



The Rebel Yell



July 2017

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<http://www.divingrebels.org/>

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info@divingrebels.org



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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday – July 5, 2017

Humperdinks, 700 Six Flags Dr., Arlington, TX

6:30 pm Social 7:15 pm Meeting

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July Meeting Program

Our July membership meeting will feature **David Prichard** and **Lily Mak**, a husband-and-wife team of dive professionals who will discuss their recent trip to St. Lucia. Dave and Lily travel the world as photojournalists and have contributed nearly 40 articles to such magazines as *Dive Training*, *Dive Center Business*, and *Skin Diver*. David is a PADI Master Instructor and DAN Instructor, while Lily is a PADI Assistant Instructor. They are the inventors of the Vari-Fit Snorkel Keeper, an item that is sold in many dive centers. David and Lily have been active in many of the Dallas-area dive clubs, including the Scubadillos, where both have served as club officers. Come join us on July 5, and hear their exciting talk!

Upcoming Events Calendar

- Jul 14 Restaurant of the Month: Cajun Corner
- Jul 19 Board of Directors Meeting: 7:00 pm,
Sherlock's Baker Street Pub & Grill, Arlington
- Jul 21–23 Lake Tenkiller Outing
- Aug Dates and Outing TBD
- Sep 2 Wheeler Branch
- Sep 16–23 Fort Lauderdale, FL

Ideas Always Welcome

Remember—If you have any ideas concerning venues for club outings and activities or Restaurant of the Month locations, please share them with any member of your Board of Directors. And if you have any other ideas that might further the goals of the Diving Rebels Scuba Club, please let us know. Your ideas are always welcome!

It's Your Club—Do What You Can to Help It Grow!

Birthdays



Jul 03 Robert Cox
 Jul 15 John Richerson
 Jul 16 Kevin Schuck
 Jul 27 Patrick Roberson

Anniversaries



Jul 14 Robert and Elaine Cox

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!

Prorated 2017 New Memberships

As midyear approaches, Diving Rebels Scuba Club membership dues are prorated starting July 1 to reflect a 50% decrease in diving member dues. The 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.

The following table outlines the schedule and payments for Diving Rebels Scuba Club prorated membership dues.

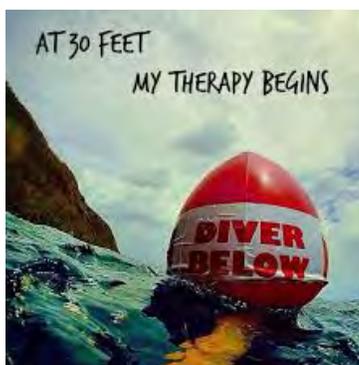
	Single Diver – Regular Member	Initiation Fee**	Each Additional Diver – Family Member in Same Household	Nondiving/ Nonvoting
Joining July 1 and Later	\$15.50/\$15.00*	\$15.50/\$15.00*	\$10.30/\$10.00*	\$5.15/\$5.00*

If you cannot pay your club dues at a monthly membership meeting, remember that Chase Quick Pay is always an option. For more details on Chase Quick Pay, see the article in the January 2017 issue of *The Rebel Yell* (<http://www.divingrebels.org/newsletter/newsletters2017/Jan17newsletter.pdf>), or contact James Rivers at treasurer@divingrebels.org for a mailing address.

* Cash/check discount

** The initiation fee is per diving member and includes a club t-shirt.

Why We Dive . . .





President's Letter



Hello!

“The Midyear Outing, what happened? Why was it postponed?” Good questions. Because of the forecast in multiple sources of bad weather in Terrell over the weekend of June 23–25 when our annual Midyear Outing at Clear Springs Scuba Park was scheduled to be held, at the Diving Rebels Board of Directors meeting on June 21, it was decided that holding the event as planned would run the risk of substantially reduced attendance, not to mention the possibility of danger for those who did brave the weather.

“Yes, we read this and saw it in an email, Facebook, and on the website. But the weather that weekend was great, and the water was warm with good visibility. There was no bad weather on Saturday.” Well, here are the facts that made things difficult—the budget for the event was about **19%** of the club's total budget at the time of the outing. We were expecting 45 attendees, and the cost per person was round \$18. However, while we are Diving Rebels, we're more conservative when it comes to chancy weather. In the past, we've held outings when the weather forecast was questionable, but attendance has always been lower than anticipated. I'm all for “rain or shine outings,” but it makes a huge difference when **4%** of the budget is on the line vs. **19%**. Holding an event that takes up **15%** more of the budget than usual when there's a high likelihood that only our most diehard members will attend is not being a good steward of club resources. No one **wanted** to cancel the event, but we felt that we had no choice.

“What if we waited to the day of the event to cancel the food?” The deadline for postponement with the vendor was Thursday, June 22, at noon, so we couldn't wait until the weekend to cancel without losing club funds.

