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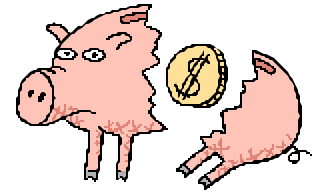
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## August Meeting Information

When: Wednesday, August 1  
 Where: J. Gilligan's Bar & Grill / 400 E. Abrams Rd., Arlington  
 (Between Collins and Center)  
 Time: Social Hour 6:30-7:30pm / Meeting Time 7:30pm  
 Program: Chinese Auction

### AUGUST MEETING: CHINESE AUCTION

Submitted by Cindy Jackson



Now would be the time to get that cash advance on your credit card, borrow from your piggy bank or clean the change out of your sofa and chair cushions....

It is time for the annual Diving Rebels Chinese Auction. This is not only the biggest Rebels' fundraiser but also one of the most entertaining meetings the Rebels have.

The way this works is that we have a live auction for donated gifts. What makes it special is that the items being auctioned are wrapped and unknown to the audience. What is being auctioned might be a dive computer, an old wet suit, boxes of Girl Scout cookies or just about anything else. After you win an item by high bid, you have the choice of either keeping the item, or forcing a trade for whatever item was won before yours. The kicker is that you have to decide to trade or not to trade before you unwrap your item. The previous bid winner may have won the bid for a dive knife that you want. So you trade off your wrapped item for the dive knife not knowing what you traded away. This means that you at least get the dive knife, but what did you give up for it???? Maybe it is an old smelly wet suit; maybe it is a new dive computer. As trades can only go back to one previous round, the bid winner before you will unwrap whatever you swapped him. He cannot have it taken away nor can he force a swap for any other previously auctioned items.

Your item, whether you swapped or not, can be taken from you by the next bid winner. You also must unwrap it and disclose to the group what it is. If all of this does not make sense, don't worry it will be explained again at the meeting.

What we ask you to bring is some item of value wrapped in a

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nondescript wrapping, newspaper or paper bags are quite acceptable. Think about things you can talk your employer into donating, things you got two of for Christmas. How many people really need two paper shredders, twelve boxes of thin mint cookies or three electric cheese straighteners.

If you want to win a bid bring some \$\$\$\$ , as the competition sometimes becomes quite fierce, and the banter hilarious and the items worth the effort. ♦

**LABOR DAY OUTING, LAKE OUCHITA  
AUGUST TO SEPTEMBER 3  
Submitted by Cindy Jackson**



The time has arrived for our annual trek to Arkansas. Yes, beautiful Lake Ouchita 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 to our own remote campsite.

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 Cindy Jackson 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 \$50-70 per person, depending upon the number of members committed to the outing. 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. Coordinator is Cindy Jackson 817-277-5486. We are asking that if you are interested in going please be prepared to sign up and place a \$30.00 deposit per person (non-refundable unless the outing is canceled) for the barge rental. I will also need people to coordinate some of the meals. If you need to cancel please let Cindy Jackson know by August 29th or you will be responsible for your portion of the meal share. ♦

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2001

### AUGUST OUTING

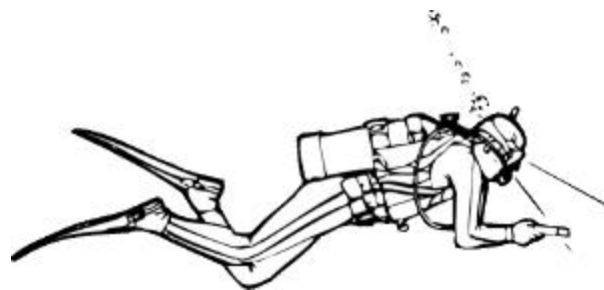
PLACE POOL PARTY/STEVE & FAY'S

DATE/TIME SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

### SEPTEMBER OUTING

PLACE OUACHITA

DATE/TIME LABOR DAY WEEKEND, SEPT. 1



### SCUBA-ADVENTURER

*Submitted by Cindy Jackson*

Also at the July outing at Whitney, we met Chris Stephens, who traveled all the way from Wichita, Kansas to dive Lake Whitney.

