



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From the Presidents dining room table...

We have a DEMP class taking place on July 8th at National Louis University, if you are interested please contact me.

If you haven't yet gotten your gear wet there is a dive and picnic Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at Pearl Lake. On July 16<sup>th</sup> is a dive on the big lake on the Willy. We will be reinstalling the Jim Etherton plaque on the wreck. As of this writing there are just two spots remaining so sign up now.

Joan Chibe is organizing a trip to Navy Pier on Saturday, July 22nd, a chance for you to ride the Ferris Wheel and see the new sights at the Pier.

See you at the Business meeting on the 27th. This is our annual Open House, invite your diving friends and those interested in learning to dive.

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

June, 2017

I have made up a new roster, members please let me know if you want me to e-mail a copy to you.

Congratulations to the first ever 50 year member of the Tritons, Gary Duszak. Gary has been a valued member of the Club during the last 50 years serving on a variety of committees and offices. Gary we are glad to have you as a fellow Triton.

We welcome a new associate member

James Clark  
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Chicago IL 60616  
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Our current membership stands at:  
60 full members 2 Associates  
Total Membership 62

Adolph Habich - Membership Committee.

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## UPDATE YOUR ROSTERS

Be sure to keep us informed of any change in e-mail, phone or address. Thanks!

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# 2017 TRITON EVENTS CALENDAR

## June, 2017

Tuesday, 6/27	Business Meeting <b>OPEN HOUSE</b>	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
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## July, 2017

Sat-Tue, 7/1-4	Dive Trip - TIC Choice	<b>CANCELED</b>
Sunday, 7/9	Chicago Neighborhood Tour by Bus	<b>POSTPONED - Will Move to August or September</b>
Tuesday, 7/11	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, <a href="mailto:promund@gmail.com">promund@gmail.com</a>
Wednesday 7/12	Mid Week Dive	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, <a href="mailto:promund@gmail.com">promund@gmail.com</a>
Sunday, 7/16	Milwaukee Charter Dive Willy Plaque Reinstall	Steve Leibovitz 847-833-5379 <a href="mailto:kb9caw@gmail.com">kb9caw@gmail.com</a>
Saturday, 7/22	Navy Pier Ferris Wheel Ride and Tour	Joan Chibe <joanchibe@comcast.net>
Tuesday, 7/25	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016

## August, 2017

Saturday, 8/5	Howard/Etherton Day	Board of Education
Tuesday, 8/8	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, <a href="mailto:promund@gmail.com">promund@gmail.com</a>
Sunday 8/13	Cantigny Visit	<b>TIC NEEDED</b>
Saturday, 8/19	Charter Dive - TIC Choice	<b>TIC NEEDED</b>
Tuesday, 8/22	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
Sunday, 8/27	Road Rally	Adolph Habich & Pam Romund

## September, 2017

Saturday, 9/8	Feed My Starving Children	Leticia Huerta
Tuesday, 9/12	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, <a href="mailto:promund@gmail.com">promund@gmail.com</a>
Saturday, 9/16	Charter Dive Milwaukee	Jim Hynan <a href="mailto:jhynan74@gmail.com">jhynan74@gmail.com</a>
Saturday, 9/23	Fitzgerald's Fish Boil Genoa City, IL	<b>TIC NEEDED</b>
Tuesday, 9/26	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016

## October, 2017

Saturday, 10/7	Lake Geneva Dive	Jim Hynan <a href="mailto:jhynan74@gmail.com">jhynan74@gmail.com</a>
Tuesday, 10/10	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, <a href="mailto:promund@gmail.com">promund@gmail.com</a>
Sunday, 10/15	Art Institute Visit	<b>TIC NEEDED</b>
Saturday, 10/21	Corn Maze	<b>TIC NEEDED</b>
Tuesday, 10/24	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
Saturday, 10/28	Oktoberfest	<b>TIC NEEDED</b>

## NEW WWW.THETRITONS.COM

We now have a new Host for the "[www.TheTritons.com](http://www.TheTritons.com)" website. Our old web site was a Hodgepodge from many contributors and was well... a mess. Now is the time to clean this up. Milt is building a clean logical web site. Things that were not logically associated to data were not put on the new site. Milt transferred the web site and there may be a few broken links so if you find any please let Milt know at [milspec@comcast.net](mailto:milspec@comcast.net). Be sure to check it out.

## **BREWERS BALLPARK TOUR**

On a cool and rainy Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> six Tritons headed up north to tour Brewers' Stadium in Milwaukee. We were a bit early so we killed some time looking around their store - one entire section was devoted to the racing sausages, fun!



