



HUPS Presentation for November 2nd 2015— Jim Church School of Underwater Photography

Submitted by Lance Glowacki

Join us on Monday, November 2nd at Bayland Community Center as we try something different for our monthly presentation. In a form of a preview, Lance has provided the following:

Jim Church was a pioneer in the U/W photography community. He left a legacy to the U/W photography community of being an educator and sharing his knowledge with others. That legacy is continued by the School of Underwater Photography and the Aggressor Fleet.

Mike & Mike were selected by Jim to continue his style of Underwater Photography instruction. They call the method of instruction "Team Teach" and have been doing that successfully on board the Aggressor Fleet for a number of years.

I have taken their Advance Course on the Turk & Caicos Aggressor for the last 3 years and have always learned something. The course is more hands-on teaching both in the water and on the boat.

Tonight's presentation is in 2 parts: 1. Is a DVD done by the Aggressor crew describing how the week goes by. This is more general overview of what is happening. 2. Is a short slideshow/video that I created to demonstrate Mike & Mike team in action.

Visitors are always welcome and come early or stay afterwards to socialize with the group.

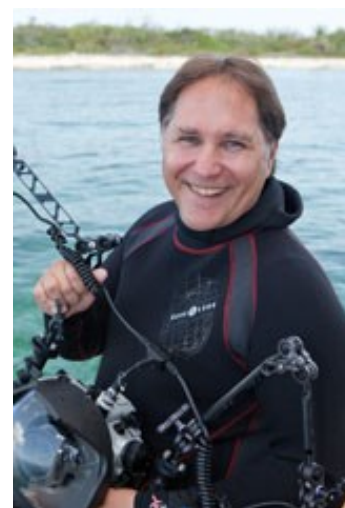
See you at the November meeting.



Mike Mesgleski



Jim Church



Mike Haber

HUPS' PRESIDENT'S PAGE- ATM Scams in Mexico

Congratulations to Jesse Cancelmo who was selected by the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries as the 2015 Volunteer of the Year for his involvement with the Flower Garden Banks since 1989. He was part of the team who installed the original mooring buoys and helped advocate for the sanctuary designation. He has also served as a recreational diving representative on the Sanctuary Advisory Council since 2011, including terms as Vice Chair and also Chair of the Council.

I would like to thank Jim and Sudi Babcock for their wonderful presentation last month pertaining to the Club's May trip to the BVI and St. Croix. It was a wonderful mix of video and still photography taken by most of the members who were on the trip.

The **HUPS Almost Annual Fall Trip to Bonaire** scheduled for October 15–25th, 2015 was a great success with 13 participants. There was delightful diving, splendid snorkeling, delicious dining and great companionship allowing members to really get to know one another. The weather was great and much better than those who suffered through the aftermath and rains of Hurricane / Tropical Storm Patricia.

This month's presentation is by Lance Glowacki. The program revolves around the teaching methods employed by Jim Church and his two associates, Mike Haber and Mike Mesgleski, of the Jim Church School of Underwater Photography and the "Team Teach" method as taught by Mike and Mike on the Aggressor Fleet photography workshops. It is a two part presentation and something to look forward to.

As a reminder that this year is coming to a close in two months, HUPS Board of Directors and Officers elections are schedule to take place at the November meeting. Please be there to cast your vote. All officers other than the Treasurer have agreed to remain through 2016 unless there are nominations from the floor to take their place. The new Treasurer nominated by your Nominating Committee is Debbie Mensay. If any of you want to run for a place on the BOD or become an officer, nominations can be received and seconded from the floor. Only by your participation will you have a voice in how the club is run, destinations you would like HUPS to go to, become involved in the photo contests, workshops, etc. Now is the time to become involved, run for an officer's position or become a member of the BOD.

As indicated in the last President's Page, the **Moody Gardens Project** is a fluid situation. We will be meeting at MG on Saturday November 14, 2015 to hang the new photos as the Aquarium will re-open from November 14th through August 15, 2016. (NOTE: the Penguin Exhibit will be closed from January 11, 2016 through March 10, 2016). The Aquarium will then close again August 15, 2016 through November 14, 2016 when it will reopen through January 2, 2017. It will then close again January 2, 2017 – March 15, 2017 and reopen March 16th through May 26, 2017. The Grand Re-Opening will be May 27th, 2017 "with further details to come". We are continuing our discussions with the Aquarium to determine what our next step will be after the August 2016 closing or the reopening in March 2017 and if there will be a space for HUPS to continue to show their photography skills.

