

NEWS FROM The "Get Wet" Club

October 2004

The BAD Calendar

October, 2004

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November, 2004

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January, 2005

- 1 **Happy New Year**
- 4 BAD BOD Meeting
- 25 BAD General Membership Meeting

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

October Speaker: This month we have invited Rita M. Ruttley from JSC-EB NASA to come and talk to us about her experience on the NEEMO project. Rita was the Biomedical engineer on the project.

Septemter Speaker: BAD would like to thank Jesse Cancelmo for coming out to our August general meeting and giving us a wonderful presentation on Humpback Whales. For those that were unable to come to this meeting you really missed an excellent presentation from Jesse. Thanks again Jess for coming out.

October

Randy Widaman	Oct. 02
Donald Pallesen	Oct. 11
Cliff Dominey	Oct. 15
Bill Jones	Oct. 16
Wendy Whitehouse	Oct. 19
Richard Rowe	Oct. 20
Don Vanderslice	Oct. 26
Joe Neely	Oct. 28
Manual Garza	Oct. 29

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.

Deadline for article submission for next month is: **November 8th, 2004** E-Mail javan@wt.net

VICE-PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Randy Widaman (Cap10randy)

Well fellow BADDies this year is coming to a close and what a wonderful year it has been. We started out with our hammerhead trip out on the M/V Fling and had great weather and saw several Hammerheads. Then we went to CoCo View resort in March and May and several of us saw some new territory down under. As usual SeaSpace was a success again and thanks goes out to Ken Knezick and his crew for a wonderful job this year. Thanks go out to Beverly Cutler for her efforts in our 2nd picnic to Blue lagoon. All had fun and several of our members became certified in UW dive propulsion vehicles. This was followed by Our own Bill Jones and his 2 trips to Jamaica and Cozumel. Then just recently BAD had it's annual Flea Market and a real big thanks goes pout to Madeleine Barnes for her great effort once again this year. The event was well received by our venders and the customers as well. For those that were unable to attend DEMA the turn out was a bit low this year giving those that attended a great opportunity to visit with the venders. So we are down to the last of our 3 events this year. Coming up next is our Paintball Challenge with HUC November 6th. Go to The BAD web page www.bayareadivers.org and click on events then click on Paintball for full details. We need a good turn out for this event so we can give HUC a run for their challenge. Then right after that weekend we have our 30th BAD Anniversary party at Monument Inn November 13th starting at 6:30pm with all your can eat starting at 7:00pm. For awaits them. Oh by the way the gift is



NEW BAD Members

**Bill & Nina Clayton, Mark & Margaret Gable,
Scott Fischer, Manual Garza, Michael Miller,
Steven & Michelle Morrison, Mark & Della Phillips,
Doug Williams,**

**Guest for September:
Linda Furlong, William Mills,
Harold & Loree Strege**

already here and guaranteed to be awaiting you. Then last item for the year is our train trip from Cedar Park, Texas to Burnet, Texas in our own private lounge car. After returning to Cedar Park we will spend the night in Cedar Park at a Hotel next to the Train Station. Only 34 total spots available and 22 have been sold so far so if you are wanting to go again go to the BAD web page and click on events and then click on Train trip for details. Last of all remember next month is election month for officers and directors for our 2005 calendar year. Now is the time for some of you members that haven't yet served on the board to give it a shot. Thanks to all those who have in some way give your time and effort towards this years BAD activities.

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We have a new couple that joined at the Flea Market and they tied the knot this past month.

