

# The Rebel Yell

A Newsletter for the Diving Rebels.

-Oldest Scuba Club in Texas-

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## 2005 Officer Elections!

Election of club officers will be held at the November meeting. See President's Report on Page 3.

## 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.

## Website Changes

Look for constant updates and new features to the Rebel's website. Just added, "Search the Rebel's Site". This feature allows you to search keywords and find information quickly. The search produces results in a Google search format!

[www.divinarebels.org](http://www.divinarebels.org)

## November Meeting Program

The November meeting will be devoted to the election of 2005 Diving Rebels Board members, voting for the Diver-of-the-Year and Service awards, as well as some planning and discussion for 2005. This is a very important meeting that will provide some future direction for the club and the attendance of all members is greatly encouraged. Information concerning the criteria for the awards mentioned above is also included in the newsletter.

## Calendar of Events

**November 6th Adopt A Hiway and Chili Cookoff**

**December 1st Monthly Membership Meeting.**

**December 11th Christmas Party & Club Pot Luck**

## October Outing – October 23-24, 2004 Diving Rebels Pumpkin Carving at Marietta's Landing, Lake Murray

The October outing turned out to be an exercise in laughter and you will see why later on. Ed Cason was the earliest arrival and made camp Friday night. Tommy and I pulled in and had the boat launched by 9:45am and Doug and George were there around 10:30. We loaded up the gear in the boat and Ronnie and Scott showed up. They took the land route and we went around on the lake. The day was incredibly beautiful with very little wind (a first I think for me at Murray) and just the right amount of sunshine.

We set out flags and dropped divers in the water near the point at Tucker's Tower. Ed manned the boat while some of us explored the depths around the point. Scott and Ronnie took a course from the dock up to the point and back. I think caves/holes in the rock walls were discovered by all and Scott and Ronnie found a sunken boat. We all agreed that this would be a good area to dive again. The water temp was about 66 degrees and it seemed very comfortable. There were comments all around that it wasn't cold and everyone had a good time.

Scott and Ronnie had a sandwich and were off to tend to other life duties back in the metroplex. The rest of us sat and had a leisurely lunch and swapped stories. Dave, Bob and friend, Debbie rolled in just in time for the next dive.

We had a coordinator decision and consensus among the group that since there were only 3 entries that we forego the carving and utilize the boat to dive the more unreachable areas. We loaded all the gear for 6 divers in the boat and then the divers drove around as the gear was ferried over to the dam. As the divers swam the 15ft from the unfriendly shore, we passed out the equipment and they donned it in the water. Bob Martinez gets the mention for near insanity because that 66 degrees felt ok in my wetsuit, but Bob was only in his swimsuit – brrrrrr!

George also has a new claim to fame and was the provider of the exercise in laughter. George took it upon himself to create a pumpkin dive-hat-o-lantern. He went walking through the

campground and a clamor arose as he went. He also wore it at the beginning of the dive at the dam. There are plenty of pictures of this so check out the website soon. Maybe they will get in the newsletter, but I am not the technical guy who will pull that off. In the end, each of the carving team members had to don the hat for a photo and be initiated into the winners club. Once we were all winners, we drew numbers from a hat and had prize-choosing rounds. This is another example of our Rebel improvisation at work and just having a good time.

Dinner was fabulous as Bob worked his magic with fried catfish, french fries and cole slaw. Debbie had also baked various kinds of cookies. George and Doug blew out after they ate and the rest of us grazed as each new batch of fish and fries was laid out. There was plenty of catfish so some fellow campers/divers were invited to partake and so our party grew. We ate until we were stuffed and enjoyed every morsel. I headed back around 11pm for my Sunday obligations (catch a plane to LA to see my daughter) while the others drifted off to their tents for the night.



## President's Report

These past two months have been a very busy time for me personally, having finally made it through all my State Fair of Texas obligations, as well as for members of the Diving Rebels Board in general. I would like to apologize on behalf of the Board to the membership for the fact that you did not receive an October newsletter. I did not know until after the fact that Robert Dove, our former newsletter editor, had become inundated with work obligations that ultimately precluded his ability to continue to serve as our newsletter editor. Robert has certainly fulfilled more than his fair share of responsibility to the club in being our newsletter editor for nearly three years and we thank him for his colorful newsletters.

