



The Rebel Yell



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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday – March 1, 2017

Humperdinks, 700 Six Flags Dr., Arlington, TX

6:30 pm Social 7:15 pm Meeting

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March Meeting Program

Our March meeting will feature **Alec Ranck**, former long-time owner of Southern Scuba in Fort Worth. Alec is an independent dive instructor, particularly in the area of technical (tec) diving. He also serves as an adjunct professor at Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth where he heads the university's Recreational Diving Education program. Alec, who will be accompanied by current and/or former Recreational Diving Education students, will discuss the components and features of the program. Please plan to attend the meeting and learn about additional dive training options for skill building and enrichment.

Upcoming Events Calendar

- Mar 10 Restaurant of the Month: Cannon Chinese Kitchen, Fort Worth
- Mar 15 Board of Directors Meeting: 7:00 pm, Sherlock's Baker Street Pub & Grill, Arlington
- Mar 18 Wheeler Branch Outing
- Apr 21–23 Tyler State Park Outing

Rebel Spotlight

We want to hear about your diving accomplishments! Have you started a new class? Have you completed a new certification? Please email your information to the Newsletter Editor using the link on the Club Information/Board of Directors page on the Diving Rebels Scuba Club website (<http://www.divingrebels.org/index.php/info/directors>).



Birthdays



Mar 04 Heather Thompson
Mar 10 Chip Parker
Mar 16 John Turgeon
Mar 23 Penny Johnson

Anniversaries



Mar 19 Rafael and Ana Centeno
Mar 28 Roy and Pricilla Stillwell

Did we miss your special date? If so, it's not in our database.

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

Welcome to Our Visitors!

The Diving Rebels were happy to welcome the following visitors to our February membership meeting:

Sandi Reasoner
Jason Shugart
Jennifer Hall

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!

And here's a Diving Rebels welcome to **Jon Kitts** and **Isaac Hammond** who recently joined the club!

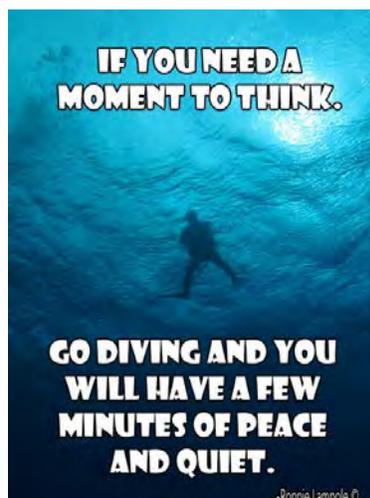
It's Update Time

Now's the time of year when we ask members to make sure that their membership information is accurate and up to date. See the President's Letter in this issue of the newsletter for more information. You can use the link in that message to download an application form that you can use to update your information.

See you on March 18 at Wheeler Branch!

See the article in this newsletter for more information.

Why We Dive . . .





President's Letter



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Howdy!

Since the Christmas Party, I have been thinking about the gap between the generations of Diving Rebels Scuba Club members, i.e., the very long-term Diving Rebels, some of whom have been members practically since the club's founding; those who have been Diving Rebels for five or six years; and the very newest Diving Rebels. While we have socials, Restaurant of the Month events, membership meetings, and a variety of diving outings throughout the year, we still need to address the gaps in order to facilitate the building of **community** in the club. Being the Rebel that I am, I am going to steal most of this letter from our own website to address the Diving Rebels' "Philosophy, Purpose, and History" (<http://www.divingrebels.org/index.php/info/about>).

As our website states, "the history of the Diving Rebels has been one full of exciting adventure and safe diving. Formed in 1958, it is one of the oldest dive club in Texas. The organizers were a tri-county rescue and salvage team. Since its start, many members have helped to give the Club its outstanding reputation in the diving **community**. Members have been publicly cited for feats of lifesaving, and search and recovery work." Also, "the Diving Rebels promote the sport of SCUBA diving in a safe and responsible manner. Programs and guest speakers are provided at regular meetings to improve member[s]' knowledge of safe diving techniques and current concerns about the diving community in general. . . . A secondary purpose of the club is to provide enjoyable social activities for Club members and their guest[s]. Annual activities include Club picnics (Mid-Year Outing), volleyball matches, a Christmas party, and occasional fund raising activities for the Club and other worthwhile diving organizations."

So, how do we bridge the gap between the generations to build **community**? For starters, we have developed a new feature for *The Rebel Yell* AKA "the newsletter." We will be sending a Member Profile Questionnaire to current members, starting with those who have longevity in the club. Returned questionnaires will be edited, returned to the writer for approval, and then included in subsequent issues of the newsletter. This feature will aid in our getting to know those members and help us gain insight into how they have been engaged in both the club and the general diving **community**. I will be looking toward our Lifetime Members **Calvis Hawes** and **Linda Magnuson** to kick this feature off. Did you even know that we have Lifetime Members? You may have just made my point!

Now, how will we be able to send the Member Profile Questionnaire to our members? We need correct email addresses. And we make sure that those addresses are correct by asking members to annually update their member application information. This will also help us determine longevity, correctly report birthdays and anniversaries, ensure that members continue to receive *The Rebel Yell*, and ensure that we have up-to-date emergency contact information. [Click here for a downloadable Membership Application Form](#), complete the form, and then either email it to **Dale Romack** at vicepresident@divingrebels.org or give it to him at a membership meeting or outing. Dale and I will be making sure that we have the paper version of the application form with us at meetings and outings so that we can catch you in some form or fashion. If you need to mail your updated application by snail mail, let us know, and we'll give you a postal address.

