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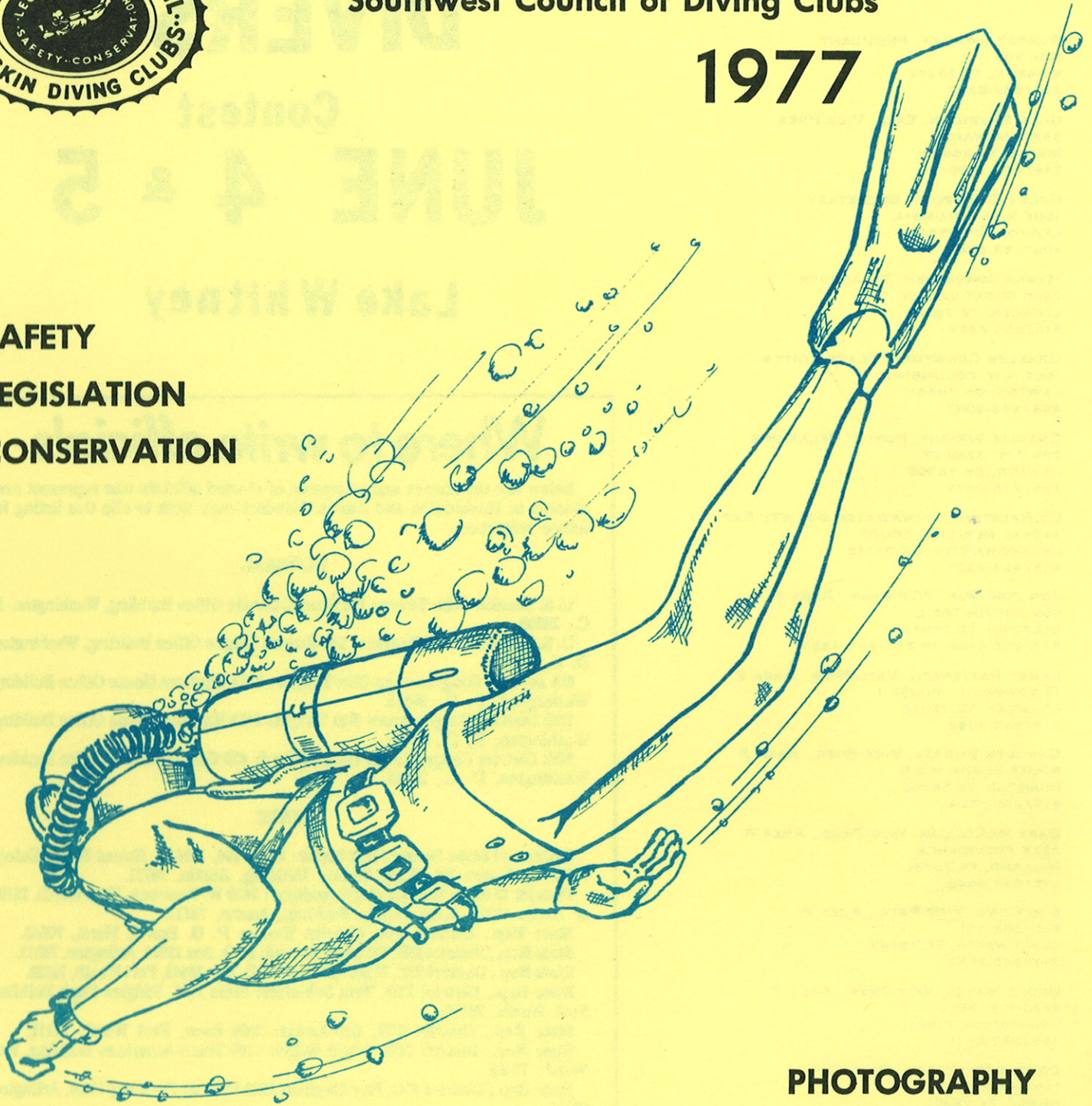
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WHITNEY DIVERS

Contest

JUNE 4 & 5

Lake Whitney

Where to write officials

Below are the names and addresses of elected officials who represent area citizens in Washington and Austin. Readers may wish to clip this listing for future reference.

FEDERAL

U. S. Senator John Tower: 142 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C., 20510.

U. S. Senator Lloyd Bentsen: 240 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C., 20510.

6th District Congressman Olin Teague: 2311 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D. C., 20515.

12th District Congressman Jim Wright: 2459 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D. C., 20515.

24th District Congressman Dale Milford: 430 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D. C., 20515.

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State Rep., District 32C, Mike Millsap: P. O. Box 16443, Fort Worth, 76133.

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State Rep., District 32H, Leonard Briscoe: P. O. Box 1172, Fort Worth, 76101.

State Rep., District 32I, Chris Miller: 1203½ Lake St., Fort Worth, 76102.

State Rep., District 42, Bill Coody: P. O. Box 572, Weatherford, 76086.

(All of the state representatives have the same Austin address. It is P. O. Box 2910, Austin, 78767.)

Well divers, we are once again moving right along into a new season. We have a lot to look forward to once again with the National Scuba Championship topping out the year. We need to all be making plans to attend this event so that it can be one we will all surely remember, and our visiting Councils can go home and tell their fellow divers about. I am sure we will be able to have a better event this year since we have held one before and hopefully learned something from it.

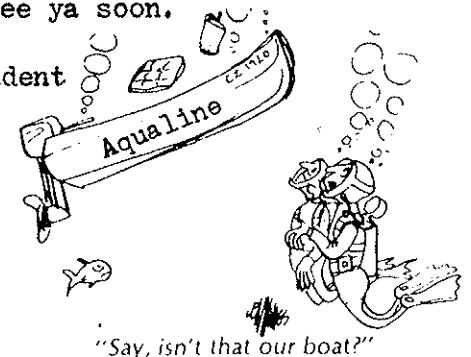
Enough said about the future, now let's talk about the present. I am all packed and ready for the upcoming Whitney dive. I am truly looking forward to seeing each of you on the lake. Hopefully the weather will be better than it has been in Shreveport. We have just about been able to swim to work recently and it is raining now.

