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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Slate and fellow divers:

Hope to find everyone in the diving world keeping cool and wet. We sure have been busy with the upcoming 1978 Scuba Nationals, getting everyone in the proper place and acknowledgement of their participation. The SWC sure has some fine teams going to the event. If everyone hasn't heard about the 1978 Scuba Nationals, they will be held Sept. 2-3, 1978, Labor Day weekend at Lake Eufala, Checotah, Oklahoma. The headquarters for the event will be:

Fountainhead Lodge
 West Star Route
 Checotah, Oklahoma


Well, I sure hope all the high water doesn't hurt the LTV Divers contest at Lake Whitney, Aug 12-13. This will be followed by the Dallas Divers Photo Contest, Aug. 26, 1978, at the Marriott Inn on I-35 (Stemmons Freeway) at Industrial Blvd.

Hope to see you all at these events.

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Glen Sheridan
 President, Southwest Council



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AREA I V.P. REPORT

Fellow Divers and Friends:

Many divers in Area 1 are now taking or have already taken their summer vacations. Many have gone on exotic diving vacations to Grand Cayman, Cozumel, or Florida. In spite of all this, organized diving activities are still on area club schedules.

By the time you read this, the Dallas Divers will have had their Quentin Becket Memorial Photography Contest and Diving Seminar. Hopefully, many of you will be able to say "I went, I enjoyed, and I'm glad!" Every club should be supported and commended for taking the time and effort to host an event.

The Dallas Divers recently had a club party at Hank Silver's. From what I heard, this annual event was up to expectations with fun and games for everyone. A club party is also being given on August 12 at Lake Texoma by Shorty and Carolyn Weatherman. It should be a blast.

The Texins are still making plans for the remainder of their club dives. The next one will be at Greers Ferry Lake in Arkansas on September 2, 3, & 4. A good turnout is expected even though several of their divers will be competing at the Scuba Nationals at Lake Eufala in Oklahoma. The club wishes their nationals competitors the best in their endeavor.

It doesn't take much effort to get to see pictures of the Texins Florida dive. Many of the members have now had time to get their film developed and are anxious to bend your ear with takes and pictures of this diving experience.

Les Hommes De Mer is making big plans for September and October. Club members will be participating in the Scuba Nationals on Labor Day weekend in addition to a challenge dive with the Texins on September 16 & 17. October will bring a club outing to Lake Amistad on the 21 & 22.

Let me take a few minutes of your time to talk about the Council. It's not too early to start thinking about the leadership of the SWC in 1979. Many SWC leaders are excellent and go beyond the call of duty to keep the Council alive. However, let me talk about those who are not quite so conscientious.

A few of the people in office at the present time are ready to be replaced. This is apparent when they do not perform their office duties in an adequate manner. No names will be mentioned, but if you have come into contact with the officers who do not answer correspondence or otherwise perform their duties, encourage your club's representative not to vote for them again at the convention.

To some people, an office in the SWC is a status symbol. They perform their duties begrudgingly at best. If you are one of those who would like to work for the SWC in 1979, let it be known. Please realize, however, that considerable effort must be expended in order to reap the satisfaction of a job well done. The Council needs effective and considerate officers.

Please don't let these few words cast shadows of doubt on all of our current officers, but let it stimulate your thoughts on what to do at election time..1979. Please don't vote for the "good ole boy", but vote for the individual who is willing to help the SWC.

