

The Rebel Yell

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

June 2008

DIVING REBELS - CELEBRATING 50 YEARS in 2008

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday – June 4, 2008

Meeting Time

6:30pm Social - 7:15pm Meeting

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June Meeting Program

Come out and hear the personal histories of several of our own Diving Rebels as we reminisce about experiences with the Club. Old and new will be delighted with what promises to be a lively 30 minutes.

Upcoming Events Calendar

- June 4 Monthly Membership Meeting
June 21-22 Lake Whitney – 50th Anniversary Celebration!
July 2 Monthly Membership Meeting
July 12-13 Inks Lake State Park
Aug 2-9 Utila Honduras – Deep Blue Resort
Aug 6 No Monthly Membership Meeting
Sept 3 Monthly Membership Meeting
Sept 13-14 Athens Scuba Park
Oct 1 Monthly Membership Meeting
Oct 11-13 Broken Bow

President's Report

Diving Rebel members and friends,

The Mid-Year and 50th Anniversary celebration month is upon us. Honestly, I will be glad to have it behind me. I want it to be special as do other Club members and it has taken some real work on the part of the Board and involved members. You can read about the plans in the separate article. My report this month will be a mixed bag of topics. Not, that it is not always a combination of subjects, but this one is in particular.

We made it to Balmorhea and back. I had a fantastic weekend and I think that sentiment is shared by many. Even Mark Stonebridge with some indignation about diving in a swimming pool, was not disappointed in the experience. See the outing article to find out the details.

As we round the corner and look into the second half of the year we have more exciting events on the horizon. July is set for 11 – 13 at Inks Lake, Aug is Utila, Sep is at Athens on the 13th and 14th with October planned at Broken Bow, OK to finish up the Club's dive year. November has the Chili Cook-off and December is the Christmas Party on the 6th at the Arlington Park's building on Lake Arlington. Be sure to try to join in the fun.

Here is my challenge for the Chinese auction grand mark. If we pass the mark, I will do a dive in Lake Arlington on the day of the Christmas Party (before it starts). I will need a buddy, so here's the deal. I will contribute at least \$100 at the Chinese Auction if the buddy is identified (I get some benefit as does the Club). I will support 1 bid of the buddy up to \$25 at the auction and I will purchase the buddy \$25 worth of raffle tickets for the Christmas Party. So we can start out with \$125 towards that \$1000 if someone is willing to attempt 20 minutes in Lake Arlington on Dec 6th, not to mention having a head start on the raffle.

And one last item, please read the newsletters. I know I am probably preaching to the choir if you are reading this without prompting and I beg you to encourage other members to read it. Danny, I and others put a lot of effort into our contributions. Further, I just touch on highlights in the meetings and the newsletter contains the details and the meat of the subject. We do not have time in the meeting to rehash the newsletter articles. I endeavor to make the membership aware that there are important things to be read, but I would really hope you already looked it over. There are copies available during the social time if you care to take 5 or ten minutes to peruse it then. If not, they are posted on the website for your access anytime.

And don't forget our Special Edition coming for the 50th Anniversary. If you have contributions, please submit those – let me know if I can help.

Diving Rebel fan,
Keith

Diving Rebels Celebrate 50 Years
Lake Whitney, TX - June 21, 2008

The time for our big 50 has arrived. We have spaces at Lofers Bend East numbers E48, E49 and E50. Maps will be at the end.

In addition to the prizes listed last month (“On hand we have a bottle of Grey Goose Vodka, a wet suit, console with air and depth gauges, titanium knife, safety sausage and some other items. Overall retail value is already surpassing \$500.”), we have acquired 2 Seadoo scooters and an 80 cf tank. These items will be for the Anniversary Raffle and the \$5, 6/\$25 tickets.

