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SOUTHWEST COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
MINUTES - 9/25/74

The meeting was called to order by President Hank Silver. He gave us details of how we have been getting a merry-go-round on getting Game Fish legal in Texas. Hang in there Hank, keep plugging for us. He said, "it looks hopeless but; he hasn't given up.

Carolyn Weatherman, presented all up dated forms like Spear-fishing forms - a new form for non-spearfishing and area vice president forms for after contest reports and again the By-Laws and Constitution. They were all accepted.

We have discovered we have a printing machine and hope to obtain it in the near future to get the By-Laws and Constitution out to members before convention. We decided it would cost too much to publish it in the Slate.

Dennis Corcoran made a motion that be it in either the men's division or women's division of spearfishing if in either division if only one fish was brought in that person would win trophy's for 1st, Largest and Most Fish. This passed 100%.

Our main topic was the Slate and Councils financial status. We got our heads together in a businesslike manner and decided if we used our space better and left out a lot of clutter we could save and when money was collected from ads we would be better off (money has come in from ads and we are now even better than Aug.). Also we decided to put an expense limit on the Slate. The limit is to be \$150.00 a month. We will also have some more income from the upcoming dive contest.

The Dallas Divers refunded \$100.00 that was reimbursed them at the beginning of the year. So with help like that we are shaping up. Also our membership is still growing.

We have another new club to join the Council. They were accepted this last meeting. They are the BI Divers. We also have another on the way. They are in Houston. It was also bid time for the convention and Wayne Mathewson for the Texins bided for this and there were no more bids so the Texins won this bid. Convention will be hosted by Texins and held at the Holiday Inn, Garland, Texas.

Then our meeting of 9/25/74 was adjourned.

SECRETARY, S.W.C.  
Carolyn Weatherman

# PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Hi y'all and how is everybody? Diving may have slowed down for some of you but I got plenty wet in the Gulf last month and have some new footage on film which looks interesting. We found a friendly octopus living in the anchor chain of the V.A. Fogg and "captured" him (or her) on film.

Made a great archeological "find" on the Flower Gardens during a September dive. Y'all come see our old anchor encrusted with four types of coral and one sponge. All us "experts" say it's 20 to 30 years old and has been under water at least 7 to 12 years. Some people are just lucky...glad I'm one of them. Our store window is beginning to look like a museum.

I have had a few reports from the Lawton Divers' Ouachita dive but since their Area VP hasn't reported to me, I hope Mike has a report to you elsewhere in this month's Slate.

We are investigating a small "flap" brought up at that dive and as soon as all the facts are heard, an Executive Committee meeting will be arranged to settle it.


Since the recent rainy spell, I wonder if anyone has found any clear, fresh water. I was very interested to read Paul T. Zimoulis's latest editorial in Skin Diver about watermanship. Hope all of you keep in shape during the winter months ahead.

I was very saddened to hear of the loss of two of our divers while cave diving in Florida. Do be careful. It is not "sissy" to take that extra precaution on every dive. I want to see you all at the next convention instead of reading about you.

Make your plans now to attend Sea Space '74, October 18-19-20 in Houston's Rice Hotel. Plenty of fun, dive talk, new equipment, etc., plus the greatest film show in these parts. The Hospitality is Super and if you call yourself a diver, get it together in Houston. See y'all there.

Support the Dive Shops that support the Council and tell those who do not support the Council why. We'll be glad to have them as advertisers. Make a resolution to bring in a new diver to the Council this month. We like the old blood but need some new blood ourselves every once in a while.

Happy Diving,  
HANK



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A R E A II R E P O R T

After missing a month with my report, I find myself with little to report this month.

The contest in Arkansas had a small turnout. The lake and area was very scenic, but there were barely enough fish for a valid contest.

I attended an executive board meeting called by Hank. The financial problem of the Council was the main subject. The members of the board put the Council on a budget until the next convention.

I.D.A. is postponing their film festival until later this year with a tentative contract to show the movie "SCUBA" at the Tarrant County Convention Center. The new date will be published in the next Slate.

I hope to have more to report next month on trips being taken by Area II members to the big water to the South.

For myself and all members in this area offer our regrets on the loss of our friends from Ark-La-Tex. Our sympathy goes out to their family and all concerned.

Dennis Corcoran  
Area II V.P.

