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### New Members

No new members

### THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS

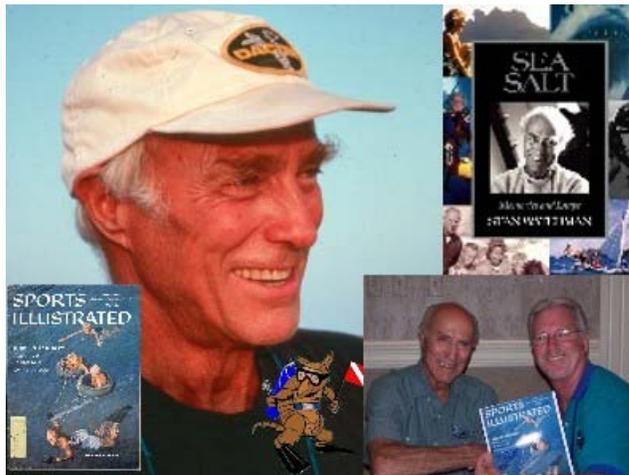
Bruce Oliver	10/1
Paul G. Sharland	10/1
Steve Partain	10/8
Henry Aschner	10/9
Jim Simpson	10/24
Jack Stroud	10/29
Lonnie Babb	10/31

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## An Evening With Stan Waterman

By Jeff Colvin



In the English language, there are many uses for the term MAGIC. On September 25<sup>th</sup>, I experienced a new use for the term, and that was in describing a very special evening with Stan Waterman. I can't recall being around an individual so warm, friendly and wonderful as this man, since my own father walked this earth. Stan Waterman was a unique combination of parts: an adventurer, an intellectual, a poet, a storyteller, a father figure, as well as being a most humble human being. I had not previously had the opportunity to be in the company of a true Legend, I have now.

When I received an email from Stan's business partner, Nancy McGee, I, along with club webmaster and director, Sonny Gaither, agreed that Stan was too big of a presence for our club to handle in sponsoring his trip to speak in Dallas. Nancy, however, was very complimentary toward the Dillos, as well as supportive, and wanted our club to lead the way at whatever level we were comfortable with. That was my signal and drive to decide that we just needed to GO FOR IT! I could not have pulled this event together without the total involvement of Vice President, Steve Partain, and the support and assistance of my fellow officers and directors in making this special night a reality, as GO FOR IT we did.

When Stan first entered the room, he seemed somewhat frail to me, yet I knew that he had just been on one of his latest dive adventures prior to coming to Dallas. It was at that point that I reminded myself, "Jeff, the man is 82 years old." I cannot for a moment, imagine myself traveling the world, still diving in some of its most difficult ocean destinations, at 82 years of age. I then realized that he wasn't frail at all, quite the contrary, he was vibrant, and full of life, still doing what he has loved for so long, capturing the most vividly beautiful images beneath the sea, that I had ever seen.

If you missed this event, you missed something very special. Stan showed videos dating back to a unique documentary that actually showed in movie theaters across the country. *Blue Water White Death* was for many, a first look at sharks in their natural setting, with divers venturing from the safety of their shark cages for the first time. I was on the edge of my seat as very large White Tips circled the divers as they filmed. The creatures were quite intent on getting up close and personal. Three more videos, each showing why Stan is the owner of 5 Emmy Awards followed this film. I have decided that the oceans are endless in the variety and uniqueness of their inhabitants. I was absolutely amazed. Stan introduced and signed copies of his brand new book, *Sea Salt: Memories and Essays*, and it looked as if nearly everyone there left with a coveted copy.

The most emotional part of the evening had to be when Stan concluded with "Thank You", and the room erupted in a long-standing ovation of applause. His assistant said the he was so overwhelmed by the gesture, that he was almost brought to tears. I also felt a tear or two in my eyes as well. Thank you Stan Waterman, you will always be in the hearts and minds of everyone who looks toward the sea with love and respect.

## A Word From Your President



Jeff Colvin — 2005  
SCUBADILLO President

Another month has come and gone. Normally, the month of September is relatively quiet, but not this year! September was teeming with activity. Our party boat fun event was outstanding, as we enjoyed barbeque, drinks, swimming, sliding, and even some fancy

high diving. My back flips and can openers were Olympic caliber, but then my only competition was Steve Ogden. He did however, have the best belly flop. We also squeezed in a Happy Hour, where some of our members just about closed the place down as they danced to the live music. This very busy month was then capped off with a special evening of stories and video from the great Stan Waterman. Now that's what I call a September to remember.

The month of October will still not have any slow downs, as we kick off the month with some folks attending the annual Comal River cleanup in New Braunfels on October 1st. Then it's Averil Henry from the British Virgin Islands Tourist Board, who will be speaking at our October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting about diving the islands. On October 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, it's off to Tyler State Park for our annual Dillo Pumpkin Dive. Even if one only wants to come for the day, it is still worth the drive. This will be a first for Cat and I, as we will actually be sleeping in a tent. I hope it has room service. There will be camping as always, with German food, diving, and underwater pumpkin carving. Prizes will be great as usual, and all will have a wonderful time.

