



August, 2007  
<http://www.sacaim.org>

Next meeting:  
 Wednesday, August 22

**Upcoming Events:**

- AIM Meeting Aug. 22
- September 15th, Great American River Cleanup
- October 12, 2007 NCUPS photo contest deadline
- Cozumel 2008, Feb. 2-12

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## This Month at AIM

- Be sure to come to this month's meeting to see a recap of the film festival, along with learning about who is collecting the calendar photos
- Great American River Clean Up information will be announced
- As always, we will have a GREAT 5-minute member presentation

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.

## Last Month at AIM

The 5th annual film festival was held in lieu of the July AIM meeting.

If you weren't able to attend the June meeting; here's what you missed;

Our new sound system made its Aim Meeting debut and worked beautifully!

Old Business:

**5th Annual AIM Festival on the Mountain is coming July 14!**

New Business:

- We need someone to host the 2007 AIM Christmas Party (on the calendar for December 15)

- Jumping ahead to the **August meeting**; think about some good before and after images that you have edited and bring them to share with the group.

• **Dates for your calendar:**

o San Francisco Palace of Fine Arts day trip or overnighter with Holger & Corinne. Dates discussed but not finalized were September 15 & 16 or September 22 & 23.

o Fall Colors weekend September 29 & 30

January, 2008 – Ano Nuevo & San Simeon trip

Dive Reports:

**Joe Herrlie** displayed images of his Cocos Island trip last month. Those hammer-

heads looked impressive!

**Carl Sweet** was abiding at Salt Point recently and enjoyed beautiful conditions.

**Cayle** was diving at Monterey and noted the water was 46 degrees.

Technical Corner:

**Glenn Marshall's** technical presentation using Adobe Photoshop was awesome. He showed us how to flip the direction of an object (this object happened to be Bill Windt diving in Bonaire); how to multiply French Angel fish, and how to add an object (French Angel fish) to another image (Karen Manly diving in Bonaire).

Glen discussed the size of

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edited images and JPG versus PSD versus TIF formats. Images saved as JPG format delete some image information when compressed. Every time you make changes to a JPG and save the image, you lose information. PSD formats compress information as well, but keeps mathematical data so it does not lose data. PSD is a proprietary file format from Adobe (Photoshop or other Adobe products). TIF formats do not compress or lose data, but of course the files are larger. I did a little research on file formats and compression and found too much information to digest. But here is what [Wikipedia](#) says about

TIFs....."Unlike standard JPEG, TIFF files can be edited and resaved without suffering a compression loss." So there you have it.....

The original JPG image of Karen was 28 megabytes and once the layers were added, turned into a 40 megabyte image.

Presentations:

**Carol** showed great images of someplace underwater (Honduras? Cocos? Malpelo?)..... I have to admit I don't remember which dive location it was; but Carol has been to so many places lately; she might not remember either. J

**Karen Manly** showed three videos she edited while in Bonaire taken by herself, **Dana & Carl**.

**Barbara Bloom** shared a video of Delta & Dawn, Sacramento's famous Humpback Whales taken in West Sacramento (well, SOME of it was taken in West Sac).

AIM Raffle winners were **Karen Kessle, Barbara Bloom** and last but not least **Holger** (who wasn't going to admit to having the LAST winning ticket). So Holger will be providing raffle items for the August meeting.

## Channel Islands 2007

What do you get when you put Dolphins & Seahorses together? "A.I.M" – Animated Individual Men! This year's trip was once again a combination of three dive clubs – Dolphin Divers, Sacramento Seahorses, and members from the Aquatic Image Makers, resulting in a very diverse and interesting group of people traveling and living together on the Conception for 4 days. To me, this was by far one of the funnest trips, although it may have also been one of the most sleep-deprived ones. Kudos to Jack and Captain Jerry and his crew. We did have a few pranksters on board though... Just ask Bill "the Nose, Ear, Blue Footed Boobey" Levine about his blue feet and toenails! Not sure how he got those, but I understand that one Dolphin member almost got caught "red-handed" in the act of putting red and blue food coloring in his booties. Not to be outdone by a Dolphin, Mr. Blue Foot Levine decided to play a prank

members... Hence the guest appearance of Keith "the Smurf" Price... He ended up with some (well a lot of) blue food coloring in his dive hood... Luckily for us, Keith had decided to shave his head and beard just prior to the trip, making the prank even more effective. Of course, at least one of the AIMers had to be "hit" on this trip as well, but Mr. Joe "I know you all too well" Herrlie outsmarted all the pranksters and made sure to rinse out all of his gear before suiting up... Did I

on one his fellow Sac Seahorses

tell you that Dennis "the Viking" Wade was at the heart of this all??? He almost put Holger "Tall Guy" Fuerst's wetsuit in the boat freezer

but changed his mind at the last minute... Maybe the freezer was not big enough???

