

The FACEPLATE

The voice of
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Fall, 2003

Even though many of us are urgently hitting the quarries and the Lakes every weekend, trying to push it off, there's no doubt the 2003 scuba season is coming to an end. Maybe another month, and it's hood-and-glove (even drysuits!) time. For now though, most of the Ohio sites are still warm, the crowds are smaller, and visibility decent.

Statewide, there's a lot happening very quickly. Coming up next weekend (October 25), three of our northern dive clubs are putting together a pumpkin carving/treasure dive day at White Star, benefitting DAN and the spring Swim For Diabetes. Weather predictions look good; expect a lot of fun with a lot of fellow divers. Details inside.

Then, just a month away, is the ever popular *Shipwrecks and Scuba* in Sandusky. This is one of the three biggest scuba events in Ohio each year. November 15 -- you don't want to miss it!

Each year, the Bay Area Divers assemble a group of first-rate speakers, with an emphasis (obviously) on shipwrecks. This year is no different. See the list, and topics, inside.

Lots of people go up for the evening dinner and show. Lots of others, though, make a day of it. This year, you can participate in a morning photography workshop, and in an afternoon film show. There is an extra (modest) charge for these.

Hey, folks, this is usually a sellout. A chance to dress up and look spiffy, mix with some great people from all over the state, learn a lot about photography, and see six (!) great shows. But don't wait.

And although we're still five months off, you'd can start planning today for *ScubaFest 2004*. It's March 19-21, 2004, in Dublin. This one is being put together by a committee of divers from all over the state. More details, inside, of course.

Our next issue will be discussing ice dives. It's coming. Go diving this weekend!

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H.B. 64 Before Senate

Next phase is underway! H.B. 64, legislation that proposes to make it legal for divers in OHIO to possess and use medical oxygen in case of a diving accident, is before the state senate.

Tuesday, October 14, Rep Keith Faber introduced the bill to the Insurance, Commerce & Labor committee. The bill passed the Ohio House in June, and must pass the Senate before becoming law.

Rep. Faber, who originated the bill, noted that it had passed the House 98-0, "so you see how controversial it is". He then went on to describe oxygen use in suspected scuba accidents as "the first, and frankly the best, first aid for a diving accident". With 60 identified shipwrecks in Lake Erie, he went on, Ohio can be a tourist attraction for divers, and must allow them to protect themselves in an accident.

The only question received during this first reading came from State Senator Mumper, who first acknowledged that he personally has made 250 dives. Sen. Mumper noted that today divers are using oxygen to belnd EAN (nitorex); should this also be included? Rep. Faber declined the offer, saying the immediate concern was for diving first aid.

Most likely, the next reading of the proposal will take place in January. So 2004 should be the year!

Dave Rauch and Rich Lauer were on hand to represent OCSSDI.

Ohio Diver Featured

Anyone reading the September issue of *Dive Training* will notice a familiar name.

The lead article for the magazine was titled *Scuba Stewarts: Divers Making A Difference*. Noting that divers witness first hand the serious threats to the oceans -- over-fishing, pollution, coastal development, etc. -- they remark that many individual scuba divers are making a difference.

In commending divers from Oregon, Washington, California, and Hawaii, they also mentioned the Videographer from Ohio -- Roger Roth, of the Gavia Scuba Club.

Congratulations, Roger, for having your achievements noted, but also for the work you're doing that they found so noteworthy.

LEWD Goes To GLSC

Lake Erie Wreck Divers is heading back to the Great Lakes Science Center, and they're inviting you to come along! Join us on **Sunday, November 30th** at **2pm** for:

- **The Coral Reef Adventure** (Imax movie); and
- **The Extreme Deep** (exhibit); and
- **Some type of sustenance** (to be determined)

Tickets will be \$6.75 (adults) and \$5.75 (kids) for groups of 10 or more.

