



The Rebel Yell



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

February 2010

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Keith Weber,	President
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Kelly Barentine,	Treasurer
Danny Barentine,	Secretary
Etson Barentine,	Activities Director
Mark Stonebridge,	Sr. Board Member
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Marcus Greenberg,	Jr. Board Member

Appointed Positions

Danny Bouska, Webmaster/Newsletter
Linda Magnuson, Historian

To contact one of the Club's officers,
please visit our website at:

WWW.DIVINGREBELS.ORG

or send an email with your question(s)
and/or comments to:

info@divingrebels.org



We are on the web in multiple locations:
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MEMBERSHIP MEETING Wednesday – February 3, 2010

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

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February Meeting Program

Our speaker spotlight for February will feature Johnny Griffin and his adventure to the land down under and beyond into the Coral Sea. Johnny and his mates went far beyond the Great Barrier Reef. He is an engaging speaker and many of the marvels he will describe are also captured on camera for us to see. Keith has had a preview and is eagerly awaiting the meeting to see the rest.

Upcoming Events Calendar

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| Feb | 3 | Monthly Membership Meeting. |
| Feb | 27 | Wine & Cheese Extravaganza – Lk Murray |
| Mar | 3 | Monthly Membership Meeting |
| Mar | 27-28 | Canyon Lake Outing |
| Apr | 7 | Monthly Membership Meeting |
| Apr | 23-25 | Tyler State Park Outing |
| May | 5 | Monthly Membership Meeting |
| May | 21-23 | Gulf Diving Trip |

President's Report

Just thought I would catch up in this month's report since I was delinquent on my report for last month.

I wanted to note a couple of items that I have mentioned at meetings and need to also reach those that may not have been present. I'll be revising the agenda again a bit this year – always a work in progress with me you know. First I'll be adding about 5 – 10 minutes to the agenda for a Newsletter Review. I'll be adjusting other spots to try to accommodate our shortened time frame from last year. A lot of work goes into the newsletter, but the communication does not seem to be flowing as intended. We'll hit the highlights so be prepared to make notes or reference it online at divingrebels.org. I'll only be bringing 2 copies per table in the interest of saving paper – please allow guests first rights to the copies provided. And second, the February meeting is the last one to renew your dues without having the initiation fee applied.

We had the election for 2009 Diver of the Year and the Service Award at the January meeting. The awards ceremony has yet to be determined, as the awards are forthcoming. However, in these circumstances, it would be appropriate to make the announcement of the winners previous to the presentation of the awards. **So join the Diving Rebel Board in congratulating Brittany Meagher as Diver of the Year and Keith Weber as recipient of the Service Award.**

And if you missed the announcement of the 2010 Diving Rebel Board, here they are again.

President – Keith Weber
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Sr. Board Member – Mark Stonebridge
Jr. Board Member (team) – Marcus Greenberg and Sherry Hammond
Activities – Etson Barentine

And Danny Bouska continues as Webmaster and Newsletter Editor. Linda Magnuson is our resident Historian.

We have sure bolted out of the gate for 2010 diving. We had the Polar Bear outing January 1st where no one got wet due to the poor visibility (estimated in inches) and some misconnections on participants. But nonetheless, Rebels were at Lake Murray on Jan 1.

From what I hear, the outing at the end of January will be much more pleasant in both land and water temps. Of course the visibility is expected to be crystal clear in most parts.

The February Wine and Cheese outing is gaining a head of steam and is shaping up to be a fun outing.

I won't go into all of the plans, but we are considering several new places for diving this year.

As for the monthly meetings, we'll have some changes that I alluded to in previous reports. March will be our first FUNdraiser. I was thinking Wheel of Fortune, Diving Style and in reverse. Instead of winning the amounts, they will be the contributions – each team pays up for their amount earned (scale will not be as on TV, something like 1,000 = 1 from their scale). I haven't worked out the prizes yet, as obviously we can not spend more than we make or else we haven't raised any funds. So my current thought is to have a 50/50 type thing and that the largest contributing team gets half and the Club gets half. I have high expectations the Club will take in \$70 (went out on a limb and asked Kelly to budget that). I am hoping we'll have a big turnout and we'll all have a blast.

Looking forward to a big year,
Keith



February 12-13
Embassy Suites Dallas/Frisco,
7600 John Q. Hammons Drive,
Frisco, Texas 75034.

Friday 5 PM - 8 PM
Saturday 9 AM - 5 PM
www.texasdiveshow.com

TUSA ANNOUNCES RS-670 SCUBA REGULATOR SAFETY RECALL

TUSA has announced a safety recall on its RS-670 regulator distributed or sold from May 2009 through September 2009 with retail price of \$449.00.

Hazard: Loosening of the BLC plug may cause a high-pressure leak creating an unstable intermediate pressure. Immediate return of the affected units is requested.