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# 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                   |
| Feb. 1-2/75     | Texins         | Council Convention           | Holiday Inn, Garland, Texas |

## "THE WAY I SEE IT!"

Back in 1967 I lived in Midland, Texas. Richard Stovall was Area Vice President at that time for that Area. He got me interested in Diving and the Southwest Council. That year I attended my first convention and boy, was I turned on. I thought, Boy! these Divers really get with it; at that time the Council still had Scip. It was not long til I started attending the contests and then wondered how on earth do these divers spearfish in all that dark water. It wasn't long and we moved to Dallas and joined the Texins and Aqua Sports Divers and I met Wayne Mathewson who took me down and showed me the art of spearfishing. Thanks to Wayne Mathewson for his time and boat I became Champ of Women's Spearfishing and then won Diver of the Year. Yes, the Southwest Council has been good to me. I even became it's Secretary and have been now for the past three years. This is not a duty to take lightly - you also don't take it for the title. There is a lot of work that goes with this duty. You need lots of time, lots of spare money and lots of guts. No one ever thinks you do a thing for them. It is a Thankless Job. But I knew all this before I took on this duty. I like the Southwest Council and its members and wish I could do more. I haven't participated in contests lately. As score-keeper I thought it best not to and then the women said if I entered there wasn't any need for them to; so it has given them more opportunity to win and I might say they have done well.

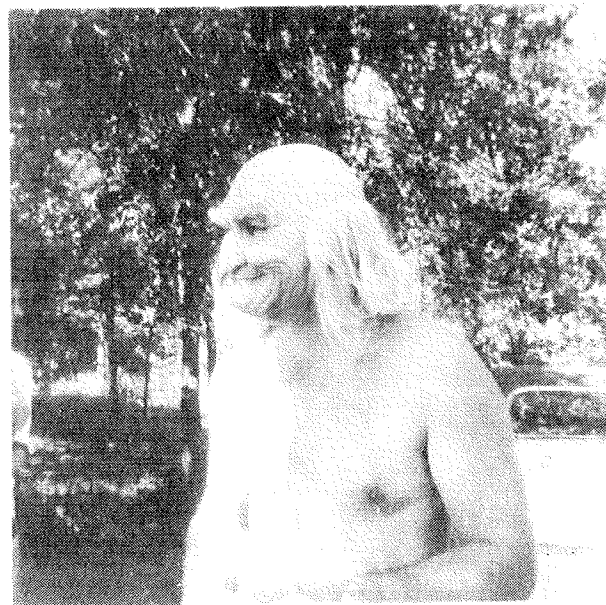
Before I went into office in 1972, I got the Women's Spearfishing points changed to the same as the men's. I guess what I'm trying to say with all this jaber is I love working for the Council and I'm sorry I have let so many down. To the person who takes over in February, there is no Glory, no Rest and no Let Down of Pressure. No one is ever happy no matter what you do.

Thanks to the Southwest Council for showing me the way to good, safe Diving.

Secretary of the Southwest Council  
Carolyn Weatherman



Area VI V.P.  
Robert Swilley



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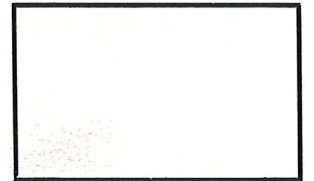
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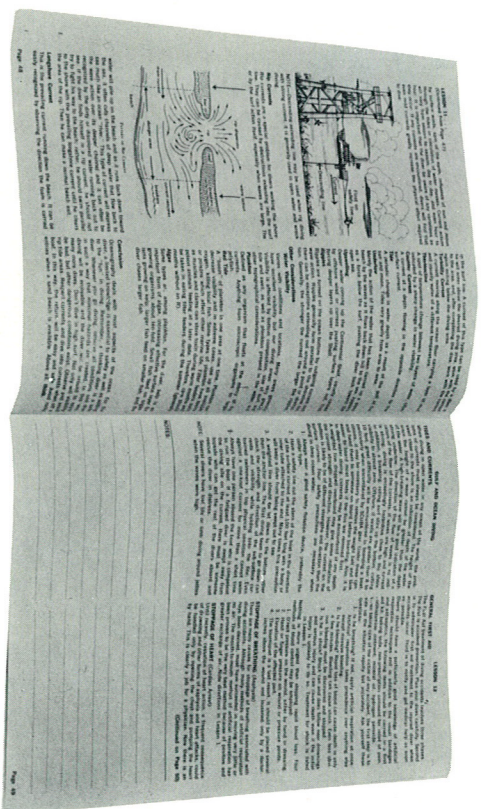
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## AREA III REPORT

American Airlines Aqua Jets haven't a lot to report but the club is beginning to show a lot in point standings in S.W.C. AAA is also competing with Braniff Divers for club points and trophy.