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OCTOBER BOD BRIEF

Madeleine K. Barnes

The BOD discussed the planned presenter for the October meeting and the Halloween Costume Contest on 10/27/04 with a special prize for the best member's costume. Flea Market issues were discussed including food/menu, volunteers, signs, table set up, and committee chairpersons. An article will appear in the Houston Press the week of the event. Reviewed progress of plans for the 30th Anniversary Party including ticket sales (\$15 per person for all you can eat), door prizes, shirts, and patches. Shirts with the same anniversary design as the patch can be ordered prior to the party in a variety of colors according to Verna Shannon. Trashfest, October 2nd, was cancelled due to weather in New Braufels that left the river unsafe for diving. The October Haunted Strand Walking Tour will take place in Galveston on October 30th according to Beverly Cutler. Also on the 30th, early in the morning (midnight-2:00 am), you can register in front of the George R. Brown convention center for the Moonlight Ramble bicycle event. Many of the riders will be dressed in costumes too. See the articles in the September newsletter on the website for more details on both the walking tour and the bicycle event. The HUC/BAD Paintball Contest needs support from Baddies to volunteer for the event. Randy Widaman is requesting volunteers contact him for the November 6th event. He also has openings on the Steam Train Trip event on December 11th. There was discussion as to the best solution to loading the newsletter on the website and this will be worked on in October. If the October newsletter is not successfully loaded onto the website timely, then the newsletter will be mailed out by regular mail. Ballots for the election of the new board for 2005 will be mailed out in November and members will be reminded to either mail them in prior to the November meeting or to bring them to the meeting. The BOD made a suggestion as to the vendor special for the October meeting. Members must be present at the meeting in order to take advantage of the special on quality equipment. Next month, the BAD BOD will meet Tuesday, November 2, 2004 at Ryan's Steak House at 7 p.m. All are



Wed. October 27, 2004

Do you have your Costume designed? What/Who are you going to come as? A pirate, an angel, Spider Man, a scuba diver or something a bit more inventive?

Your fellow BAD Members will also be participating and voting for the best, in their opinion, Halloween Costume. If my memory serves me correctly, Ms Barbara Courtwright cunningly won our last competition – hands down. The only requirement to compete is that you be a current BAD member. You have 3 more weeks to get yourself decked-out in a costume. So come on, join in the fun. Get an old costume out, piece together a new one or just wear something funny. You could win **1st place!**

SPICY BROILED RED SNAPPER

Snapper fillet about 3/4 lb. each (skin on) Luzianne Cajun seasoning (about 1 teaspoon per fillet for medium spicy) Olive oil Salt (I like to use coarse salt) Pepper Lemon Paprika Parsley flakes

On a sheet on heavy duty aluminum foil sprinkle oil and smear area to coat an area a little larger that the fillet. Lay fish on foil skin side down. Coat top with oil. Squeeze lemon juice over fillet. Add salt, Paprika, Parsey, pepper and a generous coating of Cajun spice. Wrap foil over fish and fold to seal packet. Place on a cookie sheet in oven at 375 degrees for twenty minutes. Do not stack individual packets. Check by opening a pack: fish should not be translucent and will flake easily with a fork. Recipe also works well with Misquite spices instead of Cajun.

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OF THIS I AM CERTAIN

By Madeleine K. Barnes

On October 9th, we had great weather, overcast and not hot with a nice breeze blowing through the pavilion, for our 29th Annual Flea Market. We had every table booked and all of the vendors were there with lots of merchandise and good prices. We had great tasting bar-b-que brisket and sausage, hot dogs, cookies, cold beer, and soft drinks/bottled water for sale. Our club volunteers were the best, helping make this event a success, staffing our BAD & consignment tables, front gate, and membership tables. We had 3 tables full of BAD member dive gear for sale at great deals. We had coffee and donuts for the volunteers and vendors to help with set up in the morning. Volunteers assisted with unloading and loading, food & drink sales, and clean up. If you came to the event, you know there were great deals to be made for quality gear. In addition, you had the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for a regulator and a 4-piece travel bag combo. Some lucky divers won them.

I want to say **"THANK YOU"** to all of the **WONDERFUL** volunteers who worked so tirelessly at this event. We had great committee chairpersons who coordinated various tasks for this flea market and without whom, the event would not have flowed so seamlessly. Each and every Baddie who participated did a great job and gave it their best effort, smiling, and doing whatever needed to be done. I truly appreciate all of your hard work and the contribution of your time that you gave so graciously.

