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

June 2011

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday – June 1, 2011

J. Gilligan's, Arlington

6:30pm Social

7:15pm Meeting Begins

**RJ Madison will present on
India and the Andaman Sea**

DIVING REBELS MID-YEAR PARTY **CLEAR SPRINGS SCUBA PARK, TERRELL** **JUNE 25-26**

SIGN UP FOR CAMPING AT THE JUNE MEETING

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Upcoming Events Calendar

June	1	Monthly Membership Meeting
June	5	1 st Annual Diving Rebels Crawfish Boil
June	25-26	Mid Year Party
July	1	Flower Gardens
July	6	Monthly Membership Meeting
July	16-17	Athens Scuba Park
Aug	20-21	Blue Lagoon

President's Report

Ahoy!

As I sit on the veranda of this cruise ship somewhere in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, I am greeted with mirror like seas with only the track of where the ship has cut thru the water and small swells being the only thing making motion in the water. It's a serene view where the I am also reminded that we have reached the mid-point of a very active 2011 for the Diving Rebels. Club Members took advantage of the constant 73 degree water of the San Marcos River to start the year. We stayed warm in February by sponsoring a booth at the Texas Dive Show but took the plunge into the chilly waters of Lake Murray in March for the annual Arctic Dive and Wine and Cheese Festival. Looking for warmer water we traveled to Tyler State Park in April where we were met with fair visibility and still cool water; however, the trip to the tiger rescue park and the great food and a washer's tournament made the trip a great success. As you read this newsletter about the activities which have occurred during the first half of the year, 15-16 members, friends and families are enjoying the beauty of the Davis Mountains and the clear waters of Balmorhea State Park in West Texas.

As you can see, there have been plenty of diving opportunities during the first half of the year, but there are yet many more to come for the rest of the year. June will give those that serve on the Board of Directors the opportunity to literally "serve" you at the Mid Year Outing slated for Clear Springs Scuba Park on June 25-26. Space remains available for the Scientific Diver Course scheduled for August 6-7. If you are interested in going to Fiji there is still time put down your deposit to secure a spot for the June 9-17, 2012 trip of a lifetime!

These activities don't run themselves and the members are the planners and attenders who make these outings a success. Outing Coordinators are needed for upcoming events, so speak with Tina on how you can help.

As a reminder, if you haven't signed up for access to the Member's Only Area on the website, I urge you to do so. To register for access, you must utilize the email address on record with the club for access to be approved. The Member's Only Area has spaces for Member Only interaction, Outing Discussions, Dive Location discussions, along with a location of a member contact list and more.

Gotta run, just saw a large mouse run by, oh wait, that was Mickey Mouse and with that, I'll use one of his sayings..... "See ya real soon" like next Wednesday at the Monthly Membership Meeting where RJ Madison will be providing a presentation on India and diving in the Andaman Sea!

The weather's warming, so are the local lakes and quarries so get out and dive!
Danny

A Rebel Welcome to New Members Joining in April 2011

Bill Davidson - PADI OW
Roy Stillwell - NAUI OW

Please give a Rebel Welcome to our newest members!

Scientific Diver Course Aquarena Springs, San Marcos Texas

The Diving for Science authorization course was developed to protect and preserve the unique and special aquatic environment. Aquarena's Diving for Science program is a great way for divers to get to dive in the cleanest and clearest water in Texas and at the same time get to become involved in one of the largest habitat restoration projects in the country.

Once the course is completed individuals have the opportunity to participate in the many educational, research and conservation projects that occur throughout the year. The Scientific Diving Program helps assure that all diving operations in Spring Lake are procedurally safe as well as environmentally sensitive. Once certified, divers have limitless opportunities to participate in our Volunteer Diving Program.

The course is held over two days: Saturday & Sunday. The two day course focuses on The Edwards Aquifer, the Habitat, Endangered Species, Archaeology, State & Federal Regulations governing Spring Lake and advanced diving techniques to ensure protection of this critical habitat.

The cost of the course is \$230. A registration form will be available at the May meeting or can be downloaded from the Club's website. Check the main page under "Join Us For A Great Time & Great Diving" for the link. A \$100 deposit will hold your spot with the balance needing to be paid by or at the July Membership Meeting. There is a maximum of 16 students per weekend. The initial course date will be scheduled for August 6 – 7 with overflow going to the weekend of August 20 – 21.