The Nostalgia Lane memorabilia contest and donned Anniversary T-shirt awards will be separate events. Bring out those Diving Rebel relics – canes and wheel chairs can be provided – oh, not that kind of relics, but more knickknack and club wear related. Wearing your commemorative Anniversary t-shirt will earn a ticket for a raffle of only those with shirts on. Be sure to have it on when you are registering in to receive the ticket. Any left over shirts after preorder fulfillment, will be available at the registration desk for purchase. It looks like the ticket prices are lining up as \$15 for April preorders, \$18 for May preorders and \$20 at the June meeting and the outing.

The menu is still planned as fajitas and fixin’s. There will be a sign up sheet at the meeting so we can get an idea on attendance and food quantities. If you miss the meeting for some reason, but plan to attend the outing, please let Keith know as soon as possible.

Times: tentative time line as the Rebels don’t do well with clocks on outings.

10am	Check-in begins: Look for the table with the new Diving Rebel banner
11am – 1pm	Dive if you dare: be sure to sign the dive log
3pm	Nostalgia Lane judging
5pm	Raffle drawings begin
6pm – 7pm	Dinner served
8pm	Final raffle drawings
9pm until	After glow socializing, camping

Here are the location specifics:

Getting There:
Lofers Bend East (TX)
285 CR 3602
Clifton TX 76634

From I-35 in Hillsboro, take Hwy 22 W, 12 mi to Whitney, content 7 mi, past Whitney, turn right before dam. Follow park road to 4 way stop. Turn left to go to West Lofers or right to go to East Lofers to the gate house.

Phone Park for More Information:
Information: (254)694-3189

Celebrating 50 Years
Diving Rebels Scuba Club!

July Speaker

Patrick Emmons, Scuba Instructor, UTA

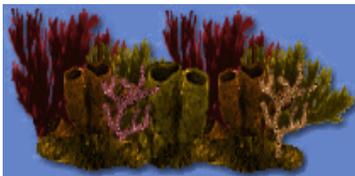
Mr. Emmons will provide a segway from the advanced cave diving that Steve Cushman discussed last month to some of the academic certifications to achieve those feats and other advanced topics. Some of you may have met him when he visited in May. And here is a little more about him.

Mr. Patrick Emmons is the Technical Scuba Diving instructor at University Scuba (www.universityscuba.org). Pat is a certified NAUI (National Association of Underwater Instructors) instructor, a TDI (Technical Diving International) instructor and has been diving professionally since 1998. At the age of 65, Pat has over 20 years of scuba diving experience and over 1000 hours of diving experience. One of his primary goals as an instructor is to share the experience with older adults. Pat began his career as a diver in February 1986. Pat's initial diving experiences included the exploration of water filled mines in the mid west around St. Louis, which fueled his passion for the sport of scuba diving. In the mid 1990s, Pat enrolled in the scuba program at the University of Texas at Arlington to begin work on his professional scuba diver ratings. Pat completed his NAUI scuba instructor rating in August of 2000. Pat is credited with the creation of interactive Microsoft PowerPoint presentations for the University Scuba curriculum. Pat is also an instructor in Nitrox, Introduction to Technical Diving, Advanced Nitrox, Decompression Procedures, Extended Range, underwater photography and CPR/First Aid. Pat's diverse and unique diving experiences canvas the globe to include: The Great Lakes, Bonne Terre lead mine, Puget Sound, Cozumel Mexico, Harbour Island Bahamas, Curacao and Bonaire Netherlands Antilles, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Belize, Guam, Palau and Truk Lagoon (Chuuk Island) in the south Pacific.

My favorite dive buddy: My wife Laura. She first became a certified diver in 1997. Laura is a master diver with over 200 dives.

Most memorable dive: A midnight dive on Haps reef in Guam with only my wife, a Divemaster and myself. The full moon illuminated the underwater reef teeming with beautiful Spanish Dancers, Lion Fish and Candy Cane shrimp. My wife and I swam effortlessly in the warm gentle sea, bathing in the moonlight and the solitude making for a totally memorable experience

So come on out and hear Pat relate his experience and educate us.



