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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Council has just received a "Poison Pen" letter from a person or group too gutless to sign it. The letter concerns criticism of your Executives, the Slate Editor, Area Vice Presidents and the Membership in general. I am happy that there are members of our Council who are concerned enough to take the time to even write to the Slate. But I must ask you, who wrote the letter, to come out from behind your rock, identify yourself, and be of service, help, offer constructive criticism, or get the hell out of the Council.

Council officers are trying damn hard in spite of some rather difficult economic times nationally to keep our Council going and strong. I will be happy to answer to anyone who is critical of any of our officers if he or she will come forward. None of the Council Officers are serving the membership, that I know of, simply for an "ego-trip".

So, in answer to your question "Where is our Council headed?", call or write me and I'll be happy to tell you. Then at the same time I'll ask what you've done; what you've spent in time and money. Let's compare.

August has been a very tough month from a business standpoint leaving me too little time to devote to Council. We did accomplish a great deal at our recent Executive Committee meeting. I only wish that we could have had the advice and consent from representatives from the Oklahoma Area, East Texas, West Texas, and Arkansas Areas. Vice Presidents of Area 7, 6, and 5 did not reply with apologies for not being able to make the meeting nor send representatives in their stead.


Has anyone heard from anyone else at the Central Texas Divers Assn. in Austin? I hope that fine club is still active and if they need any Council help why not contact their Area Vice President, Jim Gale?

Congratulations and welcome to B I Divers, a club of divers who work for Braniff Airlines. Your membership in our Council was approved and as of August 25th your members may earn points in our contests and participate in the photography contest.

We also have approved a bid from the Texins Divers for our next convention. Details are included on a separate sheet with further details to be forthcoming as they are filled in by that club.

I made a trip recently to Houston where I was asked to speak and entertain with some films before the International Divers Club of Houston, at the kind request of Hal Martin and his lovely wife, Cindie. They were all gracious to us and I hope our Council program of activities and benefits entice them to apply for Council membership. Let's keep growing!

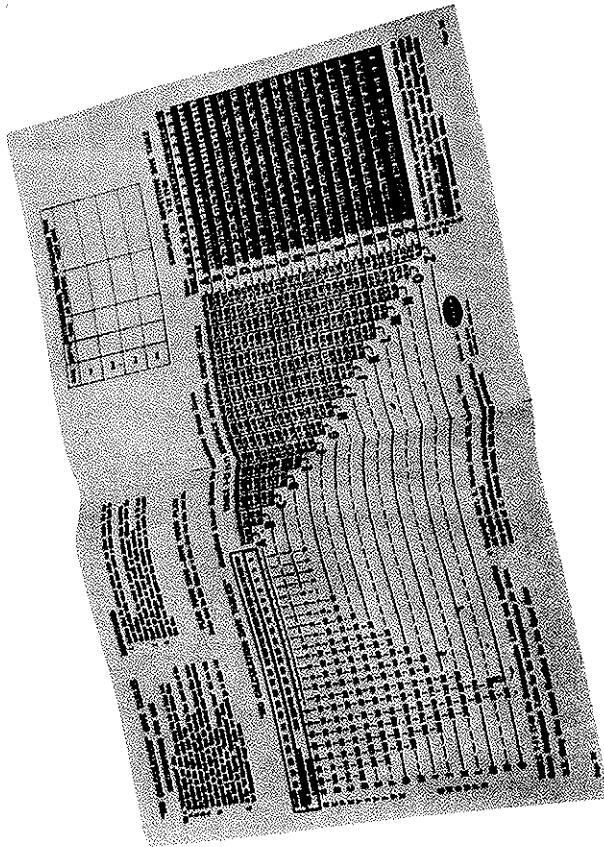
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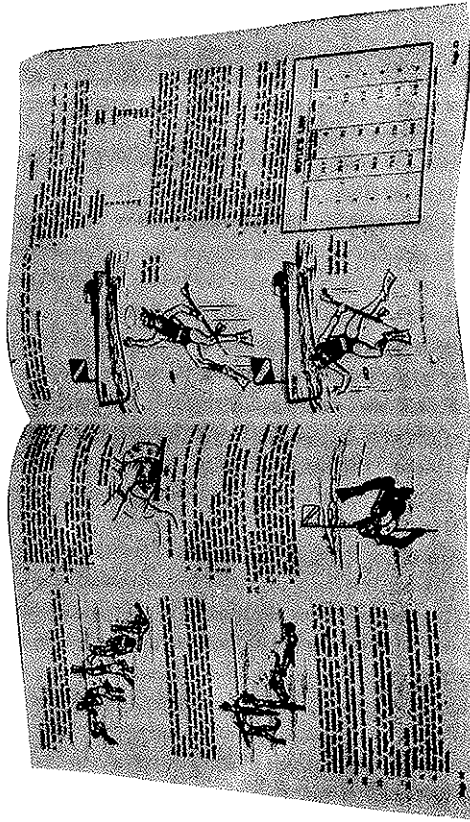
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AREA I REPORT

