

# S'NAG-A-NEWS

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## June Program: *CBUS Fire Underwater Recovery Team & Equipment!!*

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### General Meeting Minutes

Present: Rob welcomed new member, Gerry Kubatska and guest Andy Herron, a former student of Marty Bailey's who want to become a dive instructor now. Also in attendance were Bob Bailey, Marty Bailey, Josh Carney, Donn Ellerbrock, John Guegold, Danny & Yung Holt, Mike Kitchen, Steve Locsey, Rob Robison.

#### Announcements

1. Rob reminded everyone about the first club dive (See Written Dive Reports next page) and the first twilight dive, cookout and movie scheduled for Sat. June 7.
2. Announced a \$100.00 gift card to be raffled at the club banquet, with ticket entries based on member monthly attendance at the monthly General Meeting. See Rob for details.
3. **A. Circleville Twin Quarries** announced 2014 dive rates as follows:
  - Annual Membership = \$175
  - Day Pass = \$ 14
  - Weekend pass = \$ 25**B. White Star** has increased its 2014 dive fee to \$20 per person, per day; \$175 per season pass pp; \$8 fills; \$12 Nitrox fill.

#### Additional Announcements

4. 2014 Club membership dues are \$20.00. 2014 Ohio Council dues are \$9.00.
5. Club logo patches and decals are available to new club members as a part of their membership dues. Returning members can purchase extra decals/stickers at a cost of

\$1.00 each—these are plastic/waterproof--and extra patches for \$2.00 each while they last.

6. Facebook: You can find the Club Facebook forum by going to: <http://en-gb.facebook.com/pages/Columbus-Sea-Nags-SCUBA-Divers-/289276535926?v=wall>, thanks to Andy Dennis.
7. Twitter page!!: Thanks to **Josh Carney**, the club now has a **Twitter page**: <@CbusSeaNags>. Check it out today!

### Calendar of Upcoming Events

**DON'T MISS: *Twilight dive, cookout, and movie Sat. June 7! Details at June meeting.***

#### 2014

##### June

- 5 General Meeting@ Planks, 8:00 PM. Program: **Columbus Fire Underwater Recovery**  
**7 Twilight Movie, Run Silent, Run Deep, Dive-In & Cookout @ C'ville Twin Q** (Splash in by 5PM; cookout @ 6:30, *RunSilentRun Deep* @ 7:30-7:45 or so; paid members free plus cost of diving; nonpaid members & guests \$5 ea. plus cost of diving)  
18 Executive Meeting @Planks 7:00PM

##### July

- 3 General Meeting@ Planks, **7:00 PM Social**. **No official program or formal meeting**  
17 Executive Meeting @Planks 7:00PM  
**19 Twilight Movie, *The Creature from the Black Lagoon*, Dive-In & Cookout @ C'ville Twin Q (Details via email**  
19 – 20 DAN BBQ Portage

##### August

- 7 General Meeting@ Planks, 8:00 PM. Public Safety diving with John Sanders & Doc Whittington (Tent)  
9 Corn Roast/Gear Swap, Movie: **Rudy Whitworth Sea Horse Productions Underwater Photographer** (Tent) and a Dive-In (Details TBA)  
21 Executive Meeting @Planks 7:00PM

##### September

- 4 General Meeting@ Planks, 8:00 PM. Dive Medicine (TBA)  
13 Twilight Movie: *Sea Hunt* episodes, Dive-In & Cookout @ C'ville Twin Q (Details TBA)  
21 Executive Meeting @Planks 7:00PM

##### October

- General Meeting@ Planks, 8:00 PM. Nominations for club officers, Sea Grant update (TBA)  
23 Executive Meeting @Planks 7:00PM

##### November

- 6 General Meeting@ Planks, 8:00 PM. Elections

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**8 Annual Banquet & Christmas Party, Location TBA:  
Featuring Tony Gramer: Diving Socorro Islands and  
Fresh Water Wrecks**

**13 Executive Meeting @Planks 7:00PM IF NECESSARY**

**December**

**4 General Meeting@ Planks, 8:00 PM. Awards**

**6 Annual Christmas Party. Details & Location TBA**

**31/1 8th Annual New Year's Eve Dive & Cookout. Details  
TBA**

**Program:** Special thanks to **Donn Ellerbrock** for his stand-in video presentation on snorkeling with Humpback whales from his recent live-aboard trip to the Dominican Republic! Thanks for a great job!

