



# NEWS FROM The "Get Wet" Club

## March 2005

### The BAD Calendar

#### March, 2005

- 1 BAD BOD Meeting
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 30 BAD General Membership Meeting with Retailers

#### April, 2005

- 3 BAD Pool Party at W.W. Diving
- 5 BAD BOD Meeting
- 27 BAD General Membership Meeting

#### May, 2005

- 3 BAD BOD Meeting
- 14-21 CoCo View Trip-Randy Widaman
- 25 BAD General Membership Meeting

#### June, 2005

- 4-5 Seaspaces 2005
- 7 BAD BOD Meeting
- 14-21 Canoe Trip
- 29 BAD General Membership Meeting

#### July, 2005

- 4 BAD boats in Clear Lake for Fireworks display
- 5 BAD BOD Meeting
- 16,17 BAD's Annual Camping, Picnic & Treasure Hunt at Blue Lagoon, Beverly Cutler
- 27 BAD General Membership Meeting

#### August, 2005

- 2 BAD BOD Meeting
- 24 BAD General Membership Meeting

#### September, 2005

- 6 BAD BOD Meeting
- 28 BAD General Membership Meeting

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



### March 30th Open House

Once again we are having our March Open House this year. We are inviting Dive Shops and others to our General meeting this month to display their equipment. If you have never been to one of our Open Houses you won't want to miss this years. This will be your opportunity to come and ask questions and see what's new this year. So be sure to mark your calendar for March 30th and bring your friends.

### February Speaker Thanks

Thanks goes out to our own Rowe Henry for coming out to our February meeting and giving us a wonderful presentation. Rowe brought us a wonderful slide presentation that was enjoyed by all.



Harold Strege	12
Bill Fuqua	16
Randy Knippa	17
Bill Clayton	20
Robbie Brewington	21
Randy Widaman	21
Edward Guiney	23

### 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: **April 10th, 2005** E-Mail [javan@wt.net](mailto:javan@wt.net)

# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

## FINS TO THE LEFT . . . FINS TO THE RIGHT

by Mike White

Well, the grass is growing in my lawn (along with some weeds . . . got to remember to get some Bonus S), the azaleas are blooming in front of my house, the weather is warm and sunny (when it's not cold and rainy), so it must be spring in Houston. And that means the local 2005 scuba diving season is upon us . . . at least for the more hearty "us's" . . . which, of course, for me means "them".

Have you gotten all of your scuba diving gear ready for 2005 like I told you last month? No? Well, you still have a little more time before our first wet BAD event of the year, so get busy.

On the afternoon of **April 3**, we will be having a little BAD pool party at **W.W. Diving** in Humble. This event will give you a chance to check out your dive gear "en el agua" so you can make sure the air stays in where it's supposed to be and the water stays out of where it's not supposed to be. Bring your dive tables . . . there could be a test. See the article elsewhere in this newsletter for the details and directions.

Thanks to **Sport Divers** in Webster for donating a gift certificate as a door prize for our February BAD meeting. Also, thanks to **W.W. Diving** for the great special deal for the February meeting. I got one of the Scubapro backpacks . . . did you? Come to the March meeting, and see what the next special deal is. As you know, these specials are only available for members who

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# Welcome



**Now is the time to renew your membership.**

Guest: **Steve Aberle, William Coddling and William Mills**

NEW Members: **Steve Aberle, William Mills**

attend the monthly meetings. If you don't attend, you won't know what you missed until it's too late.

**Seaspace 2005** is coming up on June 3-5 at the Reliant Center. Mark it on your calendar now! As always, Bay Area Divers will have a booth in the Environmental Awareness Area to promote the club and to advertise the BAD Flea Market in October. I am the chair of the BAD booth, and will be bringing a sign-up sheet to BAD meetings to seek volunteers to "work" two-hour shifts. Free up a couple of hours and sign up. You get to meet other people in the diving community, and you get into Seaspace for free. What a deal!

And speaking of the **BAD Flea Market**, it is scheduled for October 15, so mark that on your calendar, too. We have a place reserved, and we have a date reserved. What we don't have yet is someone to chair the Flea Market. We need someone to coordinate and ramrod the whole affair. We always have plenty of people to assist and help out at the Flea Market and with the tasks that need to be done before the Flea Market, so you won't be doing all the work by yourself. This is BAD's big money-maker for the year. If you are interested, talk to me or one of the other BAD board members at the March meeting or just call us.

Well, gotta go . . . start diving in 2005!



