

The Rebel Yell

A Newsletter for the Diving Rebels.

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Christmas Party!

Diving Rebels Christmas Party! December 11th.
See Page 3 for more information.

Early Bird Renewal Discounts!

Renew your membership by the end of the December meeting. After the limited time offer, the rates are the new standard: regular membership rates, so take advantage of the savings and renew early. See the full details in the Treasures letter on page 3.

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December Meeting Program

We have extended an invitation to Alex Ranck, owner of Southern Scuba in Fort Worth, to speak to us on his technical diving perspective and training. Alec offers some very insights that will be of value to us all.

Calendar of Events

December 1st Monthly Membership Meeting.

December 11th Christmas Party & Club Pot Luck

November Outing – November 6, 2004 Diving Rebels Adopt-A-Hiway and Chili Cook off

What a gorgeous day for the Adopt-A-Hiway and Chili Cook off. Club members met at 10am to begin the quarterly clean up. We piled in to Jill's excursion and began the pickup along Pioneer Parkway near 360. There was a good turnout and the great weather made for a nice morning. At one point, it looked like a homeless person had joined our efforts as a man with a shopping cart with bags in it was seen picking up trash and placing it in the cart. Upon closer observation, it turned out to be your club President, Steve O! He had found the cart along the side of the road and put it to use instead of carrying the trash bags.

Most of the group continued to cover the 2-mile stretch throughout the morning. A few of us picked up trash for half the distance then went to Cedar Hill State Park to prepare for the Chili Cook off. Danny Bouska brought a grill and by the time the group finished picking up trash and made their way to the park, he had hamburgers ready for the hungry mob. You could tell that all the walking and bending over to pick up trash had developed some healthy appetites as everyone enjoyed hamburgers, chips, drinks, and wings. Doug Sheppard had gotten a great spot at the park right on the water. There was very little wind and everyone sat around and enjoyed the afternoon.

Around 2:00, those that had brought their ingredients for chili began to put their talents to work as the smell of chili wafted through the air. Judging was to begin at 4:00 and there were only 3 entries, but just before 4:00, three more entries arrived.

Several judges were selected from the group of onlookers, and Tums were handed out prior to their mission of tasting the contestant's chili. By 5:00 the judges had reached their decision. First Place in the Diving Rebels Chili Cook-Off went to Doug Sheppard. Though all the chili entries were excellent, Doug's chili came out in front. Linda Magnuson won the best chili name with her Buffalo Girl Chili. After the winners were announced, everyone present feasted on the many varieties of chili. They were all so good!

SCUBA News from Around the World

Ocean Management Systems Recall SCUBA Manifolds

Undersized o-rings in some manifolds from Ocean Management Systems could cause a loss of air from the cylinder. Suspect manifolds have a rotating cross bar with 3 O Rings per side and will be replaced for free. <http://www.omsdive.com/manifold-recall.html>

Why is the sea blue?

Why is the sea blue? The traditional answer is that it reflects the sky. But that doesn't explain why water inside caves also appears blue. New Scientist magazine explains.

<http://www.newscientist.com/lastword/article.jsp?id=lw1135>

Divers about to Rewrite History

Divers off the Pembrokeshire coast (UK) may be about to re-write history after discovering an unidentified shipwreck. Until now it was widely believed that no ships were lost when the French invaded in 1797 - the last foreign invasion of mainland Britain. But items found off Strumble Head appear to be from a large warship dating back to the Napoleonic era.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/wales/south_west/3999895.stm

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President's Report

As we approach the end of 2004, I suppose it is time for some reflection on what has transpired with the Diving Rebels this past year. The year 2004 has generally been a good one for the Rebels. We have expanded our membership and have had exciting and generally well-attended outings each month. Thanks to the budgetary projections, development and discipline of Keith Weber, our treasurer, we have stayed on or slightly under budget, so that is a good thing.

We voted for the 2005 officers during our November club meeting. Based on the vote count that the Board made at our November board meeting, the Board positions have been filled as follows:

President – Steve Ogden

Vice President – Danny Bouska

Treasurer – Keith Weber

Secretary – Linda Magnuson

Senior Board Member – Tommy Engle (automatically advances from Junior Board Member)

Junior Board Member – Andrew Weishaar

Activities Director – Jill Hart

I would like to especially thank both Jim Kirchoff, past Secretary, and Ronnie Jones, past Senior Board Member, for their positive contributions to the leadership of the Rebels this past year.

We also voted for our two annual awards – the Diver of the Year and the Service Award. The board counted votes for these awards at our November board meeting, but we will delay announcement of the winners until the awards presentation we will make at the Rebels Christmas party on December 11. The names of the winners will be listed in the January newsletter. Let me say that the voting was not close and the award winners were outstanding in the accomplishments and service to the club.

