

The Rebel Yell

A Newsletter for the Diving Rebels.

-Oldest Scuba Club in Texas-

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Chinese Auction a Huge Success – Steve Ogden barely avoids having to wear a dress at the September Meeting!
More about the auction in the Presidents Report on Page 2.

August Meeting Program – “Special on the Florida Syndrome”

We are going to have a special treat with regard to our August meeting speaker. We will be privileged to have with us again John Cannon, the godfather and Dallas-area resident expert on dive gear, its design, use and maintenance. He is an absolute wellspring of information on dive gear, especially regulators and is not shy about letting us know what is good and what isn't. In particular, John will discuss the Dacor acquisition by Mares, which, in turn, has been gobbled up by Head Sports and what this means in terms of equipment and availability of parts for repairs.

John has requested that folks bring any gear to the meeting that they have any questions about concerning its operation, best use and repairs or maintenance. He has also encouraged everyone to bring something along on which to take notes. And finally, John will discuss the FLORIDA SYNDROME, a very important and disturbing development in diving circles.

John combines a dry sense of humor with a knowledge gained by 55 years in the diving industry. So be sure not to miss this meeting, as you are sure to be both educated and entertained.

Calendar of Events

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| July 31 | La Paz Baja California Mexico |
| Aug 3 | Monthly Membership Meeting |
| Aug 13 | Membership Drive/Member Appreciation Day
Clear Springs |
| Sept 2-5 | Labor Day Outing – Lake Ouachita |
| Sept 7 | Monthly Membership Meeting |

President's Report

If you missed our Chinese auction during our July club meeting, then you really missed it. We had a good turnout and everyone really got into the spirit of the effort, as the bidding was often quite competitive. There were some really nice items and some that were perhaps less so, including the famous heritage wetsuit that was once again recycled, although this time in two packages. But it was all in fun and of course, was an important fundraiser for the club. And speaking of raising funds, we did very well - \$830, I believe, if the information I received from Keith is still accurate. From a personal perspective, this total saved me from having to wear a dress to the September meeting and perhaps spared your sensibilities, although I would have liked to experience the \$1,000 total we were aiming for.

As we have been discussing for the past several months, several of us from the club are heading down to La Paz in Baja California to do a little diving. This includes Danny, Jill and me, so about half the Rebels' board will be absent at the next meeting. Keith will preside over the meeting and those of us absent from the meeting will unfortunately miss the wit and wisdom of John Cannon. But as we will hopefully be experiencing manta rays, whale sharks and hammerhead sharks, we will somehow survive.

Just a couple of reminders about upcoming events – the club will be having a membership drive during a day dive outing at Clear Springs Scuba Park in Terrell on Saturday, August 13. So please get the word out to prospective members and bring along some guests. We will have additional information to distribute. And then over Labor Day weekend, September 3 – 5, we will make our annual journey to Lake Ouachita near Hot Springs, Arkansas for a fun and scenic long weekend of diving and camping. So please plan on joining us for a great weekend.

Steve Ogden

Lake Ouachita September 2 – 5, 2005

Well, this year promises to be quite grand. We have the offer of having a GPS, so our dive sites will be noted to be repeated on future outings or so we don't go there again.

So far by show of hands and those that have talked to me, we are looking at about 20 folks making the trip. That number will cut our individual cost significantly as the budget is usually based on 10. Last year it ended up costing each outer (thought that was funny) about 37 dollars of their 50 deposit. I thought this year we could go with a 40 deposit (due before ferry to the island, but preferably at the Aug meeting). As usual, meal share is available and sign up sheets will be at the meeting or you can let me know via email at actionfigurekeith@hotmail.com or phone 817-581-9010. We will need a pretty solid head count so please let me know if you are going, if you will not be at the meeting.

The schedule will pretty much be the same except I will try to be more on time for the first ferry run at about 6:30pm Friday. I think last year, although I was late, we just had one crossing. So if that works better we can adjust. I haven't decided about taking my boat, it is hard to captain 2 vessels. But, I can't imagine being on a lake for that long without it.

I have to have the dive barge back by Monday at 4pm. Hopefully it won't rain that last morning and we will get one last dive. Usually not since everyone is breaking camp, but you just never know what may come up.

If you have any questions or suggestions, let me know.

I look forward to another interesting Ouachita event.

Keith

Birthdays

Alec Freeman	Aug 1
Ronnie Jones	Aug 1
Ellen Fourton	Aug 2
Ted Glodowski	Aug 7
Robert Martinez	Aug 7
Jim Magnuson	Aug 12
Cynthia Scoggin	Aug 14
Sam West	Aug 15
Clyde Freeman	Aug 17
Phyllis Kirchhoff	Aug 21
Steve West	Aug 27

Anniversaries

Jim and Phyllis Kirchhoff	Aug 24
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Mark your Calendars!

