

SAVE THE DATE — LOCAL SHIPWRECK, DIVING AND MARITIME EVENTS

- May 31, 2006** **UASC May Meeting*** – Guest Speaker – *Dr. Jane Eva Baxter, DePaul University, Archaeology in Chicago.* See page 5 for more information about our guest speakers.
- June 1-4, 2006** **2006 Annual International Light House Conference – Joint Annual Conference.** Held at the Bruce County Museum and Cultural Center, Southampton, ON, Canada www.chantryisland.com Art, History, Entertainment, Lectures, Shipwreck, etc.
- June 3-4, 2006** **The North American Society for Oceanic History** and the **Canadian Research Society – Joint Annual Conference.** Held at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum, Manitowoc, WI 866-724-2356 Maritime Studies Conference.
- June 10-11, 2006** **DUI DOG Rally & Demo Days** – Pearl Lake, South Beloit, IL – Take a test dive (or dives) in a DUI drysuit, try some different types of divewear insulation, get that buddy that makes-you-get-out-of-the-water-'cause-he's-too-cold to try a DUI. Free barbecue lunch, how-to seminars and the great commemorative DUI TEST DIVER hat all of the test divers get. Buy tickets at participating area dive shops (Scuba Systems, Skokie, IL) Contact DUI's Customer Service Department by email customerservice@dui-online.com or by phone 800-325-8439 for additional information.
- June 28, 2006** **UASC June Meeting*** – Guest Speaker – *Dr. Ken Schoon - Calumet Beginnings - The rest of the Story.* Back by popular demand, Dr. Schoon returns to the UASC again this year to continue his lecture on the history of the Calumet Region. See page 5 for more information about our guest speakers.
- July 26, 2006** **UASC July Meeting*** – Guest Speaker – *Cynthia Ogorek - History of the Calumet River.* See page 5 for more information about our guest speakers.
- August 30, 2006** **UASC August Meeting*** – Guest Speaker – To Be Announced
- September 27, 2006** **UASC September Meeting*** – Guest Speaker – To Be Announced
- October 21, 2006** **ICSSD Annual President's Night Dinner and Silent Auction** – Black Ram, 1414 W. Oakton, Des Plaines
- October 25, 2006** **UASC October Meeting*** – Guest Speaker – To Be Announced

UASC PARTNERS WITH STATE AGENCY AND UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS (CONTINUED)

By Elizabeth Jurkacek

Dr. Emerson has received national attention for his work on the Cahokia mounds and the Cahokia civilization's rise and decline.

The Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) was created in 1985 to oversee the operation of more than 60 historic sites throughout the state. The Illinois State Library and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential State Museum are just two of the IHPA's important sites. The UASC will be able to send its images, documents, records and projects for addition to the Illinois archives. The UASC's work will be available in the future to all people looking to understand how Lake Michigan was used in the 18th, 19, and 20th centuries to move goods and people down the lake and across the country.

Many volunteers have worked tirelessly for the past eighteen years to record the shipwrecks found in Illinois waters. The UASC has sought to bring these wrecks back to life by filming the wrecks as they are today, as well as determining what the wrecks looked like while actively at work on the Lake. The people working on each ship and circumstances surrounding the ship's history and loss are also brought to life. Above water research is a critical component of UASC's project studies.

We look forward to many years of successful work on the Lake. To all of you who are dedicated historians, shipwreck geeks and non-geeks alike, we invite you to join the UASC. As you can tell, we have many, many projects for non-divers and divers to work together to keep our Lake's history alive for many generations to come.

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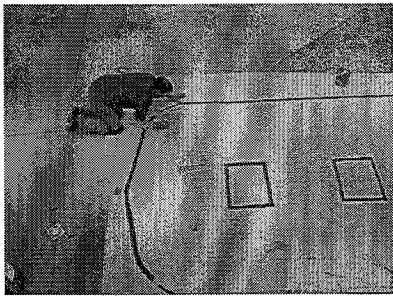
The UASC would like to thank Elizabeth Jurkacek for her time and effort in bringing this exciting new partnership together. We will provide updates as this relationship grows and strengthens the UASC and the State of Illinois.

FEATURE: NAPERVILLE YOUTHS DISCOVER THE LOFTSTROM

by Cheryl Wickstrom

Photos by Don Doherty, Ruth Loftus, and John Loftus

The UASC is often asked to present programs on our research projects at various shipwreck, maritime and scuba festivals. More and more often, we are also being asked to present to schools and other children's groups. As we all know, kids have a much shorter attention span than adults...so our regular programs are not as effective. So, several UASC



John Loftus carefully sketches an anchor on the Loftstrom.

members set out to create a program especially for children.

