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New Members

Bruce Oliver

THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS

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Scubadillo Troop Donation Drive Waiting is the Hardest Part!

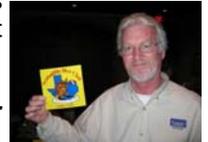


Giving connects two people, the giver and the receiver, and this connection gives birth to a new sense of belonging.
- Deepak Chopra



The boxes are packed, the labels are done, the final layer of reinforced tape applied, the post office endured; and now we wait in anticipation to hopefully hear from our newfound friends. Once again, the Scubadillos have risen to the occasion with an incredible turn out to make the Scubadillo Troop Donation Drive a huge success.

The project began with the idea of doing something for our troops. Right away a few people made cash donations, and that started an incredible momentum. The club decides how to allocate the year. Happily, the club was able to to all of our traditional charities and available to also help the troops. The end of the year is also the time donations for the make donations still have funds Adopting Texas-sounded good to was now officially a full-blown Scubadillo event!



Everybody can be great.....because anybody can serve. – Martin Luther King, Jr.

Next we started discussing what to send. It was decided to try to include a Leatherman tool for as many troops as we could manage. Mona Valentine contacted the Leatherman Corporation to donate the tools but they couldn't, then Steve Sadler found a discounted source. Then, lo and behold, at the last minute, Mike Greig gets on the phone to make his way up the Leatherman corporate ladder. Not taking no for an answer, he managed to find the person who was able to make them available to our organization at wholesale. He procured a Leatherman Super-Tool 200 for EACH of the troops we adopted, complete with carrying case



for close to cost. Last but not least we needed packaging, then Doug Gamel donated all the boxes, tape, and wrapping paper!

The shopping lists were compiled and a date was set for the packaging party. The club purchased a number of items from wholesale/discount stores and club members called to donate any needed items on the list. We had a great turn out and assembled a lot of boxes for the units we adopted. The pictures on the website are a must-see!



Signed and sealed, now to deliver! I met Laura Greig, Steve Partain and Lynn Partain at the post office Saturday morning. Steve reinforced each box one more time with mega-tape, we checked custom slips, and wheeled the 19 boxes in. It was one of the longest post office lines any of us had ever seen! But after some time



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A Word From Your President



Jeff Colvin — 2005
SCUBADILLO President

"The DILLOS are ALIVE in 2005!!!! The club officers and board have met and mapped out a tremendous year of activities, the 2005 budget is in place, and now its "Katie Bar the Door"! Ok, so I'm a little excited, but I have good reason to be. This year will be complete with all of the activities that we have traditionally enjoyed, as well as a few new surprises. Our web site has several of the event dates already posted, as well as our 2005-lake dive schedule, and there is more to come.

Our 2004 donation of both club and individual money, as well as much needed supplies are well on their way to the three Army units we chose to support overseas. I wish to thank the club, and everyone involved in donating their time, money, and supplies, as well as a big Thanks to Leatherman Tools for their help in fulfilling the wish lists of our troops. I also want to

give a very special Thank You to 2005 board member Gael Murdoch for heading up this project. She was very passionate about it, and her passion showed in her planning and implementation that made this gesture so special to all of us. Thank you so much, Gael.

You do not want to miss the February club meeting. Our speaker will be one of the true pioneers of diving and underwater photography. Walter Davis, owner of The Scuba Shop in Addison, will be showing a slide presentation of some of the many beautiful photographs he has taken in some of the world's most fascinating dive locations. Mr. Davis has been diving for some 57 years, starting with free diving in 1947, and then with homemade equipment, made his first scuba dive in 1948. He began teaching diving in 1956, has made presentations at both the DEMA show and SEASPACE, and is published in several dive magazines including: Skin Diver, Asian Diver, and Rodale's Scuba Diving. Walter Davis still dives numerous times a year, and will share some interesting stories about his lifetime underwater.

Be sure and check out the club's "Who's Diving and What's on Sale" information located on our web site: www.scubadillo.org at the Diving button under Shops/Trips/Sales. You will find information on dive trips and store sales from shops all over the Dallas/Fort Worth area. We strongly urge all of our members and other readers to SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL DIVE SHOP in buying new equipment, servicing your gear, training and dive trips. How about throwing some business C. B. Kloppe's way at Grapevine Scuba. His retail shop closing is the latest in a very serious trend as more consumers buy gear on the Internet. He is STILL IN BUSINESS, but only for training and dive trips. I have never met him personally, but have been told by many, including other shop owners, that he is a class act. The Scubadillos support all of our local dive shops, and our members should feel sadness each time a shop calls it quits. I'm Jeff Colvin, and I am your President.

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we were able to wave goodbye to the bundles. Now we are looking forward to hearing from those on the receiving end. Letters were sent separately to each of the commanders asking them to encourage their unit to write us, email us, and maybe send pictures.



