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A Newsletter for the Diving Rebels.

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June Meeting Program

If all goes as planned, Danny Bouska and Steve Ogden will tag team a program on Roatan diving, based on their previous trips there. For those of you planning to go, this will be a bit of an introduction and for those of you not joining us, come see what you will be missing.

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June 24th – Clear Springs Scuba Park

This is an informal outing. Come out to dive with other members. There will be no meal share or activities other than diving and visiting with one another.

For directions to Clear Springs Scuba Park, please visit their website at: www.clearspringsscubapark.com/

Calendar of Events

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| June | 7 | Monthly Membership Meeting |
| June | 10-17 | Roatan Honduras – Fantasy Island |
| June | 24 | Clear Springs Scuba Park |
| July | 5 | Monthly Membership Meeting |
| July | 15-16 | Mid-Year – Possum Kingdom Lake |
| Sept. | 1-4 | Labor Day @ Lake Ouachita w/ Scubadillos |

President's Report

Hey folks, it's getting hot out there and that means that a good way to beat the Texas heat is to spend as much time underwater as possible. There are lots of options to accomplish this and we will provide you with information on some of the opportunities to experience this over the coming weeks and months.

Just a few more days now until a number of us are leaving for what promises to be a week of wonderful diving along the island of Roatan, Honduras. It has been 3 ½ years since my brother and I were in Roatan and that trip included an unplanned 2 ½ day vigil in the San Jose airport (mainland) trying to get back to Roatan after a white-water rafting trip. While we hope to avoid that type of excitement on this trip, we none-the-less are looking forward to a great time down south. According to Danny, you can still go if you have the time and money.

For our 2006 Memorial Day weekend outing, we decided to stay a little closer to home than the eight-hour trek to Balmorhea State Park that we have made the three previous years. About 15 Diving Rebels and guests made it to Broken Bow Lake in southeastern Oklahoma, only a three to 3 1/2-hour trip. Jim and Linda Magnuson, along with daughter Chris, arrived by mid-day Friday and scouted around for a reasonably good camping spot. They did well, finding a shaded, bench area on a fairly steep slope that accommodated well all the tents of the participants.

We each did three or four dives ranging from shallow to deep. I had a couple of 100-foot dives; one to 100 feet with Keith and one to 123 feet with Scott. As expected, it was cold and dark down there with temperatures in the high 40's. Even at 50 feet, it was 49° as the lake had not yet experienced a significant summer warm-up. Above the first thermocline at about 24 feet, the temperature was a bit more comfortable 66°.

The shade in which we were able to camp enable a couple of pretty comfortable sleeping nights, with a light cover even in order by morning. And as usual, we ate really well, particularly at night. Saturday night, Danny's barbequed chicken and corn was delicious and Sunday, we experienced a dinner cruise where we dined on Keith's scrumptious turkey gumbo. And speaking of a cruise, we were very privileged to have a wonderful pontoon boat provided at no charge by Jim Crowell of Broken Bow Scuba Services. A great thanks to Linda for arranging this. This made all our dive areas easily accessible.

Please review the upcoming dive outings noted in the newsletter. We'll be having a day outing to Clear Springs Scuba Park in Terrell on June 24 and then our mid-year party will be at Possum Kingdom Lake on July 15 and 16.

For our May meeting program, we had a very interesting program on commercial diving. An outcome of the program is that it looks like our own Ted Glodowski will be soon leaving to pursue commercial diver training with an eye to a new career.

Steve Ogden

DIVING REBELS / SCUBADILLOS LABOR DAY DIVE

September 1-4, 2006

Lake Ouachita, Arkansas

Mark your calendar! This joint outing is in the planning stages. We have reserved the barge and will need at least two small boats for air and ice runs. Also we have yet to determine where we will be camping as this will be based on how many are planning to attend. This outing will require a lot of helpers, so please step up. Let me know how you would like to help by the June meeting.

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Mid-Year Party/Outing July 15 – 16, 2006 @ PK Lake

Join the Rebels for a day or weekend of fun at Scuba Point on beautiful Possum Kingdom Lake for our annual mid-year outing.

Meals: The board of directors will provide a complete dinner around 6pm. You will need to provide your own drinks and other meals for the length of your stay.

Diving: We will have boat diving on Saturday afternoon and Saturday evening if desired. Saturday morning dives will be from the shore.

Park entry fee is \$10 per person, if not camping.

Three cabins with A/C and 4 beds have been reserved for Saturday night. The rental fee includes park entry and boat diving. All this for about \$18/person. (If you would like a cabin for Friday night, let me know ASAP.

Tent campsites w/water & electricity are \$15/tent site plus \$5 for additional tents and \$5/person entry fee.

Birthdays

None Known

Anniversaries

Mark Stonebridge June 3
Steve Herman & Ellen Fourton June 6



JULY 5TH MEMBERSHIP MEETING Doug Russell Park

The fun begins at 6:30pm, dinner @ 7:00pm

Where: This park is located on UTA Campus, South Cooper Street @ Mitchell. Parking is in Texas Hall lot off S. Cooper Street in metered spaces or visitor section. Walk down the steps, across the bridge and up the hill to grassy area to the left of the sidewalk.

