



The Rebel Yell



October 2016

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TBD	Historian
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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday – October 5, 2016

Humperdinks, 700 Six Flags Dr., Arlington, TX

6:30 pm Social 7:15 pm Meeting

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October Meeting Program

Tara Short, owner of Green Adventures Tours, will discuss diving and other adventure opportunities in such locales as Baja California, Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago, Costa Rica, and Alaska. Her talk will focus on diving in the Sea of Cortez off Baja Sur, the southernmost portion of Baja California, Mexico. If you'd like to obtain additional information regarding the "Adventure" opportunities offered by Tara's operation, visit her webpage at <http://greenadventures.com/>. Be sure to join us for this interesting and informative presentation!

Upcoming Events Calendar

- Oct 14 Restaurant of the Month: Edelweiss German Restaurant
- Oct 22–23 Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest: The Blue Lagoon, Huntsville
- Nov 12 Chili Cook Off: Cedar Hill State Park
- Dec 10 Diving Rebels Christmas Party

Nominations for 2017 Board of Directors

The Diving Rebels Scuba Club will be accepting nominations for members of the club's 2017 Board of Directors during the October membership meeting. Please be thinking about who you would like to see in those important leadership positions, and, equally important, please consider running for a position on the board yourself or volunteering to serve the club in a nonelected capacity, e.g., Outing or Meal Share Coordinator.

See the article in this newsletter detailing the duties of each elected position on the Board of Directors.

The Diving Rebels Scuba Club is one of the most active dive clubs in Texas—let's all do what we can to maintain its great tradition!

Ready for a Frightfully Good Time?

Join us at The Blue Lagoon in Huntsville on October 22–23 for our annual Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest!



See Details in This Newsletter!

Birthdays



Oct 06 Tina Caron
Oct 08 Danny Bouska
Oct 19 Becky Marak
Oct 22 Sherry Hammond
Oct 26 Sherry Doren

Anniversaries



None known

Did we miss/make an error with your special date? If so, it's either not included or incorrect in our database.

Contact **Steve Ogden** to update/correct your information!

Early Bird Membership Renewals!

Discounts to Club Membership Dues Are Now Available.

See Details in This Newsletter!

HAPPINESS IS

Why We Dive . . .



...feeling like
I can fly
when I'm
scuba diving.





President's Letter



Can you believe it? We are into the last three months of the year! And a busy year it has been.

The blue waters of the Caribbean and the blue waters of Florida and the Keys! And, yes, the not so clear Texas lakes. But we wouldn't be Texas divers without them! It's time to end the year with our big splash at The Blue Lagoon for the last dive of the year and our annual Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest. It's hard enough to carve those things above water, let alone underwater, and then bring your masterpiece back to the surface along with the pieces.

So now that we are all back from vacations and dive trips—guess what time it is? Nooooo! Not hump day . . . it's what **time** is it? That's right—its Board Nomination and Volunteer Time.

Here's something to think about. The Diving Rebels Scuba Club is only as successful as those who participate in it. Yes, that includes coordinating our dive outings and meal shares, but it also includes serving on the board, coordinating our Restaurant of the Month outings, and serving as the club historian.

It's really not that hard—we all plan meals at home, what are a few extra mouths? We all plan an occasional weekend family outing; for club outings, the location is usually already selected—coordinating the outing is typically just a matter of putting the ancillary items together and making sure that the club outing boxes arrive.

Okay, so here's the big one—be a board member!

Does it take some time? Yes! **Is it fun?** Yes, most of the time. Heck, most folks can find fun in anything they do.

Can you be a board member? Yes, if you meet a couple of nominal requirements (listed in the newsletter).

At some point in time, we have all expressed our opinion as to the wants and needs of ourselves or the club and have done so openly. If you can do that, you are on your way to becoming a board member. Congratulations!

It's about old ideas, the members, new ideas, keeping the traditional outings going or choosing a new tradition . . . how many family traditions go on year after year and everyone goes along with them because it's easy . . . now is the time for you to contribute and maybe make a difference for the club.

It's is **your** club! Be a positive contributor!

So be a volunteer, or ask someone to nominate you for a board position!

Happy Halloween!

Allen

Early Bird Membership Renewals

In past years, the Diving Rebels Scuba Club's Board of Directors has provided discounted memberships for the upcoming year if those memberships were renewed prior to the club Christmas Party. This year is no different; however, we are providing an even deeper discount if members renew prior to the November membership meeting. The following table outlines the schedule and payments (cash discount) for Diving Rebels Scuba Club membership dues.