Don't forget our Christmas party on December 11 at the Herman Son's Lodge in Fort Worth. The details were first published in the November newsletter and will also be presented in this December newsletter. We will be passing around a food sign-up list at the December 1st club meeting.

Steve Ogden

Letter from the Treasurer

Diving Rebel Members,

(Keith injured his back and had surgery this past Monday. Since he is not able to provide his monthly letter, I am leaving some relevant information from his last month letter. We wish Keith a speedy recovery.)

The Board has decided to run an Early Bird Renewal Special – you know how we can't resist sales. So what we are offering is roughly a 10% discount if you renew by the December meeting. So prior to the end of the meeting on Dec. 1, 2004, you can pay dues for 2005 at the following rates: Reg member \$22, Family \$13, and Nondiving/nonvoting \$4. After the limited time offer, the rates are the new standard: regular member \$25, Family \$15 and Nondiving/nonvoting \$5. So take advantage of the savings and renew early.

Danny will have our membership information printed and on hand to verify and the release to sign on the back. So in one, quick motion you can have the icky business over and get back to the good stuff. Man, what an improvement over filling out those cards again. Thanks Danny!

Your Diving Rebel Treasurer,
Keith

Diving Rebel Christmas Party
Herman Son's Lodge: 1200 W Fuller



Saturday, December 11, 2004 - 7pm
Ft. Worth, TX 76115

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This year's party is shaping up to be a grand time. A lot of activities have been planned that should be a lot of fun. Bring the family and come out for lots of fun and camaraderie!

We are looking to have some great raffle prizes for the party. We have already started to accumulate prizes including a wet/dry bag retailing at about \$200 and a C8 light – retail about \$70. We would like to solicit the assistance of the membership in obtaining the prizes. If you are frequenting a dive shop, please ask if they have anything for the party they could donate to the club. If they need a club representative to confirm the club receives the prize, please contact Keith Weber. We will be glad to mention their participation in the newsletter. Also, the Board is actively seeking trips to be donated, so if anyone has contacts along those lines, we could use your help. Raffle tickets are on sale and can be purchased at the December meeting.

As for food, we will have turkey, ham and brisket and will try to have plenty of it. So sign up at the December meeting to help us plan accurately. There will be sign up sheets for attendance, help, and for the side dishes to accompany the meat that the club will supply. If you are unable to attend the November meeting, we will be sending out additional information so you may sign up for the party, which will enable us to get a good head count for the meat purchases. We hope to have the food purchased and plans finalized by Thanksgiving. Adjustments can be made up to the December meeting on the 1st.

For those of you that missed the description of the hall, it has 4 ovens and a sound system – and plenty of restroom facilities. This is a huge place and was fantastic last year. There may have been some concerns over security, but the location is very non-threatening and well lighted. You can ask around for personal testimony, but we do not think anyone who attended last year felt at risk. Here at last are the directions and maps to assist you in getting to the PARTY!!!

DIRECTIONS TO CHRISTMAS PARTY:

FROM ARLINGTON, TAKE IH 20 WEST. TAKE HEMPHILL STREET EXIT. TURN RIGHT ON HEMPHILL STREET (THIS WILL BE THE FIRST LIGHT THAT YOU COME TO). GOING NORTH ON HEMPHILL, TURN LEFT AT THE FIRST LIGHT THAT YOU COME TO, THIS WILL BE FELIX. JUST AFTER YOU TURN ONTO FELIX THE ROAD WILL SPLIT, STAY TO THE LEFT, THIS WILL BE FULLER. HERMAN SONS LODGE #33 WILL BE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ROAD (BROWN BUILDING).

FROM ARLINGTON, TAKE IH 30 WEST. EXIT IH 35W SOUTH; GO TO FELIX STREET EXIT. AT THE LIGHT AT FELIX STREET TURN RIGHT. GO TO NEXT RED LIGHT, THIS WILL BE HEMPHILL STREET. GO STRAIGHT THROUGH THE LIGHT STAYING ON FELIX, JUST AFTER GOING THROUGH THE LIGHT THE ROAD WILL SPLIT, STAY TO THE LEFT. YOU ARE NOW ON FULLER. HERMANN SONS LODGE #33 WILL BE ON YOUR RIGHT (BROWN BUILDING)

FROM SOUTH FORT WORTH: TAKE IH35W NORTH TO FELIX STREET EXIT. TURN LEFT AT LIGHT ONTO FELIX STREET. AFTER YOU CROSS OVER IH 35 AND SERVICE ROAD, THE NEXT LIGHT WILL BE HEMPHILL STREET. GO THROUGH THIS LIGHT, THE ROAD WILL SPLIT, STAY TO THE LEFT. THIS WILL BE FULLER, HERMANN SONS LODGE WILL BE ON YOUR RIGHT JUST DOWN THE ROAD (BROWN BUILDING)