If you would like to join us for this exciting event please email Rita Montorsi, then send a check in the mail. Deadline for signing up is: **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10th**.

e-mail is www.aidesigngroup.com. Send check to Rita Montorsi, **a.i. Design Group, Inc.**, 3041 Nationwide Parkway, Brunswick, Ohio 44212

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Schedule of Events

October 18-19: **Cooper River Shark Tooth Diving**, several clubs involved
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October 25: **Pumpkin Carving Contest & Treasure Dive**

Sponsored by the Submariners, Bay Area Divers, and Aqua Amigos
White Star Quarry. Details elsewhere in newsletter

October 25: **Halloween Dives**, Natural Springs Resort

Carving, and prize pumpkins. www.naturalspringsresort.com

November 15: **Shipwrecks and Scuba**, Sandusky

Bay Area Divers



November 16: OCSSDI meeting, Sandusky

November 30: **Great Lakes Science Center**, with LEWD

contact rmontorsi@aidesigngroup.com by November 10

December 31: **Deadline, North Carolina Photo Contest**

www.ncaquariums.com

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

www.beneaththesea.org

January 17: **Deadline, Ford Seahorses Photo Contest**

www.fordseahorses.org

February 21: **Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival**

Ford Seahorses, Dearborn, Michigan

26th annual! www.fordseahorses.org

March 19-21: **ScubaFest 2004**, Dublin

45th annual! www.scubafest.org

March 21: OCSSDI meeting Dublin

March 26-28: **Beneath The Sea**, Secaucus, NJ

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Shipwrecks and Scuba

November 15, 2003

Morning Workshop - Afternoon Seminar - Evening Dinner Program

Location - Holiday Inn of Sandusky Rt. 250 & 2, Sandusky, Ohio

Morning Workshop - The View Below 9:00 am until 12:00 pm

Presented by world-renowned instructors, this workshop is like no other opportunity you have ever had! Shipwreck diver, author, underwater photographer and explorer **Gary Gentile** will start off the workshop by teaching you how you can bring the experience of diving shipwrecks & sea life back to the surface to share with your friends and family through the use of underwater or housed traditional cameras. Then, equally famous **Sue and Jack Drafa**, authors, world explorers and featured presenters, will join us from Oregon to share ways to use digital photography during your dives, from basic camera choices, still and video, computer compatibility and software to creating presentations or publishable photo shots.

Afternoon Seminar - Diving Destinations and Historic Shipwrecks! 1:30 - 4:00

- **Final Run: The 1913 Storm - Ric Mixter** What was the worst storm to hit the Great Lakes? Shipwreck Researcher, Ric Mixter will chronicle each of the 4 gales of November and will feature the 1913 Storm. Presentation will include exclusive interviews from storm survivors and incredible music!
- **Crossroads of Disaster: The Straits of Mackinac Shipwrecks by Cris Kohl and Joan Forsberg** The narrow corridor of frequently fog-shrouded water connecting Lake Michigan and Lake Huron hides some of the best preserved shipwrecks in the Great Lakes - join Cris and Joan for a view of diving here.
- **Vanuatu - Dive to The Calvin Coolidge by Gary Gentile** From "Rec" to Tech all on the same incredible shipwreck plus some of the most beautiful scenery and underwater life you can imagine!

Evening Film Show and Dinner - Shipwrecks of the Deep

- **Fitzgerald: Explored or Exploited? - Ric Mixter** The Great Lakes may be filled with thousands of shipwrecks, but only one is recognized throughout the world. The *Edmund Fitzgerald* made headlines when it sank, topped the charts as a ballad, and has continued to be controversial as a dive destination. This premiere show will feature the true story behind the expeditions that visited the **Fitz**.
- **The Great Northwest Diver - by Sue and Jack Drafa** What ARE we doing with all this gear?
- **Collision - Calling All Vessels - by David Trotter and URA** This unique program will feature the steamer *W.C. Franz* sitting upright on the floor of Lake Huron, remarkably pristine and preserved and the newest opportunity for technical divers. PLUS - *The Ship that Changed Great Lakes History - First Look!* You will have the unique opportunity of the first look at Trotter's newest, secret discovery!

Sponsored by BAY AREA DIVERS

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Gone To Sea Scuba * Jim Andrews Marine Artist * Lake Erie Wreck Divers

Michigan Diving Preserves * New Experience * Out of the Blue * Rex Travel * Safety Service Divers

Tickets are sold by reservation only - Group Seating available by Request - Space is Limited - get your tickets today!

