

The Rebel Yell

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

July 2008

DIVING REBELS - CELEBRATING 50 YEARS in 2008

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday – July 2, 2008

Meeting Time

6:30pm Social - 7:15pm Meeting

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July Meeting Program

Mr. Pat Emmons will be doing a show and tell with equipment for technical diving and a brief talk on the requirements for the more advanced skills beyond standard recreational diving.

Upcoming Events Calendar

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| July 2 | Monthly Membership Meeting |
| July 12-13 | Inks Lake State Park |
| Aug 2-9 | Utila Honduras – Deep Blue Resort |
| Aug 6 | No 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 Diving Rebels,

The Mid-Year and 50th Anniversary celebration was what I believe a big success. I want to personally thank the rest of the Board for their help which was invaluable to me. I could not have done it without you. Even Ellen who was not present sent beans and made the arrangements for that wonderful cake to be made and transported. I received accolades for how well we operated together and pulled off such a nice event.

I certainly feel like we have hit a climax in the year, but with Utila looming ever closer, I know that is not necessarily the case. I am looking forward to that as well as Inks Lake that precedes it with great anticipation.

I apologized for such a short letter this month, but as preposterous as it may seem, I don't have any burning subjects or particular issues to address. I'll consider it a 4th of July preholiday and be happy in the moment.

I really do like the people in this club and enjoy hanging out with you all.

Until August,
Keith

Diving News From Around the World

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Marine life on 'junk food' diet - and we're to blame

<<http://environment.newscientist.com/article/dn14154-marine-life-on-junk-food-diet--and-were-to-blame.html>>

Overfishing and changes in the climate could be putting marine birds and mammals on a "junk food" diet. But unlike humans, marine animals eating junk food diet are losing weight. As predatory fish such as cod have been removed from the sea in large numbers, fish lower down in the food chain, such as sprat, have increased in numbers. But individually the sprats weigh less, and these leaner fish, biologists say, are effectively junk food. They are poor sources of energy for predatory birds and mammals, and as a result these animals are also losing weight. There have also been concerns on the East Coast of the US about the quality of prey for the bluefin tuna. Herring play a large part in the diet of tuna, but the herring too have increased in number whilst decreasing in weight. This has resulted in a corresponding decrease in the weight of the tuna.

"La Nina" effect may be behind shark attacks

<<http://uk.reuters.com/article/environmentNews/idUKN3042174120080531>>

Cooler than normal sea-surface temperatures due to the La Nina phenomenon may be partly responsible for a spate of fatal shark attacks off Mexico's Pacific coast, a U.S. shark expert has said. La Nina, which usually results in cooler than normal water in the Pacific, has moved the boundary between cold and warm water closer to the shore, and along with it, fish and their shark predators.

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July's Outing at Inks Lake Stat Park July 12 - 13, 2008

Join the Diving Rebels at Inks Lake State Park for great weekend of diving in the hill country. Inks Lake State Park is about 4 hours from DFW. Please visit the Inks Lake State Park website for park info <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/inks/#actf> .

We will enjoy camping and scuba diving along with other activities available such as, hiking, biking. Also Inks is a constant level lake so droughts does not affect water-related activities such as swimming, boating (Keith is planning on taking his boat), water skiing, and fishing and canoe tours at Devil's Waterhole.

The club has campsites reserved for Saturday night. The sites will have water and electric with near by restrooms. The entrance free is \$5 per person, per day. Do not pay the camping fee the club will divide the cost of the camp sites and the food cost. We will be doing a meal share for Saturday lunch and dinner and Sunday Breakfast. Bring your own snacks and beverages.

There will be a sign up sheet at the June meeting for member planning on going and a sign up sheet for the members that want to host the one of meals.

Directions:

The park is located 9 miles west of Burnet on State Highway 29 to Park Road 4. Go south 3 miles to the park headquarters at 3630 Park Road 4 West, Burnet TX 78611
Phone 512-793-2223



Map Quest from Arlington to Inks Lake:

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps/1700+N+Fielder+Rd+Arlington+TX+76012-1948/3630+Park+Road+4+W+Burnet+TX+78611-5531/>

Outing Coordinator: Mark Stonebridge, Contact Mobil # 817-975-8672
Email mstonebr2204@netscape.net

Note: There is NO dive shop in area. Bring tanks to dive. Closest dive shop is Tom's dive shop in Austin which is about 50 miles.