I was able to go out last weekend with a diver that I finally talked into diving a few contests with me this year. We didn't find any Carp, but we did see some Gar and Catfish. Since we were on the Louisiana side of the lake we picked up a couple of these "Little Fellows" with the whiskers and flat heads, and wound up with about 60 pounds of fittets.

I am planning on going to the Gulf in the next couple of weeks to get some fish for the mid year outting. I look forward to that every year. I just hope the weather let's up so that I can make it out without sinking my boat. The Grouper, Red Snapper, and Gewfish should be about ready for my weekend visits. Hopefully I will get away more than last year. Of course you can never talk about the Gulf. The water might be smooth as glass one day and have eight foot seas the next. What's really bad is when you're 40 - 50 miles out in my Aqua Sport and when you go down the seas are 2'-3' and come up with your fish to find 4'-6" seas slapping you around. I generally wish I were back home or on Lake Travis about that time.

Well, I guess I have borred you all long eonough for now. Hopefully next month's Slate will let me show some pictures of how I come out on my trip. See ya soon.

Robert Swilley, President
Southwest Council



OPEN LETTER TO LAWTON DIVERS

We would like to whole heartedly thank the Lawton Divers for their excellent presentation of the SWC Convention of 1977. We feel that this Convention equals or even surpasses the first Mid Year Convention for gaiety and sheer enjoyment. We would also like to congratulate the newly elected and re-elected officers. Special congratulations to Jack Echart for a long overdue recognition. Hearty congrats to our new "Guinness" record holder, Dennis Corcoran. Noticing the sheer determination in his eyes (not stomach) anyone would be a fool to have bet on someone else. Wolfgang Jack, Damned Nice Try. How many of you reading this could swallow 21 live minnows and keep them down?

I (Myrna) wish to thank everyone for awarding me the Service Award. It means much more to me than any trophy or plaque I have ever received. Now I will have to live up to it.

Again, thank you Lawton Divers for a great Convention. If anyone missed the bandquet and party, they should sit down and cry as much as we danced and laughed.

Ron & Myrna Jorgensen

AREA I.I. REPORT

This Area V.P. will be out of action for the summer as far as diving goes. I busted up my foot and will be in a cast for 3 to 4 months. While I was in the hospital I heard the news of the Buffalo Blast. Congratulations to the Oklahoma Divers for a good showing. Yeah for Gordon and Deryle on the Buffalo they got.

The Mayor of Lawton was right about Divers being a damn good breed of people. I've got several visits and phone calls from Divers in the SWC, thanks alot for boosting my moral.

Lake Whitney is looking good and should be a great dive. I'll see you on the banks of Whitney.

Larry Patterson

AREA I REPORT

Texins - April 12, 1977:

May 7th Howdy Dance is on-Plano, TX
Coomunity Center.

The Texins new T-shirt logo was modeled by Wayne Mathewson, shirt looked good but Wayne "hum!".

Also saw one of the trophies for Under H2O Safari, smallest fish from "the plastic specialist (W.M.) looks like he has done it again.

Mr. Bud Columbia of the Texins is in room 234, Richardson Gen. Hosp.

Those attending meeting that won door prizes were Norma May, a book by J.C. himself (the one of this life) French National, need any more hints! Allen Craddock, results boy.

The new crop of students out of Texins are to take their tests and be at P.K. the 30th & 31st of April for their lake check out. The Dive Master class is finished, all those attending seemed to enjoy. I did not hear any complaints.

Texins have trip to Flower Gardens, \$90.00, July 30th.

Dallas Divers - 14 April 77:

Bud Columbia out of Hosp. and at the D.D. meeting "boy does he get well quick!"

It was announced by Mrs. Thad Moore (Anita) that Sea Space 77' will be 4 June in Houston, there are to be symposium'o & Film Festival.

The sad fact that Mr. Quenton Becket "The Dive Shop, Dallas' own Live Oak" had passed away, was Original Member of Dallas Divers, also strong supporter of SWC & had time to talk diving. He surely will be missed. There is to be a Memorial to him submitted by the Dallas Divers to the American Cancer Society.

The State elected official that represents you and I in Texas as hard at work again. Write to your representative and tell him you want to see spearfishing laws changed, so we can eat what we shoot (see list inside cover, page 2).

The trip to San Salvador had slides to entice those yet un-decided upon the trip.

Some very nice "OLD" film from Gene Gall taken, Cusemel-1964, can you remember that far back!

L.H.D.M. - 15 April 77:

At Ronnie Williams house "he was at work" you know those "Gen Tele people" but most every one else was there, "cept" our leader "big Jim Wooldridge", last mo. appendix this mo. "pumonia", poor miss Kitty, besides that she just became a Grandmother.

The mass of LHDM had a ball cussin and discussin Diveing. I had to get Ronnies'

wife to tell me how to get to their house, cause I couldn't follow his map, but her directions worked "jus fine".

Action Divers meeting was to be Sunday at Grapevine Lake, but lost out to the Easter Bunny, and is to be re-scheduled.

More gossip, Mr. G.C. Bradburn formly of Aqua Sports Dive Shop in Dallas is to open a new shop w/boats, Motel, camper hoop-ups & facilities, AIR & etc., down where NAGI dive is held in Cagun Country, more when I get the whole facts.

Also, for those that go to P.K. and come back thru Weatherford, that like to eat & are "cheep" like me, I would suggest The Charter Inn on Palo Pinto where Brazos St. crosses about 1/2 mi. west of square. Hamburger steak, FF & gravy, rolls, salad, and Choc. malt like they used to make in 1950's, all for \$3.00 and for you that know, Jon likes to eat and ever I couldn't hold all I was served. C.V. at Whitney, Jon

P.S. Larry Patterson is out of Hosp. & home, says what his little wife can't take care of, their dog will handel! May even smart off to watch at Whitney. (yea! come on Larry)

AREA III REPORT

Congratulations to LHDM for a successful dive at P.K., we really enjoyed camping at the State Park rather than at Sandy Beach.