Chris has a website ([www.scuba-adventurer.com](http://www.scuba-adventurer.com)) that has information on lakes and dive sites in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas. They have a calendar of events and current conditions, etc. So it is a good place to find information and maybe hook up with some other divers. We may be seeing him again. ♦

### AUGUST ACTIVITY: POOL PARTY AUGUST 11

There is no doubt about it: August is pretty hot for camping and the lakes are very warm with bad vis this time of year. Therefore, in lieu of an August Outing, everyone is invited to a pool party at Steve and Fay's house. Get more information from Steve and Fay at the August 1 membership meeting. ♦

### JULY OUTING: LAKE WHITNEY

*Submitted by Teri Gentry*

The weather was great: even a rain shower. We had a salvage project- due to a storm the floating dock and walkway sunk at the Scuba Park. The walkway was approx 1000 lbs. Ten divers brought the walkway from 30 feet to the shoreline with the use of inner tubes and Jerry Moore's jeep wench. Great teamwork!

Darrel and Judy (Scuba Park owners) rewarded the divers with hamburgers and air fills. Chris Stephens "The Scuba Adventurer" from Wichita Kanas was also a big part in out salvage operation. And I'm sure he will be writing about the Rebels in his website.

Our Saturday night dinner was cooked by Dave Robinson who also provided us shade with his oversized tarp. Upon departing, Darrel said he was very appreciative of the work the Diving Rebels had done. He said next time we come he will provide another exciting adventure by sinking a dock or two! ♦

### COME "DIVE FOR THE HEART"

*Submitted by Cindy Jackson*

At the July outing at Whitney we met some really great people, Jonathan and Stacey Franks and their 18-month-old daughter Haylee. Haylee has Congestive Cardiomyopathy (enlarged heart) and is being treated at Cooks Children's Medical Center in Ft. Worth. The Franks together with some of the local dive shops and several major dive equipment vendors are planning a fundraiser to benefit the hospital.

They are planning a scavenger hunt at the NEW Scuba Park in Terrell on September 8, 2001. The entrance fee is \$40.00 per person to include scavenger hunt, t-shirt and entry into the scuba park. The grand prize is a Mares America "Ti-Planet Regulator." They are still finalizing all the details and may have more things planned. They are planning to have a web site up soon under "Dive for the Heart." So check the website or check with Cindy Jackson for more details. It sounds like a really good cause, a chance to see the new scuba park and enjoy a good time with lots of area divers. Check it out!!!! ♦



## WORTH VIEWING: Skin Diver Photo Annual 2001

If you receive *Skin Diver* magazine, you should have just recently received the Photo Annual 2001. Take a look at these outstanding photographs. I've captured some comments from the top photographers whose work is highlighted in the article.

**Jim Church:** "When you take an expensive trip, remember that film is your smallest expense. Bracket, bracket, bracket, and one of your exposures will be perfect." See page 68 (Fujikawa Maru).

**Marty Snyderman:** "One of the great lessons I have learned over the years is the more I know about my subjects, the better my chances of getting close to them and creating rewarding images." See page 90 (Garibaldi).

**Franklin Viola:** "Before your photographic skills can mature, you have to know when to leave your favorite lens on the boat. This also applies to artificial light. A veteran *National Geographic* photographer once told me, 'If your subject is recognizable as a silhouette, then why light it?!'" See page 70 (Diver and school of Anchovies) and page 87 (Anthias over reef).

**Norbert Wu:** "If you are going to take great underwater photographs you need the right equipment and you need what one photographer has called 'the gift of time.' It's easy to find and buy the right equipment these days, but finding the time to spend underwater is the key to success." See page 63 (Crack in sea ice) and 71 (Medusa jellyfish) and 75 (Alligator) and page 85 (Emperor Penguins).

**Chris Newbert:** "Lastly, never surface with unexposed film in your camera! Every unused frame is a learning opportunity wasted." See page 69 (Crocodilefish) and 80 (Ghostpipefish).

**Doug Perrine:** "If, through the medium of photography, the viewer understands something about the life of that animal, then I've been partially successful. If the viewer feels some kind of a connection to that animal or begins to care about it, then I've been even more successful. If the viewer feels motivated to do something to protect that animal or change his own life to allow more room for wildlife on this planet, then I've really fulfilled my goal." See page 71 (Commensal Goby on mantle of Tridacna clam) and 79 (Female Olive Ridley Sea Turtles). ♦

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