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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 – September 5, 2007
6:30pm Social - 7:15pm Meeting

Immediately following will be our annual



CHINESE AUCTION



Please see Page 2 for more information on this fun event!

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| Aug 31 – Sept 3 | Labor Day Outing – Lake Travis* |
| Sept 5 | Monthly Membership Meeting Chinese Auction |
| Sept 29 | Diving Rebels Wine Tasting Night |
| Oct 3 | Monthly Membership Meeting |
| Oct 19-21 | Broken Bow Bonus Day Outing |
| Nov 7 | Monthly Membership Meeting |
| Nov 10 | Chili Cook Off – Joe Pool Lake |
| Dec 5 | Monthly Membership Meeting |
| Dec 15 | Christmas Party |

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Well, August has been a bit of an anomalous month for the Rebels. Usually this time of year we are doing a great deal of lake diving, but due to the earlier flooding, and the clubs trip to Bonaire we have not had the mass meet and dive common to August. The Bonaire trip was a huge success, many thanks to Danny and Jill for putting the time in to make this a great outing. It's been a while since I have enjoyed diving coral without the drift type experience of Cozumel. It is really nice to be able to stay in one spot and enjoy a personal spot of coral beauty and even have time to capture it on film. I highly recommend Bonaire to others.

Because of our holding the Chinese auction this month, we will hold only an abbreviated meeting and let the auction be the entertainment. If you have not been to one of these, it really is a hoot. There is more information about the auction elsewhere in the newsletter.

Keep September 29th open for the wine tasting event at Tony's Wine Warehouse.

At our last Board meeting Rita Dickson proposed a public service project right up the Rebels' ally. The basic idea is to assist in offering dive training to disabled veterans. She showed us an article on how this is being done in other areas and as can be a great moral boost to those we owe so much to, I think it likely we will proceed on this venture. More on this as the preliminary plans come together.

Our Lake Travis trip has run into serious issues, for a variety of reasons, primarily sanitation issues at the SCUBA Park, we had/have to relocate to Lake Murray. While this one may have to go in the bust column, our next scheduled dive at Lake Broken Bow should be a "do not miss" outing. Visibility is expected to be good.

***** Our recommendation is that you take Friday October 20th off and arrive Thursday Night *****

We plan to and this should not only get us a great 3-day weekend without holiday crowds, but also get in one full day of diving with limited boat traffic. We are looking into getting a boat like last year, although this year we should be able to get great camping right at the SCUBA Park on a beautiful peninsula that offers good diving on three sides. More about this in the next newsletter.



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.

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Birthdays

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| Jill Bouska | Sept 5 th |
| Tommy Engle | Sept 17 th |
| Russ Riley | Sept 17 th |

Anniversaries

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| Kevin & Sherry | Sept 6 th |
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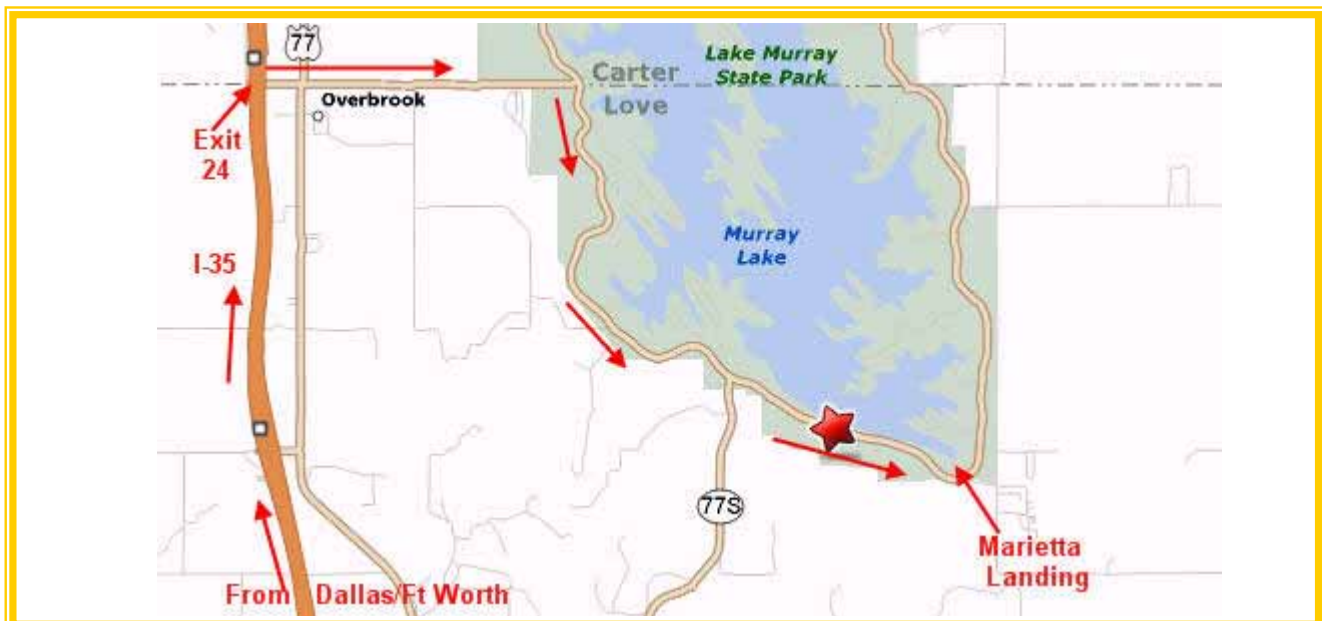
Labor Day Weekend Outing August 31 – Sept 3

