



## MDC & FRIENDS 2007 CALENDAR

MDC Fall Business Meeting  
and Banquet  
October 12 & 13  
Granite City, IL

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Cup Invitational Spearfishing  
Championship  
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Check out the "scuba  
vacations" that are now on Skin  
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[www.skinnscluba.com](http://www.skinnscluba.com) There  
will be additions to them after  
the 1st of November. The  
diving will be added to the  
Bonaire trip about mid October  
as soon as the "specials" are  
announced at the Diving  
Association Convention. The  
air for the Roatan trip will be  
added as soon as those are  
firmed up.

# SCUBA SCOOP

Newsletter of the Midwest Diving Council

September 2007

## Letter from the Prez:

Well, as much as it pains me to say this, another MDC season has come to a close. It pains me more than normal since I missed most of it!!! We're in the planning stages for the fall banquet in the St. Louis area which means we are also working on the fall business meeting. I'm asking that you get with your clubs and fellow divers to put some ideas out for discussion and really try to expand on what we have been working on for the last two years. We have been well represented in activities as far away as Nebraska and California in 2007 and Florida in 2006. We had great success in some local tournaments and diving related functions too. We need to keep this up and continue to participate in diving related events that are sponsored by groups outside the Council to show our support. Maybe we'll start getting some bounce back from these other groups.

Please start thinking about auction items, diver of the year letters, officer nominations and plans for next season's dives. It's never too early to set the wheels in motion.

Until October!!!

B, L & M

REMEMBER - - - We have new MDC T-Shirts  
available. Contact Jana Bradley to order.



## An Evening with Stan Waterman

The St Louis Hammerheads (a local area club) is having Stan Waterman as their guest speaker at their banquet, Saturday, November 17, 2007, 6:30pm-11:30, at The View Over Westport, Westport Plaza, St Louis, Mo.

The Hammerheads have opened up the evening to invite other divers to their function.

Tickets to attend the evening with Stan are \$85.00 and are on a limited basis to the first 100.

The price of the ticket includes dinner and dessert, door prizes, a meet and great with Stan, and of course his evening presentation.

Anyone interested can contact Penny Miller at email address:  
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## MDC Fall Business Meeting and Awards Banquet

### **Friday, October 12th:**

*Informal get together* - 7-10pm at the B.U.R.T. Bld., 4964 Old Alton Rd, Granite City, Ill. (Snacks and light refreshments)

### **Saturday, October 13th:**

*Business Meeting*, B.U.R.T Bld. - 9a.m. til completion/4p.m. (Coffee/Rolls provided)

*Dinner/Awards/Auction:* Elks Lodge – 4801 Maryville Rd, Granite City  
Happy-Hour-Cash Bar, 6-7p.m.

*Dinner:* 7p.m. Fried chicken, Roast Loin of Pork, Green Beans, Corn, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Roll, Drink, Dessert - \$12.00/person

*Auction/Awards* following dinner. Bring your "**Special Awards**" and auction items.

### **RSVP for Dinner Required!!!      Deadline is Sunday, October 7th!!!!!!**

Here is a list of some of the hotels in the area. They are all about 5 minutes from the meeting place and/or the banquet room.

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### **From Phil Lamm**

Hey All of You Dudes and Dudettes,

Time is short before the Fall Business Meeting. Sorry for the short notice about the time, place, and dates. Any agenda items for the meeting need to be to Mary Bitter ASAP.

Any Diver of the year letters need to be to me ASAP. I know this is past the deadline but I will handle it. Normally the letter would go to Pete, but since he is out of town so much, send the letters to me.  
Phil Lamm - 1434 St Thomas Rd., Granite City, Ill. 62040.

Got any auction items??? Bring them/send them to the Banquet. Let me know if you need directions.

Please advise of your plans to join us!! I would like to know either way, Yes or No, so I know how to plan for the hospitality night, meeting needs, and the banquet.

