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When?

October 18th 7:00 PM

Where?

Ellie's 50's Diner

Be there or be square!!

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Program for October 2nd

Larry Connor from the Aggressor Fleet



Larry is an executive w/ aggressor. He is just back from diving Sulawesi. Larry will give us a presentation of the Belize Aggressor and also an insight into the entire Aggressor worldwide fleet. We are lucky to have Larry in our neighborhood, hence able to come and talk to us about one of our trips. Having vendors come and talk to our trip offerings is a long standing

tradition. Please join the meeting and get all your questions answered about the Belize trip or any of the other Aggressor boats.

Larry LePage
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President's Waves





Our September General Meeting will be October 2nd. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at the Emma Lou Olson Pompano Beach Civic Center. We will begin the meeting at 7:00 PM. Our Social Butterflies will be opening the Hospitality Hut about 6:30 so that we can begin

socializing and enjoying a few treats and cold sodas.

We have a local dive set up for October 6th with Capt. Tony aboard the Diversity. Note: this one is on a Sunday. As of this writing the water is still over 80°. I am looking forward to diving with my fellow club members, enjoying some of Jan's tasty brownies and hearing some of Capt. Tony's tales. Larry B., thank you for another year of great local dives. Jan, thank you for the brownies.

The Fall Party is fast approaching and "Grease is the word". We should have a great time on October 18th as we take over Ellie's 50's diner in Delray with dinner and dancing to the tunes put out by a live DJ. If you haven't signed up check with our V.P. of Social, Russ Manhold or one of our Social Butterflies; Julie Manhold and Clare Anthon.

Check elsewhere in this newsletter and on the website for overseas activities or you can chat with Nils Jacobsen at the meeting this month. In this month's meeting one of our speakers will be telling us more about Aggressor. We are currently taking sign-ups for a Belize Aggressor Trip for next year.

Hope to see many of you at the October meeting.

Glada Blench
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Local Diving

With Larry Baum

Sunday, October 5th
Diversity
Deerfield Beach



Show @ 7:30 AM, Go @ 8:00 AM
Cost \$55

I realize we dove the last couple of times with the Starfish so I figure it's time to move a bit south for October. I've scheduled our next Club dive for SUNDAY, October 5 with Captain Tony and the Diversity.

<http://www.thediversity.com>. The Diversity is familiar to most of you and like the Starfish it's a Club favorite.



\$55 will cover the 2 tank dive which includes goodies and all taxes, but DOES NOT include tip. We've decided that tipping should be an individual choice (and we strongly encourage it).

It's a 7:30 AM show, 8:00 AM go. For direction, if needed, got to <http://www.thediversity.com/images/divmap.jpg>.

As always, let me know if you have dive sites you'd like me recommend to Capt Tony.

Our September 6th dive WAS FANTASTIC. Don't miss out on one of our last dives before the conditions "go winter" on us. Like the Starfish, the boat only holds 14 (the site says 15, but Capt Tony prefers 14) so these dives tend to sell out fast. Don't be left out.

Click on the link for a review of our most recent [LOCAL DIVE](#).

Larry Baum
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Social Activities



If you enjoy social activities, indoors or outdoors, and you have an event that USAers might

find interesting, contact the Social Butterflies. Check USA's Calendar web page for a complete listing of club events for 2008. Click on any listed social event link for additional details and photos.

Saturday, September 6th, nine USAers gathered at the Old Key Lime House in Lantana following an early morning local dive aboard the 'Starfish Enterprise'.

Clare Anthon, Glada Blench, John Ficarra, Mary and Larry LePage, Julie and Russ Manhold, Jill Pando and Jon Spiegler enjoyed a tasty lunch while reliving two extraordinary dives. The seas were absolutely flat, resulting from westerly breezes associated with Tropical Storm Hanna as it moved northward, paralleling Florida's east coast. These post-dive gatherings are becoming very popular among USAers and guests.