Our group joined with others to begin the tour - about 30 total. Our guide was very knowledgeable and quite entertaining. We toured from the top of the park down to the field level and even into the visitor's dressing room - very plush (compared to what we saw at Wrigley several years ago - small, dinghy, holes in the carpet). We toured the radio and TV booth and the press room. We saw most of the club level rooms and even the Bob Eucker seats! During the game the large windows are open and foul balls come in. Many make holes in the wall, on the larger holes

the date and who hit the ball off what pitcher is written by the hole.

After we completed the tour we headed for some sustenance before making the trek back home. Our choice was the Smoke Shack in Milwaukee. We were warned not to judge the outside because the food is fantastic. We were also told they BBQ all the meats early in the day so if you are too late they might be out of some of the items. However we were there by 4:00 PM so we had our pick of everything - brisket, ribs, bbq pork and more. Everything is served without sauce but you have your choice of five or six different sauces with very different flavor profiles. Everything we tried was great, you can't go wrong. Next time you are in Milwaukee give it a try.

Thanks to all who came out - it was an informative and fun time together.

TIC: Adolph Habich

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## **A DRIVE THRU AUTOMOTIVE HISTORY**

On June 11<sup>th</sup>, 6 of your fellow Tritons took a drive out to the great, now green, North Country of Volo to spend a few hours at the Volo Car Museum. The Museum consists of 5 buildings of exhibits plus many outside exhibits of related agricultural, military and transportation vehicles. For those so inclined, there is also a multilevel flea market that is a museum in its' own right.

We started our tour at building #1 where we paid our entry fees. The first exhibit was also the most expensive being composed of 6 vintage Dusenbergs automobiles. According to the museum brochure, all cars are for sale but none of these had a price tag on them. We determined that if you had to ask the price, you couldn't afford one. Building #2 was dedicated to military history from the civil war to the wars in the Middle East. There were abundant displays of vehicles, equipment and uniforms with many historical documents relating to each conflict. Buildings #3, #4 and #5 were all bursting to the seams with cars from the 30s, to the present. Some were just rare classics. Others were super restorations. And, there were many vehicles that had been used in movies or belonged to celebrities and even royalty. It was truly a trip down memory lane for us as we remembered the cars from our younger days and some that we may have even owned or driven at some time.

After completing our tour of the museum, we headed back south to have an early dinner at a wonderful German restaurant – Fritzi's. Fritzi's is located about ½ mile north of Route 22 in Lake Zurich. After perusing the menu of German specialties, the most ordered item was some type of Schnitzel all of which were excellently prepared. And of course, there was beer and wine to accompany each entrée.

Everyone had a great time at the museum and we had some wunderbar food to end the day. All in all, it was a really super way to spend a hot June Sunday afternoon.

Randy Skiba - TIC

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# 2017 BIKE RIDE, WALK, AND EAT REPORT

Margy and Milt Levenberg would like to report on a very successful Memorial Day Weekend bike ride held on Sunday, May 28. In spite of the really bad weather forecast for the day, 32 brave Tritons and friends attended the annual Bike, Walk and Eat. We started the day with the lunch tables set up in the garage, and the donuts under a canopy in the back yard, but the rain held off until the bikers set out. In fact, the 5-minute mist reported by John Guennewig was so light that most of the bikers didn't even notice it. The 16 bikers reported a really good ride, with the total trip about seventeen miles from the Levenberg house to the Des Plaines River Trail and Old School Forest Preserve and back. The ten walkers enjoyed the walking paths and camaraderie at the Independence Grove Forest Preserve.

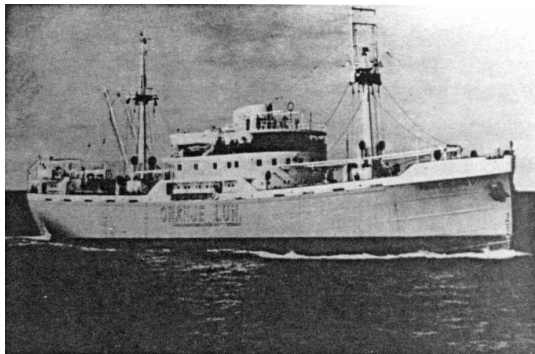
By the time the bikers and walkers returned, the weather had turned absolutely beautiful, so the tables and chairs were quickly moved from the garage to the backyard. All of the Tritons contributed to the feast, making the "Eat" portion of the event a highlight, as always. One of the many notable contributions was Scott's wonderful trifle, right alongside Randy's famous key lime pies. No one can compete with the Tritons in the eating category!

Some of the guests continued to enjoy the day and the companionship well into the evening. It was nice to visit with Iowa resident and former Triton, Bob Ahlborn.