## *Executive Meeting Highlights*

7PM@Planks, 4/17/2014. Present: Josh Carney, Donn Ellerbrock, Glenn Mitchell, Maggie & Steve RANFT, and Rob

1. Discussed advertising flyers for first twilight dive cookout & movie, plus costs and timing (See calendar).
2. Decided to combine annual banquet & Christmas party into one on Sat November 8, location TBA
3. Received confirmation Tony Gramer will be our keynote banquet presenter.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Checking 1,251.51; Petty cash \$85.49; Total Checking = \$1,337. Finneran Bequest = \$5,000. Paid/comped members = 29.

## *Dive Reports*

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### **Spasms**

None reported

### **Oral**

**Marty Bailey** reported he worked with a film crew from California, as the water safety expert, in Granville and at the OSU diving tank. He also became a cameraman as part of a film, *Mission to Mars*. He supervised the

water training sessions for the mission.

**Steve Locsey** 5-6 made commando dives at Lancaster over the past 10 days at the break of dawn (7AM). He reported vis. @15' @ 20'depth, with temps in@ 50° above the thermocline @ 13', and ranging from 41° to most recently 47° below the thermocline. Also, Steve just completed a crossover open water rebreather certification in Florida at Ginny Springs.

### **Written**

**Lancaster: Club Dive 5/4/14.** John Guegold, his friend, Dean Stuart, and I arrived at Lancaster shortly before 10:00AM on a pleasant Sunday morning to drop into the Lancaster quarry for the first time in many a moon.



*John G and Dean S*

Just before we put the final touches on our gear and made ready to take the plunge, **Marty Bailey** showed up and began preparations to dive with his Inspiration, as did **Jim Wickline** on his motorcycle, who didn't dive.

The drop down to the Frito-Lay truck was uneventful, with clarity @ 15' and water temps above 50°. Once we reached the training platform @ 25', the vis. dropped to around 7 - 8 feet and the temp plunged to 48° - 49°. No catfish sighted at the small cabin cruiser on the

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way to the twin Beech, but there were a few small bass and pan fish flitting about or lurking in the shadows in ambush of prey.



Getting wet



Pilot Jack in need of some dusting after a long winter's nap

Like the last time we dove this route, JG lost us at the twin Beech and headed back to the ranch, so to speak. Meanwhile, Dean and I continued past the stoplight to the car on its side before making the turn. Evidently, we followed JG's trail back to the training platform where we found him pretending to be a large bass hovering on the platform in search of something to ambush.

On reaching the exit point, we ran into Marty, waist deep in the water, making final

preparations to dive. We floundered out of the quarry onto dry land, into dry clothes, and



munched on some grilled jumbo Ballpark franks. MMmmmmmm!

We dove into it on a great day and had a blast! Join us next time, won't you?

*Rob*

*More from Marty Bailey:* [Last] Sunday, I headed to Lancaster for the first club dive of the Sea Nags. Rob, John, and Dean arrived about 30 minutes before me and were almost ready to go as I pulled into the parking area. Jim Wickline also came, but not to dive. He did bring some awesome cupcakes for our lunch. I told the guys not to wait for me and they were soon in the water. I finished unpacking my gear, calibrated my rebreather, and began suiting up. Jim helped me with my new drysuit gloves. They seal to the wrist seals of your drysuit. I sealed the left glove to my wrist under the roll of my wrist seal and over the roll on my right hand. I hoped that both would be dry by the end of the dive, but after entering the water I soon realized that my right hand would be wet the entire dive. What was most surprising was that by the end of the dive neither of my hands were warm, and there wasn't much difference between them. I crisscrossed the trench several times, swam

by the boat, culvert, and cabin cruiser (51'/52min). For some reason, my buoyancy was off and I was having trouble dialing it in. I'm not sure why (maybe my trim is off), it seemed every time I added air to the suit I added too much and when I tried to vent the excess I had most of it stored in my feet and had to do a lot of twisting and turning to get it out. I may need to redistribute my weights.

