

# The Rebel Yell

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

June 2010

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## MEMBERSHIP MEETING Wednesday – June 2, 2010

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

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## June Meeting Program

Danny Bouska will present a slide show and video clips of his and Jill's recent trip to Utila Honduras.



### Upcoming Events Calendar

June	2	Monthly Membership Meeting
June	26-27	Mid Year Outing – Lake Fork
July	7	Monthly Membership Meeting
Aug	4	Monthly Membership Meeting
Sept	1	Monthly Membership Meeting
Oct	6	Monthly Membership Meeting

## President's Report

Salutations Diving Rebels,

We are fast approaching the half way point for the year. And wow, what a half it has been! January brought us two events. We started off with the Polar Bear Dive anchored by George with supporting caste of John and Gena. Following up at the end of the month was our traditional San Marcos River clean-up dive that had a caste so large I can even list them all here -there were 20 attendees and 15 of those were divers.

I heard and heard, and heard how great the Wine and Cheese outing was and the fun that was had. I am truly sorry I had to miss it. I was sooo looking forward to being a spectator this year. As it turned out for my mom's friends, it was fortunate I did not have any official commitments and could play taxi. Alas, once again my timing for missing the best Feb outing in a few years was right on. I haven't been absent from many once I started going, but the ones I have not attended have been good, does that say something? Perhaps I should be listening.

We managed to have our March outing and plus one to make up for prior years. Four brave Rebels embraced the rainy day and trekked to Athens. Mother Nature smiled upon the hearty and the dive went off during a spell without rain. That was especially good for our shore support. Later in March (the next weekend) seven of us made off to Stillhouse Hollow Lake and 4 had almost an hour dive in 52 degrees to explore its offerings. Quite impressive guys!

The annual trip to Tyler State Park had its usual weather with a little tantrum Friday night that brought down power lines and shut down the bathrooms nearest to our campsites. The rest of the weekend was beautiful and the diving was excellent despite the rain Friday.

The blue water trip to Panama City Beach caps our dive outings thus far. Four travelled and three did 5 dives in two days. There's much more about that in a separate article.

And that's only the diving. We've been to the Star Catcher Winery for one social outing that was raved about. Others have been discussed and I'm sure the fun times will roll on.

And the second half of the year doesn't look bad either. We'll do the mid-year at Lake Fork and hoping the Flower Gardens can be in July with some good fortune from weather. We have many back up plans like Canyon Lake or a pool party. Athens has been brewing a contest up for some good prizes so we are keeping an eye on that development as well. August will be a second chance for July type stuff and September has rumblings of an outing at Lake Ouachita. October is sure to be a pumpkin carving somewhere and the year ends with our traditional chili cook-off in November and Christmas party in Dec. Unfortunately, or maybe fortunately, those will be here before we know it.

We sure are some busy Rebels. Let's keep it up.

Until next time,  
Keith

## SCUBA NEWS

Did faulty cement prime Deepwater Horizon for blowout?

<<http://www.newscientist.com/article/dn18961-did-faulty-cement-prime-deepwater-horizon-for-blowout.html>>

A failed cement plug and ignored warning signs could have contributed to the blowout of an exploration well in the Gulf of Mexico Deep-water oil spills do their damage deep down

<><http://www.newscientist.com/article/dn18927-why-deepwater-oil-spills-do-their-damage-deep-down.html>>

Surface slicks may account for as little as 2 per cent of the oil now spilling into the Gulf of Mexico. The study challenges the estimate by federal officials, based on the amount of oil on the sea surface, that around 5000 barrels (800 cubic metres) of oil per day are pouring into the sea from the site where the BP-operated drilling rig Deepwater Horizon was destroyed by fire last month. It also adds weight to reports of massive underwater oil plumes that government officials are now downplaying.



## MAY MERCHANDISE MADNESS

Our merchandise sale was a big success and we want to thank all of you who not only purchased items but gave valuable suggestions. The orders have been placed and will be ready for pick up at the June meeting. Mark Stonebridge will be contacting you with a reminder of the balance that must be paid when you come and pick up your Rebel Gear.

You will be able to order the items which were displayed throughout the year (size/color availability may be limited) so be sure to ask Mark for an order sheet. Please remember that if you wish to have something "screen printed" there must be a total of 12 ordered at the same time but embroidered items can be ordered as singles.

## SCUBA Bingo FUNdraiser Membership Meeting July 7, 2010

Come join us for some bingo fun. This was such a big hit at the Christmas party that it deserved incorporating into another spot during the year. I expect it will play out similarly.

