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### **Blue Ringed Octopus**

This beautiful, small, elusive critter is the subject of this month's presentation. Don't miss it.

Submit your photos for the Page One Shot to [newsletter@usadiveclub.com](mailto:newsletter@usadiveclub.com)

## DUES REMINDER

It will soon be January and your 2009 dues will be due. Being an election year, everyone has been standing in line to vote early. Why not use the same philosophy and pay your dues early. I guarantee there will be no waiting in line and you won't have to worry about late fees. Not everyone is aware that there is a group of members that don't have to pay dues. That's right, no dues! These are members of the Under Sea Adventurers Hall of Fame. They got to be Hall of Famers by serving on the Board of Directors for seven years. You can check out who they are by going to the Hall of Fame page on the web site. There's a link on the Home page. You'll notice that a lot of them are still around, and still serving on the Board. Now you'll also notice below that we have elections to the Board of Directors coming up next month. (These elections are required because we are a Florida Corporation) Then in January, there will be a bunch of appointments made, to finish filling out the Board. So if you're interested in saving some money, get on the Board, and start your HOF clock. You'll be part of the machine that makes the Club's wheels turn. It'll be fun. And in no time at all, you too, will be exempt from paying dues. Speak to the president about getting nominated or appointed today. Hey, it's money in the bank!

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## Program for November 6th

### In Pursuit of the Blue-Ringed Octopus

Our presenter for November is Richard Ladisky. Richard is an underwater photographer and writer. His work has appeared in Scuba Diving, Parade and other periodicals. He gave a number of presentations at this year's Beneath the Sea Dive Show in New Jersey. His presentation, "In Pursuit of the Blue-Ringed Octopus", is a study of the octopus in the Sulawesi area of Indonesia. This should be a VERY interesting presentation and should not be missed.

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## President's Waves



"Grease is the Word", our Fall Party, was a hit and a good time was had by over 50 club members and guests. Thanks Russ, Julie and Clare and congratulations on another big success! This will be one we are talking about for years to come.

Our October Local Dive was canceled. Due to a Small Craft Advisory Capt. Tony of the Diversity called the dive. We have rescheduled the dive for November 15th and have, last I heard, near a full boat. If you are interested in the dive contact Larry Baum, our VP of Local Diving right away.

On October 14th a group of USAers joined Russ and the Social Butterflies at the Broward Waste and Recycling Services office in Plantation for an Adopt-A-Street Safety meeting. After the meeting we went to Olive Garden and enjoyed some lunch together. Our first clean up will be November 8th. Russ, Julie and Clare are bound to make this a fun event, like everything they lead us in. After the clean up we will be enjoying lunch and each others' company again.

The fourth annual [Florida Dive Show](#) is November 15th and 16th. It is at a new location, the South Florida Fairgrounds, Expo Center West.

We have some openings for volunteers to work the USA Dive Club Booth. It is actually lots of fun as you meet and greet visitors to the dive show. All you have to do is bring your enthusiasm and help people see how much fun USA can be. Mary LePage is coordinating the volunteers and the booth again this year. Please check with her and she will get you signed up to help us meet some new members.

At our November meeting nominees will be announced for the elected positions for our 2009 Board of Directors. Additional nominations will also be solicited from

the floor.

Two of our long time board members have chosen not to seek reelection. I would like to take this time to thank them for their long and dedicated service to the club:

**Judy Townsend** has served as Treasurer on the board for many years and has gotten what could be a daunting task down to an art. Judy is ready to train her successor and bring her up to speed.

**Larry Baum**, our VP of Local Diving, took a year off in 2006 while I tried my hand at that position and began my service on the board. Larry took the position back over when I was elected president. His wife Jan has us all spoiled with her delectable brownies she sends with Larry each dive. Larry has scheduled many dives for us where we thought he was charmed with the luck of good weather.

During the year Ray McAllister turned the reins over to Larry LePage, as they had co-held the position of VP of Programs. Thank you, Dr. Ray for your constant dedication and years of service to the club.

Current Nominees are as follows:

President - Glada Blench

Vice President of Programs – Larry LePage

Vice President of Overseas Diving – Nils Jacobsen

Vice President of Local Diving – John and Kathy Ficcaro

Vice President of Social Events – Russ Manhold

Secretary – Robert Shearer

Treasurer – Barbara Giacoppo

Our November meeting will be November 6th. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at the Emma Lou Olson Pompano Beach Civic Center. Social starts around 6:30 PM with the meeting at 7:00.

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# Local Diving

With Larry Baum

Saturday, November 15th  
Diversity  
Deerfield Beach  
Show @ 7:30 AM, Go @ 8:00 AM  
Cost \$55



After all my bragging about fantastic diving conditions and never having to cancel a dive, we had to cancel our October 5 dive with the Diversity (that will teach me a lesson). So, there won't be a trip report for the October dive and for all of you who have been waiting breathlessly for my report, you can all get back to work and stop staring at your computers.



