



The Rebel Yell



June 2015

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday – June 3, 2015

Humperdinks, 700 Six Flags Rd., Arlington, TX

6:30 pm Social 7:15 pm Meeting

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June Meeting Program

Myles TenBroeck of American Cylinder and Safety will discuss Professional Scuba Inspectors-Professional Cylinder Inspectors, Inc. (PSI-PCI) scuba tank inspection and inspector training.

See Details in This Newsletter!

Join Us for the Midyear Outing at
Clear Springs Scuba Park!!

June 12-14

See Details in This Newsletter!

Upcoming Events Calendar

- Jun 7 NTSRA Fun Dive: Clear Springs Scuba Park
- Jun 12-14 Midyear Outing: Clear Springs Scuba Park
- Jun 27-Jul 4 Sunscape Curaçao Resort, Spa & Casino Trip

The Diving Rebels Scuba Club is now 81 members strong!!

Tell your dive buddies about our club and the many benefits of membership: good friends; great outings; valuable discounts at local dive shops; and, most important, our shared love of diving and the underwater world!

Help spread the word about the best dive club in Texas!

Call for Articles

Do we have any aspiring authors in the Diving Rebels Scuba Club? Have you dived recently in any exotic spots, like Grand Cayman, Fiji—or Clear Springs Scuba Park?

If you would like to share your diving experiences with the club, we would love to hear about them! Feel free to send write-ups of your diving activities, including photos, directly to me at jdelmar1@sbcglobal.net. I'll edit your material, send the edited version to you for your approval, and run it in the next available issue of *The Rebel Yell*.

Jay Delmar
Newsletter Editor

Birthdays



Jun 11 Jay Delmar

Anniversaries



Jun 03 Mary and Mark Stonebridge

Jun 06 Ellen Fourton and Steve Herman

Jun 14 Rita and Jay Delmar

Jun 16 Cyndi and Randy Sims

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!

Rebel Wear

Show your Diving Rebels pride by purchasing and wearing "Rebel Wear"! Ask Mark Stonebridge about items available for sale.

"Not So Arctic Dive"/Wine and Cheese Party Cancellation Steve Ogden, Vice President/Activities Director

As the announcement of the cancellation of the already rescheduled "Not So Arctic Dive"/Wine and Cheese Party at Lake Murray put it, the weather gods were against us again in May. I was willing to be wrong about cancelling the outing if the weather turned out to be OK but was unwilling to be wrong about going ahead with it if the predictions of bad weather turned out to be correct. This event also involved the Scubadillo Dive Club; since it would serve as a fundraiser for both clubs, we needed to maximize our opportunities to ensure a good attendance. The weather forecast for the rescheduled weekend was bad enough to make the success of the event extremely uncertain.

In retrospect, it looks like we could have made a pretty good go of it had we had our crystal balls in working order—unfortunately, we just couldn't take the chance. We are looking to reschedule the event for our July outing; we will provide more information about the outing as we coordinate our efforts with the Dillos membership.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we deal with the unpredictability of Texas weather as best we can.



President's Report



Hi everyone!

Two by two they came! Not to a Diving Rebels outing, but to the Ark. I have been a member of the Diving Rebels Scuba Club for 13 years and have never seen weather affect our outings like it has so far in 2015. With the exception of the San Marcos outing in January, every outing that we have scheduled has been cancelled or postponed due to ice and snow or severe thunderstorms.



I know it has been frustrating to our members as well as to our Board of Directors, all of whom have communicated via email or conference call to make go/no go decisions about the outings. Cancelling an outing is not an easy decision to make, but we hope that everyone understands that the safety of our members and guests is always of the utmost importance in any decisions that we make.

The weather has definitely created a learning curve for the board, and we are putting together an "Outing Cancellation Plan" that will be followed when a scheduled outing or event must be cancelled or postponed. We will share this plan with the club membership at an upcoming meeting for your input into the process.



On the plus side, we needed the rain, and the lakes in North Texas are full. When you're trying to imagine the amount of water that has fallen on Texas in April and May, take a look at Lake Travis. It is a huge lake that was down some 50 feet before the "monsoons" hit. When you consider the size of the lake and the fact that it has risen 25 feet in May, that is a heck of a lot of water! Lake Travis was approaching 654 feet above mean sea level early on the 26th, 20 feet above where it was just 7 days earlier, the deepest the lake has been since May 2011. Lake Travis rose 6 feet in 24 hours and 21 feet in a week. Since the beginning of the year, Lake Travis has risen 31 feet. Multiply that by the number of lakes that had been well below their normal level, and you can see that the amount of water that has fallen on Texas is staggering!

We're continuing to plan for the midyear outing at Clear Springs Scuba Park that will be held the weekend of June 12-14. The Board of Directors is planning a BBQ dinner, and we need to know if you are going to attend the outing. We will also have a raffle and a members-only raffle. Please sign up for the midyear outing during the June membership meeting; if you can't attend the meeting but you do plan to attend the outing, please send an email to midyear@divingrebels.org to let us know how many are coming. We will plan food for those who sign up in advance, so if you plan to join us for dinner, make sure you sign up! See the article in this newsletter for more information.

