



PREZ BOX

Seasons Greetings,
The holiday season is upon us. I hope everyone was able to have a Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends. I always enjoy the holidays with plenty of food and drink; it just makes it a little harder to fit into the wet suit though.

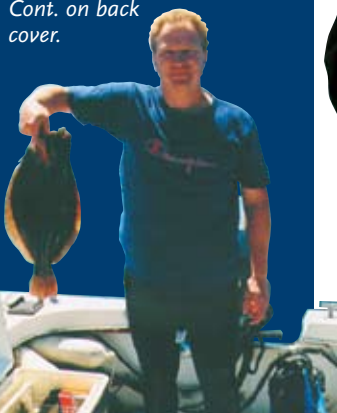
The Winter Dive Club is under way with everyone going strong. Hopefully this warm weather will continue and we will get more people staying in to the end this year's season.

I will be hosting the Annual Christmas Party on December 9th at my house. Come on down and join in the festivities. There will be plenty food, drink, and fun. The party will start at 6:00 pm so mark your calendar and hopefully you can attend.

Coming up we will be taking nominations for officers and board of director members. Let us know if you are interested in being nominated for a position.

Rounding out the year we have our Annual New Years Day Dive. What better way to start the New Year then by jumping into the bay for a swim? This is one of are most popular events of the year where we get a good

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By Henry C.

I haven't been around very much this year, but I have been able to attend a handful of OCA events. One that I didn't want to miss was the installation of a plaque that we had made in memory of Joe Pasquale. Joe died while diving on the wreck of the Metis off the coast line of Westerly, Rhode Island four years ago.

We had the plaque made three years ago intending to install it on the wreck. Every time we scheduled the dive, we were unable to go through with it due to bad weather. Maybe someone was trying to tell us something.

This year, the decision was made to install the plaque on land near the site where we lost Joe. I don't know who came up with this idea, but they should be commended. If we had installed the plaque on the wreck, very few people would ever get a chance to see it and in a year or two. The sea would claim it as a platform for new life and as this process progressed it would become completely overgrown so that no one would ever be able to see it. By installing it on land, anyone could visit the plaque

whenever they wished.

So on Saturday, October 22, 2006, six OCA members set out to find a place to leave the club's memorial to Joe Pasquale for all to see. The weather was perfect. The sun was shining and the wind was calm. Max Arias, Fred LeBlanc, Janet MacCausland, Alan Riley, Bill Turner and I met at the "Middle of No Where Diner" on Route 3 in Exeter, Rhode Island for a

9:00 am breakfast and to discuss potential sites. As we sipped our coffee and ordered our meals, we remembered who we had all assembled for. Joe Pasquale was

a kind man who could carry on a conversation with anyone about almost anything. He could speak with you on politics, current events, sports and anything that you happened to find interesting at the moment. And, of course, he loved to talk about diving. Joe would engage children with stories from his past. True stories or not, it didn't matter; they would listen intently. Joe was active in his community, donating his time to everything from business gatherings to Boy Scouts. Most of all, Joe was a family man. In fact, much of his conversation was about family achievements and events. He always had an opinion on OCA business and

voiced it at meetings. He also

Remembering Joe Pasquale



From the **RETRO** files.

Dig into your photo albums and share with us the memories of when you started diving or an event during your diving career.

This Month's feature was submitted by **Dick Will** from his collection of dive paraphernalia. His 1962 Skindiving Guide of the East and Northeast provides entertaining dive site information.



Spearing of striped bass is permitted in Rhode Island. The legal minimum length is 16 in. but local divers adhere pretty much to a 20 in. minimum to avoid the possibility of coming up short.

Lobsters are legal, too, but both resident and non-resident divers must have the \$5.00 license which may be obtained at the Department of Fish and Game at the State House in Providence.

