

# The Rebel Yell

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

May 2008

## DIVING REBELS - CELEBRATING 50 YEARS in 2008

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### MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday – May 7, 2008

Meeting Time

6:30pm Social - 7:15pm Meeting

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### May Meeting Program

Join us for the tales of Texas' underground water supply and the adventures of exploring its sources. Steve Cushman of Surface Interval Scuba has been busy following the passion and the flow of these elusive answers. He holds several certifications including, but not limited to, Rebreather Cave, Advanced Cave, and Cavern Diver. He is a member of NSS-CDS (National Speleological Society – Cave Diving Section) and the National Cave Diving Association. In his short one and a half years as a cave diver, he has logged over 350 dives in Texas, Florida and Mexico. He will fill us in on the shop, his personal exploits and encourage us to pursue our own horizons.

### Upcoming Events Calendar

- May 7 Monthly Membership Meeting  
May 24-26 Balmorhea State Park  
June 4 Monthly Membership Meeting  
June 21-22 Lake Whitney – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!  
July 2 Monthly Membership Meeting  
July 12-13 Inks Lake State Park  
Aug 2-9 Utila Honduras – Deep Blue Resort

## President's Report

Salutations Diving Rebels,

May is upon us and the year is clipping by. I don't know about you, but I think I need 2 sets of dive gear. I am anxious and excited about Utila; I have already packed my dive travel bag with what I won't use in the next few months. Unfortunately, that is too few items. I have a spare dive light, some light gloves and back up fins. The rest of my gear I know will be wet at Balmorhea, Whitney and Inks before then. I am having trouble making sure I have time to service my equipment before tropical waters engulf me, but not to interrupt diving the precious Texas inland.

In my theme thus far for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary I want to mention our June meeting and celebration. I am still in need of at least 3 volunteers to speak at the meeting June 4<sup>th</sup>. I have 2 or 3 that have expressed interest and I will need to confirm with you. Additionally, I hope for 3 or 4 more to supply articles for our Special Anniversary Edition of the Rebel Yell. Here's my arm twist, if I don't get speakers or articles, I have some anecdotes that can be related. Of course I can be quite a yarn spinner and some of them may actually be true. Seriously, there has to be something each of you could share. Even in my few years, there are almost enough to fill a book. And as for the celebratory outing – please see the separate article.

And in closing, one of those jobs as President is setting the tone for the integrity of the Club. We have long had an unspoken, and sometimes spoken, rule of etiquette that if you commit to an outing, you are obligated to make good on that commitment. We plan food, campsites, and outing facilities and amenities based largely on expected attendance. Here is where it gets grey and I have discussed my position with the Board that those who arrive without notice pay their participation portion and the net should be collected from the no-shows. Granted I should have covered this in my outing planning presentation in Feb, but in 30 minutes, just the "happy path" was enough to get through. This presents a little more of a book keeping problem for the coordinator, but the Club does not want to make money on the outing, nor should participants be penalized for those that committed and didn't show up. For April, I paid for a guest that canceled on me at the last minute and thusly expect others that didn't show to see the Treasurer, Selena Woodward and settle up. As a policy that maybe we can hang our hats on or at least discuss is that cancellation should be a week prior to the outing. The Board discussed lesser notice lengths and exceptions to the proposed notice would be at the discretion of the outing coordinator. In any case, Diving Rebel honor should prevail and neither the Club nor an Outing Magnifico should be in the red after an outing. The Treasurer will follow up on outstanding amounts. I would even go one step further and suggest that if a member owes for an outing that they are not in good standing with the Club and that debt has to be settled before membership renewal is allowed for the subsequent year (sounds like a by-law change to be discussed and perhaps formally introduced later as our current statutes only consider it for Board positions).

Respectfully,  
Keith

## Tyler State Park Outing Report

Twenty-two Diving Rebels, family and friends arrived at Tyler State Park April 12<sup>th</sup> for a weather perfect weekend of diving, fun, friendship and gourmet meals. A total of 12 divers took advantage of the underwater environment and had a great time diving. A fun scavenger hunt, with prizes awarded, was organized by Ted Glodowski. Thanks to Ted & Arlington Scuba for some great prizes. Many Thanks to Steve Herman and Ellen Fourton for a Saturday lunch of hot dogs, potato salad & beans; to George Bartulevicz and Jim Magnuson for dinner of gourmet barbecue chicken and to Selena Woodward for Sunday breakfast. Diving Rebels attending were: George Bartulevicz, Danny Bouska, Eli and Anita Deleon, Calvas Haus, Steve Herman and Ellen Fourton, Ted Glodowski, Jim & Phyllis Kirchhoff, Jim, Linda, & Christi Magnuson, Steve Ogden, Mark Stonebridge, Keith Weber, Steve & Selena Woodward & Jonathon Bowman.



