



## JUNE 2008 NEWSLETTER

**Last Month at AIM ~  
MAY, 2008**

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

Events for your calendar ~

**AIM Film Festival 8/15 & 8/16.** Deadline for submitting video programs is JULY 23. Dan will be handling the raffle so talk to him if you have donations.

**Dolphin Crab Feed 6/21.** See Craig or Corinne for tickets.

**Pigeon Point Lighthouse Annual Lighting – 11/15.** See Corinne & Holger. They have two campsites available until June 30 if interested.

The next **AIM Board Meeting** is at Round Table Pizza in Orangevale on **8/7**.

Remember to visit the AIM website at <http://www.sacaim.org>

Dive Reports – Thailand! AIM members Karen M., Joe, Barbara B., Bill W., Paul & Sandy, Dennis, Carol, Tom & Kathy visited Cambodia, Thailand, Myanmar, and of course did some diving in the Andaman Sea on the Ocean Rover. Expect to see a few video & photo presentations in the future.

Dan went to Cozumel, noting there were many empty resorts. The popular wreck, 'C-53 Felipe Xicotenantl', has actually shifted position.

Jim Jones went ab diving on the North Coast; experiencing rough seas and not much visibility.

Kate went to Folsom Lake; and actually had 10 foot vis, with a water temp of 67 degrees on the surface. In addition, she was recently diving in a more tropical environment, that of Anthony's Key, Roatan. She experienced her first whale shark sighting! Kate also made note that there were many more fish than 10 years ago.

Ten minute person was Joe who already had a Thailand/Myanmar underwater slide presentation!

Jim Jones was featured presenter, sharing with the group a presentation of his trip to Africa.



**Pool Shoot-Out Report**  
**(not the OK Corral version)**  
**As reported by Glenn Marshall**

Attendees included Karin Mays, Holger and Corinne Fuerst, Stacy Minh and Cassie Nguyen, Linda Krugman, Barbara Leary, Carol and Joe Herrlie, Howard Holmer, Craig Brookey, Karen Manly and myself, Glenn Marshall, and our hosts Barbara and Bill .

We started with a little classroom instruction explaining camera and housing setup and maintenance. We then dove into the pool for hands-on practice and fun. You will see in the pictures that we had some great subjects to practice our photography on. There were some inanimate objects that people brought, and of course, one or two live “animated” characters that were having just way too much fun. Minh and Cassie were just bouncing and bobbing about, really enjoying themselves. Joe, Carol and Holger were great help in giving photo tips and answers to questions both in and out of the water.



After about an hour in the water we had a wonderful meal. BBQ'd chicken prepared by Minh that was just awesome and potluck salads and snacks brought by other participants. When we finished eating, we downloaded images and had a short critique of everyone's pictures.

With this being our first official photography course, I think everyone came away with a better understanding of their camera and how it works underwater. We are planning some more photo courses for the future to follow up on what we learned in class and to expand on more photography techniques. Hopefully these will help people enjoy their photographic experiences even more in the future.





## The Shoot Out (Continued)



Mark your Calndars for the next big  
ZOO SHOOT OUT:

Stacy is already planning a shoot-out  
at the zoo. (Uh Oh!!) Mark your calen-  
dars for September 13th, And not just  
PART of the day, but it starts at break-

fast at Corinne and Holger's at 7:30 AM, and won't end until the evening. Plans are still in the forming stage for locations of the Photo downloading and critique-  
ing (is that a word?) Plans call for 3 judges arriving at 4PM (Simon, Paula and what's his name), and followed with dinner (potluck of course). And at 7:30 the winners will be announced and prizes given! (Yippee!) This should be a great time and a fun way to get your toes wet on entering photo competitions. Stacy will announce more information as the specifics get ironed out. So get it on your calendars and save the date. Or Else.



A new species of catfish, photo by Stacy  
Nguyen

**A BIG REMINDER FOR EVERYONE TO CHECK THE AIM CALENDAR ON THE WEBSITE FOR ALL UPCOMING EVENTS.**

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING: JUNE 25TH, 7 PM AT ROUNDTABLE PIZZA.**

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR RAMBLINGS;**

Since I was unable to attend the pool film class, I decided to see what I could do in on my own.....My subject matter (Ken) immediately got swept into the pool skimmer. Even though fit and buffed, he was not a good swimmer.



And after a brief moment of panic, he was able to swim out the leaf basket.....



“Boy, that was a close call! Next time I try this underwater photography stuff, I’ll be sure and wear some dive gear!”



**Have fun, Dive Often, and Dive Safe!!**

**Karen Kessel  
(the tall one)**