AAA apologies to I.D.A. for our poor representation at their dive. I hope we do better next time.

Everyone in AAA is busy trying to get ready for our dive April 23rd & 24th at Lake Whitney, State Park. No news to report from L.T.V.

See you at Lake Whitney,
Carolyn Embree
Area III, V.P.

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2-6-77 thru 4-23-77

Cash on hand 2-6-77 \$1422.17

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Patches and Decals	10.00	
Club dues (12)	240.00	
Ind. member dues (151)	894.00	
ETA & Dallas Divers (used 1 credit each - 12.00)		
Photo Contest Sanction Fee (2)	13.00	
Slate Ads	89.75	
Sanction Fee - Little Gem	60.00	
LHDM Sanction Fee		
63 spearfishing	94.50	
13 scuba skills	13.00	107.50
		<u>1414.25</u>

Cash available \$2836.42

DISBURSEMENTS

Copies - financial report/Conv.	6.24	
U.S.A. - Dep./Nationals	300.00	
Crawford - bonus/Slate	250.00	
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Feb.	31.20	
March	42.12	104.52
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Name Tags	33.28	
Membership Cards	35.36	
Slate Covers	156.00	
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Print Consitution/By-Laws	131.56	
Refund for Slate Ad	13.50	
		<u>1137.41</u>

Cash on hand 4-23-77 \$1699.01

Myrna Jorgensen, Treasurer

AREA IV REPORT

On March 28, 1977 the Environmental Affairs Committee held a public hearing in the Texas House of Representatives concerning House Bill 434 for the legalization of spearfishing for game fish. This bill, sponsored by Representative Bob Simpson, is the first opportunity we have had in quite sometime to get this passed. I am not aware of the final disposition of this hearing, but hopefully it was in our favor.

Hope to see everyone at Travis in May!

Bart McCollum
Vice Pres., Area IV

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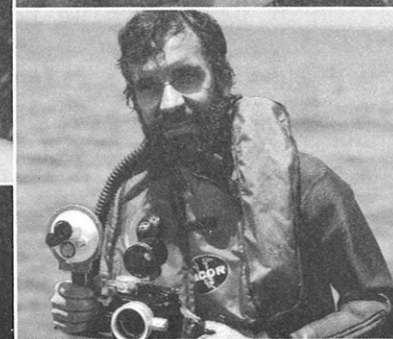
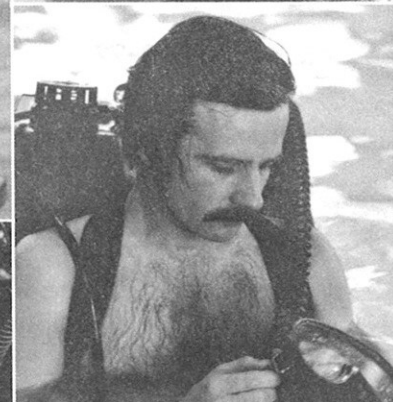
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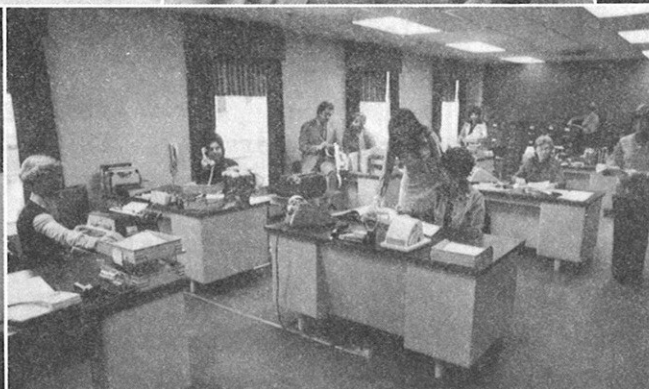
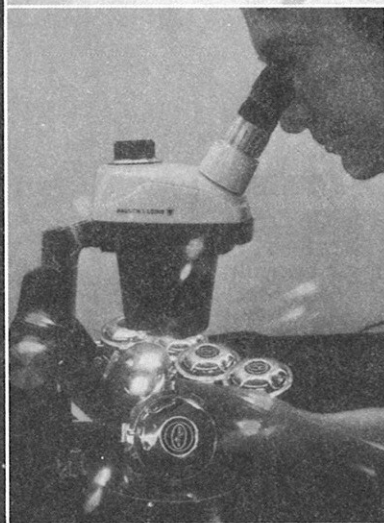
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PK 3/20/77

SPEARFISHING:	MENS DIVISION	LB.	OZ.
1st Largest	James Permenter	28	4
2nd Largest	Dennis Corcoran	18	9
3rd Largest	Gordon Hubenak	14	8
4th Largest	James Permenter	12	5
1st Team	Hubenak-Permenter	321	1
2nd Team	Corcoran-Kornegay	47	7
3rd Team	Fuller-McCoun	30	6
4th Team	Lackey-Sanders	24	8½

FISH

1st Most	Gordan Hubenak	17
2nd Most	James Permenter	15
3rd Most	Deryle Matthews	6
4th Most	Corcoran (by largest)	5
5th Most	John Fuller	5

NOVICE DIVISION:	LB.	OZ.
1st Largest	John Fuller	7 8
2nd Largest	John Fuller	7 3
3rd Largest	John Fuller	6 7
4th Largest	Warren Lema	5 3

1st Most	John Fuller	FISH 5
2nd Most	Carl Garrison	3
3rd Most	Clyde Cole (by largest)	2
4th Most	William Natz	2

WOMENS DIVISION:		
Most Fish	Georgia Mayes	1 Fish
Largest	Georgia Mayes	2LB. 9OZ.

