



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi to all,

I just returned from Our World Underwater. It was a good show. I thought the Friday and Saturday night film festivals were excellent. They were more entertaining and educational than I recall from the past. The travel operators and manufacturers were well represented. I added some new destinations and equipment to my wish list.

I also spoke with some fellow Tritons, some were performing volunteer work at the show, others, like myself were just attendees. I noticed that I did not see as many Tritons as I have in the past. I wonder why that is?

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One of the Tritons that I saw inquired about the Labor Day Munising trip. The question was asked, "If we move the trip earlier in August, would more people attend?" My answer was, "probably not". The next question was, "Why do we have it on the calendar?"

So this is my question to you. Why do we have it on the calendar? The answer is NOT that the Events Committee put it there. The Events Committee proposed the event. You voted on it. You put it on the calendar. Why don't you attend the events that you voted for? Am I wrong? If so, bring your checkbook to the meeting. If not, where do we go from here?

Safe Diving to All,
Steve Leibovitz 847-253-5933

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

February, 2008

Not much to report this month.

Membership: 90 full members
6 associate members

TOTAL 96 members

Margit Mikkelsen - Membership Committee

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BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

If any member would like a copy of the business meeting minutes to review please email Al Krenz (akrenz993@sbcglobal.net) and he will email them to you before the meeting. Thanks!

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TRITON 2008 EVENTS CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2008		
Saturday, 2/23	Chicago Maritime Festival	Chicago History Musuem http://www.chicagomaritimefestival.org/2008/
Sunday, 2/24	Goose Island Brewery Tour	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com
Tuesday, 2/26	Business Meeting	Guiseppe's 1062 Lee St Des Plaines, IL 847-824-4230
MARCH 2008		
Saturday, 3/1	Comedy Club Outing	Renee Tobias, renee.tobias@carqueville.com
Tuesday, 3/11	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com
Saturday, 3/15	Dinner and a Movie Nite	NEEDS TIC
Tuesday, 3/25	Business Meeting and General Elections	Guiseppe's 1062 Lee St Des Plaines, IL 847-824-4230
APRIL 2008		
Saturday, 4/5	Anniversary Party	Judi Stephens 847-296-6421
Tuesday 4/8	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com
Saturday, 4/12-4/19	Dive Trip, Little Cayman Beach Resort	Randy Skiba (224) 392-2131, cell phone
Tuesday, 4/22	Business Meeting	Guiseppe's 1062 Lee St Des Plaines, IL 847-824-4230
MAY 2008		
Saturday, 5/10	Tritons Cinco de Mayo Party	Rosana Vemmer, RVMexicana@hotmail.com; Lourdes Alonso, lalonso@stepan.com
Tuesday, 5/13	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com
Saturday, 5/18	Season Opener/Haigh	NEEDS TIC
Monday, 5/26	Memorial Day Bike Ride, Walk and Eat!	Milt & Margy Levenberg, milspec@comcast.net
Tuesday, 5/27	Business Meeting	Guiseppe's 1062 Lee St Des Plaines, IL 847-824-4230
JUNE 2008		
S & S, 6/7 & 8	Training Weekend	Board of Education – Pearl Lake, South Beloit, IL
Sunday/ 6/8	Quarry Dive & Picnic Pearl Lake, South Beloit	Pam Romund, promund@kraft.com – 847-698-5490
Tuesday, 6/10	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com
Sunday, 6/22	Local Area Dive – Milwaukee or Waukegan	NEEDS TIC
Tuesday, 6/24	Business Meeting – OPEN HOUSE	Guiseppe's 1062 Lee St Des Plaines, IL 847-824-4230 INVITE GUESTS and those interested in diving
JULY 2008		
Saturday, 7/5	All Day Dive Charter/Lk Michigan (Enterprise)	NEEDS TIC – 3 Tank Dive!!
Tuesday, 7/8	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com
Sunday, 7/13	Quarry Dive & Picnic Haigh Quarry	NEEDS TIC
Tuesday, 7/22	Business Meeting	Guiseppe's 1062 Lee St Des Plaines, IL 847-824-4230
Sunday, 7/27	Winery Tour & Tasting	NEEDS TIC

We have immediate openings for a few TICs. Please contact Dave Vemmer if you are interested in running an event. We need to get TICs for all the events on the calendar. Thanks!

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING

I May Be Bent... Now What? Many divers may not know that someone can get decompression illness even while following safe diving rules. To better educate divers, DAN has created a new DVD about DCI and what to do if you suspect a diver has it.