Birthdays

Doug Petersen June 4

Anniversaries

Mark Stonebridge June 3
Steve Herman & Ellen Fourton June 6



Don't forget Diving Rebels Caps and T-Shirts
On sale at any monthly meeting!



Aquatic Blue



NAVY & NATURAL



BLACK



NAVY

Merchandise sold to Diving Rebels Members Only

Balmorhea State Park Outing Report

May 24 – 26

Thirteen Diving Rebels Members and friends met at the American Airlines Corporate Offices Parking Garage on Friday May 23rd at 8:00pm to pack the trailers for the drive to Balmorhea State Park. Many thanks to Keith and Danny for providing the use of their vehicles and trailers for the journey. The group departed at approximately 9pm. We made stops in Abilene and Monahans before taking a longer stop in Pecos, where we visited the local Wal-Mart at 4am before enjoying breakfast at the Flying J.

Our final leg of the journey provided a scenic sunrise over the Davis Mountains with our arrival at Balmorhea State Park at approximately 7am. It was a cool morning, but the sun began to heat the air quickly. We met with Chris and Melissa from Austin who had arrived Friday night. We thank them for joining us and enjoyed diving with our new friends from Austin. They had grabbed a great camping spot and soon the spot next to them opened up and the group began making camp.

The gear was loaded into the vehicles and off to dive San Solomon Springs went the group. The water was a cool 74 degrees but felt great once the initial creeping into the wetsuit concluded. Mark and Jim provided a great lunch which we enjoyed at the springs after we dove. The afternoon was spent diving and several members could be seen catching cat naps under the shade of the trees.

After a wonderful evening meal of Lo Mein prepared by Keith, most of the group departed for the Mc Donald Observatory. It was a beautiful night for star gazing. As some observed Saturn, Mars and star clusters thru the many telescopes, others stayed in the amphitheatre for a constellation tour and laid back and looked at the sky full of stars as the guide pointed to a variety of constellations. At 10:23pm, we were fortunate to watch the Hubble Telescope cross the sky above us. The groups then switched so others could view thru the telescopes and learn of the constellations.

On Sunday, a wonderful breakfast of waffles and bacon was prepared by Nick and Paula. After breakfast it was back to the springs for half the group while the other half returned to the Mc Donald Observatory for a tour of the much larger telescopes. That afternoon, after a dive, we were greeted by a dust storm which had formed due to some thunderstorms in the area. Once it blew thru, the winds calmed and we enjoyed a great meal of barbeque chicken, potato salad and beans prepared by Danny and Jill. After dinner, 10 divers enjoyed a night dive while others sat around and enjoyed the beautiful star filled night.

Ted and Lisa provided breakfast on Monday as the group broke camp. We departed around 11am for DFW, and after a stop at Sand Hills State Park in Monahans for lunch, we continued our journey home arriving around 8pm.



July's outing at Inks Lake Stat Park When? July 12 - 13, 2008

Join the Diving Rebels at Inks Lake State Park for great weekend of diving in the hill country. Inks Lake State Park is about 4 hours from DFW. Please visit the Inks Lake State Park website for park info <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/inks/#actf> .

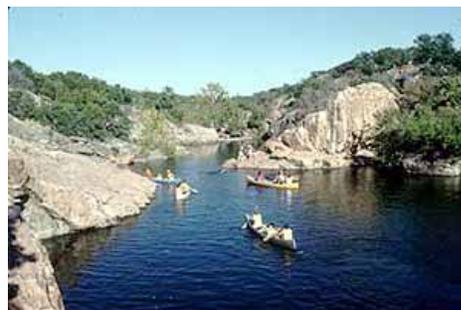
We will enjoy camping and scuba diving along with other activities available such as, hiking, biking. Also Inks is a constant level lake so droughts does not affect water-related activities such as swimming, boating (Keith is planning on taking his boat), water skiing, and fishing and canoe tours at Devil's Waterhole.