Morning Workshop: The View Below by Gary Gentile and Sue and Jack Drafa - space limited to 75 Cost \$20.00 each

Afternoon Seminar: Diving Destinations and Historic Shipwrecks - space limited to 100 Cost \$8.00 each

Evening Program: Shipwrecks of the Deep - ticket includes displays, dinner, program and after-glow party Cost \$27.00 each

For more information call Joyce Hayward at 419-483-3074 or email joycehayward@cros.net

Rooms at Holiday Inn - specify you are with Shipwrecks and Scuba 419-626-6671

Dinner: Chicken or Beef
Potatoes, Rolls
Vegetables, Salad
Dessert & Beverage

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____

_____ Morning Workshops _____ Afternoon Seminars _____ Dinners & Evening show
(_____ beef _____ chicken)

Total enclosed: _____ Make checks payable **Bay Area Divers 1791 C.R. 296 Bellevue, OH 44811**

Tickets and other information will be mailed to you. Holiday Inn for room reservations: 419-626-6671

***If you have special seating request, please list here: _____

Club News from across the state

Ahhh! Indian summer. People diving locally are enjoying the warm fall water, and beautiful scenery topside. Of course, the Caribbean isn't looking bad, either!

There are now 20 member clubs in the OCSSDI. How do I get the information for this page? First I got what I could from the newsletters I get in the mail, and from the newsletters I get on line. Make sure I'm on your list!

If there is a particular thing you want listed in our club news, or a flier you want published for a special event, drop a line, or e-mail, early in December, March, June, and September.

Toledo Submariners

You saw us diving White Star in October. This same month the presidents steak fry is the 18th, up here in Cabelaville. Then we're one of the host club for the Pumpkin Carving -- watch those knives.

Gavia Dive Club

Down south in West Virginia in September for our annual rafting trip. And we've just returned from further south -- diving the Cay Sal bank on board the *Nekton*.



T.A. Club

Barbecue for DAN raised another \$2000 for the Divers Alert Network. Weather was great, & more than \$5000 worth of prizes were given away. Our last Dive Ohio was October 11; since July we visited Portage, Lakeview, Gilboa, and White Star.

North Coast Aquatic Scuba Explorers

We like fast water! After white water rafting in July, we headed up to Niagra River, Fort Erie, Ontario, for drift diving in September. Meanwhile, you saw us this summer at White Star and Gilboa quarry diving events.

Aqua Mariners

September found us on our annual canoe trip. We also shipped over to Mentor for a fall boat dive trip. November will find a dozen of us in warm water, diving the Bahamas.

Columbus Sea Nags

The past month has seen Sea Nags pretty much in all the Ohio-area sites out there, including the St. Clair River, Kingston, Port Sanilac, even the Cooper River. But we also blew bubbles in the Florida Keys and the caves, and Roatan. Our annual banquet is November 8.

Lima Scubonauts

Our YMCA contracts are signed, so we'll be doing our regular scuba swims starting in November, through the spring. Meanwhile, a group of Scubonauts will travel south to Utila Lodge, Utila, next month.

Lake Erie Wreck Divers

How about something different in November? Our belly dance workshop is November 8. Meanwhile, we're visiting a couple Great Lakes Historical shows, February takes us to Belize, on the *Nekton Pilot*.

Newark Poseidons

Nominations for 2004 Officers are coming in November. We're working hard on our membership drive, with a great new meeting place and a high rate of attendance. Our Christmas Party is in the planning stages, similar to 2002!

Bay Area Divers

Our annual night dive took us to White Star quarry in September. October takes us to Cooper River, and to White Star again to carve the pumpkins. See you at Shipwrecks and Scuba!

Cincinnati Underwater Explorers

We took advantage of October's warm weather to dive Portage Quarry. March takes us back to Missouri to dive the Bonne Terre Mines.

Springfield Scuba Society

Our last summer dive was at White Star, August 31 -- not as exciting as our Bahamas live-aboard a few weeks earlier. For those who survived the secret(?) club outing in September, we have our annual halloween party October 25.

Buckeye Divers

A great St. Clair River dive in August -- maybe the best visibility we've ever seen there. October gives us the annual pig orast. Looking into 2004, we're oof to the Keys over Memorial Day.

Aqua Masters

Two trips up north to sunny Canada -- a happy dozen visited Kingston, Ontario in August, and five of us dived the *Empress of Ireland* in Rimouski, Quebec, in September. November sends us on a cross-continent excursion, to Campbell River, B.C.