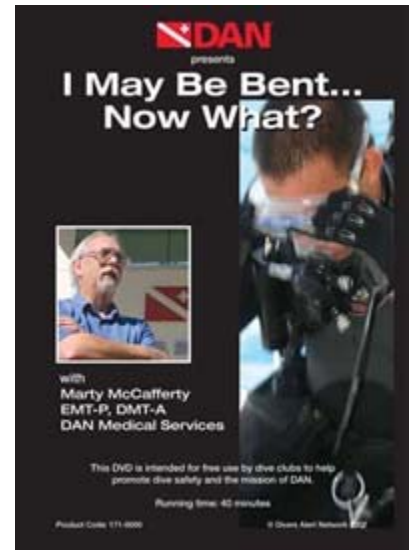
The DVD emphasizes that the symptoms of DCI are similar to other medical conditions, such as a heart attack or upset stomach, so only a physician is qualified to make a diagnosis. The diver has three responsibilities:

- to recognize the signs and symptoms;
- to provide standard care within their levels of training; and
- to help transfer the injured diver to a higher level of care.

Denial is the most common reason for delay in seeking assistance. Injured divers usually call DAN because their symptoms will not go away. Amazingly almost 15 percent of injured divers continue to dive after initial DCI symptoms are recognized.

DAN wants to educate divers in recognizing DCI and seeking immediate medical evaluation, which improves and shortens the treatment and reduces the chances of long-term problems. The risk of DCI increases as divers dive deeper, stay down longer, ascend faster, or shorten their surface intervals.

Come to the February meeting to learn more. Let's hope you never encounter a diving accident, but if you do, it's better to be prepared and ready to help.



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CHICAGO INDOOR RACING

On February the 2nd, nine hardened Tritons enjoyed the high speed of auto racing. John Kitts was the champion this year, followed by Mark Vera and Dave Vemmer fighting for the second place and Rick O'Malley in third. Nobody lost at the end of the race and all of them had big smiles. Lourdes Alonso finished last (if you know the champion Fernando Alonso, please don't mention that). The emotion made us hungry and we happily moved to George's What's cooking? Restaurant. By that time the group had grown to 13 people with the invitees. With such an extensive menu everybody easily found an appealing food, like the mish-mash soup "snorkel included". The best part was that with the bread basket they served cake!!! What a peculiar place where you start with the dessert.

TIC: Lourdes Alonso

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WOLVES HOCKEY GAME

It was a great night at the Allstate Arena even though it was bitterly cold outside we were very warm inside cheering on the Chicago Wolves hockey team. All of our yelling and screaming must have worked because we beat Milwaukee!!

For those of you that have never been it is a fun time – the Wolves' management is very good at getting the crowd active and involved in the game. We cheered every time The Tritons name appeared on the electronic billboard, it was there quite often. Quite a few fights on the ice but didn't see any in the stands. The half time show is a mini-hockey game with local area Mighty Mites – little ones getting to play in the big arena. Skates, the official mascot of the Wolves was skating with them and they all were having a grand time.

After the game we all (minus one who got lost, but not too worry we did find her) adjourned to Giordano's for pizza and liquid refreshment. We had a good time recounting the game and catching up with one another after the long holiday break.

Our TIC was among the missing at the event – he was out of town and couldn't make it. But he did make the reservations and got the tickets, many thanks to Jim Hynan for a job well done.

ENJOY A NIGHT AT THE IMPROV IN SCHAUMBURG WITH HAL SPARKS

Saturday, March 1

**Dinner at 5:30, show starts at 7:00 pm
847-240-2001**

We will be doing the Dinner Package + Admission to show package:

- Pre-reserved, preferred seating with no wait in line (versus 1st come 1st served basis and 50% of party must be present with all tickets in hand)
- The \$2.50 service charge per ticket is waived
- No 2 minimum item order (drink/food)

Seating for dinner begins at 5:30. Be there by 6:00 at the latest. The show starts at 7:00

The cost for the meal is \$15.45 per person and includes tossed salad with dressing plus your choice of:

- Choice of cheeseburger with fries
- Chicken sandwich with fries
- Chicken tenders with fries
- Spicy chicken tenders with fries

Note: beverages are additional.

Admission to show \$19.00 per person

I need checks by February 26th (the February meeting) at the very latest. Invite your friends and family...we need a minimum of 15.

The Improv is located inside Woodfield Mall in the upper level parking lot between Sears and Lord & Taylor, right next to the Texas De Brazil Steak House. Valet parking is available to the east of the Improv Entrance.