Like accepting an Oscar, actually thanking people specifically is a rather dodgy venture. What if I leave someone out? What if I mix people up? What if I thank someone for someone else's donation? Yikes! I have decided that's a daunting task I dare not attempt. So I have decided to just say thank you, pure and simple, to all those who participated, each in your own way. There are many ways to be generous and this project required each of us dedicating what we could, whether it was money, time, or energy – it all counts! Giving is its own reward. Thank you for the cash we received as little as two dollars to as much as two hundred. Items donated included phone cards, toothbrushes and toothpaste, eye drops, moisturizers, toiletries, batteries, all kinds of books and magazines, etc., etc.! Thank you to everyone who came to the party, those who donated items and/or the post office crew! Thank you every- one for participating in this club such a success! Your efforts will be more important than me and hopefully we'll all make some new friends!



snacks, ga- Frisbees, packaging thank you to ing, it's what truly appreci-



Kindness is gladdening the hearts of those who are traveling the dark journey
Henri-Frederik Amiel

Gael Marie Murdoch/Scubadillo Troop Donation Coordinator/2004 Treasurer

with us. –

ALL CLUB SWAP AND SHOP

The Scubadillo Dive Club will be participating in an ALL Clubs Swap and Shop event sponsored by Emerald Sea Divers. The event will be in March, so dust off that unwanted gear and get ready for food, fun and bargains! More details later.

4th Annual Super Bowl Extravaganza!!! Sunday, February 6th, 2005

Please allow me to extend a club President's invitation to attend the 4th annual Scubadillo Super Bowl extravaganza! The event will once again be hosted by my wife Cat, and yours truly at our home in Allen. I'll be serving up a huge pot of our world famous Tortilla soup. Bring a covered dish specialty of yours, the beverage of your choice, as well as a bathing suit and towel for the fully enclosed Hot Tub. It seats up to 10 adults and provides a great seat from which to watch the game. There will be multiple game veiwing areas provided. You may arrive anytime after 4:00pm on February 6th. The address is: 705 Featherbrook Court Allen Texas, 75002. Full details and maps are provided on our club web site at www.scubadillo.org. Cat and I hope you can make it.

Jeff Colvin,
Your President

Arctic Dive/Wine & Cheese Tasting Event 2005!

For the Arctic Dive/Wine and Cheese tasting weekend, we will be staying at Marietta Landing on Lake Murray the weekend of Feb. 26-27, 2005. Diving Saturday will start after lunch with dry suits available if you want to try one out. Dry suits are being provided compliments of Mike Dunst of Emerald Sea Divers. The Bar-B-Q supper on Saturday will be provided by Steve Sadler. Following supper there will be a wine and cheese tasting contest, so bring a bottle of your favorite wine and some type of cheese. The campsite has places for tent and RV camping. Cabins are also available if you're not a camper. No reservations are required for the tents or RVs but cabins must be reserved by calling 1-800-257-0322. Our website will have a link to the Lake Murray website with maps and other lake information. Lake Murray is close enough that you can come for the day, dive, eat supper and drive back home.

The price will once again be \$10 in advance and \$13 at the event. Steve Sadler doesn't have a pc and can only be reached by phone at 817-680-2823 if you have questions and also to reserve your meal or buy your ticket.

2005 Scubadillo Diving Schedule

February 26th, 27th	Lake Murray Arctic Dive/Wine & Cheese Tasting. BBQ by Steve Sadler. Event and camping at Marietta Landing. Cabins available at 1-800-257-0322. Camping is first come.
March 12th	St. Patrick's Day Parade
April 2nd, 3rd	San Marcos River Cleanup/Easter Egg Dive. River cleanup Sat. at City Park, 9 am, BBQ provided by the City of San Marcos. Easter Egg Dive at Rio Vista Park. Camping at Leisure Camp & RV Park Reservations 1-800-248-4103
May 21st, 22nd	Lake Murray-Luau theme with cookout by Steve Sadler. Event and camping at Marietta Landing.
June 11th, 12th	Guadalupe River Tube N Dive
July 23rd	Day Dive at Clear Springs Park in Terrell, TX.
August 20th	Training-TBA
September 17th	End of Summer Fun Event.
October?????	Trashfest in New Braunfels. Comal River Cleanup. BBQ hosted by city of New Braunfels. Cheap hotel camping. Roadway Inn \$31.95 1-800-967-1168.
October 15th, 16th	Pumpkin Dive. Tyler State Park. Oktoberfest theme hosted by Gael Murdoch. Reservations: www.tpwd.state.tx.us 512-389-8900
November 11th to 14th	COZUMEL!!!!

2004 SCUBADILLO OFFICERS

PresidentJeff Colvin
Vice President Steve Partain
Treasurer Laura Greig
SecretaryStacey Burton Ellis
Sgt. At Arms Steve Sadler
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2005 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

All above officers, plus
Phil Ray
Sonny Gaither
Gael Murdoch
Kim Penny
Annette Evans
Barney Thibodeaux

Future Speakers: Throughout the year, we will be bringing you more speakers to talk about great dive sites, underwater photography, manufacturers' reps to show us the latest innovations in dive equipment and much more! Don't miss a meeting!

Next Meeting:

When: Thurs, Feb. 3rd, 2005 7:30 p.m. (Social Hour 6:30)

Where: Midway Point Restaurant,
NW corner of Harvest Hill & Midway

Speaker: **The Most Excellent Walter Davis with a fabulous underwater picture presentation! Come See!!**

Upcoming Events

What: 4th Annual Super Bowl Extravaganza!

When: Sunday, Feb. 6th, 2005; After 4 pm

Where: Jeff & Cat Colvin's, 705 Featherbrook Court
Allen, TX 75002 Full details and maps at
www.scubadillo.org

What: Arctic Dive/Wine & Cheese Tasting!

When: Feb. 26-27, 2005

Where: Marietta's Landing, Lake Murray, OK

What: Happiest of Happy Hours!

When: Friday, February 18th, 2005

Where: Bavarian Grill, 221 West Parker, Plano, TX
More to follow on the website. www.scubadillo.org



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