



January, 2006
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November meeting:

Wednesday January 25th

Upcoming Events:

- January 25th, 2006 Next meeting
- February 22nd, 2006 General meeting
- March 12-22, AIM club trip to the Philippines– Spots still available!
- July 15, 2006– AIM Film Festival on the Mountain
- Spring 2007– AIM spring trip to Bonaire, month TBD

This Month at AIM

This month's AIM meeting will feature video cameras that members will be bringing in. If you have a video camera, and would like to share it's features with our member, please do so. It will be similar to our successful 'still' camera show-and-tell last month!

Carol will be presenting the first of many installments of medical diving alerts. See the article on page (3) for a hint of what

to expect!

As usual, there will also be a five minute member presentation, and we will be having our raffle, so bring your dollar!!!



Our meetings are normally held at 7:00 PM (social hour at 6:30) the 4th Wednesday of the month at RoundTable Pizza, on Madison and Greenback. New Members and guests are always welcome. Call 989-1133 to order in advance. Don't forget to ask for the AIM discount.

Remember, January is membership month. members come prepared to pay with dues: check or cash, \$25 family / \$15 single. Current and prospective members are always welcome.

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Last Month at AIM

(Editors note: The AIM holiday party was held instead of the December meeting.)

On Saturday afternoon, December 3rd, 30 or so people invaded our little house for the 4th annual AIM Christmas Party. The house quickly filled up with the wonderful aroma of food and appetizers brought by everyone to share. Throughout the house one could hear the laughter brought about by the pictures and snap shots that several AIM members brought to share with fellow Club Members. Marty

seems to have been everybody's favorite subject to photograph.... Some of the members presented slides and films taken on recent



trips.

Of course, the evening would not have been complete without a white elephant gift exchange that everybody participated in. Carl Sweet's big bottle of

homebrewed wine certainly was a hit!! The holiday cheer was flowing freely.

I would like to thank the Seahorses for rescheduling their Christmas Party. Their attendance at the AIM party certainly helped make it a great success.

Thanks again to everybody for participating!

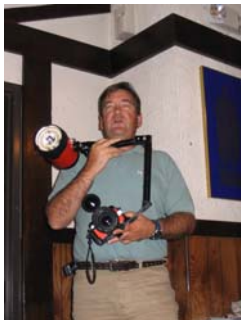
Cheers and Happy New Year!

Corinne & Holger

See pictures on page (3 & 4)

November AIM Meeting

You may have noticed there was no newsletter last month. Just lot's of info about the holiday party! Well, incase you missed the November meeting, here is the recap.



Most of the discussion



Holly were five minute members, and Marty O.



focused on member photo equipment that was brought in. What a great turnout! Sharon and



shared some of his slides from the honey moon. Marty C. also had some photos to share with us.

Newsletter Editors Note:

You may have noticed your newsletter is a little late this month. That is due, in part, to me taking on some additional short-term work-related responsibilities.

Because of that, I need some extra help with the newsletter from now until May.

I can use a couple of volunteers to

help put together some of the articles and features of the newsletter, as well as write articles on any topic that might be of interest (even a recent trip/etc.). I will continue to be the newsletter editor, but I need some assistance with the articles.

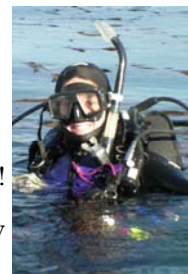
Regular articles could be on topics like "what's hot in new gear" a mem-

ber bio, or "photo pearls" Maybe a joke column? Or whatever might interest you.

If you are willing to help, please let me know, either at the meeting or by email.

Thanks!

Holly



Who Am I?

Last month's winner was, well, no one! There were no guesses! I know you can get this one, but I'll change the picture for an added hint!

This month creature is particularly familiar to boat-owners, who usually detest them because they settle

on the bottom of boats slowing down the speed of the boat, and generally creating a nuisance: I'm usually noticed live high up on a rocky shore. When the tide is out I appear to be rather lifeless hard-shelled additions to the rocky surface. But if you sit down and watch a small tide-pool --you will notice the fascinating way I feed with my legs

(captured in the photo at right).

Who am I?

Email your guess to Holly and win!



Medical Alerts: The Eyes Have it!

Medical Alerts: Monthly Installments of Health Related Issues
By, Carol Herrlie, Nurse Practitioner

Come to the upcoming meetings for a regular discussion on health concerns as they relates to diving...



The January discussion will be on: Cataracts and Diving: What effect if any diving has on eye changes, and includes an 'eye video' (another way to use your images).

Future topics will include:

parasites and rashes, cuts and abrasions: wounded animals with bites or getting bit, and Hyperberic Medicine, as well as other topics of interest to divers. Stay tuned in the upcoming months.

Images by Carol. Rainbow boa from the Amazon; Sweetlips of Raja Amat/Irian Jaya.

AIM Holiday Party Photos



There was plenty of food, plenty of drink, and of course, friends to share it with!



Pictures to share, both printed and projected



A mother-daughter moment...



And laughter all around!



AIM Christmas Party, Continued

Well, what can I say... You'll just have to figure this one out for yourself!



The gift exchange was great! Everyone left with something new...



Plenty of wine and other drinks for everyone!



Everyone had a wonderful time (cats included– who received attention all night), and by the end, a nap was needed for all!

A special thanks to Holger and Corinne for hosting the party...

And to Joe, Carol, Barb, and “Knobby” for the photos!



Items for Sale

AIM Calendars- Don't forget, AIM calendars are still available- See Sharon at the next meeting. Get them while you can!

New Nudibranch book– “Eastern Pacific Nudibranchs” This new book has lot's of great ID photos by David Behrens, and Alicia “Ali” Hermosillo. This book list's for \$35, but Carol purchased a case for current club members, and they can be purchased for \$27.

Bring a check or cash to the meeting!