SCUBA SKILLS:	Compass Course	FT.	IN.
1st Place	Doc Patterson	13	-
2nd Place	David McMurry	17	11½
3rd Place	John Fuller	18	6½
4th Place	Glen Sheridan	20	1½
5th Place	Gene Kinard	30	5

SMALLEST FISH	Ken Pepper	2LB. 8OZ.
TURTLE	Larry Patterson	7LB. 4OZ.

IDA CONTEST RESULTS
PK 4/3/77

SPEARFISHING:	MENS DIVISION	LB.	OZ.
1st Largest	Gordon Hubenak	18	12
2nd Largest	Deryle Matthews	13	12
3rd Largest	Robert Swilley	12	5
	(tie broken by 2nd largest)		
4th Largest	Bob Hardy (OK)	12	5
5th Largest	Warren Lema	12	-

1st Team	Landon-Neivar (OK)	84	4
2nd Team	Cole-Pepper	77	11
3rd Team	Hanley-Smfth (OK)	60	9
4th Team	Hubenak-Permenter	57	6
5th Team	Crawford-Swilley	51	10

1st Most	Joe Landon (OK)	FISH 12
2nd Most	Gary Hanley (OK)	10
3rd Most	Kenneth Pepper (by largest)	9
4th Most	Jim Neivar (OK)	9
5th Most	Clyde Cole (by largest)	8
6th Most	Wayne Mathewson	8
7th Most	Bruce Mayes	7

NOVICE DIVISION:

	LB.	OZ.
1st Largest	Warren Lema	12 -
2nd Largest	Vernon Monk	7 15
3rd Largest	Larry Wiley	6 15
4th Largest	Vernon Monk	6 9

1st Most	Clyde Cole	FISH 8
2nd Most	Vernon Monk	6
3rd Most	Hank Silver	5
4th Most	Larry Wiley	3

WOMENS DIVISION: NO FISH

SCUBA SKILLS: (pending) no records to-date

"SEE NEXT ISSUE FOR COMPETITION & V.P. POINTS"

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - 1977

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	SPONSOR
May 14-15	Underwater Safari	Travis, LCRA Park	Texins Divers
*June 4-5	Carp Capers	Whitney, State Park	Whitney Divers
June 24-25-26	GISR, Spearfishing	Grand Isle, LA	Harry's Dive Shop
*July 9-10	Spearfishing	Canyon, TBA	Little Gem
*July 30-31	Spearfishing	Texoma, TBA	Lawton Divers
*Aug. 6-7	SWC work shops	TBA	Dallas Divers
*Aug 6th	Photo Contest	TBA	Dallas Divers
*Sept. 3-4-5	Scuba Internationals	Amistad, Amistad Lodge	Southwest Council
*Oct. 15th	Photo Contest	TBA	East Texas Aquanauts
*Dec. 10-11	Jim Clark Memorial (Texas Gar Rodeo)	Caddo, Curley's Camp	East Texas Aquanauts
*Feb. 4-5, 1978	SWC Convention	TBA	TBA
*Feb. 4th, 1978	Photo Contest	TBA	TBA

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Summer finds diving picking up again. Many clubs of Area VI are planning Gluf trips, local dives, and other various fund raising activities.

Congratulations are in order for E.T.A. and the Dolphin members who attended the I.D.A. dive, with special congratulations going to Kenneth Pepper and Clyde Cole for their 2nd place team win in spearfishing.

The East Texas Aquanauts held their monthly meeting at Charlie Brown's, April 4th, there were 28 members and 3 visitors present. One new member, Wade Garvin, was voted into the club and four applications were read and will be voted on at the next meeting. Kenneth Pepper won the monthly spearfishing trophy and also presented the program, "The Christmas Tree Wreck".

Larry Smith has just returned from Spanish Honduras, where he visited Dick and Peggy Wilgus, and of course did a little diving. I'm sure Larry will tell us all about it at the next meeting. Larry also has the Silver King II for the weekend of May 21 & 22. Anyone wishing to come along can contact Larry Smith at Divers Supply in Longview at ph. 757-6112.

The Quitman Dolphins held their monthly meeting March 24th and had 7 members present, one visitor, Tracy Delk, and voted in one new member (Ron Kile). They also discussed their up-coming club dive which will be a turtle derby, the 1st weekend in May, sponsored by Charles Delk. Congratulations are in order for Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Wilbanks of the Dolphins for their new baby boy diver, who goes by the handle of Robert Shawn.

The East Texas Men-o-War had 4 members present at their last meeting. They discussed plans for their up-coming 24 hr. Dive-a-Thon for Muscular Distrophy and a Water Carnival to be held at the Carthage City Pool and they will have games such as fishing, basketball, hit the bucket, and tic-tac-toe. All proceeds will go to the Little League Park of Carthage. Believe it or not the Men-o-War plan to attend the Whitney Dive.

See you all at the Whitney Dive.

Safe Diving,
Edd Long



SPEARFISHING: MENS DIVISION			
		LB.	OZ.
1st Largest	Bruce Mayes	22	14
2nd Largest	Wayne Williams	9	11½
3rd Largest	Jim Wooldridge	7	1
4th Largest	Jim Gale	6	8
1st Team	Knight-Mayes	80	9
2nd Team	Hubenak-Permenter	43	5
3rd Team	Beach-Lema	36	4
1st Most	Bruce Mayes	FISH	14
2nd Most	Gordon Hubneak		10
3rd Most	Mike Beach		8
4th Most	Robert Swilley		6

NOVICE DIVISION:			
		LB.	OZ.
1st Largest	John Fuller	4	13½
2nd Largest	Vernon Monk	4	11½
3rd Largest	Warren Lema	3	10
4th Largest	Ron Jorgensen	3	3
1st Most	Carl Garrison (by total wt.)	FISH	2
2nd Most	Clyde Cole		2
3rd Most	John Fuller (by largest)		1
4th Most	Vernon Monk		1

WOMENS DIVISION: NO FISH

SCUBA SKILLS: Compass Course			
		FT.	IN.
1st Place	Lewis Pack	-	23
2nd Place	David McMurry	-	26'
3rd Place	Gene Kinard	2	6
4th Place	Ed Long	3	8
5th Place	Glen Sheridan	5	-

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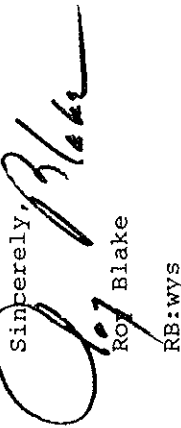
Mr. Bill Hutto
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Carthage, Texas 75633

Dear Mr. Hutto:

I apologize for the delay in answering your letter along with your returned questionnaire. We have been busy with the Appropriations Bill but now that it has been passed out of committee, I will have time to catch up on answering my mail.

