



AUGUST Newsletter 2008

Last Month at AIM ~
JULY, 2008

If you were unable to attend last month's meeting, here's what you missed:

Events for your calendar ~

AIM Shootout at the Zoo - 9/13.

Pigeon Point Lighthouse Annual Lighting – 11/15. See Corinne & Holger.

Dive Reports – were a little scarce this meeting; consisting of dives in Dolphin Dive Shop's pool, and Lake Natomas.

Linda Krugman mentioned a photo contest and followed up with an email. Info can be found at - <http://snapshot.parade.com/oceans/>
This contest runs through September 8. The site is worth visiting just to view and vote for the photos submitted (there's one in the underwater category that looks suspiciously like jellies at Monterey Bay Aquarium).

The ten minute person was Carol with last minute information regarding the AIM Film Festival on the Mountain.

Bill Levine was featured presenter, who shared his passion for cave diving with the group.

**NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 24TH. GUEST PRESENTATION BY RENEE VIENMANN,
10 MINUTE PERSON IS KAREN MANLY**

6th ANNUAL FILM FESTIVAL ON THE MOUNTAIN.....A BIG BIG SUCCESS!

I would personally like to say thank you to a long list of people who made this year's festival a big success....

First and foremost: to everyone who participated in the calendar event and the evening's program...THANK YOU. We had a great turn out for the calendar competition this year and the efforts of our club to enhance our images is really showing.. Regretfully all images submitted cannot be in the calendar... however, for those images submitted that did not make the 24 calendar images, do not be discouraged. Your images were wonderful.... NO! They were awesome!!!! As popular voting goes, not being selected does not mean they were not wonderful images. We will learn as we participate in more contests that judging/voting input varies from one contest to another. What won "Best of Show" in one competition, doesn't even place in another competition. So... do not be discouraged as the images this year were the best ever... WELL DONE!

My next list of "thank you s" includes everyone who participated....set up / prep group, to the clean up crew, to those who made valuable donations, and for those who filled the hill side and lawn to enjoy the event. Everyone contributed in some way to make this year an even more successful and more fun event.....

Special mentioning as to who did what behind the scenes is something I would like to acknowledge. Many may not know all the behind the scenes action that made it happen.

As your chairman for the event it was my role to: verify the menu, shop for the food and support supplies, assign the various tasks involved to get it all together and then to just step back from the final prep (sure, like I got out of anyone's way for too long) and served as a resource person for the team and was the gopher.... I never heard my name called out so much.. "Carol... where is.... what do I do with.... where does this go... etc.."... Pooped like all by days end and yet, I would do it all over again as long as the support people remain so wonderful. Well done!!....That seems is too simple a statement for all that everyone did .

JACK-OF-ALL-TRADES?: JOE HERRLIE...he did so much behind the scenes stuff....hauling this, hauling that, much to do with getting the yard in shape was his doings, he set up a usable trash/recycling system, ice chests, watered down the potentially dusty areas, assisted with the setting up of tables, shade, and a whole lot more. Last BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST..... He received the CD/DVD programs, all but 2 of them, the afternoon of the event and was able to make the show happen. With regrets there were a couple programs that could not be read in their format by either a PC or a MAC....He regrets your hard work went un-shown....next year lets make it a 100% viewable format so all can show their stuff.... NOTE: IF YOUR PROGRAM WAS NOT ABLE TO BE SHOWN, BRING IT TO THE SEPTEMBER MEETING AND WE WILL SHOW IT...

KITCHEN CREW: Led endlessly by BARBARA BLOOM and LELANI LeBLANC. I have to admit.. never has that kitchen seen so much action. Those two ladies, by choice, spent most of, OK, all of Saturday in the kitchen directing their wonderful list of helpers chop, cook,

assemble, clean, clean, set up glasses and service items, wrapped all the plastic ware, cleaned, put away kitchen items (in wonderfully creative ways...made for an enjoyable hid and seek game for me...), and got the foods beautifully presented for the buffet table...and kept the refills going until everyone had enough. Their primary kitchen crew consisted of: LINDA KRUGMAN, MINH, STACY AND SIERRA NGUYEN, PERRY SPETZ, GLENN MARSHALL, NANHEE KIM, KATHY MOORSE and, as always a fun and key helper on any team, CORRINE FUERST. If I missed anyone on this list, forgive me and a thank you to you as well.

BBQ MAN : MINH NGUYEN: He was given the critical task to prepare the meat for 70 people. He made some awesome steak and chicken. He chose the style of cooking, shopped and cooked... for hours.... lots of cooking in the late afternoon sun. STACY and SIERRA assisted with his efforts, too. A BIG thank you and lots of full tummies and happy taste buds appreciated your contributions.