**Sept. 2-5th
Lake Ouachita Labor
Day Weekend Outing!
A weekend of good
food, camping and
diving! Sign up sheet
at the August Meeting.**

**August 13th
Membership Drive and
Member Appreciation
Clear Springs Scuba
Park!**

Remains of deadly Galveston shipwreck discovered:

HOUSTON, Texas (25 July 2005) -- The rediscovered remains of the state's deadliest shipwreck has officials with the Texas Historical Commission along with professional and amateur archaeologists working together to explore the wreck site. The steamship City of Waco, full of the volatile fuel aster oil, was anchored off Galveston on Nov. 8, 1875 when it burst into flames, possibly due to a lightning strike.

All aboard the ship - 56 passengers and crew members - were killed. The only survivor was believed to be a large Labrador retriever. The wreckage had been forgotten for years until it was found again 40 feet below the Gulf's surface.

<http://www.cdn.info/news/industry/i050725.html>



THE OLDEST DIVE CLUB IN TEXAS – Established 1958

**JOIN THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE
DIVING REBELS, IN A DAY OF**

DIVING* – FOOD* - FUN

WHERE: CLEAR SPRINGS SCUBA PARK

WHEN: AUGUST 13, 2005, 10:00 AM - ?

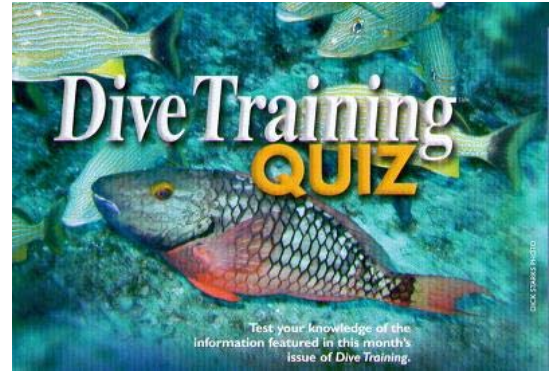
**IF YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER COME OUT AND JOIN IN,
MEMBERS ARE URGED TO BRING NON-MEMBERS AND
SHARE THE BENEFITS OF JOINING A DIVE CLUB.**

***REGULAR ENTRY FEE OF \$20 TO THE SCUBA PARK WILL APPLY. THE
DIVING REBELS WILL FURNISH HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, AND CHIPS TO
THOSE WHO RSVP AND THEN ON AN AS AVAILABLE BASIS.
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS.**

Please RSVP by August 8th by calling 817-563-2616

Or by

Emailing: augustouting@divingrebels.org



1. Challenges associated with wall diving include:

- A. Monitoring depth to avoid descending deeper than planned
- B. Monitoring air supply when diving at deeper depths
- C. Maintaining good buoyancy control
- D. All of the above

2. An offshore current rushing out over the crest of a wall can produce a:

- A. Downwelling
- B. Tidal wave
- C. Convex current
- D. All of the above

3. According to insurance industry statistics, golfers are more likely to become injured than scuba divers.

- A. True
- B. False

4. Divers in tropical locations with water temperatures above 82 degrees are never at risk of hypothermia.

- A. True
- B. False

5. To minimize the risk of decompression illness, before making the final ascent to the surface divers are advised to pause at a depth of 10-15 feet:

- A. For 1 to 3 minutes
- B. For 3 to 5 minutes
- C. D. Until they reach 500 psi of air remaining in their tanks

6. All cnidarians possess:

- A. Eyes set on moveable stalks
- B. Two sets of pincers
- C. Stinging cells
- D. Violent temperaments

7. Sponges are the most primitive of all multicellular animals.

- A. True
- B. False

8. Sponges reproduce both by:

- A. Budding
- B. Cross-fertilization
- C. Both A and B are correct

9. St. Kitts is one of the:

- A. Sister Islands
- B. Virgin Islands
- C. Windward Islands
- D. Leeward Islands

10. Ginnie Springs has a constant 72-degree-Fahrenheit, (22-degree-Celsius) water temperature.

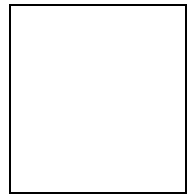
- A. True
- B. False

11th Annual Lake Travis Underwater Cleanup

This year, Sunday, September 18th, marks the 11th anniversary of the Lake Travis Underwater Cleanup. Each year, nearly 1,000 miles of shoreline and lake bottom are cleaned in just one morning. We need your help to top last year's more than 1,000 volunteers who collected over 8.5 tons of trash, so sign-up today to volunteer and help make this year's event a HUGE success!

How To Participate? http://www.keeptaustinbeautiful.org/page.php?p_page_child_id=174

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