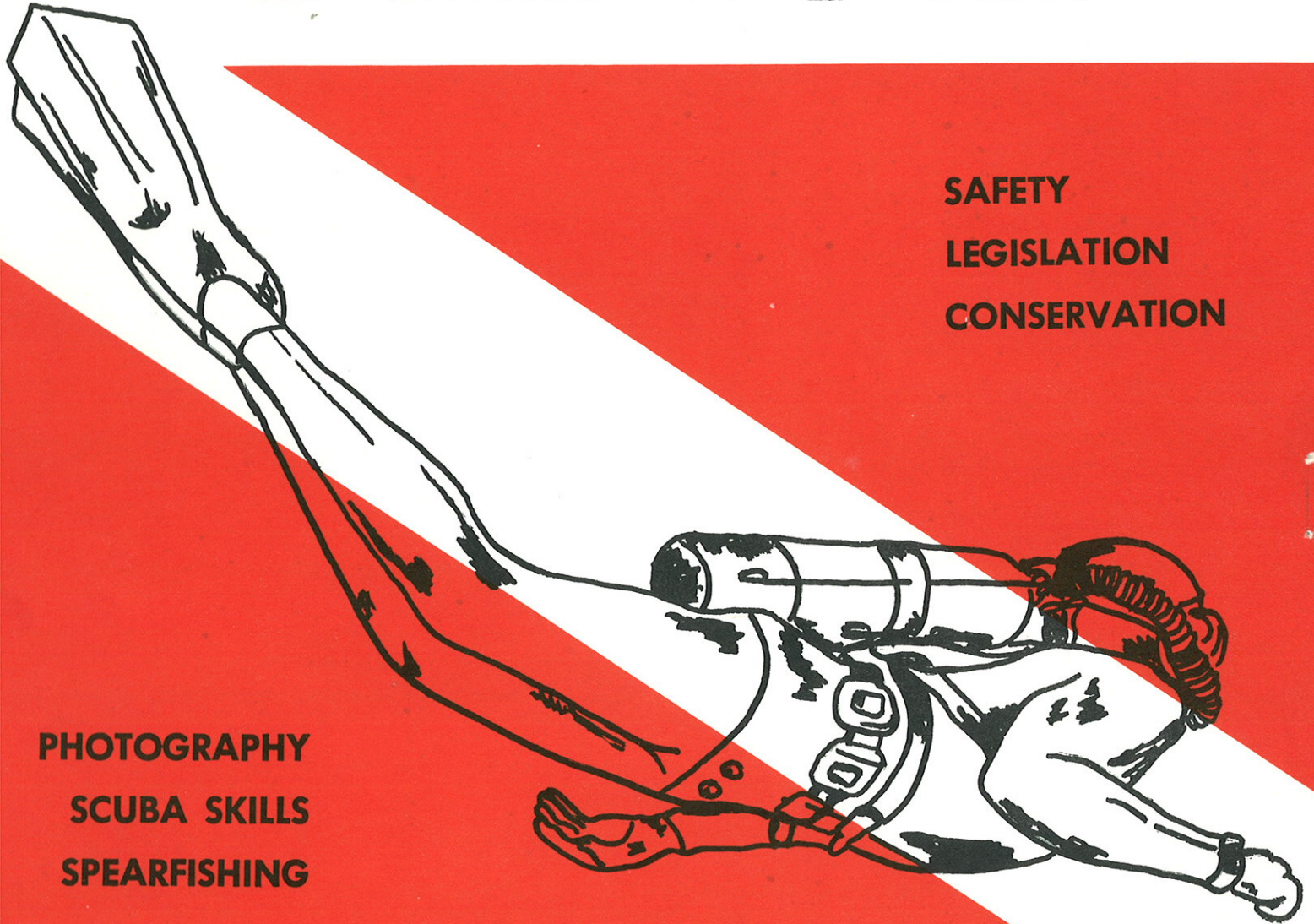


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LAKE WHITNEY
August 12-13, 1978

Mens Division

Largest Fish:

1st	Glenn Sheridan	AAA	9 lb. 4 oz.
2nd	Steven Crawford	Little Gems	8 lb. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
3rd	Robert Swilley	Little Gems	8 lb. 8 oz.
4th	Glenn Sheridan	AAA	8 lb.

