



# What They Take & How They Carry It

## June 4 Meeting by Several Seasoned Travelers

By Tom Collier

You are gathering your gear for your upcoming dive trip, you have everything out ready to pack and you realize that there is no way that you are ever going to come close to making the airline's weight limit allowance. What to do? What do you leave behind? What do you really need and how should you pack it? Scuba diving is an equipment intensive sport, throw in all that u/w camera gear and you have a real problem. The airlines have recently reduced their weight allowances making these decisions even harder. You could have extra charges the next time you travel. How can you avoid or minimize those extra charges?



Our June 4th meeting will feature several club member's solutions as to how they decide what to take on a photo dive trip and how they safely and securely carry it. We have collected several different approaches to solving the same problem.

Each speaker will display their gear, explain why they have chosen what to take and discuss how they get it from here to there. Presenters will include both compact digital and DSLR shooters.

Additional topics to be discussed include: 'Save-a-trip' kits, portable digital storage devices, battery chargers & laptop or not. First hand reports of recent airline experiences concerning checked baggage and carry-on weight restrictions will be also be discussed.

As usual our meeting will start at 7:00 PM at Bayland Community Center - 6400 Bissonnet. A map can be found on the back of this newsletter.

## Wide Through Ken's Eyes

By Tom Collier

Our May meeting featured Ken Knezick's tips and suggestions on how to successfully shoot wide angle u/w photographs. During a spectacular show of his photographs from the Maldives and Papua New Guinea, Ken discussed the techniques he used to create such fantastic pictures.

On his last two dive trips, Ken elected to only shoot wide angle. His slide show featured not only what you might consider "typical" wide angle shots but also macro wide angle pictures. He explained his lighting techniques, composition choices and camera settings.

We were treated to incredible pictures and hopefully learned a thing or two about wide angle photography in a lively program presented by one of our most knowledgeable and eloquent speakers.

Thanks Ken, come again.

# President's Message

## Doing Things Together

If anyone was looking for a good example of how organizations grow and thrive, I think that looking at the way HUPS functions might be a good place to start. To me it's fascinating to see how we always seem to have enough people willing to help to get the job done. This is probably the single most important aspect of a successful organization... the willingness to contribute.

Why did I choose this topic? Well it's simply being around when we are doing things. Take for example David Lenderman's last workshop where we needed a lot of people to help get it set up and help it run along smoothly. Joe Nicklo makes sure that we have good programs and tries to organize the details such as where, when, who, what. But, the rest of the details require a lot of bodies that know what to do. The fact is that almost without exception, we have more than enough capable people willing to step forward and do their part.

It's been this way for years. However, HUPS has more activities, more members, and more influence in the diving community than ever before. This translates to a need for more volunteers. Take, for another example Jean Himes, the Membership Chairperson. She doesn't just sit at the desk at meetings and passively take your money. No! She works hard to make sure existing members re-up and new memberships are handled in an expedient and friendly way. She even offers nice, creative incentives for people to join. We didn't ask her to do it this way, she just figured it out on her own and made it happen. So, now we have a new membership directory for our current membership total of 132 people. You just gotta love it!

Another example was this weekend when we had to meet downtown at 1 Allen Center to tear down the photo exhibit that has been on display for the past 6 weeks. A lot of this fell on David Lenderman's shoulders but more people than I can name right now made it happen. Patricia Linn to make the contact, me to work with the Allen Center people to get the deal finalized, Joe Nicklo and others to figure out how to get the display moved from Reliant Center to 2 Allen Center, a group of volunteers to set it up, and another group to tear it down after it was moved from 2 Allen Center to 1 Allen Center. At the last meeting, we announced that we needed some assistance pulling the display down. David followed this up with a blanket email requesting help along with details of where and when to show up.