Thanks, Phil Lamm

**MIDWEST DIVING COUNCIL, INC. SPRING  
BUSINESS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—APRIL 2, 2007  
Hosted by Phil and Mary Ann Gross Independence, MO**

Attendance: Bob Benson, Phil Lam, Jana Bradley, Karl Bitter, Mary Bitter, Krystal Wilhite, Dave Camp, Gary Antes, Phil Gross

Officers Reports:

President – Bob Benson: There is a dive shop called Scuba Tek who will be holding a Dog Days Event at Beaver Lake. What do we need to do to fit in with them?

~ When we are attending other events let people know we are with the MDC and they are welcomed to join us at our events. We need to invite new people into our groups.

~ Bob suggested we place an ad in newspapers saying Lost Divers wanted!

Secretary – Mary Bitter: Asked for email updates.

Treasurer – Phil Gross: Asked about Gary and Carol Maugh, are they 30-year members of the MDC? Need paperwork from Club.

Question was asked if the Jayhawks are still active? We should take advantage of Jayhawks houseboat activities and incorporate Jim King's scuba classes to introduce them to the MDC.

VP of Comp – Karl Bitter: No Report.

Past Presidents:

Jana Bradley:

~ Still has the capability to make awards.

~ Any records old or new should be sent to Jana for archiving.

Phil Lamm:

~ People are not interested in being a part of an organization.

~ Time and travel are becoming more of a problem.

~ When we are at events we need to become trainers instead of participants and work with other groups.

Underwater Society:

Phil Lamm reported that Underwater Rugby is very popular.

~ Catch records updated except for Benson's last year's catch.

Scuba Scoop Editor:

~ Krystal needs addresses to send to Steve Cates and Red Paxton.

~ Dive shops in the 4 state areas have been contacting Krystal for advertising.

~ Suggested the need to increase advertising rates.

OLD BUSINESS:

~ The MDC Website needs to activate.

~ Advertise on T-shirts with web address.

~ Find someone to maintain the website.

~ Gary Antes will contact Pat McCarthy about activating current MDC website.

~ Create a new website(?).

Karl Bitter made the motion: "Gary Antes and Krystal Willhite to come up with a website with a \$500 budget. Any expense over the designated \$500 budget will come before the committee". Jana seconded. Committee will consist of Krystal, Gary Antes and Bob Benson.

Bob Benson received pictures on disks from Camp's, Gross's and Swisher's. Bob will combine the pictures on one disk to be distributed to the public.

Phil Lamm has received some feedback on the survey he sent out; some would come to the dives only for the money and others for the diving.

Underwater Society does not require vests for Skin diving.

Red Book change in Yellow Section, Article I, page 3, Section 14. ...excluding skin spearfishing.

Discussion followed.

Phil Lamm made the motion to add "...excluding Skin Spearfishing." Motion seconded by Mary Bitter.

**Motion Passed.**

NEW BUSINESS:

New T Shirts are being created. After discussion on design of picture for the T-shirts, Jana Bradley will contact Wilbur Screen Print to help get the design right and process the shirts. Order form will be in the Scoop when shirts are ready. Submitted By, Mary Bitter—Secretary, MDC

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Nov. 8th

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Full, 1/2, 1/4, or 1/8th page ads  
Contact Krystal at [camphappybunny@yahoo.com](mailto:camphappybunny@yahoo.com)

## Scuba Scoop Editor Vacancy

Well, it's been a fun 2 years as Scoop Editor. The Scoop has taken on a new look, and is now available on our MDC website.

Following my "2 term limit" rule, it's time to pass the coveted job of Scoop Editor on to someone else at the Fall Business Meeting. The job entails emailing Scoop contributors for news, designing and having Scoop printed, and mailing to members. You also renew old advertisers and look for new ones. The Scoop is published 10 times a year.

Thanks for all of your contributions to the Scoop. *Krystal Willhite*

### **2007 LAKE MCCONAUGHY FRESHWATER NATIONAL SPEARFISHING TOURNAMENT and ADVENTURE**

**By Cory Lar Rieu**

This past March my dad Sonny Tanabe and I were talking when Sonny slid a white sheet of paper in front of me. I looked down at the paper and then at my dad wondering what was up. My dad just smiled back at me. I turned the sheet of paper over and read "2007 LAKE MCCONAUGHY FRESHWATER NATIONAL SPEARFISHING TOURNAMENT

"Let's go!"