What: Monthly membership meeting of the Diving Rebels. The program will be fun and games. The board of directors will provide Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and the fixin's.

What to bring: Your own beverages, chair and a side item to share (such as chips, salads, fruit, dessert). Contact a board member if you have outdoor games such as horseshoes, bocce, volleyball & net, etc.

A short business meeting will be held at 7:30pm.



BROKEN Bow Lake – Memorial Day

Oklahoma was more than OK for the Diving Rebels over the Memorial Day Weekend. 17 Rebels and guests made the trek to enjoy this beautiful Oklahoma Lake and great Oklahoma hospitality. A few of us arrived early to try and claim hot camp sites and lucky we did for it turns out that the great campsites are gone a WEEK! before the Memorial day weekend. Rather than being able to camp on the end of the peninsula at the Eagle Road campground, we were able to scrounge a previously decommissioned campsite adjoining the boat ramps. This turned out to work great especially as we did not require direct access to diveable water thanks to the hospitality of the dive shop in Broken Bow.

True to his word, Jim Crowell of Broken Bow SCUBA loaned us a boat for our use on the lake. The level of this generosity was way beyond expectations. He loaned us a 25 foot three pontoon boat decked out with every conceivable amenity. It had electrically winched anchor, stereo CD, running lights *and* just to help avoid sand bars at night, a state of the art Lorentz depth mapper with GPS! Condition was like new and was the envy of other divers on the lake. All we had to do was replace gas we used; he even refused an offered “donation” of wear and tear dollars.

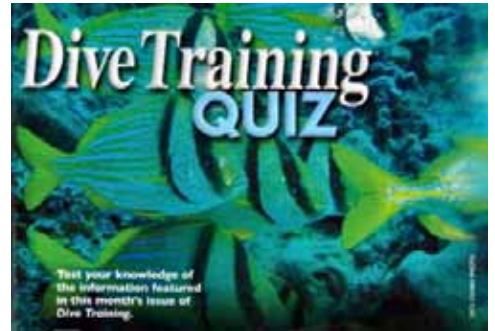
The diving was an interesting mixed bag. While visibility admittedly was below the normal clarity for this lake, there were depths and locations where we had +15 foot visibility. There was a weird murky layer between about 12 feet and 25 feet that blocked out a lot of the light making deeper dives almost like night dives. All dives were boat dives, the best ones coming alongside a cliff that allowed for some divers to make +100 foot dives. If you want to do technical, this is a good place as some spots top 170 foot in depth. Anything below 20 feet required a full wetsuit, cold (49 degrees) being the prime limiter of depth.

The weekend was capped off with a dinner cruise set to the accompaniment of good music and Turkey gumbo. We need to do this lake again, but not on a three day weekend.

Meals: Premium deli sandwiches for lunches, BBQ Chicken with roasted corn and turkey Gumbo with salad for dinners, Sausage and egg burritos and muffins for breakfasts. Thank you to all the coordinators and helpers.

Attendees: Ted Glodowski, Scott Lukes, Marc Gowdy, Steve Ogden, Keith Weber and Melanie, Danny and Jill Bouska and grand kids Cory, Nicole & Courtney, Linda, Jim & Christine Magnuson. Plus Dave Stone, Mel and Jerry. Also 5 dogs.





1, Diving conditions along the U.S. Atlantic coast are influenced by the Gulf Stream.

- A. True B. False

2, The process by which beings change over time, producing new features and, eventually, new species, is called:

- A. Giant impact theory B. Theory of relativity
C. Evolution D. Plate tectonics

3, A notable shipwreck off the coast of Maine is the:

- A. Brisbane B. Spiegel Grove C. Wandby D. Oriskany

4, Reasons to consider delaying a diving include:

- A. Colds B. Flu C. Injury D. Pregnancy E. All of the above

5, When you are in the ideal snorkeling position, the snorkel should:

- A. Point downward B. Point upward
C. Point at a 10-degree angle D. Be parallel with the water

6, When a slingjaw wrasse "slings its jaws" forward, the jaws can reach out as far as 50 percent of its overall body length.

- A. True B. False

7, Bonaire is known not only for its diving attractions but for:

- A. Parachuting B. Windsurfing C. Canoeing

8, Since the 1970s the Panama City Marine Institute has been placing artificial reefs off the shore of St. Andrews State Recreation Area. These include 14:

- A. Aircraft carriers B. Ferry boats C. Bridge spans

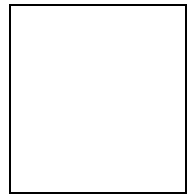
9, When trying to photograph for a silhouette effect, try to position the subject:

- A. Alongside your buddy B. Behind the camera C. To block the sunburst

10, When getting medical clearance to dive, it's a good idea to bring to your physician "Guidelines for Recreational Scuba Diver's Physical Examination."

- A. True B. False

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