Affected Units are R-600 1st stages with serial numbers between:

- UR600022 - UR600029
- UR600031 - UR600103
- UR600637 - UR600676
- UR600708 - UR600716
- UR600737 - UR600776

Action:

- DEALERS: Contact customers who have purchased RS-670 units and request return of their units to your store for inspection.
- All owners and dealers with RS-670 units within the above listed range are requested to return them to TUSA for replacement under warranty.
- Contact TUSA Customer Service at 1-800-482-2282 to request a RMA# and issuance of a return freight call-tag.
- This service is covered under warranty.

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TUSA will service the affected units and return within approximately 7-10 business days after receipt.

If you have any further questions, please contact TUSA at 800-482-2282 or info@tusa.com
This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it .

To visit the RS-670 Recall Notice page, click here:
<http://www.tusa.com/670recall.php>



Birthdays

- Feb 4 Paula Boyett
- Feb 5 Marcus Greenberg
- Feb 20 Mark Estill
- Feb 28 Kevin Campbell

Anniversaries

- Feb 22 Danny & Kelly Barentine
- Feb 29 Jim & Rita Simpson



A Rebel Welcome to New Members Joining in January 2010

Rick Seba – Arlington
PADI OW

Chau (Hongchau) Nguyen – Arlington
PADI OW

Say “Hi” to Rick and Chau and give a
Rebel Welcome to our newest members!

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

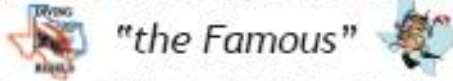
December Membership Meeting



2009 Christmas Party



Coming Saturday, February 27th



ARCTIC DIVE & WINE AND CHEESE TASTING



Come join us Saturday February 27 for the famous Arctic Dive and Wine and Cheese Tasting Contest. Diving Rebel/Scubadillo member John Richerson will be leading a dive at noon so bring your wetsuit or drysuit. Also bring your best or worst wine/cheese and join us for the tasting. Dinner should be around 5ish with the Wine and Cheese tasting afterwards. Awards will be given to best wine/cheese and worst wine/cheese. A sign up sheet will be passed around at the meeting for appetizers and desserts.

Place: Marietta Landing, Lake Murray Oklahoma

Tickets: \$10 or \$15 at event

When: Saturday, February 27

Camping: Sites with electricity and water are \$15 and \$18
Tent sites without are \$8

Other Accommodations: Lake Murray Resort/Cabins 1-800-257-0322 / 580-223-6600

Additional lodging / hotels available at nearby Ardmore OK.

Additional Info Contact: Elizabeth Neumann @ eneum1961@sbcglobal.net or 817-946-6620.

Gena Natho at gnatho@flash.net

Steve Ogden, John Richerson

Diving News From Around the World

Scientists say dolphins should be treated as 'non-human persons'

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/science/article6973994.ece>

Dolphins have been declared the world's second most intelligent creatures, with scientists suggesting they are so bright that they should be treated as "non-human persons". A bizarre phrase but researchers argue that their work shows it is morally unacceptable to keep such intelligent animals in amusement parks or to kill them. (Some 300,000 whales, dolphins and porpoises are killed by people each year).

Seaweed chokes Great Barrier Reef

<http://tinyurl.com/y8bp8nq>

Australia's Great Barrier Reef is overgrown in places by seaweed in what could be a worrying indication of the health of the coral structure, scientists say.

Acoustic tools help Whales

<http://www.news.scubatravel.co.uk/2010/01/acoustic-tools-help-whales.html>

New acoustic sensors are being used in research and conservation projects around the world, with some very important practical results. Among them is improved monitoring of endangered North Atlantic right whales in an effort to reduce ship strikes, a leading cause of their deaths.

"Minke Whales Should Not be Culled" say Scientists

<http://www.news.scubatravel.co.uk/2010/01/minke-whales-should-not-be-culled.html>

A new genetic analysis of Antarctic Minke whales concludes that population of these smaller baleen whales have not increased as a result of the intensive hunting of other larger whales – countering arguments by advocates of commercial whaling who want to cull Minke whales.

Red Grouper create home for many animals

<http://www.news.scubatravel.co.uk/2010/01/red-grouper-create-home-for-many.html>

Researchers have found that Red Grouper dig out and maintain complex structures at the bottom of the sea. They remove sand, exposing hard rocks that are crucial to corals and sponges and the animals that rely on them. The work demonstrates that Red Groupers modify their environment, much as beavers do, creating habitat for many other animals including lobster and commercially important fish.

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NEW UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY GUIDE SITE MAKES DEBUT!

Underwater Photography Guide has officially announced the launch of its website, www.uwphotographyguide.com - a web site with free underwater photography tutorials, marine life articles and dive destination articles.

Underwater photography is a growing activity enjoyed by tens of thousands of scuba divers each year. UWPhotographyGuide.com is a comprehensive resource on underwater photography theory, technique, equipment, travel destinations and marine life for beginners and experienced photographers.

Diving Rebels Word Search

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T U N U F C D S S A F R H L A I C O S N C R L V C
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CHEESE	ARCTIC	VALENTINES
MEETUP	ACTIVITIES	SOCIAL
PADI	NAUI	BUBBLES

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