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This Month's Meeting

Wednesday, May 11th 7:30 PM

Hop Haus (Fitchburg Location) - 2975 Sub-Zero Parkway,
Fitchburg, WI 53719

This Month's Speaker: Gayle Orner

Gayle will be speaking about her experiences as a member of a team exploring, mapping, and filming Roaring River Spring in Southern Missouri. This "bottomless" spring pumps out 20 million gallons of clear, cold water each day into a river renowned for its trout fishing. In 1979 and again in the late 90's, divers attempted to map the spring, but each time were thwarted by a restriction at 225 ft deep that was too small to squeeze through. Modern dive equipment such as the small, side-mount rebreathers pioneered by KISS Rebreathers seemed like the ideal tool to learn what was beyond the restriction. Last year, Mike Young, owner of KISS Rebreathers received a permit to further explore, map, and produce a documentary about Roaring River Spring. Gayle was invited to serve in a support role for the project. She will show highlights from the team's monthly trips to the Spring, and describe what measures are in place to conduct the exploration as safely as possible (Photo by Sheri Young).



2022 Cleanup Dives

For all dives you will need your own gear, a dive flag, and goodie bags. You must sign a waiver, either at the next meeting or at the dive site. Avoid diving under peoples' floats and under the barge, as items may accidentally fall during loading. Watch out for boat traffic, especially at Memorial Union.

Diversions and Breezeway Bubbles are offering free air fills for the clean up dives and also discounted gear rental. Just mention it is for the Four Lakes Cleanup dives.

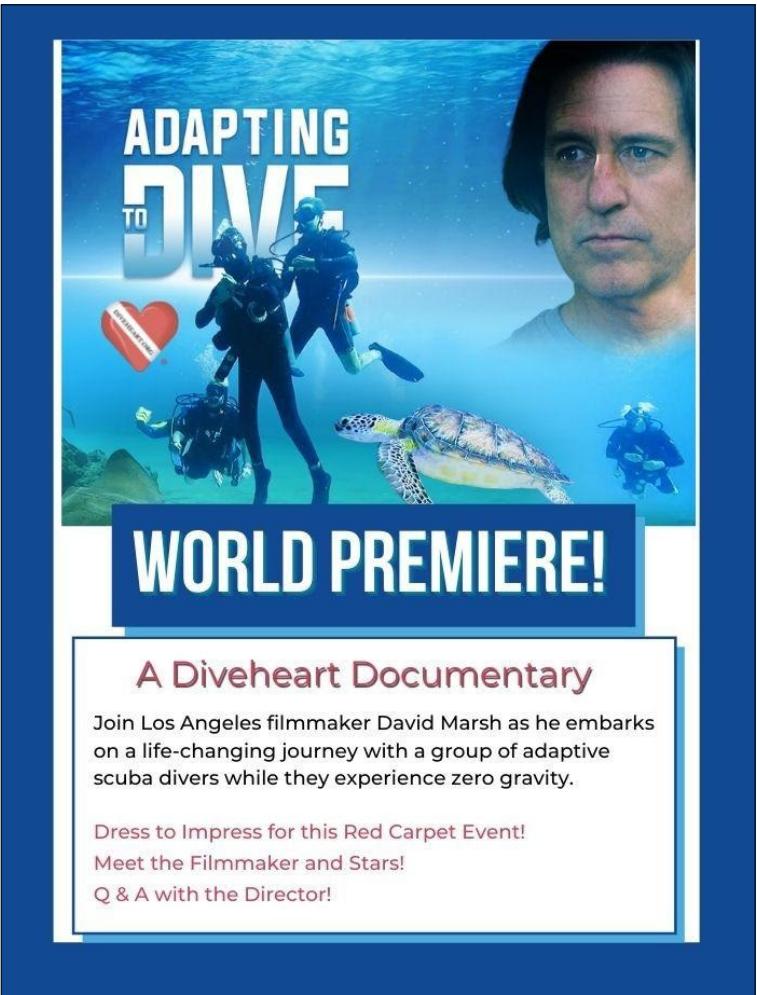
May 14: Lake Monona. We will meet at the Olin Park Boat Launch. We will take the barge to an area along John Nolen Drive near Law Park. A limited number of people will be able to take the barge so email Ellen if you want to go at fafinski@wisc.edu. She will let you know if you have a spot or not. Have your gear on the barge and be ready to go at 9 am. The briefing will be given on the way out.

May 15: Lake Mendota. We will meet at the Lake Street boat launch. This ramp is used by the fire department so do not block it. Briefing is at 8:30. You can drop off your gear, there will be people to watch it. Parking is available in the Lake Street Ramp, Helen C. White, or on the street (if you can find it). We will have the barge again to put garbage on. We will have people on the barge to assist with this.

May 28: Lake Waubesa at 2783A Tower Road McFarland. This is private property so be respectful. This is usually a good site for anchors. Briefing is at 9 am. We have to haul any garbage away from this site.

May 29: Lake Kegonsa at Pleasant Springs boat launch. Drop off your gear near the water. We have permission to park on the grassy area closer to the street without paying a fee. Do not use the boat trailer spots. Briefing is at 9 am.





Our friends at Diveheart are having a world premiere of their documentary on May 18th. Take a moment to check out the [trailer](#)—it looks very moving!

Everyone is invited to the red carpet event at the Tivoli Theater in Downers Grove, Illinois. Tickets can be bought online [here](#).

Looking for Presenters and Newsletter Articles

We are still looking for speakers for our club meetings this August and November. It would be great to hear from some of our club members now that folks are beginning to travel again. We're also open to new topics and visitors, so please contact a board member with your ideas.

Have something interesting to share, but feeling a little too timid to speak at a meeting? Type up an article and send it over! We can always use trip reviews, photos, gear reviews, club news, etc. for the newsletter. If you have anything, please don't hesitate to contact the friendly newsletter editor.

Reminder: May is dues month!

We will be collecting annual membership dues at this month's meeting. A single membership is \$24 and a family membership is \$36. Please remember to bring a check or cash! Membership forms will be available.

In the News

-[Corals convert sunscreen chemical into a toxin that kills them](#) (Ars Technica)

-[Pollutants from Sunscreens Accumulate in Seagrass, New Study Finds](#) (Scuba Diving Magazine)

-[Meet the YouTube Scuba Divers Solving Cold Cases — And Racking Up Views](#) (Rolling Stone)

-[Fiji Drops Pre-Arrival Covid-19 Testing Requirement](#) (Dive News Wire)

-Divers Ready! is a new website filled with videos and information on a wide variety of diving topics. Check it out at [diversready.com](#).

-[Florida Keys Lionfish Derby Winners Bring in Record-Breaking 426 Invasive Fish](#) (Scuba Diving Magazine)

-[World's Largest Kelp Map Launches to Guide Restoration Efforts](#) (Scuba Diving Magazine)

-[Six Swedish Shipwrecks to Become Historic Dive Trail](#) (Scuba Diving Magazine)

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