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# LES HOMMES DE MER CONTESTS MARCH 20-21 PK-SANDY BEACH

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

OPEN LETTER

The Council had a great year in 1975°. I want to thank everyone that helped. This year can be just as great. If you didn't do anything last year, make plans now to attend the dive contests and also the Mid-year Convention. Be an active diver!

East Texas Aquanauts hosted a very good convention. I enjoyed the history of the SWC by Sonny Logan and the "Pearl" diver and other diving equipment presented by the Aquanauts. It was especially good to see Dennis Fowarty there and taking such an active part in the show!

Inland Divers put on a terrific film festival. They are doing a bigger and better job each year. Their contest has more top competitors every year. The one next will probably prove to be the best due to the change in the Photograpy Contest rules at the Convention.

I hope to see everyone at the Les Hommes De Mer Dive at PK, Sandy Beach. This should be your year to win the 100% patch or pin. Also by attending all the dives you will support your clubs and your Council!

The first 1976° Executive Board meeting will be held at the L.H.D.M. dive on Saturday evening aprox. 7:00 p.m.

Deryle Matthews

AREA II REPORT

Well convention time is over and another diving year is here again. I think everyone that attended the convention in Kilgore had a very enjoyable time.

I'd like to welcome the Whitney Divers Club to our area and hope they and all the rest of Area II will be at the first contest in March and start the year off right.

SEE YA THERE  
James Permenter  
Area II V.P.

NOTICE: Please be reminded, the 1976° dues are due and if not paid soon the March edition of the Slate shall be the final issue received. Also, for competition points or V.F. bonus points, your individual dues must be recorded.

To the Southwest Council;

Many women who are good divers and could be great spearfishing champs are handicapped by husbands who dive while their wives set on the shore and babysit!

Hey guys, you helped produce those kids how about giving us an equal chance to dive! We aren't asking you to babysit while we dive, but how about the officers of clubs hosting dives considering the possibilities of several non diving persons watching children for divers while they enter the Scuba Skills and Spearfishing Competition. Host clubs would then make more money by having more women enter, at the same time you would not be spending any more money for trophies. I myself would be willing to pay a responsible person for these services or your clubs could charge a nominal sum and increase your chances of breaking even or by chance making a profit.

AN INTERESTED FEMALE DIVER

SWC TREASURERS REPORT  
12-15-75 thru 1-31-76

Cash on hand 12-15-75	\$2425.47
<u>INCOME</u>	
Slate ads	19.80
Nationals ads	10.00
Bal. - Slate subscription	1.00
Sanction Fees - Lawton Divers	58.50
Gar Rodeo, Scuba Sk.	7.00
	65.50
Bad ck. picked up	15.00
	<u>111.30</u>
Cash available	\$2536.77
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	
Bulk Mailing Permit #148 - 1976°	40.00
Denison Fed. Savings & Loan (Nationals° Champ.)	300.00
Banner repair	10.94
Instaprint - Jan. Slate	187.57
Proposed change sheet	27.77
	215.34
Southwestern Stationary	22.15
Crawfords - postage	28.68
misc. supplies	8.89
	<u>37.57</u>
	626.00
Cash on hand 1-31-76	\$1910.77

Myrna Jorgensen, Treasurer

# INLAND DIVERS ASSOCIATION'S UNDERWATER FILM FESTIVAL AND FILM COMPETITION

## WINNING CONTESTANTS

### COLOR SLIDES

1ST FREE FLIGHT -- Robt. Houck -- Ft. Worth, Texas

2ND BANDITO -- Glenn Siegert -- Houston, Texas

3RD LATE NIGHT BLOOMER -- Danny Faas -- Dallas, Texas

Honorable Mention

DIVER & GROUPER -- Ben Epstien -- San Diego, Calif.

TUBISTRAIA -- N. J. Penticost -- Ontario, Canada

FRENCH ANGEL -- Ben Epstien -- San Diego, Calif.

