

The Rebel Yell

A Newsletter for the Diving Rebels - One of the Oldest Scuba Clubs in Texas - Established 1958
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**THE AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MEETING is
CANCELLED due to a majority of members attending the
Utila Honduras Trip.**

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September Meeting Program

The Annual Chinese Auction is slated as the big attraction for this month's meeting venue!. What is a Chinese Auction? Find out on page 2 of this Newsletter!

Upcoming Events Calendar

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| Aug 2-9 | Utila Honduras – Deep Blue Resort |
| Aug 6 | <u>No</u> Monthly Membership Meeting |
| Sept 3 | Monthly Membership Meeting & Chinese Auction |
| Sept 13-14 | Athens Scuba Park |
| Oct 1 | Monthly Membership Meeting |
| Oct 11-13 | Broken Bow |
| Nov 5 | Monthly Membership Meeting |
| Nov 8 | Chili Cook Off – Joe Pool Lake |
| Dec 3 | Monthly Membership Meeting |
| Dec 6 | Christmas Party |

President's Report

Hello fellow members and friends,

Well, we've made it through the midway point of the year and it has been fantastic so far. From rivers, bonfires and a freak March snow storm to Tyler and Balmorhea we have had some interesting outings. And we just returned from an exploration in the Highland Lakes of the Hill Country and had the experience of diving Inks Lake. Unfortunately Inks Lake will not be one of our annual traditions. You can read more about it elsewhere in the newsletter.

As we head into the second half of the year, I hope to have many more memorable outings. We have Utila on the horizon and then Athens in September. October promises to be very special at Broken Bow and then the race is on for first place in the Chili Cook-off. December will be the Christmas Party and if the Chinese Auction meets its goal of breaking a grand, the day may hold more excitement.

I also wanted to return to some projects that are still underway, but had to take a back seat as we prepared for the anniversary outing. I believe the Scuba Thinker Man is still a good idea. I would like help from the Club to solicit tanks from anyone that will give them to us. We are not limiting to aluminum at this point so those steels that are out of hydro are prime targets. We will decide as a Club where to place him as the construction phase nears completion – next year? And one of my personal items is to use that lift bag I bought at the Chinese Auction. So on some outing soon, I want to move something – if even only a few inches. Perhaps a game might be suitable to engage us.

So after Utila, let's think about what else there is for us to do to improve our diving skills and have fun. We certainly have plenty of opportunity.

Don't forget there is no August membership meeting. We'll have our regular Board meeting on the 3rd Wednesday, the 20th, if you need a Rebel fix and I'll be looking for all of you for the Chinese Auction at the September 3rd membership meeting.

Be safe but get wet,
Keith



What is the CHINESE AUCTION?

Well it's time for the circus to come to town! By that it 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.

Trashfest – New Braunfels and the Comal River cleanup

October 4, 2008

www.trashfest.net

Trashfest is a cool event to clean up the Comal River – runs for about 1.5 miles and is the primary source for Schlitterbaun in New Braunfels.

The organizer Roger Veteto has this to say, “Last year's participants took home over \$10,000 in door prizes. And we've been able to cut the entry fees in half this year.”

I like to go. I usually camp at the Corp of Engineer's park at Canyon Lake – about 15 – 20 minutes from the registration site for Trashfest. It is the usual Corp stuff – no electric or water, but the diving is good Sunday after the river on Saturday. I have been known to ditch the awards dinner for an evening dive and my own grilled food. The worst part that if camping Friday night you have to get to the park before the gates close at 10 pm. That's tight if you work a full day with the 3.5 – 4 hour drive.

Hotels are also available in New Braunfels and cabins are prevalent at Canyon Lake. I have the weekend slotted for the trip, so if anyone wants to car pool and camp and dive, or any part of it, let me know.

Keith

TrashFest 2008
Saturday, October 4, 2008
New Braunfels, Texas



Birthdays

Ellen Fourton	Aug 2
Ed Williams	Aug 3
Ted Glodowski	Aug 7
Robert Martinez	Aug 7
Steve Woodward	Aug 7
Jim Magnuson	Aug 12
Phyllis Kirchhoff	Aug 21

Anniversaries

Jim & Phyllis Kirchhoff	Aug 24
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Don't forget Diving Rebels Caps and T-Shirts On sale at any monthly meeting!



NAVY & NATURAL



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NAVY

Merchandise sold to Diving Rebels Members Only

We were Ink'd July 11th – 13th, 2008

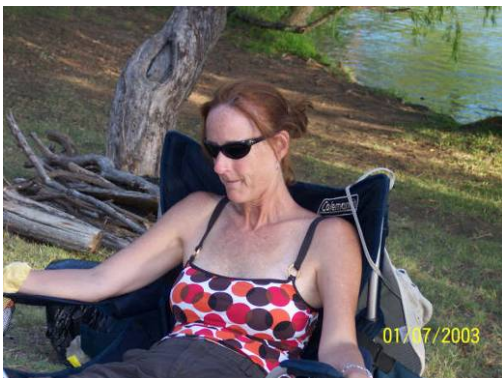
The trip started early with Mark Stonebridge, George Bartulevicz and Keith Weber car pooling down to Inks Lake State Park with the boat on Friday morning and arriving early afternoon. The camp grounds were pretty full so a site for the night was selected with hopes of securing others nearby the next day. We made camp and took the boat out for a reconnaissance ride.

