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Cozumel! Always Great! By Stacey Burton Ellis

We (Stacey Burton Ellis [of Vacation Connection fame] and friends) took our 10 th annual Memorial Weekend Cozumel / Dive With Martin Group Trip and had a blast!! We stayed at the Allegro Resort. We love the nice sprawling resort & the great beach...AND it is just a few minutes boat ride to the best reefs with a great group of people and diving. Allegro's had a major refurbishing of the rooms...so we were in new rooms, with the "cozumel standard - hard beds" and AC that would give you frost bite!



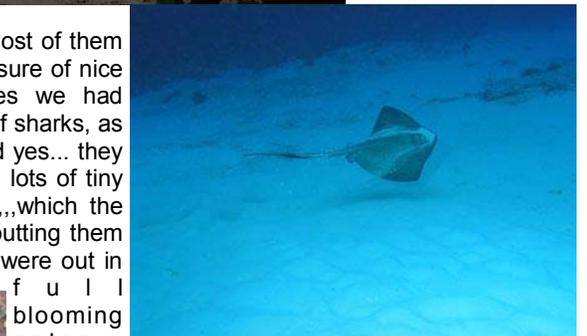
We dived with Dive With Martin,,, his crew picked us up & off we went! We had a our favorite divemasters... Pablo & David! We dove all the usual sights. One of our favorites is Palancar Caves, with tons of swim through & pinnacles.

time. There was no dive that the critters were all out in full started the trip off with the couple of seahorses! We horses in Cozumel... We all get good photos, only to real-another close by!! This was some to ever see a sea-the 2 for 1 special !!



BUT....it was different this was just "okay"... force this year. We rare sighting of a seldom see Sea-gathered around to ize that there was the 1st time for horse,,,and they got weekend... we had lobsters...BUT they

Throughout the long more than our fare share of were huge lobsters & they weren't hidden,,, they were out strolling around,,, and did I mention most of them were VERY large..! We also had the pleasure of nice big crabs & eels ! On several dives we had "sharks"! We had a couple of the grey reef sharks, as well as, the usual large nurse sharks! And yes... they were hanging around for photos! We had lots of tiny critters too... lots of the tiny arrow crabs,,,which the child in Michael Greig could never resist putting them in your hair, etc! Tons of sea anemones were out in



full blooming color... purple & fluorescent yellow were the best!

Then it came time for the night dive!! Dive with Martin took our divers to Santa Rosa Wall for a night dive. We had the pleasure of Martin himself to come on the night dive with us!! He is the master of seeking out critters!! We had a wonderful night dive with huge crabs and lobsters,,, and a couple of octopus!! And then it happened.... we looked down &

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A Word From Your President



Jeff Colvin — 2005
SCUBADILLO President

"It's July, where's the water?! Man, is it hot enough for you? I completely shut down the heater on my hot tub a few weeks ago, and the water temperature is still sitting at 97 to 98 degrees. Yes, summer is indeed here, what I wouldn't give for a nice thermal cline

right now.

Our July 7th monthly club-meeting speaker is a favorite among Dillos, diving pioneer and repair expert John Cannon. John will speak on various topics ranging from common mistakes some dive trainers and dive masters make, to having the right equipment for the right dive, to the proper maintenance of our dive equipment, as well as any other topics desired by our members. He asked that we bring our questions and any equipment we would like to get his comments on. John Cannon, like Walter Davis, is a wonderful storyteller about early diving and how the sport has evolved. He is also one of the

top repair guys in the country, so let him know about any problems you might be having with your equipment.

On July 23rd, the club will be heading out to Clear Springs in Terrell for a day dive. The club will provide a meal, so come spend the day with us and get wet. The location is close and allows those who might have a blue water trip coming up to check out their equipment. There will be more details at our July 7th meeting. We also have another fun happy hour planned at the end of the month with details and location provided on our website.

As our members know, the Scubadillo Dive Club has always planned and provided between 5 and 6 lake dives per year, with an annual blue water club trip to Cozumel in early November. We set up these dives because we are, first and foremost, a dive club. We set our lake dives up for people to do check out diving for blue water trips, to test out and try new equipment, and most of all, to keep divers getting wet. We also plan lake dives for those that might not be able to always afford a blue water trip or two each year.

Blue water trips are always wonderful, by often expensive. As President, I know there are those that do not particularly care for low visibility lake diving, however, we are a club for everyone. It is not our club's function or business to put together and sell blue water trips. Our Cozumel trip has become a club tradition and will remain so, but we leave the travel and dive trips to our local dive shops and travel businesses. When we give our blue water business to the local dive shops and travel experts, it is The Dillos way of showing our support. It lets our shop owners know that we care about their success and longevity. It makes us partners. We all win. So, we will continue with our lake dive program and hope that some of you that don't normally make these trips, will still come to a couple and be supportive of those folks that only have these trips to keep them diving. The Scubadillos are made up of all kinds of divers who support each other, in and out of the water. I'm Jeff Colvin, and I'm proud to be your President.

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saw a VERY large octopus just strolling out in the sand!! We were on it like the Paparazzi! As it strolled along, it must have changed colors 20 times. It was almost as if it was posing for the cameras! Everyone's photos turned out great! We saw so much stuff that we were all fighting for bragging time when we got back aboard the boat!!

It was a wonderful trip, filled with wonderful diving and wonderful people and Martin put the icing on the trip by diving with us & giving us all his latest T-shirts!!

