



The Rebel Yell



A Newsletter for the Diving Rebels.

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November Meeting Program

"Cozumel Reef Restoration"

Mr. Frank Elia, of the Dallas Aquarium and who participated on the Rebel dive this summer to Roatan, will speak to us concerning efforts to accomplish reef restoration in Cozumel to reserve some of the damage from Hurricane Wilma. Frank has traveled to Cozumel to present his ideas to certain dive operators and will let us know the status of his efforts and how he would propose to facilitate reef restoration. This is something near and dear to all our hearts if we are at all interested in Cozumel diving, so please join us for what promises to be an interesting presentation.

Diving Rebels Calendar of Events

Nov 1 Monthly Membership Meeting
Nov 11 Chili Cook-Off, Joe Pool Lake
Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pickup
Dec 6 Monthly Membership Meeting
Dec 16 Christmas Party
Jan 3 Monthly Membership Meeting
Jan 20 San Marcos River Dive and Clean-Up
Feb 7 Monthly Membership Meeting
Feb TBA Annual Ice Dive – Lake Murray, Okla



Presidents Report

For those of you who attended our October club meeting, I announced during the meeting that it would probably be my last meeting as it looked like I would be taking a position out of the DFW area. Well, I sort of lied. It wasn't my last meeting, but I am leaving. This November meeting will be my last meeting as I have accepted a position as Environmental, Health and Safety Manager with GE Water Technologies in Beaumont, Texas. I had offers from 3 GE facilities, also including one in the Chicago area and one in north central Ohio. But for a number of reasons, not the least of which will be my ability to still participate in some Rebel diving, I chose the Beaumont position.

I would like to say a most sincere and heartfelt thank you to those of you who have been Rebel members and have supported the Club for these last three years that I have had the privilege and honor of serving as your president. I was planning to make it four years in 2007, but will have to put that on hold. Who knows what the future holds.

Since I have publicly announced my impending departure, I have been overwhelmed at the outpouring of regrets that I will be leaving. I would like to sincerely thank Keith Weber and Jim and Linda Magnuson for putting together a farewell get together for me last week. This was very well attended by about 15- 20 Rebels and additionally by three Scubadillo's. I was greatly humbled and honored by the presence of each of you that attended and that was sufficient thanks in and of itself.

But I would especially like to thank Mark Stonebridge for a most wonderful gift that he bestowed upon me. As many of you probably know, Mark has been a quiet member for the past few years, having moved here from New York. And as you would also know if you attended a Rebel meeting about a year ago where he was the speaker, Mark is a tech diver who has made, I believe, at least three dives on the *Andrea Doria*, the Italian luxury liner that was sunk off the coast of Massachusetts as a result of a collision with the *Stockholm* in July 1956. The wreck lies in about 250 of water near the island of Nantucket. As a part of his presentation, Mark brought many artifacts that he recovered from the wreck and returned to the surface. I know that each of these is of great value to Mark, as he certainly put his life at some greater diving risk than most of us have ever experienced as result of these dives to that depth.

Upon arriving at the party, Mark gave me a small gift bag with some colored tissue paper extending from the bag. I let the bag sit by me for an hour or so without opening it. Curiosity finally got the best of me and when I did open the bag and first laid my eyes of the small china teacup saucer with a plain, but elegant, circular light blue border, it about took my breath away because I immediately knew what I was holding in my hands. Mark had given me one of his treasures that he had brought up from the *Andrea Doria* and this about blew me away. I don't say all this to embarrass Mark in any way, but to publicly thank him for this most generous and wholly underserved gift that I will always treasure.

I am writing this just after returning to my office from our October board meeting, during which I became much more confident of the continued success of the Diving Rebels than I might have been before the meeting. The outcome of board member nominations during the October club meeting was that we were lacking agreed nominees for the positions of President and Activities Director, both important positions. I am thrilled to announce that Jim Magnuson has consented to run for President and his wife Linda will again take on the very important role of Activities Director. But both had a bit of a caveat associated with their consenting to these roles. We need better involvement and participation in club affairs planning and execution by the membership at large, rather than relying only on the board to do everything. That means we need each of you to examine your capabilities to even slightly step up your club involvement and help out with outing and meeting planning and delivery. Linda did so very much so very well this last year that she is a bit burned out and will really need help from all of you this next year in 2007. Jim will also covet your assistance whether through speaker suggestions or other roles like Scuba shop liaison and new member development. If there is not additional member support in a timely manner, your board may become victims of burnout and you will lose the great leadership that we have had this past year.

