

The Rebel Yell

A Newsletter from Diving Rebels, Inc.

-Oldest Scuba Club in Texas-

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CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA 2000

Submitted by Jim Kirchhoff

The Diving Rebels will once again have an entry in the Cardboard Boat Regatta. This year's regatta will be on **April 29th** at Hurricane Harbor in Arlington. We will be using the same boat from last year, "The Flying Yellow Banana", so we won't be spending weeks building a boat.

Only a few minor repairs will need to be made to the boat and we'll be working on those between now and race day. Anyone wanting to volunteer the time to help and get in on the fun can call Jim Kirchhoff at 817-496-6774. We are especially in need of a long, flat bed trailer for transporting the boat to and from the race grounds. If anyone has a long, flat bed trailer available or knows of one, please call Jim.

Races will probably begin at noon. Rebels working with the boat should arrive at 11am.

Come out to the race and cheer on the Rebels and "The Flying Yellow Banana" and enjoy fun in the sun, great food and drinks, and exciting races. The Admission is \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for kids age 3 to 12. It's a fun way to spend the day and see some wildly funny boats and the crews trying to keep them afloat. So come on out and have some fun. ♦

Message from the President

Hello Members! I would like to take this opportunity to thank Fay Danley for all the great work and time she has put into our newsletter for the past year and a half. Fay will continue to serve as secretary while she moves to a new home within Arlington. Ellen Fourton is now publishing the newsletter. Any articles or information you wish to share with the membership should be sent to Ellen – www.spheef@home.com

Look for information on these fun events: Cardboard Boat Regatta, Aquarium visit, Seaspace, and Chinese Auction.

Happy diving! Linda M.

May Meeting Information

When: Wednesday, May 3
 Where: J. Gilligan's Bar & Grill
 400 Abrams Road, Arlington
 (Between Collins and Center)
 Time: Social Hour 6:30-7:30pm
 Meeting Time 7:30pm
 Program: Chinese Auction

CHINESE AUCTION - MAY 3

Submitted by Jim Magnuson

Well it's time for the circus to come to town! By that I mean 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 can not 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

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Thanks to the help of Linda, Selena, Ellen, Scott, Leonard, Chris, Woody, Steve H., Jim K., Eli & Anita, this crew was able to complete their undertaking in 1½ hours.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP - APRIL 7

Submitted by Anita Nichols

Our morning started by donning orange vests and leather gloves, stuffed “Don’t Mess With Texas” bags in our pockets, then breaking into groups to take on Pioneer Parkway.

The weather was windy and cool, perfect for our project. We assembled at 10:00 at the western limit of our section, to work our way east. We finished by about 11:30. Afterward we met at Spring Creek for lunch. Something different now that we don’t get our monthly BBQ fix.

We didn’t seem to find the unusual items we have become accustom to during a river cleanup. Together Jim and Ellen could give us their “two cents” while Woody took home a bungee cord. Everything else went into one of the 60 bags we left in our wake. Oh! If you want to loose 20 lbs. in 20 days we found plenty of signs with phone numbers for you.

Sunday reminded some of us that picking up trash is good exercise. Overall our efforts were a success. ♦

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 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. ♦

MAY ACTIVITY – MAY 13

Submitted by Ellen Fourton

In lieu of an outing for May (no coordinator), we are coordinating a Saturday afternoon trip to The Dallas Aquarium at Fair Park. The plan is to meet at the Aquarium at 1pm Saturday afternoon. We will see our club member, Steve Odgen, working in one of the display aquariums. Afterwards, we will venture to the West End for dinner.

The Dallas Aquarium is located at Fair Park under the Giant Ferris Wheel. From Arlington on I-30: exit at 2nd Avenue, stay to the right and at the second light, turn left into Fair Park. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children ages 3-11. A sign-up sheet will be offered at the May meeting. For questions call Ellen Fourton 817-478-2768. ♦

TYLER STATE PARK OUTING APRIL FOOLS WEEKEND 2000

Submitted by Jim Magnuson

Rebels arrived as early as Thursday and staked out our lakeside sites. The weekend was generally laid back with diving occurring whenever. Meal shares ranged from breakfast burritos to lasagna. In all, there were 24 adults, 4 kids and a few dogs.