Thanks to push in the right direction from Cathy Green, education coordinator for Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve, and additional assistance from Kate Thompson, education liaison for NOAA's National Marine Sanctuary Program,

and original materials created by Cathy, Kate and Greg McCormack, education specialist for NOAA's Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary, the wreck of the Loftstrom was born.

The Loftstrom was designed by John Loftus and painted by Ruth Loftus and Cheryl Wickstrom. (Get it...the "Loft - Strom"???) The 'wooden schooner' was painted on two large canvas tarps, and includes such artifacts and features as the windlass, capstan, bell, masts, decking, deadeyes, a hatch, anchors, catheads, chain, steering wheel, and a fife rail.



John and Ruth Loftus and Cheryl Wickstrom painting the Loftstrom.

Our first opportunity to test our new program came through an invitation to participate in a 'mini-course' day at Naper School in Naperville. UASC members Don Doherty, Diane Gulczynski, Ruth Loftus and Cheryl Wickstrom presented the program to fourteen 4th

and 5th graders.

First, Ruth talked with the students about the history of Chicago and the importance of the wooden schooner to Chicago's shipping and trade industries. Before the new underwater archaeologists would be ready to dive on the ship, they needed to learn about the equipment we use. Don took them through a presentation of scuba gear

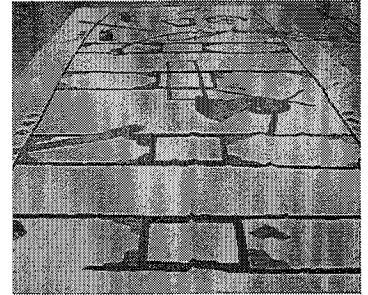
101. Their favorite part was hearing the air come out of the tank. Then, Cheryl helped taught them some hand signals. This is very important, since we are unable to 'talk' to each other underwater.



Ruth talking with Naper School archaeologists about the ship's capstan.

baseline and record the information on log sheets. Upon their ascent, the divers translated their data points onto a diagram, and drew their section of the ship using a compass. The students also determined the ship's identity based on information on the bell and capstan. The name of the ship was the Loftstrom, and it was built by UASC Inc. in 1871.

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A view from the bow of the wreck-age of the Loftstrom.

Next, it was time to dive on the wreck. Ruth led the researchers on a tour of shipwreck parts and basics of triangulation. The students worked in four teams, assisted by Ruth, Don, Diane and Cheryl. Each team had the opportunity to measure several artifacts from the



Diane Gulczynski assists with the measurement of the ship's wheel.

UASC MEETINGS

* UASC Monthly Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month from 6:30 to 9:00 pm at the John G. Shedd Aquarium, 1200 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL. Enter through the side door, located on the northwest side of the building. Metered street parking is generally available (quarters only). We welcome members and non-members at our meetings, which include a guest speaker. Join us afterwards at Ricobene's for pizza and beverages.

MORE EVENTS...

- For more Shipwreck, Diving and Maritime event information, please visit our website: <http://www.uaschicago.org/>
- For Great Lakes Singers/Songwriters (and UASC members) Tom & Chris Kastle's concert schedule, go to <http://www.kastles.net>
- For Great Lakes Singer/Songwriter (and UASC member) Lee Murdock's concert schedule, go to <http://www.leemurdock.com>

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A lot of hard work goes into raising a baby these days and if you want your little darling to stay healthy and strong you have to take care of it. As a good parent you nurture it. You look over it. You support it. But most of all you feed it. If you do not give it the love and attention it needs, especially with food, it gets weak, then weaker, and then it dies.

Well, for those of you who do not know it, the UASC has its own new baby now. It was born in March of 2006. It was even given a very special name:

www.uaschicago.org.

In reality, this new website and an infant are very much alike.

So, how does one feed a website you ask? For starters, you change the pictures on it just like you would change the baby's diapers. Then you feed the hungry website with new text, content, and articles to make it grow. Before you know it your new 'kid' website has its first birthday and is much bigger in size. Did you notice I said *your* new 'kid' website?

This website was paid for by the membership of the UASC and belongs to the group, not to anyone individual. It belongs to *you*, the parents. And just like a proud mother who shows off her new baby to friends and family, the website brags about the UASC—in a good way of course.

by Roger J. Barski

The website was put there for the entire world to see. It was put there to show everyone what you have done, what you are doing, and what you intend to do in the future about Great Lakes archaeology. It is your brag-bag, your scrapbook, a showpiece describing what you have collectively accomplished as a team.

