



**Northern
New England
Chapter**

Holiday Dinner Meeting Announcement **Exploring Indonesia's Coral Reefs**

Presented by

**Chris Crowley, Research Engineer and
Accomplished Underwater Photographer**

Tuesday, December 2, 2008

Chris Crowley's presentation will introduce you to underwater photography. He has made three trips to Indonesia over the past several years and will present images from those trips to illustrate the presentation. The locales include Bali, Komodo Island, Ambon Island, the west coast of New Guinea (West Papua), the Raja Ampat region, and Sulawesi. Subjects include some of the most beautiful coral reefs in the world, large schools of fish, colorful fish, and some very strange underwater critters. Chris will discuss the equipment and techniques that he uses to meet the challenging constraints of underwater photography, as well as some interesting and unusual behaviors that he has observed.

Chris Crowley lives near the Connecticut River in Orford, New Hampshire, next to a 1-acre pond that is a magnet for local wildlife. Chris is a research engineer by vocation and an underwater photographer by avocation. He has over 1,000 scuba dives under his weight belt in locations such as Indonesia, the Galápagos Islands, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, Yap and many Caribbean sites. During surface intervals between dives, he might be trekking with chimpanzees in Tanzania or gorillas in the Congo, exploring the Amazon rain forest, or participating in an Earthwatch Institute program to study lemurs in Madagascar.

His articles and images have appeared in national and international dive magazines such as *Skin Diver*, *Sport Diver*, *Scuba Diver Australasia*, and *Alert Diver*, as well as a guidebook to sea slugs of the Indo-Pacific region. He was among the first divers to photograph a brand new species of frogfish on the island of Ambon in Indonesia. Magazines (*Nature Photographer*, *Northern Woodlands*, and *Natural New England Magazine*), textbooks, a calendar, and a Nature Conservancy poster have published his wildlife images. See Chris' web site for some of his fabulous photographs. <http://www.cjclandandseaphoto.com>

Location: Red Blazer Restaurant
72 Manchester St., Concord, New Hampshire
224 4101

From Interstate 93 in Concord NH
Going north on I-93: Take exit 13. Right turn off exit ramp.
Go over the river. Restaurant is 7/10 of a mile on the right.

5:30 PM to 6:15 PM – Social, 6:15 PM to 7:15 – Dinner, 7:30 PM - Speaker

Meal: Menu choices are Baked Stuffed Haddock, Pastry Baked Chicken Breast, or Prime Rib
Please indicate your meal choice and Email John Redemske at jredemske@mct-inc.com or call 603 673 9720 X2314 for more information.

Program Cost: \$10 per person for members & 1 guest, \$20 for nonmembers.
Student members are free