Keep your tanks filled and your gear nearby just in case you need them! See you at the monthly meeting on June 3.

Danny

June Meeting Program

Myles TenBroeck, “Scuba Tank Inspection and Training”



Myles TenBroeck is President of President American Cylinder and Safety, LLC, an affiliate of Professional Scuba Inspectors-Professional Cylinder Inspectors, Inc. (PSI-PCI), located in North Little Rock, AK, a company that provides Hazardous Material (HAZMAT) training and equipment for the compressed gas industry. Myles will present a program for the Diving Rebels Scuba Club on Wednesday, June 3, on scuba tank inspection and training for certification as a scuba tank inspector.

Myles is also going to conduct a **Visual Cylinder Inspector (VCI) Certification Course** during the day on **Thursday, June 4, at the Hampton Inn, Dallas North, 11069 Composite Dr., Dallas, TX 75229, beginning at 8:00 a.m.** If you would like to attend the class, you can register online at <http://www.pscylinders.com/inspectors/schedule/article/5084-dallas-tx> or email Myles directly at tanktest@gmail.com with any questions. The course lasts from 6 to 8 hours, depending on the amount of hands-on time required during the class.

This certification course teaches the regulations and fundamentals of conducting visual inspections of solid wall and composite scuba and Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) cylinders. The full-day course is suited for those new to visual inspection as well as those who have been inspecting without formal training through its wide range of inspection subjects, including damage limits, neck cracking, and laws affecting inspectors. Additionally, this course meets Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) requirements for employee HAZMAT training, and those who successfully complete the course are qualified to conduct HAZMAT training for cylinder handlers. The VCI certification course is recognized by the U.S. DOT, the Compressed Gas Association, and cylinder manufacturers as the most comprehensive, up-to-date training available today on this subject.

The cost of the VCI course is \$295. Since the U.S. DOT considers the course to be “HAZMAT Training,” it needs to be refreshed every three years. The refresher (VCIR) class is intended for students who have exceeded their three-year window and is discounted at a cost of \$195. If a student’s training is within the three-year window, he can complete a one-hour update online for under \$100.

Come to the Diving Rebels Scuba Club June membership meeting, and learn about scuba tank inspections. Maybe you’ll find an additional way to enjoy our favorite activity!!

Restaurant of the Month & June



Where: Casablanca Greek Mediterranean Cuisine
Address: 7355 N. Beach St., Ste. 173
Ft. Worth, TX 76137
When: Friday, June 5, 2015, 7:00 pm
Phone: (817) 232-1155
Web: <http://www.casablancomediterranean.com>
Email: Sharon Harris at social@divingrebels.org

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Yes, we are halfway through 2015, so join us at **Casablanca Greek Mediterranean Cuisine on June 5 at 7:00 pm** for our sixth Restaurant of the Month outing!

This BYOB restaurant located in Fort Worth offers an array of Mediterranean cuisine, ranging from hummus and spanakopita to hearty moussaka and succulent lamb kabobs.



Please RSVP no later than June 4 at 5:00 pm so that we can plan for space for everyone wanting to join the festivities. You can email your reservation information, including the number of people attending, to me at social@divingrebels.org; text the information to me at (972) 841-0000; or let me know at the June membership meeting that you're planning to join us at Casablanca.

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

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you in June to enjoy some tasty baklava!

Sharon Harris
Social Coordinator

NTSRA Fun Dive: Clear Springs Scuba Park

Join us at Clear Springs Scuba Park for the North Texas Scuba Retailers Association (NTSRA) Fun Dive!!

NTSRA Fun Dive

Date

Sunday, June 7, 2015

Place

**Clear Springs Scuba Park
Terrell, TX**

Gates Open

8:00 am

(Normal entry fees apply)

Festivities

10:00 am–2:00 pm



The Diving Rebels will be manning a booth and recruiting new members at the event.

Let's have a great turnout of our membership at the Fun Dive—come out and participate, and wear your Rebel Wear (hats, T-shirts, etc.)!!

www.clearspringsscubapark.com

Scuba Gear Swap Meet Update

Diving Rebels Scuba Club 3rd DFW Area Scuba Gear Swap Meet

SATURDAY - June 6th, 2015

700 Six Flags Rd



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**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR NEW OR USED SCUBA EQUIPMENT & DIVING ACCESSORIES?
DO YOU HAVE USED SCUBA GEAR & ACCESSORIES YOU NEED TO CLEAR OUT?**

COME FIND A GREAT DEAL ON NEW AND USED EQUIPMENT!!!

OR

SELL OR TRADE YOUR GENTLY USED GEAR!!!

Spaces available for Dive Shops, Dive Clubs, Conservation Groups & Individuals

PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE if you are selling as spaces may not be available on the day of the event!

For more information contact Danny Bouska at (817) 381-5051 or swapmeet@divingrebels.org

Visit our website at www.divingrebels.org for Swap Meet Updates and Announcements

Please note: The Diving Rebels Scuba Club is not responsible for any transactions made during the SCUBA Gear Swap Meet & does not guarantee any items sold. All transactions are between the buyer & seller. Buyers assume the risk for any injury or death caused by any equipment purchased at this swap meet. As with all used scuba equipment, life support items should be checked by a certified professional before use. All divers should receive the proper training before use, please dive responsibly!

