

# The FACEPLATE

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The Ohio Council of Skin and Scuba Divers, Inc.

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June, 2001

## SCUBA EXPO

Well, it's official. The Scuba Expo is in the history books now. April 6, 7, and 8, an enthusiastic group of Ohio divers spent a fun, interesting, and sociable weekend at Shawnee Lodge Resort, as guest of the Southern Ohio Scuba Club and the Ohio Council of Skin and Scuba Divers.

As we've said so many times in the past -- if you were there, you enjoyed it. If you missed it, you missed a great time.

**We can brag every year that the annual convention is the result of a lot of help and input from all over the Council, along with the Host Club. This year that was even more evident. Much gratitude goes out to all of you who helped. It was worth it!**

Lot's of things seemed to work against us for a while, even a mixup on whether there were cabins available or not. Treasurer Joe Higginbotham reports that when the dust settled, the Council made about \$300.

The weekend started out with a rum punch mixer on Friday night, compliments of Hydrospace Dive Shop and Holiday Lodge, of Panama City Beach, Florida. A film festival was going at the same time, featuring the finalists of the Underwater Images Video Competition. Wow! Some great stuff.

Saturday the weekend started in earnest. Speakers began at 9 a.m., going all day until 4 p.m. Throughout the weekend, they had to compete with beautiful weather, and the temptation to just go outside and walk throughout the park.

Highlight of the weekend, as always, was the Saturday night Banquet Ball. Keynote speaker was Marc Bernardi, owner of Aquatic Encounters. His presentation was on the Galapagos Islands, and his slides of whales sharks, hammerheads, rays, and other unique animals were spectacular.

*Just as the group was getting ready for dinner, an emergency request came in. There was a reported drowning in the Ohio River at Gallipolis. About 10 of our attendees, members of the Southern Ohio Scuba Club, and the Tri-County Divers, volunteered to assist the recovery efforts, and left Shawnee Lodge Resort, not returning until Sunday afternoon. You do a great service, guys - sorry we missed you.*

Winners were announced for the 2001 Underwater Images Photo Competition. You can view the winners by logging on to HYPERLINK "<http://www.uwimages.org>" [www.uwimages.org](http://www.uwimages.org) .

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# DIVE OHIO DAY

Dive Ohio Day, sponsored by the Ohio Council of Skin and Scuba Divers, Inc., is scheduled for August 11, in a lake or quarry near you....

2001 will be the 4th year for the event. The purpose is to enjoy the variety and quality of scuba right in your back yard -- is it the easy attractions of the nearby dive resort, the wrecks in Lake Erie, or the cold clean water in the deeper quarries, Ohio diving has a lot to offer.

To many people, Ohio diving is squeezing into a 7mm wet suit or dry suit, to float onto silty "artifacts" in cold water. Although this might have been the case on your early spring certification dives, it's not true in August. For most of us, a shorty suit will more than suffice, and visibility is currently 20-35 feet in our quarries, away from the students.

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Two special presentations were made, to individual members of the OCSSDI. The first was to Joyce Hayward, Council Secretary, who was named to the Woman Divers Hall of Fame. The second was to Ken Davis, a long time member of the OCSSDI, who was attending his 32nd Banquet Ball. Ken has pulled up his Ohio Roots and moved to Florida.

Every attendee at dinner was given a fine pin of a diving hard hat, donated by Atlantis of Cincinnati. Door prizes were donated by Atlantis, Divers Alert Network, Lakeview Park, Long Lake Scuba, Sea Vision, and Sub-Aquatics.

**Once again, we got a lot of support, financial and otherwise, from the dive community. These guys have shown their interest in Ohio divers. They include Marc Bernardi, whose presentation made the weekend; Sea Vision, willing to join us again even though the crowd was small; and Hal McKenny, from Atlantis, whose unique creations are always the hit of the weekend.**

**Thanks to Hydrospace Dive Shop, and Holiday Lodge, of Panama City Beach, who made Fridays night's mixer pleasant and enjoyable; and, of course, the Divers Alert Network, who told us bluntly "You've supported us so much in the past, we're coming to help you out this year."**

Southern Ohio Scuba -- not bad for a first time, guys. We appreciate all your work, and your pleasant attitude over the weekend. Now take a rest!

We look ahead already to February 8 - 10, 2002, as we head due north to the shores of Lake Erie. Join us for AquaFest 2002, hosted by the Aqua Amigos and dive clubs of Cleveland.