For more information or questions, contact Danny Bouska at 817-381-5051 or email scientific.diver@divingrebels.org



BIRTHDAYS 6/2 Tyler Tidwell

ANNIVERSARIES
6/3 Mary & Mark Stonebridge
6/6 Ellen Fourton & Steve Herman
6/15 Wren & Kirk Tidwell

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

Announcing the July Fashion Fireworks!

The time has come to GEAR up for the July Fashion Fireworks! That's right! The time to add items to your Rebel Gear is here. You can opt for more T-shirts in various colors, tank tops, jackets, bathing suits, hats, aprons, and much more.

To participate in this exciting event, just come to the July 6 Diving Rebels Meeting and see some of the samples we have or you may order from the catalog. Either way, get in GEAR!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR A YEAR OF DIVING AND FUN!

June	5	1st Annual Diving Rebels Crawfish Boil
June	25-26	Clear Springs Scuba Park – Mid Year party
July	1-4	Flower Gardens
July	16-17	Athens Scuba Park
August	20-21	Blue Lagoon
September	3-5	Ouachita ??
September	23-25	Lake Travis – Windy Point
October	22-23	Blue Lagoon – Underwater Pumpkin Carving
November	12	Chili Cook Off
December	10	Christmas Party, Lake Arlington Rec Room
June 9, 2012		South Pacific Islands of FIJI

SearchOne K9 Water Rescue Training

By Tina Caron, Activities Director

Late one Thursday afternoon the club received a plea for help: The SearchOne volunteer rescue organization had a training weekend planned and they needed divers at the last minute! For what you ask? Well, for helping train cadaver dogs to recognize the location of a human underwater! The SearchOne Team is all volunteer K9 handlers, established in 1983, performing search and rescue efforts for government agencies all over Texas. The Search One rescue team is nationally recognized as a leader in the search and rescue community.

After reading what Search One was all about, we felt this was a very worthy organization that we wanted to help. We scrambled to gather the details from the SearchOne folks and sent some email to the membership. Although it was very last minute, the Rebels came through! Alan Redman, Trevor Walker, myself, and my friend Em Sturrock drove up to Lake Grapevine early Saturday morning to meet the team and help with the training. Yes, we were diving in Lake Grapevine! We converged on Murrell Park in Flower Mound, a group of 7 dogs and their handlers, one very cute puppy, a professional K9 trainer, and our 5 divers. It was a brisk morning with light breezes and air temps only in the 50's!

Once we were all geared up, we were briefed on how the training would run. We sent a diver out into the lake to submerge to a depth of 10-12 feet, using a wreck reel to keep the diver tethered to a surface support person. The diver checked their weights, and came up to give the all clear. Then the dog and it's trainer boarded the jon boat to start the first run of training. The diver was handed the dog's reward item, and then dove back down to the bottom to await "rescue". Water temps were barely 70 degrees, and visibility was scarcely a foot! Good thing we were not trying to actual conduct a dive a go somewhere!

The boat was taken away from the diver's vicinity, and then the dog was given the signal to find the diver. Depending on where the dog moved on the front of the boat, the boat operator would steer the boat. If the dog moved to the right, the boat was steered right. If he moved left, the boat was steered left. When the dog signaled that he was in the right spot, the boat was stopped and the operator signaled the surface support person to bring up the diver. The diver surfaced, handed the dog his reward item, and praised him. It was very cool to surface practically nose to nose with the dog! They found the diver every single time. Each dog got three attempts, and we did three rounds with a break for lunch.

Alan and I returned on Sunday to help them out again, for an abbreviated session. The whole team was great to work with, and they really appreciated our support. As divers, we had a really good time participating in this training, and will definitely be interested in participating again. The Search One team was so grateful for our help that they covered our air fills and brought us lunch! They have asked if our club would consider providing more support for future training sessions. They will continue to cover the cost of our airfills for our support!

If you are interested in this unique opportunity, there is another session taking place on Thursday, June 2 from 4:00 - 7:00 PM. While this may not work for everyone, I am hopeful that a couple of our members that work earlier shifts might be willing to provide some assistance. If you are interested, please contact me by email at activities@divingrebels.org, and I will put you in touch with the Search One training coordinator. For more information on Search One, visit their website at www.searchone.org.