	Single Diver – Regular Member	Each Additional Diver – Family Member in Same Household
Renew Prior to November Membership Meeting	\$25.00	\$15.00
Renew Prior to Christmas Party	\$27.00	\$17.00
Renew After Christmas Party	\$30.00	\$20.00

Note that membership dues will not be accepted at the Christmas Party.

As long-time members of the club know, continued membership in the Diving Rebels Scuba Club offers a number of significant advantages; see <http://www.divingrebels.org/index.php/info/benefits> for a list of some of the benefits that club members receive.

Remember that you can pay your Diving Rebels membership dues via cash/check, credit card, or Chase QuickPaySM. For more details on the payment options, please refer to last month's issue of *The Rebel Yell* (<http://www.divingrebels.org/newsletter/newsletters2016/Sep16newsletter.pdf>), or contact Kevin Schuck at treasurer@divingrebels.org for a mailing address.

Chinese Auction Results

The Diving Rebels Chinese Auction was held during the September membership meeting. When developing the 2016 budget, the board anticipated raising \$1,000 through the Chinese Auction. As it turned out, the 12 winning bidders helped the club raise \$1,368 dollars, \$368 above the amount included in the budget! **Ken Harris** did very well at the event, considering his winning bid of \$900 for accommodations for 7 days in Roatan graciously donated by **Jim and Rita Simpson** (retail value of at least \$1,600)!

Thanks to all those who attended and/or participated in the Chinese Auction by either bringing an item to be bid upon or bidding on an item! Your support is greatly appreciated!



September Restaurant of the Month Report and Restaurant of the Month & October



Where: Edelweiss German Restaurant
Address: 3801 Southwest Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76116
When: Friday, October 14, 7:00 pm
Phone: (817) 738-5934
Web: <http://edelweissgermanrestaurant.com/>
Email: Cathy McWilliams at social@divingrebels.org or fifeandthistle@outlook.com

On September 16, the Diving Rebel Scuba Club's Restaurant of the Month (RoM) outing took us to Prince Lebanese Grill in Arlington. True to the restaurant's claims on its website, the falafel was scrumptious! Great food and great company were the order of the day.

Our next RoM will take place at **7:00 pm on Friday, October 14, at Edelweiss German Restaurant, 3801 Southwest Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76116.** What could be better than to have our own Oktoberfest celebration at this celebrated venue! The restaurant boasts the largest Biergarten in Fort Worth, featuring a wide variety of German and Russian beers, and offers a variety of authentic German dishes prepared by their German chef Chris Härtl.

Edelweiss German Restaurant



Bon Appetit!

Cathy McWilliams
Social Coordinator

Diving Rebels Having Fun in "Lebanon"



Please let us know that you're planning to join us by **5:00 pm on Wednesday, October 12.** Just respond by signing up for the event at the October membership meeting; by accepting your invitation to the event on the club's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/96073813073/>); or by contacting me directly by email (social@divingrebels.org or fifeandthistle@outlook.com) or phone (253-219-6074).

Nominations for the 2017 Board of Directors



Each year at the October membership meeting, which this year is on **October 5**, nominations for the various Diving Rebels Scuba Club Board of Director positions are accepted. Club members are urged to participate by running for a position and thereby provide valuable input into the continued growth and excellence that the Diving Rebels Scuba Club has come to represent.

Listed below are the board positions and a brief summary of the duties of each position. Per the club by-laws, to be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors, a member must have been a member in good standing and have attended at least three (3) meetings and three (3) club dive outings between January 1 and the October meeting, inclusive.

Board meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm, but the meeting time or date may be changed if a quorum cannot be present at the originally scheduled meeting. Though serving on the Board of Directors does require a little extra time each month, service can be very rewarding and is invaluable to the Diving Rebels Scuba Club as a whole.

The Board of Directors consists of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer corporate officers; the Activities Director; and two General Directors (the Junior and Senior Board Members).

Duties of Officers and Board of Directors

1. The President shall be the principle executive officer of the Corporation and shall preside at all the meetings of the membership and the Board of Directors. He may sign, with the signature of any other Officer of the Corporation authorized by the Board of Directors, any contracts or instruments that the Board of Directors may authorize him.
2. The Vice-President shall serve in the place of the President in his inability, absence, or refusal to act. He shall also serve as New Member Coordinator and is responsible for furnishing new members with such materials that are provided for by the initiation fee.
3. The Treasurer keeps an accurate record of the Club's financial affairs and make reports to the membership and the Board of Directors when called upon to do so.
4. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the membership and the Board of Directors in books provided for that purpose; shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws or as required by law; shall be the custodian of the corporate records and of the seal of the Corporation and see that the seal of the Corporation is affixed to such documents as necessary and perform such other duties as assigned to him by the President of the Board of Directors.
5. The Activities Director will have the following duties and responsibilities: Be aware of all Club activities so that members can have a source of information. Attend Club and board meetings. Organize dive outing coordinators. With the Officers, organize committees necessary for Club activities. Maintain and inventory Club-owned equipment and be responsible for keeping track of members' use of the equipment.

