

# ***NEWS FROM The "Get Wet" Club***

## ***September 2004***

**Sept Speaker:** This month we have invited Jesse Cancellmo to come and talk to us about his recent trip to film Humpback Whales. For those that have come out and listened to Jesse in the past you know he has a great presentation. So this is your chance to listen to Jesse again on his Humpback Whales. Jesse has also just recently had an article in a major scuba diving magazine on diving in the Gulf of Mexico.

**August Speaker:** BAD would like to thank John Forsythe for coming out to our August general meeting and giving us a wonderful presentation on Flamboyant Cuttle Fish. For those that were unable to come to this meeting you really missed an excellent presentation from John. Thanks again John for coming out.

### **The BAD Calendar**

#### **September, 2004**

- 7 BAD BOD Meeting
- 29 BAD General Membership Meeting

#### **October, 2004**

- 2 TRASHFEST
- 5 BAD BOD Meeting
- 9 **B.A.D. FLEAMARKET**
- 13-16 DEMA
- 27 BAD General Membership Meeting
- 30 **Galveston Strand Historical Tour**
- 30 **BAD & Moonlight Ramble**
- 29-31 All Dive Club Halloween Camp-Out

#### **November, 2004**

- 2 BAD BOD Meeting
- 13 **ANNIVERSARY PARTY 30TH YEAR**
- 24 BAD General Membership Meeting
- 25 **Happy Thanksgiving**

#### **December, 2004**

- 7 BAD BOD Meeting
- 11 **Austin Steam Train Trip**
- 22 BAD General Membership Meeting
- 25 **Merry Christmas**

***Have an event you want to lead, contact the Board for more details.***

### **September**

Banche Albritton	Sept. 04
Judy Rabren	Sept. 03
Barbara Courtright	Sept. 09
Jeff Womack	Sept. 10
James Parker	Sept. 13
Frank Resch	Sept. 18
Madeleine Barnes	Sept. 22
Francyne Eubanks	Sept. 26

### **COME VISIT and DIVE WITH YOUR FRIENDS and NEIGHBORS**

Bay Area Divers meet at Clear Lake Park, 5001 NASA Road 1 at 7:30 pm the last Wednesday of each month (except December).

**GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**

The B.A.D. Board of Directors meet at Ryan's Steakhouse on Bay Area Blvd. on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. All members are welcome.

Deadline for article submission for next month is: **October 8th, 2004** E-Mail [javan@wt.net](mailto:javan@wt.net)

# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

## FINS TO THE LEFT . . . FINS TO THE RIGHT by Mike White

The summer may be winding down, but that doesn't mean Bay Area Divers activities have stopped. We have several things coming up over the next few months, so don't go into winter mode yet.

Flea Market. On Saturday, October 9, we will be having our annual Bay Area Divers Flea Market. Madeleine Barnes will be looking for volunteers to help her run this great event (and BAD money maker), so be sure to sign up and volunteer a little of your time.

BAD Elections. At the November meeting we will be having our election of officers and board members for 2005. Don and Fran Eubanks have graciously volunteered their time to run the elections this year, as they have in past years. If you want to donate a little of your time to help manage the club's affairs next year, give Don and Fran a call or send them an e-mail. Don't make them hunt you down!

30th Anniversary Party. The BAD 30th Anniversary Party is coming up in November at the Monument Inn. Buy your tickets . . . now!

New Benefit for BADDies. Starting with the September member, there will be a new benefit for BADDies who attend BAD monthly meetings (as if Capt. Randy's great speakers weren't reason enough!). At each meeting there will be a special deal offered by one of the local dive shops. The deal will only be available to BADDies

### Bay Area Divers Officers & Directors

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NEW BAD Members

#### Guest for July:

Elaine Bishop, Joe Campananelli, Michael Casey, Ed Guiney, David & Mikki Johle

#### Guest for August:

Jack Dwire, Laurie Grimes, Vic Harvey, Andreas Kuever, Kiri Moore, Cindy, David & Roy Romano, Adrian & Wendy Sampson

who attend the meeting and who sign up for the deal at the meeting. We will not announce what the deal is in advance (that would be cheating), so if you want to take advantage of it you will need to attend the meetings. Considered yourself forewarned. Don't be left out!

"Open Water". No, I haven't seen it yet. The reviews have not exactly been overwhelming, but I'll probably go anyway. Kind of like a car wreck. You know you shouldn't look, but you can't help yourself.

Well, gotta go . . . dive!

