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A Newsletter for the Diving Rebels - One of the Oldest Scuba Clubs in Texas - Established 1958
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MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday – August 1, 2007
6:30pm Social - 7:15pm Meeting

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August Meeting Speaker

The Texas Department of Public Safety SCUBA Diving Unit will provide this months presentation.

Upcoming Events

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| July 27 – Aug 3 | Bonaire Trip |
| Aug 1 | Monthly Membership Meeting |
| Aug 31 – Sept 2 | Labor Day Outing – Lake Travis* |
| Sept 5 | Monthly Membership Meeting |
| Sept 29 | Diving Rebels Wine Tasting Night |

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Well, I have to salute the Diving Rebels spirit for all of you who showed up for our mid year party even though there was no chance of diving. In case you had not heard, PK was the color of chocolate milk, not like the kind my mother would have made with a little chocolate and water but the kind I would have made as a kid with milk and enough Nestle Quick to form a "sand bar" on the bottom of the glass, and thick enough to almost be a milk shake!

We had fun despite that, with several of us making hikes up the park trails directly behind SCUBA point, fossil hunts, great food and camaraderie. Keith outdid himself in cooking, chicken, sausage, pulled pork in addition to several sides and desserts. Other board members and members also added to the feast and a great time was had by all.

I fear it may be quite a while before PK and some of the other area lakes return to their former visibility, but ask our members to stay involved, make the meetings and the outings as best you can because while ½ the fun is the diving, the other ¾ of it is the friendships, and another ½ or so is the discussion about the sport. Several of the Rebels are debarking for Bonaire for a week and so will miss the August meeting, but there WILL BE A MEETING with Keith running the show including a presentation by the Texas Department of Public Safety SCUBA diving unit. If you want to see how a meeting should be run I am sure this is the one.

Many of you probably received Danny's email about the closing of Surface Interval Dive shop across from GM in Arlington. We regret to see this shop go; they were both sponsors and friends to the Diving Rebels. Like Danny said, "Support your local dive shop" it's where your training, next tank of air, dive buddy or trip of a lifetime come from.



CHINESE AUCTION – SEPTEMBER 5TH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Well it's time for the circus to come to town! By that I mean the annual Diving Rebels Chinese Auction. This is not only the biggest Rebels fundraiser but also one of the most entertaining meetings the Rebels have.

The way this works is that we have a live auction for donated gifts. What makes it special is that the items being auctioned are wrapped and unknown to the audience. What is being auctioned might be a dive computer, an old wet suit, spare fins, boxes of Girl scout cookies or just about anything else. After you win an item by high bid, you have the choice of either keeping the item, or forcing a trade for whatever item was won before yours. The kicker is that you have to decide to trade or not to trade before you unwrap your item. The previous bid winner may have won the bid for a dive knife that you want. So you trade off your wrapped item for the dive knife not knowing what you traded away. This means that you at least get the dive knife, but what did you give up for it???? Maybe it is an old smelly wet suit; maybe it is a new dive computer. As trades can only go back to one previous round, the bid winner before you will unwrap whatever you swapped him. He cannot have it taken away nor can he force a swap for any other previously auctioned items.

Your item; whether you swap or not, can be taken from you by the next bid winner. You also must unwrap it and disclose to the group what it is. If all of this does not make sense, don't worry it will be explained again at the meeting.

What we ask you to bring is some item **of value** wrapped in a nondescript wrapping, newspaper or paper bags are quite acceptable. Think about things you can talk your employer into donating, things you got two of for Christmas. How many people really need two paper shredders, twelve boxes of thin mint cookies or three electric cheese straighteners.

If you want to win a bid bring some \$\$\$\$, as the competition some times becomes quite fierce, and the banter hilarious and the items worth the effort.

Diving Rebels Wine Tasting Night



On Saturday, September 29th at 5:15 The Diving Rebels will be enjoying an evening of wine tasting at Tony's Wine Warehouse in Dallas. Whether you are a wine aficionado or not, you might just find a wine to your tastes, but if not, we'll of course have lots of fun trying.

This outing requires a commitment to going if you sign up for it because Tony's requires a minimum amount of people or they won't do the tasting for us. We'll have a sign up sheet at the August and September meetings.

Following the wine tasting we will be dining somewhere. If you know the Oak Lawn Ave. area and have suggestions please let me know.

Directions to follow at a later time.