The lake is a relatively small U shape with the park anchoring the east end in the base of the U. It is about 10 minutes or less to each end from that point with the dam on the southern end. We took to the head waters first and scoped out the surroundings until about 5 ft depth (just north of the Hwy 29 bridge). We then proceeded to the dam. The depth gradually gets deeper with the majority at about 25 -35 ft. The max of 60 ft is very small right near the dam. We did a snorkel tour near the east shore of the dam and determined visibility was a little better than 3 feet at 10 ft depth and was a refreshing upper 70 temp. We collected wood from the shore and almost left one of my dogs, but we all made it back and had dinner and a campfire on a pleasant night. We were on the fitness circle and cheered on the super star exercisers. It was amazing how many of them were in first place!

After sunrise waterskiing and a nice sausage and egg breakfast prepared by George we had some bad news – no campsites opening up in our area. We made the hard decision to get sites more near each other and perhaps better shade. That succeeded, but meant we had to move camp. Turned out it wasn't too bad as Steve and Ellen showed up about that time and after they made camp, helped us reset ours at the new location. It was a good decision and for future reference 255 is a nice site. We visited, had lunch and went diving.

The conditions were actually decent. Visibility was about 5 ft at 20 ft and the flashlight had to come on to find bottom at 25 ft when light penetration faded. So, most of the dive was between 17 – 20 ft at the edge of the 74 degree thermocline and trying to follow the "wall" that ends at about 15 ft. The bottom is the usual sediment, but the formations are unpredictable. There is a point that extends far out into the lake and tops out at about 5 or 6 ft. I felt we were headed into the middle of the lake and popped up to check (since I was at about 8 ft anyway) and sure enough we were. We topped over the point and headed back to the boat. When I surfaced there was a pontoon boat checking out the flag (respectable distance) Steve was pulling along with us. There were not many fish and there is pretty much that one dive site which is a problem for having multiple interesting dives.

We finished up with a fajita dinner and the fire side chat and then another nice breakfast and headed back to DFW about 11 am. Overall the weekend was good and we know more about diving our wonderful Texas lakes.



Diving News From Around the World



New Coral Reefs Teeming With Marine Life Discovered In Brazil

<http://www.enn.com/top_stories/article/37609>

Scientists have announced the discovery of reef structures they believe doubles the size of the Southern Atlantic Ocean's largest and richest reef system, the Abrolhos Bank, off the southern coast of Brazil's Bahia state. The newly discovered area is also far more abundant in marine life than the previously known Abrolhos reef system.

One Third of Reef-Building Corals Face Extinction

<<http://www.news.scubatravel.co.uk/2008/07/one-third-of-reef-building-corals-face.html>>

One third of reef-building corals around the world are threatened with extinction, according to the first-ever comprehensive global assessment. The results emphasise the widespread plight of coral reefs and the urgent need to enact conservation measures.

ROV Finds New Coral Species

<<http://www.news.scubatravel.co.uk/2008/06/rov-finds-new-coral-species.html>>

Researchers on the third-largest atoll in the world, the Saba Bank in the Netherlands Antilles, have discovered and collected two new species of soft corals (gorgonians) and documented severe anchor damage with the aid of a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) from Seabotix. Experts collected 40 species of soft corals, seventeen of which were collected using the ROV.

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Safety Recall Notice: Imperial EANx32 RDP

PADI Americas is recalling a single version of the English Imperial EANx32 Recreational Dive Planner used for calculating dive profiles. A printing error caused a series of numbers to be out of alignment, thus incorrect. The risk of injury from these errors is remote and no injuries have been reported.

All RDPs included in this recall bear the printing mark "Printed in the USA" located on the back of the table, upper right corner. The product number and production code are located on the lower right corner, also on the back of the table. The product number and production code affected by this recall are:

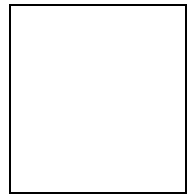
Product No. 60049 Ver 1.2 (Rev 02/03) XXXPDK7

The product code digits indicated by "X" may vary. The last four digits "PDK7" indicate a recalled table, irrespective of what the first three digits are.

As a double check, on Table 3, check the 110 foot row under Pressure Group G. The table should indicate a Residual Nitrogen Time (upper number in white) of 13 and an Actual Bottom Time (lower number in green) of 12. If this box is blank, you have a misprinted table.

PADI is notifying consumers certified as PADI Enriched Air Divers after 17 January 2008 via the PADI website, e-mail and other means. Stop using the recalled RDP immediately and bring them to any PADI Dive Center/Resort or return them to PADI for a free replacement.

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