*MB*

**Circleville 5/6/14.** Tuesday night dive crewmembers Steve King, Cleeve Bartley, Gary?, Rick Blaine, and I got wet in the South Q. Water temp reached 60° but beyond 10' or so vis. was murky. Lots of blue gills and blue gill relatives swimming about, plus some bass of various sizes, but the catfish that remain in the South Q haven't been sighted to date. Here are a couple of pictorials from the dive:



*Tub Lady*



*Aquarium shot*

We finished off the evening at Gibby's, feasting on Gibsters, bar salads, beer, and iced tea.

## *Log Book*

### **Gold Recovered From 157-Year-Old Shipwreck Off S.C. Coast**



More than 60 pounds of gold were recovered from an infamous 157-year-old shipwreck off the coast of South Carolina last month, and the deep-sea exploration company that retrieved it announced today that there is plenty more down there.

On April 15, the Odyssey Marine Exploration used a robot to recover nearly 1,000 ounces of gold during the first reconnaissance dive to the S.S. Central America shipwreck site in more than two decades.

The exploration was appointed by an Ohio court in an effort to retrieve the treasure for former investors who were defrauded in the original hunt.



The 280-foot wooden-hulled steamship, en route to New York from San Francisco, was carrying as much as 21 tons of gold ingots, freshly minted gold coins and raw gold from California mines when it sank in a hurricane in September 1857. The sinking triggered part of what historians say was the first U.S. financial crisis, known as the Panic of 1857. Most of the ship's 477 passengers — many of them gold

prospectors — perished.

The ship now sits 160 miles off the coast of Charleston, S.C., 7,200 feet below the surface. In 1988, a team led by Ohio engineer Tommy Thompson recovered about two tons of gold from the wreck, sparking a two-decade legal battle over the treasure. Facing federal charges, Thompson and his assistant, Alison Antekeier, fled a secluded Vero Beach, Fla., mansion where they had been living, paying their rent in cash. [According to the Columbus Dispatch](#), the couple left behind \$10,000 bands from stacks of bills, international phone cards and "a book that explains how to assume a new identity." And, of course, one large treasure a mile and a half under the sea.

"We know that the wreck was only partially excavated, only about 5 percent of the site," Mark Gordon, Odyssey Marine Exploration president and chief operating officer, [told Reuters](#). In March, the company was awarded an exclusive contract to conduct an archaeological excavation and recover the remaining cargo from the S.S. Central America.

The treasure recovered by the Odyssey last month includes "five gold ingots and two \$20 Double Eagle coins (one 1857 minted in San Francisco and one 1850 minted in Philadelphia)." Estimated value: \$1.2 million.

The April 15 dive "confirms for me that the site has not been disturbed since 1991, when I was last there," Bob Evans, the chief historian and scientist for the project, [said in a press release](#).

The Odyssey's 41-person crew is expected to remain on site for up to five months. The value of the remaining treasure is about \$85 million, Gordon said.

And according to the [New York Times](#), that doesn't include "a cargo long rumored to be aboard the wreck: 15 tons of Army bullion." The secret shipment, detailed in a 1988 book

about the wreck, "Ship of Gold in the Deep Blue Sea," was meant to "shore up the faltering Northern industrial economy."

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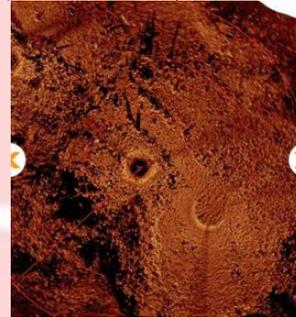
## Environmental News

### In Photos: Hunting Structure Hidden

**Beneath Lake Huron** By Live Science Staff |

April 28, 2014 03:00pm ET

<http://www.livescience.com/45190-lake-huron-hunting-site-photos.html?cmpid=557279>



An elaborate array of linear stone lanes and V-shaped structures has been discovered on an underwater ridge in Lake Huron, marking what is thought to be the most complex set of ancient hunting

structures ever found beneath the Great Lakes, according to a new report. (Shown in an acoustic image of the site. For more photos see website listed above)

## Parting Shot

From Mark Thomas @ Circleville Twin Quarry on 05/10/14.  
water temp 63\* to 61\* vis. 10 to 15 feet.



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**NEXT MEETING: 8:00 p.m., Plank's Café, Thurs., April 3, 2014. Program: CBUS Fire Underwater Recovery Team & Equipment!**

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