Saturday morning, we didn't really know if there would be 3 people or 30 show up. I got there about 8:15 and soon after that, Henry Ragland, Delon Fields, and Larry Glover with a

friend showed up and got started. By the time David arrived with Joe Nicklo's borrowed truck, boxes, and other stuff, we had about 10 people busy removing pictures and tape, organizing stacks of photos, and generally pitching in with what ever needed to be done. The work went fast and smoothly. Here's the really good part as far as I am concerned, two really new members showed up to help. I talked with one of them, Bess Bright, and she said that with all of the free workshops and help she was getting with her new hobby, it was only fair to give something back in return. Yes, you gotta love it. When the boards were finally stored away for another year at Ken Knezick's storage room behind Island Dreams, the team took off to enjoy the rest of the weekend. For me, the first 4 hours of Saturday morning made the whole weekend worthwhile.

I know it sounds like a broken record from me but for HUPS to grow and thrive, it is essential that we have new leadership and participation. I've been around in HUPS for awhile. I've seen it make amazing progress and go through a complete transformation as we moved from film to digital. I've also seen it move through several "generations" of leadership with new people stepping into old roles and taking charge of things. This seems to happen almost seamlessly and with class and style. I think that this reflects on the quality and competence of the people in HUPS. We get projects done easily because anybody that's willing to take expensive cameras underwater isn't afraid to take on technically demanding challenges. We're used to organizing things and working with others. In short, we've "got the right stuff". It's my hope that the spirit and energy we show on a regular basis continues into the future and that HUPS continues to thrive and grow.

Enough said about the "feel good" stuff. HUPS' next meeting, 7 pm, Monday July 2nd, will give everyone a chance to learn how to pack your gear efficiently. Don't miss the meeting.

Dennis Deavenport



Third place Advanced - Ken Knezick, © 2007

## Important Dates

Put them on your calendar

### June 4

HUPS meeting - TBA

### July 2

HUPS meeting - Jesse Cancelmo - Photo opps in the Gulf

### July 21

HUPS Workshop - Advanced digital Editing with Dennis Deavenport

### August 6

HUPS meeting - HUPS Little Cayman Trip Show & Contest

### September 3

HUPS meeting - James Wiseman - Africa Above and Below

### October 1

HUPS meeting - Jackie Reid - Indonesia

# Want to Sell Your Images?

By Terry Moore

G'day fellow HUPS members! As photographers we strive to excel at capturing images of many subjects that are pleasing to our eye. It doesn't matter whether they are below or above the surface of this fantastic world we live on as long as they capture our interest.

The Digital age as we know it is now in full swing, it allows us to communicate these wonderful images to many people immediately, electronically. Long gone are the days of seeing your friend's images of a trip to a land far far away by visiting them at their home to see their images in the trusty old photo album. I know many have experienced countless hours of suffering over this mundane and outdated way of sharing images. Now we view images on High Definition monitors and Plasma TV's. We see them in fancy slide shows and PowerPoint presentations. Images and video now streams on our computers with ease. This allows us to bring people into our vacation digitally with visual and audio effects.

As a Semi Pro Photographer and avid Professional Diver I love to dive and love to take pictures of my vacations to build up a library of images that hopefully one day will make me money through stock agencies or other commercial means. I have in the past dreamed of my own web site and domain name and a way to sell my prized images. Those who have searched for such a website know that building a website that has e-commerce is a daunting feat in itself, let alone very costly. This leaves most of us struggling photographers high and dry without the means of making a living from what we love to do, or to bring in some extra money to pay for that very next strobe or lens you want.

Recently I came across a web site that allowed me to have all I wanted in a website without breaking the bank. By chance I came across [www.ifp3.com](http://www.ifp3.com) during my many hours searching the web to find someone to build me a site. Ifp3 Flash driven site does it all for you. It has set templates that are totally customized in every facet that allow me to display my images in Galleries and Sub Folders. Not only does ifp3 allow me to watermark my images and display them with copy protection it is also a fully functional e-commerce website. This means you can price your images according to the size or features you offer. You make 100% of everything you sell, so no commission is paid out for the use of this site. The options are endless and I can assure you hours of fun customizing your site to suit your needs and wants.