Minh and Stacy brought the 3 burner propane camp stove and a BBQ to "Get er dun" and they did. The "cook station" served the Sunday morning brunch group as well as guests, JIM and MARCI helped make breakfast burritos.

PROGRAM SUPPORT: BARBARA BLOOM and her "portable MAC computer" were fired up on several occasions to help many of "us" finish, adjust or make final adjustments to our shows. Technically challenged by some aspects, but she took breaks from the kitchen duty to help wherever "HELP!!" was heard. MOST appreciated indeed.

YARD SET UP activities was coordinated by PERRY SPITZ. He brought the majority of the tables from his office... nice long tables that encouraged bigger group dining. His assignment was to coordinated the setting up of tables, chairs, shade, service tables, bar area, display hangers, trash/recycling areas. The layout organization was directed by STACY NGUYEN. Between Stacy and Perry the hard working efforts of JOE HERRLIE, CRAIG BROOKEY, GLENN MARSHALL, HOLGER FUERST (thank you for the E-Z-up shade), BILL LEVINE (also a big thank you for your shade also), TOM MOORSE and KEN MARTIN. If I missed anyone on this list, forgive me and a thank you to you as well. Couldn't have done it without you.

SIGNAGE: The AIM FESTIVAL BANNER was updated again by CRAIG BROOKEY. He brought balloons, hung signs and gave everyone arriving that party mood welcome.

REGISTRATION: A very welcoming reception area was set up by NANHEE KIM. Sign in and entry registration went extremely smooth this year with a new check in system to assure applications and images easily matched. Guests and members were given name tags made by RUTH CHOFRE'. KAREN KESSLE assisted with image prep details and CORRINE FUERTS assisted Nanhee with the check in process.

LAST MINUTE SHOPPING: Last minute "oops we need more of this/that" was graciously provide by MI-CHAEL and RUTH CHOFRE' & ART HASELTINE..

RAFFLE: A BIG THANKS to DAN LADESMA for gathering so many fine prizes this year. We had over \$3000 in goodies this year. A separate list of contributors will be posted on the website.....much appreciation for those who support AIM in this event.

Dan's helpers were: Setting up and labeling the jars LINDA KRUGMAN and JODIE. STACY and SIERRA also assisted in setting up the display of the all the prizes

VOTING: After the voting was completed CORRINE FUERST gathering the reliable and efficient counting firm of BLOOM- JODIE-LeBLANC-& MOORSE to tally the votes. Corrine did a wonderful job of announcing the winners at the intermission.

IMAGE PROCESSING: Now with the party and contest over, BARBARA "Babs" LEARY job is just getting started. She will be putting the 2009 calendar together. Collection of the finest quality image in .tif or finest .jpg needs to be in her hands no later than September 1st.... Expect a call if you have not yet sent her the files.

SHOW PROJECTION CREW: Teamed again by JOE HERRLIE and TOM MOORSE the show flowed very nicely. Much fewer technical glitches occurred and most of the members programs were compatible for viewing this year. Not yet 100% but closer... everyone did their best to make it work... Technical support always available by MINH for those quick fixes.

CLEAN UP CREW: EVERYONE pitched in the names above would just have to be repeated. A big thanks to KAREN KESSEL who was found *early* Sunday morning cleaning the kitchen and setting up for Sunday brunch. Where was everyone else? The lawn was covered with bodies, car campers were in spots on the property never used as camping sites before and.. it worked great! Some were tucked in their RVs or in various other sleeping quarters. Soon coffee and breakfast was served and all the party support materials were returned to their storage areas, trash complied, loaner equipment returned and.... the exodus occurred. Monday JOE hauled the recycling and trash to the dumps, returned items to my sisters place and.... had a cold beer!

If I left anyone out, forgive me. This annual event would not have happened without everyone's support.... This year the total attendees /participants was 68 ! Well done!

Carol

PS: A questionnaire will be coming out this week....Please take a minute to reply.
In an ongoing effort to always improve a function, feedback is critical. Thank you.



NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER:

I WILL BE IN SULAWESI UNTIL THE 21ST AND HOLLY HAS GRACIOUSLY OFFERED TO DO THE NEWSLETTER FOR ME.

PLEASE SEND ANY ARTICLES AND PICTURES TO HER BY THE 12TH (OR WHENEVER REQUESTED)

I WILL SEE YOU ALL IN NOVEMBER WITH LOTS OF PICTURES, UNLESS I LOSE MY CAMERA. AND SINCE ART IS NOT ALONG, FINDING IT (AGAIN) WILL BE NEXT TO IMPOSSIBLE!!

Karen Kessel—Newsletter editor