David McMurry
Area I Vice-President

S T A N D I N G S

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Points</u>
<u>Men's Division</u>			
1.	Dennis Cocaran	IDA	26
2.	James Permenter	IDA	24
3.	Glen Sheridan	AAA	18
4.	Larry Patterson	IDA	18
5.	Bill Roden	ETA	16
6.	Mike Beach	LTV	16
7.	Forest Garland	ETA	15
8.	Robert Swilley	Little Gems	14
9.	Wade Garvin	ETA	14
10.	Jim Woolridge	LHDM	14
<u>Novice Division</u>			
1.	Bill Roden	ETA	37
2.	Gene Daniel	Lawton Divers	27
3.	Dennis Fogarty	ETA	25
4.	Wade Garvin	ETA	19
5.	Forest Garland	ETA	15
6.	Jeff Jones	ETA	10
7.	Ansel Hayes	ETA	10
8.	Bill Reese	Lawton Divers	9
9.	Ray McRight	Lawton Divers	9
10.	N. Spence	IDA	8
<u>Women's Division</u>			
1.	Sandra Matthews	IDA	39
2.	Carolyn Embree	AAA	13
3.	Georgia Mayes	Lawton Divers	13
4.	Myrna Jorgensen	Cen-Tex	8
5.	Elizabeth Saunders	ETA	4
6.	Beverley Fogarty	ETA	4
<u>Scuba Skills</u>			
1.	David McMurry	LHDM	23
2.	John Fuller	LHDM	19
3.	Glen Sheridan	AAA	17
4.	Helen Holcomb	Dallas Divers	15
5.	Susan Stewart	Dallas Divers	15
6.	Jeff Jones	ETA	14
7.	Forest Garland	ETA	13
8.	Edd Long	ETA	13
9.	Sharon Kolesar	Texins	13
10.	Tom Erwin	LHDM	11

Last Monday, new officers were elected at the East Texas Aquanauts club meeting. New officers to be installed at the September 9 banquet are:

President.....Clyde Cole
 Vice-President.....Bill Roden
 Secretary.....Elizabeth Saunders
 Treasurer.....Jerry Reiger
 Parliamentarian.....Leigh Garland
 Public Relations Off...Jeff Jones
 Safety Officer.....Kenneth Pepper
 and serving as club director will be Edd Long. Edd, the past president of the Aquanauts, was a president who showed consideration for all members of the Aquanauts and he did a great job.

I was very pleased that my nominee for president, Clyde Cole, was the winner for I know he will also be a good leader.

Actually, there are several good leaders in our club and I hope they all get their chance to be president. Speaking of presidents, the Aquanauts were honored to have SWC President Glen Sheridan attend our meeting.

At the end of July, the Aquanauts had a club dive at Lake O' the Pines. There were four events and winners of the first event was the relay team of Clyde Cole, Jerry Reiger, Elizabeth Saunders, Dennis Fogarty, and team HERO, Jeff Jones. Yours truly, Dennis Fogarty, won the puzzle contest, bill Roden won the Wet T-Shirt event, and Leigh Garland took top honors in the compass run. Everyone had a good time including Gayle Todd, Ann Reiger, and Jhetta Hayes the sun bathing beauties. The Council LTV dive at Lake Whitney was great for the Aquanauts especially Aquanauts Leigh Garland and Forrest Pittman.

Hey, Patterson, don't give up....there is still Lawton dive and the Gar Rodeo. What's an ounce or two anyway.

I forgot to mention in last month's report about the Aquanaut's June club dive. Winners of that dive were Edd Long, puzzle contest, Melanie Myers, compass run, and in spearfishing, Bill Roden, Kenneth Pepper and Brian Myers.

Also in June, Aquanauts Clyde Cole and Bill Roden entered the Lynn Lynch Memorial Spearfishing Contest. Bill won most pounds bass, most pounds rough fish, second largest rough fish and the Lynn Lynch Memorial Trophy. Clyde Cole won third most rough fish.

Dennis Fogarty
 Area VI V.P.

EXECUTIVE V.P. REPORT

Well, we finally had another dive after a long lull. The visibility was not very good and the fish were scarce due to the rising water, but everyone seemed to enjoy it. Thanks LTV.

The convention is coming closer and closer. All clubs should consider the possibility of hosting the convention this year. There is also the possibility of two clubs getting together and holding the convention. We can't expect Lawton to do it forever. Think about it.

Don't wait too long on those proposals that you plan to make at the convention. If these are not submitted by November 30, 1978, it will take a 100% vote to have it passed; otherwise, it would be 2/3 of members present. Make your plans and get them in to the Slate by the November deadline.

See you all at Lake Murray.

Safe diving,

Edd Long
 Exec. V.P.

