

FEBRUARY 20, 2010

Our meetings are normally held at 7:00 PM (social hour at 6:30) the 4th Wednesday of the month. Location is Round Table Pizza; Madison & Greenback.

New Members and guests are always welcome.

Call 989-1133 to order in advance. Don't forget to ask for the AIM discount.

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### DATES FOR YOUR 2010 CALENDAR:

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| AIM General Meeting ~  | Feb. 24 |
| AIM General Meeting ~  | Mar 24  |
| AIM Business Meeting ~ | Apr. 1  |

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This Month at AIM – February

Our feature presenter is Mike Boom. He is coming from the Bay Area to give us a presentation on the

process of creating trip videos. Check out Barbara Leary's article on page 3 for

more info. AND check out Mike's website at

<http://laughingeel.com/>

Last Month at AIM – January

Carol started the meeting off with delectable THANK YOU gifts (beautiful plates of cookies) to the AIM 2009 Facilitators~Glenn Marshall, Holger Fuerst, Tom Moore

Treasurer~Sharon Bormann

Calendar Queen~Barbara Leary

Webmaster~Chuck Bormann

Newsletter~Kathy Moore

Dive Reports~Jack Millard went to Pt. Lobos January 29 & 30. The forecast was for rain, but the sun was out all of Saturday. Jack saw more fish than he's seen in a long time.

Dennis Wade went to the Channel Islands over New Year's and shared a great video from the experience! Dennis said the water was like glass at Santa Cruz Island. Water temp was

54-58 degrees and there was a full (blue) moon.

Craig & Karin (aka Mr. & Mrs. Brookey) didn't go diving but they did GET MARRIED, so applause all around.

Holger mentioned that Adobe Lightroom 3.0 beta is available for download. See page 3 for a link to the website.

Jack Millard was our feature presenter. Jack has been diving for 30 years and has approximately 1200 dives. His very informative slide show focused on life you would see diving in California waters; based on images taken in the last 5 years.

We also had our first quarterly competition of 2010. The topic was "Structures/topography".

Results were.....

Novice category –

#1 Barbara Leary

#2 Karen Kessel & Michelle Reaves tied

Open category –

#1 Carol Herrlie

#2 Dennis Wade

#3 Joe Herrlie & Glenn Marshall tied

Video category–

#1 Carol Herrlie

#2 Dave Roper

The last order of business was to draw one lucky AIM member's check for free 2010 dues. Debby Millard reached in and pulled out Barbara Bloom's check. She gets her check back – free dues for the year!!

Member News

AIM Member Randall Benton is awarded WETPIXEL PHOTO OF THE YEAR!!!

A message from Randall Benton~~

....."My photo was selected as the Wetpixel Photo of the year. Please pass my thanks along to everyone who voted." Randall Benton

To see Randall's Photo of the year; visit the site below

<http://wetpixel.com/competition/index.php?view=entry&id=11425>

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## AIM Members smooze with Marty Snyderman.....



Marty Snyderman; award-winning photographer, cinematographer and Marine-Life Editor for Dive Training Magazine gave an evening presentation at Dolphin Dive Shop on Friday, January 29. He shared images and entertained the group with tales of his diving and travels over the past 40 years. I especially liked the story of the flawed shark cage design; complete with a photo of Howard Hall and a shark *inside* the cage with him. He fielded a number of questions from the audience on all aspects of diving, U/W photography, and dive travel. Michelle Johnson and company served up yummy appetizers, along with a selection of white and red wines. The next morning, Marty conducted a six hour class to 17 students on the basics, as well as finer points, of underwater photography. Check out Marty's website at <http://www.martysnyderman.com>



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Adobe Lightroom beta 3.0 is available for download.

<http://labs.adobe.com/technologies/lightroom3/>

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## FOR SALE

Please contact Holger Fuerst at [hfuerst@msce.com](mailto:hfuerst@msce.com) regarding the following moving sale items:

- 1) Double tanks: Genesis Steel 100 high-pressure tanks with Genesis DIN valves and isolation manifold; O2-cleaned, currently filled with 33% O2; last hydro and vis. Dec. '07 (will need new vis - guaranteed to pass); custom tank bands (better than Highland) & mounting hardware; 10# stainless back plate, Dive Rite Superwings (double bladder), hogarthian harness; tanks, valves/manifold, and back plate like new, bladder and harness in good/gently used condition; \$600 for all (is less then 50% of new - make offer); will split...
- 2) Dive Rite double tank b.c. adapter (combine 2 single tanks into independent doubles) - perfect condition; \$50;
- 3) ScubaPro Twin Jet Fins (grey) - large; in good condition; \$50
- 4) Scuba Tank roll control rack ("foam & rope"): \$5

## AIM February Feature Presenter Mike Boom— by Barbara Leary

Sharon and Chuck Bormann and I first met Mike on the Nai'a in Fiji on a celebrity trip with Stan Waterman in 2007. We enjoyed Mike's presentations and were lucky to chat with him about his u/w adventures with the camera. We are lucky to have him agree to travel up here from the Bay Area with his wife Lynn a ballet costume designer who fashions some of Mike's dive skins for him (see pic). Mike recently returned from a trip to the Maldives with Howard and Michele Hall.



From his bio:

I started shooting underwater video in the fall of 2001. My first reaction was "You mean I have to experience all my dives now through this crappy little video screen?" I must have found something compelling about it, though, since I've been shooting around the world since then and have steadily turned out short videos to share with friends, enemies, and total strangers.

In early 2008 I worked for four months as the guest underwater videographer on the live-aboard dive boat [Nai'a](#). On my first charter we hit the tail end of a hurricane, my underwater housing poured out smoke when I first put everything together, I flooded my dive computer and broke a mask, cracked a rib, and had an editing computer that crashed into the blue screen of death at least once every other hour. Despite all that I had a great time, managed to shoot some decent video, and learned to put out a 23-minute trip video once a week come hell or high water.

I'm now back at work in California. If you're reading this and would like to pay me large sums of money to spend more time underwater and less time in front of a computer, please click [here](#). Until that time, I'll continue turning out short productions that I'm happy to show and explain at dive club meetings, video seminars, ichthyological soirees, sea slug slumber parties, naturist -- uh, naturalist -- get-downs, birthdays, and bar mitzvahs. Click [here](#) if you're interested. I'm not wearing the clown make-up anymore, though.

Here's a link to Mike Booms home page <http://laughingeel.com/>