I recall that we have talked about legislation that you suggested before. It is too late to introduce a bill this session but House Bill 434 by Simpson has been introduced and is out of committee and relates to this subject. I am enclosing a copy and would like to have your opinion on this bill. If it is one that you think is good and would like for me to support, I see no reason why I cannot.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience so that I might help get this bill through the House if it is one that you think is good.

Sincerely,

Roy Blake
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Enclosure

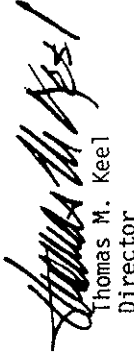
Honorable Bill Sullivant, Chairman
Committee on Environmental Affairs
House of Representatives
Austin, Texas

In Re: House Bill No. 434
By: Simpson, Nowlin

Sir:

In response to your request pursuant to House Rule V, Section 28, this office finds the fiscal implications of House Bill No. 434 (relating to fishing with a spear gun and spear) to be as follows:

No fiscal implication or additional cost to the state, or statewide impact on units of local government of the same type or class, attributable to the bill, should it be enacted, is anticipated.


Thomas M. Keel
Director

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

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By Simpson

H.B. No. 434

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

relating to fishing with a spear gun and spear; adding Section 61.058 to Chapter 61, and amending Section 66.101, Section 66.107, and Subsection (a) of Section 66.202, Parks and Wildlife Code.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. Chapter 61, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 61.058 to read as follows:

"~~SEC. 61.058. SPEAR GUNS. FISHING. (a) The proclamations of the commission may not prohibit the taking of game fish with a spear gun and spear unless the commission affirmatively finds that the taking of game fish with a spear gun and spear during specified times would constitute a substantial threat of waste or depletion.~~

"(b) ~~The proclamations of the commission may provide for catch, retention, and size limits for game fish taken with a spear gun and spear that are different from the catch, retention, and size limits for game fish taken with ordinary hook and line only if the commission finds that the same catch, retention, and size limits would constitute a substantial threat of waste or depletion.~~

Sec. 2. Section 66.101, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 66.101. METHODS OF FISHING. (a) No person may catch fish in public fresh water by any method or by the use of any device except as authorized by this section.

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"(b) The following methods and uses are authorized:

"(1) the use of the ordinary hook and line or trotline;

"(2) the use of a minnow seine not longer than 20 feet for the taking of bait only;

"(3) the use of a minnow seine not longer than 20 feet, dip net, cast net, and umbrella net of meshes of any size for the purpose of catching bream, shad, carp, suckers, gar, and buffalo fish only;

"(4) the use of a trammel net, a drag or set net, or seine having meshes, the sides of which are at least three inches long;

"(5) the use of a ~~spear gun and spear~~ bow and arrow for the purpose of catching carp, buffalo fish, gaspergou, garfish, and Rio Grande perch only; ~~and~~

"(6) the use of a common funnel fruit jar type trap and its metallic counterpart for the taking of minnows only for bait, but only if the trap is no longer than two feet and has a throat no larger than one inch in diameter~~(7)~~; ~~and~~

"(7) ~~the use of a spear gun and spear.~~

"(c) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is punishable by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100."

Sec. 3. Section 66.107, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 66.107. POSSESSION OF CERTAIN FISH WHILE USING ~~SPEAR GUN OR~~ BOW AND ARROW. No person may possess fish other than carp,

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By: Simpson & Nowlin

Special Information and Advantages of Membership

Background: Currently, spear fishermen are required to buy fishing licenses. However, they are prohibited from taking the more desirable game fish and are restricted to "rough" fish only.

Purpose: A bill to allow the taking of game fish with a spear gun and spear.

BILL ANALYSIS

Section by Section Analysis:

Section 1: Chapter 61 is amended by adding Section 61.058:

(a) authorizes the taking of game fish with a spear gun and a spear unless the Commission concludes that this activity constitutes a substantial threat of waste or depletion.

(b) the Commission will set the catch, retention, size limits for game fish taken with a spear gun and spear. (These limits may differ from limits set for game fish taken with ordinary hook and line only if the Commission concludes that the same limits would constitute a substantial threat of waste or depletion.

Section 2: Section 66.101 is amended:

(a) states that only certain methods of fishing in public fresh water are lawful.

(b) lists the methods and uses that are lawful to catch fish in public fresh water (the use of a spear gun and spear is included).

(c) violation of this section constitutes a misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine of not less than \$25 and not more than \$100.

Section 3: Section 66.107 is amended:

Person fishing with a bow and arrow may possess no fish other than carp, buffalo fish, garfish, and Rio Grande perch (spear gun and spear has been deleted from this section).

Section 4: Subsection (a), Section 66.202 is amended:

A spear gun and spear is added to the list of acceptable devices that may be used in non-commercial fishing in the inside water of this state.

Section 5:

Summary of Committee Action:

Public notice having been posted in compliance with Rule V, Section 14, the Environmental Affairs Committee considered HB 434 on 4-13-77 and reported the bill favorably to the Floor of the House by a vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 5 absent, without amendments.

