



The Rebel Yell



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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday – June 7, 2017

Humperdinks, 700 Six Flags Dr., Arlington, TX

6:30 pm Social 7:15 pm Meeting

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June Meeting Program

Our June meeting will feature not one but two events!

- ☺ We'll enjoy a Rebel Wear Fashion Show conducted by Senior Board Member **Elizabeth Neumann**. Come see what's available, and purchase some new Rebel Wear!
- ☺ **Steve Ogden, Allen Bothwell, Johnny Griffin, and Jim Magnuson** will tell us about some of their favorite diving experiences.

The announcer for the night will be **Doug Sheppard**.

It should be a fun evening—don't miss out!!

Upcoming Events Calendar

- Jun 7 Rebel Wear Fashion Show
- Jun 16 Restaurant of the Month: Jamaica Gates Caribbean Cuisine
- Jun 21 Board of Directors Meeting: 7:00 pm, Sherlock's Baker Street Pub & Grill, Arlington
- Jun 23–25 Midyear Outing, Clear Springs Scuba Park
- Jul 21–23 Lake Tenkiller Outing

Be a Good Diving Rebels Citizen!!

Remember that Junior Board Member Richard Sanders is using an "Honor System" to collect Rebel Wear fines.

If you come to a Diving Rebels meeting and aren't sporting an item of Rebel Wear, please put your \$0.50 fine in the collection box on the sign-in table.



Thanks!

Welcome to Our Visitors!

The Diving Rebels were happy to welcome the following visitors to our May membership meeting.

Rafael Otero
Dave Butler
Lynda Butler
Adam Frowein
Brandon Bowling

Thank you for visiting with us! We hope that you come again soon. We'd love to see you join the Diving Rebels Scuba Club and share some great diving experiences with us!

Birthdays



Jun 11 Jay Delmar

Anniversaries



Jun 05 Roger and Terrie Lee

Jun 06 Steve Herman and Ellen
Fourton

Jun 14 Jay and Rita Delmar

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

Contact **Vice President Dale Romack** to update/correct your information!

Join Us at Clear Springs Scuba Park!

Come join your fellow Diving Rebels at Clear Springs Scuba Park in Terrell for our annual Midyear Outing June 23-25.

Enjoy good diving, spending time with good friends, and a free BBQ provided by the club's Board of Directors to show their appreciation for each of our members!

See you at Clear Springs!!

Why We Dive . . .





President's Letter



Howdy!

I hope this letter finds everyone in good health and good spirits. With Memorial Day just last weekend, I would like to take time to reflect and remember those who have served our country very honorably and are no longer with us. Their sacrifices are greatly appreciated as they afford us the freedoms we have today.

Two years ago, Crystal and I were in Southern Indiana for my father's 70th birthday. While we were there, we spent some time geocaching in old cemeteries. We like to check out the history and the variety of markers. We learned a lot about the local area, including the founding members of the cemetery, family plots, and veteran status. During this trip, we were checking out the markers with American flags next to them. We also noticed the ones that had verbiage or symbols that indicated service but had no flags. We went back to town and bought flags to put on the graves that had none. Those graves were typically Civil War era graves that possibly no longer had family in the area to take care of.

While we were out placing flags, we came across an elderly gentleman visiting family as his wife sat in the car since she could not handle walking in the rough terrain of the grounds. We noticed that one of his family graves was that of a service member and that it didn't have a flag. We offered him a flag to place. We got chatting with him, and it turns out that he knew my older relatives. He gave us a complete rundown of the cemetery and some insight into the local legend of "Bloody Mary's Grave" (http://jcincemeteries.wikia.com/wiki/Baldwin_Cemetery). We had a great experience and helped make that man's day. As we parted, he commented that it was nice to see young people paying their respects to people they did not even know. All three of us will remember that encounter for a very long time.

