



# The Rebel Yell



A Newsletter for the Diving Rebels - One of the Oldest Scuba Clubs in Texas - Established 1958  
January 2009

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## MEMBERSHIP MEETING Wednesday – January 7, 2009



6:30pm Social  
7:15pm Meeting

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## January Meeting Program

To Be Announced

## Calendar of Events

- Jan 31 San Marcos River Dive
- Feb 4 Monthly Membership Meeting
- Feb 28 Arctic Dive / Wine & Cheese Contest  
Lake Murray Oklahoma
- Mar 4 Monthly Membership Meeting
- Mar TBA Monthly Outing - TBA
- Apr 1 Monthly Membership Meeting
- Apr 24-26 Tyler State Park

## President's Report

As we embark on our journey through 2009, I have no doubt we will have some good diving, and probably some not so good. Hopefully by the end of the year we can say we have been some new places as well as visited our traditional favorites. Rest assured that between our propensity to attract rain and requirements to handle Mother Nature's curve balls, there will be some interesting times.

I know I mentioned our re-elected and re-appointed positions last month, but I just wanted to repeat the announcement and my thanks to the Board members for 2009.

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I hope you all will join in and participate as Outing Magnificos or shutter bugs as we look forward to a wonderful year going diving.

Keith Weber

## **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 (non-diver). Remember – you have to renew by the March meeting or another initiation fee will apply – so hurry!

Membership Benefits are listed on page 6 of this newsletter 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!

