

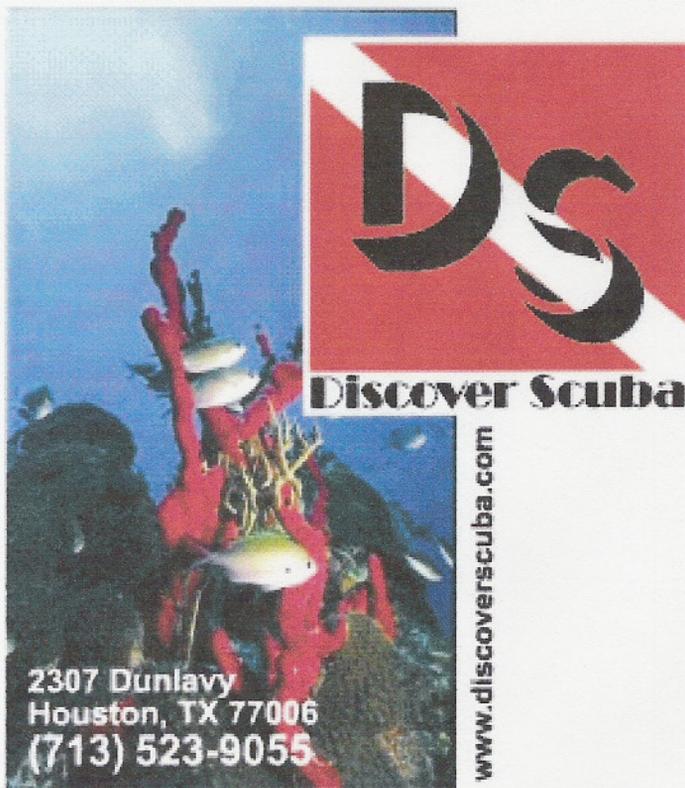
FOUR BADDIES GO TO MEXICO...OR WAS IT SUPPOSED TO BE SOUTH PADRE??

By Linda Jorgensen

Over Memorial Day weekend four BAD members set off for South Padre Island for some diving, camping and shopping! You know it is bad when an F250 truck isn't enough and you rent a U-Haul to have room for everything.

The main focus at the start of the trip was to dive a couple ship wrecks in The Gulf and enjoy the beach. We hooked up with American Diving in South Padre and were all set for a two tank boat dive. The seas were a little rough but for four Flower Garden Veterans it was nothing we couldn't handle. However, the mighty Mississippi River had other ideas, and messed up the visibility. According to the dive operator, he found the wreck when he ran into it to tie off our dive boat. As much as he hated to, he called the dive and gave us a full refund. Weekend ruined...not for these BADDIES!

Since we found ourselves with all afternoon free, what better way than to act like kids and spend the day at Schlitterbaun! The next day was an excursion to Matamoris, Mexico, for a little shopping. Well, little may not be the right word – we needed a cab to get back to the border. On our way back to camp, we stopped at “just one more shop” and the owners were telling us all about Progreso, Mexico and how it is even nicer than Matamoris. At dinner we discussed when we needed to get back to Houston on Monday and determined that 8:30 or 9:00 would be fine. Monday morning came and it was time to break camp and head for home. To add insult to injury, American Diving was getting ready to take a group out snorkeling and said we could join them for FREE. If only we had more time... Some how we convinced ourselves that Progreso, Mexico is on the way home. Maybe we need to take a land navigation course!!! So, back into Mexico we go for more shopping. It is a really good thing we had a U-Haul! Since we were just walking out of Mexico at 3:30, we didn't make our target of 8:30, but we did get home Monday evening (11:57) so we could get a “good” night sleep before going to work Tuesday. As for the beach mentioned earlier...we saw a beach, but most of us never made it onto the beach.



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JULY BOD BRIEFS

by Madeleine K. Barnes

The BOD discussed merchandising ideas for the Flea Market and ideas for the 30th Anniversary Party. Issues regarding timeframe for meeting room set up were addressed. Beverly Cutler gave the update as to the plans and coordination for the upcoming Blue Lagoon Picnic that was rescheduled from June to July 17th. (The canoe trip scheduled for July has been canceled.) The Flea Market advertising notices have been sent out except for the TV and radio stations. Flea Market vendor packets are set to be mailed out during July. The Jamaica and Cozumel Trips are coming up and may be close to sold out. Refer to the flyer in this newsletter for the July 23-25 spearfishing event; the contact person is Dennis Camp. Under new activities, our club has been invited to participate in the “All Dive Club HALLOWEEN Camp Out” (see separate article). New activities for next year were discussed and are being investigated.

BAD'S BOARD MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL, so come on out and join us for our next meeting June 3, 2003 at 7:00 PM at Ryan's Steak House on Bay Area Blvd. near Hwy 3, your input is appreciated. Come earlier if you would like to eat and visit with some of us prior to the meeting.