Team Total Weight:

1st	Swilley & Crawford	Little Gems	105 lb. 11 oz.
2nd	Patterson & Kornegay	IDA	73 lb. 9 oz.
3rd	Garland & Jones	ETA	59 lb. 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
4th	Garvin & Roden	ETA	56 lb. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.

First Most Fish:

1st	Leigh Garland	ETA	15 fish (largest)
2nd	Larry Patterson	IDA	15 fish
3rd	Bill Roden	ETA	12 fish (largest)
4th	Charles Crawford	Little Gems	12 fish

Novice Division

Most Fish:

1st	Leigh Garland	ETA	15 fish
2nd	Bill Roden	ETA	12 fish
3rd	Dennis Fogarty	ETA	3 fish
4th	Skip Hortman	ETA	2 fish

Largest Fish:

1st	Bill Roden	ETA	7 lb. 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
2nd	Bill Roden	ETA	6 lb. 14 oz.
3rd	Bill Roden	ETA	5 lb. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
4th	Leigh Garland	ETA	5 lb. 6 oz.

Women's Division

1st largest:	Carolyn Embree	AAA	5 lb. 1 oz.
1st most:	Sandra Matthews	IDA	3 fish
Aggregate wt.:	Sandra Matthews	IDA	11 lb. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.

Scuba Skills:

1st	Forrest Pittman	ETA	
2nd	Helen Holcomb	Dallas Divers	
3rd	Dave McMurry	Dallas Divers	
4th	Edd Long	ETA	
5th	Leigh Garland	ETA	

AREA I REPORT

Friends and Divers:

I missed seeing a lot of you at the 1978 Scubanationals last weekend, September 2 and 3. They were held at beautiful Fountainhead Lodge on Lake Eufala in Oklahoma. The Oklahoma Council put on a good bash with well run contest events and night time activities where the contestants could unwind.

The Midwest and Oklahoma Councils took the top places in all events. However, our Council was able to capture a third place in the Men's Triethalon by Gene Kinard (TEXINS) and myself (LHDM). The SWC also captured second place in the Women's Triethalon by Susan Stewart (DALLAS) and Sharon Kolesar (TEXINS). The SWC fielded three Men's Spearfishing teams who worked their hearts out but were unable to place.

I regret that the SWC did not have any women to compete in the spearfishing event. Maybe next year the women now active will rise to the challenge. Enough of the Nationals except for these few words-----Wait till next year!!---Watch out Midwest Council!:

The TEXINS and LHDM Clubs are planning their annual challenge dive for September 16 & 17 at the South D&D Campground at Possum Kingdom. It's a toss-up who will walk away this year with the new five-year trophy for spearfishing. There will also be two compass runs on Saturday to keep everyone damp and a feast on Saturday night to end the day.

The DALLAS DIVERS held their Quentin Becket Memorial Photo Contest and Diving Workshop on the 26th of August in Dallas. Regretfully less than 30 SWC members showed up to enjoy the pictures and diving displays. From talking with a few clubmembers, I found out that this was a much better

turnout than in 1977, but it's still a shame. When a club's membership takes the time, effort, and money to host such an event, at least the SWC members in close driving distance should show their appreciation.

David McMurry
Area 1, V-P

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EDITORIAL

This year is quickly disappearing but not as fast as our area representatives it appears. This issue of the Slate will attest to that fact. It seems that some of the area representatives feel that the Slate is not important enough to take time to send in their report.

In our opinion this does a lot to tear down the credibility of the SWC and is against everything that the Slate is trying to build up. If we can't depend on our area V.P.'s who are we to turn to for information?

We ask all area V.P.'s to please put some extra effort into the input for the Slate. The printing and receiving dates are well set up for the Slate and are no secret to anyone. We need to receive all information by the 10th of each month in order to go to press on time so that the Slate can be received by the members by the end of the month.

Don't wait.....communicate.