What we did not have was the number of dive customers that we usually have in attendance at our flea market. Yes, there were several other events that were going on that Saturday and of course there was the ASTRO's game as well. All of this contributed to a very light attendance and was disappointing for all of us who worked so hard on this event. Many of our vendors drove long distances to be there and were disappointed by the lack of attendance and sales to make it worthwhile for them. Some of them were new to this event and do not know how successful it has been in the past so that is very discouraging for them.

I want to assure you as members of this club that I, as Flea Market Chairperson, sent the same notifications as last year to publications, newspapers, TV, radio, websites, and distributed flyers both days at Seaspace to publicize our flea market event. In addition, this year there was a nice article in the Houston Press edition that came out on 10/7/04 about our flea market. For whatever reasons, we did not have a large diver attendance.

Some of the vendors have made suggestions during the event and I would like your ideas and suggestions on

how we can make this event the best attended and successful flea market for 2005. Please keep in mind that we do not have the funds to pay for advertising, other than flyers being sent to vendors, being disseminated at Seaspace, and by our members posting them at their worksites, etc. If you know of additional websites that divers frequent or other alternative notification possibilities to reach more divers within our area, I would really appreciate that information. I thank you for your support and for the opportunity to serve and contribute to our club this year as your Flea Market Chairperson.

2004 FLEA MARKET VENDORS and PARTICIPANTS

The following is a list of the vendors who participated and provided support with door prizes during our 2004 Scuba Divers Flea Market. Please take the opportunity to say **"thank you"** to them for their participation whenever you have the opportunity to visit them.

Ascuba Venture, Corpus Christi
Budget Scuba, Baytown
C & J Divers Scuba, Killeen
Dive & Sail Sports, Houston
The Dive Shop, Lufkin
Divers Paradise, Webster
Giggin Marlin Divers, Houston
International Scuba, Carrollton
Oak Hills Scuba, Austin
The Paleo & Pelagica Museum, Houston
R & D Scuba, Houston
Scuba Houston, Houston
Texas Divers Den, Nederland
W.W. Diving Company, Humble

The following dive clubs participated and supported our event: **Club Aquarius, Houston Underwater Club, and the Texas Gulf Coast Council of Dive Clubs.**

In addition, we had participation by the following individuals who sold items: **John Anderson, Spring, Barney H. Corbin, Doug & Davida Hinton, Brad Morrison, Bob Smith, John Thomas, and John Van Atta.**

In conclusion, the following organizations were also participants: **Divers Alert Network (DAN-supported with door prizes), Help Endangered Animals Ridley Turtles (HEART), Houston, UHEXSO-Historical Diving Society, Seabrook, Sea Camp-Texas A&M University, Galveston, Shark Research Institute-Texas Office, San Antonio, Texas Marine Mammal Standing Network, Galveston, Toys for the Children, Dallas**

B.A.D. appreciates and thanks each of the vendors, clubs, individuals, and organizations for all of their support and participation!

Quoted from Oceana:

In a letter to Oceana (PDF format), Royal Caribbean Chairman and CEO Richard Fain has committed the company to do the following:

Install advanced wastewater treatment (AWT) systems on every ship in their fleet – just as Oceana has been calling on Royal Caribbean to do -- as their ships come in for their scheduled dry-docking, which means their whole fleet will have them by 2008.

- ? **Select AWT systems whose treated discharges meet the stringent standards of the state of Alaska** – the same standards which Oceana has been calling on Royal Caribbean to meet.
- ? **Have a third party monitor the performance** of the AWT system, and make the results of that monitoring public.

It is very gratifying to see Royal Caribbean make this decision. As you know, we have been urging them for almost a year now to start down this road, so it's great to see them beginning the journey,

The campaign against Royal Caribbean has been suspended great news for all of us that enjoy both diving and cruising! I am so proud to be a member of an organization that can bring about change without blowing anything up or hurting any at all for that matter. Almost 90,000 members made this possible and congratulations everyone!

Those of you who have not joined in yet are not to be left out. There is always going to be another "battle" to save our oceans, our reefs and all the beautiful creatures that we all enjoy so much. I don't know if we can save Social Security for our children however we can obviously save the ocean but we must all act now.

