



# The Rebel Yell



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

**April 2012**

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## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Wednesday – April 4, 2012**

**Humperdinks, 700 Six Flags Rd, Arlington, TX**

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

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## April Meeting Program

**Lily Mak will present a session on Underwater Photography in Micronesia**

**Please Join us at Tyler State Park  
April 13-15**

**For a Weekend of Diving, Rebel Fellowship, and an  
Awesome Underwater Easter Egg Hunt  
More Details in this Newsletter**

### Upcoming Events Calendar

- |      |       |                                      |
|------|-------|--------------------------------------|
| Apr  | 4     | Monthly Membership Meeting           |
| Apr  | 14-15 | Tyler State Park                     |
| Apr  | TBD   | Whirlyball                           |
| May  | 20    | Crawfish Boil                        |
| May  | 26-27 | Stillhouse Dive Trip near Belton, TX |
| June | 7-23  | Fiji                                 |
| June | 30-1  | Mid-Year Trip TBD                    |

***More Events Forthcoming, so Join us at the Member Meetings and Keep Watching the Web Site Calendar!***

## President's Report



Happy Spring Everyone!

An early spring means the waters at local dive locations will be warming up quicker than usual. As we begin to shake the dust off the dive gear, remember to check it thoroughly before heading out to the lake or on that dive trip so there are no surprises when putting your gear together or entering the water.

The equipment service at the area dive shops may be a lot like the local mower and yard equipment repair shops. When we should be getting our mowers into the fixit shops during the winter months when their business is slow and the grass and weeds are dormant, we wait until the spring when the grass and weeds are growing like crazy and then try to get the lawn equipment repaired only to find out it will be 2-3 weeks before the repair can be completed. Likewise, the dive shops are also busy working on regulators and BCD's which could have been brought in during the winter. Don't wait until a week or a few days before you need your dive equipment to take it into the dive shop or you may just be staying dry while everyone else is getting wet.

Speaking of getting wet, we had a great turn out at The Blue Lagoon for the placing of the Memorial to Susan Banda. Your next chance to get wet is one of my favorite outings at Tyler State Park. This year an Underwater Easter Egg Hunt will be one of the activities. Make sure to read the articles on these outings elsewhere in the newsletter for additional information on what happened and what will happen at the outings!

The Board has a variety of activities planned this year and is trying to keep the price of fuel in mind when planning the outings. Gas may be higher this spring and summer, but once you get to the outing, participating in the meal share can make for inexpensive meals. A good example is the March outing at the Blue Lagoon. The meal share for lunch and dinner had a total cost of \$3 per person. You sure can't get two meals at any fast food spot for \$3. Outing Coordinators and Meal Coordinators are needed for each outing. It's not hard and there is plenty of help so don't be afraid to volunteer to coordinate an outing or be a meal coordinator. And of course, being an Outing or Meal Coordinator or a helper earns D.R.I.F.T Points. Don't know what D.R.I.F.T Points are or how to accumulate them? The entire program is outlined on the Diving Rebels website [www.divingrebels.org](http://www.divingrebels.org). In the Main Menu, highlight Club Information and click on "Drift Point Process".

The Board and I are excited about the upcoming outings and dive opportunities and look forward to diving with you.

Enjoying the early spring and the warming water temps,  
Danny

## Rebel Spotlight!

We want to hear about your or another member's diving accomplishments! Have you started a new class? Have you completed a new certification?

Please email the newsletter editor on the web site  
Under Club Information,  
Board of Directors, Newsletter Editor



## Whirlyball Anyone?

Save the date for April 21<sup>st</sup> or April 28<sup>th</sup>!  
Final date will be determined at the April Meeting

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual CRAWFISH BOIL Mark your Calendars for May 20!

ADMIT ONE		<i>Ticket to Attend the 2nd Annual Diving Rebels Crawfish Boil</i>		TICKET #000
	Sunday, May 20 2:00 p.m.	Cost \$20 adults/\$5 Children (12 and under) **Cash Bar**	VFW Post #8561 3221 Howell St. Arlington, TX 76010	

See more details later in this newsletter

## Dolphins!

On Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> the Diving Rebels had a social outing to see "Dolphins" at the Omni theater in the Museum of Science and History. It was beautiful, educational and entertaining. We had a great turnout of 30 plus people. After that we went to dinner at The Blue Mesa in Fort Worth where the food and service was wonderful. I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we did.

Our next social outing will be in April to play WhirlyBall in Hurst. Stay tuned for more details.

