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General Meeting Minutes

By Donn Ellerbrock

Present: Marty Bailey, Jim Bergner, Adam Biehl, George Bittner, Rick Blaine, Eugene Braig (guest speaker), Andy Dennis, Donn Ellerbrock, Steve Locsey, Glenn Mitchell, Linda Pansing, Scott Pansing, Ryan Parkevich, Rob Robison, Laurel Sheppard,

Member Raffle and 50/50

For the member raffle, the winners were: Rick Blaine – a USOC T-shirt, Steve Locsey – a USOC T-shirt, Rob Robison, a couple of magazines. Marty won \$8.50 in the 50/50.

Treasurer's Report

Bailey gave the report of the Treasurer. He assured that the club is solvent and gave the amounts in petty cash, the checking account, and recent membership dues, reminding those present that the dues are \$20.

Announcements

Linda Pansing, announced that she would be presenting a seminar on wreck diving and surveying on May 7 at the Ohio Historical Society. This will be a hands-on program presenting three Lake Eire wrecks. The program, which begins at 2:30pm, has no admission fee, although there is an entry fee to the OHS facility. **Laurel Sheppard** and **Scott Pansing** will be assisting during the presentation at the OHS as well as one at the Center of Science and Industry.

Scott Pansing announced that MAST will

have its 2011 training program on April 30 through May 1. Mast is a non-profit research organization specializing in shipwreck research. The primary focus of the training program is in-water surveying methodologies. Practical in-water exercises follow the classroom instruction. This year the training is directed to a new wreck that has not been surveyed. For additional information, contact either Scott at <spaning@columbus.rr.com> or Linda Pansing at <pansing@ohiohistory.org>.

Rob said that the PaddlePalooza Convention is scheduled for April 22-23 at the Ohio Expo Center. The club has a table through the efforts of Robison, who will also man it with whomever will volunteer.

Also, he reviewed ScubaFest: its attendees, business and other exhibitors, programs, and social events. He and others informed meeting attendees that the event was well attended, well presented and an exciting event. He cited Karen Jesko, Tami Thompson, Bailey, Bergner, and Mitchell for their participation on behalf of the club in various ways at the event. Finally, Rob announced the upcoming events: April 22-23 PaddlePalooza, Ohio Expo Center; April 30 MAST Workshop, OHS; May 5 Club general meeting (wreck video), Planks Café; May 28, Club dive – White Star (See Calendar for more info).

Additional Announcements

- **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

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Andy Dennis.

Evening Program

Eugene Braig, from the OSU Center for Lake Erie Research, then gave a presentation on activities at the center and with the Great Lakes Aquatic Ecosystem Research Consortium. He also described the facilities at Stone Lab on Gibraltar Island and ashore and the opportunities to volunteer in their activities. For those interested in the activities of the research center, it has an email newsletter, The Twine Line, www.ohioseagrant.osu.edu/publications/twineline/. Thanks, Eugene!

WINTER DIVING, 2011

Circleville Twin Quarries

(http://divecircleville.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=46&Itemid=27)

Cost = \$12

Open year round. **The quarry is open when the store is closed.** Please complete the liability release at the first shelter house and deposit \$12.00 in the box and dive.

Gilboa (<http://divegilboa.com/>)

Cost = \$21

Lakeview RV Park (<http://www.rvatlakeview.com/>)

Open year round. Cost = \$10.

Portage (<http://www.portagequarry.com>)

Reopens Memorial Day, 2011, earlier by appointment:
pqdtpresident@portagequarry.com

White Star (<http://www.whitestarquarry.com/>)

Cost = \$15

April 2011

Quarry resumes Regular Diving Hours April 1
Quarry Open every day for Diving 8am - Dusk Through
December 31

Calendar of Upcoming Events

2011

Apr

30 MAST dinner

May

1 MAST workshop

5 Club General Meeting; 8:00PM; Planks, Gear

Configuration with Marty Bailey

28 Club dive@10:00 AM; lunch @1:00PM, White Star

Quarry; www.whitestarquarry.com

June

2 Club General Meeting; 8:00PM; Planks; Slide show on Isla Mujeres, Mexico, by Rob

11 Corn roast, gear swap, membership drive, and dive
Circleville Twin Q

July

7 Club General Meeting; 8:00PM; Planks, TBA

16 Club dive@ 2:00PM; cookout @6PM @ Portage Quarry

16-17 DAN BBQ, Portage Quarry; www.portagequarry.com

Aug

4 Club General Meeting; 8:00PM; Planks, Social, no program

13-14 Legends of Diving, Portage Quarry

Sept

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

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

19-20 Shipwrecks & Scuba

Dec

1 Club General Meeting; 8:00PM; Planks

9 Christmas Party,

Executive Meeting Highlights

Present: Marty Bailey, Jim Bergner, Donn Ellerbrock. Glenn Mitchell, Rob Robison

- There are 31 paid members to date.
- Our Treasury is still in excess of \$2,300.
- Marty will determine interest in holding CPR training at the next meeting
- Adjustments were made to the Calendar (above)

Dive Reports

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

Spasms

None reported.

