

The Rebel Yell

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

August 2009

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING Wednesday – August 5, 2009

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

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Upcoming Events Calendar

Aug	5	Monthly Membership Meeting
Aug	8 - 9	Valhalla Missile Silo
Aug	15-16	Lake Murray Oklahoma
Sept	2	Monthly Membership Meeting
Sept	5 - 7	Texas Clipper
Dec	12	Christmas Party

President's Report

Diving Rebels and Friends,

Last month I left out some important details about the mid-year party. Jim Magnuson was first in the serving line in honor of his 36th year with the Diving Rebels. Jim was presented with a shirt with his 36 years recognized on our logo developed for Linda's and Calvis's commemorative shirts. Jim has repeatedly refused the life-time membership status. Despite his lack of acceptance of the esteemed rank, the Board, with approval of the membership, felt it appropriate to honor him with a symbol of our respect and appreciation.

So in as much as a President or Board can decree a policy, I hereby submit that a member who achieves 30 years membership in the Diving Rebels Scuba Club should be given a commemorative shirt with logo and years displayed. I polled Jim for Linda's shirt and Linda for Jim's and would suggest that for future generations – ask someone close to the recipient what color/style shirt the recipient would like. If not available I would suggest asking the recipient directly.

On to another open item, potential officers, please speak up. Is it your turn to help the Club be vibrant and alive? I certainly hope so. October is not far away so let me hear from you.

Perhaps since Jim was one of the themes I thought about this month, the Scuba Thinking Man came up at our July outing at Lake Murray. I solicited tank commitments from a couple of Scubadillo members. One was Gene, you may remember he was one of the 2 divers at the Feb outing. Lake Murray, Diving Rebels and Scubadillos, just seems to be some chemistry there. Let's keep that project in our minds and as we visit with dive shops and old timers, try to get tanks. We are not so determined on aluminum at this point so any 80cf tank will do. We need at least 8 from the design I can remember. And right now if we set it at Travis, we could use a crane. We could have pictures of us with it on dry land, and then who knows when, we could get the underwater version. I know, a sad joke, but such is the state of lakes west of the watershed.

And finally, just a little update, we are over 60 members now and pushing 65. That is incredible. However, we don't see near enough of you at outings. In response to survey results, adjustments have been made for diving, closer, in the best visibility possible, not staying as long and with some of the lowest outing costs. You should come out and enjoy the fun.

A few years to go for my 30th - counting down with 22 to go,
Keith

Join the Diving Rebels for Lake Murray in August August 15-16, 2009

By executive decision, George and I have decided to do the Club outing at Lake Murray for August. Here are some of the compelling reasons. The visibility at Broken Bow is reported to be 1 – 3 feet, we will not have access to the boat and therefore not much of Broken Bow, the drive is long - especially given the first 2 factors. And, with the long trip planned for a few weeks later to South Padre, a shorter drive looks even better.

So the strategy is to do the dives Sat and Sun early in the morning when the visibility is so much better compared to the afternoon. And at Murray in July it was more than 3 feet in the morning. So we can plan for 10am to meet at the Tucker's Tower parking lot. There is still a lot to explore there and just to dip into the thermocline can be a respite from the summer furnace. We will find somewhere on land in the afternoon to continue to beat the heat.

We are still working on camping/lodging plans and may try to stay at another campground. I'll send out a DR Holler with those details. And if you sign up at the meeting and make sure I have your phone number, I will call you with any updates – at least until I hit the road and run out of cord.

The meal plan is somewhat flexible and I would like some feedback. Do we do lunch in Ardmore and cool our heels for a while? Then have a Club sponsored/meal share dinner at the camp site along with breakfast on Sunday.

Ok, I think that's it. Seems we got off to a slow start, but once we started diving, really took off and are going strong. Hope to see lots of you with BC's on.

Diving to breathe air,
Keith

August Program Diving Rebel Dive Jeopardy 2009

Want to test your knowledge of diving and the history of the Club? Well, you'll get your chance at the August meeting. In the past few years we have been on our blue water trip having fun and the August meetings felt like ghost towns or were cancelled. This year we will have fun and actually be in town.

Come join us for Dive Jeopardy. It is a game originally encountered with the Reef Riders Dive Club and it was so fun that we adapted it for us. We have done it a couple of times in the last 5 years or so and we are ripe for a good game. It should get the competitive juices flowing and hopefully those will carry over into next month's Chinese Auction.