Anyone who has met Stan Waterman, or has seen his presentations in the past, are already chomping at the bit. Check out the website of the Aqua Amigos, the OCSSDI website, and these pages, for all the latest news.

(Unless, of course, the deep Lake Erie Wrecks, or the sunken attractions of the deep quarries is what interests you. If so, you've already gotten used to the suit!)

So here's what we do. The OCSSDI sets the date, and invites the state dive centers, scuba quarries, and dive clubs to participate. If your favorite agency chooses to join up, we will list their activities on the Council web site (ocssdi.org). Then in early August, we will send out a tri-fold brochure listing all the state activities, to all Council members, and to anyone else who has requested info.

Contact your favorite quarry, dive store, or charter, and ask them what they are doing for Dive Ohio Day!

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## ATTENTION, ALL DIVERS...

***As of this writing, Plum Run Quarry is not open for diving.***

*Earlier this year, we had heard the quarry was sold, and a new group was preparing to open Plum Run for the 2001 season. Unfortunately, the new owners are not inclined to open the quarry for scuba.*

*There are steps being taken, perhaps new buyers, to open the quarry again in the future.*

*However, for the time being, please don't attempt to dive there.*

*Dave Vetter, from Underwater World Scuba, will post the latest information on his website, [www.underwaterstuff.com](http://www.underwaterstuff.com)*

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

I regret to inform you that, try as I may, I cannot get my scuba club to join your agency, for obvious reasons.

What kind of association are you, anyway? I read each issue about LEWD dives and parties going on in Lake Erie. Then one club brags about all the BAD activities they participate in. Obviously, the TA Club is beyond redemption.

About the only interest we got from one of our members, who noted your N-CASE dive club. He thought it was N-SYNCH.

Sincerely,

*Needa Clue*

# Minutes of the OCSSDI Meeting

## April 8, 2001

Clubs and Members in attendance:

*Aqua Amigos*

Bill Nightingale, Anne Vespa

*Bay Area Divers*

Joyce Hayward, John Hoyt, Chris Walter, Dean Ziegler

*Buckeye Divers*

Ken Davis

*Cincinnati Underwater Explorers*

Lucia Hudson, Donald Hudson

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Mark Beatty, Roger Roth, Miriam Jennings, Maruice Jennings, Bill Libecap, Teresa Beatty

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*N-Case*

Linda Carter, Jo Ann Wade,

*Newark Poseidons*

Joe Higginbotham, Mary Ann Higginbotham, Vernon D. Rauch, Mary Rauch

*Sea Nags*

Scott Pansing, Linda Pansing, Marty Bailey, Mark Pansing

*Southern Ohio Scuba*

Dick Colwell

*T.A. Dive Club*

Linda White, Tim Broderick, Rich Lauer

Meeting opened with Roger Roth who gave a formal thank you to members of SOS who pulled together to host the Ohio Council yearly event, Rich Lauer for all the work he did to assure the success of the event, and the people who brought displays - a necessary part of this convention.

Secretary, Joyce Hayward read correspondence to include: the Illinois Council of dive clubs who wish to be assured of being on a reciprocating mailing of newsletters with the Ohio council. A very nice letter was also received from Bill Cohol who included a copy of the original "Dive Ohio" publications to be entered in the Council archive collection.

**Treasurer's Report:** Joe Higginbotham reported on the financial statement for the Council as of March 31, 2001

Balance: July 31, 2000		\$5,118.52
Income:		\$ 469.00
<b>Expenses:</b>		
6/28/00 Ohio Sec of State - Registration	\$ 13.00	
9/13/00 Scuba Expo	1000.00	
11/11 Bay Area Divers Donation to Mich Rescue Team	100.00	
11/11 Ashland Scuba - speaker	50.00	
2/13 Rich Lauer Faceplate	940.40	
3/14 Ashland Scuba - speaker fee	<u>50.00</u>	
	<b>total expenses</b>	<b>2153.40</b>
	Balance as of March 31, 2001	<b>\$3,434.12</b>
Scholarship Fund		<b>2,067.42</b>

**Business**

Chair Mark Beatty again thanked everyone for the Council event, officers of the Council and Rich Lauer as well as the individual divers who join beyond their club membership. It appeared that the Ohio Council Scuba Expo 2001 would break even financially, which is good news. The event is not intended to make money, but it is always good news not do lose money, either. Membership agreed that the event was very successful, wonderful programs, excellent accomodations and great food.