Editorial Staff

HALL OF SHAME

- AREA II V. P. Larry Patterson.....This area vice-president has failed to represent your area for the past two months (August, September)
- AREA IV V. P. Bart McCollum.....This area vice-president has failed to represent your area for the past two months (August, September)
- AREA V V. P. Ron Jorgensen.....This area vice-president has failed to represent your area for this month (September), but this is a brand new area and the representative needs time to get the area organized.
- AREA VII V. P. Jeep Valenti.....This area vice-president has failed to represent your area for the past two months (August, September).
- PRESIDENT Glenn Sheridan.....Whoops! We appreciated the visit to the East Texas Aquanauts, but where,



CUT OUT FOR ADVENTURE

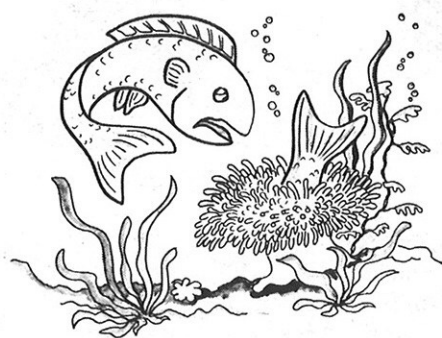
Are you up tight, so busy making a living that sometimes you forget how to live? If you're like most people, you hardly have time. Too busy meeting deadlines, trying to get it all in before it's all over. Well, it's time you realize this isn't a dress rehearsal. This is your life. Enjoy it now, you only go around once.

