

UP AND DOWN THE ANCHOR LINE

KEYSTONE DIVERS ASSOCIATION



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Next KDA Meeting:

Wednesday, August 4, 2010

Dr. Arch McNamara

Meeting @ 7 PM; Speaker @ 8!

Arch McNamara may be a Wills Eye Institute Retina Surgeon by day, but come vacation time he turns into an avid diver and underwater photographer. Arch lugs his housed Nikon D200 to as many dive sites as he can. This year's spring break found him in St. Vincent, "Critter Capital of the Caribbean" looking for tiny stuff with legendary Bill Tewes, an ex-pat US marine, who has been the owner of Dive St. Vincent since 1984. Although Arch did not discover any new species on this trip, Bill has done so throughout his career. Bill pointed out many a "NIB" during the dives (you'll have to attend the meeting to find out just what is a "NIB")! As a bonus, Arch will share some of his images from last year's spring break trip: Dominica, The Nature Island. Dudas Diving Duds will be visiting Dominica in January, 2011. Come to Arch's talk and see what you could be in for on Dominica!!

Last Barnaby's KDA Meeting: 6/2/2010!

There were no piles of plates or strewn silver on the floor of the Baltic just north of Poland, but there were a LOT of wrecks. One in particular, that of the *Wilhelm Gustloff*, captured the attention of **Mike Boring** back in the '90's when he came across a copy of *The Cruellest Night* by Christopher Dobson in a used book store. Soon after he had the opportunity work in Germany for six years. This, and the subsequent falling of the Solviet Union finally allowing underwater exploration, prompted the organization of an expedition to the site. Necessary permit in hand, this international crew of divers from US & Europe comprised of Dan Stevenson, Andy Aston, Paul Dixon, Mike Cross, Chris Hutchison, Brad Sheard, Leigh Bishop, Tim Elley & Mike Boring made the 3 dives in the May 2003 exploratory expedition. They had every intent of going back in 2004, but they never did! First stop was Hel, Poland, but lacking insurance papers for their vehicle (stuffed to the gills with technical scuba equipment) and no language in common, their trip took a sudden nose dive as they were impounded and taken to the 'Hotel' by the local police. After 3 days of straightening out the problem and 2 nites of great beer with a great view of Hel at nite, they were finally on the 65-mile boat ride out to the 145' deep wreck. Best vis and calm seas in May, but 34 degrees on the bottom renders hands useless for grabbing the ladder upon return to the surface! We were treated to some fantastic video as well of Brad Sheard's pictures – he has some of the best wreck shots you will ever see and now I know his secret – high speed film, slow shutter speed and a tripod – I think he does mostly available light – really captures the essence of what it's like to be down on the wreck only MUCH bigger! A friend of Hitler, Wilhelm Gustloff was a leader of the Nazi Party in Switzerland who was assassinated by a German Jew for his anti-Semitism. Seizing the opportunity to make him a martyr, Hitler named the ship after him. Built as a single-class ship for the average German worker to go on vacation, her maiden voyage was March 24, 1938. With one exception, to bring troops home from the Spanish Civil War, her simple elegance moved passengers on some 50 excursions to Norwegian Fjords in summer and to Portugal, Italy and Africa in the winter until September 1, 1939 when Germany invaded Poland to eliminate high tariffs they had to pay to get materials from East to West Prussia across her territory. The *Gustloff* served as 1st a hospital ship thru 1940 then a U-Boat barracks for submarine training until January 1945. On 1/30/45 with 8-10,000 civilians on board during Operation Hannibal, involving the evacuation by sea of German troops and civilians from Courland, East Prussia and the Polish Corridor as the Red Army advanced, it was 'Death in the Baltic,' the innocent, non-military loss of life in time of war, as torpedoes from the Soviet sub S-13 hit the bow, behind the bridge and the engine room. 7,500 – 9,000 perished in 45 minutes in the cold water with 1,230 survivors. We really appreciated the 5-hour (each way) trip Mike had to make to bring us this amazing presentation! The *Flyers* won that nite –no door could keep THAT out! **Steve Lubas** won the 50-50 and returned it to the club! **CU 8-4-10 @ Barnaby's**

Last OUTDOOR KDA Meeting: 7/7/2010!

We've been around for 25 long years ...and we had LOTS to talk about as we celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the **Keystone Diver's Association on the front lawn of DDD!** No need for a bonfire; it was HOT and I'm not talking about Picnic time temps! In 1985 the cost of a 1st class stamp was HALF of what it is today. The Internet's Domain Name System was created on January 1, 1985 but many folks did not even have a PC or know what one was, for that matter! The laptop was somewhere your cat sat & sell phone was something a salesman did. Divers found the wreck of Spanish galleon *Atocha* and the government of Aruba passed legislation to secede from the Netherlands Antilles. Gorbachev and Regan were presidents. Michael Dudas was in grade school; Tom Ownsby worked at the shop assisted by Paul Karp and Gary & Nancy Burkey. Linda worked evenings with her first husband before she ran off and married Ken Smith. Dan Stegeman & EBD taught the NAUI classes. And the resident dog was Sandy. Nagle, Tattersal and the Thursday 6-pak were our ride to the wrecks. Our first president was Richard Smith and our first summer picnic was held at Richland Quarry followed by fall festivities at Bob Gross' house near Cheyney. **We've blown a LOT of bubbles since then! Join us 8/4/10 as we begin our 2nd 25!**

Say, you sign up for a dive or trip yet? Dudas Diving Duds (610) 436-0176 Mail@DudasDiving.com



BUSTER SAYS:

*Bring all your tales of diving, dear
And we'll discuss them
O'r foaming beer!!!*

Back at Barnaby's August 4, 2010!

www.dudasdiving.com
for a **COMPLETE** dive schedule
and our New **TEK PROGRAM!!!**

upcoming KDA events & special stuff

PADI TEC w/Chris Donnelly

Chris Donnelly is a PADI Course director and TRIMIX instructor.