## Galveston Strand Ghost Tour

Have you noticed that Halloween decorations abound in the stores? This can be a reminder to us that our tour of the haunted locations on the Galveston Strand is coming up. Arrangements have been made to have Dash Beardsly, who sends his Ghostly Regards to all, take us on a walking tour. He does have a cut off limit for the size of our group so a sign up sheet will be available at the next 2 meetings. The cost is a mere \$10 per person for about a 2 hour tour. We will depart from in front of the Rail Road Station at 7 p.m. Oct 30 and it will be first come first taken on the tour basis.

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## Trip to Cozumel

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**Cozumel, Quintana Roo, Mexico.** About 12 BAD divers and their friends and 16 other Bay Area Houston divers landed in Cozumel on August 23, 2004. The 28 divers arrived in Cozumel earlier than planned and checked-in at the beautiful HOTEL COZUMEL & RESORT HOTEL. BADDIES did a couple of shore dives and an afternoon boat dive on the first day. The group proclaimed **Peña Coladas, Dos Equi's, and Cuba Libra's** as the official drinks of the group in the hotel's all-inclusive bars.

The HOTEL COZUMEL hacienda-style 178-room resort service PADI Gold Palm became the rendezvous point for buffet breakfast each morning with two-tank boat dives with BADDIES enjoying dive sites as far south as Columbia Reef to the La Villa Blanca Drop-off. Green Sea Turtles, Hawksbill Turtles, Moray Eels, Manta Rays, King Crabs, Lobsters, Blacktip Reef Sharks, and Gray Reef Sharks were spotted by the divers. More fish were seen on this trip than ever including huge Groupers, Triggerfish, Angelfish, Parrotfish, Palometa, Scorpionfish, Butterflyfish, Hogfish, Snapper, Squirrelfish, and Tomtate just to name a few. The beautiful Cozumel beaches and crystal clear water are always a delight to everyone. Water temperatures were a constant 82 degrees and visibility exceeded 200 feet.



Each afternoon the group split up, some going to town for shopping, some making afternoon boat and shore dives, and some relaxing in one of the hotel bars. Divers played tennis, ping-pong, and some made use of the wireless internet included in the trip package. Some rented Jeeps. One group of BADDIES took a trip to Chichen-Itza, the most important and extraordinary city of the Mayan civilization, to discover the magnificence of pyramids built by one of the greatest civilizations of the ancient world. The group ate dinner at the hotel and some went to restaurants, clubs, and taquerias in San Miguel.

The night diving was great. Lots of friendly Octopus were encountered.

After checking-in at the Cozumel airport for the return flight, the group met one last time at the airport coffee shop and all agreed they had a great time. Five days of diving and relaxation prompted travelers to want to make the trip again next year.



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## SEPTEMBER BOD BRIEF

*By Madeleine K. Barnes*

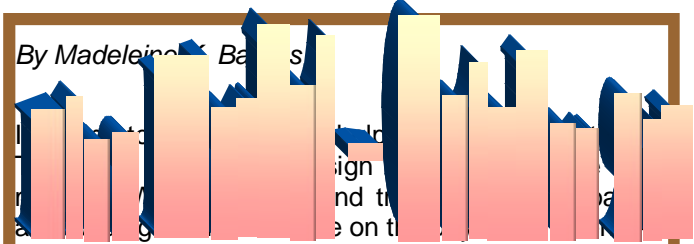
The BOD discussed the Flea Market and the mailing of public notifications for public announcements. There continues to be good response on table reservations. Flyers for the Flea Market will be available at the next meeting for posting at your work sites and other locations. Reviewed and discussed merchandising ideas for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party. There will be a commemorative patch for the first 50 members who purchase tickets. Shirts with the same anniversary design as the patch can be ordered prior to the party in a variety of colors according to Verna Shannon. Door prizes for the party have already been purchased. Trashfest will take place October 2<sup>nd</sup> in New Braunfels and teams need to be organized for participation. There will be a flyer available at the meeting for the October Haunted Strand Walking Tour according to Beverly Cutler. Current software issues with the August Newsletter have prevented it from being available on the website. Action is being taken to rectify this situation and to allow for timely availability of the September Newsletter on the website. Ken Kimmey has volunteered to run the September Meeting in Mike White's absence. One of our local area dive retailers will be offering special buys on equipment at the membership meetings. Members must be present at the meeting in order to take advantage of the good prices on quality equipment. There is ongoing discussion with the owner of the Spree and Fling regarding the possibility of our club's scheduling of Flower Garden Trips for next year.