Now what does this have to do with the Diving Rebels? Much! This is a true story about community, taking an interest in others, caring, taking action, exploration, family, and following one's passions. We have had the ongoing theme of building community within the club. Having a well-developed, engaged diving community adds value to membership. I venture to say that those who seek out a dive club have a passion about diving and exploration and that they are looking for others with the same interests to share in the explorations. For the past 20+ years, the Diving Rebels have had an annual January outing to San Marcos to help the environment by actively cleaning up the San Marcos River. We also make yearly donations to organizations dear to the members such as the Turtle Rescue, Lionfish Containment Unit, and Soldiers Undertaking Disabled Scuba. To help grow the opportunity for taking an interest in others, we have introduced the Member Spotlight feature in the newsletter, and we now ask random members to chat about their diving experiences at the start of our membership meetings. I learned much about **Ron Hyatt** at the May meeting. During the Lake Tyler outing, we learned much about **Robert Cox** while hanging out at the campfire and sharing a couple of meals. All of these things combined make lifelong friends and encounters that will be remembered for a very long time. There is a key to all of this, and that is being engaged in the Diving Rebels Scuba Club by attending and being active at outings and volunteering at all levels of the organization, which really elevates the value of one's membership.

Some people who come to mind when thinking about the aspects laid out above are **Jim Kirchoff**, his wife **Phyllis**, and his son **Phil**. All three have been long-time Diving Rebels and active participants in the club, and Phil is currently the president of Inland Divers, which has a very nice facility at Possum Kingdom Lake that a number of Diving Rebels have utilized and enjoyed. Sadly, Jim passed away last month. A group of us went to the service to pay our respects, to honor a good man, and to be supportive to his family. The club sent a bouquet of red and white roses that sat prominently to the right of the memorial, and there was a medium-sized table that had an array of memorabilia showing Jim's interests and passions, including several Rebel Wear items. After the service, we received a nice note from Phil that I would like to share:

“Thank you all so much for the flowers you sent for my Dad's Funeral. He always loved the Rebels and would have been very pleased with you guys honoring him. Thanks again!!!!” — Phil Kirchoff

While writing this, I started to wonder how the Diving Rebels could expand their giving back to the community. I'm kicking around the idea of the club's adopting an older cemetery or two so that at least once per year our volunteers could help tend to the markers of those grave sites that don't have anyone left to care for them. Please let me know your thoughts on this and any other ideas you might have about how the Diving Rebels can give back to the community by contacting me at president@divingrebels.org.

Building community = lifelong friends, shared interest and passions, being actively engaged, giving back, and more.

I look forward to engaging all the members in building community and seeing you at the outings in the second half of the year – perhaps even on a cruise in 2018.

Kevin



Let's think of ways in which the Diving Rebels can give back to the community!



Member Spotlight: Johnny Griffin



1. ***The Rebel Yell:*** Tell us a bit about yourself, e.g., where you live, what work you do, your family, where you grew up and went to school.

Johnny: I currently live in Arlington with my wife, Connie; 2 dogs; and 3 cats. I grew up in Mansfield and Fort Worth. I am a salesman for a fire protection company in Fort Worth.

2. ***The Rebel Yell:*** How long have you been diving? Where did you train, and what are your certifications?

Johnny: I have been diving eight years and have an Advanced Open Water certification.

3. ***The Rebel Yell:*** Tell us about some of your favorite places to dive in Texas. What do you like most about them? Describe one of your favorite Texas dives.

Johnny: Spring Lake, Frio River

4. ***The Rebel Yell:*** Have you done any blue water diving? Where are your favorite dive sites, and what do you like most about them? Describe one of your favorite blue water dives.

Johnny: I like all diving, especially blue water.

5. ***The Rebel Yell:*** In general, what do you like most about scuba diving? What do you dislike about it? Would you encourage others to try the sport?

Johnny: Being able to breathe underwater!

6. ***The Rebel Yell:*** When did you join the Diving Rebels Scuba Club? What do you like most about the club?

Johnny: I joined eight years ago.

7. ***The Rebel Yell:*** As a Diving Rebel, how have you participated in the operation and outings of the club? What club activities have you attended, and which were your favorite ones?

Johnny: I like all of them!