VP of Local Diving Larry Baum reports twelve USAers signed up for October's 'Diversity' local dive in Deerfield Beach. That means we can expect twelve USAers for a post-dive lunch at 'Crabby Jack's' in Deerfield Beach on October 5th. Hope to see y'all there.

October 14th, at 11:00 AM, join USAers for an Adopt-A-Street safety meeting at Broward County Waste and Recycling Services, One North University Drive, Suite 400, Plantation, FL 33324, phone 954-765-4999. You'll see USA's Social Butterflies, and others, helping to keep the streets of Broward County trash free. The USA dive club is joining forces with Broward County's Adopt-A-Street program to campaign for a cleaner, greener America. Four times a year, USAers will gather to remove trash and discarded items from Broward streets. In return, Broward County and participating cities, coordinate with volunteer organizations to select a specific section of roadway or highway that is named for the group, i.e., the USA Dive Club. In addition, once a year Broward's Adopt-A-Street program coordinates with the Marine Industries Association of South Florida to conduct a massive Waterway Cleanup. Last year, over 3,000 volunteer workers, on land and water, cleaned nearly 67 tons of trash from approximately 300 miles of waterways in



Broward County. Interested persons should contact USA's Social Butterflies for more details.

Are you ready to party? The theme for USA's 2008 Fall Party is.... 'GREASE is the Word!'



That's right... we're going back to the fabulous 50's to visit Rydell High and the 'T-Birds' including Danny Zuko (John Travolta), Keneckie, Putzie, Doody and Sonny.



Hanging around the 'greasers' were Rydell's 'Pink Ladies' including Sandy (Olivia Newton-John), Rizzo, Frenchy, Marty and Jan.



Be ready to rumble at Ellie's 50's Diner in Delray Beach on Saturday, October 18, 2008.

Arrive wearing your hair swept back in greasy coifs, motorcycle jackets, pegged pants, and turned up collars with cigarette packs secured under rolled up sleeves. And ladies, don't forget those beehive hairdo's, pierced ears, pedal pushers, white bobby socks, cinch belts, long felt skirts and crinolines.

Tickets are just \$37 and include dinner and dancing to a 50's DJ, contests and prizes, including a special prize for the best boy, and best girl, GREASER.

If you enjoyed 'Gilligan's Island' in 2007, you'll be 'Hopelessly Devoted' to 'GREASE is the Word', October 18th at Ellie's 50's Diner in Delray Beach.



Don't forget to bring your checkbook to the September 4th USA Dive Club meeting at Emma Lou Olson Civic Center in Pompano Beach. USA's Social Butterflies will be there to promote USA's Fall Party, scheduled for October 18th at Ellie's 50's Diner in Delray Beach.

October 10th is the deadline for purchasing tickets to USA's Fall Party 'GREASE is the Word.'

Upcoming social events include:

- October 05 (Sun) **USA local dive**, post-dive lunch
 - Crabby Jack's, Deerfield Beach
- October 14 (Tue) **Adopt-A-Street** safety meeting
 - One University Drive, Plantation
- October 18 (Sat) **USA's Fall Party**
 - The Flamingo Room at Ellie's 50's Diner, Delray Beach

DINNER BEFORE THE MEETING:

Pat's Place Sports Bar & Restaurant
635 East Atlantic Blvd.
Pompano Beach, FL
@6:00 PM

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Hospitality Hut



Greetings from the Hospitality Hut Gals!

As we enter the peak of "Hurricane Season", we are enjoying some of the best diving this summer. The water has been warm and the seas have been calm!

USAers were very happy to see many new faces at the September general meeting. Many of the guests were non-divers however, they were attracted to the meeting to listen to the lecture on sea turtles by Dr. Kirt Rusenko from Gumbo Limbo Nature Center.

Chris and Chain Annabel, father and son, responded to USA's advertisement in the Sun-Sentinel. Chain is newly certified at age 10. USAers wish Chris and Chain many more years of diving adventures.