Other Local Attractions: [Longhorn Cavern State Park](#)



Poseidon Issues Product Safety Notice - Recall

Poseidon has announced that there appears to be an error in the manufacture of the inner bladder which is mounted on the W50 wings. The fault is that the seam which holds the two halves of the bladder together breaks making the unit unfit as a floatation device. The inner bladders which are affected by the manufacturers' error are marked with the batch number 5445...

These inner bladders have been mounted in W50 wings sold during the period: 2007-09-16 - 2008-06-10.

To check if you have an inner bladder affected by this manufacturing error, do the following:

- Between the two 'legs' of the W50 wing, there is a zipper. Open this zipper.
- You should now see the inner bladder. Between the two 'legs' of the inner bladder, there is a tab with the article number, batch number and manufacturing year.
- If the batch number on this tab reads 5445, the inner bladder might be defect.
- If there is an other batch number, then the bladder is not affected by this information.

If you have an inner bladder from batch no 5445, we recommend that you DO NOT dive with the wing, until the inner bladder has been replaced!

Poseidon Diving Systems AB will replace all W50 inner bladders from manufacturing batch no 5445.

We ask you, who has an inner bladder from manufacturing batch 5445, to contact the dive store where you bought your W50 wing as soon as possible, so that your W50 bladder can be replaced as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, the manufacturing error was not detectable at the quality control that each inner bladder is put through prior to delivery.

Poseidon Diving Systems apologizes for the inconvenience this is causing but we hope to be able to replace these inner bladders as quickly as possible!

Source: [Poseidon](#)



Birthdays

George Bartulevicz	July 3
Steve Shipe	July 12
John Richerson	July 15
Jim Kirchhoff	July 25

Anniversaries

None Known



Don't forget Diving Rebels Caps and T-Shirts
On sale at any monthly meeting!



NAVY & NATURAL



BLACK



NAVY

Merchandise sold to Diving Rebels Members Only

Diving Rebels Celebrate 50 Years Lake Whitney, TX - June 21, 2008

Well, we had a grand time at our 50th Anniversary and Mid-year Party. I am sure most of you expected that to be the case and just wanted you to know you were right. The weather cooperated famously with just enough clouds to keep the temperature under triple digits. Actually it was pleasant in the shade which the “circle of visitation” migrated to chase. The “circle of visitation” was a large ring of folks in camp chairs chatting away.

To no one’s surprise, Linda Magnuson won the Nostalgia Lane memorabilia contest. She was rewarded with a \$25 gift certificate and all the attendees were provided a glimpse into the Club over its history. She displayed a wonderful picture album, attire from various points in time and other knick-knack items. I personally was very impressed as I know the photo album itself took a lot of time to put together. And it was nice to see her decked out in her custom made 30 year tenure Club shirt.

Of course most of the rest of us were sporting the special outing shirt and some of the former members were attired in Club wear from their own period of membership. It was the perfect blend of Club generations. We had 8 former members attending, 18 current members and 10 guests for a total of 36. Unfortunately, I failed to make a note in the excitement and the memory is unreliable so I can’t tell you who won the raffle with the \$25 gift certificate prize for wearing the Jim Magnuson designed special outing t-shirt.

As for some of the other prizes, we had some big repeat winners and as the crowd focused on the luck of Mark Estill, it was Elizabeth Neumann that staged the coop and was the winner of the most items. Here’s who took the biggies: Elizabeth – Grey Goose Vodka, console, titanium knife, safety sausage and one of the \$100 tents; Mark Estill – “the” tank, wet suit and \$50 dome tent (he doesn’t camp, lol), Mark Stonebridge – Scuba Pro split fins, the orange scooter; Linda Magnuson – the yellow scooter, Steve (Woody) Woodward – Mr. Heater (propane tent heater). There was another \$100 tent I missed recording the winner, so if I haven’t mentioned you, speak up at the meeting. Of course there were some smaller items like air fill cards and laser tank lights, but I won’t bore you with those.

If you missed it, you’ll have to wait a long time for an outing as special as this. But since I will most likely not last another 50 years, I am thinking we should have anniversary outings on the 10s – let’s think about a 60th party.