<http://www.halsparks.com/>

TIC – Renee Tobias

Any questions, call me. Work: 630-372-5284

Home: 847-459-3151

e-mail work: renee.tobias@carqueville.com

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ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Saturday, April 5

After the large gala event last year we are going a bit more low-key this year. We will have our annual Anniversary Party but without the gigantic raffle and dancing. This year's celebration will be a bit more subdued evening. We will present our annual awards – the Triton of the Year winner as well as Social and Dive Events of the Year. We will also be at a new venue, more details will follow at the February business meeting but here are some of the details:



The Tritons 51st Anniversary Party

Saturday April 5

Cost: \$30 per person

Choice of Chicken Teriyaki, Grilled Atlantic Salmon,
Beef Kabob served over Rice, Vegetarian Primavera

Bacchus Nibbles

20817 Quentin Road

Lake Zurich, IL 60047

847.438.3212

TIC: Judi Stephens 847-296-6421

Space is Limited, Reserve Your Place Now

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

General elections will be held at the March Business Meeting. We have established a preliminary slate of candidates for positions that will be open this year.

President

Al Fairbanks
Steve Leibovitz, incumbent
Rich Schak

Secretary

Daniel Alan Balsam
Pam Romund

Director

David O'Malley
Renee Tobias

Anyone wishing to run for any of the above offices should contact a member of the committee to get your name added to the slate. We will be accepting nominations from the floor on the night of the elections provided the nominee is present and accepts or, if not present, has give their written permission prior to the meeting.

Also remember if you will be casting a ballot for another member unable to make the meeting you are limited to a maximum of three (3) proxy votes per active Triton member.

We thank everyone for their cooperation and willingness to serve on the board.

Nominating Committee Members

Lorraine Colwell, Chris Demski, Haydee Garcia, Denice Kennedy, Pete Kennedy

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BREWERY TOUR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24 – 2:45 PM

COST – A MERE \$5.00

An adventure awaits – come tour the Goose Island Brewery on Clybourn and see how they do it! Join a Goose Island brewer on a trip through the brewing process, followed by a tasting of their award-winning ales and lagers. The tour will last approximately 1 to 1 1/2 hours. For those interested we will then gather in the restaurant for a quick bite (this cost is not included in the tour).

Goose Island Clybourn

1800 North Clybourn Ave
Chicago, IL 60614

You must be over 21 to attend this event (you will need to show an ID no matter your age) Also I need to know how many will be attending, I have a some spots reserved and can get a few more but need to know in advance if you want to join in on the fun.

TIC: Pam Romund, promund@kraft.com or 847-698-5490

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CONDOLENCES

I am very sorry to report the passing of Jason Morrill, the son of longtime TRITON member, Don Morrill. Jason had moved to the southwest some time ago, he passed away December 13, 2007 in Utah. If you would care to send Don a note or card please send to:

Don Morrill
P.O. Box 2075
Des Plaines, IL 60017

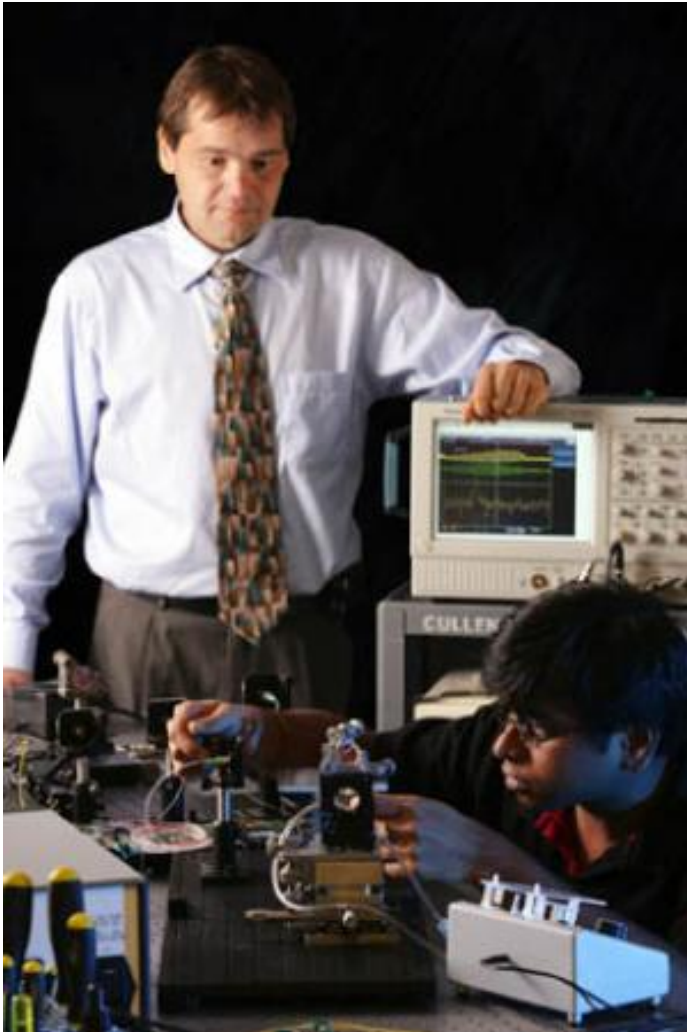
Our thoughts and prayers are with Don and the rest of the family during this very sad time.

