

# The Rebel Yell

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

July 2009

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## MEMBERSHIP MEETING Wednesday – July 1, 2009

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

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## July Meeting Program

Steve Herman will be giving us a virtual tour of the Oriskany and a little wreck diving preview. This will fit well with the trip we are trying to put together for diving the Texas Clipper off the coast of South Padre in September. Steve is a long-time Club member, instructor, an extraordinary diver and good presenter. So come out for a treat and prepare for more adventure in the life of diving with the Rebels.

## Upcoming Events Calendar

July	1	Monthly Membership Meeting
July	18	Lake Murray State Park
Aug	5	Monthly Membership Meeting
Aug	8 - 9	Valhalla Missile Silo
Aug	15-16	Broken Bow Oklahoma
Sept	5 - 7	Texas Clipper
Dec	12	Christmas Party

## President's Report

Hello Diving Fans,

This has certainly been an interesting year for dive events. Normally at this time I could list off all the great diving we've had, reminisce about some event at one or two outings and feel we had been wet plenty often. Not so this year. With Mother Nature's influence and an overfilled calendar for May, we just haven't logged those underwater hours we all crave.

Well, let's not dwell on those times and look at our bright diving future. We have four official Club dive outings and several members have other outlets to join for scuba and social adventures. Danny is having a trip to Valhalla Missile Silo near Abilene and there is a wine cruise with dive opportunities that the Simpsons clued us into. Worst case, call a buddy in the Club and go somewhere.

Happy scuba planning,  
Keith

### **July 18, 2009 Outing** **Lake Murray State Park**

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps?1c=Arlington&1s=TX&1y=US&1l=32.735599&1g=-97.107803&1v=CITY&2c=Lake+Murray+State+Park&2s=OK&2y=US&2l=34.089169&2g=-97.075279&2v=CITY>

Directions from Arlington, TX to Lake Murray State Park, Oklahoma (119 miles)

Meet at Lake Murray State Park at 11:00 am at Marietta Landing for an early dive. Second dive is planned at 1:30 pm. The club is not providing any meals, so plan accordingly.

Following the second dive, the club welcomes all divers and family members to visit the WinStar World Casino (<http://www.winstarworldcasino.com/>) in Thackerville, OK (exit 1) for a buffet dinner at approximately 4:00 – 4:30 pm at the BreadBasket buffet (A sumptuous buffet with more than 100 freshly prepared items every day, including soups, salads, pastas, fine meats, and desserts. The waving wheat smells extra sweet at the BreadBasket Buffet!). The cost is \$14.00 per adult, \$13.00/seniors (55 years and older), \$7.00/children (ages 6-11 years) and free /ages 0-5. Children are welcome at the restaurant, however, must be accompanied by an adult (21 years or older) when visiting the restroom. No children are allowed in the casino.

## Wanna Dive in a Nuclear Missile Silo? Join us in diving Valhalla!

Danny invites you to take a trip to a very unique dive site ... a decommissioned nuclear missile silo. Located near Abilene, Texas, the silo is 130' deep with 100'+ visibility. Full of crystal clear water, the site provides ideal conditions for advanced training such as Advanced Open Water certification or Altitude Diver or Deep Diver. With constant water temperatures, unmatched visibility, adequate depth for deep dives, and a really cool name for your log book, Valhalla is truly a one of a kind dive experience.

The water is 60 degrees, 130' deep and crystal clear. The silo is 60' in diameter and everything from the dressing areas to the electric gear winch, lighting systems and the actual dive area is 50-70' underground.

With constant 68 degree air temperature and consistent lighting at all times, and without overhead obstructions, the diving is safe and comfortable for certified divers. Valhalla is an altitude dive and for divers to have the most fun, we recommend advanced certification and cold water experience as well as familiarity with altitude diving procedures and good buoyancy control. Since divers must climb down stairs 30' in full gear to get to the water and 30' back up to get out, you need to be in good health and physical condition to enjoy this dive.

The trip is scheduled for August 8-9 and weather will not be a factor. Leave the scorching August Texas heat above ground where it belongs and join us in the cool water of Valhalla. After all, how many people do you know that have actually seen a missile silo, much less taken a guided tour and gotten to scuba dive in one?

This is a must have in your dive log! Get Altitude Diver certified and Deep Diver Certified while enjoying a truly unique location.

\$100, one-day entrance & Altitude Certification  
\$200, two-day entrance & Deep Diver Certification.  
Books not included

\$40, per day if already Altitude Certified.

Sign up soon if taking advanced training, as there is some classroom work to do before the dives.

If you have any questions or are interested in signing up for this unique dive experience, contact Danny at 817-542-2962 or by email at [info@divingrebels.org](mailto:info@divingrebels.org)



## Birthdays



July 3      George Bartulevicz  
July 12     Steve Shipe  
July 15     John Richerson  
July 25     Kim Kirchoff

## Anniversaries

None Known



## A Rebel Welcome to New Members Joining in June 2009

Mike Manila – PADI Instructor  
Southlake, Tx  
Stephen Ameen – NDSTC  
Holly Lake Ranch, Tx

Say “Hi” to Mike and Stephen and  
give a Rebel Welcome to our newest  
members!

## Don't forget Diving Rebels Caps and T-Shirts On sale at any monthly meeting!



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Merchandise sold to Diving Rebels Members Only

## **Diving Rebel Mid-year Party by the Pool**

### **June 20, 2009**

This year's party was a relaxing time. It was especially nice that George and Diane had all those little items that were forgotten, except for charcoal lighter and Mark Stonebridge did a quick run to his house for that. We had a good turnout with about 20 hanging by the pool. Man, if we could just get blue water diving out the back door like that, life would be grand.

Selena decked us all out in leis and sported a grass skirt. She was definitely the most in theme. I did my share to get into the spirit by wearing one and consuming the Pina Colodas. And as usual cooking was an event in itself. It was almost comical to get to the charcoal lite and then the finale was dumping it on the chicken with the speedy clean up following. As you can guess, it all tasted great and took two large tables to lay out.

There were pool games and lots of shade seekers. My never-before-out-of-the-box canopy thought it was a kite a couple of times, but the two canopies we had were moved around as needed and provided a haven for the chair ring of visitation.

The raffle was pretty evenly matched as everyone received a ticket for attending and then one for staying until the drawing – which almost everyone did. So we all had 2 tickets. Note the distribution of prizes, a 3 of 4 winners – I know who I'll want to be close to for the July outing at the Casino. Here is how it went.

Selena – Passbook  
Keith – ASC \$25 gift cert  
Mark Estill – TSA combination lock  
Steve Woodward – Koozie  
Mark/Michele Estill - Aquamaraca  
Diane – ASC \$25 gift cert  
Mark Estill - \$50 Tiger Shark gift cert

We were packed up about 7pm and with all the good-byes said, it was over which was so sad. Good thing there is July 18 and Lake Murray coming up.





# Diving Rebel Mid-year Party by the Pool



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