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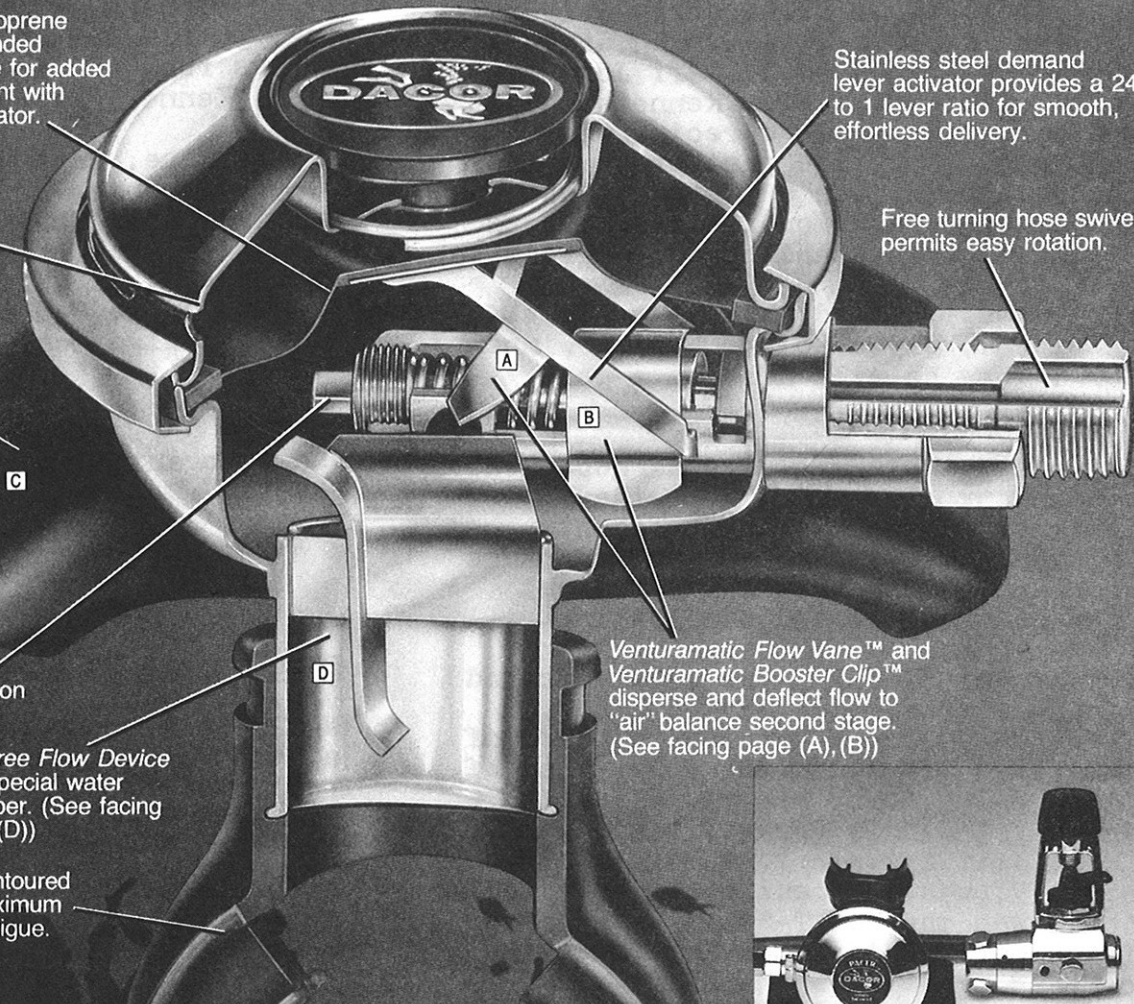
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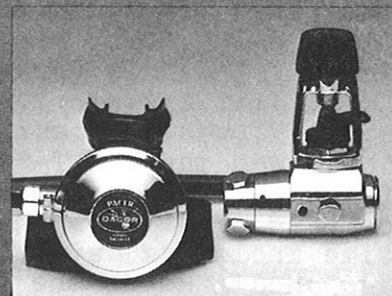
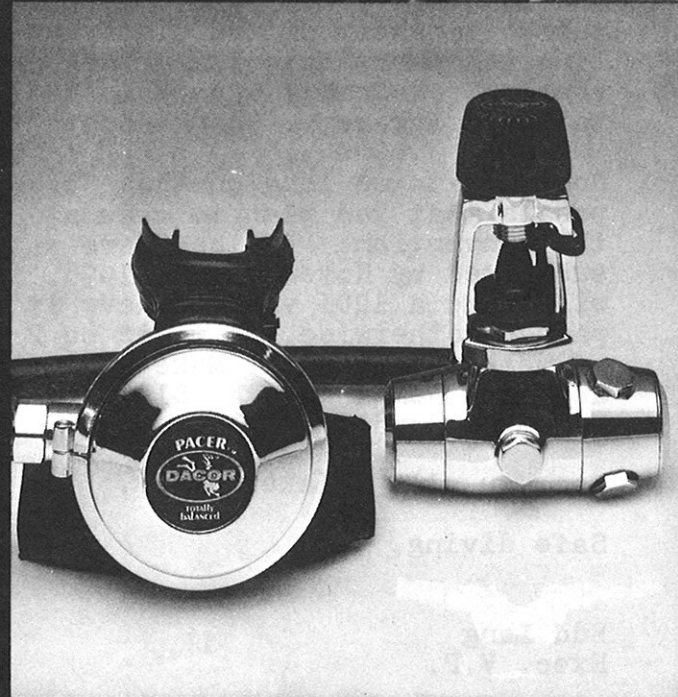
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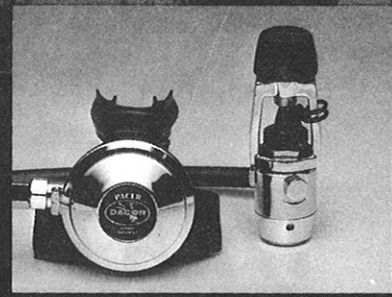
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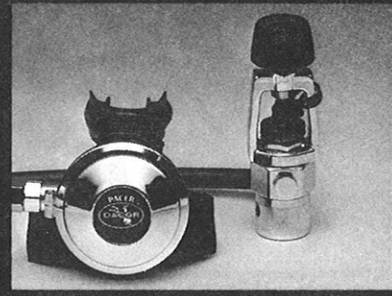
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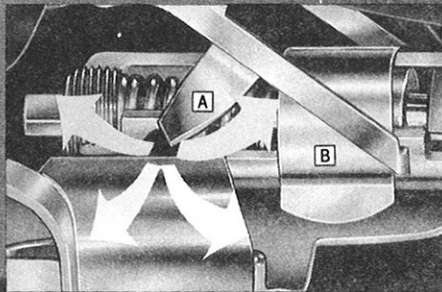
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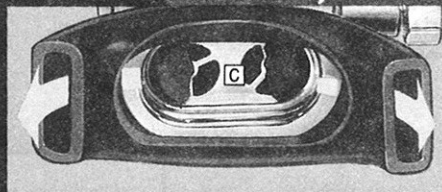
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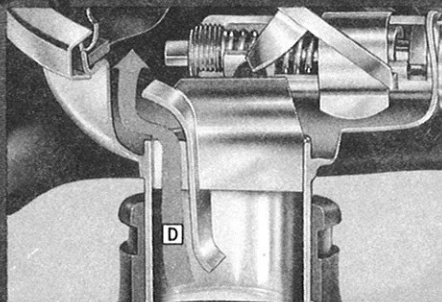
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EDITORIAL