"OK!" and the two of us, like two little boys planning their first adventure, started discussing our trip. My first comment to dad was, "Where the heck is Lake McCon...?" I could not pronounce the lakes name.

Sonny, pronouncing the lake correctly, stated it was the largest lake in Nebraska. "Nebraska!! They dive there?" was my reply. "What do we shoot?"

"Carp."

"Carp? Like Koi? The fish I have in my aquarium at home."

"Yep. But they look a little uglier."

The next couple of months, we started making our reservations and educating ourselves about Lake McConaughy. As I researched, I learned Lake McConaughy was a reservoir and the water temperature was 36 degrees Fahrenheit. "OOH MY GOD!!! I'm going to FREEZE!" That was in April. Two Hawaii local guys on there way to Lake McConaughy!

Ogallala was a lively and colorful part of the American West, and the main gateway to the newly opened ranges of the northern plains. The trail drives are ended, but the cattle remain an important factor along with farming, hydroelectric power and industry. Ogallala is still located along a major western route, Interstate 80.

We had to stay in Ogallala, a twenty minute drive from the lake. Lake McConaughy is shaped like a long narrow finger. Looking down from a vista, we could see large sandy shore lines across the narrow portion of the lake. In front of us was a three mile long dam. We could clearly make out the old water level on the dam, about 65 feet higher than the present lake level. We later learned the area has been in a drought for the past 7 years. Lake McConaughy was only about 30 percent full.

While we were checking out Lake McConaughy, Terry Lentz and his son Rory pulled up in their truck. Terry told us he had been scouting the waters for the past two days. The visibility was about seven to ten feet.

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The September meeting was attended by: Phil Gross, Mary Ann Gross, Dave Camp, Lyn Wellington, Diane Sanders, Bill Sanders, Nancy McClelland, Jeff Jeter, Gary Antes, Steve Dudley, Ron Ford, Helen Ford, Bill Forsyth & Don Rosenberger.

SCUBA CLUB NEWS

OLD BUSINESS

Aug 11-12 Table Rock dive on Baxter fun dive hosted by KCFC. The weather was HOT. According to the Corp of Engineers, the Baxter bathhouse is being replaced. Dave reported that he was very disappointed in the water conditions. He blames the increase big boat traffic. Members present: Phil & Mary Gross, Leslie & Gabe Horne, Heather & Gary Antes, Dave & Patty Camp, Karl & Mary Bitter, Cathy Stanley and Roy Clemens (with wife).

Aug 25-26 Stockton Competitive Dive on Stockton Lake hosted by JAWS. There was a good turnout. This is probably because it's closer to the KC Metropolitan area. The KCFC President was pleased because he won 8 beers in the Scuba Skills event. Members present: Phil & Mary Gross, Dave & Patty Camp, Karl & Mary Bitter, Mike Van Haele and Don Heskett.

Sept 1-3 Bull Shoals Fun Dive hosted by Bubblemasters. It was estimated that the visibility was easily 15-20'. During the weekend Phil Lamm had motor problems on his boat and had to be towed in. All members are reminded to use their marine band radios and to keep them on during their stay. Don Rosenberger also suggested that a good plan of Preventive Maintenance is important. Members Present: Phil & Mary Gross, Heather & Gary Antes, Mike Van Haele and Pat McCarthy.

Sept 8 Stockton Cleanup Dive. Participants are to meet at 8:00 AM at the Cedar Gap Shelter next to the new Kit Bond Administration Building at the dam. Diane reported that, including the Frogs; she had a total of 8 divers going. This is a new meeting site from previous years. (Members present: Phil & Mary Gross, Dave & Patty Camp, Michael & Mary Ann Swisher.)

KCFC 2007 Awards Banquet - The committee reported that they are making arrangements to reserve the meeting room at the Old Country Buffet on Saturday November 3, 2007. This is in the shopping center on the NW corner of Highway 40 and Noland Road in Independence. This is the same location as was used last year. The event will begin at 7:00 PM. Pay for you meal and join us in the banquet room.

MDC Fall Convention is in Granite City II, hosted by Bubblemasters and IUD. Phil Lamm has announced that the Fall Convention will be Oct 13-14 at the Bert Building in Granite City with the Saturday night banquet at the same lodge that was used the last time they hosted the Convention.