WebMaster: the webmaster was not able to attend, but wants to remind everyone to list your club contacts and to be sure to offer web link connections between your club web page and the Ohio council site. Several e-group and other communication forums have been established which allow member representatives from each club to receive monthly updates, urgent news, and other current information.

Speakers Bureau: Chair Marty Bailey and Annette Soule have not received many forms from speakers. Recently, Dennis Hale (well known as the only survivor of the shipwreck Daniel J. Morrell) filled out a form. It is reminded that the Council will pay \$50 to a club (one per year) to help a club be able to afford to pay a speaker for coming to their meeting. It is reminded that as a courtesy, any club inviting a speaker should pay their expenses for travel, arrange their meal, and pay at least a \$25 to \$50 honorarium for their time and effort. Although many speakers will give the honorarium back to the club, or suggest the club donate it to DAN or the Scholarship fund, it should still be offered.

Scott Pansing has possession of the Ohio Council flag and other miscellaneous materials.

Addresses: It is vital that clubs update the Council when a change of officers takes place so that the correct person/address is used for mailing membership, Faceplate, and other information. After your club elections, please forward the name and address of the President and whomever you wish the Faceplate to be sent (sometimes your club newsletter editor so that information can be contained in your own next newsletter.) Also, each club should designate a representative who's name, address and perhaps email address can be listed on the web for prospective members who find the Council site, or for other Council member clubs/individuals who wish to pass information from club to club or request information about events.

Communication: the open e-group forum is [ohiodiver@yahoo](mailto:ohiodiver@yahoo) and through yahoo members can sign into a special group for communication and voting. Please use your official title on correspondence when voting or otherwise representing your club for input or response. Also, if you use an email "nick-name" such as diverdown@ please include your "real name" ! With help, the Council website should include information about the Council, links to the by-laws, other clubs, Diving in Ohio, Dive related businesses, Charters, the Scholarship and an application for the Scholarship.

Next Year's Banquet Ball: Bill Nightingale of Aqua Amigos stated that next year's event will take place at the Radisson (Rts. 2 & 91) on Feb 8,9,10, will feature "Dive Nostalgia" and will feature Stan Waterman as keynote speaker. Eight dive stores are sponsoring the event. Bids for future Banquets were accepted: 2003 TA/Sea Nags and Central Ohio Clubs. Bill Libecap suggested that some consistency to include place, name and date would help assure vendors participation. Discussion followed regarding whether the event should remain in the center of the state, move around or follow a pattern of north, central, south and repeat. It was suggested that the end of the weekend report including the financial report be copied and held for review by future clubs as they plan their event for the Council. This would help clubs understand what needs to be done.

It was announced that the Wright State event would be the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of May. Dates of conventions of interest to Ohio Divers need to be given to Mark Beatty so they can be listed in the Council calendar. Also, we do not want to schedule any Ohio Diving events/conventions in conflict with other major shows. Other discussion included the intent of the state of Ohio to buoy 6 shipwrecks this summer for recreational diving. Bill 13, the Canadian bill with provisions that concerned American divers, has been put to rest, although another similar bill could develop. Legislative Action Committee will be a watchdog for this. Rex Damschroder, a state Representative and diver, is attempting to change the law regarding Oxygen as a controlled substance so that divers may obtain and provide o2 for a diving accident under the Good Samaritan law.

The New Wave Dive shop, Steve Sheridan of Scuba Recovery and supported by Bay Area Divers are attempting to receive permission from the State to place a ship on the lake bottom near the proposed diving preserve of Kelley's Island. The vessel has been identified by Steve Sheridan.

#### **Nominations for future offices of Council:**

3 year: Rich Lauer

4 people for 1 year board: Donald Hudson, Marty Bailey, Bill Nightingale & Dick Colwell

Secretary: Joyce Hayward

Treasurer: Joe Higginbotham

Election held - all elected by acclamation

#### **Committees and their Chair (if known)**

Archaeology - Joyce Hayward suggested that this committee be passed from her (Joyce) to

Linda Pansing

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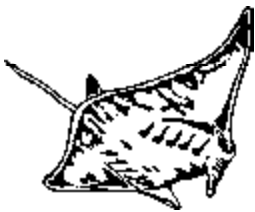
Membership

*Report submitted by Joyce Hayward*

# Schedule of Events

June 19-24: **MAST Survey, wreck of the *Prince***

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June 24: **Pirates Dive For DAN**, Bay Area Divers  
White Star Quarry

July 11-16: **Tall Ships in Cleveland harbor**  
[www.clevelandharborfest.com](http://www.clevelandharborfest.com)

July 28-29: **Barbecue for Dan**, Portage Quarry  
sponsored by the TA Club

July 29: **OCSSDI Meeting**, Portage Quarry 10 a.m.

