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Mid-year Party June 20 –22, 2003

Well, for those of you not able to attend, you missed a great time. I think it is the most diving we have done, other than Balmorhea that I can remember at a Diving Rebels event. We started off with 2 night dives on Friday, 3 dives on Saturday and several of us finished up with a dive on Sunday. Details on the more memorable dives come later.

There were 20 people in attendance, including 6 guests. The weather was bearable and actually pretty pleasant for camping out in the Texas summer. The food lived up to its billing – at least in my opinion and I had numerous comments to support the belief. The brisket was smoky, the fried turkey delicious and a baked turkey that melted in your mouth. We did so much diving, we did not have time for the games, but we certainly enjoyed the conversation and down time.

The diving conditions were better than average, visibility fluctuated from 3 ft to 10 ft, the thermoclines were at good depths, and the sights were interesting. We had two areas to dive, one with platforms and other sights and the dam. It had more of a sloped bottom and compared to most lake bottoms. The other side of the point was more like PK with huge rocks and crevices and a more solid bottom when you found it. We have stories of the “one that got away,” or should I say, scared the bajeezes out of Tommy Engle and Steve Herman as it came from the dark as they came up over a ridge. We had several in the group working on advanced certifications and it was fun to try to do a combination lock at 125 ft plus. On our deep dive, we used my boat with the depth finder to locate a good spot. The only problem seemed to be that I have not taught it well how to stay, or even stay anchored. When we surfaced, at pretty much the precise location thanks to Steve, the boat had left us. Luckily, the lake patrol was there and helped transport Tommy down to fetch it. As it turned out, we helped them with their training for the day. They were supposed to rescue a conscious person from the lake – we were only too happy to oblige. On another dive, several of us went over to the dam. It was awesome that you could hear and feel the powerful turbines at work.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July Celebrations

JULY 2nd - Membership Meeting
AUGUST 6th - Membership Meeting

Due to technical difficulties I seem to have lost my birthday list.



Miscellaneous Info:

We are currently updating all telephone and address info in order to issue a new club roster. Please advise **Robert Dove** of any changes over the past two years.

More things you might not know.

53% of male divers wear Speedo suits under their wetsuits.

66% of divers would accept less money at their jobs if it meant they could dive more.

18% of divers think a periodic recertification process should be required for divers.

39% of divers wear black fins.

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And the most important event of all of course was the drawing for the door prizes. Jima Richie Watson won the grand prize, a bright yellow S80 3000lb tank. Robert Dove snagged the second place with a C8 light. And as an impromptu 3rd place we drew for a 50/50 and Vicki Albright managed to bring home \$30. It was somewhat suspicious that she was one of the ones who suggested it, but no monkey business could be confirmed.

All in all, I personally enjoyed the outing and from the feedback I received so did everyone else. I am looking forward to next year!

Keith

Water temp
85^o surface
76^o from 10 to 35
68^o from 35 to 100+

Editor's note: I must say that Keith and Jima deserve a lot of credit for the outing going as well as it did. They made quite an effort to make it enjoyable. 🇺🇸

THINGS ABOUT THE PARK

Park ranger said that they are really fixing up the place. Pod 2 has electricity and nice stairs to the water. There are several platforms the newest one is 28 feet at 120 degree heading from stairs closest to dam.

From the 2 other platforms there are plastic cover lines that go to several boat wrecks and an airplane. They are working on getting a 3-deck houseboat that was at Broads place under water and moving to LCR Park

They are going to set up a 100 foot chain to do adv class and help open water when doing out and back navigation. They are also going to set a deep float for adv and deep specialties. The other platforms are at 47 and 55 feet. They are deep now because lake is two feet from full. 🇺🇸

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