Aqua Amigos

We continue to get out almost every weekend. Locally, we're visiting White Star and Gilboa Quarries. We have our clam bake social in October, and bowling in November. See you at the pumpkin carving!



halloween dive Saturday, October 25

The pumpkin carving and treasure dive happens at White Star Quarry, Saturday, October 25. This is sponsored by the Toledo Submariners and the Bay Area Divers.

Bring your own pumpkin!!

ADMISSION: free. Donations accepted, proceeds go to DAN
REGISTRATION 2:30-3:00 pm CARVING 3:00-4:00pm
DINNER (hot dogs, doughnuts, & cider) AND JUDGING 4:00-5:30pm



UNDERWATER TREASURE HUNT sponsored by the Aqua Amigos

ADMISSION \$10 per diver. Portion of the proceeds donated to Scuba for Diabetes
REGISTRATION 2:30-5:30 pm DINNER 4:00-5:30pm
TREASURE HUNT 5:30-6:30 PM PRIZES AWARDED 7:00-7:30pm

Registration Form

mail to: D. Colensek, 6149 Bramblewood Place, Mentor, OH 44060

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Dive club affiliation _____ phone _____

e-mail _____ cert. level _____

Emergency contact _____

relationship _____ phone _____

event pumpkin carving treasure hunt both

OCSSDI MTG – Sunday, July 27, 2003

MINUTES: As written in the Faceplate. Motion to accept: 1st LuAnn Howard 2nd Dick Colwell

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion to accept: 1st Donald Hudson 2nd Dick Cowell

FACEPLATE MAILING, SUMMER: 75 were mailed, and 65 sent via e-mail

WEBSITE: Mark Beatty will soon have PayPal up and running on the OCSSDI website. This way, people can renew memberships and buy Scubafest tickets on line, using credit card or their PayPal card.

OLD BUSINESS:

Legislative Committee: Ron Smith will keep us informed on O2 bill status. It passed the Ohio House earlier this year and it's expected to be introduced to the Ohio Senate in the Fall.

Council took a position on the proposed Lake Erie Shipwreck Preserve. Dave Soule explained that with its present proposal, few good sites are even included. Dave's viewpoint "If you don't have a product, don't sell it", was the stance agreed to. Our current position on preserve – we are not in favor of drafts currently in place. Post SLAC meeting dates online/group forum if time permits

Buoy Project: The idea hasn't advanced much, because government is reluctant to take on the liability involved with placing buoys on the wrecks. Question: would this be something OCSSDI would assume?

To Do: Check with Ron Smith re: liability issues with individual/group assuming buoy responsibility

To Do: Dave Soule to provide update to Mark Beatty on buoy status, for inclusion on the website.

OH Drivers License Plate: To date we have 425 signatures; Rich Lauer will send another mailing and will follow-up, for March OCSSDI meeting. Question was raised as to whether electronic signatures would be acceptable.

To Do: PDF of sign-up sheet to Mark Beatty to make available online (for download)

Scholarship Committee: Received \$450.00 donation from ScubaFest Committee

To Do: Dick Colwell to send letter of appreciation to ScubaFest Committee c/o TA Club

Dive Ohio Video: Andy Dennis requested additional images for Lake Erie; preferably video but can also work in stills.

To Do: Carol Kender of ASK Scuba will send VHS footage from Lake Erie. Specifically, Andy is asking for footage from Natural Springs, Nelsons Ledges, and Lake Erie. His goal is a 12-minute video. Hopefully, we'll have it by *Shipwrecks and Scuba*.

NEW BUSINESS

Mark Beatty, OCSSDI Website Director, requests that the clubs send him a copy of their charter, to list on the website.

Club Trips: Bill Libecap suggested that club dive trips be listed in the *Faceplate*. These are trips that are open to anyone. Dick Colwell 2nd. This will start in 2004.

To Do: Mark Beatty to make trip forum available; Rich Lauer to include in newsletter

Swap Meets: Mark Beatty noted that at one time the annual swap meet was a big event in the state. Recognizing the problems with professional scuba stores, is there any way to do a swap meet, without stepping on the toes of our professional members?