Thank you from Team Tarro

I would like to thank the O.C.A. members who so generously supported my team for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on October 20th this year. The Team I walk on was organized by my sister Mary Tarro. She started Team Tarro ten years ago! Back then we had about 12 members now we have about 150 members! The R.I. Cancer Society honored our team last year.

Our team poster with photos and information is the first thing you see upon entering the Cancer Society of R.I.

You see, like many women you know and love, my sister is a survivor. Due to your generosity and kindness you helped me raise \$300! That was our contribution to our team total this year of \$10,000!!! No it is not a typo, we helped raise ten thousand dollars for breast cancer research and a cure. I, like you, hope and pray a cure is found soon. Thank you. I think you are GREAT!

Sincerely, **Connie**

April 1st Dues Changed

During our October 26th meeting, a vote was cast to change the By-Laws to reflect the Board of Directors recommendation making yearly dues due on April 1st. There will be no grace period. Members not making a payment will be taken off the OCA Buddy List.

It was suggested though that a renewal form be sent to all current members as a reminder, an invoice and a method to update current information, especially e-mail addresses.

Article 5 - Dues and Assessments

Section 1. Membership Dues: Each regular member shall pay membership dues in the amount of \$30.00 per year. These dues are payable on or before the first day of April. If any member has any dues unpaid on April 1st, he or she is in arrears. The dues...

Nominations for Officers

The nomination of 2007 officers commences during our December 7 meeting. President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary as well as three (3) board member positions will be up for grabs. Get your nominations in now as these seats are HOT! If you've been sitting in the back row letting other members run the show, now's your time to shine. Plus, the current slate is tired and would like a break.

So kick these bums out of office and show us how it should be done!

The purpose of the Old Colony Amphibians is to further the sport of skin and scuba diving for the enjoyment of its members while at the same time promoting safety and sportsmanship.

OCA OFFICERS

President **Bob Riecke**
Vice President **Bill Turner**
Secretary **Bill Lane**
Treasurer **Terry Carragher**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ian Campbell 05-06
(B. Danserreau) **Ray Baril** 05-06
Keith McNulty 05-06
Henry Cugno 06-07
Fred LeBlanc 06-07
Janet MacCausland 06-07

www.ocascuba.org O.C.A. meetings are held every Thursday evening at 7:00 pm at the Scuba Center in South Attleboro, MA. Winter meetings are held the first and third Thurs. of the month from November 1 thru March 31.

We welcome your articles, notes, cartoons and photos for upcoming issues. Feel free to forward them to:

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or directly to Bill Lane, editor of *On The Line*:
bill@lanedesign.com

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had a warm smile that he would share with us frequently.

As the waitress came by to refill our coffee mugs, we discussed two possible sites. One was at the Weekapaug Breach Way near Misquamicut State Beach and the second was off the scenic drive leading to the barrier beach between the ocean and Quonochontaug Salt Pond. Both sites were as close as one could get to the wreck of the Metis and still be on dry land. Both sites would have plenty of rock surfaces to fasten the plaque to.

We finished our meals and left the “Middle of No Where Diner” quite satisfied that our stomachs were full and our direction was clear. On this day, we would complete a task that was three years overdue.

The drive down to Westerly took about twenty five minutes. We wound our way down Route 3 which was lined in full Fall color. I was riding with Bill Turner and I could tell that we were both getting anxious about finishing something that was started long ago. We made it down to the breach way and kept going on the scenic drive until we reached an area where the road bends along the ocean. There a few parking spaces provide a place for those who just want to stare at the sea for a while. From this spot, we could see Block Island clearly and the water between us and the island was flat calm. We parked and walked down to the beach where we started looking for a place to install the plaque.

Several locations started to present themselves, but as we evaluated each of them from the beach, one stood out. There was a large granite rock that rose like a monument right at the edge of the road as we looked up from the beach. It faces the sea in roughly the direction of the Metis. We all agreed that this would be the place.