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**BAD & Moonlight Ramble**  
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**Sunday, October 30, 2004**

Every year B.A.D.'s own Bill and Barbara Courtright participate in the Moonlight Ramble of Houston and this year they are again inviting B.A.D. to join them. They will be touring the streets of Houston on their bicycles with the Halloween moon as a backdrop. Registration is \$20 per person, with the proceeds benefiting bicycle paths in the greater Houston area. Sign-up is between Midnight and 2 A.M. on October 30, 2004 in front of the George R. Brown Convention Center. The earlier you sign up the more likely you are to receive a Moonlight Ramble T-Shirt. There will be 2 routes you can choose from, one that is about 20 miles and one that is about 10 miles. Entertainment abounded last year along with refreshments and there should be plenty of costumes on the ride since it is the Halloween weekend so mark your calendars and let's go to the Haunted tour of the Strand and then on to this event. This promises to be a **scream** of a night.



hand trucks/dollies must be marked with you name. On the day of the event, we start setting up at 6:00 a.m. and we need volunteers throughout the entire day for a variety of assignments. You can work a couple of hours or more! These assignments include unloading vendor's merchandise and taking it to their assigned table location, selling tickets, selling drinks and food, staffing the BAD member and raffle table, operating the consignment table, and of course, operating the BAD member dive gear table. If you have any dive gear that you want to sell and you are a BAD member, you do not have to pay anything to sell your gear. We will have a BAD table staffed with volunteers to attempt to sell your gear at the price that you stipulate. So bring your gear early in the morning and we will have price tags available for you to mark your equipment with price info. For those non-members, we will have the consignment table available and for a fee, our volunteers will attempt to sell non-members' dive gear. Now is a good time to review your gear and make decisions about what you want to sell so that you have room to take advantage of all of those great Flea Market deals on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any suggestions about volunteer jobs that you did at the Flea Market last year or anything that could help make things go smoother and better on that day, please email me at [dwbmkb@aol.com](mailto:dwbmkb@aol.com). The Flea Market flyer is on our website with my contact information if you know someone who wants to reserve a table. Remember this is our major fund raising event and provides for all of our BAD activities for the next year. All members who wear a BAD shirt get in free even if you are unable to volunteer on that day! So wear your shirt and support your club. Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting and signing up to have a fun day working with other BADDIES at the Flea Market. We always have a great time and fun volunteer after event party too!



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**Los Angeles California:** Open Water (The Movie) dove into wide release at theatres ( independent film was made for at sold to Lions Gate Films for \$2,500 Film Festival. It is a typical independent editing, grainy photography, and missing the quality created by trip and steadicams used by professional film makers.



The story jumps right to the disastrous boat dive within minutes of the opening titles and movie-goers have no reason to even care about these divers since there is no real character development at the beginning of the movie. The Divemaster makes a few standard jokes during his briefing, a know-it-all diver forgets to bring his mask, and a female diver can't clear her ears and aborts the dive. Miles from shore, twenty divers go on to make a typical recreational dive. The dive is un-eventful until the boat leaves the dive site before the last two divers surface. The movie audience shares about 70 minutes of boring and predictable dialog as the divers bobble on the surface before the shocking and depressing ending.

The movie carefully avoids telling audiences where the dive resort is or what certification agency was involved. The divers encounter more sharks at the surface than the average diver would see on a week of baited shark dives. We do learn that the couple have earned "Open Water Diver" certifications.

The music selected doesn't match the films locale and doesn't inspire one to go on a tropical vacation. I suggest you save your movie money and use it to go on an extra dive during my next Cozumel trip. I would give the movie a rating of 1 fin.



Dear Ye.....Your BAD BOD would like to serve official notice that at our October 27 General Membership Meeting we will be hosting a **COSTUME CONTEST.**

You have plenty of time to design, buy, borrow or appropriate your attire for this event. We will have a special prize for the best costume so start thinking. (All some of you need to do is just show up as your scary old self.)

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Contact Bill Jones: [Bjones@houston.rr.com](mailto:Bjones@houston.rr.com)

All Divers are always welcome to come with us to Blue Lagoon to do equipment check out dives, practice skills, or just socialize with other divers.

**Open Water** (for those new to Scuba) September 10-19 (in Webster area)

**Advanced Open Water Diver Class-** Pre-Req: Open Water Diver or equiv. **September 18**  
(Blue Lagoon)

**Enriched Air Nitrox EANx Class** Pre-Req: Open Water Diver or equiv **September 14-18**

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