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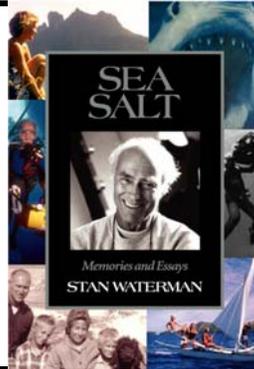
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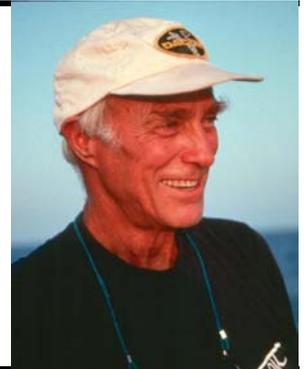
September 2005



Picture
by Walter Davis



STAN WATERMAN
is coming!
See flyer inside or go to
www.scubadillo.org.



New Members

Laura Lake

THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS

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| June Hallman | 9/2 |
| Cathy Colvin | 9/3 |
| Sandy Lannan | 9/9 |
| Steve Sadler | 9/9 |
| Kent Johnson | 9/11 |
| Shelley Benz | 9/12 |
| Mary May | 9/16 |
| Don Mode | 9/21 |
| Annette Evans | 9/23 |
| Marsa Hightower | 9/26 |
| Michael R. Dunst | 9/27 |
| Flora Douet | 9/28 |
| Cameron Mode | 9/30 |

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Galapagos Odyssey

By Ann and Jim Keller



We began our week aboard the Galapagos Aggressor with a check-out dive at Isla Lobos. Sea lions love playing in your exhaust bubbles. Aside from being overweighted, having my mask leak and my computer reset itself to meters and bars, the dive in 70 degree water was quite refreshing even with a 7mm wetsuit. (Now you know why it's important to always do a check-out dive.)

The dives at North Seymour had 50' visibility. I thought I saw my first manta ray, but it turned out to be a mobula, a Devil Ray. (Things always look bigger in

the water) There were white tip sharks, stingrays, snake eels, guineafowl puffer fish and a huge field of garden eels. Several sea lions also honored us with their presence.

The land tour of North Seymour was as exotic as the diving. After leaving this island the boat started making time to cover the 100 miles to reach Darwin. I love sleeping on the boat. When's the last time you were rocked to sleep?



We made ten dives at Darwin's Arch. The sea was not as rough as I expected (Go prepared for the worst and be pleasantly surprised.). We dove Nitrox all week and pushed the limits of our computers on several occasions. The currents were stout, but the 74 degree water was quite welcome. We arrived at the Arch escorted by dolphins.

All diving is done from a panga (Zodiac). Seven divers and their cameras board, sit on the edge and, on the count of three, do a synchronized backroll into the ocean. It's then a contest to see who can get to the bottom the fastest. (This is necessitated by the strong currents.)

We were mesmerized by huge schools of fish – bonitas, jacks,

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A Word From Your President



Jeff Colvin — 2005
SCUBADILLO President

WOW!! To say that September is going to be an exciting month is definitely a major understatement!! This President, along with my fellow Officers, Directors, and Scubadillo members, are very proud to be able to bring an international diving legend to Dallas. Stan Waterman is a five-time Emmy Award winner for his work in underwater cinematography. He has produced documentaries, as well as television series and films for National Geographic, ABC, and ESPN. Mr. Waterman has worked on several movies including: *"Blue Water, White Death"* and *"The Deep"*. Stan and his family were featured in a Discovery Channel two-hour biographical special, *"The Man Who Loves*

Sharks". Mr. Waterman has received the Cousteau Diver of the Year Award among many others and has been inducted into the International Scuba Diving Hall of Fame. Stan Waterman will be giving all who attend this special event a sneak peek, and an opportunity to buy a personally autographed copy of his brand new book; *Sea Salt: Memories and Essays*. Complete details and ticket locations may be obtained from the flyer with this newsletter, area dive shops, and at www.scubadillo.org. Did I say WOW earlier?

How about a FUN EVENT? You've seen it listed on our calendar all year, and on the web site, but you've also probably wondered just what is a FUN EVENT?? How about a four hour House Boat trip on Lake Grapevine, complete with swimming and BBQ dinner, Sonny Bryan style. This event is in appreciation of, and exclusively

for our members and their guests at a reduced price. Seats for the boat are limited, and will be available at our September club meeting, along with tickets to see Stan Waterman.

Our October 6th Scubadillo Dive Club meeting promises to be an exciting one as we welcome Averil Henry, Regional Sales Manager for the British Virgin Islands' Tourist Board. Averil will tell us about exciting dive destinations and all the excitement of the Islands.

