



Quote:
“Which of my
photographs is my
favorite? The one I’m
going to take
tomorrow.”
– Imogen Cunningham

HUPS Night at the Movies (and yes, we have the popcorn)



You ask: “What is playing for HUPS Night at the Movies?” It’s the premier of *The World Underwater*. Don’t miss out on this first in HUPS history – a movie of video clips taken by our HUPsters at locations all around the world. Over twenty dive locations are represented from the US to Caribbean to Africa to South Pacific. Underwater critters and behaviors of all sorts as captured by fourteen of your fellow HUPsters dance before you to a soundtrack ranging from Enya to The Cult and everything in between.

Come out and watch sharks eating, squid inking, bait balls swirling, frogfish fishing, and eels hunting just to mention a few of the highlights. If you have been hesitant to use that video button on your camera or have been contemplating getting on the GoPro bandwagon this is the perfect opportunity to see video capabilities of beginners such as yourself and a few more experienced video-graphers. Popcorn will be provided because you can’t go to a movie and not eat popcorn!!! Hope to see you at the showing.

Past Turmoil & Future Triumph in Tinseltown by Dennis Deavenport

Several months ago Monica volunteered to help pull together an all-movie show featuring video segments and short-subjects captured by HUPS members. For years, we have attempted (not very successfully) to integrate video as a mainstream option for our members. James Heimer and Greg Grimes were among the few that stepped up and provided a number of video-featured programs over the past several years.

Well, it just wasn’t catching on like we had hoped. Was it a lack of leadership in not providing enough incentive for our budding producers or was it something else? I personally think that it was a combination of the two. We obviously didn’t push hard enough but, on the other hand, the up-front cost of getting set up for UW video and the difficult task of editing video into something good enough for public consumption was also a big factor. As one of those “Stephen Spielberg wanna-bes”, I know this from a personal standpoint. I love the quality of video that my Canon 7D delivers but it is not a user-friendly job when underwater. Add “slow and quirky” editing software and you have a recipe for a lot of nothing.

Time passes and things change. Computers have become a lot faster and more powerful and the readily-available software for editing video has become a lot better and easier to use.

However, the biggest game changer has been the advent of that amazing little warhorse, the GoPro video system. Hey, it’s not only incredibly affordable but it ACTUALLY WORKS as advertised. As Monica alluded to above, it’s getting harder and harder to find a HUPS member that hasn’t jumped onto the GoPro bandwagon. When we went to Bonaire last year, it seemed that half of the divers in the water at any time had one of these diminutive dynamos pointed at anything that was moving. OK, that’s a good start for sure. However, between the memory card and a “full-goose” presentation, a lot of extra work is required. That’s what Monica is doing to help jump-start our members into taking video to the next level.

I am now one of those band-wagon riders. My GoPro with assorted housings, digital LCD backs, red filters, macro attachments, and a variety of not-very-expensive gadgets is now on my table waiting for my next dive trip to the Cocos Islands. I can’t wait to see how it all turns out. I really hope that what I capture is going to be good enough to justify the ramp-up efforts in learning to edit my stuff into something worth viewing by others.

So, to all of you GoPro-ers (and other video types), the challenge is out there. Let’s get moving. Shoot those videos. Buff up your video editing skills and let’s see a lot more from you at meetings.



Remembering Anne Vania Millioud

March 12, 1956 - June 1, 2014

Submitted by Mary Lou Reid



On June 1 I lost a very good friend. Anne and her husband Chuck Roberts have been HUPS members for many years, however, in the last few years they haven't been active members so many of you may not have known them. Anne is a past HUPS board member. We met Anne and Chuck not on a HUPS trip but on a trip lead by Burt Jones and Maurine Shimlock to the Solomons Islands. I can't remember the exact date of the trip but it was in the mid to late '90's. I do however remember the great time we had and the hope that we would travel together again. And we did. Our last trip was in 2011 to the Alor Islands in Indonesia. This was only the second voyage of the Damai II and everything about the trip was great and I have memories that will last a lifetime.



When Chuck was making preparations for the "Celebration of Life" service, he would have for Anne, he asked me to help him select and prepare some of Anne's photos for display and I offered to prepare an AV show of the images she and Chuck had made of their travels both above and below the water.

I obtained a copy of her iPhoto albums and took them home to make my selections and begin the task of preparing some for printing and some for the AV show. There were over 7000 images! I was also able to get photos from her youth, their wedding photo, and recent photos taken of Anne with her family and friends.

