



Scuba Diving: 

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

May 2005	MEETING DATE: WEDNESDAY May 25th	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.

Please come to the meeting with ideas of what you would like to see in future newsletters. If you have any examples of newsletters you think are great, feel free to bring them. Thanks!

Last Month's Meeting: Choosing a Digital projector

May Meeting

5 Minute Member: Les Trumbull : Make up for last month.....circumstances beyond his control made him miss the meeting.

5 Minute Member: Barbara Bloom and Bill Windt: Previously scheduled for May so....we have 2-Minute Member Presenters!

Guest Speaker for May 25th: BILL CONAWAY: Pixels and Resolution in Digital Photography

An introduction of Bill: Bill Conaway is research scientist at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and has led a group that designs and deploys a variety of airborne remote sensing systems. Bill is a dive and photo club member of Carol's from Livermore's VDM: Photo Geeks (Vaqueros del Mar) , and has agreed to present a very informative program to AIM this month. He and his wife, Mari, have been scuba divers since 1997. They are avid dive travelers and both enjoy the challenges and rewards of underwater photography. Both are AIM Film Festival fans having been to all of our festivals to date...and will be here this year as well. The program is very informative and timely. He will also be sharing some local California images as well....time permitting

About the Program: *Pixels and Resolution in Digital Photography* Bill will lead a presentation on pixels and resolution in digital photography, particularly as these topics relate to the shift from film-based to digital media. The talk touches on topics ranging from the physiology of vision to perceptual aesthetics to the technology of imaging systems. This is intended to be an interactive discussion, so please come prepared with your questions, comments, and contributions."

3rd Annual Film Festival on the Mountain: Date change: Saturday July 30thSign-up sheets will be at the May meeting to work on various committees needed to make this another great success. Suggestions for this year's event are welcomed:
New ideas, keep the same, bar-b-que options, etc. Note the attached sign-up sheet for participants. This is our festival and your video and still images are what will make it exciting. Deadline for entries will be July 15th...at the latest! In order to have plenty of time to put the program together, requests to have your contribution by the June meeting is being requested. Absolute deadline is July 15th..... **SIGN UP SHEET ATTACHED:**

To fill out sign up sheet, just use the 'hand' tool in Acrobat. Point to the check boxes to mark them, and click on the text lines to type. If you have the full version of Adobe Acrobat (NOT the free downloadable Acrobat Reader), you can save the file with your text added, and email it to Sharon or Carol. Otherwise, you will need to fill it out, print it and bring to the meeting or mail it in.

2006 Calendar Entries: Start selecting your 2 entries to be presented for this year's Film Festival contest. **Less than 2 months before the deadline for entries**** Same rules apply this year.....Select 2 of your best images for the calendar: underwater images only. Size: 8X11 on rigid backboard mounting material. We will use the display boards using Velcro tabs to mount them again. **IMAGES ARE NOT TO BE MATTED.** All images should be of consistent size, unmated, and uniform to allow for comparable viewing for the competition. All members in good standing (i.e. dues current) are eligible to participate. Need not be present to compete. ****ALL ENTRIES ARE TO BE BROUGHT TO THE JUNE MEETING OR SENT TO CAROL BEFORE JULY 15TH.** 5253 Bucks Bar Road, Placerville, CA 95667. Prior to the event images will be prepared so that all entries are ready at the same time for review when the Festival begins.

Upcoming Events

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 to purchase tickets)
- Open to the General Public, so bring your friends, family, co-workers, neighbors, etc...

Channel Island Annual Trip with Dolphin Divers

Space is filling up, so if you would like to go, get your deposit in ASAP!!! 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, jbmillard@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.