Michele



## Birthdays

Apr. 2 James Taylor  
Apr. 4 Elizabeth Neumann  
Apr. 5 Mike Manila  
Apr. 6 Gene Moren  
Apr. 7 Michele Estill  
Apr. 13 Chau Barentine  
Apr. 17 Kirk Tidwell  
Apr. 23 Linda Magnuson  
Apr. 24 Sherald Vogt  
Apr. 26 Kelly Barentine



## Anniversaries

Apr. 4 Selena & Steve Woodward  
Apr. 19 Kelly & Greg Gray

## Welcome to our New Members!

William Beaty – Irving – PADI OW  
Charles Reid – Ft. Worth – PADI OW  
Debbie Cullen – Ft. Worth – OWSI  
John "Chick" Cullen – Ft. Worth – OWSI  
David Cullen – Irving - PADI

## Peruse the Picture Board At the Next Member Meeting!

**Show your Rebel Pride!  
And save on those Non-Rebel Wear  
Fines!  
See Danny Barentine for Rebel  
Wear**



## D.R.I.F.T. Points

**Get your drift points by attending  
outings, diving at the outings,  
coordinating a meal, or coordinating an  
outing!**



**APRIL 2012 OUTING**  
**Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Annual Dive and Underwater Easter Egg Hunt**  
**Tyler State Park, Tyler, TX**

Fellow and future divers, no greater fun can be had than at the annual April outing at Tyler State Park, April 13-15. If you have not had the chance to get your gear wet lately, then your chance to dip your fin in the water will take place at the Tyler S.P. outing located at 789 Park Road 16, Tyler, TX 75706-3630 PH (903) 597-5338.

What diving conditions can you expect?

Moderate temperatures about of about 70-72 degrees (based on past diving averages) with visibility of about 20' or more above 12' (again, based on past dives). The depth of the lake is about 20-23 feet so one tank will last some people all weekend, but you may want to bring two filled tanks. Please be aware that there is not any place local to fill a tank so make sure you bring them already filled and plenty of tanks to last all the dives you want to make. Scott and Sandra Playle will be organizing an Underwater Easter Egg Hunt – watch for more specifics in the April newsletter!

What can I expect to see?

You will see a variety of fish but mainly bass who are spawning. You will see turtles and other aquatic life. Above water will be a variety of fowl, raccoons and squirrels. You may even get lucky and see a deer or two depending on if you venture on the trails around the lake.

What weather conditions can you expect?

Folks, this is Texas so your guess is as good as mine! Keep an eye on the weather man and remember, when diving you are already wet so what does it matter? If you are tent camping, remember it can get chilly in the overnights. Think about bringing some of those little heat packs – you can get larger sizes that will really heat up your sleeping bag and keep your toes toasty warm!

What will we do when we are not diving?

We will hang out, talk about past and future adventures, and eat good food. We'll have a Washers setup for people to enjoy. Form your 2-person team and get ready to show off your skills! If you have a game that you think others would enjoy and it is not too complicated, then by all means bring it along and it could become an outing HIT. In addition to all this fun, Tyler State Park does offer the option to rent paddle boats, canoes and small (oar driven) fishing boats. Who can imagine a trip to the state park without trying their hand at fishing? \*Remember that you do not have to have a fishing license to fish while in the state park.

When can I show up, how long can I stay and where will everyone be?

You can show up any time after 2:00pm on Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> and check out will be 2:00 pm Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. We will have some rebels at the park early on Friday to claim our sites in Lakeview, but according to park rules we cannot set up until 2:00pm unless it is not currently occupied. We will not know what sites we will have until the day of the outing, but just ask the Park Rangers and they should be able to help you. Look

for the famous Diving Rebels banner. These sites in Lakeview have water and electricity so we should be pretty comfortable!

OK! All the above is great but what about the food?

Well I am glad you asked that question, I cannot believe it took you this long. It will go like this:

Friday-Fend for yourself

Saturday- Meal share for Breakfast by Tina, Lunch by Kelly and Danny, and Dinner by Scott and Sandra

Sunday- Meal Share for Breakfast by Johnny

Well I am hooked but what is the cost?

Basically the cost for the outing will be really inexpensive. In past years generally you will pay \$5-\$10 per person. That includes all meals and the camp sites. You will need to pay \$5 per person per day to get into the state park; there is no way around that, but if you have a Texas State Park Pass you won't have to pay those fees. If you know of someone who has one, invite them along and then get in free yourself!