The Dallas Divers had another great turnout for their meeting at El Chico. Two programs were planned for the night. One was a TV Program of President Nixon's Farewell Speech. The other was a live on location recorded sound film on San Pedro Ambergris Cay by Mel Cannon. The film was great and it looked like Mel had a wonderful time. The club is having an outing there around the Thanksgiving Holidays. It looks like they will have a big turnout. The club is also planning to go to Sea Space 74.

The LHDM Challenge Dive with the Texins at Lake Whitney was as expected. It was a fun weekend. Everybody, which was a pretty good size turnout, really enjoyed themselves. On Saturday the two clubs had a tug-of-war in deep water. The reward for the winning club was to pour some very cold beer on the head of the losing club president. Me, being the losing club's president, had the honor of being the first to taste the very cold beer all over my semi-nude body. Sunday was a disaster for LHDM. There wasn't very many fish brought in but enough for LHDM to lose. Wait to next year, Texins. It looks like quite a crowd of LHDM is planning to attend the dive at Lake Ouachita.

Convention time is drawing near and the Texins are busy planning to make a bid to sponsor it. It should be pretty good cause Wayne Mathewson is the planee. The program for the night was a film by Gene Gall on Hawaii and on the V.A. Fogg. The Texins also have another challenge dive coming up. This time it will be with a Tennessee Dive Club called the Aqua-Landers. It is going to be in Arkansas at Greer's Ferry on Labor Day Weekend.

The Divers from the Sherman Area have been very inactive this year, let's hope it is just due to the hot weather.

Ron & Myrna Jorgensen aided the State of Oklahoma and you boaters by removing a hazardous tree stump from Lake Murry after the A.A.Dive. It was a tree stump in 22' of water that came to within 4" of the top. If you think that cutting off a tree 15' under water that was 16" in diameter was easy just try it. It took us two days to do it with a hand saw and much air. The Lake Patrol told us they were very disappointed with the improper display of the divers flag during the A.A. Dive. They are really nice guys (we spent 3 days with them), one being a certified diver and they wished us to pass along to you that if you don't help them by displaying a divers flag correctly they cannot help us. Many \$25.00 tickets were passed out to divers during our week there for improper display or no flag being displayed. An instructor on a lake checkout and his student got tickets. Did any of you see the fresh water jelly fish at Murry? We took some pictures of them and if they turn out we will pass them on. Hope to see you at the Lake Ouachita Dive. We were the only ones there last time.

The above report on the Sherman Divers was sent to me by Ron and Myrna Jorgensen. I am ashamed to say that I have not had the time to attend any of their meetings and I hope they accept my apology.