AQUARIAN APPENDAGES -- Glenn Siegert -- Houston, Tex

### COLOR PRINTS

1ST CHECK YOUR TENNACLES, SIR? -- Bill Elgan -- Dallas, Texas

2ND THE QUEEN IN FOOTLIGHTS -- Robt. Houck -- Ft. Worth, Texas

3RD FLAMINGO TOUNGES -- Dick Wilgus -- Longview, Texas

Honorable Mention

CORY NACTIS -- Ed Ptacek -- Los Angeles, Calif.

GRAND OPENING -- Virginia Elgan -- Dallas, Texas

STRANGER IN PARADISE -- Virginia Elgan -- Dallas, Texas

### BLACK & WHITE PRINTS

1ST BUBBLE REEF -- Judy Crouch -- Irving, Texas

2ND CAMOFLAUGE -- Dick Wilgus -- Longview, Texas

3RD MINGS EYE -- Judy Crouch -- Irving, Texas

Honorable Mention

POWERED PILLAR -- Judy Crouch -- Irving, Texas

GAR RODEO "75" -- Dick Wilgus -- Longview, Texas

### SLIDE SERIES

1ST THE COLORS OF MICRONESIA -- Frankie Herbert -- Tamuning, Guam

2ND LOOK TO THE STARS -- Glenn Siegert -- Houston, Texas

3RD MACRO SPACE -- Robt. Houck -- Ft. Worth, Texas

Honorable Mention

SAN PEDRO HOLIDAY IN MINIATURE -- Dick Wilgus -- Longview, Texas

### NOVICE

1ST GARABALDI -- Steve Early -- San Diego, Calif.

2ND DIVER & GREEN SPONGE -- Ben Epstien, San Diego, Calif.

3RD PEEK-A-BOO -- Debbie Duncan -- Wichita Falls, Texas

Honorable Mention

ABALONE -- Steve Early -- San Diego, Calif.

### FRESHWATER

1ST COMAL CRAWDAD -- Danny Faas -- Dallas, Texas

2ND STEP BY STEP -- Eric Peterson -- Dallas, Texas

3RD INSIDE OUT -- Dick Wilgus -- Longview, Texas

Honorable Mention

U-NAME-IT -- Dallas, Texas

### SUPER 8mm SOUND MOVIES

1ST DIVERS DREAM -- Robt. DeRuff -- Newport Beach, Calif.

2ND VERA CRUZ -- Raul Basenez -- Vera Cruz, Mexico

3RD BLANCO REEF -- Raul Basenez -- Vera Cruz, Mexico

### SUPER 8mm SILENT MOVIES

1ST SCUBA POINT -- Wayne Williams -- Ft. Worth, Texas

2ND SOUND OF SILENCE -- Dennis Corcoran -- Ft. Worth, Texas

3RD PARIS UNDER THE SEA -- Wayne Williams -- Ft. Worth, Texas

BEST OF SHOW -- FREE FLIGHT -- Robt. Houck -- Ft. Worth, Texas

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First I would like to express my gratitude to the people of Area VI for placing their confidence in me by electing me to serve as their Vice President for 1976. I truly appreciate the opportunity to serve you, Area VI, and the Southwest Council.

As for the Quitman Dolphins, I would like to congratulate the new officers, President - Lois Love, Vice President - Gary Simpkins, and I'll be darned if I can remember who was elected Secretary and Treasurer and I was at their annual meeting and election of officers. Sorry, but I'll recognize you in my next report. The annual banquet was held at Clear Lake's restaurant and Dick Wilgus presented the program which consisted of some outstanding slides taken by Farlieh Sonnier, a Lafayette, La attorney. These slides were taken in the Gulf of Mexico on some living coral banks similar to the Flower Gardens. The slides included some shots of a Whale Shark as well as some beautiful Feather Duster Worms and Lobster.

I feel sure that Lois, the new officers and members of the Dolphins intend to take an active part in the Council affairs this year and help both the club and Council grow.

I haven't had a chance to contact the Ark-La-Tex Divers of Shreveport since my election but I intend to do so as soon as I am able. I understand that Dennis James is the President now, succeeding David Wallsworth. I will have more to report on the Ark-La-Tex Divers next month.

