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General Meeting Minutes

By the ever acerbic and irreverent Donn Ellerbrock

Present: Marty Bailey, Jim Bergner, Rick Blaine, Andrea Cato, Donn Ellerbrock, Jon Gardner (guest), Glenn Mitchell, Kevin Nose (guest), Steve and Maggie Rantz, Dave Ramey (founding Sea Nag), Rob Robison, Laurel Sheppard

50/50 and Member Raffle

Laurel won the 50/50 with a magnificent take of \$8.50. She was so overwhelmed; she tossed her panties to the roaring crowd.

Marty won an attaché case, which he traded for a reason, which escapes me for boots. But everyone was satisfied, so we'll leave it at that. Andrea won a book of indeterminate title. Rob won gloves, pink no less, and with no fingers, in some other kind of trade, for reasons that really escape me. And Laurel won a second time with the peripatetic attaché case finding its ultimate owner, naturally as a result of one of the trades.

Treasurer's Report

Over \$7,000 with the inclusion of the night's incredible take (See Announcements). This reporter was so thunderstruck; he forgot to record the exact details.

Announcements



Kevin Nose, Rob w check, Dave Ramey (orig. Sea Nag)
Photo by GlennM

Attorney Kevin Nose, son of founding Sea Nag Robert Nose and executor of the Tommy Finneran estate, attended the meeting to present the club with a check in the amount of \$5,000 on behalf of founding Sea Nag Tommy Finneran, recently deceased, for the benefit and continuance of the club. Both Kevin and Dave Ramsey prefaced the presentation of the check with tributes to Tommy Finneran and his role in the establishment and continuance of the Sea Nags. Jon Gardner gave his two cents worth professing his profound and enduring friendship with the deceased and shared a series of photographs of Tommy at various stages in his life.

Additional Announcements

- Rob announced the gear swap/cook-out would be held at the back quarry at CTQ on June 11. All are invited.
- **2011 Club membership dues are \$20.00** 2011 Ohio Council dues are \$9.00.
- 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 \$0.25 each and extra patches for \$2.00 each.
- 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.

Evening Program

Bergner recounted his recent May adventures with Ellerbrock on St. Croix where he confounded the experts with his proficiency and diving expertise, and the attendees with his masterful photography. Nice job, Jim, and thanks!

Calendar of Upcoming Events

2011
July

7 Club General Meeting; 8:00PM; Planks, Rob's slides of his trip to Isla Mujeres, MEX

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16 Club diving 10:00AM w cookout@2:00PM @ Portage Quarry
16-17 DAN BBQ, Portage Quarry; www.portagequarry.com

Aug

4 Club General Meeting; 8:00PM; Planks, Social, wreck dive video
13-14 Legends of Diving, Portage Quarry

Sept

1 Club General Meeting; 8:00PM; Planks, summer dive stories from members/video

Oct

6 Club General Meeting; 8:00PM; Planks. Nominations for club officers

Nov

3 Club General Meeting; 8:00PM; Plank. Elections
12 or 19 Annual Banquet/Mary Kelley's Restaurant, tentative?
19-20 Shipwrecks & Scuba

Dec

1 Club General Meeting; 8:00PM; Planks
3 Annual Banquet/Christmas Party, Mary Kelley's Restaurant? Tentative

Executive Meeting Highlights

7:00 PM June 16, 2011

Present: Donn Ellerbrock and Rob Robison

- Altered the time schedule for the July 16 club dive and cookout at Portage—see Calendar—which coincides with the DAN BBQ.
- Determined low turnout for Gear Swap was due to insufficient advertising and time of day.
- Determined the process for soliciting member input on how to best utilize the Finneran bequest.

BARBEQUE FOR DAN
PORTAGE QUARRY, BOWLING GREEN, OH
JULY 15-17, 2011
Tickets for Sunday's barbecue -- \$12.00

30-ANON TATER'S TREASURE HUNT SATURDAY

RETURNING SPECIAL GUESTS

DAN AND BETTY ORR
DAN PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

COME JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN AND DIVING!

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Dr. Jose Jones
Voted DEMA Horizon Diver of the Year 2011
August 12-14, 2011

Dr. Jones has lived in more than 50 countries, is an underwater photographer and videographer, and holds a seventh degree Black Belt in Tai Kwan Do. He also served in the US Army and received the Purple Heart. He earned a masters degree in Aquatic Biology and went on to form the Underwater Adventure Systems of Washington DC in 1988. This B.U.S. known for their high standards, is one of the oldest dive clubs, providing most national certifying agencies. In 1997 he co-founded the Science and Education Committee of the National Association of Black Scuba Divers (NABS), and continues to serve as Chairman to this day.

Despite his busy schedule and being named 2005 Poles Diver of the Year, as well as the 2008 Sport Diver of the Year by Sport Diver Magazine, Dr. Jones has always stopped short in his tracks to help motivate and educate children about diving, the sea, and marine biology. His unending spirit of giving is evident in the thousands of people he has certified at no-charge over a period of 50 years. He also serves as an ambassador to DAN.