Oral

Steve Locsey reported that he had made two recent dives in Lakeview practicing with side-mount equipment.

Marty Bailey reported that in March, he and Maggie Bailey had accompanied the OSU Scuba Club to the Florida Keys, where Marty and the club members did a number of primarily shallow dives, but they also dove the Duane. On the return trip, He dove Little River.

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Andy Dennis reported that he, Bailey, and **Bob Dougherty** did a one-hour dive in Gilboa in March; the water was a still cold 39° degrees with varying visibility.

Written

Lancaster

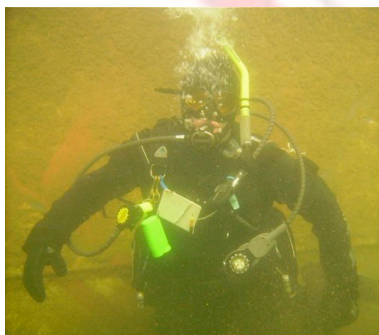
April 17, 2011

Hi everyone, Well I managed to put another patch on my dry suit last week, so since I no longer needed to take Maggie to the airport, I was able to meet Dave Fleming at Lancaster to test my new repair. We both wore our rebreathers and had a great dive! We swam the perimeter circuit in 66 minutes with a max depth of 51'. My repair held and I also had a very dry dive. The thermo cline is beginning to set up. We had 48F above 15' and 44F below, vis varied from 2' below the thermo cline to 20' above the thermo cline. After the dive Dave helped me download software onto my computer so that I can connect my rebreather to my computer do download data, view, and log my dive electronically. I'll still use pencil and paper for my main log, but the data and profile playback will certainly help me recall when and why I get warnings and my deco status.

Safe diving,

Marty

April 10, 2011



John Skobel, his buddy Harold, and I met at Lancaster on a cool and somewhat foggy Sunday morning. We were surprised to find the water level had risen considerably since our previous dive there over a month ago,

reaching above the wooden ramp to the steps of the waterside platform.

After gearing up, it was clear Harold had brought enough weights to help him make a good descent toward the Frito Lay truck and stay under in his new dry suit. Unfortunately, his neck seal, which was too tight, caused Harold to feel dizzy and abort the dive. Meanwhile, John and I soldiered on. We took a triangular rout through the conduit and out to the airplane. As Steve Locsey had pointed out a few days earlier at the club meeting, visibility at the twin Beech was super—we could see the entire wreck from nose to tail (approx. 15-20'). I can't remember how long it has been since that was possible at Lancaster.



Inside the Frito Lay truck

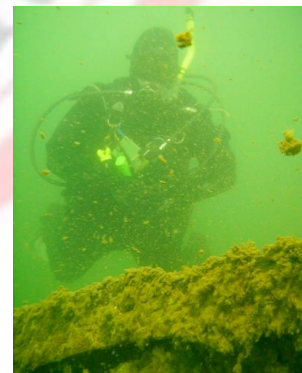


Frame it

Next, we scoped out the stoplight, wheel chair, and car wrecks before heading back toward our entry point beyond the submerged powerboat, platform, and Frito Lay truck 53 minutes later.

Fish life seems absolutely minimal. We saw very few small fry, one bass, and a few blue gills in water that was 47°, reaching a max depth of 33', averaging around 22'.

By the time we returned to dry land, the air temperature had begun warming toward the high 70s low 80's. The skies had cleared



and it was sunny and bright, bringing a fitting end to a good dive.

Rob

Environment

... sea beasts quietly attack

By Brett Michael Dykes

Wed Mar 30, 12:05 pm ET

<http://news.yahoo.com/s/yblog_thelookout/20110330/us_yblog_thelookout/while-bronx-zoo-cobra-captivates-a-nation-sea-beasts-quietly-attack>



... at sea, the animal and man interactions are mounting. For starters, there's the 375-pound mako shark that recently plopped its self right into a Texas man's boat while he and a few others were fishing for red snapper. [According to GrindTV.com](#), Jason Kresse was dumping a load of fish guts into the water in the wee hours of the morn (has the man not seen "Jaws?") when he heard serious splashing coming closer.