Mike & Laura Greig, Bad Ann Blackstock and Terry Linton all decided to make the trek over to Chichen Itza better known as "Chicken-Pizza" They had a fun filled day! The trip took them about 12 hours, but they swear every minute was worth it!! and by the looks of their photos, IT WAS! OR maybe it was the drinks at Carlos Y Charlies when they missed the ferry,,, but either way.... they loved it!! Our group teamed up with "Dive with Martin" over 10 years ago, and it has been a dynamic duo of travel arrangements & diving! We are looking forward the 11th anniversary trip!!

Major Sponsors for the 7th Annual Scubadillo Dive Club Crawfish Boil

Emerald Sea Divers, La Buena Vida Vineyards, Tony's Wine Warehouse & Restaurant, Peter Hughes Diving, Scuba Toys, International Scuba, Blackbeard Cruises, Surface Interval Scuba, Cayman Airways.

We are also thankful for the many other sponsors that contributed to the success of the Boil. You can find them listed at http://www.scubadillo.org/sponsors/2005_cb_list.html.



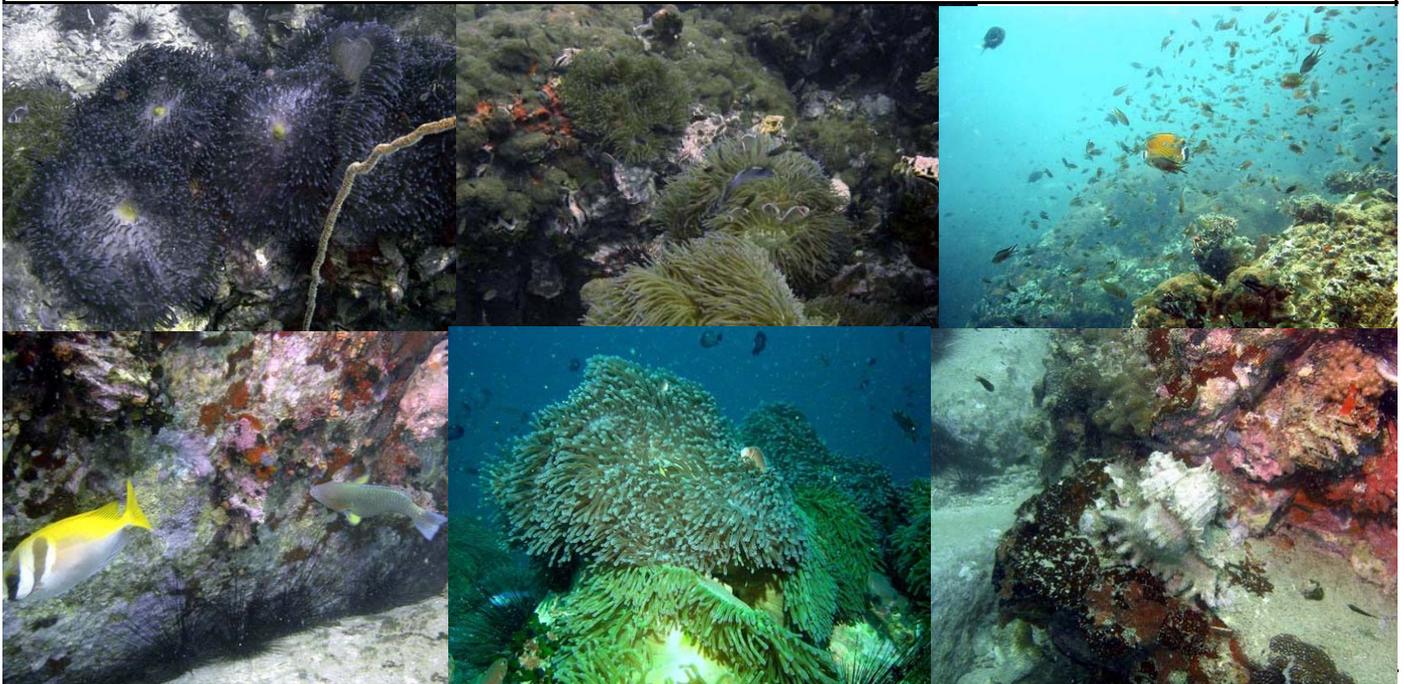
Don't Forget the Troops. They Need Our Prayers and Donations Ongoing. Go to www.scubadillo.org for web addresses that suggest ways to help.

Want to send a message to the troops and get a free dog-tag? Go to:

http://www.americasupportsyou.mil/ and send a message like 80,000 other Americans have and check out the dog-tag!



Greetings from Thailand! Ko Tao-Gulf of Thailand By David Hughes (Long Time Dillo Who Moved to Houston!)



2005 Scubadillo Diving Schedule

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!!!!

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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, July 7th, 2005 7:30 p.m. (Social Hour 6:30)

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

**Speaker: John Cannon, Equipment Specialist, Photographer,
Diver to name a few of his specialties/skills.**

Upcoming Events

What: Day Dive

When: July 23rd, 2005

Where: Clear Springs Park, Terrell, TX Directions on the Scubadillo website.

What: Happiest of Happy Hours!

When: July 29th, 2005; 5 pm to 8 pm

Where: Pappa's Pizza, Red Room; 4060 Beltline in Addison.

Webmaster will publish a broadcast email shortly with full details. See you there!



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