



The Rebel Yell



February 2015

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday – February 4, 2015

Humperdinks, 700 Six Flags Rd, Arlington, TX

6:30 pm Social 7:15 pm Meeting

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February Meeting Program Guest Speaker: Nancy McGee

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Join us at the

**Arctic Dive/Wine and Cheese Contest,
Lake Murray, OK, February 28–March 1**

Get your tickets for the meal at the February membership meeting!

See Update in This Newsletter

Upcoming Events Calendar

- Feb 28–Mar 1 Arctic Dive/Wine and Cheese Party, Marietta Landing, Lake Murray
- Mar 28–29 Spring Lake Diver Authorization Course and Volunteer Dive
- Jun 27–Jul 4 Sunscape Curaçao Resort, Spa & Casino Trip



Dive Spring Lake AND Support the Underwater Environment!!

All slots have been filled for the Spring Lake Diver Authorization Course on March 28, 2015.

If you would like to attend another session of this course, please let us know; send an email to Danny Bouska at president@divingrebels.org expressing your interest—we'll see what can be arranged.

Final payment for the March 28 session is due at the February membership meeting.

See you at Spring Lake 🐠

Birthdays

- Feb 04 Paula Boyett
- Feb 05 Marcus Greenberg
- Feb 11 Hunter Oates
- Feb 20 Mark Estill
- Feb 20 Scott Playle
- Feb 24 Travis Wells
- Feb 25 Sherry Mann
- Feb 26 Sandy Buchert
- Feb 26 Dorothy Bartz
- Feb 28 Kevin Campbell



Anniversaries

- Feb 01 Keith Smith and Etien Staroscik
- Feb 13 Butch and Kay Mikes
- Feb 22 Danny and Kelly Barentine
- Feb 29 Jim and Rita Simpson



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

Is Your Membership Information Up to Date?

We need accurate information on file for our records and in case of an emergency.

Please see Steve Ogden to review and update your personal data!



Happy Valentines

Happy Valentine's Day!!

President's Report



Hello, everyone!

What do you think of these teaser warm spells? Just as it gets warm enough to really start thinking about diving, Mother Nature makes the statement that she's not done with winter yet!

That's not stopping the Diving Rebels though. The club is continuing to enjoy numerous activities through these winter months. January saw the return of the Restaurant of the Month, which had great attendance. The club also had a booth at the World of Water Lone Star State Travel & Dive Expo. And a group headed to San Marcos at the end of the month for the annual San Marcos River dive and cleanup.

The New Year has started on a fast track, and we have no plans to slow down the monthly activities of the club. The Diving Rebels have at least three activities planned each month, including the Restaurant of the Month, the monthly membership meeting, and an outing. I strongly believe the Diving Rebels Scuba Club is one of the most active scuba clubs in Texas—if not the most active club. We do have three months during which no outing is scheduled, so we will be soliciting suggestions for diving or other activities from the members at the next meeting. If you can't make the meeting and have a suggestion for activities for July, August, or September, please contact Steve Ogden or Jeff Bennett, your Activities Directors.

Though we always welcome visitors to our activities, members of the club receive numerous benefits from sponsoring dive shops, such as discounts and free air fills. Remember, if you were a member of the Diving Rebels Scuba Club in 2014 but have not yet renewed your membership, you must do so by the beginning of the March meeting in order to remain a member of the club, qualify for the discounts and air fills, and avoid repaying the initiation fee. After the March meeting begins, to rejoin the club will require payment of the \$15 initiation fee plus the \$25 membership fee. Save the \$15, and renew your membership at the February 4 meeting!

Lastly, I would like to say a special **Thank You** to everyone who stopped by the Diving Rebels Scuba Club booth at the World of Water show. It was a pleasure to talk with you about the Diving Rebels. I hope that when you look for a scuba club you will consider joining the Diving Rebels. Scuba diving is great no matter what, but it is even more fun when you have a fun and friendly group with which to dive and share stories. I invite you to visit us at one of our meetings—they are held on the first Wednesday of the month at Humperdinks, 700 Six Flags Rd. in Arlington, beginning with a social hour at 6:30 pm—or to attend one of our outings, which are posted on the club's website at www.divingrebels.org.

Stay Warm!

Danny Bouska

February Meeting Speaker

Those attending the February Diving Rebels membership meeting are in for a special treat. Our meeting speaker will be Nancy McGee, a personage of great esteem in the diving community and a presenter at the recent World of Water Lone Star State Travel & Dive Expo in Frisco.

As an explorer and filmmaker, Nancy has lived a life of adventure and diversity. Known as Ms. Exosuit, AKA the “Pachyderm Princess,” she was the first female Exosuit pilot and a magazine centerfold (next to a 3,000 lb. swimming elephant [see photos below]).