Through his company, 25 Fathoms, we will be offering the new PADI TEC diver course.

TEC 40, TEC 45, TEC 50 and TEC TRIMIX 65

*****CALL FOR CLASS INFO!!!*****

Our 2010 KDA officers:

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FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE KDA!**

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Cinematographer Wes Skiles, whose underwater films were celebrated by divers, environmentalists and naturalists around the world, died Wednesday while filming a documentary. His pictures appear on a special fold out edition on the cover of August's National Geographic.

In Memory of
WESLEY C. SKILES

Memorial Celebration and Service
Wednesday, July 28, 2010
at
Ginnie Springs

The memorial service will begin at 6:00 pm
followed by a celebration of Wes's life.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers
donations be made in Wes's name to:
the Alachua Conservation Trust.
alachuaconservationtrust.org

GREAT NEWS MEMBERS: FREE AIR (air only) as long as you are a current KDA member. Come by Dudas Diving Duds and ask about all of the TERRIFIC KDA Member Specials on selected diving gear and accessories!

Meeting Place: BARNABY'S OF AMERICA
15 South High Street, West Chester, PA
(610) 696-1400

Parking is free in the garage across High Street if you stay until 9:30! Follow Rt. 3 into town (Market St.), turn left when you get to High Street & you're there on the left! Or Follow Rt. 202 North from DE and go straight when it becomes High Street – go up about 6 blocks and it's on the right (BEFORE Gay St!)

The KDA *NORMALLY* meets at Barnaby's of America (top floor) the **FIRST** Wednesday of the month beginning at 7 PM, 15 South High Street, West Chester, PA (610) 696-1400. The speaker begins at 8 P.M.

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Wednesday, October 6, 2010 *Barnaby's!* Meeting @7. Speaker @ 8!

DIVER'S ED

ScubaDiver @ Malvern & WC YMCA Weekend Class w/EBD Saturday in February 2010
ScubaDiver @ West Chester YMCA Tuesdays – March 30, 2010
ScubaDiver @ West Chester YMCA Sundays – April 25, 2010
ScubaDiver @ UMLY Mondays – April 19, 2010
Nitrox @ DDD..... Wednesday, April 22, 2010
CPR/First Response Thursday, April 14, 2010
Divemaster Call for details
❖ *Other Specialty Diver Classes being scheduled – call DDD (610) 436-0176! Private & semi-private lessons upon request!*

The KDA has gone virtual on FACEBOOK:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Keystone-Divers-Association/109216253318>

EBD GOES TO NORTH FLORIDA several times a year! Call DDD (610) 436-0176

I can do OW checkouts 12 yrs and older. Anyone wanting to start or continue overhead training or just practice Openwater - scootering too! We have housing for \$25/ nite. EBD to cook Family style meals. ANYBODY IS welcome! Even Non Divers! Water is 71 year-round and gin clear. For checkout dives you get about 60 minutes or more of Bottom time on each dive. Your awareness of great conigutation is greatly increased and no waves, no blow outs, and NEVER in a hurry! So many cool people, too! Wes Skiles always has something new to show us. And if not pouring rain, we have campfires too!

DIVE TRAVEL

I am going back to Bonaire Jan 11, 2011. Join WDHOF, Dee Scarr, Walt Stark and TEK diving, too! We will be able to dive the Windjammer 4 days but only 5 per guide. Imagine! TEK training in a warm Environment! We will offer Tek Nitrox, how to swing a stage bottle & O2 deco by EBD w/another NAUI Instructor.

Tell your kids about: SCUBACAMP!

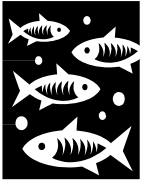
Next Session: July 19-22 @ DDD & Malvern Prep Pool w/Openwater July 23&24 @ Quarry

Pool time & classroom each day from Monday – Thursday then join them at the Quarry on that Friday & Saturday!

St. Lawrence w/a Castle tour August 21-22, 2010
Roatan.....Sept. 11 – 18, 2010
Truk Lagoon.....SOLD OUT One or two weeks Sept. 26 – Oct. 10, 2010
Turks & Caicos Aggressor Liveboard 2011
Grenada 2011
Kasawari, Lembeh Straights.....May 18, 2012
Raja Ampat Islands, West Papua, Indonesia.....SOLD OUT.....Memorial Day, 2012

DAN Trip Insurance: Cover Your Dive or Dream Vacation! *Go to the DDD website and click "Travel Diving," and look for the link on the left that says "Dive Travel Insurance!"*

CHECK OUT DDD DIVE SCHEDULE @ WWW.DUDASDIVING.COM & SIGN UP 2 GO DIVING!!



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FIRST CLASS

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