



The Rebel Yell



A Newsletter for the Diving Rebels - One of the Oldest Scuba Clubs in Texas - Established 1958
December 2008

DIVING REBELS - CELEBRATING 50 YEARS in 2008

2008 DIVING REBEL BOARD

Keith Weber, President
Mark Estill, Vice President
Selena Woodward, Treasurer
Ellen Fourton, Secretary
George Bartulevicz, Activities Director
John Richerson, Sr. Board Member
Johnathan Bowman, Jr. Board Member

Appointed Positions

Danny Bouska, Webmaster/Newsletter
TBA, Historian

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WWW.DIVINGREBELS.ORG

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING Wednesday – December 3, 2008

**Meeting Time
6:30pm Social - 7:15pm Meeting**

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Upcoming Events Calendar

Dec 3	Monthly Membership Meeting
Dec 6	Christmas Party
Jan 7	Monthly Membership Meeting
Jan 31	San Marcos River Dive
Feb 4	Monthly Membership Meeting
Feb 28	Arctic Dive / Wine & Cheese Festival – Lake Murray
Mar 4	Monthly Membership Meeting

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Members and Friends,

We have had a great year of events. In looking back over the time it is amazing how much we did. January was San Marcos. February brought the Wine and Cheese Festival that was a tremendous success and had a huge bonfire with the burn ban getting lifted just days before the extravaganza. March dealt us a blow from Mother Nature with a freak snow/ice storm and we adapted in Diving Rebel style with dinner at Saviano's in Euless. The Club recognized Linda Magnuson's 30th anniversary and Calvis Hawes' 35th with commemorative polo style shirts sporting a specially embroidered logo. Tyler State Park greeted us again in April with unusually beautiful weather (maybe just a little on the chilly side but nice nonetheless). In May we were found at Balmorhea as the oasis in the desert with its fantastic visibility continues to draw us out in spite of the long trip. And then there was the wonderful 50th Anniversary outing in June at Lake Whitney. My number one thing to say about that one is, WOW! We tried a brand new spot in July as we dove Inks Lake. It was a decent dive, just not enough locations. For August the foreign waters beckoned and we experienced blissful diving in Utila Honduras. September was another intervention from Mother Nature as she sent a hurricane right over the intended diving at Athens and we all decided to stay home. With the consensus of the signed up attendees, the October outing morphed from a planned 3 day in Broken Bow, OK, to a 2 day at Clear Springs Scuba Park. It was the first opportunity for Stephan, my German exchange high school student, and me to dive together. He even opted for entering the pumpkin carving. And, thanks goes to Deb for supplying the costumes and pumpkins to make the outing a roaring fun time. The November Chili Cook-off was a tasty event with lots of entrants and even more judges.

Of course our social calendar was full too. There were happy hours and dinners and most recently we had the Omni movie, Deep Sea, and dinner at Papisito's in Fort Worth for an October get together.

And a look at the future reveals that we still have more to do. We are fortunate that the entire elected Diving Rebel Board is returning and the open position created by the Junior to Senior Board member promotion will be filled by Mark Stonebridge. While I am honored and thrilled the Board has shown such solidarity, we in no way want to create stagnation in leadership and several have mentioned that their posts will be available for new blood in 2010. We are lucky to have Danny continuing in his appointed positions and Linda Magnuson took on the role of Historian this year. So I proudly present our 2009 officers:

President – Keith Weber
Vice-president – Mark Estill
Secretary – Ellen Fourton
Treasurer – Selena Woodward
Sr. Board Member – Jonathan Bowman
Jr. Board Member – Mark Stonebridge
Newsletter Editor and Webmaster – Danny Bouska
Historian – Linda Magnuson

Christmas Party 2008

December 6 at Lake Arlington

6300 Arkansas Ln- Richard Simpson Park building

In keeping with our theme this year for the 50th Anniversary and doing new things, the Diving Rebel Christmas Party will be a 12 hour event on the 12s – NOON to MIDNIGHT.

We will begin at noon with pizza sponsored by the Club. Soon afterward, most likely about 1:30, Doug and I will brave the cold and possible hazardous waters of Lake Arlington. Upon emergence from the water we will get cleaned up as quickly as possible and join the continuing festivities. We are planning some games suitable for inside or out to take us through the afternoon. The fireplace is also anticipated to be working throughout the day so bring some wood if you can.

Along about 4:30 we will be engaging in the Dive Jeopardy game and afterward will start serving up the appetizers, guessing on about 5:30 or 6, with the main meal targeted for 6:30 or 7. We are planning on frying some turkeys and having a ham for the Club meats.

There will be the traditional gift exchange (\$20 - \$25). We will wrap up about 10:30 or 11 with the raffles (that will begin earlier – perhaps with appetizers) and have time to clean up and end at midnight. Speaking of raffles, we are planning a couple of new scooter additions to the ranks and who knows what else. There will be lots of nice prizes and some that are probably questionable – so it will be a very exciting evening. It will be wise to buy some tickets – Jonathan will be your man to see.

And speaking of tickets, the entrance ticket will be \$5 in advance and \$8 at the door. See Selena or Keith to purchase your meal ticket.

Looking forward to another first and an exceedingly good time.

Merry Christmas Diving Rebels





Birthdays

Keith Weber	Dec 15
Red Jeffers	Dec 18
Brandon Shipe	Dec 22
William Conner Shipe	Dec 22
Kim Alloy	Dec 23

Anniversaries

Jim & Linda Magnuson	Dec 3
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Don't forget Diving Rebels Caps and T-Shirts On sale at any monthly meeting!



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Merchandise sold to Diving Rebels Members Only

We Want YOU! To be a Diving Rebel in 2009! Renew your membership or Join Now!

Be a part of all the fun in 2009 – expand your knowledge, enjoy some diving, make new friends and have a few laughs with long-time friends – all for the low, low prices of \$25 (individual) \$15 (additional member) and \$5 (nondiver).

Renew now and participate in the Early Bird Membership Discounts for renewing your 2009 Diving Rebels Scuba Club Membership or joining the club. Until the end of the January meeting - \$22 individual, \$13 additional family member and \$4 for a non-diver. The \$15 initiation fee is still applicable to new members. Remember – you have to pay your dues by the March meeting or another initiation fee will apply – so hurry!

Remember the Early Bird Special ends at the January Membership Meeting!

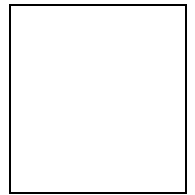
Membership Benefits are listed on the website and can only be obtained by showing your 2009 Membership Card at the participating dive shops and restaurants. New benefits may be added throughout the year!

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE – CHRISTMAS EDITION



1. What reindeer's name is also the name of a kitchen cleanser?
2. What do you call the popular Christmas figurine that cracks nuts?
3. Is "The Night Before Christmas" a short story or a poem?
4. What colorful tree decoration did Ralph E. Morris, a telephone company employee, contribute?
5. What carol contains the line "While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains"?
6. What honeymooner starred in the great Santa Claus switch?
7. Susan Davidson portrayed Susan Walker in what holiday remake?
8. What greeting by mail is John Calcott Horsley generally credited with?
9. What wintry-named poet wrote a poem called "Christmas Trees"?
10. What Washington library was two thirds destroyed by fire on Dec 24th 1851?

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