President Phil Gross brought up 3 topics for possible discussion at the Convention.

1. Changes to Red Book - those members present suggested none.
2. Mike Van Haele fund (money contributed to Mike by his fellow divers for his use in attending the recent Nationals spearfishing competition in California.) The group voiced its opinion that the Frogs had better uses of the funds than the MDC.
3. Hosting the National - The possibility of hosting a scaled down version of the Skin Spearfishing Nationals or Worlds was discussed. The only major objection to hosting again was the large time commitment required for any multi-day competition. Further discussion was tabled until more information would become available.

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**KCFC Minutes (Continued from previous page)**

**NEW BUSINESS**

KCFC Photo Competition: See the KCFC Web site for the winning photos.

**September/October 2007 Fun Meeting** – Diane suggested that the club have a dinner at their farm on **Sept 30<sup>th</sup>**. After some discussion of possible food choices by Bill, Don moved that the club set a \$200 budget for food and drink at this event. The motion was seconded and **passed**. Everyone is invited to come at noon, or earlier, for fishing and we will eat at 3PM. Bill will check with Don Watkins about doing the cooking.

Jeff told those present that Pat McCarthy was recovering after having his appendix removed at 4:00 AM on Tuesday.

**Mary Ann Gross then made an announcement.** She invited all the club members to a Pot Luck on **Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>** at the Gross Residence beginning at 3PM in celebration of the birthday of the OUTGOING Club President. She will supply the meat and drinks. Guests are invited to bring a dish of their choosing to share. Please RSVP to 816-796-6534 so she knows how much pork products to order. No gifts please.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Phil Gross, Acting Secretary

**Ozark Scuba Divers, Inc.**

Howdy- I am working with my boat driver and have just completed our first class in math. We are working on addition and counting, and will continue until we can get it right! Looking forward to the Fall Banquet, just hope I don't have to work. Hope to go out and look for an eatable fish before it gets too cold. Getting ready for Warr Eagle Craft Fair followed by 'Bikes-Blues- and BBQ to be held here in the local area in Oct. -Ken

**Jeter says**

Jeter says: It has been a very good year. I hope to repeat it next year if I am still alive. I am sure I will see ALL of you at the Fall Convention.

Jeter says: Pat you didn't lose anything of importance.



**J.A.W.S News**

Hey divers,

Good friends, good food, good fun!! The weekend of the JAWS dive started out a little damp on Friday evening, but turned out to be a beautiful weekend. We had folks compete in Skin Spearfishing, Skills

Treasure Hunt, Scuba Spearfishing, and Photography. Dave Goble come up with a very unique treasure hunt, everyone who participated enjoyed their new found treasure. If you weren't there, you missed seeing the Mosier's Sunshine Baby on the water once again! She ran like a champ (until I took off part of a blade on the prop with a tree)! OOPS! Thanks to all who joined JAWS at Stockton the end of August.

Dan Mosier has been named JAWS President for the upcoming year. JAWS club members would like to let Krystal know that we have truly appreciated her leadership as JAWS President the past 3 (or more) years. Great job Krystal and THANKS! Until next time,

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Next deadline is Monday, October 22nd for the September Issue.

Dive results from August 25/26 J.A.W.S. Dive Stockton Lake—Stockton State Park

Skin Spearfishing

1st Most—Mike Van Haele; 2nd Most—Gary Maugh; 3rd Most—Dan Mosier II; 4th Most—Don Heskett

1st Largest—Mike Van Haele; 2nd Lgst.—Gary Maugh; 3rd—Don Heskett

Scuba Spearfishing

1<sup>st</sup> Most – Phil Lamm; 2nd Most—Dan Mosier II; 3rd Most— Ken Rader

1st Largest—Ken Rader; 2nd Largest—Phil Lamm; 3rd—Dan Mosier II

Also competing: Phil Gross and Mike Van Haele

Scuba Skills

Men’s 1st—Phil Gross; 2nd—Dave Camp

Women’s 1st—Anna Goble; 2nd—Krystal Willhite

Also participating—Mary Bitter

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