Speaking of the leadership we have had, I would like to reiterate what I concluded our board meeting tonight with – that it has been my distinct privilege and pleasure to have served with each board member this year, as I feel that this group of folks has really served to elevate our club and take it to another level. I have already mentioned the wonderful job Linda has done as Activities Director. I would also recognize Keith Weber, our treasurer, who has kept us where we need to be financially and has developed a very strong budgetary process that has served us well. And who can forget the continuing great work that Danny Bouska, our VP, webmaster and newsletter editor continues to perform with getting our newsletter out each month as well as continually upgrading our website. Without an attractive and effective way to communicate our goals and activities, we might as well roll us the mats and go home. Kevin Campbell has been a valued board member in the role of Senior Board member and has been faithful in ensuring that our merchandise gets to each club meeting. And Jim Magnuson has been a valuable addition to the board as Junior Board member through his valuable perspective and wisdom of the longest tenured member we currently have around, upon which I often rely. And I would certainly be remiss if I did not mention the perhaps unexpected, but definitely very valuable role that Jim Kirchoff has performed as club secretary. I have served in this role before, and certainly did not perform it nearly so well as Jim has accomplished. We have been blessed each month to have Jim faithfully present the minutes of the previous meeting that serves to provide continuity to our efforts.

Although I will be leaving the area and therefore my active role in the club, I am not going away, but will continue to be a club member and participate in club activities as much as possible from my distant location. Who knows, perhaps future events will enable me to return to the area and resume an active role in the club. But for now, let me again express my appreciation for your support and wish everyone safe and enjoyable diving. Let's blow bubbles together.

Steve Ogden



DIVING REBELS SCUBA CLUB'S ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

November 11th 2006



Okay Chili Heads this is it, the one you have been waiting for all year.

This year's chili cook-off will be held at Cedar Hill State Park as it has been in years past. Following the trash pickup along Pioneer Parkway (303) in Arlington we will meet for lunch at the campsite. Grilled burgers and hotdogs will be grilled for those who participated in the trash pickup.

Cook-off rules: Bring your chili or cook it on site.

Judging is based on these criteria: Taste, Consistency, Aroma, Color & Bite. Added category will be presentation so you can show off your creativity with your cooking area and chili presentation. So use your creativity and have fun.

Chili turn-in will be approximately 4:30 PM

The planned campsite will be # 328 in the Coyote Crossing Area.
(As shown on the Cedar Hill State Park map, pg 4 of this newsletter)

When you leave the park office turn left at the stop sign.

Turn right into the camping area and follow the signs.

The campsite is right on the water and is a very beautiful spot.

We had this spot two years ago.

Please bring firewood if you can.

Cedar Hill State Park is located on F.M 1382.

Out of Arlington take I-20 east exit FM 1382 south. From Dallas take I-20 west Exit FM 1382 south

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Birthdays

Steve Herman Nov 12th

Anniversaries

None Known

DID YOU KNOW?

- Today, there are more than 8.5 million certified scuba divers in the United States.
- Scuba used to be a domain for males age 35 to 50, typically professionals who could afford it and had the leisure time. A growing number of women are taking it up, and now account for about 30 percent of scuba divers.
- That marine animals live in close proximity with others not because of intelligence or idealism but it is a system that runs on instinct and selective advantages?
- A scuba regulator was used for Darth Vader's breathing sounds.
- That sea Cucumbers will release their internal organs as a defense mechanism when they feel they are in danger?
- there are more cases of hypothermia in the Caribbean than in colder water locations? That's because people don't realize the impact that being in water cooler than them (cooler than 98.6°) can have on their body
- That over 60% of the world is water? That's a lot of places for you to go exploring! **So get out and DIVE!**



A Touch of Rebel History



George T. Cummings, president of the National Association of Diving Instructors, is seen here with other members of the board of directors. Cummings is on the far left. The other men are also members of the board. Cummings is the only one who is not wearing glasses.

Panic Is Your Biggest Enemy In Water, Expert Diver Says

By ROBERT WALKER

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Cummings President Of Divers

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GO FISHING—Johnny Narumore of Dallas, left, and Alvin Stoney of Arlington, are members of the Diving Rebels, Inc., class with a water card.

As usual, Baddy is the one that's cheating.
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George T. Cummings, ... engineer and scuba diver.

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1. According to the National First Aid Science Advisory Board, the single most important information for a first-aid provider to know is how to:



- A. Perform CPR.
- B. Get help.
- C. Perform the Heimlich maneuver.
- D. Stabilize a victim.