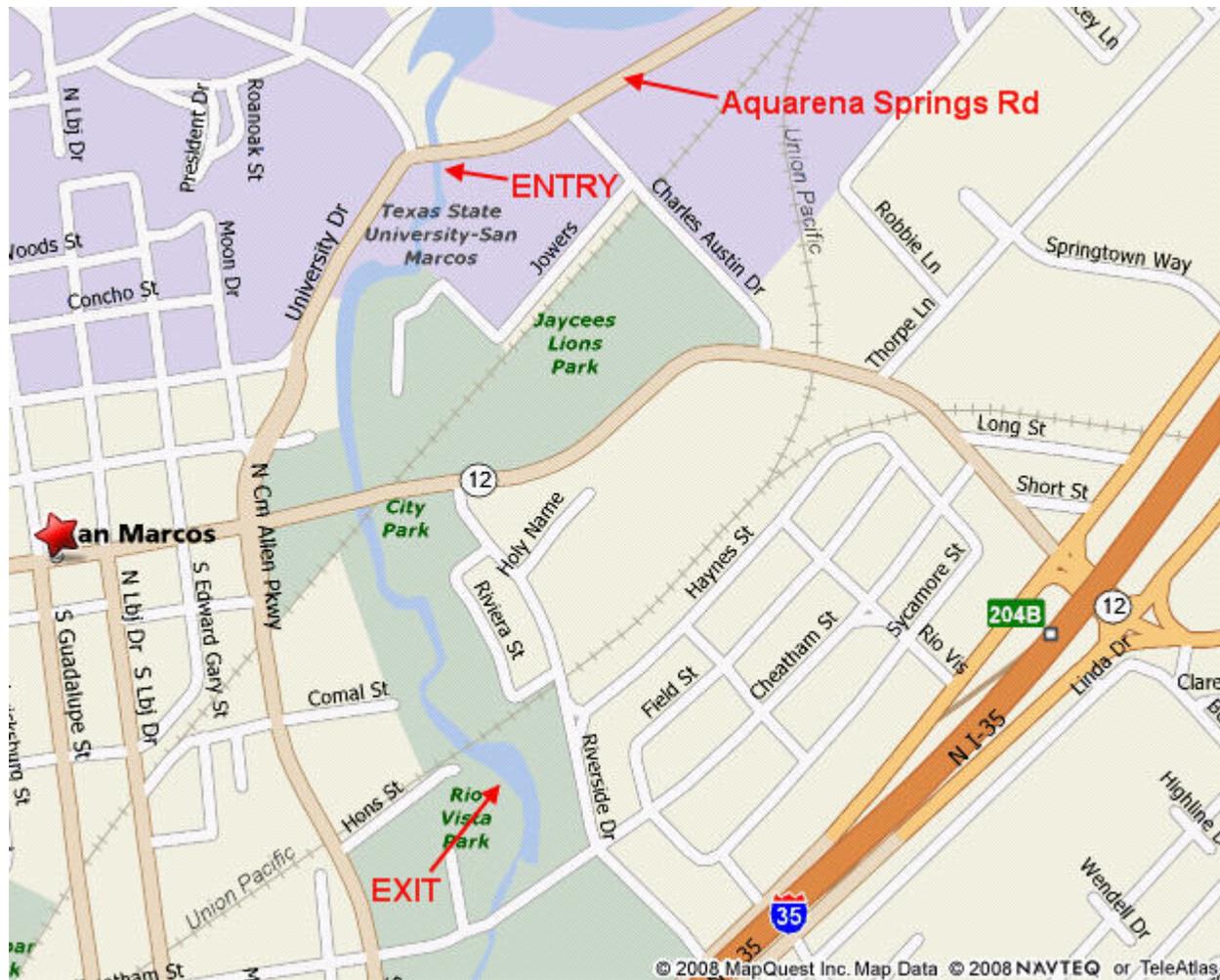
**Renew or Join Soon!**

## San Marcos River Dive – January 31, 2009

This year the discussion was to change up the traditional trip a bit and eat somewhere different for the evening after-dive meal. The exact place has not been determined, but a Thai place near Buda between San Marcos and Austin is the leading nomination among a prospective Board attendee group. That change creates ripples for other aspects that are traditional to the outing such as hotel arrangements and breakfast at the little Mexican place. As a result, provisions for these items are being loosely coordinated through George, but are not being formally arranged.

The dive is planned to begin about 1:30 pm at the campus parking lot of Texas State University - the usual meeting place of the Aquarena Springs Drive bridge (Noted by “**ENTRY**” on the map) and will end at Rio Vista Park (Noted by “**EXIT**” on map). Details for the restaurant and hotel can be determined at the January meeting based upon expected outing attendance and preferences. A follow up email can be circulated later in the month if desired.

For those that were at the December meeting, you heard about the “bubble ride” and you are invited to experience it for yourself as well as pick up a load of garbage so Oggie doesn’t have to carry it all. The traditional prizes for largest amount of garbage collected and the most unusual item (as elected by the participants) will be awarded.



## **DIVER OF THE YEAR and SERVICE AWARD ANNOUNCED**

The recipients of the 2008 Diver of the Year and the 2008 Service Award were announced at the Annual Christmas Party.

**Winner of the 2008 Diver of the Year Award was Keith Weber**

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### **Birthdays**

Phil Kirchoff	Jan 3
Chris Magnuson	Jan 11
Nick Boyett	Jan 25
Selena Woodward	Jan 29



### **February Speaker**

We are fortunate to have Mead Sams with the Army Corp of Engineers speak to us about water in Texas. The Corps of Engineers is the number one federal provider of outdoor recreation, managing more than 12 million acres of land and water for natural resources and public recreation benefits. The Corps' 2,476 recreation sites at 423 projects offer a wide range of opportunities and facilities for outdoor recreation.

Please join us as we learn more about the many lakes we often dive!

### **Diving News from Around the World**

*Fifth of corals dead: only emission cuts can save the rest, says IUCN*

The world has lost 19 percent of its coral reefs, according to the 2008 global update of the world's reef status. The report, released by the Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network, shows that if current trends in carbon dioxide emissions continue, many of the remaining reefs may be lost over the next 20 to 40 years.

<http://www.news.scubatravel.co.uk/2008/12/fifth-of-corals-dead-only-emission-cuts.html>

*Coral Reef Loss Suggests Global Extinction Event*

The world is on the brink of a massive extinction event, according to the United Nations. Rapid releases of greenhouse gas emissions are changing habitats at a rate faster than many of the world's species can tolerate. "Indeed the world is currently facing a sixth wave of extinctions, mainly as a result of human impacts," said Achim Steiner, executive director of the U.N. Environment Program. The latest global coral reef assessment estimates that 19 percent of the world's coral reefs are dead. Their major threats include warming sea-surface temperatures and expanding seawater acidification. "If nothing is done to substantially cut emissions, we could effectively lose coral reefs as we know them, with major coral extinctions," said Clive Wilkinson of the Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network. Overfishing, pollution, and invasive species continue to be risks as well, according to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

[http://www.enn.com/top\\_stories/article/38850](http://www.enn.com/top_stories/article/38850)

*A Sea of Rubbish*

Plastics do not just end up in landfills or pollute city streets. They also twirl inside massive ocean gyres that draw in debris from the coasts without leaving any chance of escape. The most well-known is the Great Pacific Garbage Patch that floats inside the North Pacific Gyre between San Francisco and Japan. This massive trash vortex, roughly the size of Texas, consists of an estimated 100 million tons of plastic debris continuously powered by currents in a clockwise fashion. Toothbrushes, umbrella handles, toys and soda bottles make up some of the material floating on the surface of the water. Most of the pollution is made up, however, of tiny pieces of plastic resting just below the surface, too tough for consumption by bacteria. Greenpeace estimates that there are one million items floating inside each square kilometer of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. The result is a sea of rubbish that harms marine life.