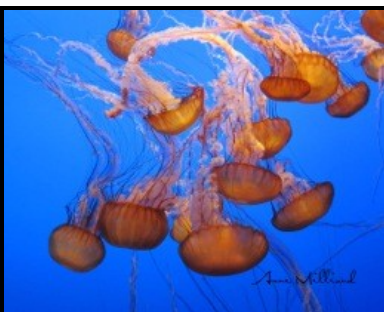


What a blessing it was to be able to do this for my friend and what a wonderful window into her amazing life. She and Chuck not only enjoyed traveling to scuba diving locations but enjoyed the world. They enjoyed hiking, biking, rafting, skiing, horseback riding and made frequent trips to Switzerland, France, Montana, Colorado and California. I'm not sure how many destinations remained on Anne's bucket list but there couldn't have been many. She was quite blessed to have been born into a family that loved her, found



a man who adored her, and had many loving friends.

All during the time I was preparing the AV show, I was in a panic that it wouldn't be good enough and I wouldn't be able to honor my good friend. As it happened the day I was actually preparing the show my electricity went out twice right in the middle of preparation but thankfully quickly came back on and I didn't have to restart the process. I think it was Anne teasing me. Anyway Chuck and I were pleased with the show and it displayed beautifully at the celebration.



I will miss Anne's beautiful smile and generous spirit and will remember her always. What I love about this hobby and my HUPS membership is the many wonderful people it brings into our lives and enriches us. Here are a few of the images that reflect Anne's talent and spirit.



Losing Those We Love

Remembering Greg Grimes, Anne Millioud & John Petty

Submitted by Dennis Deavenport



I'm not good at this but I'm also in good company. Very few people know how to express the feelings about those that have been lost to us. Over the past several months, HUPS has lost 3 fine members, two to bitter fights with cancer and one who was enjoying the excitement of living large one minute and was gone the next.

Greg Grimes was a true friend to so many of us that knew him through HUPS. His contributions to the club were many and immeasurable. He's not someone that can be replaced... a one-of-a-kind good guy that truly cared for others and for anything he took on. His leadership and willingness to help anyone and everyone were just two of his qualities that made him so special. We all miss Greg but none more than his wife, Alicia, and his mother, Susan.

As Mary Lou said in her article, Anne Millioud was a long-time HUPS member who had not been active lately. However, many of us have traveled and dived with Anne and her husband, Chuck Roberts, over the years. She was a quietly gracious lady with an eye for beauty and had an adventurous spirit to explore the world. I dove with her and Chuck years ago on a trip to Komodo. We had a great time diving and getting to know each other.

John Petty was the newest member of the three but he participated in several HUPS trips, contributed to presentations, and was represented at Moody Gardens several times. John was tragically lost earlier this month in a diving accident in the Bahamas. Although John lived 4+ hours away in Longview, we all thought of him as "one of ours". Judging from the enormous turnout of friends and family at his funeral, many others viewed him in the same way. He was a man of enormous energy with an even larger appetite for exploring "the road less traveled".

Losing friends and loved ones is unfortunately part of life. This fact doesn't make things any easier, I'm afraid. I will miss Greg, Anne, and John very much and I know many others are feeling the same right now.



Congratulations to Cecilia Clementi

A big round of applause goes out to HUPS member Cecilia Clementi who won first place at the Little Cayman shoot out in the traditional wide angel category. We hope that in one of our upcoming meeting Cecilia will give us some more details on this incredible shot. Congratulation Cecilia from your fellow HUPS members. [More results are available by clicking on the link.](#)



HUPS' President's Page- Why Travel with HUPS

Submitted by Russell Ramsey

I want to encourage you to attend our August Meeting featuring **A Night at the Movies**. I also request each of you complete the travel questionnaire found in this Newsletter. Your Board of Directors is submitting this questionnaire to determine if a club sponsored trip this spring or fall 2015 to the British Virgin Islands (BVI's) is a trip the Club is interested in. We have re-searched the pros and cons of a liveaboard vs. a land based excursion. We considered Dive BVI, as the dive operators, if a land operation is decided upon. If a live aboard is chosen, we researched and decided the best choice was a sailing trimaran – Cuan Law, the largest trimaran in the world. You may want to visit the websites for the Cuan Law, Dive BVI, Guavaberry Spring Bay Vacation Homes, a house rental company having 3 BR home rental selections near “the Baths”, and the tourism sites for the BVI's. A cost analysis is also attached to the questionnaire to help you decide if you are interested in a sea vs land based trip.