August 11: **OCSSDI Dive Ohio Day**

September 17: **10th Annual Put-In-Bay Cleanup**  
contact **New Wave Dive Shop, (419) 734-2240**

October 26-28: **Underwater Canada**, Toronto

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

November 18: **OCSSDI Meeting**, Sandusky

February 8-10: **Aquafest**, Cleveland

43rd annual OCSSDI Scuba convention

February 10: **OCSSDI Meeting**, Cleveland

February 16: **Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival**



# Club News from across the state

People are getting wet this weekend. If you're home long enough to read this, here's what's going on around Ohio.

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 September, December, February, and May.

*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.

## Bay Area Divers

**A**nnual Pirate's Dive for DAN is right around the corner -- we'll see you at Whitestar June 24. We also head north to our Great Lakes wrecks, Pelee Island in July, and Kelley's Island in August. Then we dive the Straits of Mackinac in September

## North Coast Aquatic Scuba Explorers

**S**orry if you don't see us around. We're off to the Mayan Riviera, in Cancun, Mexico, in June. We'll let you know whether we enjoy the underwater, or all the land tours, the most.

## Springfield Scuba Society

**O**ur first dive of the season gave us all the bad luck a Friday the 13th is supposed to do. We got to go under anyway! Our club picnic is June 20th, and we dive Portage in July. Then we cross the border to dive Lake Erie in August.

## Columbus Sea Nags

**O**fficial kickoff for the year was at Portage in May, but we never stopped diving over the winter. Our scuba forums continue -- earlier our photo session was at Circleville; in June it's on U/W scooters, July is gear configuration, and August is equipment maintenance.

## Aqua Amigos

**Y**eah, putting on the AquaFest is a bit of work. We're excited, though and very happy to bring Stan Waterman back to Ohio. We'll keep you posted -- see you there!



## Lima Scubanauts

**G**ood-bye, Ohio, we're off to the British Virgin Islands in June. But we won't abandon Ohio all together -- we'll be in France Lake in July, and Long Lake in August.

## Buckeye Divers

**W**e brought a lot of shark's teeth back from Florida, and we're itching to head back south again. Over July 4th we wreck dive at Southport, N.C., and in August we return to Costa Rica. And then north to Kingston, Ontario, over Labor day.

## Cincinnati Underwater Explorers

**W**e had a club Open House in April. Invitations were sent to individuals that had expressed an interest in diving, and we discussed the advantages of diving clubs, the cost of diving, The Ohio Council, and where we dive around here. We gained two new members and are investigating forming a Youth group. A spring dive to Gilboa is scheduled June 16.

## T.A. Club

July is for eating and diving! Our annual pre-barbecue barbecue highlights the July meeting, and the club springs for the food. Then we look forward to the annual Barbecue for DAN at Portage, July 28-29. See you there.

## Lake Erie Wreck Divers

Summer is here, and we're trading our high natural gas bills for some really high boat gas bills. June saw our Parrothead Party, and in July we're off to the wrecks at Barcelon N.Y. For warm water, we head to Belize in November.

## Aqua Mariners

Annual Easter Egg Dive was a success, for fun and for archeology! One egg was recovered dating back to 1996!! June will find us hitting the Lakes at Kelley's Island, and in August we're head south to Florida.

## Toledo Submariners

We're diving, going down at all the Ohio quarries twice a month over the summer. For July, let's take another stab (?) at the watermelon carving contest (at Portage, July 9). We also head north, to St. Clair River in July, and Tobermorey in August.

## *Wreck Buoy Project -- This Year Maybe?*

It seems to be so close. For four years we have been trying to get buoys placed on some of the wrecks of Lake Erie. This year the Coast Guard gave us the approval to place buoys on six popular wreck sites: the *Admiral*, the *Dundee*, the *Prince*, the *Morning Star*, the *Sand Merchant*, and the *Craftsman*.