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# IRAQ- Tikrit

Hi! BADDIES,

It's been awhile since I have seen you all. So I thought I'd update ya'll on what's been going on with me. On 6 JUN 04 I was activated to go back over to the Middle East for Operation Iraqi Freedom. I spent the first five Months training in FT. Dix New Jersey. Before we left New Jersey we had the chance to take block leave. I took my Leave in Florida to see my MOM who was terminally ill with Cancer. It was a good time being with her. While in Florida I Had a chance to do some diving and also had a chance to try spear fishing for the first time. Needless to say I loved it. So of course as the typical SCUBA Diver I felt I needed a new toy so I bought a spear gun, which I'll pick up from my step-father in Florida and bring back to Texas when I return from the Middle East. After Block leave we left for Kuwait 12 NOV 04. We stayed in Kuwait till 6 Jan 05. At this time we headed north to IRAQ. I am now stationed near the town of Tikrit, which is just north of Baghdad. The base I am on is called Camp Spiecher. We do at times get some excitement her but for the most part it is relatively tame around here. During the tour you usually get to take a mid tour leave, but unfortunately I won't be able to since I had to take emergency Leave back in December. On the other hand they do have it set up where we get to go on an RR Pass to take a four day break. We will get one or two of these while were here. In the meantime I am planning out my boat I plan to buy when I get back to the states. I'm looking to get a 22ft Sea Chaser Bay Boat with a Yamaha 150 Four Stroke outboard motor when I come home so I can do some more Diving and Relaxing on My own Boat. As far as what I do here I work in Communications Security. I'm in charge of all my Battalions Encryption that goes in our aircrafts Radio's. So that's pretty much what I do here. Along with this e-mail I am going to send a few pictures of where we work and live, both in Kuwait and IRAQ. As far as when I'll be coming back it should be around mid to Late November 05'. If anyone would like to write me I'll leave you my snail mail address and e-mail address. I hope everyone is doing ok and I look forward to seeing you all again.



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## "ALMOST TIME"

Remember, reserve Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>. from 1:00p.m. to 4:00p.m. in order to attend our indoor pool day at W.W. Diving, see "Time to Unwind" in last month's newsletter.

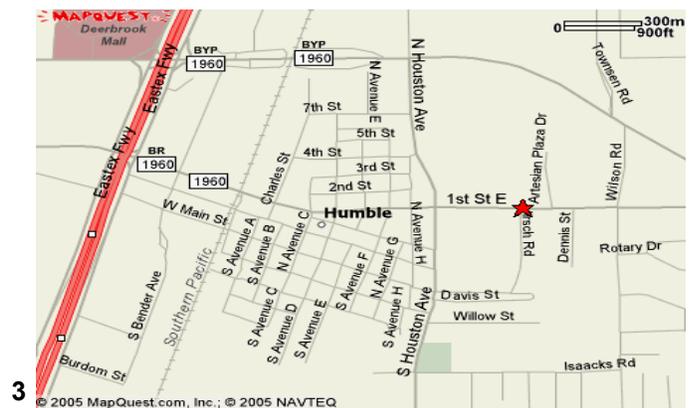
We would like to have potluck, finger food items for us to enjoy, so if you would like to donate a food item, call Larry or Blanche at 281-424-1272 and let us know what you want to contribute. We will co-ordinate the items so that there won't be too much duplication and the club will furnish the drinks.

We have the pool reserved for us to enjoy and tune up our gear in. Dennis/Rebecca will furnish air, tanks and dive gear for those that don't have any.

W.W. Diving is located in a short strip center at 1307 1st. Street in Humble TX, which is south of 1960. The store is highly visible from 1<sup>st</sup>. Street and the entrance is at the backside of the parking lot. The glassed in pool faces 1<sup>st</sup>. Street. See map below.

So mark your calendars, get your gear ready and let's go tune up in the 10' deep, 87\* water and have a BAD old time. See you there.

"Let's Get Wet" Larry Albritton



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## CoCo View Resort Trip October 22-29, 2005

Hello fellow BADdies we are going back to CCV this fall and you are invited to come join us. If you go to the BAD web Page and click on "Events" there is a full description of the October 22-29,2005 CoCo View trip. [www.bayareadivers.org](http://www.bayareadivers.org) The trip includes airfare, transfers, taxes, welcome drink, 8 days/7 nights lodging, 3 meals per day, 2 boat trips per day (2 tanks per trip), unlimited beach diving, wall diving, shallow water diving, one night picnic, one night BBQ on the cay, A/C rooms, kayak races, crab races and additional shore activities. Go to CoCo Views web page [www.cocoviewresort.com](http://www.cocoviewresort.com) and check it out. Be sure to click on "Resort" then click on "Web Cam" for a live picture of the "Front Yard" dive area right out in front of the clubhouse. This web cam only works during the day. We have 14 spots reserved that week and 6 spots are already taken so be sure to contact me for your spot soon.

Capt. Randy



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## A Valentine's Day Love Story

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**LOS Angeles California:** For more than fifty years, **Dorothy Bridges** wrote a love poem to television's **SEA HUNT** star **Lloyd Bridges** every Valentine's day. For Valentines Day 2005, she has published a book "**You Caught Me Kissing: A Love Story**" (© Copyright 2005, ebooks, distributed by Simon & Schuster) with several of these poems included.

The book is the story of the romantic saga of this legendary Scuba Diving Hollywood couple told through vignettes written by Beau, Cindy, and Jeff Bridges. Loaded with family photos and Dorothy's poems, the book is a tribute to their life-long romance.