I can, however, give you some information on the E.T. Aquanauts and their activities. Congratulations are in order for Edd and Nancy Long as they were united in Holy Matrimony on Valentines Day Feb. 14th at the First Baptist Church in Gladwater, TX. It was one of the most beautiful ceremonies I have witnessed. At the time of this writing they are in Jamaica on their honeymoon which I assume will include some diving. We will all be looking forward to seeing your slides Edd since you are taking your new Nikonos III and Sub Sea Strobe. I would like to wish you and Nancy good luck and all the happiness in the world.

A good many of the Aquanauts will be going on a charter bus trip to the Florida springs and caves with Divers Supply over the weekend of Feb. 20-23. We are also making preparations for a Gulf trip on Capt. Blood's new "Silver King II" in May and a trip to Felize in June.

While practicing for a basketball game between the E.T. "Aquanauts" and the Nicks, to raise money for the Dennis Fogarty Benefit Fund, I had a ligiment tear in my left leg at the knee cap. I have now had surgery and am in a cast from my hip to my ankle and will be this way for about six weeks, so it will be hard for me to make some of the up coming meetings, however, I will do my best. At this writing I am still in the hospital but should be home by publication date.

I have been advised by Dick Wilgus that there is to be a new club in Area VI in Carthage, TX. This club is being sponsored by Bill Hutto. I am looking forward to working with this club and helping it become a member of the Southwest Council.

I hope everyone had as much fun at the Convention as I did, the food was great, the facilities were very nice and I enjoyed being a part of the skit Sat. night. I hope everyone had a good time and will return to Longview when we host another Convention. Thanks to all the Aquanauts who worked so hard on making the Convention successful.

Larry Smith

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George Buckstaff and Family	Eddy Hal Icenhower	Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hansen
Dr. and Mrs. Merritt	Ed Ralston	Aquasports Club - \$20.00
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Danny Johnson	Linda Reeks	Doyle James Barbar Shop
Lee Roe Beck	Aquanauts club meeting - \$31.83	Chuck and Marguerite Wilgus
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Cecil Christopher	Edd Long	Southwest Council - \$50.00
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Henry Green	Danny Bennett	Joe Max and Stellagene Shelton
Ray Hester	Matt Wiley	Jay Zornes
Robert Yee	David Barton	Bill and Brenda Hutto
Charles Carlise	Kathy Linbarger	Quitman Dolphins - \$100.00
Tim Davis	Gloria Lott	Dallas Divers - \$67.37
Kylene McNesse	Mr. and Mrs. Joe Diederich	Bud and Lucille Columbia
Dutch Hood	Dan Linebarger	S.W.C. Inst. Program - \$100.00
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Underwater Swimmers Assn.	Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Linebarger	William May
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Cap and Ethyl Flood	Les Hommes De Mer Club - \$100.00	Gorden Dehler-Winter Park, FLA
Slick Hodge	Jerry Broadus	Oklahoma Scuba Divers - \$39.50, and \$31.83
Randy Baker	Bobby Fleet	Mr. and Mrs. Dale Shappell
Wayne Smith	Randall Davis	Aquanauts Fish Fry - \$1250.00
Keith Ballow	Tom and Robin Streff	James Forquer
Wayne Mathewson	Texins Divers - \$50.00 & \$12.00	Anonymous - \$25.00
Davis P. Noble	Dorothy Roy	Billy Griffin
Howard Rogers	Calvin and Eloise Taylor, Tampa	James Crittenden
Gene Kinard	Employees/Linebarger Agcy \$8.00	
Mark Alumbaugh	A.A. Aquajets Club - \$50.00	
Don Davis	Cecil Smith, Jr.	

\$3,000.00 was given to Dennis leaving a balance in the account of \$433.00. If you have donated and your name doesn't appear on this list please contact Dick Wilgus, 103 E. Melton Longview, TX 75601. The amount has been left off to avoid embarassment to anyone.



