



NEWS FROM The "Get Wet" Club

September 2005

The BAD Calendar

September, 2005

- 6 BAD BOD Meeting
- 28 BAD General Membership Meeting

October, 2005

- 1 **Trashfest**
- 4 BAD BOD Meeting
- 3-7 DEMA—Las Vegas
- 15 **BAD Flea Market**
- 22-29 CoCo View-Randy Widaman
- 26 BAD General Membership Meeting &

Halloween Contest

- 31 **Happy Halloween**



November, 2005

- 8 BAD BOD Meeting
- 12 **BAD Anniversary Party**
- 24 **Happy Thanks-**

giving

- 30 BAD General Membership Meeting



December, 2005

- 6 BAD BOD Meeting
- 25 **Merry Christ-**

mas



January, 2006

- 1 **Happy New Year**
- 3 BAD BOD Meeting
- 25 BAD General Membership Meeting

Meeting

February, 2006

- 7 BAD BOD Meeting
- 22 BAD General Membership Meeting



September 28th Guest Speaker: We have once again invited James Wiseman back for a second time to give us one of his wonderful Digital shows. James will be showing us his shots taken in the Bahamas while diving with the Sharks. So hence the title "Diving With the Sharks of the Bahamas" So if you missed James's show last year you certainly won't want to miss this one. Bring a guest and come early for the social hour.

August Guest Speaker: We wish to thank Dennis Casey for coming out to our August meeting and giving us a wonderful insight as to what all goes on out at the NASA NBL facilities.

September

Banche Albritton	4
Judy Rabren	3
Barbara Courtright	9
Kenneth Weade	10
Kelley Burns	12
James Parker	13
David Erdin	17
Frank Resch	18
William Mills	18
Madeleine Barnes	22
Debbie Fuqua	26
Francyne Eubanks	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 9th, 2005** E-Mail javan@wt.net

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

FINS TO THE LEFT . . . FINS TO THE RIGHT

by Mike White

First, and most important, the **BAD Flea Market** is just around the corner on **Saturday, October 15**. Be sure to sign up with Jim Delane to volunteer a little time and effort to support this important BAD event.

Second, after a false start and a missed deadline by me, we are finally ready to vote on the couple of **BAD By-Laws Revisions** we have been discussing at recent BAD meetings. You will find the actual text of the proposed revisions elsewhere in this newsletter, but I wanted to briefly explain the proposed revisions.

The first set of revisions is intended to clarify some apparently ambiguity about when dues are actually due, and what the effect is of not paying dues when due. Essentially, the revisions clarify that dues are for calendar year periods, and are due on or before February 1 of the calendar for which the dues are being paid. In addition, if dues are not paid by April 1, a membership is deemed inactive, with a loss of membership benefits and voting rights. Finally, if dues are still not paid by June 1, the membership is dropped from the club's membership roles. The primary purpose of the proposed revisions is not to be draconian about dues payment, but to make it easier to keep track of the

Welcome



NEW BAD Members

**Laurie Grimes,
Andreas Kuever, Jim Stuckey**

Guest

status of dues payments and membership status and to avoid confusion by members about when their dues are due and for what period of time they are paying dues. The current by-laws can be a little ambiguous. As we do now, members will get plenty of notice when their annual dues are due, are past due, and when membership is about to expire.

The second set of revisions just makes some clarifications regarding the Treasurer's duties regarding maintaining the club's financial records. There is nothing really substantive here.

We have discussed these revisions at past BAD meetings, so the Board believes these changes have the support of the membership. Please come to the September BAD meeting so that we can have the required quorum of members to be able to approve these by-laws revisions.

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

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BAD AFTER MEETING GATHERING

by Beverly Cutler



How about we gather at **Boondoggles** in Seabrook for snacks and more socializing??? It is located on NASA Rd. 1, near highway 146. Plan to have even more fun and socializing. **See you there!**

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4. Business:

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BAD Bylaws and Constitution Revisions to Treasurer's Duties

3.1.5 The Treasurer issues, receives, informs the Board of Directors of, and files copies of all transfers of funds and all indebtedness; maintains the records for all repositories of funds; signs or otherwise endorses all expenditures of funds made from petty cash; co-signs with another officer all expenditures of funds other than those made from petty cash; and brings the club's current financial records, checkbook, and statements to each formal meeting of the club. If the tTreasurer cannot attend a meeting, the tTreasurer will appoint an officer of the board to deliver records, checkbook, statements and financial report in their behalf. The Treasurer will maintainprepare twoduplicate copies of the financial records, and will deliver at least one copy to the President at each meeting of the Board of Directors.

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Into the Blue

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Los Angeles California:

From MGM, Fox, and Sony Pictures, the latest movie involving Scuba Diving hits the big screens of Houston theatres on September 30. "Into the Blue" is a high-stakes thriller set in the deep, **shark-infested** waters of the Bahamas.



Four divers discover the wreckage of a cargo plane believing their dream of buried treasure has come true. Millions of dollars of illegal goods are in that sunken plane and tensions mount as these friends begin to fight about what to do with their find. But the treasure hunters quickly become the hunted.