Dorothy Dean Simpson and Lloyd "Bud" Vernet Bridges were married in 1938 and remained so until his death in 1998, almost 60 years! Bridges said, "**My career, what there is (of it), didn't happen that easy. Thought I'd never get in the door. But I married someone who had faith in me. It helped. That's where a good marriage comes in**". Bridges and his wife exchanged vows again for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Dorothy Bridges, matriarch of this famed acting family, is known as "Dotty" to her friends. But inside the family, she is affectionately known as "The General".

Dorothy continues to write her Valentine's Day love poems each year.

## MARCH AFTER MEETING GATHERING

by Beverly Cutler



Since the weather at this time of the year is so unpredictable, how about us going to Classic Café on Nasa Rd. 1 for our After General Membership Meeting Gathering this month.

If you have suggestions about where to gather in the future let me know. Please keep in mind that the location should be somewhere fairly close to our meeting location.

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# BAD BOD MEETING BRIEFS

**March 1, 2005**

Mike brought the meeting to order, thanked and welcomed all of the guest for attending and reviewed the agenda.

Fred reviewed YTD 2005 vs. the budget and reviewed February. A motion was made to approve with a 1<sup>st</sup> by Butch Shannon and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Delane, which was approved by all.

Mike let us know that he has made it down to the club storage shed and changed the lock on the door. He will e-mail the combination to the board members soon.

March is Open House for the club with eight vendors confirmed to show and six strong possibilities. Captain Randy is continuing to lock down more vendors. Vendors will be allowed to sell their wares at this open house.

Bay Area Divers is supported by different types and ways of donations, contributions and discounts from the local dive shops from time to time. We would like to thank them for their generosity by mentioning donations, either in the newsletter or at the meetings. Motion to approve was made, 1<sup>st</sup> Mike White, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Delane with all approved.

Pool Day at W.W. Diving is scheduled for April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1pm to 4pm.

Annual Diving/Picnic/Campout is scheduled for July 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. Beverly Cutler will chair and co-ordinate the event. Contact Beverly to volunteer help or food items.

4<sup>th</sup> July Fire works on Clear Lake. Boats will be available for members to enjoy the show.

Budget of \$400.00 has been set aside for contribution. Four charitable organizations were picked for the club to donate \$100.00 to each of the four. TMMSR, DAN Research, Postage for Honduras and HEART (turtle rescue). Motion to approve, 1<sup>st</sup> Jim Delane, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rowe Henry with all approved.

Ja Van is putting together a new directory of club members.

The club charter renewal is coming up and Don Eubanks will fill out the paperwork for Mike W. to sign. Motion to approve, 1<sup>st</sup> Jim Delane, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rowe Henry, with all approved.

Motion to Adjourn: 1<sup>st</sup> Butch Shannon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ja Van Pruet

I never knew attending a board meeting could be so much fun. It's very interesting to see the inner workings of the club. Come to the next BOD meeting because we value your needs and desires as a club member and want to represent you as well as possible.

**"Lets Get Wet" Larry Albritton**

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**Did You Mark Your Calendars?**

**\*June 25 & 26** is what I am trying to get approved for our Diving, camping and canoeing weekend trip to New Braunfels. This event is being brought back for the membership. There will be a sign up sheet at the next BAD Membership meeting.

\*\*BAD is trying a new event this year. On Clear Lake, **July 4<sup>th</sup>**, some BAD members will be putting their boats in the water and inviting other Bad members to join them to watch the fire works celebration. The plan is to tie the boats together so we may move among the boats as we visit and watch the fireworks. If you have a boat you want to add to the list and/or want to sign up as a boat rider, please contact me or sign up at the next BAD club meeting.

\*\*\*BAD's Annual Camping, Picnic and Treasure Hunt at Blue Lagoon in Huntsville, TX is scheduled for **July 16 & 17, 2005**. Get your camping, treasure hunting dive gear and good times hat on because this promised to be another great trip to Blue Lagoon. This has proven to be a well liked event over the last couple of years. So don't miss this, plan to bring your drinks, chairs, tents and some type of food to share.

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The 2005 SCUBA Season is just weeks away! If you are planning to take a scuba class or a first aid class this year, this is a good time to buy your book and begin reading and completing the knowledge reviews at the end of each chapter. **You should go to Sport Divers** NASA Parkway & Gulf Fwy, (Garden Ridge Pottery Mall) **and buy your books now!** **Be sure to tell them you are in BILL JONES PRIVATE CLASS** and they will show you what you need. **See more about classes below.**

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All Divers are always welcome to come with us to Blue Lagoon to do equipment check out dives, practice skills, BBQ, or just socialize with other divers. **Contact Bill Jones:** [Bjones@houston.rr.com](mailto:Bjones@houston.rr.com)

**Open Water Diver Class-** (for those new to Scuba you earn the Certification Card you need) April 14–24 (in Webster area)

**Advanced Open Water Diver Class-** Pre-Req: Open Water Diver or equiv. April 23 (Blue Lagoon) (Requires an additional deep dive for Certification).

**Enriched Air Nitrox EANx Class-** Pre-Req: Open Water Diver or equiv April 19–23

**First Aid/Emergency First Response-** with Wendy, April 12–14 (in Webster area)

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