



NEWS FROM The "Get Wet" Club

May 2006

May 31st, 2006 Meeting

This slideshow presentation by PJ Campagna featuring Placencia, Belize. This pictorial consists of 10 days of adventures and diving. It includes aerial shots, shots of the resort and the village of Placencia, underwater pictures and NITE shots too. There are almost 200 slides and should prove to be interesting and informative.

Thanks! to **Dennis Camp** of WW Diving for bringing in a great presentation of diving wrecks off the Carolina coast. There were some great shots of sharks taken at close quarters. Imagine being in a wreck and having a tiger shark swimming past you. Also there were shots of the other marine life, the dive boat and the wrecks. Dennis provided us with information about just what to expect when you go on this kind of dive trip. It is not for beginners, it is deep and lots of currents. It sure looked like fun.

The BAD Calendar

May, 2006

- 2 BAD BOD Meeting
- 6 Houston Underwater Club Photo Workshop
- 13-20 Roatan, Honduras
- 31 BAD General Membership Meeting

June, 2006

- 6 BAD BOD Meeting
- 23-25 New Braunsfels Canoeing/Camping
- 28 BAD General Membership Meeting

July, 2006

- 11 BAD BOD Meeting
- 15 & 16 Blue Lagoon Underwater Treasurer Hunt
- 26 BAD General Membership Meeting

August, 2006

- 1 BAD BOD Meeting
- 23 BAD General Membership Meeting

September, 2006

- 5 BAD BOD Meeting
- 27 BAD General Membership Meeting

October, 2006

- 5 BAD BOD Meeting
- 7 Trashfest
- 14 BAD Flea Market — Jim DeLane
- 14 Ambergris Caye — Tom Doolin
- 21 Coco View Resort— Randy Widaman
- 21 Haunted Tour of Houston
- 27 BAD General Membership Meeting

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



May

Debbie Stanford	2
Cathy Schneyndler	4
Fred Swerdlin	7
Linda Jorgensen	12
Linda Girnus	13
Rick Jaeger	13
Linda Woodward	23
Doug Williams	26
Michael Miller	27
Hayes Kennedy	31



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.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Beverly Cutler



Membership Renewal

Well, well, well. Here it is May and I have managed to find myself in the Caribbean Sea the 1st week of this month. I love being around and in the water!! I visited 3 ports of call during my cruise, Jamaica, Grand Cayman and Cozumel, Mexico. Grand Cayman said they are 85% recovered from Hurricane Wilma in October, 2005. Cozumel is coming along very nicely but some of the big hotels still have not started the repair process. I was in awe of the devastation that was placed upon the trees there. They are struggling to try to grow again. I did not hear how the underwater reefs are doing. The waters still have the greenish blue that I remember from '89 when I was there last. The blue water in Cayman beckons to you. Check the website for Bill Jones trip to Cozumel this August.

BAD ACTIVITIES

New Braunsfels Canoeing and Camping is scheduled for June 23, 24 & 25, 2006. Camping will be at Jerry's at the 1st crossing above Old Town Gruene on the Guadalupe. Electricity will be available. Tike Lake has been changed to Twin Lakes – check the Web site, Events Section or check with Rowe Henry for the dates. Checking out dive gear, diving, picnicking and socializing are on the menu. July 15 & 16 is Blue Lagoon in Huntsville. Diving, hamburgers, Treasurer Hunt, camping and Breakfast Tacos on Sunday are Scheduled. October 7 is Trashfest, get your teams together. **October 14 is BAD's Annual Flea Market.** Jim DeLane will be coordinating the event. Beverly will be handling the scheduling of the Volunteers. This list will make its appearance at the July membership meeting so if you have a time and place you had rather work sign up early to reserve your preferences. AND.

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New Members— Richard Abel,
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Nanette & Bechham, Joel & Jake Skelly,

again Don Barnes will be turning out his wonderful bris-kets and chicken. Tom Doolin's Ambergris Caye, Belize, trip will leave on October 14, 2006. Randy Widaman's trip to CoCoView is October 21, 2006. October 21, I am planning a Haunted Tour of Houston. October 25, 2006 General Membership Meeting will have a Costume Contest for BAD Members; the 1st place prize has always been something nice.

UPDATES

Our Secretary, Madeleine Barnes, has been working very hard to get our Constitution and By-Laws current. Her diligent work now has these updated and available on our Web-site: www.bayareradivers.org.

OF SPECIAL INTEREST

How many of you are aware that as I am writing this, May 13 thru 20, BADies have slipped off down to Roatan, Honduras! **Diving to be exact!** We will be looking for a full accounting of this trip when they get back.

BAD BOD meets at 7PM the 1st Tuesday of the month at Ryans Steak House on Bay Area Blvd near Hwy 3. Everyone is invited – come on and join us as your input is valuable to this organization. Some of us will be there at 6 or 6:15 PM for dinner and socializing before the meeting begins. See you there.

KEEP BLOWING THOSE BUBBLES !!!

Starting in June

Any Member of the Bay Area Dive Club can run an add for as long as you would like.