Under my unrelenting "keep it simple stupid" philosophy, we have scheduled our next dive, Saturday, November 15, back with the Diversity. And, **WOULD YOU BELIEVE!!**, we already have 12 people signed up.

Let it never be said that the USA Dive Club is a bunch of warm weather wimps. The Diversity holds 14 divers, so with 12 people signed up, we still have (wait a sec, let me get out the computer) 2 spots available. **SHOUT IF YOU'D LIKE TO JOIN US.**

\$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 to 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](#).

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## Social Activities



October 14th, seven USAers attended a Broward County Adopt-A-Street safety meeting, hosted by Waste and Recycling Services managers in Plantation. Julie and Russ Manhold, Clare Anthon, Glada Blench, Bob Weybrecht, Larry Townsend and Kathy Ficarra represented the USA Dive Club as we joined forces with Broward's Adopt-A-Street program. USAers have formally adopted a 1.2 mile section of Natura Boulevard in Deerfield Beach, just east of Interstate 95, between NE 10th Street and

Hillsboro Boulevard.

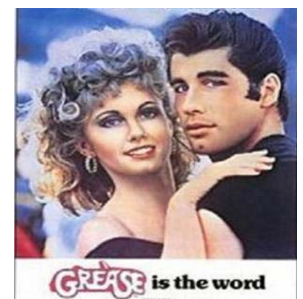
Saturday evening, October 18th, fifty-five USAers and guests gathered at Ellie's 50's Diner in Delray Beach for the 2008 Fall Party 'GREASE is the Word'.

Participants were encouraged to dress as teens from the 1950's, emulating screen characters from the movie GREASE, starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John. Folks began



arriving in costume at 6:30 PM. By 7 o'clock, the banquet room was filled with guys and gals, T-Birds and Pink Ladies, groovin' to GREASE tunes provided by a team of extraordinary DJ's imported from Homestead, Florida.

Appetizers were a big hit, perhaps second in popularity to a cash bar, adjacent to our DJ's. As folks sat down to enjoy a sumptuous buffet dinner, Russ Manhold reminded everyone about four



contests scheduled that evening and prizes for every event. By 8:30, our Hula Hoop event was underway with a dozen or more GREASERS undulating to 50's music before the contest began. Participants were then placed in two lines, facing each other, and the contest began. You could tell right away that many contestants were not Hula Hoop current. Yes, the hips were moving... but not as fast as they did fifty years ago. Hula Hoops were bouncing off the dance floor faster than you could say, "Bite the weenie, Riz." In less than a minute, all but two contestants were disqualified. A special 'Hoop Off' pitted our two remaining Hula Hoopers in a sudden death scenario that entertained everyone. Debbie Linker won the Hula Hoop contest and was awarded a prize. Debbie and husband Jerry Linker are former members of the USA Dive Club.



Each table had a centerpiece that resembled a classic car from the 1950's. Inside each car was a variety of goodies from that era, surrounded by dozens of wrapped pieces of Bazooka Bubble Gum. After dinner, Russ Manhold invited everyone to chew several pieces of bubble gum in preparation for the Chewing Gum Bubble Blowing Contest.

With GREASE music playing softly in the background, Russ persuaded contestants to form two lines on the dance floor. After a short practice session, the contest began. Each person was allowed two minutes to blow the biggest, sustainable chewing gum bubble. After a few seconds, many contenders suffered the agony of defeat and were ushered away from the dance floor. There was, however, one GREASER who kept blowing, and blowing, and blowing. At the end of two minutes, our Bubble Blowing Contest winner was USA member Sharon Baron.



By 8:30 PM, most everyone was shaking his or her bootie on the dance floor, preparing for the Dance Contest. This time, Russ and Julie Manhold announced the Dance Contest rules verbatim from the GREASE movie soundtrack. Russ started by saying, "Game rule ONE. All couples must be boy/girl. Game rule TWO, during the Dance Contest, if you're tapped on the shoulder, you must leave the dance floor immediately OR ELSE... I mean it!" Julie then said, "And rule THREE, anyone doing tasteless

or vulgar movements will be disqualified." With that, the DJ's cued up 'Hand Jive' from the GREASE movie soundtrack and USA's Social Butterflies, Julie Manhold and Clare Anthon, performed the Hand Jive's thigh-slapping, fist-bobbing, thumb-pointing routine for everyone's enjoyment. GREASER couples poured onto the dance floor while our pre-appointed judges, Kim Whaley and Larry Townsend, circulated around the banquet room, evaluating performance by dance couples. Couple by couple,

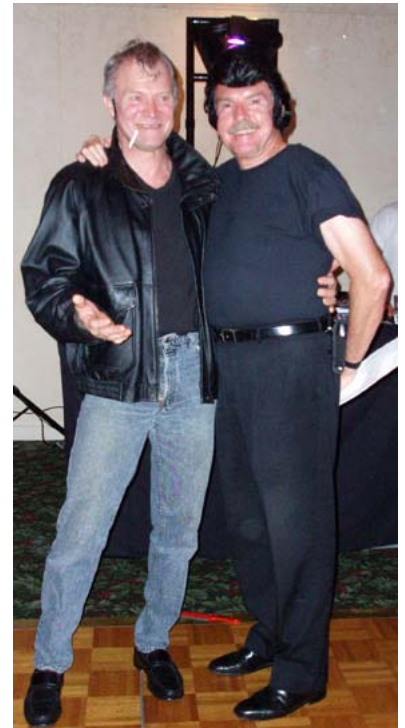


contestants were eliminated until only one couple remained. Our GREASER dance contest winners were Ronnie Farr and Nils Jacobsen.