OUTING HAS BEEN RELOCATED!

Due to new camping issues with the septic system at the Mansfield Dam campground, we are relocating the Lake Travis Outing to Lake Murray Oklahoma.

We will camp at the Marietta landing area which we usually use for the February outing. See map below.

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Diving Rebels Enjoy a Week of Diving on Bonaire

Fifteen Diving Rebels, family and friends enjoyed a week of diving on the island of Bonaire. The trip started off well until we arrived on Curacao where we found that our flight reservations on Dutch Antilles Express to Bonaire were non-existent. We were told that the earliest we could be flown to Bonaire was Tuesday, which of course would have ruined the vacation. Several travelers began talking to the other airlines and even some charters but nothing was available. As we contemplated the future of our vacation, a representative from Insel Air said he might be able to get us a charter flight later than night. I left with him, wandering back thru a maze of offices and wondered if I would ever see the group again, but about 45 minutes later I returned with the news that things looked good for a charter around 11pm. I gathered our passports and cash for the flight and was gone for about an hour returning with the news that the Diving Rebels had chartered their first plane for a flight to Bonaire departing at 11pm.

What to do for the next six hours..... well arrangements had also been made for a van to take us into town where we could shop, eat and enjoy the sites of Curacao. Our trip to Bonaire had now become a "Twofer", two islands for the price of one" as we headed off to see the sites of Curacao. After our evening in town, we headed back to the airport where we were greeted by a couple looking for the people that had chartered a plane to Bonaire. Their reservations, like ours, had disappeared from DAE's system and they were desperate to get to Bonaire, so we offered them a seat on the "Diving Rebels Bonaire Charter". The couple, from San Antonio, made the third person we had adopted for our flight because DAE had "lost" their reservation. They had been told the "someone very important must be on this flight, because they had chartered the whole plane"! Of course someone very important was on that plane The Diving Rebels Scuba Club, that's who! Our flight actually left early, around 10:30. The 28 mile flight, which once might as well had been a thousand miles, took off and 15 minutes later the lights of Bonaire could be seen in the darkness surrounding the plane. A couple of minutes later we arrived on Bonaire.

We were greeted by the Resort and piled our luggage into the rental trucks and headed to the resort where we checked into our rooms and quickly went to sleep after our very long day. We woke the next morning, went to the dive operator, paid our National Park fee and slid beneath the water. Over the next 6 days we did many dives, some more than others. I personally made 16 dives. The reefs were teeming with life including tarpon, seahorse, frog fish (yes we saw one!), barracuda, eagle rays and many more. It was a great week enjoyed by all who made the trip.

It was said several years ago that the Diving Rebels could never get enough people to go on a blue water trip. Well, I should have bet that person, because the Bonaire trip made the 4th successful blue water trip for the Rebels in as many years.

Start saving now for next year and be part of the next successful Diving Rebels blue water trip, as we will announce very shortly the destination for next summer.