May Restaurant of the Month Report Restaurant of the Month & June



Where: Jamaica Gates Caribbean Cuisine
Address: 1020 W. Arkansas Lane, Arlington, TX 76013
When: Friday, June 16, 7:00 pm
Phone: (817) 795-2600
Web: <http://www.jamaicagates.com/>
Email: Cathy McWilliams at social@divingrebels.org

We held our last Restaurant of the Month (RoM) event on May 12 at Vito's Pizza in Irving. There was a slight mix-up as they had lost my reservation, but after a brief wait and playing “musical tables” with some other diners, we got a table. The seven of us who attended—**Jim and Linda Magnuson, Dale Romack, Mark Stonebridge, Ted Glodowski, Terry Crippen**, and myself—had a good time. The food did not disappoint; in fact, everyone took home a doggie box.

Vito's



In June, we're setting our sights on the Caribbean, where the waters are warm and crystal clear blue, and the bountiful ocean brings the best to our tables. Come join us for our June RoM event on **Friday, June 16, at 7:00 pm** at **Jamaica Gates Caribbean Cuisine, 1020 W. Arkansas Lane, Arlington, TX 76013**. We'll enjoy some authentic Jamaican cuisine and true Jamaican hospitality at its best

with live music and maybe even a rum punch or two.

Please let us know that you're planning to attend the June RoM by **5:00 pm** on **Wednesday, June 14**. Just respond by signing up for the event at the June membership meeting, accepting your invitation to the RoM on the club's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/96073813073/>), or contacting me directly by email (social@divingrebels.org).

Bon appétit!

Cathy McWilliams
Social Coordinator

Fashion and Fun: June Rebel Wear Fashion Show and Meeting

Elizabeth Neumann

Well—it's the time of the year to begin thinking about Rebel Wear fashions. Yes, I know you have been waiting for this opportunity to enhance your current Rebel Wear wardrobe. While you can order Rebel Wear any time, our June membership meeting on **June 7** will have a unique program featuring a Rebel Wear Fashion Show, four “Diving Vignettes,” and a display of member diving photos:

- ☞ Volunteers will model various items of Rebel Wear to help you make your decision about placing an order that night.
- ☞ **Steve Ogden, Allen Bothwell, Johnny Griffin, and Jim Magnuson** will give five-minute presentations describing their **best** diving experience. (We decided not to include worst dives since we wouldn't want to embarrass any club members—they know who they are!)
- ☞ We would also like everyone to submit their favorite diving photos. **Jeff Bennett** will collect them and set them up as a rolling background for the fashion show.

Save June 7 on your calendar for an evening of high scuba fashion, new diving experiences/stories, and frivolities. If you're interested in being a presenter or model and the possibility of winning some Rebel Wear, just see me at an upcoming membership meeting, or contact me by clicking on the link to the Senior Board Member on the Club Information/Board of Directors page on the Diving Rebels Scuba Club website (<http://www.divingrebels.org/index.php/info/directors>).

Note: You have to pay a fine if you don't wear an item of Rebel Wear to a membership meeting. **Prevention is the key—make plans to order your Rebel Wear in June!**

Have fun at the Fashion Show!!





Midyear Outing: Clear Springs Scuba Park



The 2017 Diving Rebels Scuba Club Board of Directors cordially invites club members and their guests to attend our annual Midyear Outing at Clear Springs Scuba Park. This event is coordinated by the board as a way to show appreciation to our members and assist them to do what Diving Rebels do best . . . **PARTY!!!**

- When:** Friday, June 23–Sunday, June 25
Time: Friday after 5:00 pm and Saturday 8:00 am 'til ???
Where: Clear Springs Scuba Park (CSSP)
8131 County Road 346
Terrell, TX 75161
(972) 524-6820
Food: BBQ with all the trimmings provided by Chuckwagon Cuisine Catering Company. Members are encouraged to bring desserts and snacks to share, along with their own drinks.