July 2011 Flower Gardens Trip

Our club outing to the Flower Gardens on the MV Fling is fast approaching, from July 1-4. I had a really great experience on my May weekend on the Fling, and did some really cool dives! See the trip report also in this month's newsletter for all the details.

Your final payments are due at Arlington Scuba no less than three weeks prior to departure. This is right around June 10 - the date will be here before you know it and several folks on the trip still have payments outstanding. Please be sure to settle up to avoid having your spot forfeited!

We will be meeting for a pre-trip briefing at Arlington Scuba on Thursday, June 9 at 6:30. This is a great opportunity to hear from Danny Wilson, our trip divemaster, about some tips and things to know about the Fling and Gulf Diving. Prior to that meeting I will be sending out a diver survey so that we can gather some information for buddy pairing. Many of you may have buddies in mind, and this is fine; if you don't have a buddy then having this information on hand will help Danny and I be sure everyone is paired appropriately.

Hey Hey Hey!

Say Chere, dem crawfish be coming....

Wat a great way to pass de time and welcome in summer! De Diving Rebels will be cooking some crawfish and shrimp on June 5, 2011 at de VFW Post 8561, 3221 Howell St, Arlington, Texas 76010.

We gonna be havin' boiled crawfish and boiled shrimp wit all de fixins'. Wat's dis I hear? Some folks don' like de bugs & shrimp? Okay, well since we want as many as youse guys & gals to come have fun wit us, we'll have some utter vittles too. Also some good ol' Rum Punch while it last!!

We'll all be de guest of de good folks at de VFW and will have use of dere CASH BAR at de post – all your favorite beer & mixed drinks and plenty of cold pop wit de foam on top to quench de thirst. But we can't bring our own, non – dat be against de local jardarme's and we don't want to be in trouble wit Mr. John Brown!!

De festivities start at 2:00pm on Sunday June 5, 2011 and go on till you be too tired to peel dem crawfish & shrimp or dey be all gone! To get to de VFW exit Abrams St off of HWY 360 and go east for 'bout a mile – turn right on Peewee Street and go past de water tower to Howell St and turn left – de VFW is on de left about 500 yards or about ten shakes of de ole gator tail! If you get to Great Southwest Parkway well you done gone too far so turn right on Great Southwest Parkway and brought yourself down to Sherman and turn right, den de VFW will be on de right. It's easy to find! If you got one of those GPS tings, jus' plug in de address and listen to de pretty woman, she'll brought you dere jus' fine!! Or you can visit dere website at www.vfwpost8561.org and get yourself a map.

Tickets are only \$20.00 a head and can be bought at de next Diving Rebels meeting, or online at secretary@divingrebels.org. For chilluns under 12—well dat's only \$5.00. All you need to bring is your camp chairs, and one of dose pop-up tings if you got one and want to! Oh, and we'll be havin one of dem silent auctions and probably a 50/50 in de good ole Rebels style. Come on out and pass a good time wit your friends!!



Ordinary Members-Extraordinary Experiences: Alan Redman

By Kelly Barentine, Treasurer

With more scuba diving comes greater chances for unique experiences, but oftentimes it only takes one dive to have the experience of a lifetime. It must also be said that unique experiences are relative, what is not exciting to one person is mind blowing to the next.

Alan Redman is relatively new to the sport of scuba diving; having been Open Water certified at Scuba Toys in July of 2010, he has about 20 dives under his weight belt. He has always wanted to try diving, but felt it was too expensive and out of his budget. His brother-in-law, David Buras talked Alan and his wife Michelle into trying a Discovery Scuba class that was offered at We B Diving. While Michelle felt it was not her cup of tea, Alan took to it like a fish to water.

Diving is different things for each person who participates in the sport, but for Alan, he enjoys the serenity. Since he works in aircraft manufacturing, his days are filled with noise and clatter, so slipping under the water with only the sound of his regulator as he breathes in and the bubbles as he breathes out is soothing to him and gives him a chance to relax.