In 2008, Nancy was inducted into the Women Divers Hall of Fame. The Explorers Club has recognized her with a Fellowship for contributions to scientific knowledge in the field of geographical exploration, which include filming in locations so remote that the natives had never before seen Western people. Nancy has also served as a long-time business manager for Stan Waterman, the legendary underwater filmmaker.



Summer Fun in Curaçao

Diving Rebels Scuba Club



Invites you

On a Trip to

**Curaçao
Netherlands Antilles**

June 27–July 4, 2015

Sunscape Curaçao Resort, Spa & Casino



This is an all-inclusive resort, which includes all meals, drinks (including premium and international drinks), snacks, and diving. Prices start at \$1457 for double occupancy. Register and pay your deposit by February 20, and receive a \$50 discount!

More information is available on the Diving Rebels website at www.divingrebels.org.

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

Restaurant of the Month & February



Where: Vito's Ristorante Italiano
Address: 2234 W. Park Row Dr., Ste. G, Pantego, TX 76013
When: Friday, February 6, 2015, at 7:00 pm
Phone: (817) 276-1800
Web: <http://www.vitosvitos.net/>
Email: Sharon Harris at social@divingrebels.org

Due to popular demand, the Diving Rebels will be heading to a BYOB Italian restaurant for the February Restaurant of the Month event. Grab your favorite libation, and join us at Vito's Ristorante Italiano in Pantego on Friday, February 6, at 7:00 p.m.

Vito's can accommodate a maximum of 22 guests in a group, so if you are interested in participating in the February RoM, please RSVP as soon as possible. Please send an email to me at social@divingrebels.org or text/call me at (972) 841-0000 with the number of people you are bringing with you so we can hold your spot.

Remember that Restaurant of the Month activities aren't subsidized by club funds, so don't forget to bring your wallets!

We look forward to seeing you at this New York Style Italian restaurant!!

Sharon Harris
Social Coordinator



Arctic Dive/Wine and Cheese Party February 28–March 1, 2015 Steve “Oggie” Ogden



The Diving Rebels will join with the Scubadillos and any other interested divers and nondivers for the annual Arctic Dive/Wine and Cheese Party on February 28 and March 1. This event will take place at the Marietta Landing campground area at Lake Murray State Park about 24 miles north of the Texas border and seven miles northeast of Marietta, OK. Since our event is not scheduled at the same time as the Texas Dive Show this year, we hope that our attendance will go back to the levels of pre-dive show years, so put this on your calendar—it is a fun event!

A number of activities will be associated with the outing. For those hardy souls with thick wet suits or dry suits, the pool (lake) will be open for diving. We'll dive on an ad hoc basis, with no certain times scheduled. Talk to other Diving Rebels or Scubadillos who will probably be diving, and coordinate your dive schedule with them.

As in previous years, we will have a silent auction throughout the day on Saturday during which participants can bid on that item that is missing from their dive gear inventory or that is needed for a backup. If you have gear that has been lying dormant in your garage or storage shed and you would like to have your dive club reap the revenue gained by the successful bid price of this item, please consider donating various items for the silent auction. We will note the club origin of the donor on each item, and that club will then receive the money generated by the sale. You can bring items that day, or, if you will not be able to attend the outing but would like to donate an item nonetheless, you can bring it to the February dive club meetings or contact me at (214) 641-6013 to make arrangements for the item to be picked up. We anticipate that, as in past years, we should have some great items in the auction provided by one or more dive shops and operations. Any unsold items will be rolled into the raffle drawing that we will hold in the evening, which will also provide some great diving-related treasures for the taking.

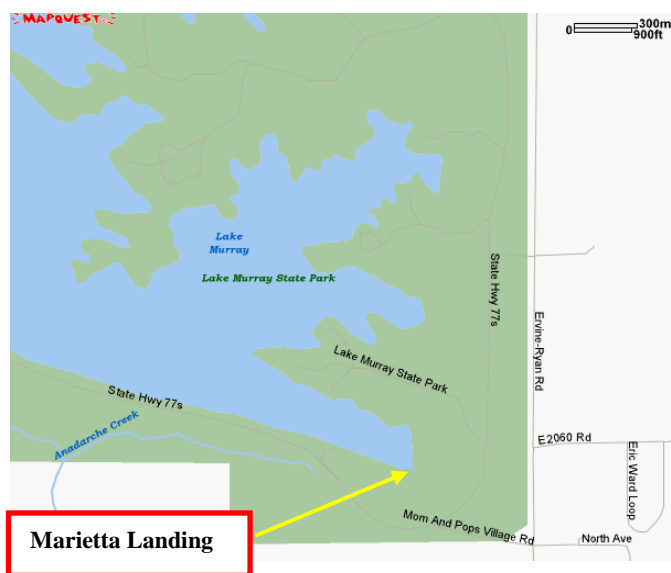
This year, Sharon Harris will be coordinating the meal activities, which we will plan for about 5:00 pm. Continuing the great tradition established by Elizabeth Neumann, Sharon will provide the main dish of pulled pork, and the club will provide side dishes and dessert. To assist in meal planning and preparation, we are asking attendees to purchase tickets. Through February 21, each ticket costs \$10. After February 21 and at the event, each ticket costs \$15. You can obtain a ticket at the February club meeting or by contacting me at (214) 641-6013. I'll hold your ticket if you can give me a firm commitment for attendance.