## Balmorhea State Park Outing - May 24 – 26

The available spaces for the Balmorhea trip are almost full. The trip over the Memorial Day Weekend to dive the crystal clear waters of San Solomon Springs at the base of the Davis Mountains in Balmorhea State Park <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/balmorhea/> should be a lot of fun.

Balmorhea State Park is about an 8-9 hr drive from the DFW area. We will leave Friday evening arriving Balmorhea at approximately 7am on Saturday and after setting up camp will begin diving. We will leave Monday morning at approximately 10am. There are no motel rooms available on site at the State Park; however, the El Oso Flojo Lodge may have availability and is located 4 miles from the State Park. <http://www.balmorheatexas.net/>

The participants traveling with the group will share the cost of the fuel and park entry fees. All participants will share the cost of camping and the meal share. Those not traveling with the group but arriving in their own private vehicle will be responsible for park entry fees upon their arrival at the park. Each individual is responsible for scuba tank or other gear rental (if needed) or air fills of \$10.00 per fill, optional Sunday night dive fee \$4.00, \$15.00 for the optional Saturday night trip to McDonald Observatory for the Twilight & Evening Star Party, personal expenses during the trip, and any hotel expense if electing not to camp.

To minimize cost, we will carpool from DFW to Balmorhea utilizing as few vehicles as possible. An enclosed trailer, maybe two, will be used for tanks, scuba gear, ice chest, tents, etc to maximize passenger seat space. The estimated cost of the trip will be around \$125 per person. The final cost may vary and could be slightly more or less than estimated due to a variety of factors; including, fuel cost at time of trip, meal cost, number of people attending, and number of vehicles.

We are asking for a \$25 deposit, per space, for the trip to be paid at or before the May 7th Membership Meeting to hold your spot. Expenses of \$93 for the campsites have already been incurred and fuel will be needed for the vehicles prior to departure. Many food items will be purchased by the coordinators the weekend prior to the trip; therefore, any cancellations must be made no later than May 16<sup>th</sup>. Anyone canceling after May 16<sup>th</sup> will be responsible for paying their portion of the outing expenses. This is only fair as being a "no show" requires others to pay for items which otherwise would not have been purchased.

For more information and to find out if there are spaces available, contact Danny Bouska at [webmaster@divingrebels.org](mailto:webmaster@divingrebels.org) or call 817-542-2962

Sign-Up sheets for Meal Coordinators will be available at the May Membership Meeting

San Solomon Springs



Cienega underwater viewing area



Parks Location





Mondex, a 5-year-old Chihuahua, poses as he walks the aisle dressed as a scuba diver during a dog show at a mall in suburban Manila on Sunday April 27, 2008. Mondex bagged first place during the fashion show category.

(AP Photo/Aaron Favila)

## Birthdays

Jimmy Atkinson	May 1
Doug Sheppard	May 6
Steve Ogden	May 14
Rita Dickson	May 17
Mark Stonebridge	May 20

## Anniversaries

Danny & Jill Bouska	May 13
Mark & Michele Estill	May 14
Jeff Cecil	May 27



## Mark Your Calendars!

**It's time to beat the heat and get wet at Inks Lake**

When? July 12 - 13, 2008

It will be a great weekend at a new dive site for the Rebels to get out and enjoy the water by diving and other water activities such as swimming, boating and fishing.

Please visit the Inks Lake State Park website for park info and area attraction <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findades/t/parks/inks/#actf>

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

More information to follow in June's Newsletter



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

The outing plans are underway and the excitement is building. We have decided on the T-shirt emblem and Jim Magnuson was the lucky designer. It was almost a unanimous vote, even from among other designers. Thank you, Jim and Rita Simpson and Linda Magnuson for joining the Board as the selection committee. Thank you, Danny Bouska and Jim Magnuson for your entries. So if you haven't already ordered, be sure to see Keith for the order form.

We are planning several contests for the day. Of course there will be a raffle ticket for all those dressed in the commemorative t-shirt. Debate is still raging on whether it will be a separate raffle or combined with the larger raffle. Speaking of which, we will be having a celebration raffle with tickets at 5 each or 6 for 25.

In addition to all of that, there is a planned a Most Memorabilia Contest – Nostalgia Lane. Bring and display your Club wear, collectibles and treasures from yesteryear to the present. Exact rules have yet to be finalized, but you have time to rummage through closets and the attic, do some dusting and primping and load it up.

Now all that is just for the surface interval, we have barely touched on diving and underwater activities. I'll leave it at that for now and you can salivate over the adventures you will have below the surface in Lake Whitney.

We have some nice prizes so far and hope to collect more. 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.