Carol Kender suggested if the Council wanted to do it, there should be an entry fee for individuals, that no professional agency (dive store, in-state or no) be allowed to participate, and that a percentage must go to the Council.

Dick Colwell stipulated that the seller must be a member of Council.

Recognizing this might be a controversial topic, it was tabled until the November meeting.

Past due memberships: Rich Lauer will follow-up with delinquent club dues and attempt to contact various club members instead of just initial club contacts. Council to consider a “pending members” listing for delinquent clubs;

Member kit: Mark Beatty asked that member kits be submitted to clubs

ScubaFest 2004:

ScubaFest Location: Wyndham Dublin Hotel
Date: March 19 – 21, 2004
Chairman: Rich Lauer
Exhibitor Chairperson: Carol Kender of ASK Scuba
Exhibitor Co-Chairs: Dick Colwell and Lynn Wickline

Carol Kender approached Council with the following exhibitor proposal, which was accepted as formal Motion and passed: 1st Linda Pansing 2nd Tim McCloud

- Scuba show exhibit with as many suppliers as possible, with new consumer product display booths; no sales and no individual dive store promotion; for informational purposes only;
- No admission charged, but visitors would have entry form for suppliers and dive stores to contact afterward.
- Exhibitor booths free of charge with the following stipulations;
- Dealers requested to stay at the ScubaFest event hotel;
- Dealers requested to donate door price for Council use;
- Dealers requested to make minimal donation to Council of \$20 to be used for charity/scholarship;
- Dealers requested to split the cost of the room: ie hotel cost for draping tables, etc. (1960 square feet currently available); and
- Minimal advertising expense.

Dealers acknowledging interest include: DUI, Oceanic, Sherwood, Aqualung, Henderson, Harvey’s, Xcel, Tabata, Sealife Cameras and SeaSigns;

Suppliers requesting possible technical seminars include: DUI, Oceanic, and Sherwood. Dealers to rent courtesy rooms for equipment demos (3 suites currently available). Pool may be researched for generic demos to ‘discover scuba’, camera demos, etc;

May approach training agencies as well, but would probably run out of space to accommodate; and Council confirmed there was no perceived conflict with selling non-scuba equipment items such as: T-shirts, jewelry, art, books, videos, etc.

Cincinnati Gavias have committed to booklet, promotional flyers.

It was noted that the 2003 ScubaFest was able to show profit because LCD equipment use and promotional booklet were donated, and the auction event proceeds. It is the intention of the Council to attract divers and dive shops from other areas to the event and members were enthusiastic to the proposal above.

To Do: It was suggested that Council send packets to dive stores asking that they contact their reps and inform them of this opportunity.

To Do: Add task for raffle or other donation @ banquet for Scholarship fund
ScubaFest committee meeting scheduled Sunday, August 3rd at Wyndham hotel.

NEXT MTG LOCATION

November 16th, Sandusky following Shipwrecks and Scuba, Bay Area Divers event

Speakers Announced for ScubaFest 2004, March 19-21

Keynote Speakers have been announced for ScubaFest 2004, March 19-21, in Dublin, Ohio.

Pat and Jim Stayer, of *Out of the Blue Productions*, will be the featured speakers for the Saturday night Banquet Ball. Although the Stayers are best known for their work in the Great Lakes, diving has also taken them to the east coast and across the Pacific.

From these adventures they trio has authored three books and produced numerous videos and DVDs. They have been long time favorites of major dive shows across the North America, and their award winning work has appeared on all major TV networks including the History Channel, Learning Channel, Discovery, and Oprah Winfrey Show.

Their Saturday night presentation, *Yap... More Than Mantas and Mandarins*, was featured at the 2003 DEMA show. The couple will also be giving two other presentation on Saturday and Sunday, as well as autographing their books and videos.

ScubaFest 2004 will be the 45th annual event. This year's gathering will be presented by the OCSSDI Committee, rather than by an individual dive club, as in past years. It will be held at the Wyndham Dublin Hotel.

ScubaFest is a weekend of exhibits, speakers, and presentations, topped off by the Saturday evening Banquet Ball. Some of the exhibitors who have committed so far are Sherwood/Genesis/Akona, DUI, Oceanic, Harveys Wet Suits, Agualung/Seaquest, Drager, Henderson wet suits, Sea and Sea cameras, St. Moritz Watches, Sealife Cameras, Tabata, Frog Divers, Sea Signs, and White Dry Suits.

