

The Rebel Yell

A Newsletter from Diving Rebels, Inc.

-Oldest Scuba Club in Texas-

Established in 1958

LAKE MURRAY OUTING

Submitted by Steve West

The Rebels descended on Lake Murray Oklahoma late this July for another diving opportunity. There were 14 Rebel members, 4 guests, 3 kids, 2 dogs, & 1 raccoon visitor.

Those that were there at sunrise on Saturday morning woke up to a big sandstorm that blew over anything that wasn't tied down. When the wind died down, everything was coated with sand inside and out. Then it proceeded to rain, thus making it an official Rebel Outing.

The weather cleared up by about breakfast and the rest of the weekend was sunny, warm, & breezy. There was a lot of diving activity everywhere. Two newbies were taking open water class with Steve Herman and one became fully certified. Jennifer, Dave Burseson's daughter became an official certified open water diver. Dave says she's a natural.

Vis was about 8 feet max at a depth of ~18 feet. In the thermocline at 24 feet the vis went to zip, so most of us stayed in shallow water. The lake was blue and contained lots of fish, and fewer beer cans than most lakes we've visited.

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August Meeting Information

When: Wednesday, August 2
Where: J. Gilligan's Bar & Grill
400 E. Abrams Road, Arlington
(Between Collins and Center)
Time: Social Hour 6:30-7:30pm
Meeting Time 7:30pm

Lake Murray....continued

We enjoyed a good outing, even despite the 2 year old in the next camp that screamed bloody murder all day and night. It can be said, that a good time was had by all. See you at the next one. ♦

NEXT 2 MILES

**THE DIVING REBELS
SCUBA CLUB**

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEAN UP

Once again, the Rebels cleaned our 2-mile stretch of Pioneer Parkway in Arlington. We had 5 adult Rebels and 3 teen Rebels working the roadway.

The weather this July 8 was HOT and HOT and HOT! A valuable lesson was learned – next time we will start earlier in the morning. Fortunately, Anita brought a water cooler and kept us hydrated. Considering the small crew, we completed the clean up in record time – 1 ½ hours!

As usual, we found interesting items: tires, photos, credit card receipts, license plates, car parts, clothing, etc. Afterwards we had lunch at Spring Creek in the delightful air conditioning. ♦

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LABOR DAY OUTING, LAKE OUCHITA SEPTEMBER 2-4

Time flies when you are having fun, so we must be having fun because the time has arrived for our annual trek to Arkansas. Yes, beautiful Lake Ouachita near Hot Springs is the destination for the Rebels this Labor Day. Barge diving and island camping will be the main focus as we will rent a barge Saturday morning, head out and find our own remote campsite and return reluctantly to reality on Monday morning... (Bummer!).

Our campsite will be primitive so consideration of additional equipment such as water jugs, shovels, axes, large coolers, etc. may be necessary. The meal share plan will include Saturday lunch through Monday breakfast. If you do not sign up at the August meeting, please call Anita Nichols by August 20 to be included in the meal share. The estimated cost for each person for the barge rental and meal share will be approximately \$40-60 per person. The Rebels will depart for the island at 10 a.m. on Saturday from Spillway Resort Marina. The barge is large and comfortable, has a bathroom/dressing room, and we plan to keep it busy diving and cruising all weekend. Emergency messages can be left for the Diving Rebels group at the Spillway Resort reception desk 501-767-2997 and we will check for messages throughout the weekend.

Air fills will be available at the Spillway Marina. In past years, we have received group rates on air fills and hope to this year as well. Water temps above and below the thermocline are cooler than Texas lakes (80 - 70 degrees above thermocline, 50 - 43 degrees below thermocline), so bring the heaviest wet suit, hood and gloves you can scrounge up. Water clarity is normally very good above the thermocline and utterly fantastic below it.

Make plans to come enjoy the fun and the beauty of this special outing. Friday night arrivals will camp at the Spillway Resort boat ramp in the grassy area near the bathrooms. We will meet at the Spillway Resort and Marina, Mountain Pine Arkansas Saturday morning by 10:00 a.m. Directions are as follows:

Take I-30 East to Arkadelphia, Arkansas, exit Hwy 7 North (Exit #78) to Hot Springs. In Hot Springs turn left onto Hwy 270 West, travel West through Hot Springs to Hwy 227 North, turn right, drive 6.2 miles to Mountain Pine, veer left onto Mountain Pine Hwy after you cross the first railroad track. After crossing the second track, turn right onto Blakely Dam Road, go through the campground, past the dam, left at Spillway Use Area sign and travel to the Spillway Resort. Turn left at the <-> sign, go to the boat ramp area.