We are having difficulty obtaining an easily accessible, high-traffic location for the Scuba Gear Swap Meet. We had scheduled the event to be held in Humberdinks parking lot on June 6. However, we have learned that June 6 is the date of the Rolling Stones concert at AT&T Stadium. Humberdinks expects large crowds that day, and our holding the swap meet then would be impractical.

The Sleep Inn will let us utilize the vacant lot next to Humberdinks, but they are charging us \$250 to do so. We've thanked them for their offer, but as a nonprofit, we don't have sufficient funds in our budget to justify paying such a fee.

We will continue to search for a location in which to hold the event. If you have access to or know of a suitable location, please contact one of the members of the Board of Directors. Unless a different location is found, we will work with Humberdinks to coordinate hosting the Scuba Gear Swap Meet in their parking lot in September or October in a way that doesn't conflict with events at AT&T Stadium.

Midyear Outing: Clear Springs Scuba Park



The 2015 Board of Directors cordially invites club members and their guests to attend the Diving Rebels Scuba Club's annual midyear outing. 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 12–Sunday, June 14
Time: Friday after 5:00 pm or Saturday 8:00 am 'til ???
Where: Clear Springs Scuba Park (CSSP), Terrell, TX
Food: BBQ with all the trimmings. 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 out 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. Look for the famous Diving Rebels Scuba Club banner! You can come to CSSP either 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, 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.
-  Through the generous support of CSSP, the entrance fee to the park on Saturday, June 13, will be \$15. **You must identify yourself as a Diving Rebels Scuba Club member to get this discounted rate, and sign in on the Diving Rebels sign-in sheet at the park.** Be sure to bring your C-card if you intend to dive. See the CSSP website at www.clearspringscubapark.com for a listing of air fill and equipment rental prices and other charges.
-  We will hold a raffle offering some great prizes; early-purchase tickets will be available at the June membership meeting. You can buy one ticket for \$1.00 or six tickets for \$5.00. The more tickets you buy, the better your chances are to win!!
-  **Members Only:** We will hold a special raffle for members who buy raffle tickets.
-  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.

Go where the fun is ... with your Diving Rebels family!!

Summer Fun in Curaçao

The Diving Rebels Are Headed to

**Curaçao
Netherlands Antilles**

June 27–July 4, 2015

Sunscape Curaçao Resort, Spa & Casino



The trip to Curaçao is set, and 12 Diving Rebels members and their guests will enjoy a week of diving and fun!!

Watch the club newsletter and your email for announcements about trips being planned for 2016!

Life's an adventure; don't miss out. Join the Diving Rebels on a blue-water dive trip!



May Quarterly Outing: “Laserfinger” Report Sharon Harris

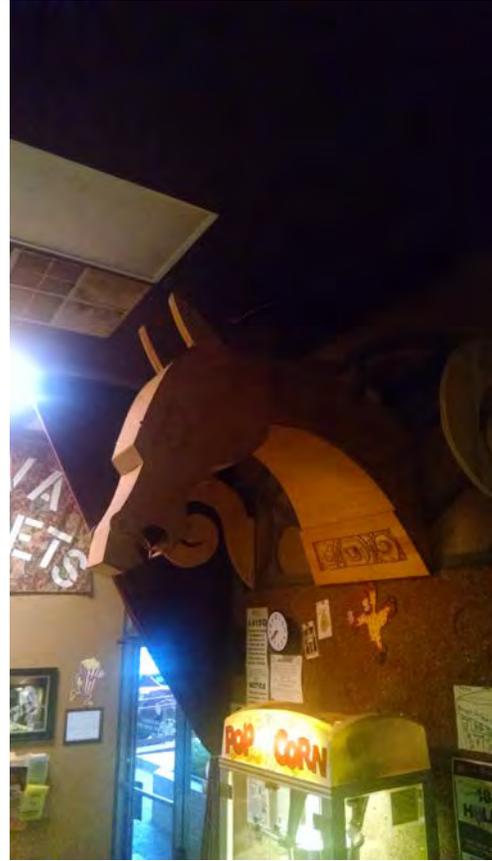
Twelve Diving Rebels headed down to Dallas to visit the Pocket Sandwich Theatre where the interactive production of “Laserfinger” was enjoyed by everyone. As the villain took the stage, the crowd pelted him with baskets of popcorn, with many of the Diving Rebels leading the chants of “Boo, Hiss”!! Though the evil-doer seemed to be slowly succeeding with his plot, no worries—the hero Laserfinger saved the day!

All of us enjoyed a fun, casual evening, especially **Steve Ogden**, who captured a prize for identifying all of the misspelled words on the menu. The prize, a coveted nickel, will be cherished for many years to come—or it was cherished for at least 30 minutes after the waiter handed Steve the reward.

A highlight of the evening was definitely the root beer floats served during the intermission. Yum!!

We had a great time at the show, as the following photos illustrate.





June Means Summer . . . Let's Go Diving!!





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