There are pictures of the trip on page 5 and additional pictures can be viewed at:
<http://www.lonestardiver.com/photos/thumbnails.php?album=14>

Danny

Bonaire 2007



Diving Rebels on Bonaire



Bonaire's Flamingo Airport



Christmas Tree Worms



Town Pier Night Dive



Peterson Cleaner Shrimp



Frog Fish

Diving Rebels to Assist in Veteran Families Food Drive

The Women's Auxiliary has asked the Diving Rebels to participate in a food drive for the families of veterans who were injured in Iraq, Afghanistan and other locations throughout the world. The food drive will begin during our October and November Membership Meetings and the food will be used to help veteran's families with Thanksgiving dinners.

Stay tuned for more details to follow via email and in the October Newsletter.

Diving News from Around the World

Coral Reefs are Disappearing faster than Rainforests:

The rate and extent of coral loss are greater than expected, American researchers have found. And the reduction of coral rapidly causes a decline in the abundance and diversity of reef fish. The estimated annual rate of coral cover loss in the Caribbean is over three times the estimated net annual loss of global humid tropical rainforest. Throughout the world nearly all reefs have been damaged; there are virtually no remaining pristine reefs and very few with coral cover close to the historical average.

<<http://www.news.scubatravel.co.uk/2007/08/coral-reefs-are-disappearing-faster.html>>

Echolocation took whales to the depths

TOOTHED whales may owe their deep-dive ability to the power of echolocation. Early whales preyed on nautilus and squid, which rose to the surface waters only under cover of darkness. To take advantage of this midnight feast, the ancestors of today's sperm whales evolved to find their prey by echolocation. Once in place, this adaptation allowed whales to track mollusks into the inky depths during the day.

<http://www.newscientist.com/article/dn12460-echolocation-took-whales-to-the-depths.html>

Barrier Reef 'can adapt to warming'

The Great Barrier Reef may be much better suited to surviving climate change and warmer conditions than previously thought. Researchers have found many corals contain several types of microscopic algae that can provide nutrients at higher temperatures.

<http://www.news.com.au/couriermail/story/0,23739,22067427-952,00.html>

Mud Volcano Thrusts up from the Sea

It is growing under the sea off Trinidad - a mud volcano that fills people who live nearby with foreboding. Mud volcanoes are created when natural gases, often methane, escape pressurized areas from shallower levels in the crust. There is no lava or magma.

<http://www.enn.com/today.html?id=13300>

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1. Good ways divers can develop their "animal savvy" include:

- A. Being slow and steady around marine animals.
- B. Avoiding direct eye contact when photographing marine life.
- C. Taking care not to "invade" a creature's space.
- D. All of the above.



2. Baby boomers, defined as that segment of the population born between 1946 and 1964, comprise what percentage of American households?

- A. More than 20 percent
- B. More than 26 percent
- C. More than 30 percent
- D. More than 36 percent

3. Mapping the deepest depths of the seafloor, without taking a physical sample, is called:

- A. Remote sensing
- B. GPS analysis
- C. Ocean questing
- D. Tape measure

4. Examples of first-class passenger seats include:

- A. Lie-flat seats
- B. Flatbed seats
- C. Standard recliner seats
- D. Minisuites
- E. All of the above

5. The final step in disassembling the scuba unit is:

- A. Disconnecting the low-pressure inflator hose from the BC's inflation/deflation mechanism.
- B. Purging the regulator.
- C. Removing the BC from the tank.
- D. Closing the air control valve on the tank.

6. Good training site etiquette includes:

- A. Treating others the way you'd like to be treated.
- B. Staying away from the bottom to prevent silting.
- C. Checking the status of an underwater platform before sending down a group.
- D. All of the above

7. Yap villagers use this as a form of money for major transactions:

- A. Animals
- B. Fish
- C. Stones
- D. Coconuts

8. Quarried from the site of Brownstone Exploration and Discovery Park for many buildings in New York City was what type of rock?

- A. Limestone
- B. Brownstone
- C. Yellowstone

9. Tilefish prey upon:

- A. Small fishes
- B. Zooplankton
- C. Bottom-dwelling invertebrates
- D. All of the above

10. The technique most often used to solve air space equalization problems is called:

- A. Partial pressure lift
- B. Safety stop
- C. Valsalva maneuver

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