Your Officers and Directors hope that all will attend the September meeting for an open board meeting before the regular meeting, and for voting on a change to our club's bylaws. Yes, September is an exciting month; of course every month is exciting when you are a DILLO. I'm Jeff Colvin and I am your President.

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creolefish, tuna, wahoo, barracuda and a slew of moray eels (Now I know where the ones that used to live in Cozumel went.) The real stars of the show were the hundreds of schooling hammerheads. The moorish idols, surgeonfish, grunts, scorpionfish, sergeant majors, angel fish, parrots, trumpets, coronets, orange cup coral and sea stars were impressive as well.

We earned a new dive specialty card on this trip – Rock climbing! Currents required you maintain a strong grip on the barnacle-encrusted volcanic rocks lest you go flying off into the wild blue yonder.

As we began our tenth and final dive at Darwin there had been no sightings of whale sharks. Orcas had been heard earlier and we feared they had scared them away. Galapagos sharks as well as hammerheads were more abundant and even more inquisitive than they had been previously. (Don't exhale if a hammerhead gets near you or you'll spook him away.)

When I heard the divemaster's rattle, I left my 'perch' at 67' and swam like mad toward this beautiful silhouette. Unfortunately I got caught in a downdraft and went down

instead of up. The 14' baby whale shark didn't stay around long, but it's an image I will never forget.

We made two dives at Cousin's Rock, spotting Pacific sea horses and frolicking with sea lions. Jim got an unexpected treat when a school of ten spotted eagle rays allowed him to cruise with them for several minutes. When his head broke the surface, he was raving about his 'religious' experience. I ended up alone on my safety stop, drifting in the open blue ocean and was met with

fairly large swells when I surfaced. However, I never once got to use my Dive Alert, safety sausage or dive flag.

Our final dive at Gordon Rocks, aka 'the washing machine', again provided schooling hammerheads and the largest turtle I've ever seen. We felt and "saw" a dramatic thermocline accompanied by a downdraft current. Watching your gauges is mandatory here.

Along with snorkeling with penguins, we had land tours on Bartolome and Santa Cruz islands. Diving the Galapagos Islands is not for the newly certified, or necessarily for the seasoned diver. But, as with any activity, you'll get the most enjoyment out of it if you're physically fit and appropriately trained. We have plans to return to these 'Enchanted Isles'.



DILLO FUN...FUN...FUN !!

September 17th, 2005

Everybody was wondering what the FUN EVENT was gonna be... Well... how does a PARTY BARGE on Grapevine Lake sound!!! Say goodbye to summer with a party barge reserved specifically for the Scubadillos!!

Scubadillo members.... we LUV you... so the club is going to pick up half the tab for Dillo members, \$10. per member. Guests are only allowed if brought by a member....\$20. per guest.

The party barge will only hold 50 people....so the seats are 1st come...1st serve. Available at the Sept. 1st meeting.

Sept. 17, 4.30pm-8.30pm / Silver Lake Marina, Grapevine Lake

(www.jff.net/grapevine for map)

Food is catered by Sonny Bryan's BBQ. / B.Y.O.B

Go to www.scubadillo.org for details

Scubadillo Dive Club - Cozumel 2005!!!

December 9 thru December 12, 2005
REEF CLUB COZUMEL & DIVE W/ MARTIN
\$730 for Divers/\$615 for Non-divers
ALL INCLUSIVE
Only 40 spots will be available!

Deposit Due \$175.00 ASAP! More details at the September Dive Club meeting on September 1st.

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2005 Scubadillo Diving Schedule

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| September 17th | Party Boat on Lake Grapevine 50 Max. First Come, First Serve on Seats. |
| October????? | Trashfest in New Braunfels. Comal River Cleanup. BBQ hosted by city of New Braunfels. Inexpensive hotel rates and camping available. 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 |
| December 9th-12th, 2005 | COZUMEL!!!! |

2005 SCUBADILLO OFFICERS

PresidentJeff Colvin
Vice President Steve Partain
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SecretaryStacey Burton Ellis
Sgt. At Arms Steve Sadler
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, September 1st, 2005 7:30 p.m. (Social Hour 6:30)

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

SPECIAL MYSTERY GUEST!

Upcoming Events

What: An Evening With Stan Waterman!

When: September 25th, 2005 6 pm

**Where: DoubleTree Hotel (Midway at LBJ)
4099 Valley View Lane, Dallas, TX 972-385-9000**

ADMISSION: \$20

What: Day on Lake Grapevine (Limit First 50 Dillos)

When: Saturday, September 17th, 2005

Where: Lake Grapevine, TX More Details Inside



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