

UNDERWATER EXPOSURE

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Monthly Club Meeting

July 15, 2001

Location: Golden Corral Restaurant

E. of Webb Chapel on Forest Lane. 3312 Forest Ln.
Check www.yahoo.com for a detailed map!

Plan on eating dinner there!

Board Meeting at 5:30 pm.
Mealtime begins at 6:30 pm.
Meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

For more information:

Barry Guimbellot
214-361-0757

Guests are encouraged and welcome!!!

May Winners

Novice

1st Carolyn Kohls
2nd Tres Middleton
3rd Arthur Geffen

Open

1st Tony Matheis
2nd Woody Mayhew
3rd Lily Mak



Monthly Meeting Topic

This month's presentation will be given by **YOU!**

Yes, all you DUPS members that contributed to the 2001 Seaspace Film Presentation will be giving our meeting. We will present the slides that were to be viewed at this year's Seaspace. Be sure and attend this first public viewing of your pictures.

Tell a Friend about DUPS!

You are the best ambassador we have. If you enjoy the meetings, seminars, trips, newsletters, and good friends, tell a friend then invite them to our meetings. They will thank you for thinking of them and we will have the privilege of meeting your friends.

May Winners "Little Bitty"

Open Division

Novice Division



Tony Matheis

Carolyn Kohls

DUPS Monthly Photo Contest Topics 2001

July Damsel fish
Aug. Nudibranchs

Sept. Decapoda
Oct. "An Eyefull" (W/A)
Nov. Hexacoralla
Dec. No contest

VIDEOLIGHTS

The Land Portion

by Roger Roth

If you haven't paid much attention to the land portion of your dive trip, then you might be in for a very pleasant surprise. For many, this part of a dive trip can be just as satisfying as the diving. This realization came to me by accident, but served to teach me numerous exciting advantages of land tours.

While diving in Bonaire in '91 with a couple of buddies, I finished my 99th dive having much trouble clearing my ears. Overnight, some swelling had occurred, and the likelihood of making my 100th dive in Bonaire seemed depressingly, out of touch, even with a few days remaining on our trip. So I suggested to my friends that they go ahead and dive without me.

They said they'd planned to do an island tour anyway, so that day would be the day. To me, this was ridiculous...we were there to dive, and that was what they should do! But they insisted I wasn't keeping them from diving, so we did the tour together. And we had an absolute great time!

We drove through Rincon in the middle of the island, and made friends with the locals at a grocery there. After a few stops at some deserted beaches on the "other side" of the island and interacting with wild donkeys, we rescued an iguana from the bottom of a 55-gallon garbage drum. We visited the ancient Arawak Indian paintings, then proceeded to Washington Park, where we encountered pink flamingos, more iguanas, the usual cactus trees (which was a surprise, thinking there should have been palm trees), some very different-looking spiders, etc.

After the park, we snorkeled a couple of sites nearby before returning to the resort. To my delight, I could clear me ears easier than that morning, and I was pretty sure I would be diving the next morning, which I was! Ever since that trip, I've made a point of taking in everything a destination has to offer, including the land activities and tours.

While in Fiji, the group I was diving with visited a local village on Moturiki Island. We were greeted by singing and dancing women who gave each of us beautiful hand-made leis. An elder of

the village showed us around, taught us some history of the island, and let us drum on the hollowed-out log they used to call their neighbors for special events. He also showed us the shell they use as a horn for similar communicative reasons.

Finally, we were ushered into the village "town hall," which was really a large hut with a thatched roof, built to accommodate all the members of the village. After a small prayer to welcome us as their guests, we participated in a Kava ceremony. This included clapping and drinking Kava from a hand-made wooden bowl, a sign of friendship. Then the women each chose a male partner from our group to dance with them. To quote Stan Waterman who was with us, "It was a HOOT!"