HUPS is a not for profit club organized to promote the interest and participation in underwater photography and videography. What better way is there than travel to obtain those photographs members see and enjoy monthly. Travel gives us an insight into others' lives, social and political issues, education or lack thereof in the places we visit, and an opportunity to have social interaction with the group of people we travel with. HUPS has over the years organized trips on its own or in conjunction with travel agencies and has travelled to such places as Bonaire, Bali, the Philippines, Cozumel, Cayman, and many other spots in both the Caribbean and the Pacific. Our individual members have travelled to the 4 corners of the earth taking photographs and just enjoying travel and meeting new people.

Your Board of Directors has tried to plan trips in order to appeal to all of our members. The most recent trip was organized by island Dreams but led by a HUPS member, Jesse Canselmo. It was well attended by both HUPS members and Island Dreams participants. Our upcoming, scheduled club trip is to Bonaire and is being led by Jim and Debbie Mensay. We also tried, based upon the discussions as to how best serve the membership, to schedule a cruise but apparently not many signed up for such a venture.

Our trips are geared to assist the member's interests in underwater photography and videography. The trips also let you become better acquainted with the person who sometimes sits next to you at our meetings. You might be surprised how much you may have in common with someone once you go on one of HUPS' trips and really get to know some of the members. Members in our club come from different backgrounds and have many unique qualities to offer to the group. You will find a HUPS member ready to assist you or refer you to someone with an answer to any issue you may have regarding photography or videography. Travelling with HUPS is an adventure and one we welcome you to participate in.

Your BOD picked the BVI's for a spring or fall trip, depending upon the answers to the questionnaire in this newsletter, based upon the fact that so few of our members had actually dived that part of the Caribbean. In addition to the BVI's, there are in the same area the USVI's and the Spanish Virgin Islands, Culebra and Vieques, to explore at some later date.

There are discussions underway as to a trip to the Cayman's using the Cayman Aggressor or a land based operation on Grand Cayman. The land based operation is being considered as it might appeal to those of you who want to take families and/or non-diving friends and still be able to go on a diving trip.

As to the proposed trip to the BVI's, we need your input to determine if this is a trip the club as a whole is interested and would participate in or has no interest in going to this location. We plan to prepare a similar questionnaire in September as to other locations to determine the Club's interests in other dive destinations.

Happy travelling.

Russell Ramsey



HUPS TRAVEL QUESTIONNAIRE

Your HUPS Board of Directors is very interested in your thoughts as to club sponsored trips. In the past, HUPS has sponsored or been involved with trips to Bonaire, Cozumel, Bali, Philippines and other destinations. There have been discussions regarding a possible trip to a part of the Caribbean not usually visited by HUPS, the British Virgin Islands (BVI's), in the spring or fall of 2015 and the Board would like to know if there is any interest in taking such a trip. A very short questionnaire is attached to determine the interest level along with a preliminary cost analysis.

Please take the time to complete this very short survey and return it at the August meeting or return it by email to Alicia, Dennis or Russell. Alicia's email is that posted with the Newsletter, Dennis email is: ddeavenport@comcast.net and Russell's email is: rjrdived@gmail.com.

QUESTIONNAIRE:

Name _____ Email _____ Tel# _____
Would you be interested in a dive trip to the BVI? YES _____ NO _____
Would you be interested in taking your non diving spouse, friend, or partner on this trip? YES _____ No _____
Would you prefer a spring 2015 trip or fall 2015 trip? Spring _____ Fall _____
Would you prefer a land based operation (House or Hotel) or a Live aboard (Trimaran-sail boat). Land Based _____ Live Aboard _____ (See cost analysis below)
Would you commit to such a trip and be willing to make a down payment within the next two months? YES _____ NO _____

Cost Analysis

LIVE ABOARD ----CUAN LAW (SEE WEBSITE FOR TRI MAIRNE BOAT COMPANY OR CUAN LAW)

AIRFARE \$800-\$900 (May change if SWA starts flying to Puerto Rico direct)

Boat- \$3,300 p/p unless we charter entire boat then less

Food and Lodging \$300-600 (2 days- coming and departing)

Taxi -\$50-100

Total: \$4600-\$4900

House (See Guavaberry Homes –Spring Bay website) -3 BR house \$340/day X 7 days + 7% govt. tax=\$2547 = \$425/pp per week pp [based upon 6 persons per house]

Airfare \$800-\$900

Food \$600-800 per week

Car \$125 -\$150 pp / week

Dive BVI: (See Dive BVI Website for boats) [\$1700 /day X 5 days divided by 12= \$715