**Cost for Business Card size would be \$10.00 a month
Cost for a Double Business card size which is quarter of a page, would be \$20.00 a month.**

Please contact Editor at aladyfish@verizon.net

May After Meeting Gathering

Don't forget about our After Meeting Gathering after the May General Membership Meeting. Everyone seems to be enjoying Boondoggles so let's meet there again.

If you have suggestions about where to gather in the future let me know. Please keep in mind that the location

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ABNC MOONLIGHT CRUISE

Saturday, April 15, 10 of us boarded the "Bayou Ranger" at Bay Area Park after a short wait for the last 2 folks who turned out were waiting at ABNC's gate ½ mile away. Oh well, maybe next trip, Jim. We turned northward up Armand Bayou in hopes of close-up wildlife viewing. Some of the critters we saw were alligators (or at least their eyes) and jumping fish, ospreys on the tops of dead trees, night herons and egrets. Ann Brinley, the deck hand, passed out binoculars to all, but the full moon had disappeared behind a cloud cover, so Captain Mark Kramer used a flood lamp to highlight animals along the way. Mark was an excellent guide, passing on information about the area, its history, inhabitants, and hopes for the future. "I didn't know I was supposed to learn something!" said Rowe. Verna brought along some tasty brownies that were very well received. It seemed hard to realize at times that we were actually next door to subdivisions, chemical plants, and busy roadways.



MAY BAD BOD BRIEF

By Madeleine K. Barnes

If you were not able to attend the April 26th membership meeting, this is to advise that the three proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws were approved at the meeting and you can review the complete document at www.bayareadivers.org. Tentative planning for a hyperbaric chamber tour and the Neutral Buoyancy Lab tour have been cancelled, as these are not available during weekends. Current club events for 2006 are as follows: Prairie Night Ride at Armand Bayou Nature Center on 6/10, Twin Lakes Dive Day on 6/17, Blue Lagoon on 7/15-7/16, and the Anniversary Party at Monument Inn is tentatively-scheduled for November 18th. The Twin Lakes Dive Day-participants will pay their own way onto the site and need

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to bring dive gear, air tanks, chairs, and a food dish for sharing with others. They also need to bring their own meat items for grilling. Grills will be available. There are also air fills available at the site. Tentative plans are for a breakfast fund raiser/social event in June or July and a Sunset Cruise on Armand Bayou in July, dates to be announced later. Volunteers for the Librarian/Historian position will be requested during the May membership meeting. The agenda for the next BOD meeting will be included in the newsletter from now on. Jim Delane is requesting media contact information to advertise both the club meetings and the Flea Market as public service announcements. There will be a Flea Market meeting on May 10th. The BOD approved a decrease in spending on door prizes from \$80 to \$40 per month. The BOD also approved a decrease in total spending on the Blue Lagoon event from \$400 to \$200. The BOD approved the addition of business advertising in the newsletter by members only to run in any issue for any timeframe. The rates for ads are: \$10 for business card size per issue and \$20 for double business card size per issue. The BOD approved moving the voting for Diver of the Year to the October membership meeting so that the award can be presented at the Anniversary Party in November.

BAD's BOARD (BOD) MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL, so come on out and join us for our next meeting **TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2006** at 7:00 PM at Ryan's Steak House on Bay Area Blvd. near Hwy 3. Everyone is encouraged to attend as we appreciate everyone's participation and your input. Come earlier if you would like to eat and visit with some of us prior to the meeting.

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BAY AREA HOUSTON DIVER

ROB DAVIE IS DEAD AT 59

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Friendswood, Texas. Rob Davie, IANTD Public Safety Diver Instructor Trainer, was killed April 22, 2006 off the coast of southern Egypt in the Red Sea in a diving accident involving an Inspiration Classic rebreather. Davie, a decorated Air Force Combat Air Rescue Pilot in Viet Nam, was also a member of the PADI family. Commonly regarded as a rebreather expert, Davie was a popular moderator on RebreatherWorld.com.



While making a dive following two morning dives, Davie released his weight belt and was seen switching to his open-circuit bail-out system around 70 feet and making a rapid ascent. He was seen surfacing and swimming toward the live-a-board's cover boat before he lost consciousness. About ten minutes after the divers went down, the boat crew found him floating face down at the surface.

Davie began his career piloting international cargo and passenger airliners and would later serve as a police officer with the Long Beach Police Department. In recent years, Davie was based in Houston with Continental Airlines piloting Boeing 777's on international flights. He was a reserve police officer for the Spring ISD Police Department.

His brother Tom said at the memorial service, "There was no adventure that Rob didn't want to conquer. Rob had nine lives, he just used them all up".

Rob Davie is survived by his wife Sheryl, their son Sean, his brother Tom, and his mother Ethel. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to Gulf Coast Search and Recovery, Attention: Randy Faulkner, Box 362, Seabrook, Texas 77686.

Davie was one of those guys that everyone immediately liked. He would greet you with a grin and make you feel as happy as he always seemed to be. Like so many others that knew Rob, I was happy to call him a friend.