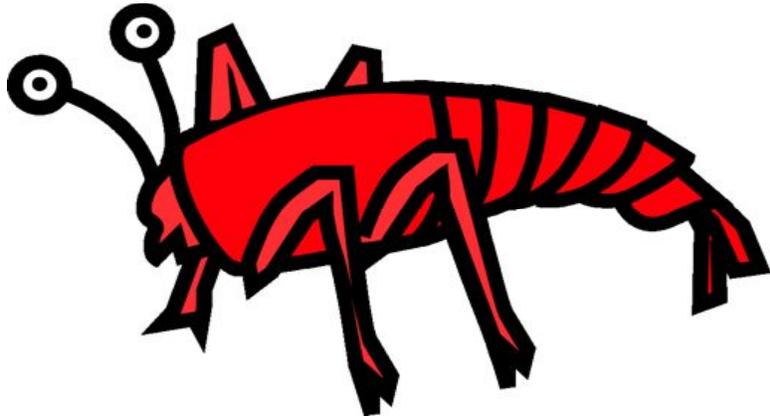
We look forward to seeing everyone at the outing and know you will have a good time. Remember to practice safe diving techniques as you always should and NEVER dive without a buddy! There are many of us who are new to the diving world and look to all the seasoned divers to keep us in check and our skills sharp. Being a Diving Rebel should not be about breaking the rules but rebelling against complacency in your diving skills.



*Gotta get these eggs ready for the Underwater Easter Egg Hunt!*

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Crawfish Boil

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 May 20, 2012 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 May 20, 2012 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](http://www.vfwpost8561.org) and get yourself a map.**

**Tickets are only \$20.00 a head and can be bought at any of de next Diving Rebels meetings before de event, or online at [secretary@divingrebels.org](mailto:secretary@divingrebels.org). For chilluns under 12—well dat's only \$5.00. All you need to bring is your camp chairs, and maybe 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!!**

**Diving Rebels Scuba Club**  
**Saturday, March 24th**  
**Dive Outing &**  
**Memorial Placement for Susan Maree Banda**  
**Blue Lagoon – Huntsville, Texas**



**By: Kelly Barentine-Coordinator**

“Picturesque,” is the word to describe not only the location, but the weather during the Diving Rebels outing at Blue Lagoon. As a coordinator I could not have ordered up a more perfect day with plenty of sun and a view that was breath taking. Although we were all there to set the memorial tank for Susan Banda, you could not help but celebrate the life all around us on that spring day.

Rebels began arriving early Saturday morning ready for a day filled with fun and fellowship. Those who were planning on camping quickly set up their tents so they could partake in the gab session going on, and a few even geared up and beat everyone into the water.

Mark Stonebridge generously offered to coordinate the lunch, which happened to be very tasty. We were treated with Sloppy Joes and chips along with all the necessary fixings. He really outdid himself for it was quite good. Those sloppy joes were not your normal Manwhich by a long shot!

About 2:00 pm our President, Danny Bouska presented to the gathering the memorial tank that was designed to be placed within Lagoon II. The tank was generously donated by Mark Stonebridge, who brought the request to have a memorial placed for Susan. The memorial plaque that was designed for the occasion was mounted on the tank by Danny Barentine. Everyone agreed that he did an impressive job! His goal was to make the tank look as exquisite as possible and limit the ability for it to be moved around by others, the memorial weighed about 170 lbs by the time he was finished. The letters that members wrote to Susan were placed inside the tank and then sealed up.

During the presentation Susan’s son Brandon Banda attended along with Susan’s mother Donna Golden, Brandon’s father Robert Banda and Susan’s former husband and Diving Rebel member Hendrick Gesick. They were all moved by the amount of affection that was shown Susan by the club members, in part due to the donations and the thought that went behind the memorial tank.

Pres. Danny reminded everyone why we were there, and after the moment of silence all the divers began to suit for the placing of the memorial tank. We had 22 members and guests attend the outing in total and 16 of those were divers that got into the water. The temperature was 68 degrees on the surface and 63 at the bottom with about 15-20’ visibility. In this diver’s opinion it was “OH MY LORD,” worthy but I kept it to myself.

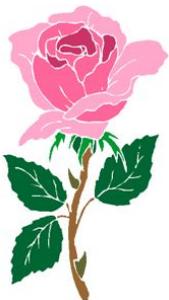
The memorial tank was floated out to the drop site with the aid of Johnny Griffin’s (2) 100 lb lift bags and careful maneuvering by both Johnny and Danny Barentine. They took the tank to a drop site in Lagoon II between the platform just off Site 7 and the boat, about 90 degrees off the platform to the east. The tank was lowered with no issues at all; it was as if Johnny and Danny had been doing things like that all their life. The settling of the tank caused quite a bit of silt to be raised so clear pictures were made difficult but a few shots were able to be taken. The tank will be there for all to view in the future, we just hope other divers

will respect it and what it stands for and not attempt to move it around. We wish to take this time to thank the owners of Blue Lagoon for allowing us to place that memorial tank in the lagoon, it is much appreciated.