Get well wishes go to Elbert Jackson, who has had recent back surgery. And to Carolyn Embree who seems to be better at shooting underwater than on dry land, Carolyn, keep your hunting underwater, it's safer.

I have not received any reports from any of the Area III clubs, help!, I can't make all the meetings. Please make note of my new address:

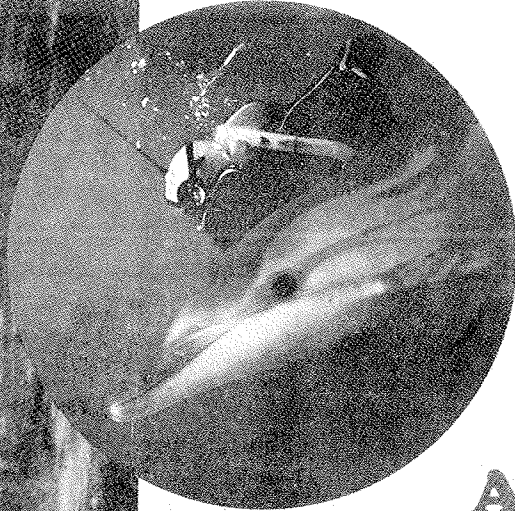
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Area III Vice President  
JIM GALE

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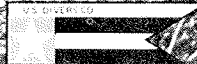
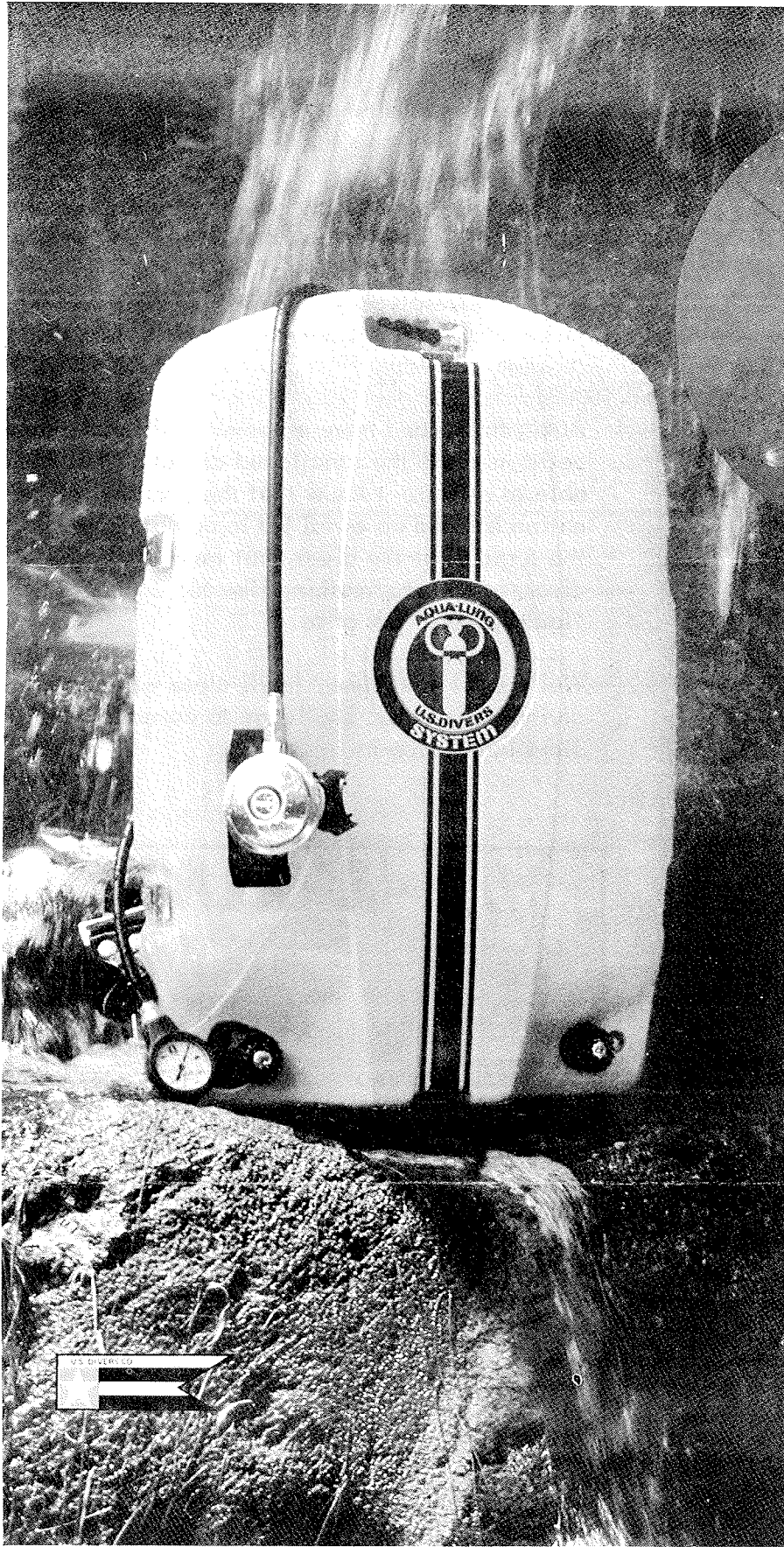
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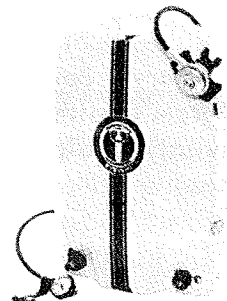
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AREA VI REPORT