Bill Turner removed all of the necessary tools and materials from the bed of his truck as Janet MacCausland started documenting the entire process with her camera. We definitely had more than enough people for the task at hand, but we all, somehow, found a way to be useful. We marked the holes that would need to be hammer drilled into the granite and began the process. The installation went well. Of course, we had some minor difficulties along the way. One of the fasteners sheared off. Another fastener head stripped, but we were determined to place the plaque **HERE, TODAY!** We overcame these setbacks and the installation was completed. The only thing left to do was a group photo. As I looked around at everyone, I could tell that we were all taking

a moment to remember Joe in our own way.

If anyone would like to visit the plaque, you should be able to find it easily with the following directions:

- In Rhode Island, Take 95 south to Exit #1 (just before the Connecticut line).
- Take a right off the exit onto Route 3 south.
- Follow Route 3 south to Route 78.
- Take a left onto Route 78 south.
- Follow Route 78 south to the intersection with Route 1.
- Take a left onto Route 1.
- Follow Route 1 north to the Dunns Corner intersection where you will need to take a right onto Langworthy Road.
- Follow Langworthy Road to the Route 1A intersection.
- Proceed through the intersection as Langworthy Road turns into Weekapaug Road.
- Follow Weekapaug Road along the Weekapaug Breachway until it becomes Wawaloam Drive (this begins the scenic drive along the ocean). You will come to a STOP sign.
- Take a right at the STOP sign onto Spring Ave. Spring Ave. comes very close to the ocean at the bend and there are a few parking spots provided on the ocean side of the road. Park here and look for a somewhat pointed piece of gray granite right along the side of the road facing the ocean. Here, you will find a plaque that reads:

IN MEMORY OF
JOSEPH M. PASQUALE
HUSBAND, FATHER, GRANDFATHER, SON,
BROTHER AND FRIEND.
LOST HERE ON OCTOBER 25TH, 2002
AND REMEMBERED BY
THE OLD COLONY AMPHIBIANS.



The OCA Annual Holiday Party

Hosted by the Rieckes

154 Beechwood Hill Trail, Exeter, RI 401-295-4155

December 9th at 6:30 pm.

The Rieckes have graciously opened up their home for our annual holiday event this year. If you haven't signed up on the roster sheet, no problem, just give Bob a call so he'll know how many are planning to attend. Based on those who have signed up, he'll suggest what you can contribute to the party.

- Take **95 s** to **Route 4 south** at the fork in the road,
- Go approximately 6 miles and take **Exit 5B Route 2/102** toward Exeter,
- Take a **left** on to **Route 2** in about .9 miles,
- Travel almost **4 miles** down Route 2 and look for **Yawgoo Valley Road** on your **left**.
- Take that left onto Yawgoo Valley Road, then,
- Take your **2nd left** onto **Beechwood Hill Trail**. I am the first house on the right approximately 100 yards down from the corner.

November

19 **Block 2** W.D.C. starts

December

7 **OCA (winter) meeting, 7:00**
Nominations for officers commences. Elections will be held January 4, 2007.

9 **OCA Holiday Party**, hosted by the Riecke's. 6:30 pm, 401-295-4155
More details inside.

10 **Block 3** W.D.C. starts

21 **OCA (winter) meeting, 7:00**
Nominations for officers commences. Elections will be held January 4, 2007.

31 **Block 4** W.D.C. starts

January

1 **New Year's Day Dive**, hosted by the Board of Directors. 11 am registration, 12 noon treasure hunt dive.
Rain date: Jan. 7th - Sunday.

4 **OCA (winter) meeting, 7:00**
Elections for officers will be held.

21 **Block 5** W.D.C. starts

27 **Annual OCA Banquet**, Hose Co. No. 6 in Pawtucket. 6:30 for cocktails, dinner 7:30ish.
More details to follow. Bill Turner.

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number of participants. Even if you don't plan on diving come join us for some food, fun, and a chance to win prizes.

It's been a great year!
Have a safe and happy holiday season. **Bob R.**



A distant memory...August!



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