservation line at

www.shawneelodgeresort.com

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GHOSTS and MEMORIES of ISLE ROYALE by Gary Chestnut
and
TALES OF GREAT LAKES SHIPWRECK PAIRS by Cris Kohl

Saturday, November 11, 2000

Holiday Inn of Sandusky (located at the corner of Routes 2 and 250)

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SENSATIONAL SHIPWRECKS! The Great Lakes offer the finest shipwreck diving possible, and it is right here in our own backyard!

Join us for an exciting day. You will learn about shipwreck diving locations, charters, organizations and view programs featuring extraordinary shipwrecks. These vestiges of our history offer remarkable opportunities for divers to visit the past.

SENSATIONAL SHIPWRECKS will carry us to the shipwrecks of each of the Great Lakes

- **MEMORIES OF ISLE ROYALE by Gary Chestnut** explores the history of Isle Royale through the eyes of the Steamer America while featuring the shipwrecks surrounding this pristine island. **GHOSTS**, set to the music of Dan Fogelberg, is a viewers delight.
- **TALES OF GREAT LAKES SHIPWRECK PAIRS by Cris Kohl** Two shipwrecks often make one fascinating story. The "Myron" and her faithful towbarge, "Mistec" sank in the same place in Lake Superior - two years apart! Two halves of a ship resting in two different lakes? Hear these and other stories as you view these shipwreck sites as they appear today.

Tickets by reservation - **\$26.00 per person** includes reception, displays, dinner and program
Group and reserved seating per request by order of ticket sale - space is limited - Get your tickets today
For more information, call: Joyce Hayward (419) 483-3074 or e-mail joycehayward@cros.net
Afternoon workshop 1-3 pm Displays open at 3:00
Speakers Reception begins at 4:00 - Bar serving ; Dinner at 6:30 - Program following
Special rates available at the Holiday Inn 419-626-6671 (state you are with Shipwrecks & Scuba)

Afternoon Seminar: **Make No Mistake! Safe Diving Techniques, Equipment and Training** presented by **Alan Jensen** and **Steve Lewis**, the well known technical shipwreck diving instructor. This seminar will cover information you need to know so you lessen the chance of ever making a "mistake"! Learn, from the experts, how to expand your diving horizons *safely, confidently and prepared!* **A Typical Week at Isle Royale** describes an "anything by typical" trip to the scenic beauty and captivating shipwreck diving offered by Lake Superior's largest Island. Presented by **Cris Kohl**, this humorous and entertaining program will feature adventures and *misadventures* galore!

Send to: BAY AREA DIVERS, 1791 C.R. 296, BELLEVUE, OH 44811

Upcoming Events

Pumpkin Carving October 28

November 10.....Edmund Fitzgerald anniversary exhibit

November 11*Shipwrecks & Scuba*

Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival.....

..... February 17

42nd Banquet Ball..... April 6-8

Our World Underwater..... April 27-29

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