While all this activity was going on, many of us were also awed by the structural way in which they built this building. It was almost as if we were studying an Amish structure. Beams and posts were notched, pinned or pegged, and tied with vines. Most everything in the building was natural, from leaves to logs, to the large hand-woven mat on the floor.

Now of course, when you visit the Red Sea, do plan on at least a few extra days in Cairo and/or Luxor. My touring in Cairo included the pyramids, a camel caravan for a few hours in the desert behind the pyramids, a carpet factory where the carpets are hand-woven, a perfume factory, and a demonstration on how papyrus is made. A few hours at the Cairo Museum is a must as is visiting Khan El Kalily Market, an open-air market that covers many blocks of shops with artisans working in the streets and alleys. (By the way, this particular market is fairly safe for tourists, as their reputation for safety and value is important here.)

While making friends with our taxi driver, he decided to take us to Sadat's tomb (for no extra charge) and got us right up next to it while explaining the assassination. He also showed us the guard towers where armed guards were always watching. Then the roads were shut down while the president's motorcade passed by, adding to our adventure before returning to our hotel.

Jamaica has Dunne's River Falls where tourists

can walk up and down the falls, Nassau has its straw market, and Hawaii has black sand beaches, surfing, gorgeous waterfalls, rainforest ecosystems, and pig roast luaus. Curacao has the typical Dutch architecture and colors along with their native fishing fleet, and of course when in Mexico, the ancient ruins and caves can be added to your itinerary.

Papua New Guinea has volcanoes, and streams that have been heated by the volcanoes. The large rocks in these streams are usually carved out by the water flow and make for wonderfully comfortable seats in the "spa" while the water cascades over your shoulders. Also in PNG are the Painted Face natives, rainforest ecosystems, calderas, and some of nature's strangest animals including the largest butterfly in the world. Stopping in one of the primitive villages and making friends with the people there can enhance any trip, as well!

Imagine the photography you can return with from adventures such as these. After spending the money and time to get to many of these destinations, it's almost a sin to not take in the other cultural things these destinations have to offer. Through the years, I've come to enjoy the land touring about as much as the diving! Sea Ya!

Critter corner: Hawaii has much of the same tropical marine life found in Indonesia and the Phillippines. These creatures usually drift to Hawaii in their larval stages on the water currents of the ocean. Some of these larval stages can last (and drift) for months, like the surgeonfishes, which are quite abundant in Hawaii. Hawaii has no anemonefish, though, because their larval stage lasts only a week!

Digital Update

IBM has announced a new surface coating for their hard drives. Using today's technology, they are able to produce desktop hard drives to 400 Gigs, laptops to 45 Gigs, and the Microdrive units (that fit many digital cameras) to a full 6 Gigs. At 6 Gigs of memory, a camera can take about 5500 pictures without having to download images. However, you will be able to go out to dinner and a show in the time it would take to download that many images. Judy Johnson says that's about

the number of shots she expects to take during her upcoming 6 weeks in Indonesia! She really did not say that, but it sounds good. Ha!

Barry Guimbellot is excited with the quality of images he took in Little Cayman. He says it is so neat to be able to see the effect of lighting and camera settings immediately after taking the shot. He was heard saying that if anyone wanted to learn underwater photography, the best way would be to start with a digital setup, shooting manual exposure, and using underwater strobes. Barry is using a Nikon Coolpix 990 camera with two SB-105 strobes. On a monitor, one cannot tell if they were digitally taken or scanned from film.

Mr. Fixit

A great idea to take on your next trip is an artificial chamois. They soak up the water like crazy then all you have to do is give them a big squeeze to have a useable towel again. I have used one for a dome port when shooting over/unders. It not only dried the port, but forced any new splashes of water to sheet off.

DUPS member, **Woody Mayhew**, has some artificial chamois for sale at a good price in useable sizes for the diving photographer.