2. First-time scuba experience programs are designed to provide:

- A. Credentials for diving the Titanic.
- B. Swimming lessons.
- C. A taste of what diving is like.
- D. Shark encounters.

3. Trimix is a combination of:

- A. Oxygen, helium and nitrogen
- B. Oxygen, helium and heliox
- C. Helium, nitrogen and neon
- D. Oxygen and helium

4. The most commonly used entry technique from small inflatable boats is the:

- A. Giant stride
- B. Back roll
- C. Belly-flop
- D. Cannonball

5. The photographic term wide-angle close-up means that the main subject in the image is something small and:

- A. In the foreground.
- B. In the background.
- C. On the left.
- D. On the right.

6. Divers should not place their mask on their forehead because it could:

- A. Signal distress.
- B. Fall off.
- C. Cause the lens to fog.
- D. Trigger hair loss.
- E. A, B and C are correct.

7. The underwater caves of Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula are called:

- A. Volcanoes
- B. Cenotes
- C. Honeycombs
- E. Labyrinths

8. Creatures known as the cartilaginous Californians are:

- A. Sharks, rays and skates
- B. Sharks, eels and abalone
- C. Rays, skates and eels
- D. Rays, skates and kelp

9. A good way to avoid background problems in underwater photography is to:

- A. Get close to the subject.
- B. Get low to the subject
- C. Shoot at a slightly upward angle.
- D. All of the above.

10. To rent out a vacation home in another country successfully, owners should:

- A. Buy a home in an area that people want to visit.
- B. Expect the property to be rented only during high season.
- C. Both of the above.

Lake Ouachita 2006 Labor Day Weekend

First the bad news, record gasoline prices kept many Rebels at home for this weekend. The good news is it also kept 80% of the other visitors away from the lake! It has been decades since I have seen this lake this open and quiet. We obtained premium campsites with a large flat scenic area normally harder to get than Ranger World Series tickets.

The reduced number of boats paid dividends with great visibility, especially in the coves with rock shores. While I mostly dove shallow to enjoy the warm water and abundance of fish, many Rebels donned full wet suits to make dives below the 30 foot thermocline and among the deeper 80-120 foot forests. Steve Ogden reported about the value of the cooler water in that there are underwater forests largely preserved including some trees with intact green pine needles. He was heard to say that the dive at the cliffs was his most favorite fresh water dive anywhere. Due to a somewhat hectic schedule, we did not make a dedicated "crystal" dive, although Steve and Terry, circumnavigated "Zebra Rock" island so they had a chance of finding quartz there.

The Scubadillos joined us at our camp for Saturday dinner, bringing deserts and side items to go with the mountain of chicken and corn-on-the-cob perfectly prepared by Kevin and Sherri. I want to thank the 'Dillos for making the drive from Spillway resort to Brady mountain as gas costs for running the barge would have prohibited the long run from camp to Spillway. Thanks also for contributing to the boat gas and meal costs.

We would also like to express appreciation to Richard Mann and Sherri, as well as Terry for having small boats on hand for quick runs. Also along for the fun were Dave Stone and Mel.

Much fun, diving and relaxation was had by all who attended.

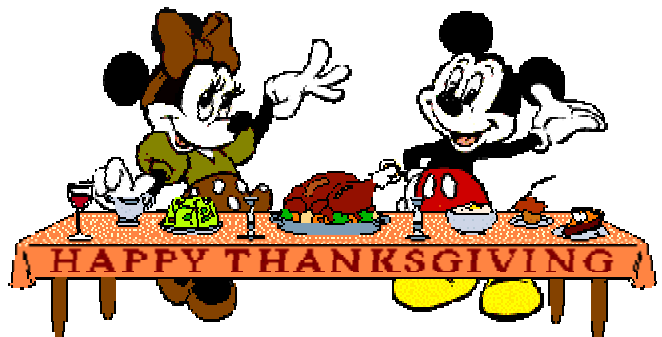
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Early Bird Membership Renewals

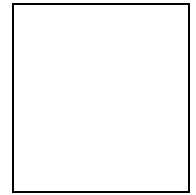
Early Bird Membership Renewals are now available thru the end of the January meeting.

If you pay by the end of the January meeting, you will receive an approximate 10% discount. The rebate makes the rates \$22 -individual, \$13 - each additional family member and \$4 non-diver.

At the end of the January meeting the rates are at the current full rates (\$25, \$15, \$5), so don't miss out. Remember if you haven't paid before the meeting March 2007, the initiation fee applies.



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