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After dinner, we will start our wine and cheese contest. So scour your wine cellar or favorite liquor store to bring your best/worst red and white wines that will be judged by an erudite panel of vintner wannabes who will closely taste and scrutinize the entries for bouquet, flavor, clarity, and all such hoity-toity wine things. Also enter your favorite cheese in the cheese contest, and our judges will select the best cheese—no entries for worst cheese, please!! Gift certificates will be provided for the winners. We need judges, so if you are not a contest participant or related to a contest participant and would like to judge, please let me know.

Assuming that there will not be a fire ban, we will have a rip-roaring bonfire going most of the day and well into the night. If you have some wood/old fencing you would like to rid yourself of, please consider bringing it along. I plan to bring my typical trailer load of wood.

Those wishing to spend the night at the park have several options. Rooms at the Lake Murray Lodge as well as cabins are available for rental. To reserve a cabin or room, call toll free (800) 257-0322 or direct line (580) 223-6600 (Lake Murray State Park http://www.stateparks.com/lake_murray.html). Trailer and tent camping is available on a first come, first served basis. The three maps below provide directions to Lake Murray and the Marietta Landing campground.



Clear Springs Polar Bear Dive

For the fourth year in a row, the Diving Rebels Scuba Club won the award for “Best Represented Dive Club” at the annual Clear Springs Polar Bear Dive held on January 1, 2015. Congratulations to all those hardy souls who braved the mid-to-upper 30s air temperature and 51-degree surface temperature to support the best diving club in Texas!

Our Award-Winning Diving Rebels



Individual kudos go to **Travis Wells**, whose artistic talents earned him a season’s pass to Clear Springs for his winning entry in the Polar Bear Club Best Bear Design contest.



Congratulations, Travis!

Like always, the Diving Rebels found a way of keeping warm, as shown in the photos below. Ah, the comforts of a big tent and a propane heater! Those who attended the Polar Bear Dive also celebrated **Susan Taylor**'s birthday, with **Jeff Bennett** and Susan supplying the group with homemade stew for "après dive."



Travis Wells and Lisa Craft Exhibiting Their Diving Rebels Pride!



Let's try to continue the winning tradition and go for another Diving Rebels award at the Clear Springs Polar Bear Dive in 2016!!

World of Water Lone Star State Travel & Dive Expo Report

Danny Bouska

This year's World of Water Lone Star State Travel & Dive Expo was held in Frisco on January 24 and 25 at the Embassy Suites Convention Center. Several thousand divers and nondivers enjoyed the show exhibits, educational seminars, workshops, and film festival. In many instances, the events were "standing-room only."

According to Patrick Hammer, the Our World-Underwater president, "We could not have been happier with the results of this first-ever event in the Lone Star State."

Popular sessions included programs by PSI-PCI, personal appearances and presentations by celebrities such as John Chatterton, the author of *Shadow Divers*, and cave diver Jill Heinerth, and a diverse show floor that combined local and international travel and diving opportunities.

Approximately 200 people stopped by the Diving Rebels Scuba Club booth to learn about the club. We gave out a dozen membership applications and had two members renew their membership at the show. We also added another 62 people to our newsletter distribution list, which now stands at 652.

I'd like to say a huge **Thank You** to everyone who helped set up the booth on Friday evening and to those who helped staff the booth on Saturday and Sunday. It was great to see the enthusiasm that poured out as our club members spoke to people about the Diving Rebels and the fun we have at our meetings and outings.





January Restaurant of the Month Report Sharon Harris

On Friday, January 16, a good turnout of 17 Diving Rebels descended on the Drunken Donkey Bar & Grill in Lewisville for the first Restaurant of the Month event for 2015. Everyone who participated enjoyed the restaurant's festive atmosphere. The evening started with unique appetizers such as "Bacon Thingies," and during the course of the night, we were able to sample a variety of seasonal brews, including a tasty raspberry beer.

Everyone from first-time RoM participants to seasoned veterans enjoyed getting together with their Diving Rebels friends for great food and fun.

If you missed the festivities in January, no worries—we will be meeting again for more food, fun, and frivolity in February!

Good Food!!



Great Friends!!





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