Well, I have some bad news for all of new moms and dads out there. The website is up and running now but it is slowly starving to death. Why is it dying you ask? It is in failing health because it is not being fed by anyone. The parents of the child are neglecting it, not supporting it—there is no love. The parents of the child are just too busy with other things to contribute to its upbringing and wellbeing. It has stopped growing now and the end is near.

It is your responsibility as good UASC parents to update your website and keep it healthy, to take care of it—or just like a real baby, it will wither away and die.

And one more thing UASC parents—the website has an older brother named "newsletter" that can use some of your attention, too...

Editor's Note:

The UASC would like to send a special THANK YOU to Bob Gadbois for his wonderful work on our previous website! And Thank you to Roger J. Barski for his work on our new website. Our members are an integral part of our organization! Thank you so much to both of you for all you do!!!

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We wrapped up the session with a short video of the Tacoma and Fun Facts about Lake Michigan and Shipwrecks. Overall, the program was a great success.

Our goal was to produce an engaging, educational and interactive program that could be used with students from ages 8 to 14. This program includes history, mathematics, science, art,



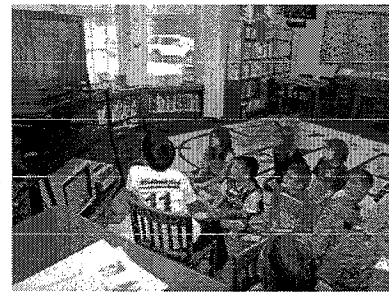
Cheryl's group measures the distance of the anchor from the baseline.

and teamwork skills. We hope to also include some maritime music using the Kastle's CDs in future programs. The students can truly be immersed in a variety of subjects and at the same time have a hands on activity to keep them involved.

Also of importance was that this program be a 'class in a box'. This way, all materials can be stored together, and any UASC member can present the program with a little preparation. If you are interested in presenting this program in the future, please let Ruth or Cheryl know. We hope to offer some training once our test materials are finalized.

As always help with material development is appreciated. We expect that this program will be beneficial to many organizations in the future.

Naper School's newest underwater archaeologists watch a video on the Tacoma.



SCUBA CELEBRITY SIGHTING



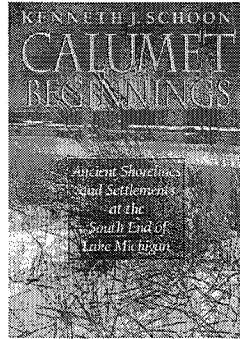
UASC Member Cheryl Wickstrom had the opportunity to speak with Deep Sea Detective John Chatterton at Our World Underwater, February, 2006.

MEET OUR UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS

by Jim Jarecki

May 31st:

Jane Eva Baxter is an assistant professor in the Department of Anthropology at DePaul University. She has been an archaeologist for 20 years and has worked on sites around the world. Her current research interests are the archaeology of children, working-class life at 19th century Pullman, and slavery and post-emancipation life on San Salvador, Bahamas. <http://www.jane-baxter.com/>



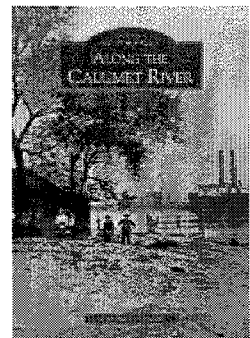
June 28th:

Kenneth J. Schoon is a former middle and high school science teacher and is now Associate Dean of Indiana University Northwest's School of Education. He is also active in the Historical Community of Northwest Indiana. In his popular book, *Calumet Beginnings*, he combines his three primary interests: geology, history, and the Calumet area of Indiana and Illinois. www.iun.edu/~educjs/calumetbeginnings/

July 26th:

Cynthia L. Ogorek is an active historian, preservationist, and gardener. She is the former president and founder of the Calumet City Historical Society, and a member of the American Association of State and Local History, South Suburban Heritage Association, Calumet Heritage Partnership, Kankakee Valley Historical Society, and Calumet Ecological Park Association. She is author of the book, *Along the Calumet River*.

Once known as the Callimink River by the area's Potawatomi Indians, the Calumet River has been home to swimmers and fishermen, steamboats and canoes, and shipyards and factories for generations. Recreation and industry have coexisted along its banks for decades. Communities along the Calumet River from South Chicago to northwest Indiana have long derived their life blood from the river. With abundant wilderness, many recreational activities, and a convenient transportation corridor, the Calumet River has long been an important resource for the communities along its banks. Along the Calumet River presents the history, evolution, and development of the river corridor using over 200 vintage images.



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