Players will buy the cards (price still not firm, but thinking \$1 per card) and the winner(s) will get 50% of the take. The Club inherits the remainder. We will also try to find some of the cool blotters that we had previously.

Some come on out for what promises to be a fun time and be the first to yell SCUBA.



### Birthdays

June 2

Tyler Tidwell

### Anniversaries

June 6  
June 15

Ellen Fourton & Steve Herman  
Wren & Kirk Tidwell



Did we miss your special date? If so, it's not in our database. Contact Mark Estill to update your info!



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

**The Diving Rebels in Blue Water**  
**Panama City Beach, Florida**  
**May 21 -24, 2010**  
By Keith Weber

Arlington began fading into the rearview mirror about 1:45 Friday afternoon. Those of us working managed to get off early and we were on the road earlier than originally planned. We arrived at the hotel a little less than 14 hours later. The trip was pretty uneventful other than a detour for I-12 being closed outside of Baton Rouge that forced us through New Orleans.

Along with some cat naps along the road, we managed anywhere from 1.5 hours to 3 hours sleep after arriving. Then it was diving time. We dove with Dive Locker and they it was a good operation. There were 11 Saturday and 7 Sunday on a boat that could have held about 25 so we had plenty of space.

The visibility was about 20 - 50 feet depending on location and time and temps around 72 at depth. The wind was calm and the seas flat the entire weekend.

The first dive was a bridge span and was typical Florida diving with plenty of fish and sea cucumbers. After a couple of trips around we did a little excursion which was a challenge. We moved away from the span to the South while facing and slightly kicking toward the East. We made a box end and then travelled back towards the span. A little miscalculation for my buddy's air caused us to free ascend about 20 yards out from the boat and the anchor line we were supposed to come up. The next dive was on a tug and it yielded what I considered one of the best dives. There was a huge grouper hanging out in the room under the wheel house. Topside they said 500 pounds but the fisher folk of Diving Rebels thought more like 300. In any case, it was big, about 5 ft long and 3.5 tall and probably 1.5 thick. We swam through the rooms and around the interior. Lunch was about 2:30 by the time we got air refills and visited at the shop. There were oysters galore. The bed called some afterward, yet the beach, sunset and dancing lured one of us out.

We were back at the dive shop the next morning and off to dive the "hard bottom." That's their term for natural reef. This was shaped like a horseshoe. However it was failed to be mentioned that one should only go half way around it. Well we Rebels did the whole thing and when we ran out of reef, we surfaced. That was about 300 yards from the boat. The seas were so flat it was like being in a lake, after signaling our OK and talking with those on the boat (it was so quiet we didn't even have to shout), we started back swimming toward the boat while they weighed anchor and came for the retrieval. That's one we'll talk about for a while.

Ray packed us sandwich stuff so lunch was during the surface interval rather than so late. Our last boat dive was on a hover craft that is supposed to be home to lobster. We didn't see any and the dive was unimpressive. We actually took a moment to stand on the bottom out of the current and that turned into a funny episode of diver settling down on a diver. We all got a laugh.

We squeezed in a shore dive along the jetties at St. Andrews Park, the most recommended spot by locals and frequent visitors. There was a school of fish whizzing by at what seemed 90 miles an hour. Visibility was about 15 - 20ft with a decent current with the outgoing tide. Nothing we could not handle.

Dinner was at Sharky's next door to the hotel and was delicious, the company excellent and the band, Latitude 29, great. We all agreed, having one more day would have been nice.

We set sail in the quad-cab bright and early Monday morning and made it back in 14 hours with a nice stop just West of Baton Rouge at a Cajun café for lunch. All in all, it was a very good trip. However, I think the consensus was that South Padre in Sept was the better when compared.

**Diving Rebel Mid-year Party 2010**  
**Lake Fork, TX**  
**June 26 -27, 2010**

The catfish fry is on! The Board will be serving up fried catfish and chicken with some grilled fish and chicken for the un-fried types. We'll have the usual fixin's and would ask the members to bring desserts.

A few of us will try a dive – another first for the Club as far as I know. There is actually a group that dives there regularly so it can't be all bad.

The location is the Barentine's lake front property on Lake Fork. The address is 703 Indian Gap Rd, Quitman, TX 75783 and maps will follow on how to get there and to their site once inside the complex.

We'll have access to miniature golf, a basketball court, a swimming pool and the lake. Of course there will be plenty of wood for a fire to round out the evening.

The party starts about 10am so bring your lunch and come on out to enjoy the property. The dive will be about 12:30 and dinner about 5 – maybe 6 depending on how much fun we are having.