If you missed this year's trip, make sure to sign up with Jack for next year's. I can guarantee that retaliation will be on the menu.... Oh, and don't forget to ask Michelle about her night divelight... And then there was "mooning" by the Vision from the Truth Aquatics fleet....

Your 'Prankster in Training', Corinne



## News and Announcements From Members

- Lori Wahl has a \$135 credit at Dolphin Scuba, and nothing to buy (WHAT????). If any members need to purchase something from there, and would be willing to help her out, she asks that you contact her, and she will meet you there, pay with her credit, and have you reimburse her.
- Karen Kessel has just completed her dive master training from Andy's Scuba World. Congratulations Karen! She will be helping out with classes in Monterey about once a month.

## Doesn't Everyone Dive at Lake Natoma?

TK Paparazzi struck out once again (you better watch out, they're everywhere!) to find three AIM members trying their new



DRY-SUITS at Lake Natoma on June 30. Karen Kessel, Karen Manly and Linda Krug-

man were up bright and early Saturday at Willow Creek Recreation Area. Karen Kessel's classmate, Mike was also there wearing of all things.....a WET SUIT (can you imagine???). All four took a short dive to the dark, murky depths (20 feet, maybe?) of the Willow Creek area.

The City of Folsom Fire Department was also in the water trying out their new inflatable. Fortunately for our AIM members; no rescue was necessary!



and that's enough! For a quick shake-down dive, I suppose

When asked about current conditions, Karen Manly said something like – I did that once

it beats the drive to Monterey!!

~~Tom & Kathy



## Slippery Dick

Now that I have your attention, the subject is actually a funny little fish that I happened upon while killing time under our dive boat in Bonaire. It was one of those "Ho Hum" times when there didn't seem like there was much to see. Then I notice a puff of disturbed sand next to a strange pile of dead coral. I kept my eyes on the pile, and as the cloud cleared I saw a

nice little hole going under the rubble. Time passed and I almost left, but suddenly a fish darted out and took off. Pretty soon, it returned with a huge chunk of coral in its' mouth and dropped it on the pile. I was amazed that it was making a nest, and again realized how much there is to see if you just stay still. I told our dive master about my find, and she

said that it was a "Slippery Dick" and they were quite common. I thought I would be able to get lots of mileage out of the name!

Karen Kessel

## 5th Annual AIM Film Festival

The 5th annual film festival was a great success! Many thanks are necessary, especially to Carol for being our 'fearless' leader and organizer.

Keep an eye out in upcoming newsletters for pictures!

**Hello to all: BIG BIG THANKS FOR A SUCCESSFUL FESTIVAL....COULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED WITH OUT**

**ALL OF YOU!JOE!!** For soooooo much, **BARBARA B !!** for helping in many many ways, the entry processing and the editing for many, **Bill W** for the beautiful flora arrangements, **Dave** and **Laura** for your non-stop help with food prep and entry gathering & vote tabulating, **CRAIG** for the perpetual festival signs, the help with setting up, the MC work (OK, that was not exactly how it turned out) and for everything you bring to an event, **Cayle** for BBQ assist and **Holly** name tags and raffle items, **Tom** for your technical support during the program and **Kathy** for your help with the tedious task of ballet counting and helping in all kinds of areas. **Allyce Ondricka** for giving up "date night??" to be our kitchen "Super-visor....well done! **Eileen** for the non-stop kitchen help, everyone

in so efficiently and so much more, **Dennis, Marty, Karen M**, "Uncle Buddy" AKA **Paul** and **Sandy, Corinne** and **Holger, Ken** and **Glenn** and **Peni** and **David** for the set up and tear down and endless general support .

I would be amiss if I didn't thank the many donators of our fun raffle prizes: my sister, **Linda** of *Safe Designs*, for her generous donations again this year. **Carl Sweet** for his "Sweet Wine", **Glenn** for one of his images (Rob would still like it signed J), **Jewelry** and *Aprons by Holly*, **Anonymous** for jewelry donations, \$100 from *Pathways*, and **Dennis** for those personally crafted switch plates.

**Valarie** for checking And the thank yous cannot stop without beaming with a tremendous amount of pride and appreciation for those members who brought images for the toughest calendar competition yet, who brought items for the think "outside the frame" displays, and for some of the best images and videos yet to come out of that projector.....what a fun variety of work this group puts out!

What giant steps we have taken from our First Festival on The Mountain!! Wow! Has this group made wonderful advances in all aspects of our fun hobby. To all those mentioned above and all of these other contributors to AIM's 5th Annual Film Festival on the Mountain's success: **Linda K, Dan G, Chuck, Sharon, Bill L, Roberta, Barbara L** and **Keith**

A BIG THANK YOU AGAIN TO ALL, from **Carol**, for your support and hard work during this year's festival.... another year down and we can look back with a great sense of pride for a very and fun successful event. This wouldn't have happened without the extra club member, and non-club member, support.