Although diving is therapeutic, he does plan to advance and intends to get more specialized. He has set goals and wants to take the next step which is his Advanced Open Water level, continuing down the road that will eventually lead to Instructor. He has a real interest in Search and Recovery which is why he is the type of diver who likes to take his time to see what treasures he can find underwater.

Gaining more education in diving is one of the reasons Alan decided to join the Diving Rebels in January of 2011. He was introduced to the club by a co-worker, Debbie Leyden; he felt it would be an opportunity to be introduced to people in the diving world which would lead to new dive buddies and broader experiences. He also thought that being part of the club may open up the opportunities he needs to further his training.

One of the most exciting dives for Alan was a club sponsored trip in January to San Marcos for the River Clean Up. He thoroughly enjoyed riding the current through the 72° crystal clear river. He marveled at the beauty of the Texas Rice Grass as he flowed past it. He admits that he did not pick up much trash that day, but just took the time to enjoy sensations that it gave him and have fun with fellow divers. Of course he did meet a new friend that day in the form of a crawdad which fascinated many members at the end of the trip.

Alan's desire for diving is evident in the dives he has already been a part of. He joined the Diving Rebels at their annual outing to Lake Murray in Oklahoma and came away with the coveted Polar Bear Dive Hat. Out of 9 divers, he logged the longest time under the 50+° water which was 43 minutes. It is worth mentioning that for that dive Alan had to be rather innovative since his brand new 7 mil wet suit had a malfunction, the zipper broke completely off. He did not plan to let that daunt him, so he decided to put his 3 mil suit on over top of that which held it somewhat closed and with the addition of his BCD gave him the opportunity to do his dive. He does admit that the water that still flooded in down his back was rather chilly, but his innovation was rewarded. The drawback to his solution though was that since he had the extra suit on he was under weighted for the dive, but he managed to get down far enough to allow the pressure to compress the suit and complete the dive relatively problem free.

If you are a scuba diver, you have more than likely had your training tested at one point or another. Unfortunately your first test is generally buddy separation and with Alan it was no different. While diving in Athens with his buddy David, they had been in the water for about 40 minutes when Alan discovered he could not find his buddy. He wondered if he was he just messing with him or was something really wrong. Alan followed the “buddy separation protocol” and finally surfaced thinking David would be up top waiting on him. He was not there, so Alan began to look on the surface for his bubbles but was not sure as to which step he needed to take next. He did not know if he should take the time to find other divers to help him search for David or just begin a search pattern himself to cut down on time in case his buddy was in trouble. Just as his concern was growing into a deep fear he happened to see his dive buddy getting out of the water at the dock. Now Alan has a strong belief in training and knowing what steps to take next.

Recently Alan participated in a program that helps train cadaver dogs along with fellow club member, Tina Caron, at Lake Grapevine. According to Alan, the actual diving was a bit boring, but he views the whole experience as one of the most memorable so far. He enjoyed participating in the training of the dogs and being a part of a cause that is very important. He was really impressed how the head trainer was very alert and intent on keeping them (the divers), the dogs and everyone safe throughout the process. He is planning to participate as often as possible.

Alan has really enjoyed being a part of the Diving Rebels, he enjoys the social interaction, and the variety of events is a big plus. He feels the meetings have a diverse mix of people which allows for interesting conversation. Being an outdoors lover, it is important that he meet others with the same interests that he has. He really enjoys canoeing, paddle boating, riding motorcycles, hiking and camping. Although his wife Michelle does enjoy participating in most of the outdoor activities, she’s always up for some intense shopping which keeps her blood pumping.

Alan does have advice for new or potential divers; do not dive without being certified and do not slack on your training. He assures you that it is a sport you can afford to do and not to let money keep you away. If you ever go diving with Alan and his family make sure to ask him to bring his father-in-law Showtime along. He will keep the conversation lively and has plenty of stories to share.



The Diving Rebels Scuba Club



**Invites You
To Join Us**

June 9 – June 16 or 23 2012

**On a Trip to the
South Pacific Islands of FIJI**

June 9 – June 16, Beqa Lagoon Resort
Beqa Island Fiji
June 16 - 23, VoliVoli Beach Resort, Viti Levu Fiji



**Deadline for deposits is June 6, 2011
There are 24 spaces available**

Life's an adventure; don't miss out, SIGN UP today!

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