Once again, the September outing happens BEFORE the September meeting, therefore, sign up will take place at the August meeting. Coordinators are David & Val Stone 903-832-0123. Local contact is Anita Nichols & Eli DeLeon 817-265-6454.

P.S. Activities – eat, dive, eat, dive, eat, drink, sleep, dive ♦

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DIVING REBELS BLUE WATER TRIP

PLACE COZUMEL

TIME AUGUST 4

LAKE WHITNEY

PLACE LAKE WHITNEY

TIME AUGUST 18-20

COORDINATOR *WOODY & SELENA WOODWARD*

LAKE OUACHITA

PLACE LAKE OUACHITA, ARKANSAS

TIME SEPTEMBER 2-4

COORDINATOR *DAVE STONE*

PUMPKIN CARVING WITH SCUBADILLOS

PLACE ATHENS SCUBA PARK

TIME OCTOBER 21

CHILI COOK-OFF

PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED

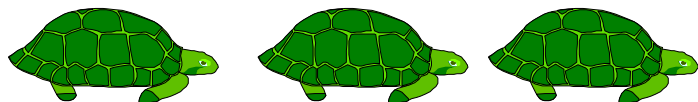
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COORDINATOR *LEONARD PATTERSON*

CHRISTMAS PARTY

PLACE LAKE ARLINGTON ACTIVITY CENTER

TIME DECEMBER 16



TEXAS RIVERS CENTER

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San Marcos Springs is the future home of the Texas Rivers Center. This facility is part of five new facilities statewide that are funded through the Lone Star Legacy campaign.

The Texas Rivers Center is an important step toward making sure that every Texan understands and appreciates the important role that rivers play in maintaining our state's many varied ecosystems. It will be the first facility of its type in the nation. The Center will be located at the San Marcos Springs, where Native Americans first settled more than 12,000 years ago.

Acquired by Southwest Texas State University in

AUGUST OUTING, LAKE WHITNEY AUGUST 18-20

Submitted by Selena & Steven Woodward

Mark your calendar for the August Dive Outing on the 18, 19 and 20th. This is an opportunity to get together and have fun with friends. The outing will be at Lake Whitney Scuba Park. The visibility is about the same as Possum Kingdom. There are three platforms; the deepest is at 80'. It is easy to reach the water with newly extended ramps. Outdoor showers are provided for your gear and fantastic bathrooms with showers indoors. The women have a tanning bed, of course, for a nominal fee. Also for convenience there is a store and scuba shop on site. We will have electrical hook-ups at the campsites in front of the scuba shop. There is not much shade where we will be camping, so bring what ever you need for shade shelter. I will have mine to share along with a fan.

The park is located at Lofers Bend by the dam about 4 miles from Whitney. When you turn into Lofers Bend don't take the East or West Side of the park but go straight ahead. You will see the boat ramp store and scuba shop.

From Ft. Worth or Dallas you will take I 35 South to Hillsboro. Take the exit to Whitney and proceed through Whitney toward the dam. Before you cross the dam you will make a right turn into Lofers Bend Park.

There will be scuba prizes. So pack-up your gear, we look forward to seeing you there. ♦

1994, San Marcos Springs will be the focal point of the Texas Rivers Center. The Center will showcase environmentally sensitive facility designs, a restored native wildlife habitat and exhibits designed to educate and entertain. Researchers from throughout Texas and the world will visit the Center to participate in studies that enhance our understanding of rivers.

The Texas Rivers Center is one of three Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) sites devoted to aquatic conservation in Texas (other two are Sea Center and Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center), and the first dedicated solely to the study of rivers. Supported by a partnership composed of Southwest Texas State University, TPW, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Wetlands Project and the City of San Marcos, the Texas Rivers Center brings together unparalleled resources and expertise. ♦

WELCOME JULY GUESTS

**Brad Duelm
Tye Perdue
Troy Perdue
Ranea Pond**



Brad, Tye and Troy are PADI Open Water Divers. As of the July meeting, Ranea was in the process of certification! We appreciate you checking out The Diving Rebels and we hope to see you again!♦

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