Dr. Jones has spent considerable time and effort to discover and document various slave shipwrecks over the years. The Discovery Channel captured the profound moment when Jones placed a plaque on the Minerva Marie in memory of those slaves lost on the ship.

Join Dr. Jones when he shares some of these experiences with us on **Saturday the 13th of August**

Due to popular demand, we have two locations starting this year. Also please expect to see him, with his trademark Sea Hunt camera and strobe, as well as Bob, Golf Pro (Dive Logist).

Returning this summer

Pinner Wrecks & Pinner Wrecked
August 6, 2011
Pinner's of the Columbus

Discovery Channel
July 2, 2011
Pinner's of the Columbus

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Dive Reports

Please send dive reports to
<newsletter@seanags.com>

Oral

By Donn Ellerbrock

During the month of May, throwing off their supine winter positions, the club and its members partook of the diving opportunities in a variety of watery venues to engage in their obsessive pursuit of bottom time despite the readily apparent, cumulative damage which arises from excessive nitrogen exposure, and results coincidentally in club members as one sees them today.

Marty willingly assumed the role of in loco parentis for OSU and took his OSU student charges to White Star.

Otherwise level-headed, Andy Dennis, Ryan Parkevich, Rick Rickenbacker, and M Bailey threw caution to the wind, and their money at Mike Williams, to risk their fates at the bottom of Gilboa on those new exemplars of technological wizardry--rebreathers. Needless to say, these four paragons of diving virtuosity successfully completed their challenging task.

Not to be denied other opportunities to increase his count, Marty also took time to dive during May in CTQ and Lancaster, where on one dive he used not only his rebreather, but also his scooter in a bravura display of mastery of multiple, complex technologies.

Jim Bergner and [dandy] Donn Ellerbrock dove in CTQ; a feat Ellerbrock repeated the following week with a reappearance at CTQ with Rob Robison.

Rick Blaine also dove twice in CTQ, the second time a few days later than the first to make sure he didn't miss anything the first time.

In all of the May dives in Ohio, the water was cold, but warming, which is evidence of the universality of water.

Rob then reported on his dives at the Isla

Mujeres. In a fashion exemplifying the fuzzyheaded academic, using the term metaphorically, he alternately described the dives as great, great considering, great in lieu of..., etc. But despite his lack of linguistic certitude, he was smiling when he told his tale; so we all believe he had a good timeconsidering.....The water was warm.

There being no further business on the trading floor, and those present being exhausted by the veritable flood of overwhelming emotions elicited by the evenings reports and activities, a motion was made at 9:15pm to adjourn. The motion died for a lack of a second, and the meeting continues to this day.

The minutes, though, are done, as a tribute to the fleeting and tenuous nature of reality.

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Circleville May-June



The months of May and early June at Circleville were characterized by a giant warming trend--water temps rose from 63° to 77-78° as of Tuesday evening, 6-14-11. Additionally, three large bass now regularly appear at the South Quarry pavilion, along with a squadron of blue gills and an occasional crappie.



On successive dives in May the Tuesday night crew of Randy Beck, Jeff Dye, and I, followed on Sunday by Donn Ellerbrock and yours truly, spotted all of the big catfish and a few smaller ones in various stages of display, as they disported themselves in the warming waters by stretching out on the catamaran and nearby motor boat, the small wooden boat near the lady in the tub, under the nose of the single engine plane, the Cessna fuselage, and even the front staircases by the pavilion. Visibility has ranged from a high of 20+ feet to a low of about 5'-7' most recently due to the interminable rains endured of late.



Diver Donn in glory!

Dive into it, everyone!

Rob

Environment

<http://www.mnn.com/home-blog/green-news-roundup/blogs/weekend-briefing-103#squid>

PANDA OF THE SEA



The panda has become an indelible icon for wildlife conservation, thanks to a WWF logo that has long been associated with campaigns to protect nature. But it inevitably evokes more sympathy for its fellow land-based animals than for fish, whales, clams and crabs. And as Wired reports, a group of researchers is now proposing that a second animal should be elevated to a panda-like status to symbolize the plight of the world's marine life. The panda of the sea, they say, should be the giant squid.

Led by Spanish scientist Angel Guerra, the researchers have penned a research paper nominating the giant squid as ambassador of the seas, and they offer two main reasons for their decision. For one, the big, charismatic animals fascinate the public, a characteristic that could potentially help them rival the panda's marketability. But they also have a tentacle in several different oceanic crises, giving them "sea cred" among hard-luck ocean dwellers. They're on the front lines of overfishing, for example, since nearly a third of all giant-squid records began when one was caught by a deep-sea trawler, a problem that has only increased in recent decades. They're also heavily affected by ocean pollution, since their long life spans give them extra time to soak up more toxins and their diet offers plenty

of chances to consume other contaminated animals. Beachings of giant squids have also been linked to underwater noise pollution, Wired points out, namely geological surveys that use compressed-air guns to generate low-frequency sounds.

But perhaps the broadest ecological threat to giant squids, like many ocean animals, is climate change. Squids and other cephalopods are at risk from ocean acidification due to calcium carbonate structures inside their bodies, a material that dissolves readily in acidic conditions. Giant squid also inhabit colder regions of the ocean, due to their energy and oxygen requirements, and warmer waters could eventually squeeze them out. It may be tough for people to embrace a giant squid as readily as a furry mammal like a panda, but Guerra and the other researchers figure it's worth a shot.