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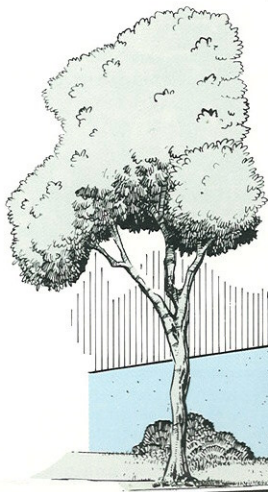
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Factory news is published for the sole purpose of providing dealers, instructors, and diving professionals with an inside look at what's happening with Dacor personnel and the operations of the Dacor factory.

Photo of present factory and building next door.



ON THE GROW



Architect's drawing of the above two buildings combined to form the future manufacturing headquarters of Dacor.

Dacor expands again

About a year ago we drew up plans to build another new factory — our 6th factory in 23 years. However, these plans were held up as we were told that the building next door to us would be up for sale within one year. It came true, and 30 days ago we purchased this building. Now we plan to join this building with our present one. A roof will be constructed over the two buildings, giving us one very large manufacturing complex.

A new regulator "CLEAN ROOM" is now in the planning stage along

with a complete laboratory and model shop for the development of new products.

In this new manufacturing complex will be a meeting and conference room with a projection room for showing films, slides and other educational material to our dealers.

We are now working with an outside industrial engineering firm on our complete manufacturing facilities, which, we believe, will make them the finest in our industry.



Photos: Courtesy of Allmand Boats, Inc.

NEW DACOR BOAT

An ideal testing facility



We have just purchased a new Allmand boat to be used as a testing facility for new products, taking underwater photographs, etc. The boat is now under construction and delivery will be in mid-May. It will be the most fully equipped diving boat that we know of.

After much research, we chose the Allmand, made by Allmand Boats, Inc. of Hialeah, Florida, because of its fine quality. The hull is reinforced fiberglass, using six stringer sections. It draws 34" of water, sleeps 6-8 persons and has a top speed of 35 MPH. With twin diesel engines it will have a range of over 300 miles. The complete galley features a range with oven (great for broiling lobster).

All the latest and most sophisticated electronic gear is being installed. Radio telephone VHF with single side band, which has almost unlimited range. A new automatic computerized Lorán will make navigation as simple as possible. One of our Dacor 7 C.F.M. compressors is being installed with a special manifold to fill six diving cylinders at the same time.

The new boat will be based at the Key West Yacht Club in Key West, Fla. With a 9:00 A.M. flight out of Chicago we can be in Key West and on the boat by 2:00 P.M. the same afternoon. Our first trip is scheduled for early June to Dry Tortugas to take underwater photos for the '78 Dacor catalog, advertising, etc. After that, several of our engineers are planning a trip for July to the Cay Sal Banks off Cuba for final testing of some new products that are now in the "prototype stage."

DACOR EQUIPMENT USED IN "THE DEEP"

Nothing but the best
for "show biz"

"THE DEEP" — a full length feature movie that will help to further promote our industry and sport. It's a multi-million dollar production. What other industry in the leisure time field gets so much "free advertising"? It's simple, our sport is exciting. Al Giddings, who was in charge of underwater photography, brought three of the finest underwater photographers with him: Stan Waterman, Chuck Nicklin and Jack McKenney. Dacor equipment was used, and we were invited to visit the set while the filming was in progress. We dove on the wreck and watched some of the film being made. Quite an experience.



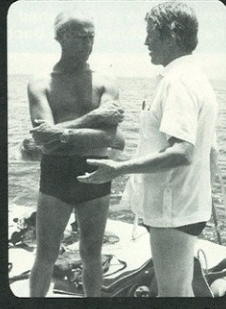
80 feet down "on the RHONE," a boat sunk in the '20's in the British Virgin Islands. It was used as a prop for the movie.



Robert Shaw, left, crew members, Jacqueline Bisset (dark T-shirt), Nick Nolte (white towel on shoulder) listen as underwater cameraman Al Giddings (white hat) explains a complicated underwater scene for "THE DEEP." Those Dacor tanks look almost as pretty as Jacqueline (but not quite)!



Al Giddings (center) had a special movie camera housing built to his design for the filming, and who knows more about camera housing than Al? He is now the HOTTEST thing in Hollywood. That's Stan Waterman on his right with one of the special housings.



During a break in the filming, Stan Waterman takes a few moments out to talk over old times with Sam Davison. They spent a week together diving in St. Marteen, two years ago.

Test Nautilus CVS in hyperbaric chamber

In our continuing program of product testing, we went to St. Luke's Memorial Hospital Hyperbaric Medical Department in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Here is the report on a test we made.

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE
DACOR CORPORATION

TO: Sam Davison
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DATE: 12/15/76

FROM: John Kobzan

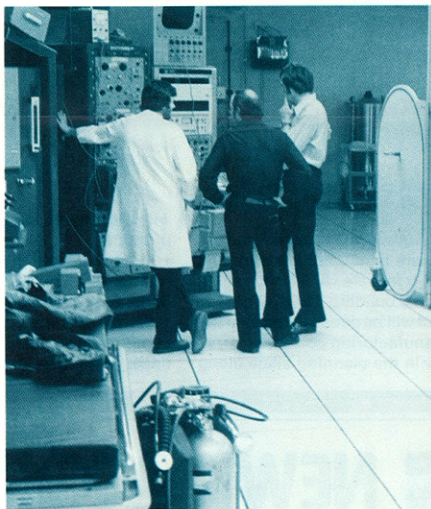
SUBJECT: CVS Altitude Test

One CVS production unit has been taken to St. Luke's Memorial Hospital Hyperbaric Medical Department for a simulation of flying in unpressurized compartment of a commercial aircraft. Also two consoles with TAG gauges were tested to see if the blow-out plug would be lost.

