

**The Fun Diving “Club”
Local Diving Adventures with Y-kiki Divers**



Welcome to Fun Diving, and if you’re newly certified, welcome to diving!

You may have heard the saying, “Five years from now you will be the same person you are today, except for the books you read and the people you meet.” Likewise, I would say that five years from now you will be the same diver you are today, except for the classes you take and the divers you dive with.

Our Fun Diving “Club” includes a core group of avid divers who are very proficient, experienced, and enthusiastic about sharing their love of diving with whomever chooses to join us on any given outing, whether it is one of the scheduled Local Diving Adventures sponsored by Y-kiki Divers or an additional outing that we add to the mix and invite all to attend.

Especially welcome is anyone who does not have a buddy or who is a little insecure about their current skills. We always have on hand a skilled and patient buddy who will truly enjoy diving with you and offering any guidance or assistance you may want. Really. This is one of the main purposes of the Fun Diving “Club”. We will stay within your limits and comfort zone when we dive with you, and not consider it to be any kind of imposition. On occasion we will also send out an invitation for an excursion that requires a minimum level of experience, such as a wreck diving weekend on Lake Michigan. When this occurs the invite will clearly state what depths you need to be certified for and whether equipment such as a drysuit is advisable.

The only way to get better at diving is to go diving, and the best way to get better is to go diving with divers who are more skilled than you. Acquiring more skills now on local dives will greatly enhance your enjoyment and safety when you make your trips to exotic destinations. Imagine being able to focus on what you are seeing, experiencing, or photographing, because you no longer need to concentrate on your buoyancy control and manipulating your equipment.

In conclusion, our priorities when we go out fun diving are:

Safety first, always

Having fun, both in the water and when sharing surface intervals and meals

Acquiring and improving on diving skills

Have questions? Whether general diving questions or questions specific to one of our planned dive outings... bring them on! You may e-mail me or call/visit Y-kiki Divers to get your questions answered.

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2017 Calendar of Events



JANUARY 2017

Mermet Springs, Metropolis, Illinois ~ Polar Bear Plunge, Sun., Jan. 1, 2017

FEBRUARY

Attending *Our World Underwater*, a consumer dive show, Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont, IL (Chicago), Fri. – Sun., Feb. 24-26, 2017

MARCH

Bonne Terre Mine Dives, Sat., March 4. \$160 for 2 dives. RSVP & advance payment required through West End Diving

Georgia Aquarium ~ Atlanta, Georgia, Fri-Sun., March 24-26, 2017. Call the shop for details.

APRIL

Pool session — St. Peters Rec Plex — Buoyancy Check & Discover Sidemount, Sat., April 22, 1-4 p.m.

MAY

Mermet Springs ~ Metropolis, Illinois ~ Sat./Sun., May 20 & 21

JUNE

Pennyroyal Blue Springs ~ Zombie Apocalypse Dives ~ Hopkinsville, Kentucky ~ Sat./Sun., June 10 & 11, 2017

JULY

Lake Michigan Wreck Dives, Milwaukee, Wis., Fri.-Sun., July 21-23, Limit 6.

AUGUST

Mermet Springs ~ Zombie Apocalypse Dives ~ Metropolis, Illinois ~ Sat./Sun., Aug. 5 & 6

SEPTEMBER

Pennyroyal Blue Springs ~ Hopkinsville, Kentucky ~ Sat./Sun., Sept. 2 & 3, 2017 (Monday is Labor Day)



NSS-CDS Midwest Workshop ~ Sat., Sept. 23, 2017, Machinists' District 9, 12365 St. Charles Rock Road, Bridgeton MO 63044

OCTOBER

Houseboat Trip ~ Bull Shoals Lake, Arkansas, Fri.-Mon., Oct. 6-9, 2017

Quail Run Quarry, Rolla, Missouri ~ Annual "Soak Your Gourd" Pumpkin Carving Dive, Sat., Oct. 14, 2017

NOVEMBER

Cavern Dives! For Cavern certified

divers or divers getting certified, Roubidoux Springs and/or Bennett Springs, Sat./Sun., Nov. 4 & 5, 2017

DECEMBER

Underwater pictures with Scuba Santa ~ Sat., Dec. 2, 2017

JANUARY 2018

Mermet Springs, Metropolis, Illinois ~ Polar Bear Plunge, Mon., Jan. 1, 2018

Sign up to receive the *Fun Diving Report*, a periodic update on upcoming destinations/events, travel/lodging plans, etc. go to the Y-kiki Divers home page (www.y-kiki.com) and scroll down the lefthand side of the page to add your name & e-mail to our eNewsletters. You'll be asked to check mark the lists you're interested in. Be sure and check, "Local Diving Adventures" to receive the *Fun Diving Report*.