Total: \$2665 to \$3090

July Contest Results

Novice	
1st	Beata Lerman
2nd	Beata Lerman
3rd	Joe Holden
3rd	Beata Lerman
Intermediate	
1st	Jan Baughman
2nd	Lance Glowacki
2nd	Jan Baughman
3rd	Bess Bright
3rd	Debbie Mensay
3rd	Lance Glowacki
Advanced	
1st	Mike Greuter
2nd	Dennis Deavenport
3rd	Dennis Deavenport



2014

Meetings



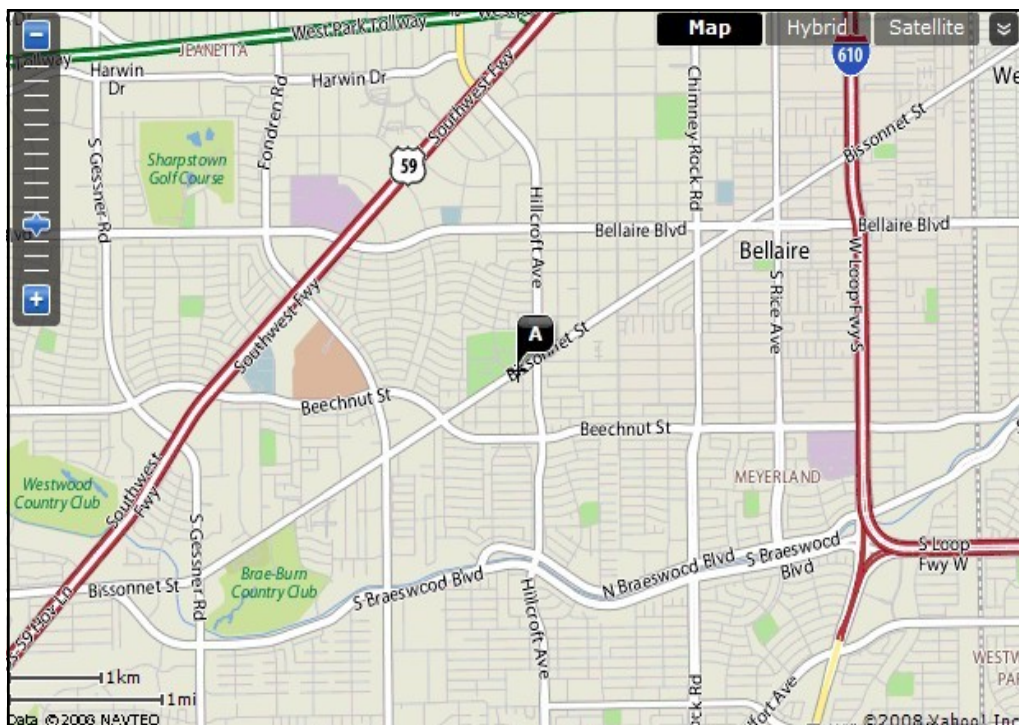
Meetings & Presentations

Month	Date	Presenter	Show Title & Synopsis	Contest Topic
January	6th	Jim and Kandace Heimer & Jim and Debbie Mensay	A Night in Alaska	Something that has Spots
February	3rd	HUPS Members	Bonaire Club Trip Extravaganza	Shoot the Face
March	3rd	Tom Collier, Mike Greuter, Dennis Deavenport	Exploring the Wrecks of Truk Lagoon	Things in the sand
April	7th	Tom Collier	HUPS & Moody Gardens—The Perfect Marriage	Large swimmers (> 4 feet) - not people
May	5th	Greg Whittaker	“ Life in a Pyramid ”	Banded/Stripes
June	2nd	Beata Lerman	Coast to Coast with Berta Lerman	Big eyes, Tangs, Triggerfish, Boxfish
July	7th	Ken Knezick	From Reef Scenes to Whale Sharks – Simple Steps to Successful Wide – Angle Underwater Photography	Reef scenes without diver
August	4th	HUPS Videographers	A Night at the Movies	Scorpion fish, Gurnards, Lionfish
September	8th	Mike Greuter	Saba & Dominica on the Half-Shell	Pairs or buddies
October	6th	Monica Losey	“Africa - Above and Below”	Anemones and relatives, Hydroids, Jellyfish
November	3rd	Anilao Trip Participants	Anilao, The Philippines Club Trip	Single Color focus (Blue, Red, Green, Yellow)
December	1st	None	Food, festivities and Best of HUPS	Best of HUPS and Creative



*The Houston Underwater Photographic Society meets at
the Bayland Community Center starting at 7:00 PM.
(Social time begins at 6:45)*

*(6400 Bissonnet, near the Hillcroft intersection)
Visitors are always welcome.*



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<http://www.hups.org/>



<http://www.youtube.com/user/HUPSdotORG>



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