The club has campsites reserved for Saturday night. The sites will have water and electric with near by restrooms. The entrance free is \$5 per person, per day. Do not pay the camping fee the club will divide the cost of the camp sites and the food cost. We will be doing a meal share for Saturday lunch and dinner and Sunday Breakfast. Bring your own snacks and beverages.

There will be a sign up sheet at the June meeting for member planning on going and a sign up sheet for the members that want to host the one of meals.

Directions:

The park is located 9 miles west of Burnet on State Highway 29 to Park Road 4. Go south 3 miles to the park headquarters at 3630 Park Road 4 West, Burnet TX 78611
Phone 512-793-2223



Map Quest from Arlington to Inks Lake:

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps/1700+N+Fielder+Rd+Arlington+TX+76012-1948/3630+Park+Road+4+W+Burnet+TX+78611-5531/>

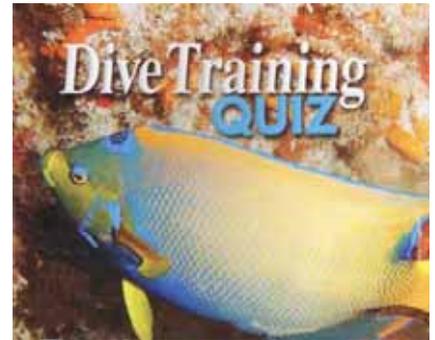
Outing Coordinator: Mark Stonebridge, Contact Mobil # 817-975-8672
Email mstonebr2204@netscape.net

Note: There is NO dive shop in area. Bring tanks to dive. Closest dive shop is Tom's dive shop in Austin which is about 50 miles.

Other Local Attractions: [Longhorn Cavern State Park](#)



Test your knowledge



- 1.** Factors that distinguish dive charter boats from one another include:
 - A. Water-level swim platform.
 - B. Shelter from the elements.
 - C. Number of divers accommodated.
 - D. All of the above.

- 2.** Sand plays what role in the marine environment:
 - A. Filters water to the benefit of plants and creatures living in the sediment.
 - B. Improves clarity of water column.
 - C. A & B are correct.
 - D. None of the above.

- 3.** Diving with diabetes requires that the diabetic:
 - A. Understand their condition.
 - B. Have their condition well controlled.
 - C. Accept the limitations their condition imposes.
 - D. Follow the necessary procedures.
 - E. All of the above.

- 4.** In assessing the injury of a dive accident victim, the first thing a primary rescuer should do is:
 - A. Start CPR
 - B. Call for help
 - C. Perform a "look, listen and feel" to determine if CPR is required.
 - D. Check the air in the victim's tank.

- 5.** The first standard operating procedure for divers should be:
 - A. A "get acquainted" procedure.
 - B. To review dive gear.
 - C. To select a dive site.
 - D. To choose a place for dinner.

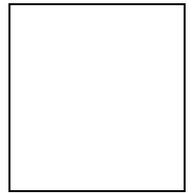
- 6.** The most vulnerable time for scuba equipment is when a diver:
 - A. Stores it.
 - B. Enters or exits the water.
 - C. Repairs it.
 - D. Dives.

- 7.** The reef on which the Diving Rebels will be diving on while at Utila is:
 - A. Part of the world's largest reef system
 - B. Part of the world's second largest reef system
 - C. The world's smallest reef system
 - D. There is no reef, this is volcanic area with large rock formations.

- 8.** The best place to get advice about a dive vacation that's right for you is:
 - A. At a bookstore
 - B. At your local dive center
 - C. From a travel agent.
 - C. Your local dive club

- 9.** What action of a moray eel is often misinterpreted as a threat?
 - A. Hiding in a crevice
 - B. Respiring
 - C. Whipping its tail
 - D. Changing its color

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