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"VOICE OF THE SOUTHWEST COUNCIL"

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

It's truly a shame when an organization such as SWC cannot find members or officers who are interested enough in their organization to see that its only means of communication, the "Slate" is published on a regular basis.

Some 60 days ago the East Texas Aquanauts contacted the Council president and expressed a willingness and desire to take on the responsibility of publishing the "Slate". We were told that there would be a meeting at the Labor Day dive at P.K. to decide the future of the Slate. Some time after the contest, Ben Sleigh called Area 6 Vice President, Jack Elliott, and told him that the Council decided to let the Aquanauts have the job and that all the information necessary to go ahead with publication would be sent to me within a week. That has been over 30 days ago and after several more calls to various council officers we're still waiting for the first bit of information.

We have therefore decided to go ahead and get out this issue, which contains very little information, but will at least let you the Council members know what kind of leadership you are following. Our efforts to get something done have been to no avail. I am now calling on all Council members, club officers and area vice presidents to help apply some pressure to the leaders of the Council to get the "Slate" information sent to us.

We have included in this issue all the information we have been able to gather. Unfortunately we don't have the dates of any other contests or events, the current point standings, date or place of the next convention or any ads that are suppose to appear, ad rates, addresses of Council officers, etc., etc.

Anyone having any ads coming to them, please let us know and I'll see that they are run. Anyone wishing to place an ad, let me know and we'll run the ads and then bill you so you won't pay for something you don't get. All area V.P.'s please send your reports and club news henceforth to me at the address below.

We hope to have another issue go to press shortly after the Gar Rodeo, hopefully by then we'll have all the info we need to put out a good informative issue.

We need the help and co-operation of all members, clubs, dive shops and council officers to make our council prosper as it should. Communication is the key and the "Slate" must be published in order to maintain an organization.

Thank you,
Dick Wilgus, Editor

New address for all
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ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

December 9, 10

Gar Rodeo - Sanctioned
Caddo Lake
Curleys Camp
By E. T. Aquanauts

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Gar Rodeo - non-sanctioned
Caddo
Curleys
Ark-La-Tex Divers

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SWC Convention

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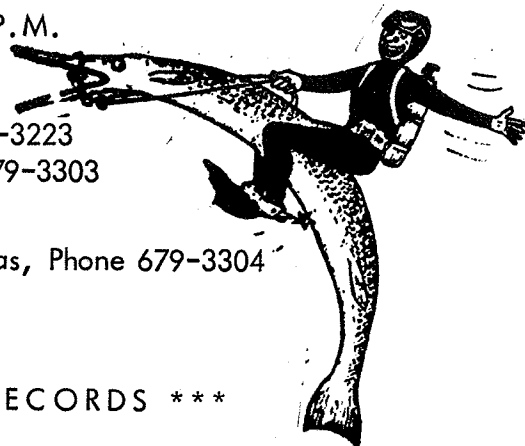
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TEXAS GAR RODEO

- WHEN:** DECEMBER 9 - 10 - 1972
- WHERE:** CADDO LAKE - UNCERTAIN, TEXAS (NEAR MARSHALL, TEXAS)
- WHAT:** The 1972 annual Texas Gar Rodeo, S.W.C. sanctioned diving contest, hosted by the EAST TEXAS AQUANAUTS. Thirteen beautiful trophies. Best facilities for camping, diving and partying. Saturday night party - Free beer!
- CONDITIONS:** Entry fee \$4.00. Two man teams. Must wear horse collar type flotation device. Must answer roll call. Must be in weigh in line by 12:30 P.M. Texas or Louisiana fishing license is required.
- TROPHIES:** Jim Clark Memorial - Individual aggregate weight.
Novice - Largest gar by weight
Ladies - Largest gar by weight
Individual - 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th largest gar by weight
Team - 1st, 2nd and 3rd aggregate weight
- PROGRAM:** SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1972
Registration from 7:00 to 10:00 P.M. at the FLY'N FISH. Party from 7:30 P.M. on (Free beer and set ups - entertainments.)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1972
Breakfast is available at the FLY'N FISH and CURLEY'S LODGE from 6 A.M. on.
Registration 7:15 - 7:45 A.M. at CURLEY'S MARINA HEADQUARTERS.
Roll call at 7:45 A.M. - contest runs 8:00 A.M. until 12:30 Noon.
Weigh in 12:30 P.M.
Awarding of trophies after weigh in at about 1:00 P.M.

- FACILITIES:** Camps with cabins, boats and motors for rent
CURLEY'S LODGE - Uncertain, Texas, Phone 789-3223
JOHNSON'S RANCH - Karnack, Texas, Phone 679-3303
CRISP'S CAMP - Karnack, Texas, Phone 679-3253
Lodge & Restaurant: FLY'N FISH, Uncertain, Texas, Phone 679-3304



CALL FOR RESERVATIONS

*** JIM CLARK MEMORIAL GAR RODEO RECORDS ***

Total pounds of gars taken during rodeo: 1,678 lbs. (1971)
Jim Clark Memorial - Individual aggregate: 272 lbs. - Bob Overy, Missouri (1971)
Largest Gar: 44 lbs. 5 oz. - Jack Echart, Texas (1971)
Novice (Largest Gar): 26 lbs. 1 oz. - Dee Shappel, Texas (1970)
Team: 351 lbs. 3 oz. - Dennis Corcorran & Matt Wiley, Texas (1971)

If you can't break any of these records, you can still enjoy the delicious catfish dinners at the FLY'N FISH or CURLEY'S LODGE, so

COME, COME, COME

For further information write to:

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VP REPORT AREA #6

The East Texas Aquanauts have initiated a revolving spear-fishing trophy. This trophy can be won by a different diver each month. The name of the diver is engraved on the trophy and he retains it for that month. The winner of each month's contest is determined by who spears the most pounds of legal fish. Aubrey McElroy has won the trophy two months in a row, but several divers are about to change all that if their luck holds out.