Here it is the middle of the month again and I am (as usual) late with my report. Things have just been keeping me running the past couple of months.

Area 6 has had a fair turnout at all Council dives this year and a real good turnout at its club dives. The clubs of Area 6 had a challenge dive at Lake Hawkins this months with Dick Wilgus of the Aquanauts hitting the peg on the compass run for 1st place and Dennis Fogarty taking home the 2nd place honors. The Ark-La-Tex Divers had the winner of the muscle hunt, and the Quitman Dolphins went home with what they came with.

The Ark-La-Tex Divers and Aquanauts had their annual banquet and election of officers in September. The lucky winners of the club offices are as follows:

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- President - David Walsworth
- Vice President - Mike Timo
- Secretary - Joe Berger
- Program Chairman - Bill Tompkins
- Advisory Chairman - Lawrence Wood
- Treasurer - Don Sibley


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- Program Chairman - Dick Wilgus
- Advisory Chairman - Mike Young
- Treasurer - Horst Seeger
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Well as it is turning off cool in the area, we are all putting our thoughts toward the two GAR Rodeo's that will be sanctioned by the Council this year. We certainly hope to see all you clear, warm water divers down here to take on the challenges of Lake Bistineau and Caddo Lake. We hope to guarantee that it won't be a re-match of last year. All the Lakes are looking encouraging thus for this year.

Again this year I have enjoyed the friendly competition of all the sanctioned contests I have been able to attend. I know that the economy of the nation has had an awful lot to do with some of the turnouts at the dives, but we all know we divers can't let something like the economy make "land lubbers" out of us.

Well, until next time, I will close with a happy diving smile and a challenge to compete at the Jim Clark Rodeo in December.



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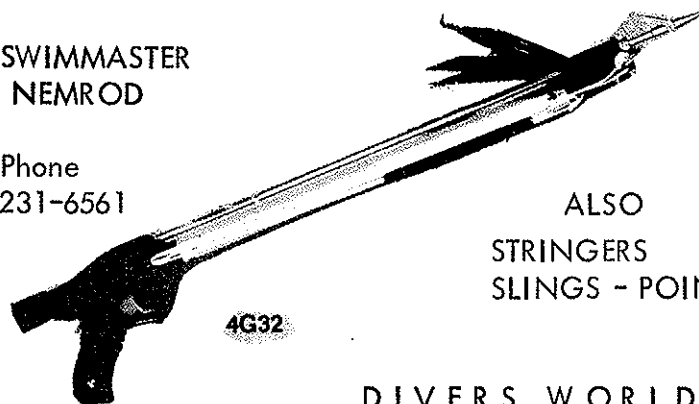
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