We will provide more information at the June membership meeting, but the basics are the following:

-  Someone will go to Clear Springs Friday afternoon to hopefully grab the spot under the trees on the south side of the park; however, since this area has little grass, if it's too wet or muddy at that spot, a secondary location will be chosen. After you check in at the park, look for the famous Diving Rebels Scuba Club banner! You can come to CSSP Friday after 5:00 pm or starting at 8:00 am on Saturday.
-  The Saturday meal will be served at no cost to members or their guests at approximately 3:00 pm. Members are welcome to bring snacks or dessert items if they wish, if possible enough to share, but all the basics will be provided by the club. We will provide water to drink—if you want to drink anything other than water, you will have to bring it yourself.
-  The entrance fee to the park on Saturday, June 24, will be \$20. **Reminder, CSSP accepts cash only! Be sure to bring your C-card if you intend to dive.** See the CSSP website at www.clearspringsscubapark.com for a listing of air fill and equipment rental prices and other charges.
-  Camping is available at CSSP. However, camping costs (\$5.00 per day) are the responsibility of the individual. See the CSSP website for additional information and restrictions.

Let's go diving at CSSP and have some fun!

Lake Tenkiller Outing

Kevin Schuck



Join the Diving Rebels at Oklahoma's **Tenkiller State Park** on **July 21–23** for a weekend of camping, diving, and fellowship! The club has reserved and paid for three campsites for Friday and Saturday night in the **Fox Squirrel Campground (sites 53, 54, and 55)**. All three sites have water and electrical hookups, and we can put two camping setups on each site. We will have to put any additional campers on a tent site if they are available. There will be an outing meal share on for a Saturday night and Sunday morning meal—all other meals are on your own. I do need volunteers to help with both meals, so if you can help out, please let me know. Remember that the club reimburses volunteers for the food (minus their portion of the meal share) and that you can earn extra DRIFT points for volunteering to help at the outing. **For more information about the outing or to volunteer to help, please contact me at president@divingrebels.org or phone (817) 723-6983.**

Known as Oklahoma's "heaven in the hills," Tenkiller State Park offers a peaceful getaway in beautiful Green Country. Guests will enjoy an abundance of recreational opportunities on Lake Tenkiller as well as in the park, including swim beaches, a swimming pool, a children's fishing pond, hiking trails, and more. Rent a one-, two-, or three-bedroom cabin, or claim a spot in one of Tenkiller's 10 campgrounds. Plan your trip to Tenkiller State Park, and use the overview at the following website as an insider's guide to where to camp, where to swim and what to see during your Lake Tenkiller vacation: <http://www.laketenkiller.com/about-lake-tenkiller/>. For additional information about the park, see the material at <http://www.travelok.com/listings/view.profile/id.7706> and http://www.travelok.com/article_page/tenkiller-state-park-an-overview.

The park, of course, features Lake Tenkiller. The lake has a new scuba dive park (<http://www.laketenkiller.com/scuba/>) that features underwater attractions, secure campsites, and clean facilities. Divers from Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, and all surrounding states have long labeled the crystal clear waters of Tenkiller as their destination of choice. The mildly sloping hills and rock cliffs are not confined to the land; they provide an intriguing underwater terrain down to 165 feet, making Tenkiller one of the deepest lakes in the area.





The lake offers the perfect environment for every diver from novice to the most adept instructors. There are a few dive shops to choose from to obtain a certification, rent or purchase equipment, or find out where to explore. Tenkiller offers an assortment of wonderful diving possibilities. There are several islands that are superior dive sites for discovering overhangs so dramatic that they could pass for caves or for partaking in spear fishing for any fish that is not a game fish. There have been catfish speared as large as 65 pounds!! Remember, though, to obtain an Oklahoma fishing license before heading down if you want to try your luck spear fishing!

Directions

Tenkiller State Park
8 miles north of Gore on Highway 100
Vian, OK 74962

Phone: (918) 489-5641
(918) 489-5643

Tenkiller State Park in Vian is located on the southeast side of Lake Tenkiller:

- If arriving from the west, take I-40 to Exit 287, and follow Highway 100 N through the towns of Webbers Falls and Gore. Continue on Highway 100, and cross over the dam into the park.
- If arriving from the east on I-40, take Exit 297. Drive north for 10 miles on Highway 82 where you'll cross through Vian. Turn left onto Highway 100, and drive three miles south to the park.



Balmorhea State Park Outing Report

Jeff Bennett

I'd like to thank everyone who showed up at Balmorhea State Park on May 19–21. We had a good time. The water was clear as always. The turnout could have been better, but those who did attend enjoyed the trip.





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