What can you do now? Go the Oceana Website <https://secure.ctsg.com/oceana/formdonation.asp> you can join for as little as \$15 that's just two tanks of air to really help make a positive change!

The Oceana web site is full of information that will bring you to movement!

Our Oceans remains in critical condition and now our Governor can help but he needs your encouragement.

In May of this year the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, which was appointed by President Bush in 2001, issue its preliminary report about the state of America's oceans. This is a great opportunity for you to alert your Governor about the importance of healthy oceans and the need for strong directions in the final report.



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Opening the door to the governor's office just may also help get Texas' artificial reef program going again too! Remember the US Oriskany!

This is the buddy system at its most basic level folks! If we buddy up on this we can make a difference for the oceans and Texas. Get on board Buddy? Write Governor Perry today at <http://www.governor.state.tx.us/contact> and start letting your voice be heard!

Join some group that is fight for our oceans today, It really easy and what a feeling of accomplishment that can be gained that impacts a sport that we all Great News Divers!

Oceana the lead organization that has been trying to stop cruise ships from polluting our reefs has just announced that a great Victory has been won!

It's official: Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines has heard your calls for hem to clean up their sewage-treatment act. And they are doing something about.

Love so much,
Don Eubanks

Galveston Strand Ghost Tour

October 27, 2004
7 P.M.

It's almost here!!! Do you hear the howling off in the distance, even though faint as it is? The ghosts of the deceased are beginning to rattle their chains that bind them to this earth as they travel past the squeaking doors and disappear through walls. Ahhh, the air is still but yet you feel a chilly breeze pass you by.

our tour of the Haunted Galveston Strand is upon us. Amy has agreed to escort us on this walking tour of the Strand. She will point out the haunts of the long since deceased and attempt to tell their stories.

YES....
A **sign up sheet** will be available at our October 27 BAD General Membership meeting. The cost is a mere \$10 per person, \$5 for children 12 and under. Amy will escort us for about 2 hours. I understand all of us should return from this 2 hour tour, those of us who are faint of heart may not.

Our tour will commence in front of The Old Rail Road Station at the West End of the Strand at 7 p.m. Oct 30 and it will be first come first taken on the tour basis. Why don't you show up early on the Strand for some Liquid Spirits and Ghostly Morsels beneath that Man in the Moon who sometimes lights our night sky? Don't look too closely above, you may anger the Witches in the sky riding overhead on their brooms.

Then, head on over to the Rail Road Museum between 6:30 PM and 6:55 PM, find Beverly, pay her and we will all be set to roam among those that are deceased but still walking among us.

Amy will begin her escort and tales of the dead at 7 PM.

You will be able to reach me at this cell 713-898-1113 until the tour begins.

Beverly 713-898-9413

Don't be late!!!

DUI Dog Days – November 20 & 21st

Madeleine K. Barnes

Have you wanted to try a dry suit (dive dry) and find out what you have been missing? Well, here is a wonderful opportunity to go diving and test one out without the expense of renting/buying. This sounds like a fun time.

DUI Dog Days.....November 20 & 21, 2004
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Tickets can be purchased at Oceanic Ventures. **Special 2 for coupons** for existing or New TGGC Club Member Clubs!! (That means BAD members, just tell Ann you're a Baddie).

Saturday Event ticket :\$7 Sunday Event Ticket: \$7

Saturday Dinner & Event: \$10

Tickets do not include entrance to the park but special prices available for pre-purchased tickets.

DOG Days helps breaks the mystery and bubble about "Diving Dry?!" Besides a chance to TRY a Dry Suit ...it is a really fun gathering of divers from across the country!! Many Clubs show up with a tent or banner to show off their club participation. *DOG Days* is one of the best-attended diving participation events in the country. The Texas venue was added two years ago and we are trying to build the Texas Demo Event so that the folks in California know we are divers...wet or dry!!!