FROM NORTH FORT WORTH: TAKE IH 35W SOUTH EXIT AT FELIX STREET AT THE LIGHT AT FELIX STREET TURN RIGHT. THE NEXT LIGHT YOU COME TO WILL BE HEMPHILL, GO THROUGH THIS LIGHT. JUST AFTER YOU THROUGH THIS LIGHT THE ROAD WILL SPLIT, STAY TO THE LEFT. YOU ARE NOW ON FULLER. HERMANN SONS LODGE WILL BE ON YOUR RIGHT (BROWN BUILDING)

SEE MAP ON PAGE 5



Map to Herman Son's Lodge

Rebel December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Andrew Weishaur, Dec 9
Keith Weber, Dec 15

Anniversaries

Jim and Linda Magnuson
Dec 11





1. The portion of the brain that is responsible for receiving and distributing nerve impulses throughout the body is called the:

- A. Vestibular center
- B. Reticular center
- C. Neural bundle
- D. Brain stem

2. The narcotic potency of an inert gas is a function of its solubility in fat tissue, those that dissolve more easily into fat are more narcotic.

- A. True
- B. False

3. Signs of nitrogen narcosis may include:

- A. Loss of memory
- B. Reduced ability to concentrate
- C. Impaired motor skills
- D. All of the above

4. The standard core dives in an advanced diver course are:

- A. Wreck diving, marine identification and underwater navigation
- B. Environmental awareness, deep diving and underwater navigation
- C. Underwater navigation,
- 4. Night diving and deep diving
- D. Night diving, wreck diving and deep diving.

5. Scuba certification agencies restrict entry-level training dives to:

- A. 40 feet or less
- B. 60 feet or less
- C. 100 feet or less
- D. 130 feet or less

6. All sharks, rays and skates are described in the class Chondrichthyes. Their skeletons are composed of:

- A. Cartilage
- B. Bone

7. All shark species bear live young.

- A. True
- B. False

8. The majority of coral reef fishes reproduce by:

- A. Spawning
- B. Broadcast spawning
- C. Pelagic spawning
- D. All of the above

Scientists excited about species discovery

WASHINGTON (AP) - Marine scientists say they have discovered 178 new species of fish and hundreds more new species of plants and other animals in the past year, raising the number of life-forms found in the world's oceans to about 230,000. Discoveries being made public today include a gold-speckled and red-striped goby fish, found in Guam's waters, that somehow lives in partnership with a snapping shrimp at its tail. While the goby stands sentinel, the shrimps digs a burrow that both use for shelter.

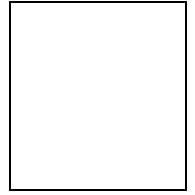
Another surprise for biologists was a colony of rhodoliths, a coral-like marine algae, found in Prince William Sound in Alaska. The hard, red plants, which resemble toy jacks, roll like tumbleweeds in the beds used as nurseries by shrimp and scallops. Those in charge of the Census of Marine Life, now four years into a planned 10-year count, say the rate of discovery shows no sign of slowing, even in European and other waters heavily studied in the past. Some 1,000 scientists in 70 countries are now participating, up from 300 scientists in 53 countries just a year earlier.

"In general, the smaller the animals are in the ocean, the more poorly known they are," J. Frederick Grassle, chairman of the project's scientific steering committee and director of Rutgers University's Institute of Marine & Coastal Sciences, said Monday. This is the second consecutive year in which scientists have reported findings since the project began in May 2000. The part of the census dealing with microbes, the smallest organisms, is just starting.

Once that part is done, scientists believe they will find that the oceans extending across 70 percent of the earth's surface hold 20,000 species of fish and up to 1.98 million species of animals and plants, many of them small, basic life-forms like worms and jellyfish. Studying the genomes, or genetic codes, of the species will "lead to the past history, the past evolution of life in the oceans, which goes back way before the fossil record three-and-a-half billion years," Grassle said. So far, scientists have described 15,482 marine fish species, up from 15,304 a year ago. The number of animals and plants is up to about 214,500, several hundred more than last year, but scientists say they do not have an exact number for that. That is because the scientists trying to share data worldwide are "also discovering redundancy in the records of what exists," said Ronald O'Dor, a marine biologist at Dalhousie University in Canada and the project's chief scientist. "Until you bring all the data together into one place, you don't realize that two different people in two different countries have given different names to the same thing."

So far, about \$125 million has been spent on the census. Its price tag eventually is expected to reach \$1 billion, most of it from participating governments. The idea for the census grew from scientists' concerns that human population growth might permanently alter the oceans' diverse life-forms, as the National Academy of Sciences reported in 1995.

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