Be sure to read — New's from Editor



ABNC PRAIRIE NIGHT RIDE

Our next outing at ABNC will be June 10 as a Prairie Night Ride! We will be towed on a hay wagon into the 2500 acre preserve's open fields that are being restored to showcase how tall prairie grasses used to look in this area before farming and subdivisions.

As the heat of the day cools, prairie wildlife begins to emerge under the deep Texas night sky. From the elevated view of the hayride we will explore the sights and sounds of the transforming prairie landscape. With the aid of a powerful spotlight your expert guides will interpret the prairie's beauty, wildlife and ecology. Sighting may include deer, owls, armadillos, rabbits and raccoons. (Bring your own drinks and snacks)

Fee: \$5.00 each. Maximum number this time is 15; please sign up at the next Monthly Meeting May 31, or the BOD Meeting June 6.

**ABNC PARKING LOT
JUNE 10
8:00-9:30 PM**

How You Can Protect Coral Reefs

You Don't have to live near the Ocean to Help

May 5, 2006 — Even if you don't live near a reef, you can help protect coral reefs in the United States, and around the world. The federal Coral Reef Conservation Program offers these tips:

- Don't use chemically enhanced pesticides and fertilizers.
- Educate yourself about coral reefs and the creatures they support. How many different species live in reefs? What new medicines have been developed from reef organisms? Participate in training or educational programs that focus on reef ecology.
- Be a wastewater crusader. Make sure that sewage from your boat and home is correctly treated. Excess nutrients in wastewater can negatively affect coral reef ecosystems.
- Support organizations that protect coral reefs. Many group-shave coral reef programs, and your support will make a big difference.
- Volunteer for a reef cleanup. You don't live near a coral reef? Then consider visiting a coral reef on your next vacation.
- Be an informed consumer. Only buy marine fish and other reef organisms when you know they have been collected in an

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BAY AREA DIVERS TWIN LAKES

Saturday 17, 2006

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(near 288, between Corporate Dr. & McCoy Rd.)
See: www.bayareadivers.org for MAP

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how you can help conserve our coral reefs. Visit the American Zoo and Aquarium Association to find a zoo or aquarium near you.

- If you dive, don't touch. Take only pictures and leave only bubbles. Stay off the bottom because disturbed sediments can smother the corals.
- Support reef-friendly businesses. Ask what your dive shop, boating store, tour operator, hotel and other coastal businesses do to save coral reefs.
- Recycle. This helps keep trash out of the oceans and also out of landfills where it can have an adverse impact on the water quality of our rivers and oceans.
- Become a volunteer monitor. Participate in community

BAY AREA DIVERS ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

March 29, 2006

Bay Area Divers would like to thank the following organizations for participating in our Open House. It was very informative and a lot of good information and good people showed up.

Check out the pictures on the website:

<http://www.bayareadivers.org/event-BAD-openhouse-03-29-06.htm>

Thanks to:

Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary
- **Kelly Drinnen** - www.flowergarden.nos.noaa.gov

Texas Association of Single Sailors
- **Anna Stanley** - www.sailtass.com

City of Houston Underwater Mariners
- **Roger Veteto** - www.chumclub.org

W.W. Diving Dive Shop
- **Dennis Camp & Rebecca Jacobs** -
www.wwdive.com

Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network
- **Heidi Watts** - www.tmmsn.org

Moody Gardens Volunteer Services
- **Yvette Guerrero** -
www.moodygardens.com/volunteering.html

- **Bill Jones** - Dive Instruction and Trips
home.houston.rr.com/thescubaguy/

Houston Underwater Photographic Society
- **Dennis Deavenport** - www.hups.org

- Be a marine debris crusader. In addition to picking up your own trash, carry away the trash that others have left behind.
- Hire local guides when visiting coral reef ecosystems. This will help you learn about local resources and protect the future of the reef by supporting the local economy.
- Don't anchor on the reef. If you are boating near a coral reef, use mooring buoy systems when they are available.
- Participate in the Great Annual Fish Count. The fish count helps scientists better understand coral reef fish populations.
- Respect local guidelines when you visit a reef. Help keep coral reefs healthy by respecting local customs, recommendations and regulations. Ask local authorities or your dive

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Dive Smart!
Dive Safe!
Dive Happy!

Agenda Items for June 6th BOD Meeting

The following list are items either tabled from the May 2nd BOD Meeting or items that are included for update:

- **New Braunfels Canoe Trip, June 23-25 – This event has not been presented to the BOD for approval. Need event details.**
- **Twin Lakes Dive Day, June 17th Update**
- **Blue Lagoon Event Update**
- **Club Historian/Librarian – Any volunteers from the May Membership Meeting?**
- **Prairie Night Ride at Armand Bayou Nature Center, June 10th Update**
- **Armand Bayou Sunset Cruise – Date and details**
- **Guidelines Committee – Results of poll and request for volunteers at May Membership Meeting.**
- **Flea Market Update**
- **Anniversary Party Update**
- **June Speaker**

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