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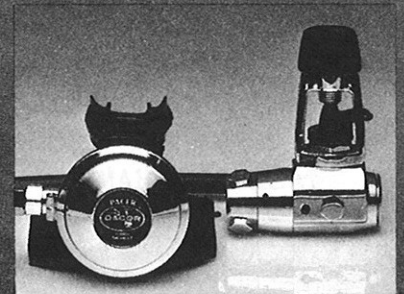
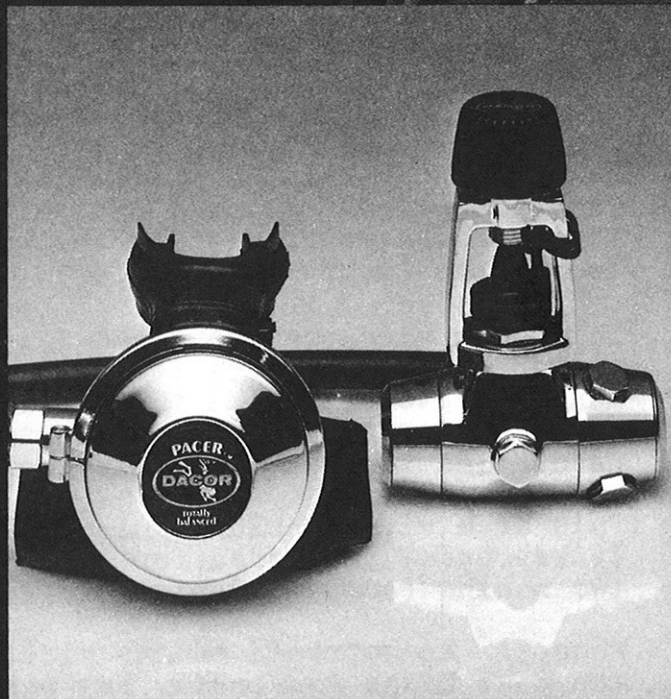
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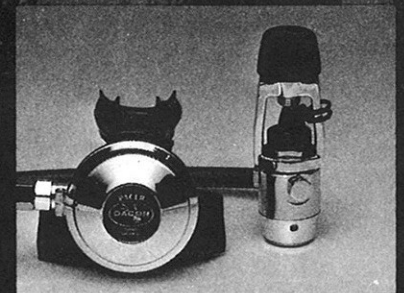
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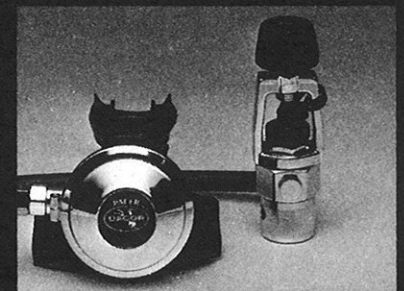
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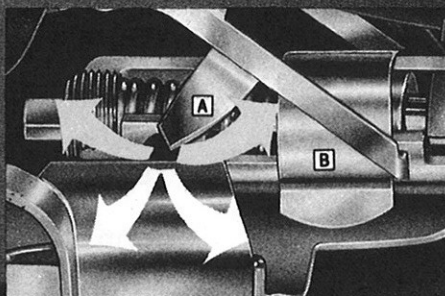
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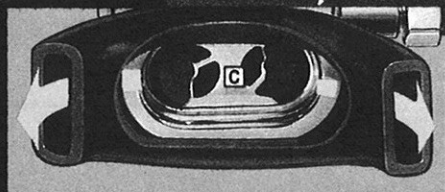
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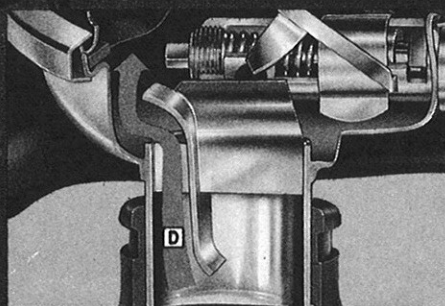
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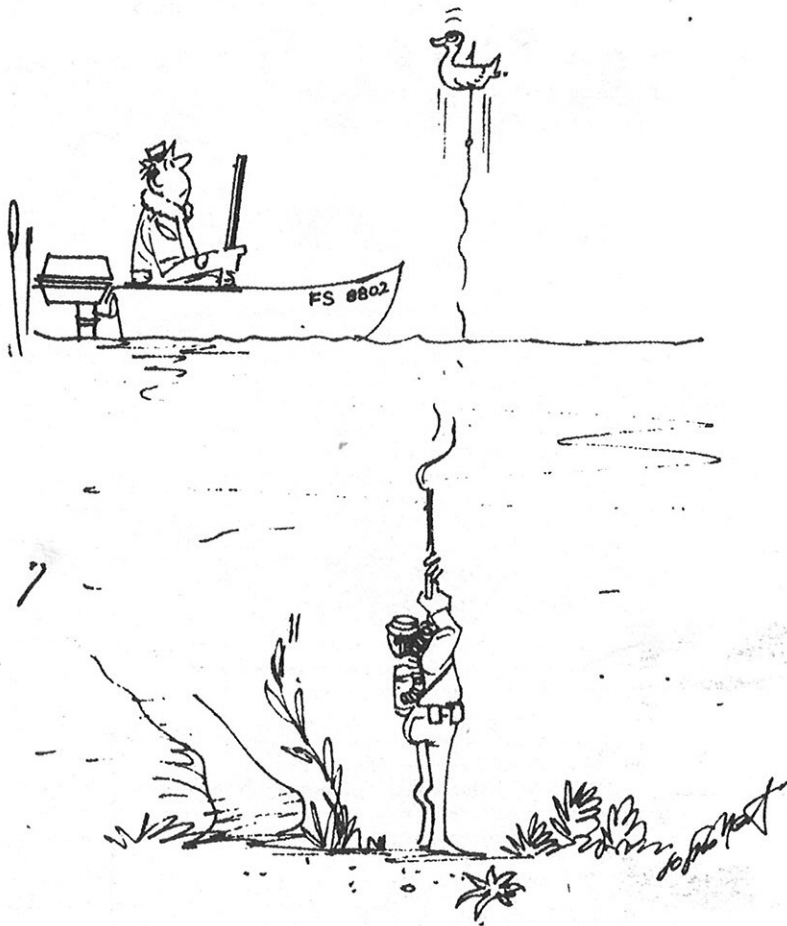
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AREA VI REPORT

The Aquanauts recently held their annual banquet and taking home the gold were the following people: Diver of the Year...Clyde Cole Service Awards...Clyde Cole, Edd Long, and Leigh Garland Spearfisherman of the Year..

Bill Roden
Second Place Spearfishing Trophy....Clyde Cole
Third Place Spearfishing Trophy....Kenneth Pepper
Ladies Spearfishing Trophy..

Joyce Pepper
100% Attandance Awards....
Edd Long, Nancy Long,
Clyde Cole, Betty Cole,
Jeff Jones, Glen Todd,
Jerry Rieger, Mike Rash,
Bill Roden, Elizabeth
Saunders, Leigh Garland

Don't forget the Gar Rodeo is coming soon!

