



Scuba Diving: 

A Sacramento/Sierra Foothills Underwater Photography & Videography Organization		
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Meetings are normally held at 6:30 the 4<sup>th</sup> 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: Articles and photos are needed for next month's newsletter. So are your photos. Send to: Holly Johnson [holjohnson@ucdavis.edu](mailto:holjohnson@ucdavis.edu) 916-379-0920.

#### SPECIAL GREETINGS TO SOME OUR MEMBERS THIS MONTH:

To Michele Johnson: This greeting is being sent to you with lots of love and best wishes for a speedy recovery. Our thoughts are with you and we all are sending you positive vibes and encouragement.  
The AIM Membership.....

To Richard "Tate" and Renee Viehmann: Congratulations on you October 2<sup>st</sup> wedding. After their Fijian Honeymoon....we want to see pictures!

To Marty and Valerie Ondricka: Married on Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, these happy newlyweds are Honeymooning in the Caribbean....We have you on the schedule for January for the "Honeymooners View of the Caribbean"...

#### **Last Month's at AIM:**

Corinne did a fine job as usual in conduction the meeting at the last minute. Carol was not sure what time zone she was in and took a *semi-passive* member role in the back row.

**New member:** WELCOME to our newest member, Ian Kennedy. We are pleased to have you with us and are looking forward to a presentation and your company on future AIM outings.

#### **Five Minute Members:**

**Glenn Marshall** discussed and demonstrated a portable storage device for digital images.

**Dan Garcia, with** editing help from **Karen Manly**, Dan and Karen gave a digital still presentation of his Cozumel trip. He said these were his first "underwater" digital images.

Previous images were aquarium shots. Dan uses a Sea and Sea DX-3000, and some of the images were Karen's with her Nikon Coolpix 5200.

**Joe Herrlie:** Using the motion effects for his still images with the ProShow Gold software and his D-100 Nikon Camera showed images of his recent trip to Wakatobi. A fuller version was requested for a later Entertainment Program. Date: TBA. See photos in "members photo album."

**Chuck Bormann:** Using his well tuned skills with Power Point he gave a historical prospective of Wakatobi, wonderful images and dialog accompanied his story. He shared his image of a newly discovered rare critter: the *Caroteneus foolum* found mostly in hard coral varieties *refrigiatus* See article and photo in "member's corner."

## **This Month's Meeting: Wednesday, October 26th:**

### **Agenda:**

Welcome new members and guests:

Dive Reports:

Hot photo tips to share?

**Old Business: Calendars:** Style was selected. Voted for the same paper quality: Cost \$20.30 each. Chuck Bormann will show the new calendar. It is currently at the printers. Please bring payment to the meeting to reserve your copy and any you want to share as gifts this Christmas: \$20.30 each/net cost each.

**Spring Trip 2006:** March: Philippines: A few openings remain. Contact Carol ASAP if interested. Group agreed it is OK to open spaces to non-AIM members/friends of AIM members OK.

**Spring Trip 2007:** Voted on Bonaire: Captain Don's. Deposits will be taken in November. We need to pick a date. Any month but April has been requested. February, May or June was suggested. We also need to select a 7 or 10 day option.

**Film Festival 2006:** Date confirmed: Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup>

### **New Business:**

**Film Festival 2007:** Discuss ideas for the film festival : What should we keep the same? Think about anything new to keep it fresh and attractive to members, family and friends. Last year was a low turn out (it was a bad day as many were gone). Let's see if we can promote our event not only as our annual fund-raiser but as a way to show all of our image talents. How should we show our work?

**5 Minute Members: Kathy and Tom Morris** will share this position this month.

**5-Minute Member:** Remember this does not have to be a photo show or anything about photography. This is a time for a member to share something about themselves, share a hobby,

share a story, do a dance, explain a new product you have discovered, whatever. Be creative and have fun with these 5 minutes.

**Presentation/Entertainment: Please bring your ideas and/or images!!!**

**1. How to Market/Show your images:** What do you do with all your images and video clips? What type of creative projects can be done with them: Personal gift ideas for friends and families? Creative ideas for displaying images at next years film festival.

**2. Member Share and Tell:** Have an image that you need help with? What is it image? How could I have shot this better? I got this incredible shot.....this is what I did..... **Bring images**, slides (let us know if you need a projector or bring your own, digital or video clips....

**Who am I:** Identify the creature in the photo, win a prize!

**Last Month's photo:**

**The winner:** Bill Knoblauch was one of our two correct guesses with tunicate, or sea squirt.

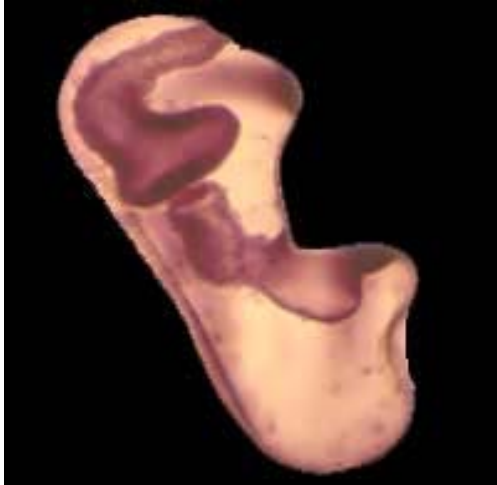


It's larvae are microscopic in size and live for a time suspended in the sea as a member of the plankton (see lower right) -Equipped with a long tail useful for swimming, a dorsal nervous system and an adjacent stiffening rod-like structure, the notochord, this tadpole larva has the basic characteristics that distinguish the major group of



animals to which you and I belong (plus all other mammals, reptiles, birds, amphibians and fish, of course) -- the Phylum Chordata. Simply put - these bag like animals are one of our closest invertebrate relatives. Say 'hello' to uncle Squirt. Text adapted from BioMedia associates. Photos © BioMedia Associates.