Horst Seegar, who heads up the Gar Rodeo Committee is busy getting the ball rolling to make this an outstanding event this year. In the past, Horst has always made this one of the top SWC events and this year is no exception as he has started early to be sure it is the top event of the year. Horst and Dick Wilgus have designed a new patch for all Rodeo divers that is something else again. It will be worth coming to the 1972 Gar Rodeo just to be able to wear one of their new patches.

Speaking of patches, Paul Oberle of the ARK-LA-TEX divers tells me that their club is also coming out with a new patch for all contestants in their Gar Rodeo to be held in January. They are going all out to make this event an outstanding show as they are in their second year in producing a Gar Rodeo and they have picked up new ideas to make a bigger and better contest for the divers. The club has been one of the most active organizations in the SWC and anything they do, they do it as a club effort and it comes off good. The ARK-LA-TEX divers, have one of the busiest diving schedules of any club and their turnout will make most others green with envy.

It is wet suit weather here in East Texas and a good many dives are planned in the near future by the clubs and also by groups of divers to Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas.

Recently Dick Wilgus, Bill Hutto, Jim and Cleo Bales, Dick Wilgus, Jr. and Peggy Weisman went to Lake Bistineau and brought back one catfish at 40 pounds and one at 15 pounds. They reported the water at about 59 degrees and good visibility.

Jack Elliott
VP Area #6

ARKANSAS SPEARFISHING LAWS

Game fish may be taken with spear guns in Lakes Norfolk, Bull Shoals, Table Rock, Blue Mountain, Nimrod, Ouachita, Hamilton, Catherine, Greeson, Greers Ferry, Conway, Harris Brake, Beaver, Millwood, Erling, and all impoundments created by the locks and dams on the Arkansas River from June 15 through March 15 during daylight hours. Limit is one-half the regular daily limit. These fish apply against the daily string limits. Fish taken with spear gun may not be cleaned or dressed before leaving water, and a standard diver's flag, which is square, red, and has a white diagonal stripe, must be flown from diver's boat or other flotation, and diver must stay within a 300-foot radius of flag. Fishing license required of all persons 16 or more years of age.

Scaled rough fish may be taken in same waters only by gig, spear, bow and arrow and underwater diving gear, including spear gun, during the entire year, during daylight hours only. Fishing license required of any person who is sixteen (16) or more years of age.

For additional information:

Arkansas Game and Fish Comm.
2 Capitol Mall
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

SWC Convention



AREA #7 REPORT

SOUTHWEST COUNCIL WINS ARGONAUTS CHARITY CONTEST

The Argonauts of Lawton held the 2nd Annual Charity Dive at Lake Possume Kingdom, September 31st and October 1st. They had 72 entries or 36 teams enter the contest. A team from the Imperial Divers represented the Oklahoma Council for Underwater Divers. The Gulf State Council was also represented by a team, and the rest were Southwest Council members. The weather for the contest was fine and the fishing was fair.

The winners were:

Men's Open:	1st largest	Charlie Crawford	18# 1/2 oz.
	2nd largest	Steven Ogle	14# 13 1/2 oz.
	3rd largest	Art Keas	10# 4 1/2 oz.
	4th largest	Grover Barfield	7# 6 oz.
Men's Team:	1st place	Crawford & Sleigh	32# 15 1/2 oz.
	2nd place	Ogle & Pope	15# 6 oz.
	3rd place	Keas & Land	10# 4 1/2 oz.
	4th place	Kornegy & McCarty	8# 15 oz.
Novice:	1st largest	Steven Ogle	14# 13 1/2 oz.
	2nd largest	Art Keas	10# 4 1/2 oz.
	3rd largest	Grover Barfield	7# 6 oz.
Men's:	1st Most Fish	Crawford	6#
Men's:	Individual Aggre. Wt.	Crawford	27# 14 1/2 oz.
Women's:	1st largest	None	
Women's:	Team	None	
Women's:	Most Fish	None	
Turtle Trophy	1st largest	Crawford	5# 11 oz.
	2nd largest	Sam Termine	5# 5 1/2 oz.
Trophy for effort		John Beach	1# 12 1/2 oz.

The total entry fees collected were \$324.00. The donation to the Handicapped Children's School was \$82.00 plus a nice sized box of toys donated by Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Rodriguz of the Les Hommes Des Mer Diving Club.

The Argonauts wish to thank all the clubs and the members of the Southwest Council for supporting their dive.

In Area #7, there is not much going on since the winter months are now upon us. There was one fine catfish brought out of Lake Elmer Thomas a couple of weeks ago by Jim McAnally of the Lawton Divers Club. Jim shot a 67 lb. Flathead Catfish which evidently has been the big one that has been getting away for the past five years or so. They say, this one had many battle scars.

To my understanding, there is a new club being formed in the Lawton area. Grover Barfield has submitted the new club (The Hells Diving Club) for membership in the Council.

Charles Crawford - Area #7 V.P. Southwest Council