

The Rebel Yell

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

March 2010

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WWW.DIVINGREBELS.ORG

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING Wednesday – March 3, 2010

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

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March Meeting Program

Come out and enjoy an exciting game of Wheel of Dive Fortune. See the President's Report for more information.

Upcoming Events Calendar

Mar	3	Monthly Membership Meeting
Mar	20	Athens Scuba Park
Mar	27-28	Stillhouse Hollow 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

Rebels and Friends,

I find myself in a little lull on subjects to write about this month. I am excited about the upcoming year's diving. After Lake Arlington in December, everything else seems wonderful. We'll be putting that to the test this year. Unfortunately I will have to miss the Wine and Cheese/Arctic Dive event, but I am hoping to make it up in March and go to Athens and Stillhouse Hollow.

And the FUNdraiser is shaping up. Here's the plan for Wheel of Dive Fortune. Those that would like to participate in the money will have a 5 dollar annie. The strategy is up to you. You can form teams and split the reward or go it alone to really cash in on the fortune. The winner will be the one (participant in the money) that solves the puzzles to accumulate the most points. The reward is 50% of the annie total. I, as mastermind and final judge, have the right to adapt the rules to the flow of the game in the room. One thing I foresee is that with a large number of participants/teams that the puzzle does not make it very far down the line. I may strategically choose where to start the rounds rather than allowing the solver to begin again. I have gotten a lot of valuable feedback from the Board and after the game would welcome suggestions for improvements. However, for this round, I do not want to get bogged down in the mechanics of the game and am just trying to allow for voluntary participation and a fair chance at solving puzzles. I am not sure I will succeed, but will go down fighting. As you can tell, I am adapting the rules and there are many things I have not predicted that I'll have to handle on the fly – not unlike most areas of diving. So come out for the fun and adventure of the Wheel of Dive Fortune.

See you at the meeting,
Keith

Activities Report

Hey Gang here's what we have coming up this March.

March 20th: At Athens Scuba Park our club is invited to dive and checkout their sunken sailboat. Please RSVP at the meeting or at www.MEETUP.com.

March 27th & 28th: At Stillhouse Hollow Lake our club will be diving off the Scuba Divers Paradise (SDP) Dock. The lake has 3 different dive sites, SDP has tank refills at \$5ea., and Enriched Air refills at \$10 to \$15ea. We can have SDP take divers out on Pontoon Boats, but we need you to RSVP at the meeting so we can see what kind of group discount we can get. Right now it stands at \$15pp. p/dive and that includes a tank. Since this is going to be a weekend event we will have a camp site at Union Grove Park and it is roughly 20 min away from SDP or you can stay at the La Quinta Inn & Suites Hotel in Belton, TX. The hotel is only 9 min away from SPD and rates are looking at \$109.00 +tax for a Double Queen Room. The club will provide Dinner Saturday night and Breakfast Sunday morning. Other than Diving we will have Fishing BYO Bait and Pole, a camp fire, and good old time. So come and meet us out at Stillhouse Lake in Belton, TX. And don't forget to RSVP at the next dive meeting March 3rd.

Union Grove Park (TX)
8680 Union Grove Road
Salado TX 76571
P# (254)947-0072

Scuba Divers Paradise
4600 Simmons Road
Belton, TX
P# 254-681-8247
www.scubadiversparadise.net/

What To Look Forward To Next Month
April 23rd-25th is the Tyler State Park outing.

**Second annual DiveAroundTexas.com
contest launching soon!**

They say that everything is bigger in Texas and scuba retailers and industry stakeholders are out to prove the saying is true – at least when it comes to scuba diving. DiveAroundTexas.com launched the second annual Dive Around Texas contest on February 14, 2010 to encourage divers to explore some of the best diving Texas has to offer.

<http://www.divearoundtexas.com/>

RECALL: Dive Rite Wings

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of Product: Dive Rite Wings
Units: About 16,000

Manufacturer: Lamartek Inc., dba Dive Rite of, Lake City, Fla.

Hazard: The over pressure valve springs in the diving equipment could rust and fail allowing the buoyancy compensator devices to leak, posing a drowning hazard to divers.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported.

Description: The Dive Rite Wings affected in this recall include the following models: Travel, Venture, Rec, Trek, Classic, Nomad and Super Wings. The wings were sold in red, blue or black. Springs were used on wings that have an opaque white or blue tinted bladder and welded in flanges. Wings with a black bladder are not affected. Only the Dive Rite wings that have a serial number range from 42000 through 72000 are affected by this recall. The serial numbers can be found on a white tag attached along a seam of the wing.

