



Scuba Diving: 

A Sacramento/Sierra Foothills Underwater Photography & Videography Organization	
Established November 1999	Entering Year 6

APRIL 2005	MEETING DATE: WEDNESDAY APRIL 27th	6:30-9:00PM
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Meetings are held the 4th Wednesday of the month at the Round Table Pizza, Greenback & Madison. Ask for the AIM discount (call 989-1133 to order in advance). New members are always welcome.

Newsletter note: We are in the process of developing our “new and improved” newsletter, including more articles and features. Look in future issues for improvements. If you have any suggestions for articles you would like to see (or if you would like to write one!!!), or any information that you would like to see covered, contact your newsletter editor: Holly Johnson holjohnson@ucdavis.edu 916-379-0920.

Leading tonight’s meeting will be Corinne.....Carol and Joe will be out of town... Back in May!

This Month’s Topic: Choosing a Digital projector

Members will be bringing samples of various models....we hope to have at least 3 so we can make an educated choice. When we are reviewing, we should have information from the members bringing them in on the characteristics of each. Attention to the quality needed for digital still and video is important.

If you have a sample you can bring, please do so. Or if you have any know-how on this topic, or have done (or will do) any research on it please plan on sharing.

This month’s 5 minute man: TBD..... Les Trumbull was scheduled, but is having back surgery... Volunteers please contact Corinne Fuerst at cfuerst@lakemont.com. And good luck wishes to Les. We look forward to hearing his 5 minute man presentation when he is recovered!!!

Upcoming Events

Monterey Squid Dive



Dolphin Divers of Sacramento are having a squid dive in Monterey! The best time to find spawning squid is during a rising full moon in May or June. Based on his advice the Cypress Sea is chartered for two dives the night of

Saturday, May 21. Moonrise is at 6:00 so this looks like perfect timing for our dives. We are boarding at 7:00 and returning to the dock at 11:00. **This is an incredible experience but you need advanced skills to cope with a couple of deeper night dives. Nitrox is recommended, but air is OK.** Both are available on the boat, or you can bring your own. The cost is only \$70.00 for this unique experience. This trip will be limited to 16 divers. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jack Millard 916-987-1303, jmillard@aol.com

Crab Feed with Dolphin Divers of Sacramento

Dolphin Divers of Sacramento would like to invite AIM members to participate in our crab feed. You are invited not only to attend, but to show/sell some of your photography. Dolphin Divers are looking for people who have photography that they would like to place into a silent auction. The minimum bid will go back to the donor, and can be any amount you wish to set (so it can cover costs of printing/framing etc, as well as any money you would like to make from it). If you have any questions, or would like to participate, contact Holger or Corinne 379-0920.

General crab feed information:

- Saturday, June 11th @ Rudy's Hideaway 6:30 - 11:00
- All you can eat Dungeness Crab, Caesar salad, pasta, sourdough rolls, iced tea served on the patio, along with: DJ, silent auction, and door prize
- Tickets \$35 per person (See Holger & Corinne, or Cayle & Holly to purchase tickets)
- Open to the General Public, so bring your friends, family, co-workers, neighbors, etc...

Film Festival...

NEW DATE!!!! Scheduling conflicts at "The Mountain" have forced a date change. **The 3rd Annual Film Festival on the Mountain: Saturday July 30th**. Please mark your calendars with the new date!!! Start looking for images to show/share and to enter for the 2006 calendar!!! You do not need to be present to enter or show.

Channel Island Annual Trip with Dolphin Divers

While you're making 2005 diving plans don't forget Dolphin Diver's August 7th through 9th Channel Island dive charter to the Northern Islands. This year we are diving the northern islands with goals of diving San Miguel Island, where there is typically more game and bigger fish, and diving less frequented sites along Santa Cruz and Santa Rosa islands. All of these sites are subject to good ocean conditions but we can be assured that, whatever the conditions, we'll have a GREAT time and make lots of dives. Not to mention the photography opportunities! We've already received some deposits and payoffs so it's a good idea to get your \$100 deposit or \$450 payoff in now. Included for your money are all on board meals, beverages, snacks (YUM!), unlimited air fills and lots of willing buddies! We are again limiting this trip to 35 divers on a boat designed for 40. This will help make our experience more enjoyable and relieve some of the congestion on the dive deck. This is diving at it's best: great food, great friends and great diving --- what more can you ask for? Contact Jack Millard 916-987-1303, jmillard@aol.com for information.

Spring 2006 AIM trip

Don't Forget AIM'S SPRING TRIP March 12-22, 2006: 10 days in Atlantis Resort
Arrive 12th/depart 22nd. Departure dates TBA depending on airlines: Fri 10th /Sat 11th with arrival
the 22nd. This trip is limited to 20 participants. AIM members for this trip per club request to
keep group small. Sign-up sheet has been started and deposits of \$250 will be collected to hold
your spot. Cost will not exceed \$2250** for 10 days including air. If the air costs go up then the
total cost may be affected. This is a Special AIM Package and this far out it is too early to
promise no increase in airfare. Higher costs should not exceed \$200. Bring a check made
payable to: Aquatic Image Makers to hold your spot. Moneys will be sent as a deposit to
Atlantis. Additional payments will be held in an escrow account for AIM.