Sources: [Wired](#), [Science Direct](#); Russell McLendon
Special thanks to Laurel Sheppard

Log Book

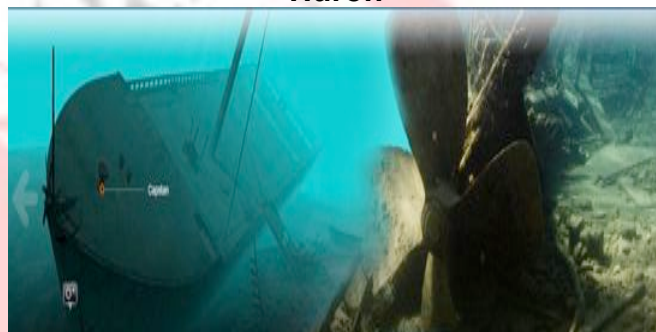
Submitted by Donn Ellerbrock

Visit the new NOAA website, Thunder Bay Wrecks, which can be found at <http://www.thunderbaywrecks.com/index.php>.

NOAA has teamed up with diving manufacturer [Fourth Element](#), using their newly developed web based technology, created specifically for divers and wreck enthusiasts. Seven of Thunder Bay's best-preserved wrecks have been archeologically mapped by NOAA researchers, and this data has been turned into interactive 3D models for use online. The 3D maps allow you to take a virtual dive around the wreck showing points of interest, wreck history, and stunning underwater photography. As an FYI, our own Rod Maxson, Marty Bailey, Donn Ellerbrock, and Tim McCloud were part of the original survey team for the Windiate, one of the seven ships that can be seen on the NOAA web site

in 3D. Here's a sample with a link to the 3D viewing of the wreck in question at the end of the article.

Explore the Shipwrecks Beneath the Waters of Lake Huron



Take a virtual dive using our interactive 3D wreck tours
Hundreds of ships have met their fate in the waters of Thunder Bay. We have started by documenting 7 individual shipwrecks, chosen for their history, state of preservation, and accessibility. Simply choose one from the list on the right and start exploring a Great Lakes shipwreck in three dimensions.

History of Thunder Bay

The maritime history of the Thunder Bay region is characterized by the use of, and dependence upon, natural resources. These resources include animal furs, fisheries, forests, farmland, and limestone. The first recorded use of natural resources for transportation, food supplies, and recreation in Thunder Bay was by indigenous people over 3,000 years ago. European activity probably originated with the efforts of Native Americans and French traders to locate and trap beaver during the 1600s.

Trading and supply boats routinely passed Thunder Bay on their way to outposts at Mackinaw, Sault Ste. Marie, and Green Bay. In 1679, LaSalle's Griffon became the first major European vessel to pass by Thunder Bay, and many others were to follow. The need to

transport supplies to northern frontier posts stimulated construction of small brigs, sloops, and schooners. Thunder Bay accumulated a large collection of shipwrecks because of its strategic location along shipping lanes, and because the bay and nearby islands provided shelter for vessels in inclement weather.

The shipwrecks of Thunder Bay constitute a microcosm of Great Lakes commercial shipping industry spanning the last two hundred years. The collection reflects transitions in ship architecture and construction, from wooden schooners to early steel-hulled steamers, and several unusual vessel types

To explore the Wreck of the Norman in 3D, click on this link or copy and paste it into your browser: <http://www.thunderbaywrecks.com/3d-wreck-norman.php>

Parting Shots and Thoughts/ Believe It or Not

Submitted by *Donn Ellerbrock*

Princess of whales: How a naked female scientist tries to tame belugas in the freezing Arctic

Braving sub-zero temperatures, she has thrown caution — and her clothes — to the wind to tame two beluga whales in a unique



and controversial experiment. Natalia Avseenko, 36, was persuaded to strip naked, as marine experts believe belugas do not like to be touched by artificial materials such as diving suits. The skilled Russian diver took the plunge as the water temperature hit minus 1.5

degrees Centigrade...

...The average human could die if left in sub-zero temperature seawater for just five minutes. However, Natalia is a yoga expert and used meditation techniques to hold her breath and stay under water for an incredible ten minutes and 40 seconds.

Source: By *Daily Mail Reporter*:

<http://us.mg1.mail.yahoo.com/neo/launch?.rand=cg4mplse5knte>

Fast food: The speediest fish on the planet that swim through the ocean at 75mph on the hunt for sardines

By *Daily Mail Reporter*:

<http://us.mg1.mail.yahoo.com/neo/launch?.rand=bvicnralv66m>. Last updated at 7:37 AM on 20th June 2011

Atlantic Sailfish, caught on camera by Reinhard Dirscherl, 47, from Germany, in *Isla Mujeres, Mexico*, can be seen in large groups darting in and out of schools of favorite prey sardines.



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NEXT MEETING: Plank's Café, 8:00 p.m.,
Thursday, July 7 program, Slide show on Diving Isla
Mujeres, MEX, by Rob Robison
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