“What if the weather is bad on the day of an event?” It just depends on the individual case. Besides being good stewards of club funds, we must consider the safety of members and guests. When such a situation arises, the board calls an emergency meeting to discuss the issues and make a decision. If we decide to cancel, we get the word out through all of our communication channels.

“How do I know if an outing was canceled?” There are several things that we try to do depending on who has access to what at the time: post information on the Facebook and in our Meet Up group, update the club's website, send an email to members, and place a message on vmail at TextMe number (817) 363-5567. Here's a link to the page on the club's website that describes the process:

<http://www.divingrebels.org/index.php/info/outing-event-postponement-cancellation-plan>.

We are confirming with the food vendor they are available on August 26, the weekend on which our Athens outing has been scheduled; if the vendor is available, we'll head for Clear Springs on that date and skip Athens. Once we confirm with the vendor, we'll update the information on our various outlets, including the club's August newsletter.

Hungry for BBQ,

Kevin



Member Spotlight: Kelly Barentine



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.

Kelly: I live in Arlington. I have been married to my husband, Danny, for 31 years; we have 3 children (Becky, Etson Jr. “Daniel,” and Kristina) and 5 grandchildren (Kaleb–7, Landon–6, Emma–6, Ayden–3, and Kenzie–20 months).

I grew up on the south side of Houston, TX, and did not move to the DFW area until 2004. Danny and I went to high school together at Dickinson High School in Dickinson, TX, where we both graduated in 1985. I currently work in the Finance Department for Petmate, a pet product manufacturer, in Arlington and have been there for 3 years.

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

Kelly: My desire to scuba dive developed in June 2007 when we took our son and daughter on a graduation cruise. One excursion available was Discovery Scuba in Grand Cayman. While Kristina had no intention of trying it, Daniel had to do it. Daniel, Danny, and I signed up and went for our first dive (after some minor training) and got to go down to 40'. All three of us were hooked when we saw that first turtle, so getting certified was all we could talk about for the remainder of the trip.

Due to scheduling, we were not able to get our PADI Open Water certification until the following summer of 2008 through Tom at Arlington Scuba Center. Our instructor, Jack Gray, talked us into getting our Advanced Open Water training the following month at Lake Travis, which is where we met fellow Diving Rebel Steve Herman. Since then, I have managed to obtain my Master Diver certification through PADI, and one day I hope to be a Divemaster. Now I can say that I have gotten to dive to my maximum recreational depth of 130'.

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.

Kelly: I don't really have a favorite place to dive in Texas—I guess I need to go to more places to find one. If I were hard pressed to choose a favorite Texas dive site, I would have to say Balmorhea State Park, although I don't like the drive to get there. The water is nice and clear, and the springs are fun to watch and photograph. A runner-up would be Lake Travis, although I haven't been there in a while; it would be fun to take a dive trip there.

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.

Kelly: I have done numerous blue water dives, and, of course, those are my favorite. I have been to Flower Gardens in the Gulf of Mexico; West Palm Beach, FL (Blue Heron Bridge); Key West, FL; Bahamas (Nassau, Freeport, and Bimini); Grand Cayman; Cozumel (of course); Roatán; Curaçao; Bonaire; Grand Turk; and the Philippines. This list is in real need of expansion!

My favorite blue water dive by far is Bonaire, which is “the” diving mecca for me. I love that you can dive anywhere and at any time. The reef system and fish are abundant and so huge in comparison to the more northern sites. Trumpetfish (which are one of my favorite species of fish) are a good 18”–24” in length in Bonaire compared to Cozumel where they are about 12”–14”. Whenever anyone asks about where to go to dive, Bonaire is the first place that flies out of my mouth!

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?

Kelly: What I love the most is the ability to view and be a part of a completely different world. It is as close to outer space travel that I will ever get, and the view is so much better. It has made me appreciate the importance of protecting the ecosystem, our reef systems in particular.

What I dislike most about diving is the lugging of the gear, especially going on trips. I refuse to use rented gear since I know that my gear is serviced yearly as it should be. However, that is a minor discomfort and never stops me from enjoying the sport. If anything, it is a great workout! I recommend diving to anyone!

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

Kelly: I joined the Diving Rebels at the end of 2008 along with my husband and son. By election time the following year, I was serving on the Board of Directors as Treasurer.

I like the friendships that I have been blessed with since joining. I have met some wonderful people and have had some hilarious times on club outings. I feel sad that I cannot join in on the outings more, but family and work obligations must come first; however, my Diving Rebel friends are there when I can join in.

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?

Kelly: I’ve coordinated numerous outings and events, including the Diving Rebels Christmas party. When I’m not the coordinator, I do my best to support the club by providing meals and/or snacks when needed. I’ve gone to Tyler State Park early on Friday many times to get that “perfect” spot for our Tyler outing.

I’ve attended outings as close to home as Arlington and as far away as Curaçao and Bonaire. I can’t remember ever walking away from an outing feeling that I was let down.