LASER CAN SPOT ILLNESS BEFORE SYMPTOMS APPEAR

Science Daily (Nov. 19, 2007) — It may not rank among the top 10 causes of death, but decompression sickness can be fatal. Instead of waiting for symptoms to appear, a University of Houston professor is developing a laser-based system that can diagnose the sickness in a matter of seconds.

Kirill Larin, assistant professor of biomedical engineering and mechanical engineering, is using a \$400,000 grant from the U.S. Navy to develop the first optical non-invasive tool to test those most likely to suffer from decompression sickness, such as scuba divers, submariners and airplane pilots. Decompression sickness affects those who experience sudden, drastic changes in the air or water pressure surrounding their bodies. It can cause anything from joint pain – known as the bends – to seizure, stroke, coma and, in the most extreme cases, death.

“Most of the time, decompression sickness isn’t addressed until the person starts showing clinical symptoms,” Larin said. “It would be better, of course, to treat the problem before the symptoms appear. That would allow individuals to take the appropriate medical actions to reduce the side effects of decompression sickness.”



Above-Kirill Larin, a UH assistant professor in biomedical engineering and mechanical engineering, looks on as UH graduate student Ravi Kiran works on an experiment in the Biomedical Optics Laboratory, located in the Cullen College of Engineering Building D. (Credit: Photo by Mark Lacy)

Larin’s optical device can locate the presence of nitrogen gas – or microbubbles – in blood and tissues, which can restrict the flow of blood throughout the body and cause damage. Larin is developing the tool, which works much like an ultrasound machine, with Dr. Bruce Butler of the UT Health Science Center in Houston. Instead of getting readings using sound waves, however, Larin’s system uses light waves in the form of lasers that bounce back when they encounter resistance, thereby providing a high-resolution image.

The Navy could eventually use this technology on all divers or pilots returning to the surface. By shining the laser on one of these individuals, it would provide an image that would reveal the presence of any microbubbles in the blood or tissue – all in a matter of seconds. If microbubbles are found, then medical steps, such as time in a decompression chamber, could be taken before the symptoms appear.

An early version of the tool has been able to locate microbubbles as small as six micrometers, or six thousandths of a millimeter. Most microbubbles are between five and 15 micrometers, about the size of a red blood cell.

The device also could be used at the International Space Station, where individuals moving from a ship to the station have suffered from the effects of decompression sickness. With continued research, everyone from highly trained naval divers and pilots, to astronauts and seaside vacationers could benefit.

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.

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2950 Ogden Avenue
Aurora IL 60504
630-820-2531

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3042 N. Milwaukee
Northbrook, IL
847-358-3848

DD DIVE SHOP

1039 Waukegan Road
Glenview, IL 60025
847-657-3483

HAIGH QUARRY

2738 E 2000 North Road
Kankakee, IL 60901
815-939-7797

SCUBA EMPORIUM

12003 S. Cicero Avenue
Alsip, IL 60803
703-389-9410

SCUBA SYSTEMS

3919 Oakton
Skokie, IL 60076
847-674-0222

TOUCAN DIVE CENTER

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

BERRY AQUA PARADISE

1620 Pebblewood Lane, # 124
Naperville, IL 60563
630-579-1150

CHICAGOLAND SCUBA

732 S. Rand Road
Lake Zurich, IL 60047
847-540-7211

DJ'S SCUBA LOCKER

7840 W. Ogden, Suite #9
Lyons, IL 60534
708-442-4388

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

SEA LION DIVE CENTER

1158 Lake Street
Hanover Park, IL 60107
630-289-1680

UNDERSEAS SCUBA CENTER

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

OF INTEREST TO DIVERS. . .

We are beginning the season of dive shows and exhibits here in the Midwest. Upcoming shows you may find interesting:

CHICAGO MARITIME FESTIVAL - Saturday, February 23, 2008 - Chicago History Museum. The festival offers concerts, seminars, workshops, exhibits and kids activities. Check out <http://www.chicagomaritimefestival.org/2008/> for all the information.

GHOST SHIPS FESTIVAL - March 7 and 8, 2008 - Ninth year for this event, held at the Wyndham Milwaukee Airport and Convention Center just across from the General Mitchell International Airport in Milwaukee. Visit <http://www.ghost-ships.org> for the daily schedule and films to be presented.

GREAT LAKES SHIPWRECK FESTIVAL presented by the Ford Seahorses Scuba Diving Club - April 19, 2008. This popular event is back after a three year hiatus. Check out: <http://www.shipwreckfestival.org/>



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See you February 26, 2008 at

Giuseppe's

Our entertainment will feature the latest from

D.A.N. – I May Be Bent... Now What?

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

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