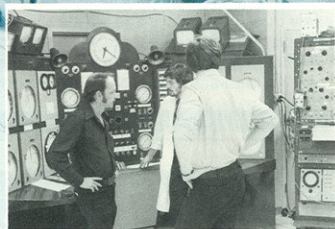
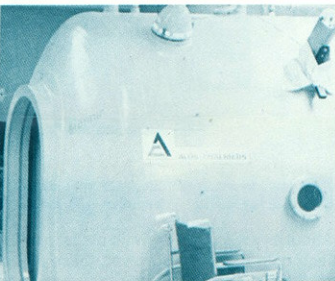
Test proceeded as follows:

1. Decompression to 40,000 feet altitude (actually 40,640 feet). Descended in 4.3 minutes to surface. The CVS showed no structural change. It exhibited an air tight condition after air entered, upon opening the relief valve. Blow-out plugs on both TAG gauges were blown out.
2. Decompression to 8000 Feet (8040 actual) in 5 minutes. Descended to surface in 1.75 minutes. Blow-out plugs on both gauges remained in place. Since an 8000 Ft. altitude is the minimum altitude permitted by FAA inside a pressurized cabin of a commercial aircraft, it is safe to assume that TAG gauges would not lose blow-out plugs, if no emergency loss of pressure would occur.

J.K.



Here, Chris Andreski, operator of the chamber, shows two of Dacor's engineers the operation of the chamber's instruments. That's the CVS Nautilus in the foreground.



With the CVS Nautilus installed in the chamber, they get ready to "take it up."

NEW DIVER'S FOLDING KNIFE

By Sam Davison

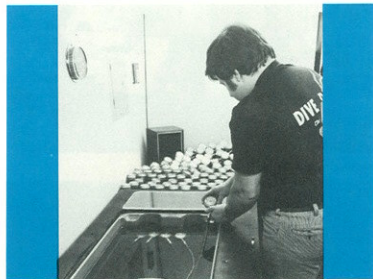


Several years ago I made a dive trip with my good friend, Lee Turcotte. We were underwater quite some time taking photographs. When we returned

to the boat, I produced a bottle of good Rosé wine from my dive bag to have with our lunch. I then remembered that I did not have a cork screw. "Have no fear" Lee said, and with that he leaned down and grabbed a string that was attached to the outside end ring of his dive bag. He began pulling the string and attached to the other end was a Swiss army knife. I thought this system was very clever and it certainly eliminated digging around in the bottom of the bag for such a small item as a pocket knife. The wine sure tasted good after our long dive.

Now Dacor has a knife patterned after this famous Swiss army knife. It is one of the most useful tools a diver can own.

Our catalog description of this new knife tells the complete story. "Model DFK — Diver's Folding Knife — Deluxe folding knife fulfills many needs of the diver. Six separate multi-purpose tools fold out to provide large and small cutting blades, cork screw, can opener, small and large screwdrivers, bottle opener, wire stripper and reamer. Also equipped with eyelet and lanyard for securing to loop on equipment bag. Diver's flag embossed on strong CYCOLAC® grip. Tools ground from 300 series stainless steel. An essential all around tool for every diver."



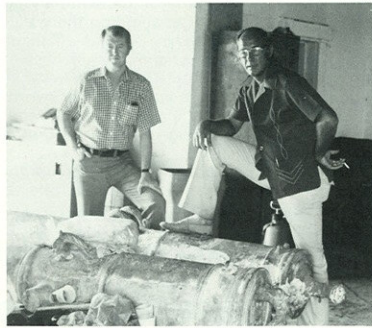
NEW AUTOMATIC TESTING TANK FOR TAG GAUGES

We have built a new testing tank for our TAG gauges (underwater tank reading gauge).

After the TAG gauge mechanism is calibrated it is then assembled in the housing and tested for accuracy against a master test gauge. It is then submerged in the test tank underwater to check for leaks. Even the smallest leak will show up underwater. Five gauges can be tested at one time in this special tank.

An old friend with rare Spanish treasures from the sea.

Sam Davison stopped by Treasure Salvors in Key West to visit an old friend, Mel Fisher. Shortly after that visit, National Geographic ran a one hour special on TV showing Mel's latest find, the Spanish galleon, Atocha, sunk off the Florida Keys in 1622. There has been much controversy about this wreck, but what can be said with certainty is that the galleon, Atocha, has been found. Three silver bars raised in 1973 and nine very large and very beautiful bronze cannons found last July, all relate to the Atocha's manifest. Some 6,000 pieces of eight, along with a number of gold and silver items, were also salvaged. When Sam suggested to Mel that one of the bronze cannons would look good outside the entrance to the Dacor factory, Mel said for a price of \$25,000.00 he might consider paying the freight to Northfield, Illinois.



Old friends meet again. Sam (on left) first met Mel Fisher in 1953 when Mel owned a dive shop in Redondo Beach, Calif., called Mel's Aqua Shop. Sam called on him to sell him some Dacor equipment at that time.



Mel Fisher points out some of the markings on one of the bronze cannons to Sam. These markings were on the original manifest of the Atocha.

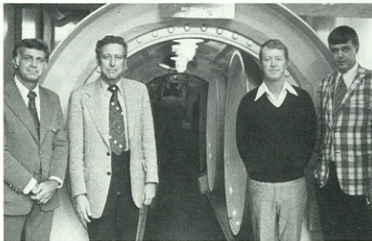
Meet Jim Bonsall

Dacor Factory Representative for the Great Plains Area (Iowa and Nebraska).

Jim has been with Dacor since 1964. Since Nebraska is not noted for its warm water diving in the winter, Jim has taught ice diving, but also keeps warm by taking tours to the Caribbean. He makes sure people have good pictures by teaching Underwater Photography Courses and has had some of his students win awards at various photography shows.



Here, Jim keeps his hand in teaching a scuba course. He has been a certified YMCA instructor since 1963. Also he is a PADI instructor (PADI #552).



DIVING FOR FUN!

Two of Dacor's engineers take a week's vacation and go diving at Providenciales, in the British West Indies. Left to right, Helen Turcotte, Bill Bowden and John Kobzan.



UNDERWATER MEDICINE

Dacor attends the International Physicians' Underwater Program in Amsterdam, Holland.