If you want a site that allows you the opportunity to sell your beautiful images go to [www.ifp3.com](http://www.ifp3.com) and sign up for their site. You will be able to sign up and get full use of every function of this flash driven site FREE as if you paid for it, for an introductory period of 10 days. If you decide to buy into this site within the 10-day trial period you will receive an extra month free.

The fees for this great Flash driven site are around \$30.00USD a month or if you pay a year in advance it is about \$20.00USD a month plus a month free! There are no hidden charges and since I have been on this site, they have upgraded many features totally for free. Starting the e-commerce function is a one-time fee of around \$60.00USD. Each image is linked to your PayPal account, if you do not have one signing up is very easy and free. You will receive all money from your sales through PayPal. You will be notified by email through ifp3 and through PayPal for

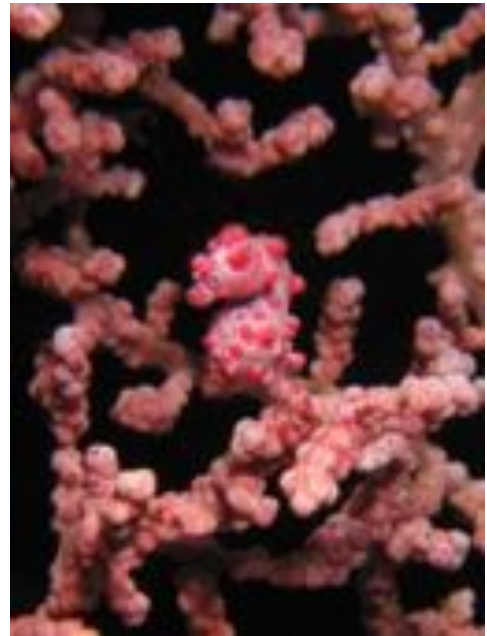
any sales completed. There are many more great features that are discussed on the ifp3 website. If you want to know more about this site personally please contact me. I am sure that after seeing the benefits without any hidden costs you may just have your very own e-commerce site up and running before you know it.

You can see my own ifp3 site at [www.liquidmotionproductions.com](http://www.liquidmotionproductions.com) This will give you a nice idea of what you can do with your great images that are sitting dormant in your computer.

Good luck for 2007!

Terry

*Please note... This article is for your info about a product that I am very happy with. I share this information with you knowing that if you see the benefits I did, you may consider the site a way to display and sell your images. Please consider all options before signing up and understand that you as an adult make this choice on your own accord.*



Novice third place - Mary McDonald, © 2007

## FOR SALE

Ikelite housing for Nikon D 200 – NEW - \$1000  
Ports for Ikelite Housings \$75 each:

#5503  
#5506  
#5502  
#5505.85

18-55mm Canon Digital Zoom lens - \$75.00

50 Macro Canon f/2.5 lens - \$175.00

Contact: Charlie Lundquist 281-341-5774

[cb.lundquist@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cb.lundquist@sbcglobal.net)

*As a HUPS member you can place a free for sale ad in the newsletter for up to three months. To place an ad email it to David Lenderman at [underh2o@mac.com](mailto:underh2o@mac.com).*

# Upcoming Monthly Photo Contest Topics

Each month we will have digital and slide contests. For complete contest rules checkout: <http://www.hups.org/contestr.htm>

June - Gobies and Blennies

September - Juveniles

July - Wide Angle

October - Cephalopods (Octopus, Squid and Cuttlefish)

August - Ugly Mugs - A face only a mother could love

November - Sharks and Rays

## Contest Results

### May - Seahorses and pipefish

Advanced

1st David Lenderman

2nd David Lenderman

3rd Ken Knezick

Novice

1st Tom Collier

2nd Tom Collier

3rd Mary McDonald

## Gobies and Blennies

You all know gobies and blennies - those cute little fish we like to photograph. Gobies and blennies come in many colors and patterns. Gobies are members of the family Gobiidae. They are typically one to two inches in length with long cylindrical bodies and often rest on their pectoral and ventral fins. Blennies, members of family Blenniidae, are also small fish with cylindrical bodies. An easy way to distinguish blennies from gobies is that blennies usually have cirri (fleshy appendages) above their eyes.