Shot on location in the Bahamas, the Cayman Islands, and in Florida, these mostly unknown actors create a fresh look at Scuba Diving on the screen. Starring Paul Walker, Jessica Alba, Scott Caan, Ashley Scott, Josh Brodin, and James Frain, the movie earns a rating of PG-13 for intense sequences of violence, drug material, and some sexual content and language.

You should have been there!

Peanut Butter and Chocolate Bars

These were at the Tiki Island Dive

By Judy Rabren

- 1 (18.25 ounce) package yellow cake mix
- 2 large eggs
- 1 cup chunky peanut butter
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted
- 1 cup (6 ounces) semisweet chocolate morsels
- 1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk

.. Combine first 4 ingredients in a large mixing bowl; beat at medium speed with an electric mixer 1 to 2 minutes. (Mixture will be very thick.)

.. Press half of cake mix mixture into an ungreased 13 x 9 inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes. Remove from oven; sprinkle with chocolate morsels, and drizzle with condensed milk. Sprinkle with remaining cake mix mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Cool and cut into bars.

Classes offered by — Bill Jones to Bay Area Divers at discount Prices.

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

Open Water Diver Class- (for those new to scuba, you earn the Certification Card you need). September 16-October 2, 2005.

Advanced Open Water Diver Class- Pre-Req: Open Water Diver or equiv. October 1, 2005. (Blue Lagoon) (Requires an additional deep dive for Certification). **Divers meet for dinner at Tajas Cafe in Huntsville (optional)**

Enriched Air Nitrox EANx Class- Pre-Req: Open Water Diver or equiv September 27– October 1, 2005.

Rescue / First Aid Class Pre-Req: Advanced Open Water Diver or equiv. Email Bjones@houston.rr.com for details.

Refresher Classes tailored to exactly what you need Email Bjones@houston.rr.com for details.

Other Specialty Classes: Saturday, October 1, 2005: 9:00a-5:00p Class and Certification Dives at Blue Lagoon in Huntsville at Tajas Cafe in Huntsville (optional)

Master Scuba Diver Class: Pre-Req: Rescue Diver, 50 logged dives, and 5 Specialty certifications or equiv.

DiveMaster , Assistant Instructor , Instructor Development Course Email Bjones@houston.rr.com for details.

OOPS! Editor goofed.

September

Kenneth Weade	Sept. 10
David Erdin	Sept. 17
Steve Aberle	Sept. 26

October

Randy Widaman	Oct. 2
Karen Solis	Oct. 6
Donald Pallesen	Oct. 11
Cliff Dominey	Oct. 15
Bill Jones	Oct. 16
Wendy Whitehouse	Oct. 19
Richard Rowe	Oct. 20
Don Vanderslice	Oct. 26
Joe Neely	Oct. 28
Jim Delane	Oct. 30
Manual Garza	Oct. 29
Mike White	Oct. 30



TrashFest 2005

by Todd Rushing, TrashFest Chairman

Wet folks it's that time again... Time for a great outing that's great for the environment as well. For those of you who've been to past events can testify that it's a fun one, and lots of good times to be had, along with some great door prizes.

Just got back from New Braunfels, and everything is pretty much set to go. Rodeway Inn (Hwy 46 and Interstate 35) is offering us the best deal yet (\$29.99). Just give them a call at (800) 967-1168 and ask for the TrashFest special.

They've had a couple of other clean-ups on the river this year and a decent turnout. But don't let that discourage you, there's still quite a bit of trash in the river.

There's door prizes galore to be given away, so when the diving's done and the trash sorted and counted, we'll enjoy a good meal and give out some cool stuff.

Hope to see all of you there!

By the way... Hope we can count on **BAD** as in the past for three things: a LARGE presence at TrashFest, winning Super Scooper shirts, and helping to serve at dinner.

BAD Members News Flash!!!

BAD Diver **Larry Albritton** has been missing in action, not only has he been working additional hours that have been taking him out of town during the week, he spends his weekend studying and training to earned his Divemaster Certifications! Congratulations to Larry for continuing his diving education.



Another News Flash!



Our

own President

Mike White and Pilar Rosas

Are engaged, Wedding to be



Contest

Every time your name/or picture has been entered in the newsletter you receive a point. The way to get your name in the newsletter is to get involved. We have several events coming up. The Winner will receive their prize at the January meeting.

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Bay Area Divers Flea Market

The Bay Area Divers Flea Market will be on October 15, 2005. As coordinator of this year's Flea Market, I appreciate all the help I have gotten to get this going. However, **I need your help.** We still need people to help the day of the Flea Market. I want to thank those people who have already signed up to help. The shift needs to be there to help check in vendors at 7am. I know it is early and I am not an early bird myself so I will have coffee and doughnuts so we can get a good caffeine and sugar kick to get us started.

If you haven't signed up because you can only come for a couple of hours, please reconsider. If you come to help out for only an hour or 2, you will be able to give others a rest break and really help out.

When you arrive, please go to the main BAD table by the stage to check in. We will be able to know you have arrived and place you then. This should be a great year. We have had good response from vendors from all over Texas and will be targeting scuba divers from all over Houston.

Again, thanks for your continued help. Let's have a good time the BAD way!!

Jim Delane
Flea Market Coordinator

Bay Area Divers

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