

# The Rebel Yell

A Newsletter from Diving Rebels, Inc.

-Oldest Scuba Club in Texas-

Established in 1958

## MID-YEAR PARTY, JUNE 10-11

Submitted by Ellen Fourton

Come dive Possum Kingdom Lake from a boat!! Members and guests are invited to the Mid-Year Party at Possum Kingdom Lake to dive from a barge on Saturday, June 10. This is great diving without the silt and swill of shore diving! We often find things and we often give things back (Goddess of the Lake thing). We always have a great time!

The club is paying for the barge rental and providing Saturday night dinner. Availability on the barge will go first to members. Non-members and guests are welcome to any empty spot after club members have signed up. The cost per dive is \$1.00, which is used to offset the cost of the gas.

The Mid-Year Party and barge will be located at the Brazos River Authority Scenic Point #1. Camping is free. The campsite is primitive with no water or electricity. There is a bathroom with running water. While most Rebels camp, there are also rooms available at Scenic Point Lodge for a premium price (817-779-2366).

There is no mealshare on this outing, the only meal provided will be Saturday evening. A sign up

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## June Meeting Information

When: Wednesday, June 7  
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  
Program: C. B. Kloppe, III,  
Instructor, Grapevine Scuba  
Southwest Underwater Archeology  
Society  
Mr. Kloppe will share information  
regarding an underwater  
archeology certification.

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sheet for the barge times and for dinner will be passed around at the June meeting. If you can't make the meeting and would like to attend, call Linda Magnuson at 817-467-1967.

### Directions to Scenic Point:

Head West on I-20 (or I-30 until it joins with I-20). Continue on I-20 until you see the exit for the "Old Dennis Road/Bowie Street". Exit here and turn Right on Old Dennis Road. Continue until you reach a light, which crosses with Hwy 180. You will go through the light and turn left or West on Hwy 180. After driving through Mineral Wells, Turn right on Hwy 377. Signs from this point will direct you to Possum Kingdom Lake. Turn left on 254, then left at the split for 16. Turn right onto Park Road 36. As you enter Possum Kingdom, you will see a Sheriff's office on your right and a closed burger joint on your left. Turn left here and then take the next left (you'll see a sign for Scenic Point). Take the first immediate right and you will be within the campground. Look for the Diving Rebel banner!♦

## AQUARIUM AT FAIR PARK

Submitted by Ellen Fourton

For those of you who were unable to attend, you missed a wonderful day at the Aquarium and a real family activity. We had 15 Rebels and family in attendance. A great thanks to Steve Ogden for serving as our unofficial tour guide and setting up the "behind the scenes" tour. It was a rare opportunity and an outing that we should repeat.

The Aquarium at Fair Park has a great variety of fish from many parts of the world. There was freshwater fish and saltwater fish. They exhibit many of the fish that we as divers so enjoy seeing: batfish, anglerfish, jelly fish, seahorses, sea stars, brittle stars, many Caribbean fish, cuttlefish, spotted eel, moray eel, unusual underwater toads, poison frogs, turtles...

At 1:30pm we saw the diver in the Amazon River tank cleaning the glass. The diver communicates with the audience by use of a dive slate while the audience uses a small erasure board to ask questions. The kids loved the ability to communicate directly with the diver.

The next exciting activity was the feeding of the Piranha. We all gathered to watch the fish dart and chase for the food. While there wasn't quite the feeding frenzy that you might see in a bad movie, I think we all agreed we'd rather be on the outside than the inside of the tank – shrimp and fingers look too much alike! As exciting, but less ruthless was the feeding of the Bass fish. These guys get fed peas as well as meat and they are pretty intent on getting their fair share.

The real treat was to come as an Aquarium staff member started us on the private, "behind the scenes" tour. We saw the top of the tanks from the caretakers view as well as the infirmary areas, the quarantine areas and the breeding laboratory (one of only two places in the world which maintains and breeds a fish that is no longer found in the wild). Additionally, we saw holding tanks for fish not on display, the system that feeds the water supply and much, much more. The courageous were able to pet an alligator offered by the staff member!

The Aquarium staff members treated us royally and even shared their education center with us. We were able to watch the staff feed the

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creatures used for education – sea stars, spiny urchins, anemones, crabs, turtles, etc.

Rebels, this is a neat place and a great place to take kids (\$3 adults, \$1.50 children); what better place to learn about the fragility of our environment and the beauty of our oceans and lakes? By the end of next month the Aquarium expects to have a cold water octopus on exhibit. I know I'm going back!

Afterwards, we all met at the West End and had dinner at On The Border. We made it in just before the Star's crowd and were able to relax on the patio. It was almost like being on vacation!! ♦

### CHINESE AUCTION

Submitted by Jim Magnuson

Chinese Auction has come and gone, along with my voice. I know now that I have no future as an auctioneer. Due to a wonderful turnout of both auction items and auction bidders, the club treasury has swelled up an additional \$824. I thank everyone who brought items, parted with cash or who just put up with my obnoxious haranguing.