Dennis Fogarty
Area VI V-P

AREA III REPORT


American Airlines Aquajets hasn't been doing anything as a club. Everyone has lost interest in attending the meetings.

LTV is resting since they have sponsored their dive. Everything went well for them and they did a real good job.

Gary and I just got back from Hawaii last week. We had a real good time snorkeling, diving, and just goofing off. We bought a Nikonos III before we left, but since it was our first time at taking pictures underwater, I don't know if we will have any pictures to show off or not!



See you at Lake Murray,

Carolyn Embree
Area III V-P.



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EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT

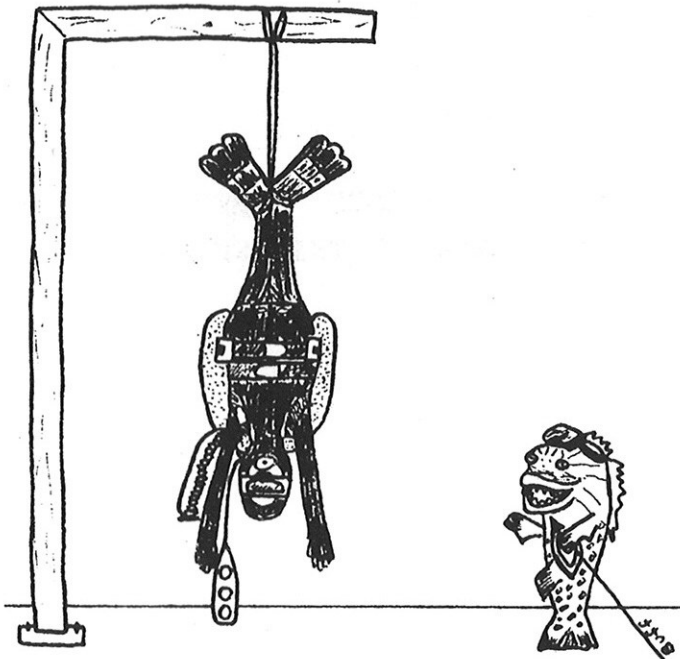
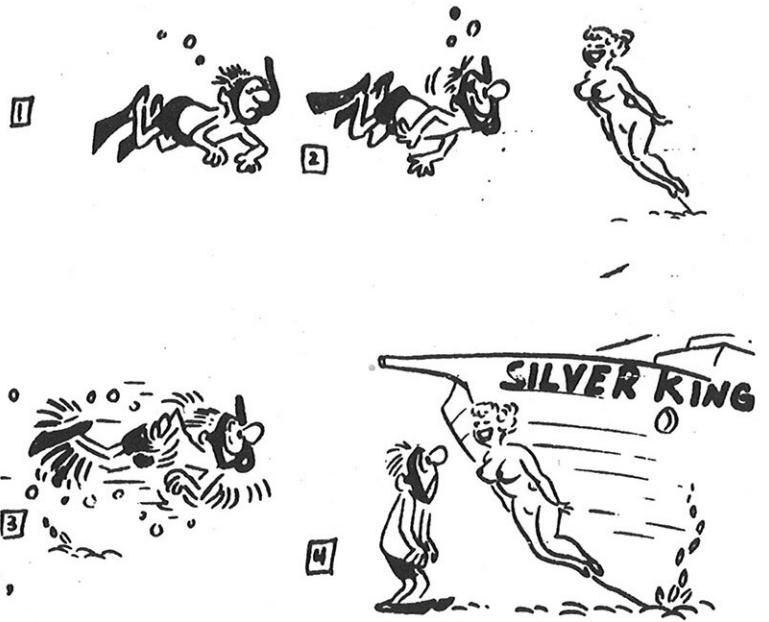
Well it looks like we have two more dives this year....Lake Murray and the chilly dive at Caddo Lake.

Scuba skills have one more chance and spearfishermen have two more chances to win points toward the Nationals and the Annual Convention.

Caddo is dingy and murky and is 4 feet low, but the Fall rains will bring her up to her normal terrible, cold, frustrating, prop-bending, hole-knocking, level. We are looking forward to seeing you at Caddo and we will see you at Lake Murray if you are there.

Safe Diving,

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Sept. 23-24*	Lake Murray, Buzzard Roost	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

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