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## **Wine and Cheese Extravaganza Marietta's Landing, Lake Murray, OK February 28 – March 1**

Be sure to add this event to your calendar and make your plans to attend this event. We don't want to jinx anything, but are sure glad we have had some rain in recent days and perhaps can avoid the scare of a burn ban this year. This is our signature event and fund raiser and we coordinate it with the Scubadillo Dive Club. The Arctic Dive is a very fun event and is probably one of Keith's favorites since his pyromaniac side gets exercised.

It has been only in recent years that our wood supply has outlasted our ability to stay awake and burn it – **bring wood**. We hope that will be the case again this year as the bonfire rages to satisfy the need for heat on a chilly night and provides warmth for a ring of chairs for mingling and reminiscing.

Some details are still being worked out, but planning is underway. We hope to have Steve Sadler's wonderful smoked meats and who knows maybe a turkey will get fried. So stay tuned as there will be more to follow.

The prices remain the same as the last several years with advance purchase for \$10 until Feb 20. Feb 21 through the event is \$13.

It looks as if we are competing with the dance group again this year so call Marsha at 800-257-0322 to check availability of cabins and get on a waiting list if necessary. Otherwise, plenty of camping space with heated restrooms is available at Marietta Landing. Sites w/water & electricity are \$15 & \$18. Tent sites w/o are \$8.

Diving is loosely planned for about 1 pm Saturday. Dry suit availability is still undetermined.



## Joining the Diving Rebels Scuba Club has many advantages:

- Membership in one of the oldest diving club in Texas.
- Gives the diver an opportunity to meet people with a common interest.
- Divers can learn from and socialize with one another in friendly surroundings.
- Monthly meetings with guest speakers who educate the audience on topics related to diving such as; artifact restoration, shipwrecks, travel destinations, new technology, photography, equipment maintenance, etc.
- A dive club is a great place to hang out with friends and learn. Keep your diving skills current!!
- Group discounts on dive trips and equipment purchases and rentals at local dive shops.
- Member-first club trips (only spots not booked by members offered to non-members)
- Diving is more fun in a group.
- Monthly Newsletter with club and scuba related news and events
- Monthly outings to a variety of destinations in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and the Caribbean
- Club outings.....No buddy, no worries, friends & family, bring them too, these are family oriented events. It's the best value you will get anywhere with heaps of company, a lot of fun, and maybe one of many memorable dives.
- Free Diving Rebels T-Shirt upon joining
- In addition to the benefits listed above, local dive shops, restaurants, and businesses support our club through the following discounts and benefits. Show your membership card to these supporters and pay for your membership many times!

Arlington Scuba: 10% discount and Free Air on Wednesdays.  
Limit 1 fill per member per Wednesday.

Grapevine Scuba: 10% discount and 5 free air fills

Scuba Toys: 6 free air fills

Tiger Shark Scuba: 10% discount and 5 free air fills

We B Divin': 10% discount and 6 free air fills

Vision City of Lake Worth: 15% discount on Sea Vision Prescription Dive Mask

**Total savings in air fills alone could be over \$300 or over 12 times your membership dues!**

# SCUBA HUMOR

## Top 10 Ways to Lose an Annoying Buddy FAST

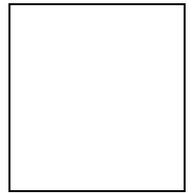
- 10) Give your buddy "I'll follow you" signal and then go in the opposite direction.
- 9) Send him back to our boat for more air.
- 8) Tell him to meet you on the "anchor line" on a drift dive.
- 7) Two words--camouflage wetsuit.
- 6) Tell him you spent a lot of money for this dive and you want to get the maximum bottom time possible. So the plan is for one person to breathe all his air then share air with his buddy, then do an emergency ascent from 45 meters.
- 5) Let him enter the shipwreck first, then close and lock the door.
- 4) While gearing up, tell him not to pay attention to the large pus filled sores on and in your mouth. If he needs air, you'll be there.
- 3) Blow up heaps of party balloons on the boat using his regulator.
- 2) Paint "FULL" needles on his gauges and remove the real ones.
- 1) Confess you never really got certified, you're just using a Qualified Diver card you found while walking on a beach.



## 10 Reasons Santa Claus Doesn't Dive

- 10) He's jolly enough without getting narced.
- 9) Still mourning the mysterious disappearance of his dive buddy, Frosty the Snowman, while diving in the Bahamas.
- 8) He hates it when his dry suit leaks and his fuzzy red woolies get wet.
- 7) Rudolph's nose shorts out under water.
- 6) His sleigh failed Marine and Harbours inspection.
- 5) He's nervous because great white sharks have made the "naughty" list for 25 years running.
- 4) Wet suits not available in "jolly old elf" XXXXL sizes.
- 3) That big white beard makes it impossible to get a good seal on his mask.
- 2) Have you tried to get 32 fins on little reindeer feet.
- 1) His elf-produced wooden regulator is dangerous at any depth!

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