## East - Texas - Aquanauts

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100% Southwest Council Membership  
We Meet 1st Monday Each Month At  
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7:30 P.M. - Visitors Welcome

Convention Business Reports  
February 7, 1976

Cash on hand 2-1-75 \$ 836.57

INCOME

Club Dues 18 @ \$20.00	
2 @ \$10.00	380.00
Member dues 74'	52.50
Member dues 75' (343)	1998.00
Contest Sanction Fees (9)	697.50
Slate ads 74'	270.00
Slate ads 75'	435.05
Patches and Decals	25.75
Photo Contest Fees (74' Conv)	48.00
Money donated/Mid-year Conv.	70.00
Charge for bad checks	1.00
Bad checks	25.00
Service charge (bank)	.83
Deposit refund	10.00
USA dues	6.00
overpayment by Braniff	2.00
Slate subscription	3.50
Nationals - ads (11) 110.00	
registrations (56) 840.00	
	950.00
	<u>\$4975.13</u>
	\$5811.70


Cash available \$5811.70

DISBURSEMENTS

Slate - Jan. 75' thru Jan. 76'	1460.66
Postage	287.11
Secretary Supplies	136.02
Convention Trophies 74'	250.00
Banner - clean and repair	18.94
D. Wilgus - Bonus for Slate 74'	250.00
Printing - misc.	80.81
Name Tags	26.62
Print checks	9.41
USA - top 25 divers & Sanction fees 75'	83.00
Ed Halston - 74' USA Sanction fee	8.00
Overpayments - Braniff 2.00	
E.T.A. 12.00	
Texins 5.00	
	19.00
Mid-year Convention expenses	75.00
Money set aside/Nationals' Champions	300.00
Fogarty Benefit Fund	50.00
Phone	8.15
Bad checks	25.00
Service charge (bank)	.83
USA dues	6.00
Deposit to open checking account	10.00
Nationals - placques 553.02	
gas 57.83	
printing 170.53	
postage 15.00	
	796.38

Cash available 1-31-76 \$1910.77

Myrna Jorgensen, Treasurer



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1975<sup>o</sup> SOUTHWEST COUNCIL MID-YEAR CONVENTION  
 Lake Whitney, August 3, 1975  
 Hosted by Area #6

Agenda and order of business as follows:

1. Call to order by our President Robert Swilley.
  2. Roll call of Officers;
 

President, Robert Swilley - present	Area 4, V.P., Bart McCollum - not present
Excutive V.P., Dick Wilgus - present by proxy	Area 6, V.P., Bill Hutto, present
Secretary, Helen Crawford - present	Area 7, V.P., Jeep Valenti, present
Treasurer, Myrna Jorgensen - present	Director, Bob Harris - not present
Slate Editor, Charles Crawford - present	Director, Ben Sleigh - not present
Area 1, V.P., Hank Silver - present	Director, Dennis Corcoran - present
Area 2, V.P., Deryle Matthews - present	Public Relations, Matt Wiley - present
Area 3, V.P., Jim Gale - not present	U.S.A. Repres., Ed Ralston - not present
  3. Roll call of member clubs and votes recorded, total of 38 votes.
 

A.A.A.	Abstention 3 votes	Les Hommes De Mer	present 4 votes
Aqua Sports	Abstention 1 vote	Little Gem	present 1 vote
Ark-La-Tex	present 4 votes	L.T.V. Divers	present 2 votes
B.I. Divers	present 2 votes	Midland	Abstention 4 votes
Dallas Divers	present 3 votes	Orca Tamers	present 2 votes
E.T.A.	present 6 votes	Quitman Dolphins	present 2 votes
Hell Divers	Abstention 1 vote	Sherman Divers	present 2 votes
I.D.A.	present 3 votes	Westside Divers	present 2 votes
Lawton Divers	present 2 votes	Texins Divers	present 3 votes
  4. Treasurers Report; Income to-date \$2211.60.
  5. Proposed changes to the Constitution or By-laws:
 

Proposals submitted by the Excutive Officers from 75<sup>o</sup> Excutive meetings;

    - a. Article 5, Section 5 of the Constitution/Treasurer - to delete President's signature required. Proposal passed 30 to 8.
    - b. To add to the Consitution, Article 4/Officers -Underwater Society Representative and Public Relations/clarification on vote and designate duties under Article 5. Proposal passed with these Officers as voting members of the Board. Unanimous decision.
    - c. To add to the Consitution, Article 5, Section 4/Secretary, duties - to make a list per meeting of proposed changes and bring forth Excutive minutes for record. Proposal passed unanimously.