As you know from the last President's Page, I spoke about the trip to Cozumel organized by Teresa Roberts. It was a wonderful trip and everyone had a great time and no one, as far as I am aware, had their ATM card compromised from use of bank or private ATM machines.



For several years it has been common knowledge, especially in the travel industry, that ATM skimmers have been found attached to non-bank ATM machines throughout the Yucatan and Quintana Roo states of Mexico as this is where the most European and American tourists frequent. The scam has now taken a more serious and almost undetectable approach as the skimmers are now placing hacked ATM readers INSIDE each machine and another is attached to the pin pad to retrieve both the card and PIN data. This data is retrieved by the skimmer walking up the hacked ATM and downloading all of the collected information through a blue tooth device on his cell phone.

Investigations into the hacked ATM machines determined no in-house bank machines were affected, but only the private free standing machines in hotel lobbies, squares and public places. The private machines that did not seem affected were those operated by INSTACASH which charged 10% to 15% per transaction! The hacking of the private machines is alleged to have been accomplished by bribing the service technicians who serviced or collected the information from the ATMs. To avoid the potential harm to your bank account or misuse of your ATM card, simply bring plenty of cash or use only bank attached ATM machines while visiting these areas of Mexico.

To follow this story more closely go to <http://krebsonsecurity.com/2015/09/tracking-a-bluetooth-skimmer-gang-in-Mexico/> and the many comments that follow this three part series.

Let's keep safe and keep on diving.

Russell Ramsey

October Photo Contest Results

Novice	
1st	Martin Daniels
1st	Craig Beasley
2nd	Martin Daniels
2nd	Craig Beasley
3rd	Craig Beasley
Intermediate	
1st	Monica Losey
2nd	Lance Glowacki
3rd	Monica Losey
Advanced	
1st	Jim Mensay
2nd	Dennis Deavenport
3rd	Mike Greuter





Photo Contest Themes 2016

Month	Themes	Description
1.	Shrimps, Crabs, Lobster	Just like it says... look it up in the book (crabs, shrimp, lobsters, etc.). When in doubt... Wikipedia can help you out.
2.	Black & White	Mono-color images (black & white, sepia, bluetone, etc.). Only shades of one color are allowed. Can be taken as a monochrome image straight out of the camera or edited down from full color.
3.	Toadfish, Scorpionfish, Lizardfish	A group of Odd-shaped bottom dwellers. Normally found resting on the sea bottom. All are consisted experts at camouflage
4.	Something Striped	A critter or fish that has noticeable stripes. A long narrow band distinguished, as by color or texture, from the surrounding material or surface
5.	Curves	Anything that is characterized by a curve. Can be fish, invertebrates, or even non-living. To have or take a turn, change, or deviation from a straight line or plane surface without sharp breaks or angularity
5a Video	General	1 to 3 minutes
6.	Barracuda, Tarpon, Spadefish	A group of fish ranging in color from silver to gray. May have a bluish, yellowish or greenish tints. In this theme we are only dealing with 3 types.
7.	Eyes	Any sea life that has an eye. Can be fish, invertebrates or mammal.
8.	Echinoderms (starfish of all kinds, urchins, sea cucumbers, etc.)	"The adults are recognizable by their (usually five-point) radial symmetry, and include such well-known animals as starfish, sea urchins, sand dollars, and sea cucumbers, as well as the sea lilies or "stone lilies".
9.	Textures	Texture, another element of art, is used to describe either the way a three-dimensional work actually feels when touched, or the visual "feel" of a two-dimensional work.
10.	Wild Faces	The face is front part of the head that extends from the forehead to the chin and includes the mouth, nose, cheeks, and eyes. The wild is going beyond normal or conventional bounds.
10a Video	General	1 to 3 minutes
11.	Hogfish, Wrasses, Parrotfish, Ra-	A group of fish that have pectoral fins with large, even scales.
12.	Best of HUPS	NOVICE, INTERMEDIATE, ADVANCED , and CREATIVE contests: First place winners from each month's Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced categories will be entered automatically for judging. The Creative category lets you enter anything you want as long as you do the photography and any special editing.



Open Letter to the Members

Changes and Reminders for the HUPS 2016 Photo/Video Contests

Changes:

1. The photo entry deadline day has been changed to the Wed 11:59 pm before the monthly meeting date. Reason for the change is to give the photo coordinator time to review the entries before submitting them for judging. This also allows the judges' time to judge the entries during the week days rather than on a weekend. Note this deadline is the last day your can submit entries early submissions are always welcome.
2. Video contest entries – The club wants to continue making progress on the video contest we started in 2015. To accomplish that goal the video contest will be scheduled for entries in the months of May and October.
Length of video accepted: 1 to 3 minutes
Subject: Must underwater or diving related
Content: Can include stills along with video
Format: Mp4, AVI and MOV
Deadline: Same as the Photo Contest
Filename: First initial and Last Name_x x= the number of your entry
Submissions will be to the Club's Dropbox because of the file size.
3. Email address for submitting your entries is hupsphotocontest@gmail.com the email systems will response with a message letting you know that your entry was received.