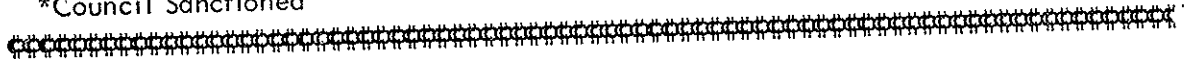
THAT'S ALL FOLKS
SEE YOU AT LAKE OUACHITA

Phillip Rodriguez - Area I VP

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
*Dec. 7-8	E.T. Aquanauts	Jim Clark Memorial Gar Rodeo	Curleys Camp, Caddo Lake
*Jan. 11-12/75	Ark-La-Tex	Gar Rodeo	Bistineau

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AREA VI REPORT

As I sit at my desk tonight preparing to write my report to the Council, I find myself torn between the good and the bad. For I found the start of a new day to be the end of a friendship with two of my fellow divers. I know the members of the Ark-La-Tex Divers will cherish their memories, as I do when I think of the many good times we have had together. Mike Beard and James Holloway were on a diving weekend with Lawrence Wood and 4 of our students. They had gone to Florida for the weekend to dive a couple of ship wrecks off the coast of Pensacola. The group left our dive shop Friday night with nothing but delight in their thoughts, knowing or never even dreaming of what was to become a weekend that I know many of us will never forget.

When the group got to the beach Saturday morning they found strong currents and murky water. The winds were high and the waves were of their equal. So everyone decided since the diving was so poor here they would go inland to Ponce de Leon, Florida, and dive the clear waters of the Springs. Since only Lawrence, Mike, and James were the only certified divers of the group, (the others were finishing their class the following week) it was decided only they would enter the cave at Vertex Springs. Everyone was still having a great time. What with all this clear water and a bunch of mud crawlers, what would you expect? The thoughts still linger in our minds as preparation was made to dive the cave. Lawrence talked with the owners and operator of the Springs about the safety lines, depth, pockets, hazards and all the many other questions one has when they are about to embark on a journey such as this. Mike and James listened intensely to the conversation as they were told of the ones before them that had gone down without a tank pressure gauge nor a certification and were not able to return on their own. How or why these things happen are questions we all ask ourselves, but I guess Mike and James will be the only ones to know what really happened that day, deep below the surface. I only hope that we have all learned through this experience that we must always limit ourselves to our own limits and know them. Before we embark

off on new adventures, let's be prepared both mentally and physically. Cave diving is just as any other aspect of the sport. It has rules one should go by, and we should be thoroughly lessoned and should by all means follow these instructions on descent.

No one will ever really know why these two divers didn't come out when Lawrence showed them they were reaching the first third of their air supply and should head back toward the opening where they could at least see the surface if something were to happen. Maybe it was the magnetism of the cave, maybe they had gotten turned around and felt that Lawrence was going in the wrong direction. At any rate, whatever the reason, we will lay to rest this week two good friends of any diver they met.

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Total Cash Receipts	<u>589.00</u>

Cash Available \$1,237.69

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Large envelopes & stamps (Carolyn Weatherman)	\$ 6.13
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Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 167.72</u>