The categories are: Diving Safety, Diving Locations, Fish/Critter ID, Club History, Diving – Mystery. Suggested prep activities would be OW and Advanced manuals, Fish and Critter id books/cards, past newsletters – on the website if you need 'em, and notes from prior speaker presentations – just kidding. There will only be \$100, \$300 and \$500 answers as we have limited time to complete the game. I'll be adjusting the agenda to give us a little more time for the game, but we still have Club business to address.

So come on out and let's have some fun. I haven't officially approved it with the Board, or proposed the budget amendment, but I expect to have teams of 5 and the grand prizes of merch/certs totaling \$100 will be given to the winning team. The second place team will receive tickets to the 50/50 or door prize drawing at 6 per person – Club will kick in \$30 to the pool for splitting. Third place winners get 1 ticket and beyond 3rd get a pat on the back and sincere condolences. We have plenty of money in the budget for outings that have not occurred so I expect the prize budget of \$135 will not break the bank or cause anyone any heartburn.

I look forward to some spirited entertainment and seeing many of you there. Come early, pick seats and plan your teams. The adage applies this month, location, location, location. Ours is 400 E Abram, be there.



Birthdays



August 2	Ellen Fourton
August 3	Ed Williams
August 7	Ted Glodowski
	Bob Martinez
	Steve Woodward
August 9	David Blake
August 12	Jim Magnuson
August 21	Phyllis Kirchoff

Anniversaries

August 24	Jim and Phyllis Kirchoff
August 26	Mike and Susan Moody
August 28	George and Diane Bartulevicz

A Rebel Welcome to New Members Joining in June 2009

John Cregger - North Richland Hills
PADI Open Water

Diana Pittman - Fort Worth
PADI Divemaster

Say "Hi" to John and Diana and give a
Rebel Welcome to our newest members!

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

Diving Rebels in South Padre to Dive the Texas Clipper Labor Day Weekend, September 5-7, 2009

As of now we have 10 of 20 spots on a 60 ft dive boat, the Diver I. Outfitted with air-conditioned cabin, spacious deck, and a dive platform inches above the water, for ease of entry and exits, it offers comfortable diving. To check out the details see divesouthpadre.com.

We can only do 2 tank dives as the crew is not available for the 3 tank trip. So for now, we are looking at having 3 dives on the Clipper and one on Little Sarah, a rig, over our two days.

We will need to collect deposits at the August meeting as we will have until Friday to secure our spots. So if you are serious please have \$100 ready. The dive boat requires \$50 per diver and the negotiations for rooms is still underway but a \$50 deposit for lodging is not unreasonable.

Vehicles and transportation plans are still forming, but the expected format is like our trips to Balmorhea where we have a couple of large vehicles for passengers and a trailer for gear. If we get enough participation, we may consider renting a van as on one of the Balmorhea trips. We will also leave similarly but maybe a little earlier, about 8pm as the boat sails at 6am Saturday. The return to shore is about 2pm and more than likely no one will need any activities planned other than rest. Sunday is the same diving schedule, but we will probably be ready for a nice evening meal. Monday is the drive home. Leaving about 9am sounds good, but can be determined by majority rule as long as we don't get home too late.

Here's a bit about the Texas Clipper. "The Texas Clipper is a multilevel dive, meaning experienced, open-water certified divers can explore the A deck and the Promenade at 62 to 80 feet. Penetration divers, experienced with overhead environments, can tackle interior spaces to depths from 70 feet to over 110 feet. Meanwhile, because much of the wreck is more than 60 feet above the bottom it may be explored by entry level divers. We recommend entry level divers consider professionally guided dives.

The Texas Clipper can be compared to a large museum, requiring scuba divers to make several trips to fully appreciate it because of the size. "The ship is so large you can dive a hundred times and still not see everything," Captain O'Leary says."

So you can see, it should be a good experience.

We will be diving with American Diving – pretty much the only one that came up in searching for south Padre and the Clipper. Here are tidbits about them from the Clipper website.

** American Diving offers two tank trips for recreational divers as well as heavy tech trips with room for doubles and scooters on board.

***Rebreather support is available at American Diving.

LAKE MURRAY STATE PARK – JULY 18, 2009

What a pleasurable day at Lake Murray State Park, Oklahoma! No winter parkas, gloves, dry suits or windbreaks were needed. The sky was blue, had minimal wind, and 90°F temperatures. The Diving Rebels (Keith Weber, Mark Stonebridge, Mark Gowdy, Mark Estill, Michelle Estill, Doug Shepard, George Bartulevicz, John Cregger, and Steve Ogden) were joined by the five Scubadillos at the lake for diving. The water was warm as long as you stayed above the thermal-cline (23 feet) and visibility above the thermal-cline was 5-8 feet. The lake level appeared to be normal compared to news articles concerning lakes south of the DFW metro area. Due to great weather and lake conditions, many visitors appeared to also be enjoying the lake both on land and on the water. The camp grounds appeared to be filled to capacity.