I think that the time has arrived to brag once again on the S.W.C.'s effort to interest new divers in competition in the Novice division.

The E.T.A. club is a good example of the new divers that are coming up through the ranks.

This interest, in our opinion, is due to the trophies and opportunity to win points and see the evidence in the Slate.

Any novice that gets interested and travels to the dives needs the incentive that is being offered by S.W.C., and we think that the number of novice divers now diving proves that point.

It is also an honor to be able to get your name in the Top 20 of Men's Division provided you are willing to work at every dive and are lucky enough to get in the fish.

Competition is one of the drawing factors in any contest, and I believe that the program the S.W.C. is now following is of interest to more and more beginning divers.

Clyde Cole
Editorial Staff

I PROTEST! He's been feeding his fish potato chips.



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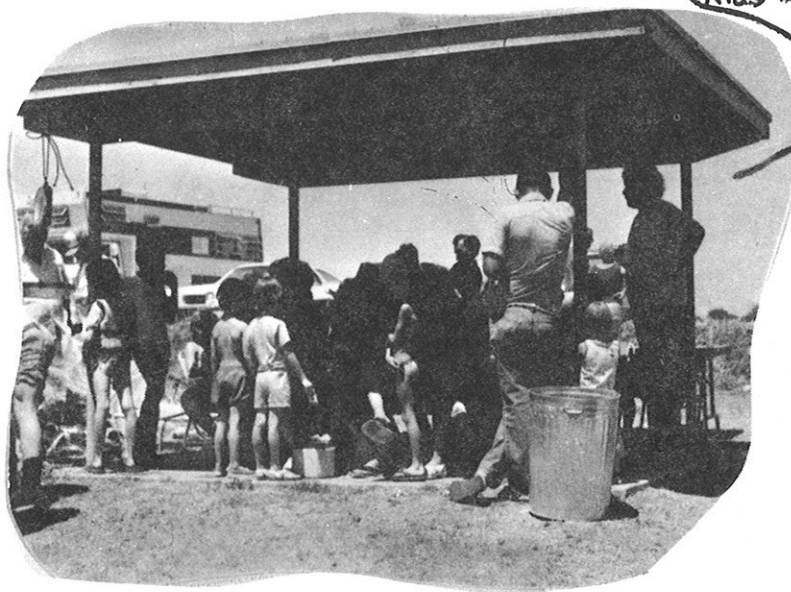
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SWC TREASURERS REPORT
5/2/78 thru 7/2/78

Cash on hand 5/2/78.....	1839.60
Income:	
Club Dues (2)	40.00
Member Dues (42)	252.00
Patches (2)	3.00
Texins Sanction Fees:	
55 spearfishing	82.50
27 scuba skills	27.00
	109.50
AAA Sanction Fees:	
43 spearfishing	64.50
14 scuba skills	14.00
	78.50
	<u>483.00</u>
Cash available.....	2322.60

Disbursements:	
Secretary expense	13.42
Ed Ralston (USA conv)	200.00
Postmaster(Slate postg)	25.00
Misc Slate expenses	27.60
April Slate	118.13
May Slate	82.95
June Slate	99.17
July Slate	99.20
	<u>665.47</u>

Cash on hand 7/2/78.....	1657.13
Savings account - Nationals....	300.00
Disability.....	113.68

/s/ Myrna Jorgensen
Treasure, Southwest Council

AREA III V. P. REPORT

I don't have any diving news to pass along to you. We haven't been getting together because of various reasons and vacations. Would you be interested in a fishing report?

Jim Gale and his famile, my brother, Clay, and Gary and I spent a week at Port Aransas. We all had a good time and got a lot of sun. We caught a lot of kingfish, a few dolphins, ling, and amberjack. We went out about 25 miles (nautical) where the water was a beautiful indigo blue; but, there weren't any rigs to dive at that far.

Gary and I are going to Hawaii the last week of August so maybe I'll have some diving news next time.

See 'ya

Carolyn Embree
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - 1978

August 26	Film Festival and Workshop Marriott-Stemmons, Seville Room, 2101 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, Texas (exit at Industrial Blvd. - across from Market Hall)	Dallas Divers
Sept. 23-24*	Lake Murray	Lawton Divers
Dec. 9-10*	Lake Caddo	East Texas Aquanauts (Jim Clark Memorial Texas Gar Rodeo)
Feb. 3-4, 1979	TBA	SWC convention

*Sanction contest

To the Council Presidents:

The Oklahoma Council would like to invite you and your council to the 1978 Underwater Society SCUBA International Championships at Lake Eufaula, Oklahoma, on Labor Day Weekend, September 2nd and 3rd, 1978. Each Council may send two mens and two womens teams for each event.

The competition will be the SCUBA skills event and the spearfishing event. The SCUBA skills will be held Saturday with the SCUBA exchange Saturday morning and the compass run and buddy breathing race Saturday afternoon. Sunday morning will be the spearfishing event with four hours of competition. Boats will be provided for this event if you request them on the pre registration form

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Thank You,

Joe Landon

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