Questions or Answers: Michele Estill,
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Birthdays

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| Ellen Fourton | August 2 |
| Ted Glodowski | August 7 |
| Bob Martinez | August 7 |
| Jim Magnuson | August 12 |
| Phyllis Kirchhoff | August 21 |

Anniversaries

Jim & Phyllis Kirchhoff August 24



Tanks Man

"Gentlemen, we can build him . . . we have the technology. We have the capability to make the world's first **"Tanks Man"**. "

What we need now are about 7 - 80 cubic foot Aluminum tanks. If you have one that has failed hydro, suspected of a cracked neck and would be willing to volunteer it to the cause, please call or email Jim Magnuson.



Member News Corner

(If you have news about a member, your family or friends that you would like to share, this is the place.
Send your tidbit to newsletter@divingrebels.org)

Tommy Engle and Vicki Albright are now Tommy and Vicki Engle! Congratulations!



Mid-year 2007 – The Diving Rebels at Possum Kingdom

Well for those of you who didn't make it out to the Mid-year Party, you missed a good time. We all enjoyed the red river look alike contest that PK had going on. It truly looked like chocolate milk with a hint of red. So needless to say, diving was limited to the pool and Steve Herman and his niece (I think) Tara who had never experienced breathing from a regulator. Later she and I just had a good time swimming in the pool, which was quite nice.

It was especially refreshing after hiking the new trails up and around the peak next to Scuba Point. There were two groups that navigated the newly hewn paths. Jim Magnuson, the glutton for punishment he is, went on both tours. I heard Ellen was willing to take off almost anything to escape the heat she built up.

The food was a feast as usual and no one went away hungry. I counted about 18 at dinner. The festivities continued with board and card games. The Magnuson's managed to secure a cabin that made the evening much more bearable.

So be sure to mark the calendar for next year as soon as the date is published and we would love to have the entire club turn out.

Keith and the Diving Rebel Board



Labor Day Weekend outing – August 31 – Sept 3

We will take our chances on Lake Travis having reasonable visibility for our Labor Day outing. Pod #3 has been reserved at Mansfield Dam Park. The camping area can accommodate 30 people and is close to the water. Watch for details on the website or call Linda after August 7th for more info.

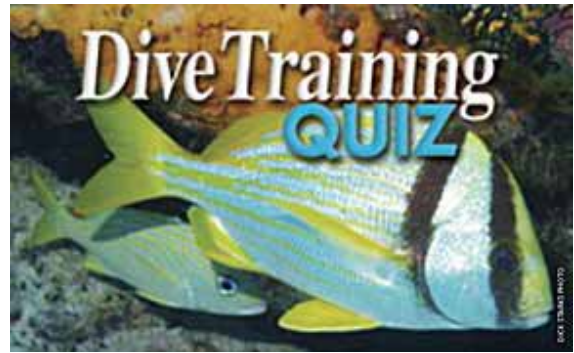
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1. Most small predatory and herbivorous fish have eyes constructed like that of humans, with rod cells as well as color cone cells tuned to red, green and blue light.

- A. True B. False

2. Large predatory fish tend to be color-blind.

- A. True B. False



3. Hydrostatic testing of a scuba cylinder measures:

- A. How much gas it will hold. B. The elasticity of the cylinder walls.
C. The cylinder's buoyancy. D. All of the above.

4. French Polynesia's Society Islands include:

- A. Tahiti, Moorea, and Raiatea B. Bora Bora and Rangiroa
C. Maupiti and Huahine D. All of the above.

5. French Polynesia's Society Islands are:

- A. Coral atolls B. Visible peaks of volcanoes

6. What qualifies as cold-water diving depends not only on the geographic location of the dive site, but also:

- A. The time of year. B. The dive plan.
C. The individual diver. D. All of the above.

7. Thirty to 50 percent of body heat can be lost through the scalp, making a hood the most important item of thermal protection after the exposure suit.

- A. True B. False

8. The manta ray is a fish. The word manta is derived from the Spanish word for:

- A. "Hat." B. "Devil." C. "Cloak." D. "Carpet."

9. The skin of a manta ray is covered with numerous, closely packed, tooth-like structures known as:

- A. Dermal follicles. B. Dermal denticles. C. Dental follicles. D. Dendrils.

10. Manta rays are equipped with a barbed tail.

- A. True. B. False.

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