Proposal from the floor by Myrna (Treasurer), Article 5, Section 5/Treasurer - to change checks written in the amount of over \$50.00 must be approved by the Exc. Committee, to limit amount over \$200.00. Proposal passed.

Proposal submitted by Helen Crawford, By-laws, Article 18, Section/Novice - to delete the Section for purpose of being obsolete. Proposal passed.

Proposal submitted by Helen Crawford, By-laws, Article 5/Championship Teams - that a Women's Team and an additional Scuba Skills Team be sent to the 1975<sup>o</sup> Underwater Society's National Competition event. Proposal was not voted on because of Consitutional provisions.
  6. Discussion on the question of the S.W.C. loan to Dallas Divers to defry losses while hosting the 73<sup>o</sup> Convention. Secretary to review Council tapes and give a report.
- New Business;
7. Proposal by Myrna to amend Article 4 of the By-laws-that the last sentence shall read, The Excutive Committee is empowered to provide funds to the club hosting the annual convention, as a loan to be reimbursed, to help defray costs of the convention in an amount to be determined by the Excutive Committee. Proposal was seconded and passed.
  8. Proposal by Dennis Corcoran that the S.W.C. wave all money to send individuals to the 75<sup>o</sup> Nationals'. Proposal was seconded and passed.
  9. Proposal by Wayne Matthewson that the S.W.C. pay \$15.00 per individual sent to the 75<sup>o</sup> Nationals'. Proposal was seconded and by roll call vote failed.

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10. Proposal by Robert Swilley to add under provisions for the Nationals', Article 5 of the By-laws- to place \$300.00 in escro to be used for the first place teams to attend the Nationals event. Proposal seconded and passed.
11. Secretary to notify eligable teams for the 75' Nationals.
12. Hank Silver as Area 1 representative submitted a new club (Explorer Post #1168) for membership. Motion by Jack Echart following discussion that the Explorers be admitted membership at half the dues. Motion was seconded and passed. The Explorers Consitution & By-laws was submitted to the Secretary and their dues submitted to the Treasurer.
13. \$70.00 cash was submitted to the Treasury by Bill Hutto for profits from the Con-vention supper.
14. Call for ajornment. Following the convention meeting is to be a Excutive Committee meeting to discuss details for the Nationals'.

Excutive Board meeting, August 3, 1975

Business to set details for the 75' International competition to be sponsored by the Southwest Council.

1. Call to order by Robert Swilley, President.
2. Roll call of Officers: present are; Slate Editor, Charles Crawford - Secretary, Helen Crawford - Excutive V.P., Dick Wilgus by proxy - Treasurer, Myrna Jorgensen - Area 2 V.P., Deryle Matthews - Area 6 V.P. Bill Hutto - Area 7 V.P., Jeep Valenti - Director, Dennis Corcoran - Public Relations Director, Matt Wiley.
3. Secretary proposed that a refund of \$5.00 be made to the Texins for overpayment of funds from their Sanctioned Contest. Proposal seconded and passed.
4. Secretary proposed that a refund of \$12.00 be made to E.T.A. for over-payment of dues. \$6.00 each for David Sherman and Charles Lee. Proposal seconded and passed.
5. Details and rules set following agreement by the Board:
  - a. Nationals' to be held at Lake Amistad, Labor Day weekend.
  - b. Boat speed to be limited to 30 M.P.H.
  - c. Deposit to be sent to the Underwater Society for Madallions.
  - d. Reimbursement (limited) of boat gas used by contestants.
  - e. Disqualification if using guns on Saturday.
  - f. Requirement of attendance for rules meeting Saturday evening.
  - g. Scuba Skills competition 9:00 Satruday morning.
  - h. Roll call for Spearfishing competition - 8:00 Sunday morning.
  - i. An open banquet Saturday evening following rules meeting.
  - j. Secretary to send fliers, and letters. Charles to prepare pamphlet.
  - k. Dennis to get numbers for check-in.
  - l. Check on patches - free to contestants, sell to spectators.
  - m. Corcoran, Crawford and Swilley to inquire and compare prices for trophies.