Throughout the evening, several mystery judges discretely moved around the



room, secretly identifying their three choices for Best Male GREASER and Best Female GREASER. The six finalists were introduced and ushered to the dance floor. The audience was asked to stand and applaud for their favorite Male GREASER and Female GREASER. When the smoke had cleared and all was said and done, our Best Female GREASER was Larry Townsend. Best Male GREASER was awarded to Nils Jacobsen.



USA's Social Butterflies had a special late evening prize for seven unsuspecting GREASERS. Affixed to the bottom of a single chair at each table was a 'GREASE is the Word' coupon, allowing that lucky person to keep the classic car table centerpiece and goodies from the 50's.

If you're interested in viewing a gallery of photos from USA's 'GREASE is the Word' Fall Party, and many other club activities, click on <http://www.usadiveclub.com/> then press the [Photo Gallery](#) button.

Saturday morning, November 8th, join USA's 'Green Team' for our first Broward County Adopt-A-Street event in Deerfield Beach. Participation is open to all USA Dive Club members and guests. Meet at 9:00 AM and participate with four groups of 3 to 5 persons as we remove debris and litter from a 1.2 mile section of Natura Boulevard. Make plans to join USA's 'Green Team' for lunch at a favorite restaurant in Deerfield Beach after the event. RSVP your intent to participate with Russ or Julie Manhold at 954-435-0981 or Clare Anthon, 561-482-



1127. Participants will have the opportunity to purchase distinctive 'Safety Lime' T-Shirts, silk screened with a monochrome USA logo. Shirts are available in sizes medium - 2XL and cost \$7.50 each.



Thursday evening, December 4th, join USAers and guests for our annual 'Pot Luck' Holiday Party at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center in Pompano Beach. The 2008 event asks that each participant bring a covered dish to share. Non-alcoholic beverages provided by the USA Dive Club. Festivities begin at 6:30 PM.

Future social events include:

- November 08 (Saturday) Adopt-A-Street roadside litter/debris pickup
  - Natura Blvd, Deerfield Beach
  - Lunch to follow
- December 04 (Thursday) USA's Holiday Party
  - Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, Pompano Beach

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## Hospitality Hut



Greetings from the Hospitality Hut twosome.

We are pleased to report three guests attended USA's general membership meeting October 2nd.

Sharron Chiappetta, a former USA Dive Club member through 2000, visited us to learn more about the Aggressor Fleet and the many wonderful places they dive.

Rob Colon, a recently certified diver, heard about the USA Dive Club from our friends at Force E in Pompano Beach. Rob's two children, age 13 and 10, were certified with him. Isn't it great when young people, especially family members, are introduced to our wonderful sport? Rob has already decided to join our club.

Paula Wall learned about the USA Dive Club while searching the Internet. Paula was certified recently. As a new diver, Paula has made five dives and is excited about diving with a new group of friends. Paula also joined us for our Fall Party, GREASE is the Word.

Be sure to visit USA's web page and click on the calendar button for details about future club events, including local diving and overseas dive trips, and regularly scheduled non-diving social events. While visiting USA's web page, click on the photo gallery button to view snapshots of USA's recent and past activities. You'll notice lots of smiling faces in USA's photo gallery.

The USA Dive Club always welcomes former members and guests and encourages everyone to join us again November 6th for the next general membership meeting.



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## USA's Overseas Diving

### 2009 Program:

- Land Based
  - Our committee will work on this
- **Belize Aggressor July 18-25, 2009**
  - Trip Canceled
- Dry Tortugas, August 2009
  - Not yet confirmed

Any questions give me a call.

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## USA Calendar

- **November 6th - Regular Monthly Meeting @ 7:00 PM**
  - Emma Lou Olson (Pompano Beach) Civic Center  
1801 NE 6th Street  
Pompano Beach, FL
- **November 8th - Adopt-A-Street Clean Up @ 9:00 AM**
  - Deerfield Beach
- **November 13th - Board Meeting**
  - Chary's house

- **November 15th - Local Dive @ 7:30 AM**
  - Diversity, Deerfield Beach
- **November 15th & 16th - Florida Dive Show**
  - South Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center West  
West Palm Beach



Birthday greetings in November to the following club members:

**Rick B, Anne D, Kent G, Michael H, Russ M, Jerry M, Bob M, Rebecca P**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** from your friends in diving!!!

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Meetings: First Thursday of each month at:  
Emma Lou Olson Civic Center  
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