TICs: Milt and Margy Levenberg

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## DIVE THE WILLY SUNDAY, July 16, 2017 1:00 PM AT JERRY'S DOCK IN MILWAUKEE



THE "WILLIE" IS THE MOST POPULAR SHIPWRECK IN THE AREA. SHE IS LAYING ON HER STARBOARD SIDE AT A DEPTH OF 45 to 110FT. THIS STEEL CARGO SHIP IS 258FT LONG AND SANK IN 1954.

We have booked A&J dive Charters out of Milwaukee. We have the 1:00pm Afternoon dive for 6, only two (2) spots remain. This is a fast boat that accommodates 6 divers, leaving from the same dock as the Lender. We will be diving the Prinz Wilhelm, and reinstalling the Etherton plaque (see before and after photos below). Fee is \$90.00 per person

BYO air tanks. Their website is: [ajdivecharters.com](http://ajdivecharters.com), check it out there is information on all the shipwrecks in the Milwaukee area. Their boat, the Sarah Jane is a 35 ft. Owens Concorde. She was built in 1971 but don't let her age fool you, she has been re-powered with twin 454 Mercruiser engines and has a top speed of 35 MPH make her one of the fastest Scuba charter boats in the Milwaukee area.

This dive is filling up fast. If you did not already sign up, please email or call me. \$90.00 Will hold your spot. Please bring your checks to the meeting.

Steve



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Many thanks to Diana Skiba for sending this to our attention. Letter from Nicholas Mallos Director, Trash Free Seas, Ocean Conservancy. Please consider foregoing the straw!



One of the easiest ways to combat plastic pollution? **Skip the straw.**

At last year's International Coastal Cleanup, volunteers picked up hundreds of thousands of straws and stirrers, making straws one of the top ten items found—sadly this is true year after year. Straws are eaten by sea turtles and seabirds, and have even been discovered stuck in the nares (nostrils) of turtles.

Take action to help the ocean today. **Text "straw" to 91990 and pledge to Skip the Straw next time you go out to eat!**

Together 25,000 people can save 5 million plastic straws from entering the ocean and filling the landfills in just one year.

Straws are one of the most easily preventable pieces of marine trash. Next time you're at a restaurant, just ask the server to "Skip the Straw", and encourage your friends to do the same! And if you really can't enjoy your drink without it, try one of the many reusable or biodegradable straws out there.

It couldn't be easier! **Text "straw" to 91990 to take the pledge.**

Marine debris may be an overwhelming problem, but together we can make a BIG difference.

**Pledge to Skip the Straw today and text "straw" to 91990!** The ocean, and the animals who rely on it, will thank you.

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## MID WEEK DIVE - PEARL LAKE WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

This is a day to come on out - shake off your gear - and get wet!! We will meet up at the lake about 10:00/10:30, dive and then have lunch. If you like then dive again! Bring your dive gear, a lawn chair and enjoy a day at the lake. Lunch and beverages will be provided. The cost for this event is the entrance fee to Pearl, \$20 for divers, \$15 for non-divers, \$5 for the picnic. Please let me know if you are planning to attend so that we can get the numbers correct for food. Head on out to Pearl to soak up some sun and fun at the.lake.

TIC: Pam Romund 773-791-3142 [promund@gmail.com](mailto:promund@gmail.com)

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## NAVY PIER VISIT SATURDAY, JULY 22



This is your opportunity to ride the new Ferris Wheel and see the latest updates to the Pier - a chance to play tourist and explore Illinois! Once we have explored from one end to the other there are plenty of places to grab a bite and some liquid refreshment before we head back home. Parking is expensive at the Pier so it will be best to carpool. More details at the June meeting.

TIC: Joan Chibe [joanchibe@comcast.net](mailto:joanchibe@comcast.net)

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## **THE ENDLESS ACQUISITIONS OF SCUBA BUSINESSES**

Remember old favorite brands like U.S. Divers, Spirotechnique, Uwatec, Dacor, and Seaquest? They all got swallowed up in acquisitions along the way and eventually disappeared. There are fewer and fewer small businesses manufacturing diving equipment now.

American Underwater Products (Pelagic, Oceanic, Aeris, Hollis) brought up both the Prism rebreather business of Peter Readey and Kevin Gurr's Explorer rebreather business in recent years.

The Canadian drysuit company, White's, fell into bed with Scubapro for a while before becoming a company within Aqualung's remit. Aqualung's parent company, the French gas giant Aire Liquide, bought the British brand, Apeks, and set it alongside its Aqualung brand — and now both have been sold and are trading independently.