DUPS Goes to Little Cayman

On June 17th, 22 members of DUPS visited the Little Cayman Beach Resort in Little Cayman. The food there was wonderful and plentiful as were the accommodations. We were able to make 3 dives a day for six days. Luckily, we were blessed with good weather and clear water. On many of the dive sites the visibility was estimated at over 150 feet. The walls are the main reason to go to Little Cayman, and they seemed to be in great shape. The Cayman government has voted in some very stringent rules to govern not only the safety of the divers, but the health of the reef. These rules seem to be working as the reefs look in as good a shape as we have seen in any Caribbean location.

Turtles were seen every day and on most dives. One Caribbean reef shark and one hammerhead shark was also seen. Eagle rays gracefully swam

by several divers who were mesmerized by their beautiful water flight.

Our members who won the prize for traveling the farthest are **Rick and Nancy Bingham**. They traveled from Germany to make the dive trip. Runners up are **Janet and Jessica Bishop** who came from Illinois, **Mark Friedman** who came from Florida, and **Ron Coleman** who came from Washington D.C.

If you ever have a chance to go to the Little Cayman Beach Resort, be sure to go to the bar and look high on the ceiling for the DUPS ball made and painted by DUPS member, **Bob Snyder**.

We want to thank everyone for another great DUPS trip. It is nice to be able for everyone to get along so well. Most of the trip members are repeat DUPS vacationers that have made the annual trip for the last 9 years. They all say they are ready for more and cannot wait until next year's trip.

Seaspace and the Flood

Our hearts go out to all the people of Houston that had to endure the floods there the weekend of Seaspace. Unfortunately the show was flooded out on Saturday, but the rains stopped on Sunday long enough to allow the show to continue.

The film presentation that was to be shown on Saturday night was also cancelled because of the flooding. DUPS members worked hard to put together a quality presentation. We are hoping later in the year to be able to get with the Houston Underwater Club and have another film presentation. If not, we are hoping we can show our presentation next year.

We look forward to Seaspace every year and missed being there this year. Several DUPS members were in Houston and were caught up in the flooding, with only minor problems. Several cars were flooded and members had to be removed from their hotel rooms because of unsafe conditions caused by the rain.

The airlines cancelled all flights which left members stranded in Houston as well as others having to wait around in Dallas, to no avail.

All of DUPS want to wish everyone involved with Seaspace and Houstonians the very best. We hope you know that we are thinking of you.

New Scuba Park in Terrell, Texas

Terrell, Texas is the locale for the area's newest scuba park. It is fed by 3 springs and is 22 acres in size. The park encompasses 105 acres of land and should be able to accommodate many divers. It is 54ft. deep with visibility of around 20 ft.

The name of the park is "Crystal Springs Scuba Park". At this time, there is not much there in the way of amenities, other than Porta Potties (welcome addition) and an ice vending machine, but the owners have lots planned for the area. Keep your ears and eyes open on future developments. It is located at the corner of City Roads 345 & 346.

Information can be obtained by calling **972-563-8518**

The Aquarium at the State Fair of Texas

Allyson Atkins is asking for photos to put up in the Aquarium again this year. This year's topic is "Venomous". Animals for consideration will include, jellyfishes, bristleworms, pufferfishes, lionfishes, scorpionfishes, sea snakes, cone shells, sea urchins, etc.

The request is for (10) 8x10 prints, and (10) 11x14 prints. They will choose the 14 prints for display. The Aquarium will provide mats and frames for the images. Please help them out by submitting your favorite print. Contact a DUPS executive board member at <http://www.dups.org>, to let us know what subject you plan to print. That way we will not have 20 lionfish and nothing else. Deadline for prints will be **August 19th**. Feel free to bring any prints to our next DUPS meeting July 15th.

“Thanks for the Memories”

Jack and Debbie Gibson gave their first presentation to the DUPS members, and it was a good one. They showed us slides taken in Truk lagoon and Palau. Members enjoyed surface slides and pictures of their dive boats, as well as some beautiful underwater photography.