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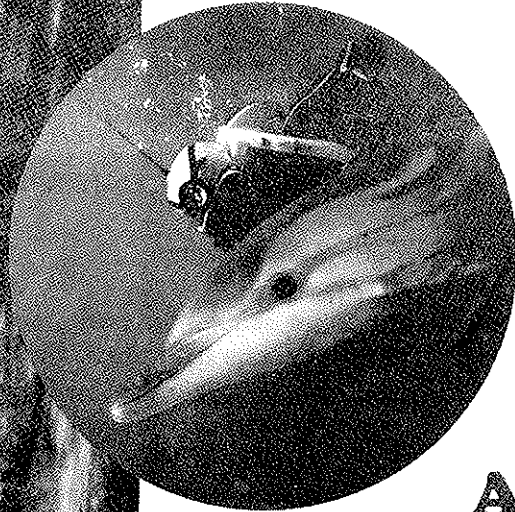
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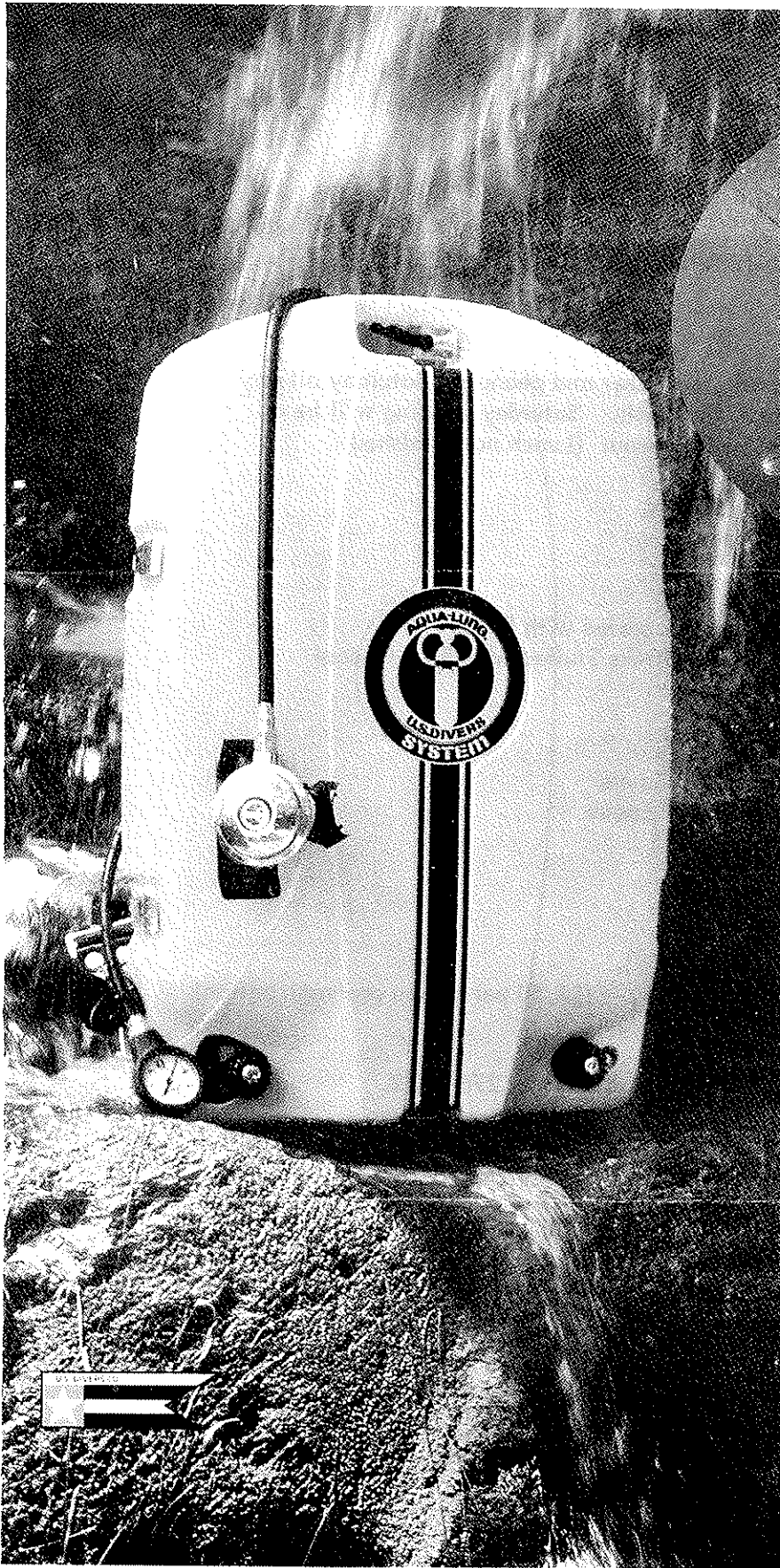
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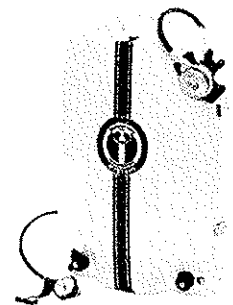
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LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL!

by Judy Crouch

Houston's annual tons-of-fun whing-ding is coming up soon - October 19th & 20th. It's great that someone is having a seminar in our area; there's no better way to increase your diving/related knowledge.