Speakers will cover topics in dive travel, technical diving, medical aspects, photography, equipment, and training. Exhibits will be open Friday evening through Sunday; speakers and presentations Saturday and Sunday. Friday night will be a mixer and film festival – the films will be the finalists from the Underwater Images contest.

Profits from this year's ScubaFest are earmarked for the Honduran Dental Project, and the OCSSDI Scholarship fund.

Ticket prices are \$15 per day, \$25 for the weekend, entitling you to the exhibit hall, all speakers and presentations, and door prizes. An all-inclusive pass, the above plus the Saturday evening banquet, is \$60.

SPECIAL OFFER: *If you order your tickets before January 15!!*, the all-inclusive pass is only \$50, saving you \$10 per person, \$20 per couple. Who says you can't find a bargain anymore?

You can order tickets using the form below, or you can order **on-line** using Paypal. Remember scubafest.org.

Rooms at the Wyndham Hotel are \$89 per night, which also gets you two breakfast coupons daily. Call (614) 764-2200, and specify that you are with ScubaFest.

Mel Sheeham Scholarship

One of the highlights of ScubaFest is the Mel Sheeham Scholarship, awarded by the Council to a deserving student in college or a technical school, pursuing a career in a marine-related field. Although this awarded hasn't been given out annually, it is awarded when a deserving candidate comes forth.

Last year, the Scholarship was awarded to Joe Hoyt, who received \$1000.

There are a few requirements to qualify for the scholarship. The applicant must be a member of Council and presently enrolled in school, in an approved field. Applications must be received prior to the November OCSSDI meeting (this year November 16). Decision will be announced at the Banquet Ball.

You can find a complete list of requirements on the website, ocssdi.org, or you can e-mail chairman Dick Colwell at dcolwell@ohiohealth.com. Send your application to OCSSDI Scholarship, box 85, Summit Station, OH 43073.

SCUBAFEST 2004 Advance Registration

- ALL-INCLUSIVE weekend pass and banquet \$60
(\$50 before 1/15/04)
 Weekend pass \$25
 One day pass \$15
 Saturday night banquet only \$40 (\$35 before 1/15/04)
 total enclosed



NAME: _____ Dive Club _____

ADDRESS _____ e-mail or phone _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Mail to: **ScubaFest 2004**, PO box 85, Summit Station, Ohio 43073

or, you can order tickets via PayPal, at **ScubaFest.org**

TIME TO JOIN UP FOR 2004!

With the fall issue of the *Faceplate* comes the opportunity to renew membership for 2004.

Why be a member of Council? This agency is working for you, the divers of Ohio. Whether it be the pending(!) oxygen legislation, buoying of shipwrecks in Lake Erie, the seminars, license plate proceedings, educational forums, social activities, and community involvement, the OCSSDI has your interests at heart.

Also, there's a lot of enjoyment. Look across the page to our schedule of events. Carving a pumpkin underwater, looking for treasure in Ohio quarries, decorating a tree, seeing and hearing the top scuba professionals in the country -- these events are brought to you by Council, and the members of the OCSSDI. You don't want to miss it.

A couple notes....

- Starting last year, more than half the members are getting their *Faceplate* via e-mail. This is quicker, and it comes in color. It's also less expensive for OCSSDI. Your choice. Just fill in the e-mail blank below. **PRINT CLEARLY.**
- If you've signed in already, or have been getting the mailed edition of the *Faceplate*, it's easy to change. Just e-mail faceplate@ohiohills.com, and request to receive yours via e-mail in the future.
- You can renew on-line, with your credit card and through pay-pal. Just go to OCSSDI.org.
- As a Council member, you can be enrolled on the OCSSDI News Group. This is an e-mail service; if something happens regarding scuba in Ohio, you will receive a news flash on-line.

Membership for 2004 Ohio Council of Skin and Scuba Divers, Inc.



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If you give us your e-mail address, we will automatically send you the *Faceplate* on-line, unless you request a hard copy instead.

Dues: \$12 per year. \$9 per year, if a member of an affiliate club. Make checks to OCSSDI, send to:

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