## This Month's photo:



This month you have a special challenge! This photo shows the larval stage of the mystery creature. Use the clues to identify it (by the common name). The adult stage of this creature has radial symmetry (usually 5-fold), but the larval stage goes through several stages with bilateral symmetry (shown is the bipinnaria stage). This creature belongs to the Phylum Echinodermata, which means 'spiny-skinned.'

Go ahead, take your best guess! I know you have seen the adult creature before!

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## Member's Corner:

### Diving Wakatobi

A number of your AIM group members recently completed another dive adventure to the other side of the world. Yes, eight of us took that long ride to the far Pacific Islands of Indonesia. Sharon and I left our hot, dry backyard on August 29<sup>th</sup> for a 01:50 morning departure out of San Francisco. We were the tail end of this venture, as Joe and Carol Herrlie, Candy and Doug Armstrong and Sandy and Paul Bisbee had left a week earlier. We all booked through Eva Airlines with a class up-grade on the B-747 flight, which allowed for larger seats and extra legroom. Gosh, did that ever make a difference over an extended flight of twelve hours, even for those of us who are vertically challenged. Holger, keep this in mind for you next extended trip.

Our first stop over was a six-hour layover at Chiang Kai-shek Airport in Taipei, Taiwan. Advice, bring a good book, as the only real diversion we found was a small Chinese Museum that did have some very interesting artifacts dating back a thousand years. Back on another airplane, this time an Airbus - A330, we were off for a flight of five and a half hours to Denpasar, Bali. The gods were with us on this flight, as the middle isles across from us were empty. I was able to stretch out and snooze the entire flight. Yes, we were tired, though not nearly as exhausted as on previous flights to this part of the world.

Two comfortable days at the Puri Santrian Resort allowed us to be well rested and ready to dive when reaching Wakatobi. I understand others took local tours and shopped while in Bali, but for Sharon and I time spent relaxing on the beach under the palm trees was just right. While at the Puri, we did meet two other couples that were proceeding to Wakatobi. We made the two and a half hour flight on a medium sized twin-engine turbo-prop aircraft that is contracted to take passengers to the resort. Beware; if you miss this flight it could be another week before you can make the trip.

Arriving at Wakatobi about lunchtime, we enjoyed the first of many enjoyable meals served at the lodge. Normally, the dive staff requires you to do a checkout shore dive. However, Sharon and I had the good fortune of the previously arrived AIM group that convinced the staff we could start right off with a boat dive, but without cameras. Yes, it still turned out to be a checkout dive of sorts. We had to demonstrate using another diver's octopus in a simulated out of air situation and remove our mask to show we could put it back on and clear it of water. Sharon really enjoyed that part of the checkout. I don't think she has gotten her face wet underwater since her dive training at Breakwater in Monterey. Now, shall we get on to the diving? How do you describe tremendous? I could go on about the variety of creatures and the beautiful sea life that was in abundance, but someone once told me that a picture is worth a thousand words. Yea, I have written about that half that many words already. Anyway, I have

included a number of images on my website, [www.csproductions.org](http://www.csproductions.org), that you can view. It is accessible from the link above, or via our AIM website, [www.sacaim.org](http://www.sacaim.org). In either case, once on the site, click on "Photography" and then scroll about half way down that page. Look for "Wakatobi" on the left side and click on it. Joe Herrlie also provided a number of images at the last AIM meeting. Rest assured, there are many, many more images to view. Sharon and I took over seven gigabytes of high jpeg shots and I'm sure Carol, Candy, Doug and Paul have many, many more to show you. In addition, Carol and Doug took video, which I am certain we will have an opportunity to enjoy at later AIM meetings.



Last comments are for the staff and accommodations. Super and superb are pretty good qualifiers. Our dive masters, Wendi, Doris, and Stajjn found creatures that most of us could not see without a magnifying glass. And yes, they did provide the magnifying glass underwater. Even pygmy sea horses were in abundance, though they normally elected to show their backsides to us. Stajjn even showed me the elusive "Carrotfish." (See photo at left!!!) Ah, but that is a story for another time.

The food was excellent and the rooms very comfortable,

even with the occasional gecko. The only draw back was a walk of about 100 yards for some of us. Fortunately, a new cooking lodge should resolve the walking problem for many when it is finished.

I could go on and on, but then I have already. Should you desire more information of this dive location without my further verbosity, contact one of the other folks and gain their thoughts on the dive location.

Chuck Bormann

**Member's Photo Album:** A place for you to display your pictures (hey- they don't even have to be underwater!). Send in your favorite photo each month and have it featured in our newsletter, or send photos of creatures you need identified.



From Bill Knoblauch's recent trip to the Philippines. This creature has yet to be identified. If you know, please share with everyone!

Joe's Photos from Wakatobi (look for more next month):