Left to right; Lee Turcotte of Atlantis Safaris; Jefferson C. Davis, M.D. Chief, Hyperbaric Medicine, USAF School of Aerospace Medicine; Sam Davison, President, Dacor Corporation; and Eric P. Kindwall, M.D., Director, Department of Hyperbaric Medicine, St. Luke's Hospital, Milwaukee. The group was attending the Third International Physicians' Underwater Medicine Program in Amsterdam, Holland which was sponsored by the University of Amsterdam School of Medicine. Photograph was taken in front of the hyperbaric chamber at the Binnengasthuis Hospital of the University of Amsterdam, which is recognized as one of the finest chambers in the world. The medical seminar was attended by physicians interested in diving medicine from the United States, Canada, Austria, Belgium, Norway, France, Scotland, Holland and Aruba in the Caribbean.

Because of the increased popularity of scuba diving, the Physicians Underwater Medicine Program was established to increase the level of awareness of physicians in recognizing and treating diving related accidents.



Professor turns Dacor Factory Representative

Professor Raymond "Rick" Medved, Dacor's Western Pacific Factory Representative, is a retired U.S. Army Major who recently retired again as a university professor in order to devote full time to representing Dacor. Academically, Rick was a social anthropologist specializing in Asia and the Pacific Basin where he has resided for over 24 years. Rick has been a sport diver for over 27 years and has utilized his diving expertise to engage in underwater archeological projects for the Ministries of Fine Arts in Vietnam, Thailand and Korea. Hobbywise Rick has been a collector and supplier of rare sea shells for over 30 years. Interest and expertise in this field has led to his organizing and conducting courses on shell collecting for dive clubs throughout Asia and the Pacific. Rick lives in the Philippines where he covers the Western Pacific for Dacor. He speaks fluent Chinese Mandarin and German.

THE QUEST FOR THE SPANISH SWORD



By: Jerry Warner, Asst. Sales Mgr.

About five years ago when I began calling on Scott's Swim and Scuba School in Orlando, Florida, I was immediately attracted to a long coral-encrusted sword hanging on the wall. I envisioned it belonging to a Spanish officer or maybe a pirate (of course in the likeness of Errol Flynn no less).

In any case, I had my heart set on that sword! Richard Scott ("Scotty") said he had gotten it in trade for some diving gear from a Cuban diver.

I offered to buy it, but he said it was not for sale, and for the past five years I have offered either to buy or trade him for it every time I've called on him.

Well, the last time I walked through the door of his newly remodeled shop, I looked up

where the sword had hung, and my heart sank down to my knees. It was gone! "Scotty, what happened to the sword?!" "Well," he said with a big grin, "I'm so tired of listening to you try and talk me out of that damned thing, I've decided to give it to you." I was elated, but I said, "Scotty, I've been offering you all kinds of deals for that sword and don't want it for nothing. How about if I give you something else to hang on the wall in its place? I had a shark mounted a few months ago, and I'll swap you even for the sword." He answered, "It's a deal."

Later, after the sword had been safely boxed up, I asked Scotty why he had never cracked the coral off to see if there were any jewels on the hand guard. He said he didn't have the heart to tell me all this time that the sword was a replica made by a very talented Cuban. I said, "Well, that's O.K., the shark isn't real either."

DACOR swings at gala Christmas Festivities

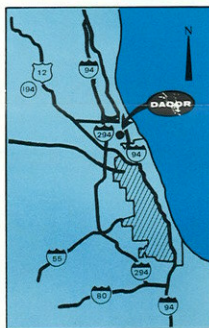
Every Christmas we have a really great company party and this year was no exception. Drinks, dancing and a large sit-down dinner was the order of the day.



Milena (Export Dept.) on the left and Carol (Inventory Control) on the right, give John Sebastian a Christmas kiss. John has spent 30 years in Quality Control, and is our Chief Inspector. He joined Dacor four years ago.



Dacor's own music group played all the popular tunes and some old ones, also. That's Mike Martin on the right with guitar. Mike is a scuba instructor and is our Production Manager on all gauges.



IF YOU'VE WONDERED WHERE WE LIVE

In case you have ever wondered where the Dacor factory is, it is located in Northfield, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. In the above map, the arrow shows the approximate location. We are 25 minutes from downtown Chicago and 25 minutes from the famous O'Hare International Airport.

16 YEARS UNDER THE OCEAN AND STILL WORKING

The letter tells the story. Regulator serial #24706 was manufactured in July, 1959.

The Diver's Den
211 Route 27
Greenwich, N.J. 08027

August 4, 1976

Dacor Corp.
Northfield, Ill.


Dear Gordon,

Please find enclosed two photos of some of your equipment recovered in the Delaware bay, off the southern New Jersey coast. The last hydro date on the tank was 1960. The tank was fairly clean inside, the valve works well, and the regulator works. The gear was found in app. 40 feet of water and was partly covered by sand.

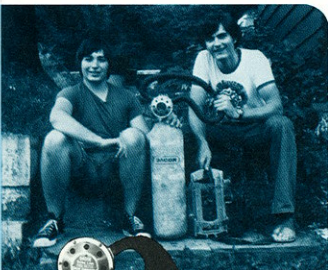
The serial # on the reg. is 24706. Name on reg. is DACOR DIVING LUNG double diaphragm 2 stage.

We do not know how long this gear was on the bottom, nor do we know who owns it, which you may possibly find out through your records. Hoping this might find a spot in your industry news and maybe help in advertising the durability of your products.

Sincerely,


Dick Gaine
The Divers Den, Inc.

P.S. I have this gear in my shop, please let me know as soon as possible.



Sam Davison flew out to Monterey, California recently for his son's graduation from Ed Brawley's professional diving instructor's college. The course at Ed Brawley's college for instructors is the most intense in our industry, lasting three months. Pictured left to right, Clyde Noel, Dacor's west coast representative, Gary Davison, Ed Brawley and Sam Davison.

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