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**Happy Valentines
DAY !!**

Presidents Notes

Notes from Tim:

Some things to ponder, from the eternal potentate, of GLA.

#1. As I have not heard from the library, so, our next mtg. will take place at our place. I think you know where we are located.

The program should be about there, (John & Steves) trip to,???. I'll leave it a mystery. Come & enjoy. Some treats may be provided. Ha!

#2. Plans for this summer are in the Flipper, as well as events, & meeting places. We'll keep you informed, as to changes.

#3. Plans for a Straights of Mackinac trip are not finalized. I am working them, along with Chuck A. We'll have something soon.

#4. Were always interested in your impute. It's hard to come up with new ideas. Help us out.

#5. Steve would like some articles for the Flipper, please forward them to him. The topics don't have to be about SCUBA. There is a lot of interesting stuff that we may be interested in.

#6. I would like to thank everyone, who has contributed to our efforts over the years. You know who you are. We've been together a long time & we will remain friends forever.

Tim

Programs & Meeting Dates

**Wednesday, February 18th @
7:00 PM**

**Location: Tim and Jan
Ouellette's Home.**

**Program: John and Steve's
Dive Trip Review.**

**Upcoming 2009 meeting
schedule : Posted in the
Flipper.**

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Schedule provided by Jan Ouellette

GLA Schedule for 2009

DATE	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
Feb 18, Wednesday	Tim and Jan's Home	DVD on Belize from Steve and John's trip
March (date to be determined) April (date to be determined)	TBD	Dave Trotter Dan (Peg's son) (to be determined when and where)
May 16, Saturday	Detroit	Dosson Museum and dinner
May 30, Saturday	Ohio	White Star quarry with dinner at Tony Packo's
June 13, Saturday	Steve and Bunny's	Cook out and Boat ride with plenty of food and libations
June 27, Saturday	Silver Lake (Washtenaw County)	Dive and pot luck in park
July 11, Saturday	Hugh and Linda's	
July 18, weekend	Munising	Dive/hike weekend
August, weekend	Straits of Mackinac	Chuck Allegrina is checking on this
September 12, Saturday	Ohio	Portage quarry and dinner
October 3, Saturday	Silver Lake (Washtenaw County) and John and Joanne's	Pumpkin Carving and potluck
November 21, Saturday	Tim and Jan's	Pizza Party
December 12, Saturday	Bingham Farms	Banquet at Steve's condo's clubhouse

FORD SEAHORSES SHIPWRECK FESTIVAL

Saturday February 28,2009

The Festival will be held in the Morris Lawrence Building at Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor, MI

The exhibition hall will be open to the public and is free to all, with booths featuring local dive shops, scuba equipment manufacturers, recovered artifacts, historical societies and museums.

Those wishing to attend any of the programs going on throughout the day must purchase tickets, which are now available for purchase online.

Tickets are also available for an Evening Concert performed by Lee Murdock that will run from 7:00pm - 8:30pm in the main auditorium

<http://www.shipwreckfestival.org/index.html>

Many from our club have attended this function in the past, always a fun event and usually a trip to a local restaurant afterwards.

Some of our members have planned a tip to the Florida Keys in May 2009. there is an opportunity to join these folks for some fun, diving and social time.

Joanne Westman was kind enough to do some research on lodging opportunities if anyone is so interested. Thank You Joanne. Here is a copy of the Email from Joanne, with the possible lodging considerations.

Hi to all those who expressed interest in getting together in the Keys. This is to clarify information re. the trip and to bring you up to date. Tim/Jan, Hugh/Linda, John and I will be in the keys at our condo there. I wish it would hold the entire club, but they seriously limit it to 6 people. At the present time, there is no rental unit available at Hawks Nest. However, about three miles away, I have found a place called Continental Inn located at Key Colony Beach and is on an island on the ocean. They have space there. Prices are: One bedroom poolside \$120. a night; one bedroom ocean front \$145. a night and a two bedroom is \$160. a night. It appears they do not require a 7 day stay, so conceivably one could come down on Sunday and return the following Saturday. (The Ouellette's can't get down until Monday.) It is close enough to our condo that we could get together to watch the sunset at our place and have a barbecue. The number or Continental Inn is 1-800-433-7352, or you can look it up on the internet at www.marathonresort.com and then look for "Continental Inn". There are good pictures. Also, I forgot to mention, if you are a AAA member of member or AARP, there is a 10% discount. So at this point, I will leave it up to you guys to make arrangements among yourselves. John Cioma may also be interested as would Gary Morgan. We will be inviting Ken Anderson to stop down to see us at some point. There are some nice side trips in addition to diving (sunset sail in Key West, trip to the Dry Tortugas, kayaking in the Gulf). Any questions? Call or reply by e-mail. Would love to share this adventure in the Keys.

Dates of Trip are May 2nd through the 9th, 2009

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Editors Notes:

Well it is starting to look a bit like spring around here, after a tough winter. I am sure we will have more winter, but at least these couple of days have peaked my interest for the upcoming dive and water-sport season. The years calendar of events are included in this issue. As many of you know I have taken a part time job at Bass Pro Shop, it was originally for the Holidays, but I was given the opportunity to stay on. I am really enjoying this position. I am in the marine department, so it is right up my alley. Unfortunately I usually work Wednesday evenings, so I have been AWOL from our meetings, but Bunny is there to represent us. Please keep info for Flipper coming. Look forward to seeing all of you, at upcoming events.

Steve