We still have much in store for our members, as we head into the early fall months. Mona and company have already been hot and heavy in getting our dona-

tions in for the fund raising we will do at our 2005 Dillo Christmas party. If you have any connections with retail stores, restaurants, goods and services companies, maybe the dive shop you trade at, lend us a hand. One look at our website tells about the things we do to help others. We now have scores of uprooted Americans out there, our troops are still across the ocean, and our dive charities count on us. Our officers and board have worked hard this year; please get involved in helping us with our charity donations.

As I reach the later part of my third year out of the past four as your President, I am a bit tired, but still, I've loved every minute of it. I have always tried to do what was best for the club; I hope that you feel that I have. Elections aren't too far away, so be thinking about them. Actively serving is a rewarding experience. You should try it. I'm Jeff Colvin, and I am Your President.

## Wrapping up the Summer in True Dillo Style

By Mona Valentine & Ann Blackstock



Members of the Scubadillo Dive Club were promised an "end-of-the-year *FUN EVENT*," and, by golly, they got it! Boat Float, Party Barge, Double-Decker Floating Fantasy... It was all that and MORE.

On Sept. 17, a warm and sunny Saturday afternoon, some 50 Dillos met at the Silver Lake Marina in Grapevine, dressed in swimsuits and shorts, carrying beverage coolers, beach towels and all types, shapes and colors of adult floatation devices.

The excitement brewed, especially when Sonny Bryan's arrived with lots



of yummy food, which was then loaded onto the boat...ship...barge. Whatever... Dinner would be served on board during the trip. At 4:30 (well...maybe it was closer to 5) we were underway!

Incidentally, there were no dive tanks on board. Nor masks, fins, snorkels. This adventure was designed to be fun-under-the-sun SANS diving. Dillos are allowed to do that, once in a while.

The barge cruised out to the middle of Lake Grapevine – and that's when the water sports commenced! Several bodies started slippin' down the monster slide, and other bodies were divin' into the cool water in search of floaties. The coup de gras, however, was seeing several crazy Dillos diving from the top level - in tandem. Not regular diving, mind you. These were back flips, forward flips, cannon balls, double gainers (huh?), and the best ones were the



BELLY FLOPS! (ouch.) Obviously, there was plenty of visual entertainment throughout the afternoon.

Watching a dramatic sunset was one of the highlights of the day. Big skies and bigger sunsets are a trademark of this great state of Texas – and we thoroughly enjoyed watching the noisy, active day turn into a peaceful, serene night.



There's no question that this was a SUCCESSFUL Dillo event. And, one that we have never done before! Suffice it to say we will probably do something similar, next year. So, if you missed it this time, remember to sign up early, next year. And, be sure to brush up on your flips and flops because there will be plenty of competition.

## Pumpkin Dive at Tyler State Park Information

(Did we mention PRIZES!!)

Date: October 14th - 16th, 2005

Place: Tyler State Park

Cedar Point Camp site See Details on the website. [www.scubadillo.org](http://www.scubadillo.org)

## Halloween Party at the Keller House-October 29th, 2005

8p.m. until the ghosts & goblins are gone!

2104 Menton PLACE (NOT DRIVE), Carrollton, TX 75006

972/416-2386 BYOB and a dish to share. Costumes encouraged.

## Annual Scubadillo Dive Club Christmas Party

December 3rd, 2005 Kenny & the Kasuals!!

Springpark Sports & Community Center. More Details in

November newsletter.

## Scubadillo Dive Club - Cozumel 2005!!!

December 9 thru December 12, 2005

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## 2005 Scubadillo Diving Schedule

October 15th, 16th	Pumpkin Dive. Tyler State Park. Oktoberfest theme hosted by Gael Murdoch. Reservations: <a href="http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us">www.tpwd.state.tx.us</a> 512-389-8900
December 9th-12th, 2005	<b>COZUMEL!!!!</b>

**2005 SCUBADILLO OFFICERS**

President .....Jeff Colvin  
Vice President ..... Steve Partain  
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Secretary .....Stacey Burton Ellis  
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Dir. Of Club Affairs ..... Mona Valentine  
Newsletter Editor..... June Hallman

**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, October 6th, 2005 7:30 p.m. (Social Hour 6:30)  
**Where:** Midway Point Restaurant,  
NW corner of Harvest Hill & Midway  
**Speaker: Averil Henry, Regional Sales Manager, British Virgin Islands Tourist Board**

**Upcoming Events**

**What: Pumpkin Dive-Underwater Carving Contest!**  
**When: Oct. 14-16, 2005 (Did we mention PRIZES!)**  
**Where: Tyler State Park, Cedar Point Camp Site**  
For details, go to website [www.scubadillo.org](http://www.scubadillo.org) or contact Steve Partain [spartain@empgen.com](mailto:spartain@empgen.com) Hostess:Gael Murdoch.

**What: Dillos Invade Cozumel!**  
**When: December 9th-12th, 2005**  
**Where: Cozumel, Mexico; Reef Club Cozumel & Dive with Martin! See inside for details and on website.**

**What: Halloween Party at the Keller House 972-416-2386**  
**When: October 29th, 2005 8 p.m. until ghosts/goblins gone!**  
**Where: 2104 Menton PLACE, Carrollton, TX 75006**



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