BUT (don't you hate that word?), at the last minute, the State Historical Society again stipulated that these buoys must be placed on cement blocks, and not on the wrecks themselves. So while we're not back to square 1, there's still a lot of work to be done.

Russ MacNeal, Chairman of the Governor's task force, is now busy getting bids to take the cement blocks out to the wrecks. This could be prohibitively expensive -- but we've been told money is available. Blocks themselves have been donated, and the other needed materials have been purchased.

So we're still hoping this project can be completed this year. Meanwhile, thanks to all of you who participated with the petitions last year. Also, thanks to Russ and all those (too numerous to mention here) who worked so hard on this project.

## BCD Vests Are Recalled

**NOTE:** *This story was sent to us from several sources. We have not checked for accuracy...*

A California company is recalling about 10,000 scuba jackets designed to prevent divers from floating to the surface because the jackets could put them in danger of drowning.

An overpressure valve on the buoyancy compensator devices, or BCDs, could stick open, presenting the danger, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said Thursday. Divers should not use the jackets, which were sold by dive stores and mail-order catalogs from September 2000 through March 2001.

The jackets were sold under these brand and model names:

**Sherwood**, models Silhouette, Magnum, Avid, Luna, Outback and Freedom, serial numbers 21280001 through 22010740. **Genesis**, models Cayman, Cobra, Athena and Phantom, serial numbers 21280001 through 22010740. Models Talon and ReCon, serial numbers 20520001 through 22010740. Plus, all units of the Aeris brand Atmos jacket.

The model name is inside the jacket and the brand name on the right outside pocket. The serial number is on the air cell.

People wanting more information can go to [www.sherwoodscuba.com/opv](http://www.sherwoodscuba.com/opv), [www.genesscuba.com/opv](http://www.genesscuba.com/opv), or [www.diveaeris.com](http://www.diveaeris.com).

### *September Cleanup*

On our calendar (pg. 11) you'll see the 10th annual Put-In-Bay Cleanup, September 17. What a great project! Rod from New Wave, and how many others, put together a fine undertaking, doing the diving world, and the rest of the community, a good service.

With the Center for Marine Conservation, that weekend is designated world-wide for cleanup. If you feel there's another area you'd like to help with, you can set up your own.

September 15 is the official cleanup day. You can get involved by notifying the *Project AWARE Foundation*, 30151 Thomas Street, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688, or Fax (949) 858-7521. They'll help you get started.

Your cleanup can be in the water, or dry land.

To join up with the Put-In-Bay cleanup, contact Rod at (419) 734-2240. You'll be fed, get free transportation over to the island, and possibly win some prizes.

The Aqua Amigos Scuba Club of Cleveland, OH  
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# "Dive Nostalgia" AQUA FEST 2002

43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Banquet of the Ohio Council of Skin & Scuba Divers, Inc.

**February 8, 9 and 10, 2002**  
**Radisson Hotel & Conference Center,**  
**Cleveland, OH, U.S.A.**

**Saturday night Banquet Keynote Speaker - STAN WATERMAN**

After dinner, we will enjoy a presentation by a member of the International Scuba Diving Hall of Fame. Stan Waterman is a World Renowned Underwater Film Producer and Photographer who has won numerous awards in this field. He has produced documentaries and television series, but is best known for his work in such commercial films as *Blue Water*, *White Death* and *The Deep*.

**A weekend of Fun** - Friday night social gathering featuring the entries to the Underwater Images Photo/Video Contest. Exhibits by Dive Centers and Equipment Manufacturers and Presentations by numerous Speakers throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday. Specialty Diving & Equipment, Underwater Photography, Dive Destinations, Travel, Charters, Pool Demonstrations and more.

**Contact or Info** - If you or your club/organization are interested in participating in this event either as a guest or as a Speaker/Exhibitor, please contact one of the following:

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Information will be updated on our website [www.aquaamigos.com](http://www.aquaamigos.com)

# 2001 BBQ For DAN

The 17th annual barbecue for the Divers Alert Network  
Sponsored by the T.A. Dive Club,  
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## July 28 & 29, 2001

### Portage Quarry Recreation Club Bowling Green Ohio



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

**OCSSDI meeting  
morning of July 29**



## 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.

Tickets are \$15, from TA members,  
or at Sub-Aquatics,

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