The menu is shaping up to be fajitas, chicken and beef with all the fixin's. Obviously part will be self serve, but the Board will do some serving and will definitely be hovering if the serving line needs attention. We are expecting a large turnout.

Along those lines, Linda Magnuson has graciously volunteered to head up a contact committee. She has already done research on past Presidents and I think has the lineage back to the beginning if not very close. A list of active, past members (those that stand out in newsletters, memory and reminiscing) was also derived and a call party or tree will most likely be necessary. Stay tuned for more details on this effort.

If your calendar doesn't have a big red X on June 21 for this celebration, your hands must be broken. This one will be the event of the last 50 years – the next super big is 100 in 2058. I hope I'll still be divin', campin', and havin' a good time when that one rolls around.

**Celebrating 50 Years**  
**Diving Rebels Scuba Club!**

# TRASHFEST 2008



Presented by the *Texas Gulf Coast Council of Dive Clubs*, in cooperation with:



**City of New Braunfels**

**New Braunfels Parks & Recreation Department**

The Greater  **New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce, Inc.**

**FUN FOR ALL!**

**Team**

**Competition**

**Door Prizes**

**BBQ Dinner**

**\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\***

**OCTOBER 4, 2008**  
**New Braunfels, Texas**

The oldest divers environmental clean up campaign in the nation is Texas' annual TrashFest, held the first Saturday of every October in New Braunfels, on the scenic Comal River. After the tubing season winds down, divers from around the state gather to pull cans, shoes, sunglasses and other assorted trash and debris out of the river. It's our little way of showing that we care, while enjoying a great day of diving and meeting divers from all over, topped off with a BBQ dinner and door prize drawing.

All dive shops and scuba clubs are encouraged to bring teams and if you're a individual diver, we'll even help find a team for you to be on. Top teams in several categories will win the coveted SUPER SCOOPER T-SHIRTS.

Mark the date on your calendar. Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> – Trashfest 2008

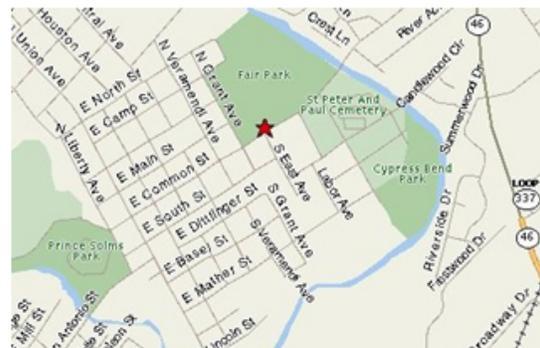
Pass the word around. Also, if you're interested in promoting your business or group by making a door prize donation, please contact Roger Veteto at trashfest@tgccdiving.org or 713-305-6997.

***Come on out, get wet, and show that TEXAS DIVERS CARE!***

**For more information**

**visit us online at:**

**[www.trashfest.net](http://www.trashfest.net)**



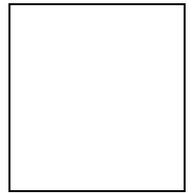
**\*\*NEW-LOWER ENTRY FEES THIS YEAR!\*\***

## Test your knowledge



1. The needle on a magnetic compass always points to:
  - A. The north pole
  - B. The south pole
  - C. The equator
  - D. The sun
2. Water is a better "conductor" of smell than air because of its:
  - A. Density and refractive properties
  - B. Viscosity and refractive properties
  - C. Density and viscosity
  - D. All of the above
3. The release in chemicals into the water from startled or injured fish is called the:
  - A. Schreckstoff response
  - B. Mayday response
  - C. Calypso response
  - D. Shrek response
4. The closest relative to the manatee is the:
  - A. Sea lion
  - B. Walrus
  - C. Hippopotamus
  - D. Elephant
5. In selecting a base camp, divers should avoid:
  - A. High-traffic areas
  - B. Parking areas far from the entry site
  - C. The shoreline between the waterline and the high-water mark
  - D. All of the above
6. About 75 percent of all the world's corals occur in the waters of:
  - A. The Caribbean
  - B. Raja Ampat
  - C. Lake Michigan
  - D. Baja California
7. Divers can avoid deep-vein thrombosis while traveling by:
  - A. Staying well-hydrated
  - B. Wearing graduated compression knee-high stockings
  - C. Walking at least every two hours.
  - D. Not sleeping more than four hours at a time on a plane.
  - E. All of the above
8. The splendid toadfish is also called:
  - A. Coral toadfish
  - B. Cozumel kitty
  - C. Mr. Big
  - D. A & B are correct
9. Unsecured gear can cause damage to:
  - A. Reefs
  - B. The gear itself
  - C. Other divers
  - D. All of the above

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