6. The General Directors (Junior and Senior Board Members) shall attend meetings of the Board of Directors representing the general membership of the Club and provide continuity. The Junior Board Member is responsible for the 50/50 Raffle and collecting the fine from members not wearing Rebel Wear at the membership meeting along with other duties, which may be assigned by the Board. The Senior Board member is not an elected position, but one to which the Junior Board Member rolls. This was designed to keep at least one Board Member from the previous board if an entirely new board were to be elected. The Senior Board Member is responsible for Rebel Wear sales and ordering and for tracking points earned in the DRIFT points program.

The Diving Rebels Scuba Club belongs to its members, and the Board of Directors is the voice of the membership. The board can assist with directing the club and steering it toward continued growth and prosperity, but the members are who make it strong. The Diving Rebels have become known throughout the United States and particularly in Texas as a very active dive club, and that is because of the dedication and passion for scuba diving of its members. If you are interested in one of the board positions or have any questions about what serving on the board involves, please feel free to contact any current member of the Board of Directors.



Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest: The Blue Lagoon, Huntsville

Join Outing Coordinator **Jeff Bennett** and other members of the Diving Rebels Scuba Club at **site 4 on lagoon 2 at The Blue Lagoon, 649 Pinedale Rd., Huntsville, TX 77320** on **October 22–23** for an early Halloween. For over 20 years, the eerie lagoon has served the divers of Texas with aqua blue bodies . . . of water, carving (training) platforms, mysteriously sunken boats, and miscellaneous ghoulish items. There is primitive camping if you dare, an onsite air station, concessions, and ice.

The entry fee for divers is \$17.00 per day, and for nondivers, the entry fee is \$20 per day. There is no fee for children under 10 who are accompanying a diver. For children under 10 who are not accompanying a diver, the entry fee is \$5. **Anyone under the age of 18** must be accompanied by a parent or a scuba instructor to enter the facility. (ID is required to show proof of age.)

The Blue Lagoon is open from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm (no entrance after 4:00 pm) on Fridays, from 8:00 am to 10 pm on Saturdays, and from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm (no entrance after 4:00 pm) on Sundays. If you want to camp, your entry fee allows you to camp overnight, but there is a two-day minimum fee; if you arrive on Saturday and leave on Sunday, the fee is \$34.00. Note that The Blue Lagoon does not allow pets. Porta-Potties are scattered throughout the property. For those of you who aren't campers, there are a number of motels in Huntsville from which to choose.

Tentative Times for Events on Saturday, October 22



8:00 am	“Spooky” Campsite Decorating (ongoing all day) Diving, Diving, Diving
1:00 pm	Pumpkin preparation starts
3:00 pm	Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest
6:30 pm	“Spooky” Campsite Decorating judging
7:00 pm	Presentation of awards
7:30 pm	Spooky movie under the stars!



There will be a meal share for Saturday lunch and dinner. For those of you not familiar with a “meal share,” the cost of the two meals is added together and divided by the number of participants; each participant pays that share. You are responsible for providing your own drinks. **Meal Coordinators are needed for lunch and dinner on Saturday.**

Air fills are \$8.00, and rental tanks are \$15.00. If you need other gear, and for more information about the site, check The Blue Lagoon’s website at www.bluelagoonscuba.net.

We need to know if you’re coming to make sure that we have plenty of food! Sign-up sheets will be available at the October membership meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting but want to participate in the outing, please email Jeff Bennett at activities@divingrebels.org. Let him know when you will be arriving; how many people are in your group; if you will be camping, staying in Huntsville, or making a day trip; and if you are participating in the meal share. You can also use this email address if you have any questions about the outing.

Directions to The Blue Lagoon: Take I45 south from Dallas/Ft Worth toward Houston. Take Exit 123 approximately 7 miles north of Huntsville, and turn left (east) at Farm to Market Road 1696/Pinedale Road. Continue to follow Pinedale for approximately 4 miles. The Blue Lagoon entrance will be on the left.



Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest Rules

Bring your own pumpkin, any size you wish. All pumpkins must be checked in upon arrival at our camping area at The Blue Lagoon. **DO NOT** pre-clean/gut or pre-draw/trace your pumpkin before check-in at The Blue Lagoon. Pumpkins will be marked at check-in and held in the “Pumpkin Patch” until it’s time for the carving. There will be three categories for the contest: (1) Scariest, (2) Ugliest, and (3) Best Design.

1. **At 1:00 pm**, you may pick up your pumpkin from the “Pumpkin Patch.”
2. You will have two hours to gut your pumpkin (on land) and trace your design by pencil or marker if desired. No precutting of the pumpkin of any kind, except to remove the top for gutting, will be allowed.
3. **At 3:00 pm**, buddy teams will enter the water and begin the underwater carving of the pumpkins.

NOTE: The Blue Lagoon is permitting us to have the underwater pumpkin carving contest with the understanding that **all pumpkins must be gutted and cleaned before being taken into the water**. Not gutting and cleaning the pumpkin before entering the water will result in an automatic disqualification, and divers must also clean up any mess made by the guts.

4. Divers must practice safe diving; therefore, you must have a buddy and cannot enter the water by yourself. Each member of the buddy team may carve his/her own pumpkin.
5. Carving must be done on the platform.
6. No weights can be used to assist in submerging or holding down the pumpkin on the platform.
7. Any type of knife can be used for carving.
8. Divers must surface with no less than 500 PSI in their tank (safe diving practice).
9. All carved items must be caught in some kind of bag and removed from the lagoon.
10. Each buddy team will be required to check in and out of the water.
11. If you need to abort the dive prior to finishing carving your pumpkin, you may retrieve your pumpkin and continue the contest later.
12. All pumpkins to be judged must be returned to the “Pumpkin Patch” by **5:00 pm**.



Fort Lauderdale Report

Jeff Bennett

AHH, Florida . . . SUN-Surf-Sand!

Oh, and we can't forget diving, too. What more could we ask for than a handful of Diving Rebels meeting up in Fort Lauderdale, FL, for a week's worth of diving on September 10–17?

We dove with Sea Experiences, and the crew and everyone who worked there were very helpful and also very understanding, as I was introduced to my first blue water dive! I was also introduced to my new best friend, DRAMAMINE!! My first dive was awesome, but my second wasn't so good—I did it from the deck of the boat, sick as a dog. Go ahead and laugh—it was funny, but it made my week of diving awesome once I felt better. We also headed to Key Largo for some diving down the coast, and all I can say is, Wow!

I'd like to give a big thanks **Allen, Roger and Teri, Dale, Mark**, and most of all my girl **Susan** for making it possible for me to go on the trip. We made good memories and friends, and I can't wait until next year's blue water trip!

Fun Times in Florida on Land . . .



... And in the Sea!



Windy Point Park Outing Report

Cathy McWilliams



When we arrived at Windy Point Park on Friday, September 23, we were greeted with beautiful weather and warm water even below the thermocline . . . well, warm for Lake Travis anyway. The storms promised us on Friday never showed up, and the one forecast for Saturday morning finally arrived in time for supper—promptly. Even so, that didn't stop those who came to enjoy the weekend from doing so.

Travis Wells, Lisa Craft, and James Rivers were the first to arrive on Friday; they were able to reserve a really great shady spot so that when **Terry Crippen** and I arrived, I had a great place to string up my hammock. On Saturday, we were joined by **Mark Stonebridge, Raul Fernandez** and his family (**Heather** and **David**), **Elizabeth Neumann** and her son **Cameron** and husband **Craig**. I can't remember if anyone else showed up, so let me know if I missed anyone (thank you Mark, for helping me with the names!).

James brought his GoPro, so we have proof that the vis below the thermocline was better than 10 feet this time! I have to take the divers' word for it since I couldn't dive due to my really, really, really recent surgery.

Thanks to Travis, Lisa, and James for showing up early to claim a spot. Thanks also to Elizabeth for providing a great lunch of sandwiches and salads and to Terry, Lisa, and Mark for grilling up the burgers and hotdogs that I brought for dinner. And thank you everyone for not giving me a hard time about my bum foot!

As a side note—we didn't have a bunch of students around to disturb our sleep—just a few neighbors whose snoring rivaled the grunts of a wild boar in heat, a really loud and poorly tuned up generator, and some loud young people. Thank you Travis for saying something to them, but we should have chased them off at midnight!



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