Reminders

1. If your entry has been a winner in a previous contest it will be disqualified. Remember this is a photography hobby contest and it just for fun.
2. The submitted photographs should be sized to 1920 x 1080 and 72 dpi. Note if you are using light room the crop setting 16x9 is 1920 x 1080.



David McCracken—Novice



Bess Bright—Intermediate



2015 Meetings

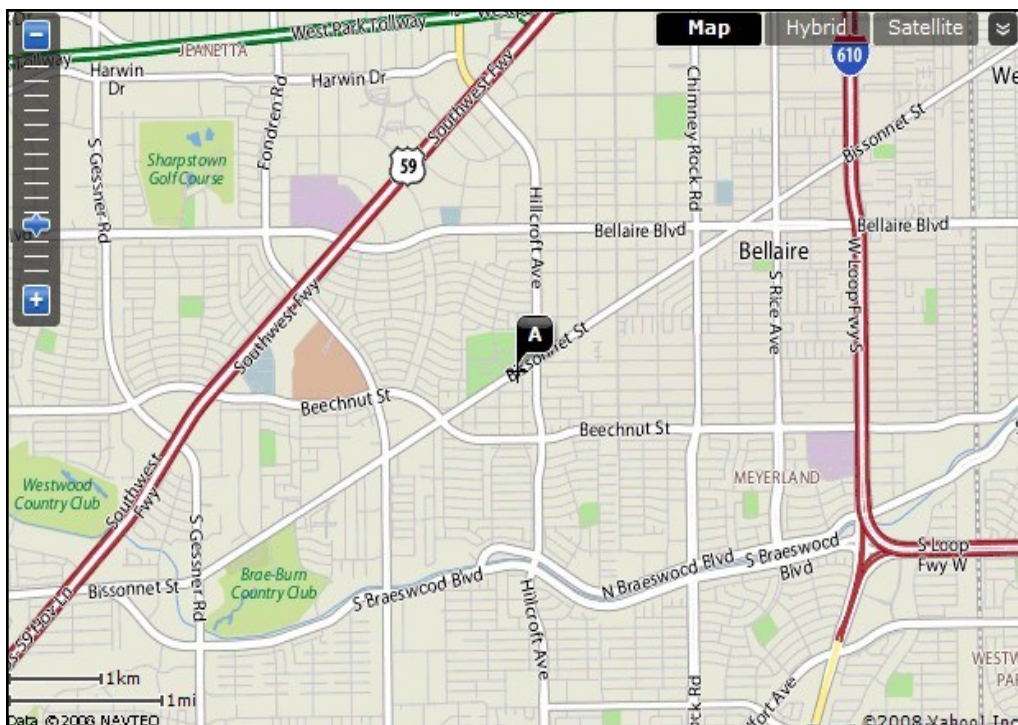
Meetings & Presentations

Month	Date	Presenter	Show Title & Synopsis	Contest Topic
January	5th	Dennis Deavenport	Costa Rica and Cocos Island (Okeanos Aggressor)	Two or More of a Kind
February	2nd	Tom & Kay Collier	Komodo	Toothy
March	2nd	Cecilia Clementi	Raja Ampat	Eels
April	6th	Bess Bright & Joe Holden	Underwater in the Bahamas	Gobies, Blennies, Jaw Fish, Triple Fins
May	4th	Beata Lerman	Gulf of Eilat	Long and Thin - Fish or Critters
June	1st	Mike Greuter	Mexico's Three Coasts	Patterns
July	6th	Ken Knezick	Don't just take photo's—compose your underwater images	Reef Scenes with Diver or Divers
August	3rd	Invited Members	My Best Shot4t's and Why I Like Them	Natural Light
September	14th	Monica Losey	South Africa Adventures	Unusual Shapes
October	5th	BVI participants	BVI Club Trip	Cephalopods
November	2nd	Lance Glowacki	Jim Church School of Underwater Photography	Night Life
December	7th	Christmas Party	Best of HUPS	Best of HUPS (monthly winners in Novice, Intermediate, & Advanced + Creative topics)



*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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HUPS on the Web



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



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



<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?%23!group.php?gid=174168478778>

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3. Remember to include your category NOV=Novice, INT= Intermediate, and ADV=Advance