We made a last minute decision to dive at Tucker's Tower for both dives as there was a dive class in progress at the cove and swimmers were in the water. For many of the divers participating, it was their first time diving alongside of the Tucker Tower cliffs. The State Park ranger at Tucker's Tower, has an article that alleges that train robbers buried their loot from a Santa Fe Railroad they robbed in the early 1900's or late 1800's in a cave at the bottom of the cliff below the water surface. The entry point is the boat dock adjacent to the parking lot followed by a 150+ yard surface prior to beginning the dive. While diving we joined by several watercraft; however, they respected the Scuba Dive Flags following the divers from both clubs.

While the divers enjoyed decent visibility, the second dive following our surface interval or lunch break was not as memorable as the visibility was greatly reduced due to the amount of boat traffic.

Those participating in the second dive showered at after completing their dives and then continued to the WinStar World Casino for a buffet dinner at the Bread Basket Buffett. Several members tried their luck at the casino without much success. The casino's parking lots were full of north Texas residents who also were attempting to beat the odds. Sorry to report, but the Diving Rebels and the Scubadillo divers failed to find the loot from the slot machines or the train robbery!

Mark your calendar, the next Diving Rebel outing has been moved to Lake Murray State Park with dives planned at Tucker's Tower on the morning of August 15th. Look for the details! Opportunities exist for you to explore the depths below Tucker's Tower.



Diving Rebel Drift Point Changes for 2009

While the Board regrets not publishing this sooner, we have some reprieve that not many outings have come to fruition in 2009. The 2009 DRIFT point schedule will be retroactively applied to activities this year. For outings planned that were canceled by Mother Nature's intervention, the Outing Magnifico will get the organizing points.

For those who may be new to the concept here is some background information.

D.R.I.F.T. PROGRAM

We all have heard about this program through which free membership is awarded for participating in activities. Earn the most points and don't pay for the next year's membership.

When was this started? Introduced in January 2000

What does the acronym mean?

D Diving

R Rebels

I Invites

F Frequent

T Togetherness

What qualifies for points? See the published schedule on how to earn points – determined annually by the Senior Board Member with the consensus of other Board members.

Examples: 2 points for attending an event or 1 point for a meeting, 1 point for each dive of at least 20 minutes duration, 2 points for coordinating a meal, 2 points for coordinating an outing, other points may be awarded for other deeds.

Who is eligible? All regular members, current elected positions are excluded from earning points at designated events.

Who keeps up with points? The Senior Board Member.

Drift Point Keeper,
Jonathan Bowman
Senior Board Member

Diving Rebels Scuba Club

2009 DRIFT Points Rules Publication



All club members shall receive *Rebel DRIFT points* for specific activities as defined in the schedule below. All club members shall receive points for conducting activities as follows:

Activity	Points Awarded
Attend a monthly scheduled Rebels meeting	1 point; must sign attendance roster
Attend a monthly social outing	1 point; must sign attendance roster
Attend a monthly dive outing (attendance only)	2 points; must sign attendance roster
Conduct a dive during a dive outing. (20 minute minimum per PADI)	Submission of dive log required to receive points. (Outing Magnifico will provide log sheets – see website http://divingrebels.org/members/outing_resources.htm .) 1 point per dive
Blue Water Trip	1 point per day, maximum 4 points for trip
Organize and plan an outing. (Officers excluded on Feb and Midyear outings)	2 points; Officers excluded on Feb and Midyear outings.
Organize a social event.	2 points
Support an outing. logistics supplies / support, KP duty during outing.	2 points <i>Outing Magnifico responsible to report all points earned by attendees on an outing to the Sr. Board Member by the next club meeting.</i>
Bring a guest to a meeting	1 point
Bring a guest (must be a certified diver) to an outing and he or she dives.	1 point
Guest subsequently becomes a member	2 points
Member organizes a speaker for monthly meeting. (Officers excluded.)	1 point

- Monthly outings extending over multiple days will be scored on a daily basis.
- Blue water trip will be scored on a daily basis as a dive outing to include attendance points; points are not to exceed a maximum of 4 points. Date of arrival and date of departure will not be scored.
- Any disputes may be presented to the Sr. Board Member or the designated representative.
- All decisions of the Sr. Board Member or designated representative are final.

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