If you have some good photos of blennies and/or gobies be sure to enter them in the June contest. You can't win if you don't enter.

Entries for the monthly contest should be emailed to [photocontest@hups.org](mailto:photocontest@hups.org) at least **48 hours prior** to the meeting. This mailbox is reserved for entries only. If you have a question regarding the digital contest send your email to [ddeavenport@houston.rr.com](mailto:ddeavenport@houston.rr.com) or [underh2o@mac.com](mailto:underh2o@mac.com). Complete contest rules can be found at <http://www.hups.org/contestr.htm>. If you do not follow all the rules for digital entries your images will not be judged.

## Club Thoughts - Member to Member

By Joyce and Frank Burek

You may have paid your dues, but have you really joined HUPS. Are you just sitting back, waiting for things to happen or are you working to ensure that they do. Which one of the following lists best characterize your behavior pattern.

- Don't go to the meetings.
- Never accept responsibilities.
- Never volunteer.

- Never share your diving and photographic experiences with other HUPS members.
- Feel that those who work/volunteer belong to a clique.
- Don't work to interest your friends in joining HUPS.
- Wait for others to introduce themselves to you at our meetings.
- Pray for "Monday Night" football, so you have an excuse for missing a HUPS meeting.

Or do you:

- Attend HUPS meetings whenever possible.
- Help out or participate in a club event at least once a year.
- Enter our monthly photo competitions.
- Help the officers (Membership, Contest, etc.) in order to learn more about the club.
- Get to know the members better and prepare yourself for a Club leadership role in the future.
- Take the initiative and introduce yourself to other Club members.
- Recommend HUPS to anyone you meet who is interested in diving, underwater photography and/or marine life.
- Talk about your ideas, experiences, and photographic techniques.
- Write newsletter articles about your trips, photographic approach to underwater or general photography.

Think about this. Everyone has something to contribute. The more you put into HUPS the more you receive from it.

## Workshop News

By Joe Nicklo - DEA (Director of Educational Activities)

**Coming up July 21st from 1- 4 PM Dennis Deavenport will lead an advanced photoshop workshop.** Dennis is going to share with us how to use Photoshop to enhance our images. Keeping with the experiential theme, attendees are encouraged to bring their laptops to follow along with the exercises lead by Dennis.

Many members struggle with image editing. What to do, how to do it and how to not over do it. Come to this workshop and take your editing skills to the next level. As usual this workshop is free to HUPS member and \$10 for non-members. Your HUPS membership continues to be a great value.

This workshop will be held in room 202 of Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church, 11612 Memorial Drive, at Blalock. Here is a link to a map which will be helpful.

<http://www.mdpc.org/cgi-bin/index.cgi?name=maps> Park in the lot off Blalock just North of the church. Enter the building via the covered entrance closest to Blalock. Proceed past the Parlor and up the stairs on your left.

# Dive Trip News

By Tom Collier

May 19-26, 2007

Little Cayman Beach Resort

Sixteen members of our club enjoyed a week diving on Bloody Bay Wall, the Russian Frigate on Cayman Brac and more than a few dives in the shallows looking for yellow head Jaw fish with eggs.

The water was crystal clear, Turtles on most every dive and of course, the big friendly Groupers that tried to hog all the shots. There was something for everyone, wide angle and macro galore. The diving was easy and the food was excellent. The chef outdid himself with hand-made breads, soups and desserts. On the last night, we lined up 5 laptops on a table in the dining room and had quite a show with all 5 computers continually looping through the week's pictures. It was a great end to a great trip.