Suunto became part of Amer Sports. HTM took Mares, and, most recently, the training agency SSI, under its control. Mares also absorbed the Belgian rebreather manufacturer, rEvo, last year. And, as we reported in the last issue, even PADI has changed hands recently and appears to be no longer affiliated with any diving magazine. Is this in preparation for a tie-up with a manufacturer?

Now Huish Outdoors, already the owner of Atomic Aquatics, Bare, Stahlsac, Liquivision, Sharkskin and Zeagle (and marketing Suunto in North America), has purchased AUP brands Oceanic and Hollis. Bob Hollis previously sold the Pelagic computer division of AUP to Aqualung. Some speculate that the rebreathers might still be manufactured and sold by Hollis Rebreathers as a separate company, to separate potential legal liability from the main group.

Perhaps the good news for consumers might be that one should be able to find all these brands at the same dive store — if it is one that does business with Huish Outdoors.

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## **GREAT WHITE V ORCAS? ORCAS WIN**

Katherine, the tagged great white shark, continues to patrol the east coast of Florida. The group Oearch, which tagged the shark off Cape Cod in 2013, said she has been as far north as Orlando. The 2,300-pound shark has traveled 31,000 miles since tracking began. Is there anything scarier than a great white shark?

Well, the corpses of three large great whites have been recovered in the Gansbaai area of South Africa with their nutrient-rich livers apparently surgically removed. What's doing this? It's a pod of orcas that have learned to drown the sharks by inverting them and then simply biting through their trunk between the pectoral fins to remove the prized liver, leaving the rest of the organs.

After the dead sharks had drifted into shallow water, scientists from the Dyer Island Conservation Trust autopsied them (the largest was 16 feet — 4.9m) and determined that the orca's bite on the inverted shark allows the buoyant liver to float free. Orcas are the great white's only predator.

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## **RETIRE IN MARGARITAVILLE?**

I doubt you have ever been on a dive boat without hearing Margaritaville and other Jimmy Buffett songs played mercilessly, probably leaving you with a Buffet brainworm. However, if you are one for whom Jimmy's music rings your eternal-youth bell, then you might consider moving to Latitude Margaritaville in Daytona, Florida. You see, he's partnered with Minto Communities, a development firm, to create a housing community for those aged "55 or better," where margaritas and chill vibes, along with beachfront access, live entertainment, lap pools, spas and more will be the menu of the day, not to mention margaritas. Opening in the summer of 2018, the 7,000 homes being built will range from the low \$200,000s to \$350,000. No word yet if they'll offer diving, but if they do, sing along on the ride to the reef and wait till your last dive's done for your first margarita of the day.

Article by Ben Davidson

# A big *Triton* THANK YOU!

The following businesses support our organization and we thank them for the generosity. The next time you stop in mention you are a Triton & personally thank them for their support.

## **BELOW H20**

554 S. Route 59  
Naperville, IL 60540  
630-820-2531

## **CHICAGOLAND SCUBA**

890A South Rand Road  
Lake Zurich, IL 60047  
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1039 Waukegan Road  
Glenview, IL 60025  
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9301 W. Ogden Ave.  
Brookfield, IL 60513  
708-442-43883

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2738 E 2000 North Road  
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815-939-7797

## **PEARL LAKE RESORT**

Highway 251  
South Beloit, IL 61080  
815-389-1479

## **PIRATE'S COVE DIVING**

1103 West Oklahoma Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53215  
414-482-1430

## **SCUBA EMPORIUM**

16336 S. 104th Avenue  
Orland Park, IL 60467  
708-226-1614

## **SCUBA SENSATIONS**

2475 W. Pratt Blvd  
Chicago, IL 60645  
312-404-7785

## **TOUCAN DIVE CENTER**

756 Frontage Road  
Lake Villa, IL 60046  
847-356-7826

## **UNDERSEAS SCUBA CENTER**

611 N. Addison Avenue  
Villa Park, IL 60181  
630-833-8383

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## **DIVE SEASON OPENER SATURDAY, JUNE 3 PEARL LAKE**

One dozen Tritons came out to Pearl Lake for an absolutely perfect day, we couldn't have had better if we ordered it special - blue skies, fluffy white clouds, nice breeze. Diving was good, early enough that there weren't large crowds so viz was good, water temp ranged from 62 to 74 depending on where you were in the water column.

Lunch was a feast - BBQ chicken breast, Italian Sausage, Brats, burgers, potato salad, grilled zucchini and all the fixings. After lunch several opted for another dive. A great way to kick off the dive season. Thanks for coming out!!

TICs: Ron Levin and Pam Romund



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See you Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 7:30 PM

**OPEN HOUSE**

## *Giuseppe's*

1062 Lee St Des Plaines, IL  
(847) 824-4230

The restaurant is situated on Lee Street, north of Algonquin and south of Northwest Highway