"I looked up and 15 feet up in the air is a big-old shark," Kresse told GrindTV. "It ended up

landing in the back of my boat."

Kresse said he plans to mount the shark, which had to be removed from his boat by a forklift.

Then there was the wild encounter Jenny Hausch had when she, her husband and three children chartered a boat through Two Chicks Charters to explore the Florida Keys.

"These eagle rays, they were flying through the air," [Kelly Klein of Two Chicks Charters told CNN](#). "These giant things go out of the water and slam back down." Hausch had pulled out her camera to take some pictures of the flying spotted eagle rays when suddenly one rocketed out of the water in her direction. "It hit me square in the chest. I fell backwards and fell down," Hausch told CNN.

The 8-foot long, roughly 300-pound ray then started thrashing around on top of her. After a minor grappling match, Hausch managed to fight her way out from underneath. "I was freaked out," her young daughter Delaney said about watching her mother tangle with the sea creature. Luckily Hausch wasn't hurt. For the video, [go to](#) <http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/03/29/florida.ray.tourist/index.html>

Nassau Grouper Showing Signs of Recovery Since Caymans Islands Protections



The Nassau grouper is an iconic Caribbean reef fish threatened by overfishing. (photo by Stephanie Archer, OSU)

by Underwatertimes.com News Service, Mar 14, 2011

CORVALLIS, Oregon -- Scientists studying the Nassau grouper, an iconic Caribbean reef fish decimated by over-fishing, say it is showing tentative signs of recovery off the Cayman Islands since the government there imposed protective restrictions eight years ago...

However, their research also shows that the groupers' behavior during spawning – and subsequent dispersal of their larvae – may threaten the long-term viability of the species without further protection.

Log Book/News Shorts

Special thanks to Donn Ellerbrock & Glenn Mitchell

Historic shipwreck found in Lake Michigan
Marilisa Kinney Sachteleben – Thu Mar 31, 2:52 pm ET



AP – In this 2010 photo taken from video and provided by Michigan Shipwreck Research Associates, the stern

On a quest for wreckage of the downed Northwest Airlines Flight 2501 for author Clive Cussler's next book, the [Michigan Shipwreck Research Associates](#) found a thing even more historic. Cussler, along with his NUMA (National Underwater and Marine Agency) MSRA shipwreck researchers, stumbled upon an old sailing sloop.

Sitting upright, in 250 feet of water, the single-masted schooner is styled along the lines of boats constructed in the 1820s and 1830s. She looks to be in good condition, in

her watery offshore grave midway between Saugatuck and South Haven. There is an old city, [Singapore, Michigan](#), buried under the beach sands near [Saugatuck](#). Who knows? Was this ghost ship headed for that [ghost town](#)? Holland Michigan will make a video presentation of the sloop on April 16.

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<http://us.mg1.mail.yahoo.com/dc/launch?.gx=1&.rand=e7ip37e95mv4r>

from an email sent to Sea Nag Glenn Mitchell:

Dear Glenn,

“I will ... exhibit for the 1st time in Singapore, invited by ADEX and *Asian Diver Magazine*, which published a portfolio of my work ten years ago (read it in my pressbook)!

I have made almost 200 solo exhibitions since 1977, in 15 different countries (if world-renowned means something...).



STARS AND STRIPES

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I will have 18 original oil paintings, 10 digital color print giclées on canvas and 50 prints on paper on display at the Adex Shop and at the Artzone during the ADEX show, 22-24 April 2011 Hall 404, Suntec Singapore.

And it will be my pleasure to make a 30' presentation of my artwork, including 100 pictures and the movie *Le Peintre du Bleu Imméré*, by director Nathalie Lasselin, Pixnat, about my underwater exhibition for AQUART this summer in Quebec, available on YouTube. Presentation will take place on the stage, Sunday 24th at 11:40 am."

photo, "Cold Water Space."



Parting Shots and Thoughts

End of the season: Special thanks to **Mark Thomas** for this copy of his award winning



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**NEXT MEETING: Plank's Café, 8:00 p.m.,
 Thursday, May 5 program, Gear Configuration with
 Marty Bailey**
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