

# The Rebel Yell

A Newsletter for The Diving Rebels.

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## March 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> Clear Springs Scuba Park

This pond in east Texas typically has 10 - 15 foot visibility and has lots of various "items" sunken for underwater exploration. There are boats, busses, cars and even a gigantic shark. In addition to seeing the sights, a navigation game is being planned. The rebels will camp on Saturday night, have three group-style meals - Sat. lunch, dinner & Sun. breakfast. Cost for entrance and camping will be \$15/person with 20 or more people (or \$20 with less). Located 40 minutes east of Dallas. Take Hwy 80 to Terrell and go 1 more mile to FM 428, then 8 miles to Cedar Grove Rd. In 2 miles the quarry is on left. Browse their website for more information and photos of the park.

**George Bartulevicz** is coordinating this outing and will have further details and sign up sheets for meals at the March membership meeting.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 5<sup>th</sup> - Membership Meeting @ J. Gilligans in Arlington  
Social @ 6:30 / Meeting @ 7:30pm

MARCH 20<sup>th</sup> - Board of Director's Meeting

MARCH 22 -23 Clear Springs Scuba Park

APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup> - Membership Meeting @ J. Gilligan's in Arlington

APRIL 5<sup>th</sup> - Adopt-a-Highway Trash pick up

APRIL outing - Date to be announced/ Tyler State Park

MAY 7<sup>th</sup> - Membership Meeting

MAY 24-26<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day outing - plans pending

JUNE 4<sup>th</sup> - Membership Meeting

JULY 2<sup>nd</sup> - Membership Meeting

AUGUST 6<sup>th</sup> - Membership Meeting



## Lake Murray 2003

What a weekend – 85 divers in attendance at a February dive at lake Murray Oklahoma!

We had over a dozen actually dive, several made dives with wet suits, but others took advantage of the dry suit demos provided through Emerald Sea Scuba courtesy of Dacor and Whites. Those who braved the drizzle Friday night were rewarded with a dry warming Saturday morning that was perfect for a little mid-winter dip. Lake conditions were excellent with only a slight chop present but the clarity of the water was better than would be found in the warmer months.

The two vendors came prepared for a crowd and had an ample supply of varying sized dry suits so wait times were short. Beyond just getting the chance to try out the dryer side of aquatics, there was a great deal of information disseminated about the differences in the dry suits, how to properly don one, the best way to burp one and many, many more details of their use. The comfort level of these suits was high enough that some divers dove several times in order to compare the fit and feel of different models.

The actual diving itself was positively great. On Scott Jones dive he reported being able to see Randal Paden up to 15 feet away. The water temperature per Steve Sadler's computer was a balmy 48 degrees and he echoed the claims of extended visibility.

In addition to orchestrating the outing, Steve Sadler also played chief cook, targeting his culinary talents at 100 pounds of brisket, 25 pounds of Chicken and three turkeys. Jimmy Atkinson provided a huge pot of beans to compliment Steve's barbeque delights and Fay made a big batch of killer potato salad. The post Saturday dinner was made special by the enormous bonfire stocked from a trailer load of Jimmy Atkinson's wood.

Those who did not dive missed some great water, and those that missed the trip missed a fabulous outing.

Other divers (Apologies if you are missed) Steve Herman, George Bartulevicz, Selena Woodward, Tommy Engle, Clyde Freeman, Jim Magnuson, Steve West, Steve Ogden, Keith Weber, Gemma and several Fins and Dillos.

Submitted by Jim Magnuson

## Check out the comparisons below between shark attacks and other "dangerous" encounters.

### Sharks versus Lightning

	Time Period	Number of Lightning Strikes	Number of Fatal Strikes	Number of Sharks Attacks	Number of Fatal Attacks
Florida	1959-90	1,155	<b>313</b>	180	<b>4</b>
USA	1959-90	5,528	<b>1,505</b>	336	<b>12</b>

Source of lightning data: Hollifield, J. 1991. National Summary of Lightning, 1990. U.S. Dept. Commerce, National Climatic Data Center, Asheville, NC, 11p.

Source of shark attack data: International Shark Attack File, 3 February 1998.

### Sharks versus Home Improvement

HOME INJURY	Year	Number of Injuries
Nails, screws, tacks and bolts	1996	198,849
Ladders	1996	138,894
Toilets	1996	43,687
Buckets	1996	10,907
SHARK-RELATED INJURY	1996	<b>18</b>

Source of home injury data: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC, U.S.A. (1997).

Source of shark attack data: International Shark Attack File

### Sharks versus Other Animals

Category	Annual Average
Shark bites	100
Shark-related fatalities	10
Elephant-related fatalities	250
Bee-sting fatalities	1,250
Alligator-related human fatalities	2,500
Sharks killed by man	<b>100,000,000</b>

Source of data: Conservation Biology and Greenpeace Magazine

## March Celebrations

Anita Nichols: Birthday - 3/16  
Rick Riley: Birthday - 3/10  
Debra Welch: Birthday - 3/20

Troy & Debra Welch: Aniv. - 3/5



## 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.

### **Board of Director's Meeting**

March 20<sup>th</sup> @7:00 pm  
Golden Corral on Hwy 360

### **Adopt-a-Highway Trash Pick-up**

10:00am Meet in front of Discount Electronics @ Collins & Pioneer  
About 1 hour, lunch afterwards.

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