Tyler Sate Park is a beautiful park and one of my most favorite places to camp, but oddly many Rebels come to this small lake and neglect to dive. I say neglect because it is a great dive and if you ask any of those that dove over the weekend, they can tell you about the 15 plus foot visibility, the large number

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA

PLACE HURRICANE HARBOR, ARLINGTON

TIME APRIL 29

CHINESE AUCTION

PLACE J. GILLIGAN'S BAR & GRILL

TIME MAY 3 7:30PM

DALLAS AQUARIUM AT FAIR PARK

PLACE DALLAS AQUARIUM

TIME MAY 13, 1:00PM

SEASPACE

PLACE HOUSTON, TEXAS

TIME MAY 19, 20, 21

MID-YEAR PARTY

PLACE POSSUM KINGDOM

TIME JUNE 10,11

DIVING REBELS BLUE WATER TRIP

PLACE COZUMEL

TIME AUGUST 4

of BIG fish, including bass, trout, perch and catfish. Adding additional enjoyment to the dives was an assortment turtles and a San Marcos type carpet of sea grass. Linda and I made a depth of 22 feet, 24 feet was reported. The water temperature ranged from 61 to a balmy 68, the warmer temperature being above the sharp 10-foot thermocline. During our dive we came across a man made reef of tires for the fish and Linda cornered a substantial catfish that did not want to be moved. As we are a dive club I should mention our divers du jour: Ellen Fourton, Anita Nichols, Linda M., Steve Ogden, Steve Herman, Jim M., and Will (12-yr. old jr. diver).

Several Rebels took advantage of the bike trails and it is NOT true that I needed oxygen after riding, well OK it is true I needed it, I just didn't get any of it. David Stone held a wheel-straightening clinic, fixing a Cap Carter taco. The weather was flawlessly wonderful if you can overlook the torrential thunderstorms that started Saturday night and to my knowledge may still be ongoing at Tyler. Calvis once again brought enough wood to keep the fires stoked, way to go Calvis. We even left a supply of wood for the next campers.

Other activities included paddle boat riding and it is NOT true that I needed oxygen after paddling.....(You wusses who only mountain bike need to try the paddle boats-of-death if you want a real workout). A great time was had by all! ♦

SQUAW CREEK OUTING - MARCH 11 & 12

Submitted by Anita Nichols

We had a great turn out, even after waking to a windy, frigid morning. Six members and 3 guests braved the whitecaps to enjoy water warmer than the 45-degree air with wind chill in the teens. Mid-afternoon it warmed up to 65-degrees, and the wind did calm early evening.

Sixteen stayed for the pizza and Ellen's surprise hot drink, which won first place. It was a delicious concoction from south of the border. The evening entertainment happened to be the campers next door who decided they needed the "dead" branch that couldn't be pulled down by two trucks. I don't think it was dead.

The boaters started lining up at the gate about the same time we went to bed. Apparently their creed is "If fishermen don't sleep no one else will". ♦

SEASPACE 2000 – MAY 19-21

Submitted by Linda Magnuson

Seaspace, one of the largest Scuba Diving and Adventure Travel Expositions has been held annually since 1969. Seaspace is for families, couples, and singles; snorkelers, sport divers, new divers, pro divers, armchair divers, beachcombers and water sports lovers. It's enlightening, entertaining, and supports a great cause – Marine Scholarship Fund. It is being held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 1200 Louisiana St., Houston, Texas.

Offered are seminars, workshops, photo contests and shows, various parties and, of course, plenty of exhibitors. I attended a few years ago and it was a great show and lots of fun. For additional details check their website at www.seaspace.org/. ♦

REBELS' BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

I'm in the process of collecting data. I hope to have birthday and anniversary data next month.
Ellen

BLUE WATER TRIP TO COZUMEL

This year's Rebel trip is scheduled for August 4. You have the option of staying a long weekend or a full week. This is a busy time of year (last weekend before some schools begin). If you are interested or would like additional information, contact Jim Kirchhoff at 817-496-6774. ♦

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