June Restaurant of the Month Report

Restaurant of the Month & July



Where: Cajun Corner
Address: 2304 W. Park Row Dr., Pantego, TX 76013
When: Friday, July 14, 7:00 pm
Phone: (817) 275-6300
Web: <https://www.cajuncornerseafood.com/>
Email: Cathy McWilliams at social@divingrebels.org

Fun at Jamaica Gates

Greetings Food Fans!



On June 16, seven Diving Rebels met up at Jamaica Gates Caribbean Cuisine for our monthly Restaurant of the Month (RoM) event. The food was pretty good, but I had not taken into account the fact that on Fridays and Saturdays the restaurant features live music. It got kind of loud! Even so, the noise didn't drown out the good time our group had. We even had a guest join us. **Deloris Preston** isn't new to diving, so I look forward to seeing her join the club.

In July, we return to sampling American cuisine as we make a yummy visit to Cajun country for some genuine Cajun cooking. On



Friday, July 14, at 7:00 pm, we'll head to **Cajun Corner**, located at **2304 W. Park Row Dr., Pantego, TX 76013**. (If you don't know where or what Pantego is, it's a tiny suburb completely surrounded by Arlington.) The restaurant has been serving great New Orleans style Cajun food for about nine years but has recently moved to its new location right next to Arlington Scuba! If you know where the dive shop is, you can't miss it. Come join us for an evening of good food and good fun with a great group of people! Note that the venue is BYOB, so bring your own favorite libation.

Please let us know that you're planning to attend the July RoM by **5:00 pm** on **Wednesday, July 12**. Just respond by signing up for the event at the July 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

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.



Join the Diving Rebels for a 2018 Cruise!

The Diving Rebels' own **Penny Johnson** is setting up a Caribbean cruise package for members and guests of the Diving Rebels Scuba Club. This 7-day Western Caribbean cruise will depart from New Orleans on **November 11, 2018**, and return on **November 18**, making stops in **Cozumel, Roatán, Belize, and Costa Maya**. See the itinerary below for cruise details.

Diving Rebels 2018 Caribbean Cruise



Norwegian Gem
7 Day Western Caribbean Cruise, Nov 2018

Inside Cabin - \$599 Ocean View - \$684 Balcony - \$1029.00
All above rates are based on double occupancy. Port Charges & Taxes are \$143.79 per person. Rates and availability not guaranteed until deposit made. Must be booked and fully paid by Aug.10, 2018.

Date	Port	Depart	Arrive
Sunday, November 11	New Orleans, LA		4:00pm
Monday, November 12	At Sea		
Tuesday, November 13	Cozumel, Mexico	8:00am	5:00pm
Wednesday, November 14	Roatan, Honduras	10:00am	6:00pm
Thursday, November 15	Harvest Caye, Belize	8:00am	5:00pm
Friday, November 16	Costa Maya, Mexico	8:00am	4:00pm
Saturday, November 17	At Sea		
Sunday, November 18	New Orleans, LA	8:00am	

Free at Sea Choices: (Choose 2)

- Ultimate Beverage Package
- 250 Minutes Internet Package
- Four Day Specialty Dining Package
- 20 Image Photo Package

Pre-Paid Service Charge (Gratuities)

- \$50 per port Shore Excursion Credit
- \$75 Onboard Credit

For more information about the cruise and/or to obtain a registration form, contact Penny at:

Penny Johnson, A+ Travel
 1216 Glenbury Ct., Arlington, TX 76006
 Phone: (817) 975-6106
 Home Phone (evening): (817) 422-9494
 email: dtravelinggirl@gmail.com

Fashion Show Report

Elizabeth Neumann

We had a great June membership meeting, with three of our members revealing their favorite scuba diving location and why they dive. **Jim Magnuson** started the program by telling us how to find your diving Zen, followed by **Johnny Griffin** who told us that his best dives are close to home and not too expensive. **Allen Bothwell** closed that part of the program by describing his first diving experience, which led to his respect for the sport.

Between each vignette, **Connie Griffin**, **Mark Stonebridge**, and **John and Gena Richerson** modeled several pieces of embroidered Diving Rebels Rebel Wear. Afterwards, several Diving Rebels purchased club t-shirts for a “special price.” The club was able to make a profit on the items sold.

Please let me know if you would like to order any items with the Diving Rebels logo. We have lots of Rebel Wear pieces available!

Show Your Diving Rebels Pride!

Purchase new Rebel Wear items, and show your support for the best dive club in Texas!!



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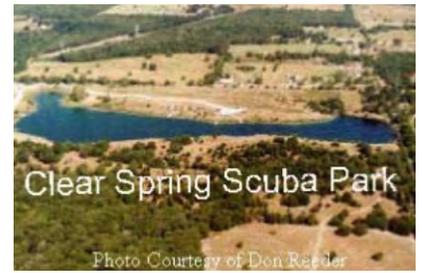


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