Also Visit : [http://www.dui-](http://www.dui-online.com/newsite/dog_main_2004.htm)

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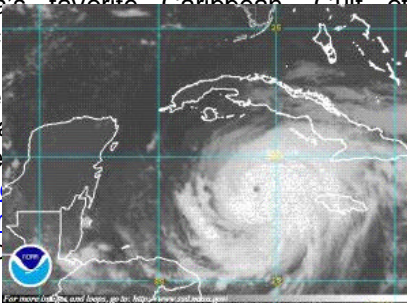
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HURRICANE DAMAGE DIVE LEVEL UPDATE

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Houston Texas. Following a string of fatal hurricanes, 2004 recreational diving has been impaired in some of scuba's favorite Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and Atlantic under-way to assist these storms. The Jamaica have updated destination's website www.grenada.com, www.visitjamaica.com, Tourism Organization of the Caribbean www.caribbeanhotels.org have spearheaded relief efforts. You should check current conditions for these areas before traveling.



Cozumel was not touched by the storms. Divers are already reporting beautiful conditions in the **Florida Keys, Fort Lauderdale, Miami, Deerfield Beach, and West Palm Beach.**

Efforts to improve the food distribution system in **Grenada** are well underway and the curfew has been eased again. Power, water, and phone lines have been restored in most areas but some areas will take several months before they have power. **Aquanauts Grenada** at the **True Blue Bay Resort** is operational. There are no other confirmed re-opening dates from anyone. **Scubatech Grenada** lost their roof but the contents in the dive shop and boat are ok and will be re-opening shortly.

Pelicano Sport in the **Dominican Republic** had some flooding but the hotel is at 85% capacity and the dive center is operational. There is no access to **La Romana** or **Santo Domingo** due to impassable bridges and roads.

Hurricane Jeanne affected only **Abaco** and **Grand Bahama** of the 700 island-chain of **The Bahamas**. **Nassau** and **Paradise Island** experienced no impact from the storms except for **SuperClubs Breezes** opening around Sept. 30 after completing cosmetic repairs undertaken after Hurricane Frances.

A **Cayman Islands** government spokesman said the capital **George Town** now has limited power and Internet access but the island will be ready for visitors on October 29. Most hotels are trying to open by November 15 and the **Holiday Inn** is already open. Many of the dive operators and hotels sustained minimal damage. Electricity pylons are still strewn across the landscape and access to water is limited. Living conditions are starting to improve but most roads on the eastern side of the island are impassable. It could take up to a year for the island to fully recover. A Hurlstone Construction spokesman said, "We hope to have the tourist area of the **West End Strip** fully functioning by Christmas". Underwater and reef clean up is already underway. **Little Cayman** and **Cayman Brac** should be ready for visitors soon.

November

Christina Rushing	Nov. 5
Howard Bartels	Nov. 6
Jesse Cancelmo	Nov. 9
James Hale	Nov. 10
Dennis Camp	Nov. 13



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Dive Smart!
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BAD & Houston's Moonlight Ramble

with Bill and Barbara Courtwright
Sunday, *October 31, 2004*

Are you exercising your legs for the Moonlight Ramble of Houston? Well, I haven't started yet either. There are already four, count'em 1-2-3-4, that are going to participate with Barbara and Bill Courtwright this year. Barbara and Bill will be touring Houston on their bicycles with the Halloween moon as a backdrop. Registration is \$25 per person, with the proceeds benefiting bicycle paths in the greater Houston area. Sign-up is between Midnight and 2 A.M. on October 31, 2004 in front of the George R. Brown Convention Center. The earlier you sign up the more likely you are to receive a Moonlight Ramble T-Shirt. We will meet Bill and Barbara at the North end of the George R. Brown.

If you are having trouble finding them, Beverly will have her cell phone with her 713-898-9413. There will be 2 routes you can choose from, one that is about 20 miles and one that is about 10 miles. Entertainment abounded last year along with refreshments. There should be plenty of costumes on the ride since it is the Halloween weekend so mark your calendars and let's go on the Haunted tour of the Strand and then on to the Moonlight Ramble event. This promises to be a scream of a night.