At the August meeting we will have a show from images created from the trip. Just for a teaser below are a couple shots from Little Cayman.

## 2008

Recent suggestions include:

Caribbean: St. Vincent

Pacific: Fiji

Got a suggestion? Send it to me and I will check it out.

Contact me for more information: [tom@tpixs.com](mailto:tom@tpixs.com)



Turtle image by Kimberly Dietz, © 2007



Jawfish image by Tom Collier, © 2007

# Humpbacks Anyone?

HUPS Webmaster extraordinaire, Pat Miller, has two spots booked on a March 2008 Humpback whale trip in the Silver Banks. Pat is still going, but he doesn't need the extra spot. Before he releases the spot to the Aggressor he thought he would see if any other HUPS member would care to join him. The trip is March 8-15, 2008, on the Turks & Caicos Aggressor. The cruise is the humpback whale charter to the Silver Banks off the coast of the Dominican Republic. This is a special trip just to observe and photograph the Humpback whales.

If you are interested in being Pat's room mate or want more information contact Pat at [info@netbetter.net](mailto:info@netbetter.net) or 512-218-9213.

# HUPS Embarks on Community Service

By Jack Allyn

I have been an active volunteer caregiver at three Houston area churches for the past eight years in their Alzheimers programs. During this time I have shown underwater slide shows using images Tammy and I have taken during the past 30 years. I've shown our work to some twelve churches of various denominations. Joe Nicklo helped with one of the programs, and Dennis Deavenport, David Lenderman and Jackie Reid provided some pretty pictures for our audience which consists of early stage Alzheimers "special friends", their families, caregivers, church staff and volunteers.

Times have changed for the better. Recently David Lenderman and Frank and Joyce Burek provided me with DVD programs, the first of which was shown May 15th at Memorial Drive Presbyterian (the Allyn home church) and met with great interest and enthusiasm.

If any other HUPS members have a quality 15-minute or less DVD program with music, I would be more than happy to consider adding it to what I show at these community gatherings. The images should be primarily underwater; land shots of the area are a nice addition.

I plan to show HUPS work to more churches in the near future and will expand our audience to include other community organizations.

We may not get any new members through this effort, but HUPS will be doing the community a big favor by sharing its work.

Thank you all,

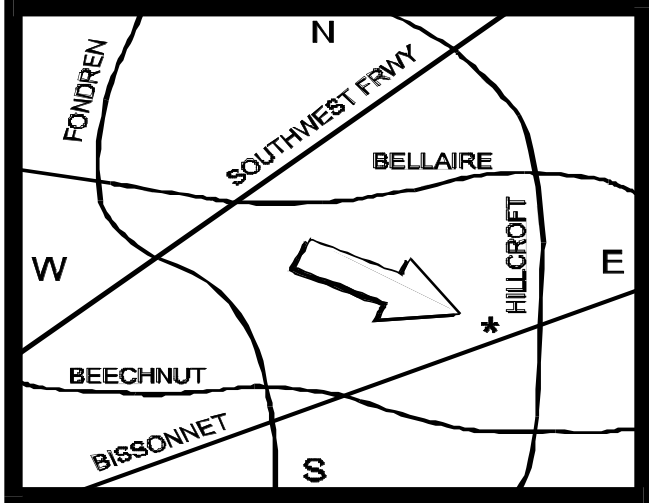
Jack Allyn

# More Chips and Salsa Please

Everyone is welcome to join us for some Tex-Mex following HUPS meetings. A number of us meet at Don Carlo's Mexican Restaurant. This is a great opportunity to socialize with fellow HUPS members and eat some good Tex-Mex. It is on the 59 Northbound feeder just North of Hillcroft. Exiting Bayland Community Center go left on Bissonnett, left on Hillcroft and then right on the 59 feeder. It's about 100 yards on your right. You can't miss it.

*The Houston Underwater Photographic Society meets the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, near Hillcroft. Social time begins at 6:45. Visitors are always welcome.*

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