This is the sixth year for Seospace and it keeps getting better. Some of our spaced-out friends who will be there are (WOW!) Dick Andersen, California's talented Ernie Brooks, our own Denny Bowman, of Brooks Air Force Base and now California Bruce Bassett and handsome and capable Larry Cushman. These fellows and all the others who will be there showing their wares are really fun people.

If you have never met Dick Andersen, it's worth the trip just to do that one thing. He is a funny man who makes hometype movies of such ordinary subjects as his dog, whom he has taught to dive and who wears sunglasses. In his searching for gold movie the u/w dredge suction his bathing suit off, etc. He narrates his silent films in a very casual manner which rolls his audience in the stylish aisles of Jones Hall.

In addition to sparking the film festival Dick joins the seminar by giving a lecture on how to make movies. Even Glen Egstrom would admit that Dick's unprofessional approach to the podium is effective (between guffaws). You will have to see him to believe it.

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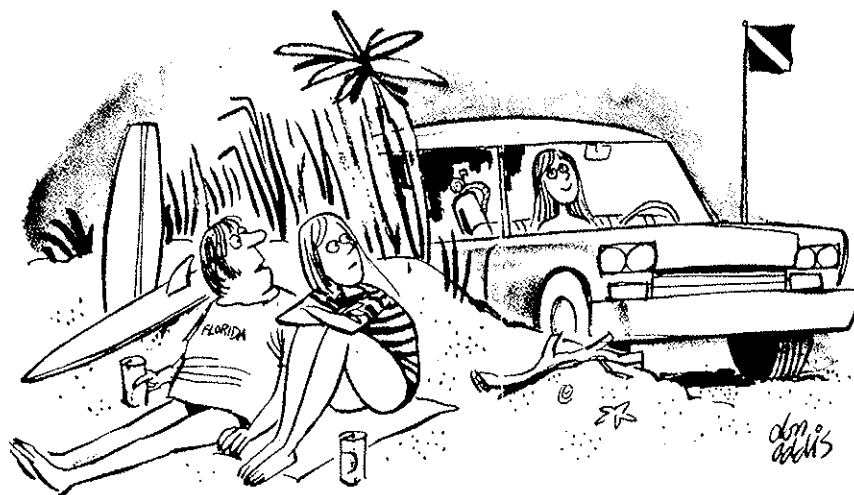
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Myrna Jorgenson	Sherman	6

Men's Spearfishing

Matt Wiley	IDA	30
James Permenter	IDA	24
Dennis Corcoran	IDA	22
Gorden Hubenack	IDA	20
Tommy Jourden	Orca T.	19
Jay Zarnes	Texins	19
Robert Lackey	Texins	17
Robert Swiley	Ark-La-Tex	17
Charles Crawford	Little Gem	16
Wayne Williams	IDA	15
Charles Byrd	IDA	14
Lee Bumpas	AAA	14
Wayne Mathewson	Texins	14
Bruce Mays	Lawton	14
Ben Sleigh	LHDM	13
Jim Gale	AAA	13
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Novice

Greg Gross	AAA	16
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Bufford Love	Quitman D.	12
Mike Timo	Ark-La-Tex	11
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Non-Spearfishing

Ben Sleigh	LHDM	19
Tommy Herrin	Sherman	15
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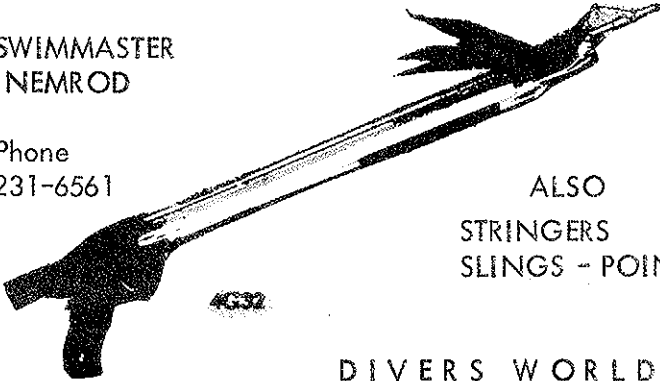
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