After everyone completed their dive gear was left hanging to dry and everyone took the time to discuss various topics. The majority of the conversation was aimed at the various dive trips planned for 2012 such as Roatan or Fiji. The excitement for those and other coming trips is gradually building and the anticipation is gaining momentum.

Dinner was served about 6pm and coordinated by Pres., Danny who provided a fun feast of Frito Pie, chili dogs, salad and dessert. There was at least one Frito Pie virgin in the group so they were able to enjoy a tasty Texas tradition. The meal was a big hit with the crowd!

Many began to leave shortly after dinner to head back home due to various plans on Sunday. There were a few who decided to take advantage of the hotels offered in the Huntsville area and a small group felt the weather warranted camping. The entire weekend turned out to be one of the nicest in quite some time. I just pray that our next outing in Tyler, TX on April 13th-15<sup>th</sup> is just as nice if not even better.









## Restaurant of the Month

**Where:** Los Molcajetes Mexican Restaurant

4320 Western Center Blvd FTW, 76137

(Southwest corner of Beach & Western Center)

**When:** Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

**Email:** Connie at [officemomma\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:officemomma_2000@yahoo.com)

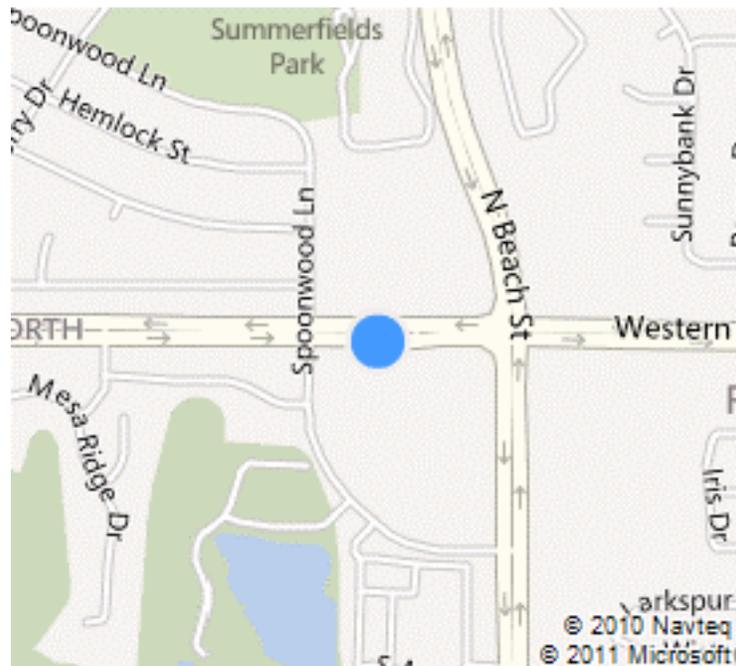
or Kelly at [kelldan2667@hotmail.com](mailto:kelldan2667@hotmail.com)

Our next RofM adventure leads us south of the border, of Oklahoma that is! We will be enjoying some tasty Mexican food recommended by Danny & Jill Bouska. Join us as we sit, have a good meal and a gab session over whatever topic comes up. We are told the margaritas are “THE BEST!” Come and judge for yourself.

Each month Connie and I will come up with a place to meet and eat in various areas of the DFW Metroplex. We encourage you to shoot us a place in your part of town that you would like to include and we may just do that. We know that North Texas is filled with great places to sit, enjoy a good meal and maybe a drink or two.

Please note that this is voluntary and there will not be any sign up sheets at the meetings nor does it replace any of the Social Outings that Michele Estill will bring to the club. However, we do ask that you email one of us if you can so we have a tentative head count for the restaurant but you are not committing to anything financially. We must mention that this is NOT subsidized by club funds so be sure to bring your wallet to pay for your meal.

Thank you,  
Kelly Barentine, Treasurer





## **Diving Rebels Restaurant of the Month**

### **Up In Smoke March 9th**

"Another Friday night and I ain't got nobody, got some money cause I just got paid"... so I headed to Keller to meet up with my Diving Rebels for the RoM...

About 12 Rebels showed up for some down home BBQ and good times. The traffic getting there was not that cooperative but we all made it... The Food was GREAT!!!! the parking....not so much. We met out on the back porch, good thing we all brought jackets.. little cool but oh well, we have survived worse. Stories started going round, laughter followed, toast were made and food was eaten... BUT the best part was the PEACH COBBLER...man oh man was it good.

So come on out, bring some friends or meet some new ones, cause the Rebels like to Eat, Drink and be Merry.

See you next Month in Ft. Worth for some great Mexican food....







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