Submitted by
Keith Weber

September Outing - Athens Scuba Park September 13-14

More information will be in the August and September Newsletter

Here is the link to Athens Scuba Park

<http://www.athensscubapark.com>

Saturday, Sept 13 - Night Dive (30 minutes before dark) full moon Sept 15
Sunday, Sept 14 - Treasure Hunt (1 - 3)

We will not be open: July 2 - 6, Wed - Sun (Family Reunion)
Sept 1, Mon Labor Day (Cal's B-day)

Regular Hours of Operation: (Apr 9th - Nov 2)
Wed - Fri 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Sat - Sun 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Camping/ Night Dive Fri & Sat

(MC, Visa, Discover, AE accepted)

2008 Hours

Summer (May - Oct) Wed - Fri 10 AM - 5 PM
Sat & Sun 8 AM - 6 PM
(Camping & night diving Fri & Sat)

20th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL !!

NEW PRICES - Daily Fees

Gate - Diver (must have C-card) **\$15.00**
Non Diver **15.00**
Camping / Night Diving **5.00** (spring & sum)

Electricity \$20.00

Air Fills \$5.00

Below is the list of hotels and park hours and fees.

This is the link to park fees, hours and events

<http://www.athensscubapark.com/hours.asp>

Hotels:

Best Western: 1-903-675-9214 direct / 1-800-528-1234

Cost Approx: \$55 plus tax

Hot Breakfast, Internet, cable, restaurant

Super 8 (on 175 as you come into town) 1-903-675-7511 direct / 1-800-800-8000

Cost Approx: Single \$52 / Double \$59 - think this includes tax

Continental breakfast (plus pour your own waffles)

Spanish Trace: (older hotel and about 2-3 blocks from the park): 900-675-5173 / 800-488-5173

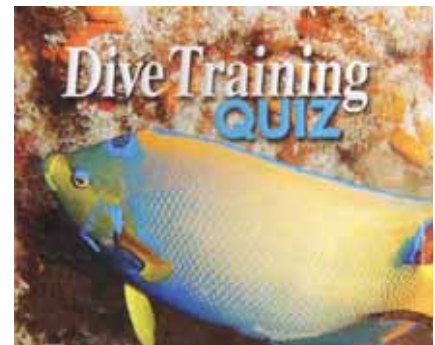
Cost: approx Single \$50 / Double \$60 plus tax

Holiday Inn Express (close to Walmart) 1-903-675-2500 direct / 1-800-HOLIDAY

Cost Approx: \$85 (Can put up to 4 people in a room for this)

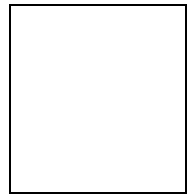
(Not sure about any continental breakfast)

Test your knowledge



- Advanced certification courses typically involve academic orientation and how many open-water dives?
 - 5-10
 - 10-15
 - 15-20
 - 20-25
- The medical term for high carbon dioxide in the blood is hypercapnia.
 - True
 - False
- A practice in which a diver tries to maximize his air supply by purposefully extending the time between breaths is called:
 - Meditation
 - Skip breathing
 - Inhalation/exhalation
 - Breath-holding
- The human tongue has about 10,000 taste buds, compared with a channel catfish, which has more than:
 - 50,000
 - 100,000
 - 250,000
 - 500,000
- Humpback whales are commonly seen in Hawaiian waters during what time of year?
 - Winter
 - Spring
 - Summer
 - Fall
- St Lucia's twin peaks, Gros and Petit Piton, hold the distinction of being:
 - One of the Seven Wonders of the World
 - A World Heritage Site
 - A United Nations landmark of distinction
 - All of the above
- A factor influencing the onset of decompression illness that "thickens" a person's blood by reducing its volume, and slowing down the flow rate is called:
 - Rapture of the deep
 - Coriolis effect
 - Dehydration
 - Shallow-water blackout
- A large parrotfish can create how much sand in a year's time?
 - 1 pound
 - 10 pounds
 - 20 pounds
 - 1 ton
- To ensure a watertight seal, the dive mask must be in direct contact with the:
 - Neoprene hood
 - Face
 - A & B are correct
 - None of the above

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