LET'S LOOK AHEAD TO 2008..NEVER TOO EARLY TO GET READY..AT LEAST MARK THE DATE, GET THE MINDS THINKING..

All the above in some way stepped up to the plate for 2008! Tentative date (pending club approval) will be August 16th... (ALSO A FULLLLL MOON NIGHT...GORGEOUS!)

I think having it a little later in the summer will allow us a 30 minute earlier start on the show. Alternative date September 20th...= a 60 minute earlier start... TBA....

# International Photo Competition

## The Northern California Underwater Photographic Society Announces the 43rd Annual International Underwater Photographic Competition and the Bob Commer Award of Excellence in Underwater Photography

**August 7, 2007- San Francisco, California:** The Northern California Underwater Photographic Society (NCUPS.org) proudly presents the 43rd Annual SEA International Underwater Photographic Competition, and the Bob Commer Award of Excellence in Underwater Photography. The "mail-in" underwater digital still and print photography, and underwater videography competition is open to amateur photographers and videographers from around the world. Award sponsors of the SEA2007 competition, with prizes totaling in the tens of thousands of dollars, include scuba ecotourism resorts, travel agencies, and luxury live-aboards, as well as scuba and photography equipment manufacturers. Sponsors include: Nai'a Cruises, Fiji; Bilikiki Cruises, Solomon Islands; MV Febrina, Papua New Guinea; Pindito Dive Cruises, Indonesia; Mike Ball Expeditions, Australia; Cocotinos Dive Resort, Indonesia; and Backscatter Underwater Photo and Video. The SEA2006 competition brought in hundreds of entries from underwater photographers from as far away as Holland and Italy.

The Northern California Underwater Photographic Society, the oldest and most prestigious underwater photography club in the United States, possibly the world, promotes conservationism and environmental protection through the member-

ship's shared passion in underwater photography and videography. Established in 1957 and celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2007, NCUPS sponsors educational events on both underwater photography and video while promoting awareness of the underwater environment and pertinent ecological issues.

New for 2007! The Bob Commer Award of Photographic Excellence will be awarded to the SEA International Competition Best of Show! This award is in addition to a prize selection from the prize list. All media, digital still, print and video, are eligible. The winner of the Bob Commer Award receives \$500.00 and a handcrafted glass trophy of an underwater photographer. (For additional info: <http://www.ncups.org/commer.html>).

SEA2007 will no longer carry any 35mm slide photography categories. Slides may be scanned and submitted in digital still categories with the same specifications as images taken with a digital still camera. The SEA2007 underwater photographic competition will issue awards for the best work in categories including Macro, Wide Angle, and Underwater California categories; a traditional print category; creative categories in print and digital, a video category. In the creative categories entrants are encouraged to use any and all tools available to express their individual creativity.

Also new for 2007 is the Marine Con-

servation Category. Underwater photographers have a responsibility to educate other divers and non-divers about issues related to the marine environment. Underwater photographers have first-hand experience with environmental issues and the means to illustrate them to those who have limited or no underwater experience. The entries in this category should illustrate a marine conservation issue; whether it is an endangered or rare species or environment, an illustration of a non-sustainable fishery; or something positive, such as re-growth of an environment, return of an endangered species, or an illustration of the benefits of artificial reefs. The Marine Conservation Category is open to still images taken underwater anywhere in the world. Entries should include a maximum 75-word description about where the image was taken, the story behind the image, and why it was important to the photographer to take the image and tell the story.

Still images only will be accepted for this first year in this new Marine Conservation category. Proceeds will be donated to a marine conservation/environmental educational organization at NCUPS' discretion. Winning images to be displayed with their descriptions on a special marine NCUPS.org conservation page. Entries will be accepted beginning August 10, 2007 with all entries due by October 12, 2007. Winning entries will be announced on the NCUPS.org in November 2007. Download Rules, Regulations, and the Entry Form from the NCUPS website at <http://www.ncups.org>

## Great American River CleanUp (GARCU)

This years Great American River Cleanup (GARCU) is being held September 15th. Kim Rau from Dolphin Divers of Sacramento is organizing the dive portion of the event, and is encouraging members from all local clubs to participate (DD of Sac, Sac Seahorses, AIM).

Typically, rafts, garbage bags and t-shirts are supplied to the club, and we meet at Sunrise river access around 8 am, and exit at Geothe Park around 1

pm. For more information, or to participate contact Kim at: [northernmermaid1@yahoo.com](mailto:northernmermaid1@yahoo.com), or ask another Dolphin member.

Some of the things we pull out of the river are amazing! Sometimes you even find a treasure worth keeping!

Come to the August meeting for more information.