Sold at: Diving equipment retailers and distributors nationwide from June 2006 through October 2008 for about \$359.

Manufactured in: United States

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using recalled diving equipment and return it to an authorized distributor or dealer for a free replacement of the overpressure valve spring.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact your local dealer or Dive Rite at (800) 495-1046 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit the firm's Web site at www.diverite.com



Birthdays

Mar 4	Gerald Foster
Mar 8	Wren Tidwell
Mar 18	Ray Howerton
Mar 13	Bart Jennings
Mar 28	Debbie Leyden
Mar 30	Marc Gowdy

Anniversaries

None Known



**A Rebel Welcome to New Members Joining
in February 2010**

Alan Knappenberger
Arlington - PADI Divemaster & Tech Diver

Jeanne Mason-Howerton
Azle - PADI Open Water Diver

Ray Howerton –
Azle PADI Rescue Diver

Robert "RJ" Madison
Arlington - PADI Open Water Diver

Say “Hi” to Alan, Jeanne, Ray and RJ 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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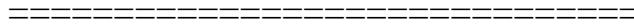
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10 Underwater Photography Tips



by Scott Gietler
Editor, Underwater Photography Guide

These are the basic underwater photography tips that everyone should know.

1. Get close to your subject - preferably within 12 inches. Water reduces color, contrast, and sharpness.
2. For best composition - get low, shoot at an upwards angle, don't centre the subject and try to fill your frame with the subject.
3. Make sure the subject's eyes are in focus.
4. Make sure your camera flash is turned on, preferable in "forced flash mode".
5. To minimize backscatter, buy an external strobe or flash and position it away from your underwater camera housing.
6. Use auto white-balance when using a flash or strobe, and custom white balance or underwater mode when not using a flash.
7. To begin with, set your camera to the highest resolution and the lowest ISO.
8. Learn how to use manual mode or aperture priority mode if your camera offers it, so you control the balance between the natural light and the light from your flash.
9. For quickest focus, use spot focus mode. Learn how to focus on an area without taking a photo (pressing the shutter button halfway) and recomposing.
10. If your underwater photos don't look sharp, check to see which shutter speed was used. It should be 1/30th for still objects, 1/60th for slow moving objects and 1/125th for faster moving fish.

The Underwater Photography Guide is website dedicated to helping underwater photographers and scuba divers learn and improve their underwater photography. For more information, visit <http://www.uwphotographyguide.com/>

January 2010 Diving Rebels Outing Underwater Cleanup of the San Marcos River

On Saturday, January 30, nearly 20 Diving Rebels gathered at the Aquarena Springs Drive bridge in San Marcos to perform an underwater cleanup of the San Marcos River. The stretch of the river that was subject to the cleanup extended from the Aquarena Springs Drive bridge to Rio Vista Park, a distance of about 1.5 miles. The Diving Rebels scuba club has been performing this cleanup each year at this time for at least 15 years. One diver, Steve Ogden, has participated in this cleanup for 14 consecutive years.

Approximately 15 of those gathered got wet and participated in the collection of trash scattered along the bottom of the river throughout the course of the dive. The dive itself is very unique in that it is quite similar to a drift dive in Cozumel, both in terms of the strong current that carries the diver along as well as the excellent visibility that probably exceeded 50 feet. The period of time the divers spent in the river ranged from about 45 minutes to the nearly two hours before Steve finally emerged.

After all the divers exited, the trash hauls were compared. Mark Stonebridge was a unanimous winner for the most unusual bit of trash collected, in this case a rather racy key ring. Following a rather long tradition, Steve once again won for the most trash collected. And this year, we actually found something of value as Mark also recovered a ring containing a manufactured emerald – not priceless, but at least worth about \$200.

We gathered that evening for a very nice dinner at the Saltgrass Steakhouse that, for the recollection of any oldtimers of the San Marcos outing, used be known as Pepper's at the Falls.

The next morning Steve performed volunteer diving duties in Spring Lake at Aquarena Springs, an annual practice that he has participated in for 13 consecutive years. He and two other volunteer divers conducted cleanup of the "cream-of-wheat" area of the lake bed.

Texas Dive Show Pictures

Several members of the Diving Rebels attended the Texas Dive Show held in the DFW are for the first time.