We were glad to hear that the jellyfish have made a comeback to Jellyfish lake in Palau. The waters in Palau look clear and have an abundance of life.

Most people think of Truk as being only wide-angle diving because of all the wrecks, but we found out that with all the marine life, there are lots of macro opportunities. Soft corals and all the little cracks and crevices give the little creatures room to hide. We want to thank Jack and Debbie for an enjoyable and educational meeting.



Debbie and Jack Gibson

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DOUBLE EXPOSURE (Things for Sale)

New, unused Helix HUP-122 extension tube set for Nikonos with two tubes and 3 framers f/35mm (1:1, 1:2, 2:1). Retail \$100, asking \$50 plus shipping. New, unused Dacor Quantum Loop computer including hose, console, pressure gauge, and compass. Retail \$490, asking \$250 plus shipping. New, unused Light & Motion SunRay Mod Light for video including flexible arm, Makita battery, and fast charger. Retail \$350, asking \$250 plus shipping. Contact **Roger Roth** at 513-793-9896 or rroth@gavia.com.

Nikon Coolscan 2000 film scanner \$900. Contact **George Bogard** at 972/772-9260.

I have a very gently used Ikelite housing for a Sony PC100 digital video camera. Retail is \$999. and I am asking \$700. It has the dome port and is in perfect condition. Jeff Simpson 972.407.1493 972.423.3483 jeffscuba@hotmail.com

Nikonos 35mm lens, (new style) just rebuilt and serviced from being on a camera with a minor flood. The lens has been checked out both optically and with a pressure test; \$55. Contact **Barry Guimbellot** @ 214-361-0757.

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Bus. card	15.00	75.00
1/4 page	30.00	150.00
1/2 page	50.00	250.00

DUPS Polo Shirts, Hats, Log Books for sale

Don't forget we still have some of our beautiful DUPS Polo style shirts for sale. The shirts are maroon and sport our wonderful DUPS logo in white. Sizes are available from M-XXXL. The price is only \$17 each.

Nylon, baseball style hats are also still available for only \$10 each. These hats are emblazoned with a black DUPS logo.

DUPS photo/dive logbooks can be purchased for \$7.50. Each logbook has space for 82 dives with lots of room for photo information.

Sponsorship of Monthly Photo Contests

The Color Place is our monthly photo contests sponsor. They were the first sponsor for DUPS and have helped us with our annual photo contests during Dive Dallas. Use The Color Place for all your printing, digital, and photographic needs. Be sure to support them and thank them for their help. <http://www.thecolorplace.com> for details.

Photo Contests and Results

Capture the moments that make the Holidays special, share the joys of the season, and you might just win a trip to a Magical Destination. Prizes in the **Nikon Beyond 2000 Magic Moments Photo Contest** include an American PHOTO Mentor Trek, Nikon equipment and subscriptions to American PHOTO or Popular Photography Magazine. <http://nikonnet.phototrust.com>

Digital Shootout Underwater Workshop/Contest. Sept. 12-22, 2001. In Manado, Indonesia. Free use of cameras and housings! Daily seminars and great prizes. Price \$2799 (incl. airfare from L.A.) Visit www.theshootout.org or 1-888-390-9675.

SEA 2001 International Underwater Photographic Competition. Entries will be accepted beginning July 14, 2001.

Skin Diver's First Annual Cover Shot Contest. Grand Prize, the winner's photo on the cover of the Dec. 2001 issue of Skin Diver Magazine. Deadline is July 15, 2001. Each entry \$5. Vertical 35mm slides are preferred. Grand Prize will include a first time use payment of \$800; and the submission becomes the property of Skin Diver Mag. for life. See *Skin Diver* magazine for details.

Fiji Shootout- November 1-10 at the Cousteau Resort. Call 831-455-2000 to register.

20th Annual California Beach Dive Photo Competition will be held June 23-24, 2001. More information at: <http://www.ncups.org/bdpc>