Becky and Gene DeTuscan were guests of club members Bruce Ayala and Miriam Prieto. Becky and Gene have been diving since 1975.

We were happy to introduce Pastor James Werner, a guest of Russ Manhold. James received his certification in 2006 from our friends at ForceE in Pompano Beach.

Non-divers Michelle Francisco, Geri Ann, Vince, Patrick and Isabella Capotosto responded to USA's article in The Pelican, promoting Dr. Rusenko's turtle lecture. After hearing the wonderful sea turtle presentation, perhaps one or more of these non-divers will become interested in becoming scuba certified.

We would like to remind you to click on the [calendar](#) button for details regarding our club's upcoming events. You can also take a look at some of our past events, social and diving, by clicking on the [photo gallery](#) button. Club members have been adding new photos of recent overseas trips. So please take a look. Sign up, join us! See yourself among the happy faces in the photo gallery.

We are always happy to welcome all our guests and friends USA's general meetings and wish you all "Happy Diving".



Julie Manhold & Clare Anthon
Hospitality Coordinators
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USA's Overseas Diving

Overseas travel for 2009

A few weeks ago 9 members – the overseas travel committee - met and discussed club travel for 2009 and beyond. Thanks to Eunice for hosting the meeting.

These meetings are open to all members. If you are interested, please let me know and I will add you to the mailing list. Also please remember to go through me anytime you are buying from one of our main providers. I like that they remember the club's name and my name and it might also be beneficial to you.

One key topic on the agenda was totally "unrelated" to diving: The economical outlook for the near future: Is our desire and ability to travel impacted by: the economy? The cost of fuel for airfare and boats? Should we continue to make commitments for exotic trip for 2010 and beyond, or should be take a year break before new commitments? Should we look

into "open ended contracts", like Egypt or land based trips that works the same way. I am up in the air over if I should even go to DEMA as usual or lay off for a year? We do have some interesting destinations in mind – Andaman Islands & Philippines - but if we don't have an ability to commit, this is just not the right time.

We only at present have one trip on the 2009 program, a liveaboard, Belize Aggressor, with an optional land extension. See more below. When all the numbers got added up and evaluated in the light of the current economy, several members had expressed a concern over the price level. The boat price is the same as Cayman but airfare and local taxes are higher than Cayman. At present one option on the table is a potential cancellation? – That is the option of last resort and we are trying to do everything we can to avoid it. If that happens, that would be the first time that I can recall that we did not do a local area liveaboard.

For the other trips for 2009 we are looking into some land based options (and watching the airfare very carefully). We are of course considering doing Dry Tortugas as usual, including less costly alternatives.

I will, in the near future, send out surveys, so we can have a good feel for what you, our regular travelers think about the situation before the club makes any further commitments.

Belize:

- For the October meeting, Larry Connor, Aggressor Fleet, will come and present the Belize trip as well as a general overview of the Aggressor Fleet's program – even if 2009 is difficult year, we all hope to resume to normal anytime soon.
- If you are interested please let me know either before the meeting or within a week after.
- The club must have a final go/no-go decision by Oct 14.
- If you consider using mileage, don't confirm your ticket until after the club at large have given the go-decision
- If you sign up, but the number remains too low, we will get together and make a joint go/no-go decision.
- Airfare update:
 - Flying home on Saturday is over \$1000, unless we take a major detour w/ Delta.
 - Getting home on Sunday can be done two ways for \$850 (the budgeted price):
 - Stay an extra night in Belize and fly home Sunday
 - Fly out Saturday and overnight in Dallas; home Sunday
 - Flying out on Tuesday (after 3 days of land) can also be done within the budget
 - If we get 10 people going we can get cheaper group fares (no promises at this time)

- Airfare for the near future is cheaper. One theory is that the airlines are hedging their bets (they don't sell cheap tickets far out as they used to do). Betting on cheaper airfares in the future is a 50/50 proposition
 - If you choose to do that, you are on your own
- When we know who is going we will decide among the 3 land based options or none at all
 - I could imagine that we will likely go for the cheapest
- This is not the year to decide as the "last-minute-club". We all need to come together and make our decisions within the deadline.