Again from the website—“Since the Club membership includes several instructors and dive masters as well as a high percentage of advanced open water divers, new divers have plenty of opportunity to dive with and learn more from experienced divers.” Become engaged in the club’s outings, activities, and meetings, and take full advantage of all the benefits that membership in the Diving Rebels Scuba club offers (for more information, go to <http://www.divingrebels.org/index.php/info/benefits>). The intangible benefits related to **community** building far outweigh the tangible benefits.



How else can club members learn about and get to know other members? Contemplating the situation, I realized that while we introduce guests and new members at our membership meetings, we don’t do enough to introduce current members at those meetings. Moving forward, when Vice President **Dale Romack** introduces guests and new members, he will also introduce one random current member, asking the same questions that he asks the guests/new members. We also need to make sure that we engage guests and new members in conversation and make them feel welcome at our meetings, outings, and activities. **Remember, we are all “Diving Rebels Ambassadors.”** I think that we already do a good job of this, but now since the question is more on my radar, I will be looking for further opportunities to aid in this area. A good example comes from the February meeting, I introduced guest **Kevin Clemmens** to **Kelly and Danny Barentine** and asked if they would take care of him during the meeting; they happily did so (as I knew they would) AND Kevin joined the club at the end of the meeting. Welcome to the Diving Rebels, Kevin!

Another way for us to get to learn about each other is to make sure that our diving accomplishments are spotlighted in *The Rebel Yell*. We want to hear about and help you celebrate starting a new diving class or earning a new diving certification. We also welcome stories about your diving adventures; for example, you could present a brief talk at a meeting or write an article for the newsletter. For information about presenting at a meeting, just email or chat with **Dale Romack**. To submit diving accomplishments and stories, just send them in an email to newsletter@divingrebels.org, or feel free to ask **Jay Delmar**, our Newsletter Editor, for more information.

Continue your dive experience, meet new people, and explore new places with one of the oldest scuba clubs in Texas!

Kevin

**Make sure that your membership information
is accurate and up to date!**

February Restaurant of the Month Report

Restaurant of the Month & March



Where: Cannon Chinese Kitchen
Address: 304 W. Cannon St., Fort Worth, TX 76104
When: Friday, March 10, 7:00 pm
Phone: (817) 238-3726
Web: <http://www.cannonchinesekitchen.com/>
Email: Cathy McWilliams at social@divingrebels.org or fifeandthistle@outlook.com



We held February's Restaurant of the Month (RoM) event on February 10 at Italianni's Restaurant in Hurst; the RoM was well attended, and with good reason—great food at a wonderful location. In attendance were **Jon Kitts** (a veteran diver but one of our newest members), **Jay and Rita Delmar**, **Karen Ashford**, **Steve Ogden**, **Terry Crippen**, **Dale Romack**, **Sharon Harris**, **Ted Glodowski**, **Heather Thompson**, and myself.

I had wanted to go with an Irish theme for the March RoM, but for various reasons, that didn't work out. Sooo—for our next RoM, we'll leave Europe and go Asia. On **Friday, March 10**, at **7:00 pm**, we'll gather at the **Cannon Chinese Kitchen** located at **304 W. Cannon St., Fort Worth**. The dishes are inspired by traditional Chinese cuisine with an emphasis on the freshest ingredients prepared from scratch. Set in a restored 1930s home, striking wallpaper and plush furniture help create a fun environment with the warmth of dining at grandma's. I took a peek at the menu, and this restaurant should not disappoint!



Please let us know that you're planning to attend the March RoM by **5:00 pm** on **Wednesday, March 8**. Just respond by signing up for the event at the March 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 or fifeandthistle@outlook.com) or phone (253-219-6074).

Bon appétit!

Cathy McWilliams
Social Coordinator

Wheeler Branch Outing

On **Saturday, March 18**, the Diving Rebels will be heading to **Wheeler Branch Park, 2099 County Road 301, Glen Rose, TX 76043**, for a day of diving and hanging out with good friends! The entrance fee for adult non-Somerville County residents is \$8 per person; the park opens at 7:00 am and closes at sunset. Wheeler Branch Park has a boat ramp with floating dock, a beach area that also has its own floating dock island, public restrooms, covered picnic areas, and a large pavilion. There is also a very nice fishing pier. The Diving Rebels went to Wheeler Branch last year, and the diving was a lot of fun—easy entrance and exit and plenty to see underwater!

Check out the park's website for directions and other details: <http://www.scwd.com/about-the-park.html>.





Tyler State Park Outing



Meet your fellow Diving Rebels at **Tyler State Park** on **April 21–23** for a weekend of fun, food, and diving at this great park located at **789 Park Road 16, Tyler, TX 75706**, phone (903) 597-5338 (<http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/tyler>).

Tyler State Park is located near the western edge of the Pineywoods ecoregion, near its border with the Post Oak Savannah ecoregion. As a result, plants from both ecoregions grow in the park.

This area is in the Sabine River Basin. Civilian Conservation Corps workers created the lake by damming an unnamed creek that begins at Beauchamp Springs (you can see this on the Whispering Pines Nature Trail). Water from the lake's spillway eventually flows into Saline Creek, a major tributary of the Sabine.

Tyler State Park is a great place to dive, swim, hike, fish, or camp—just about anything you'd want to do outdoors. The park has a daily entrance fee of \$6.00 for adults, with no charge for children 12 years and under. Since the lake is part of the park, you don't need a license to fish there from shore, and you can try your luck catching crappie, perch, catfish or bass. The park has three fishing piers and a boat ramp. They also loan fishing rods, reels, and tackle boxes as part of the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department's Tackle Loaner Program.

Specific details concerning activities, times, and meeting places should be available at the March and April membership meetings; information will also be posted online on the Diving Rebels Scuba Club's Facebook page, so check there often for updates (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/96073813073/>).



Join us for a fun weekend at Tyler State Park!!!



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