We hope we can continue this tradition of excellence, but for that, however, we need the assistance of the membership in the form of someone stepping forward to take on this most important role in our club. I have said on many occasions in this organization, as well as others in which I have had leadership responsibilities, that however excellent the officers and their ideas and planned activities and directions for the organization, without a good editor to translate and communicate this information, the efforts of the leadership may be unrealized. So we solicit the assistance of one of you who has the interest, skills, time and energy to help us in this regard. Danny Bouska, our already overworked Vice President and Webmaster, has agreed to be our interim editor for a short period, perhaps to the end of the year. So if you yourself have this interest or know of someone who may serve in this capacity, please inform one of the board members.

It is important that as many members as possible attend the November club meeting as we will be voting for the officer slate for next year. Based upon our board nominations at the October meeting, the following candidates are available and qualified (attendance of five 2004 club meetings and five 2004 outings as of the October meeting) for election to the 2005 Board.

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

Please realize that additional qualified members may be entered on the ballot as write-in candidates.

So come out and cast your vote and have an impact on the direction of our club. Thanks to all for your support and participation this year.

Steve Ogden

## Letter from the Treasurer

Diving Rebel Members,

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!

This year we have operated within very close tolerances of our budget. We are slightly over in revenue and under in expenses which makes for a good case. In the November meeting I will be proposing a couple of budget amendments to enhance the Christmas prize expenditures. On top of the prizes we have had donated already, I am proposing an increase of \$300 to the \$500 budgeted and shift the budget line for the location to prizes and round it off at about \$1,000 for the prize budget.

Budgeting will be an exciting time this year for 2005 and we are ahead of the game. We have a strong membership and with the increase in fees, I will be asking to return to the \$40/day budget for outings as we had in 2003. I am also going to budget for our annual 3-day weekend trips. I know traditionally this has not been done in the past, but I feel it is more accurate and will provide stability for the trips. I also now have 2 years of history to help with a forecast of such costs and expected contributions from the participants. Of course, I will defer to the club majority on how the budget is prepared, but want to lend my expertise to the refining our financial presentation.

I look forward to lots of great diving and social times.

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. Those at the October Pumpkin Carving outing did a little brainstorming and thought up a hurricane of ideas. These plans are still in the development stage and will be presented to and discussed by the Board.

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 will go on sale at the November meeting.

As for food, we will have turkey, ham and brisket and will try to have plenty of it. So sign up at the November 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

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 November Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays

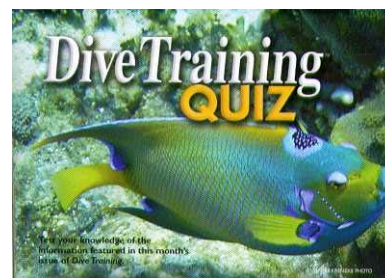
Steve Herman, November 12

### Anniversaries

Rick Riley – November 6

### 1. In its early years, freediving was called:

- A. "Frog-finning"
- B. "Frog diving"
- C. "Goggling"
- D. "Masking"



### 2. The individual credited with creating the first formal scuba training program and textbook in the United States is:

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| A. Jacques Cousteau | B. Emile Gagnan |
| C. Conrad Limbaugh  | D. Al Tilman    |

### 3. The size of a scuba tank is measured by:

- A. Its height
- B. Its weight
- C. The volume of air it holds

**4. The pressure to which a scuba cylinder can safely be filled for use by divers is known as its:**

- A. Service pressure
- B. Working pressure
- C. Fill pressure
- D. A and B are correct
- E. B and C are correct

**5. A pressure-release disk, which prevents the scuba cylinder from exploding due to overpressurization is referred to as a:**

- A. Burst disk
- B. Dummy disk
- C. Relief disk

**6. In the Pacific Northwest, there are three distinct classifications of killer whales:**

- A. Residents, transients and offshores
- B. Residents, migrants and seasonals
- C. "J," "K" and "L" family pods
- D. B and C are correct

**7. In the oceans, many toxic chemicals do not break down. Instead, they latch on to the fatty cells of plankton. The toxins increase in concentration as they are passed up the food chain through a process called:**

- A. Bioconcentration
- B. Bioaccumulation
- C. Biotransfer
- D. Bioabsorption

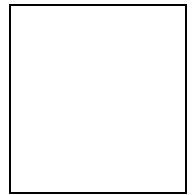
**8. Flatfishes such as flounders camouflage themselves to avoid predation. They match the hue and pattern of their surroundings by using specialized cells in their skin, called:**

- A. Chromatophores
- B. Pigmentation cells
- C. Chromasphores
- D. Photospheric cells

**9. When frightened, balloonfishes and pufferfishes inflate their bodies with:**

- A. Air
- B. Water
- C. Oil

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