We had some good items; Steve Herman won the bid for a very slightly used Seaquest octopus/inflator combination. I remember this one because I gave up, in retrospect, way too early and let him get off cheap. Other good deals included a new dive knife, a fish shaped serving bowl, camera and tripod and other treasures that escape memory. A few bitter pills were also encountered the bottom being a IBM DOS 2.0 software including manuals, but with the breakup of Microsquish this may come back... maybe packaged as DOS 2.000?

A wet suit was also won, but this years was in great shape although not quite Steve Ogden shape. While the event is fresh on your minds, this is a good time to offer constructive ideas on ways this can be improved for next year. Pass ideas to any of the board members. ♦

### D.R.I.F.T RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Rebels, don't forget that you earn points for attending meetings, outings and diving. The most active Rebel will receive a single member credit towards next year's membership dues. REMEMBER TO SIGN IN! ♦

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MID-YEAR PARTY

PLACE POSSUM KINGDOM

TIME JUNE 10,11

### LAKE TRAVIS

PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED

TIME JULY 22,23

### DIVING REBELS BLUE WATER TRIP

PLACE COZUMEL

TIME AUGUST 4

### LAKE OUCHITA

PLACE LAKE OUCHITA, ARKANSAS

TIME SEPTEMBER 2,4

### PUMPKIN CARVING WITH SCUBADILLOS

PLACE ATHENS SCUBA PARK

TIME OCTOBER 21

### CHILI COOK-OFF

PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED

TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

PLACE LAKE ARLINGTON ACTIVITY CENTER

TIME DECEMBER 16

## CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA 2000

Submitted by Jim Kirchhoff

Thanks to the crew of the Yellow Electric Banana (Pres. Linda Magnuson, Teri Gentry, Dave Burleson and Jim Kirchhoff), the Diving Rebels had an entry in the 2000 Cardboard Boat Regatta. Although our boat didn't make the finals this year (blame it on the blue monster boat that kept ramming into our boat and slowing it down), our crew did put in maximum effort in the time trials. Well, there's next year.

Even though we didn't get a trophy this year, the crew had a fun time participating in the regatta competition.

Hopefully with some renewed interest next year, we can get started a little earlier with the preparations for the race. The boat will need some minor repairs and a new coat of paint. Otherwise she's in pretty good shape for an old girl that has raced the last 4 years in the Cardboard Boat Regatta.

Many thanks go to Clyde Freeman for providing a place to store the Electric Banana. ♦

## REBEL HISTORY – PAST JUNES

Submitted by Calvis Hawes

1997 New Meeting Place – Mercado Juarez at I-20

1995 New Meeting Place – Back to Bodacious

1989 Tres Rios Pecan Grove – flooded

again, 27 adults, 7 kids, 2 dogs and 1 bird.

One diver slept with a regulator in his mouth.

1988 Tres Rios Pecan Grove – heavy rain and

lightening storm, 11 Rebels

1986 Tres Rios Pecan Grove – thunderstorm,

12 Rebels

1985 Canyon Lake – vis 10-15 ft, supper consisted

in part of a six foot hot meatball sub.

1983 Tenkiller – vis 10 ft, divers included Page,

Linda M., and Calvis. 100% diver participation on night dive. ♦

## LAKE OUCHITA, ARKANSAS

For those who plan ahead..... Dave and Valerie Stone are again coordinating the September outing at Lake Ouchita.

Date: September 2-4, 2000

Place: Meet Saturday morning at Spillway Resort Marina, Mountain Pine, Arkansas.

Depart for island at 10am

Contact: Dave or Valerie at 903-832-0123

See the July newsletter for more information ♦

## SEASCAPE 2000

Submitted by Dave Burleson

Divers invade Houston! It was truly a fun event - lots of great people and interesting events. Seascape included everything from shark dives to manatee dives; lots of equipment and trips being bid on, not to mention some wild looking dive equipment (ask Teri about that!). Rebels attending: Eli & Nita-babe, Fishhead, Jim Atkinson, Teri Gentry and myself. I will give a more detailed report at the next meeting. ♦

## CHRISTMAS PARTY- DECEMBER 16

HO! HO! HO! Mark your calendars for the Diving Rebels' Annual Christmas Party. The Lake Arlington Activity Room has been reserved for Saturday, December 16, 2000 for our party. This will be the first "non-restaurant" location in several years. The advantage of this location is that we can bring our own food and our own refreshments (yes, that includes alcohol). More to come! ♦

## WELCOME MAY GUESTS

**Candy Ryan** –Candy is a Divemaster who has been diving for 5 years.

*We appreciate you checking out The Diving Rebels and we hope to see you again!*

## BON VOYAGE AND GOOD LUCK

Most Rebels know member and diving instructor Steve Willis. Steve has made a brave move to jump-start his second career. Steve has taken a position as a staff instructor at SeaBase in Florida. We will miss Steve at our meetings and outings, but he will return in September. We are forwarding The Rebel Yell to Steve in Florida so he can keep up with the activities. Good luck Steve! Sue, hang in there! ♦

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