Call for ajornment

Helen Crawford, Secretary  
Southwest Council of Diving Clubs

The preceding minutes for the Mid-year Convention, not including the Excutive meeting following the convention, were read to and approved by the 75' Convention delegation on February 2th, 1976 held in Kilgore, Texas.



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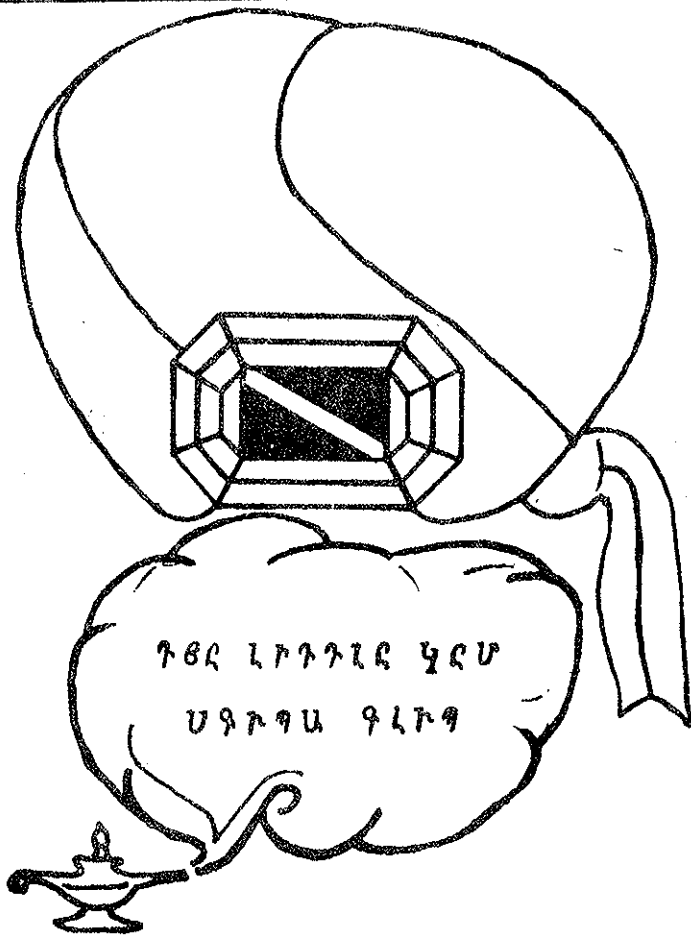
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# Schedule of Events - 1976

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
✓*Mar. 20-21	Rough Fish Roundup	PK, Sandy Beach	Les Hommes De Mer
✓*April 10-11	Buffalo Blast	PK, IDA Pavillion	Inland Divers Assoc.
✓*May 1-2	Underwater Safari	Travis, LCRA Park	Texins Divers
*May 22-23	Spearfishing	Texoma, Soldier's Creek	Lawton Divers
*June 12-13	Spearfishing	Whitney, State Park	American Airlines Aquajets
*Aug. 7-8	Mid-year Convention	To Be Announced	The Hutto's
*Aug. 7th	Photo Contest	Mid-year Convention	Dallas Divers
*Aug. 21-22	Spearfishing	Whitney, TBA	Orca Tamers & Whitney Divers
*Sept. 3-5	Spearfishing	Date Subject to change	Little Gem - TBA
*Dec. 11-12	Jim Clark Memorial (Texas Car Rodeo)	Caddo, Curley's Camp	East Texas Aquanauts
*Jan. 15, 76	Photo Contest		Inland Divers Assoc.
*Feb. 5, 76	Photo Contest	SWC Convention	To Be Announced
*TBA	Photo Contest		East Texas Aquanauts
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