2009 Program:

- Land Based
 - Our committee will work on this
- [Belize Aggressor July 18-25, 2009](#)
 - Deluxe cabin, Boat, Airfare, Port and Park fees, Taxes, Tips: \$3500;
 - Without airfare: \$2600
 - Click for [Trip Sign Up Form](#)
- Land extension July 25-28
 - No prices yet
- Dry Tortugas, August 2009
 - Not yet confirmed

Any questions give me a call.

Nils Jacobsen
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Safety

Safety – Do it yourself

This months meeting should have been about safety. Unfortunately the potential speaker did not accept the invitation. So here are some "do-it-yourself" hints:

Start by looking in a mirror and say hello to the safety officer in charge of your safety on your next dive!

Most of you are members of DAN. Dan publishes many safety related articles and hints in their magazine "Alert Diver". This magazine emphasizes both prevention and assessment of situations after (potential) incidents.

Every year DAN issues a report about the entire year's reports of diving incidents. You can download the report for free whether you are a member or not.

<https://www.diversalertnetwork.org/medical/report/2007DANDivingReport.pdf>

In a future article I will give you a condensed version if you don't care for reading all 119 pages.

On the lighter side, each issue of Rodale Scuba Diving Magazine have a short article "Lessons for Life", that describes an incident or a real or near accident, what caused it, what should have been done to prevent it or mitigate it before a single small mistake or mishap let to a run-away scenario. Most of the issues start with failure to do necessary of equipment setup, configuration or functional checks prior to getting into the water OR ignoring the first few smaller events and ending up with insufficient safety margin later.

When you renew your subscription Rodale sends you a booklet – "Lessons for Life" that summarizes 2 years of articles; Once a year make it a habit to read yours or see mine in the safety folder that I bring to the meetings!

Hopefully you will think as you read through each scenario that "you could never be this stupid". And hopefully the next time you get in the water you will live up to that promise.

You can also access much of this material online at <http://www.scubadiving.com> Then enter "lessons for life" in the search field

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There is a brand new safety organization out there: Scuba Star Net (Scuba Safety Tracking And Reporting NETwork). Its purpose is to promote both procedural and equipment safety. The organization publishes articles in the DAN magazine.

You can participate. You can through a survey enter your diving habits into their database and you can read the available reports that are compiled from all input available and you can see how your good (or bad?) habits compare to the diving population at large ...

Main page: <http://www.scubastarnet.com/>

The Survey results: <http://www.scubastarnet.com/11822.html>

- Making you experience count – participate in the survey: (PS no active surveys seeking your input at this time):
<http://www.scubastarnet.com/11801.html>

USA Calendar

- **October 2nd - Regular Monthly Meeting @ 7:00 PM**
 - Emma Lou Olson (Pompano Beach) Civic Center
1801 NE 6th Street
Pompano Beach, FL
- **October 5th - Local Dive @ 7:30 AM**
 - Diversity - Deerfield Beach
- **October 9th - Board Meeting**
 - Kathi M's House
- **October 18th - Fall Party @ 7:00 PM**
 - Ellie's 50s Diner
Delray Beach



Birthday greetings in October to the following club members:

Larry B, Ken B, Hye C, Nancy E, Theresa P, Jeanne P, Roger S,
Judy T

HAPPY BIRTHDAY from your friends in diving!!!

Contact Info:

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Meetings: First Thursday of each month at:
Emma Lou Olson Civic Center
1801 NE 6th Street, Pompano Beach, FL
Social: 6:30 PM, Meeting: 7:00 PM

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