



NEWS FROM The "Get Wet" Club

May 2005

The BAD Calendar

May, 2005

- 3 BAD BOD Meeting
- 8 Twin Lake Camping
- 14-21 CoCo View Trip-Randy Widaman
- 25 BAD General Membership Meeting

June, 2005

- 4-5 Seospace 2005
- 7 BAD BOD Meeting
- 25-26 Canoe Trip-Beverly Cutler
- 29 BAD General Membership Meeting

July, 2005

- 4 BAD boats in Clear Lake for Fireworks display-Beverly Cutler
- 5 BAD BOD Meeting
- 16,17 BAD's Annual Camping, Picnic & Treasure Hunt at Blue Lagoon, Beverly Cutler
- 27 BAD General Membership Meeting

August, 2005

- 1-5 Jamacia-- Bill Jones
- 2 BAD BOD Meeting
- 8-12 Cozumel Trip-Bill Jones
- 24 BAD General Membership Meeting

September, 2005

- 6 BAD BOD Meeting
- 28 BAD General Membership Meeting

October, 2005

- 4 BAD BOD Meeting
- 15 BAD Flea Market
- 22-29 CoCo View-Randy Widaman
- 26 BAD General Membership Meeting

November, 2005

- 8 BAD BOD Meeting
- 30 BAD General Membership Meeting



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

May Guest Speaker: We have once again invited Rowe Henry back for another one of his wonderful slide show presentations. Rowe along with Judy, Butch and Verna just return from CoCo View resort in Roatan, Honduras and took many pictures. So be sure to mark your calendar for our May 25th General meeting and welcome back Rowe.

April Speaker Thanks: Thanks goes out to Dr. Michael Powell, PHD aka Dr. Deco for coming out to our April general meeting and talking to us about the effects of micronuclei bubbles as related to both astronauts and divers. Dr. Deco's information was very interesting and educational

May

Debbie Stanford	May 2
Cathy Schneyndler	May 4
Fred Swerdlin	May 7
Don Vanderslick	May 7
Linda Jorgensen	May 12
Linda Girmus	May 13
Rick Jaeger	May 13
Chip Lang	May 22
Amar Guillen	May 25
Doug Williams	May 26
Michael Miller	May 27



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: **June 12th, 2005** E-Mail javan@wt.net

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

FINS TO THE LEFT . . . FINS TO THE RIGHT

by Mike White

First, another lawn update (I know you all have been dying to know). New mower blades this month. Wow, they cut the grass much better!

Are we actually diving now?! On Sunday afternoon, May 8, we had our first dive/picnic/BBQ day at **Twin Lakes**, which is located on Hwy 6, a couple of miles east of Hwy. 288. For most attendees, it was pretty easy to find. We had about a dozen BADDies show up, and Larry and Blanche (with an "e") provided the on-site BBQ-ing of . . . wings! OK, Blanche did the cooking, and Larry provided the . . . what did Larry provide? Anyway, the wings were great as always, and I can't wait for the July event at Blue Lagoon. Shame on you if you let the weather forecast scare you away. It was partly cloudy with scattered sun all afternoon, and didn't really start raining until it was time to go. You missed a good time.

Twin Lakes seems like a pretty good local dive site, and a good place to go to for day of diving and socializing. I had not been there before, but it's Doug and Davida's regular local site. The water was balmy 73 degrees, so you needed at least your 3 mil shorty, but it will get warmer as the year progresses. Twin Lakes has an

Welcome



Now is the time to renew your membership.

NEW BAD Members

Warren Coddling, David Erdin,

on-site air station, good entry platforms, and lots of picnic tables and BCD/tank support tables. We may have to schedule another event or two there this year so we can "get wet" more often.

By the time you read this, Captain Randy and a boatload of BADDies will have already returned from their dive week at the CoCo View Resort. I can't wait to get another report on what it's like under the new owners.

Getting a little closer now are our **canoe trip on June 25 and 26**, and our annual diving/picnic weekend at **Blue Lagoon on July 16 and 17**. Mark your calendars, and call Beverly for details.

SEASPACE 2005 is fast approaching on **June 3-5** at the Reliant Center. As always, Bay Area Divers will have a booth in the Environmental Awareness Area to promote the club and to advertise the BAD Flea Market in October. I am the chair of the BAD booth, and I need some more volunteers to "work" two-hour shifts. Some people signed up at the April meeting, and I will bring the sign-up sheets to the May meeting. Or, you can call (281-798-5325) or e-mail me to check open times and volunteer for a slot. Free up a couple of hours and sign up. You get to meet other people in the diving community, and you get into SEASPACE for free. What a deal!

BOD member Jim Delane has volunteered to chair the **BAD Flea Market** this year, which is scheduled for **October 15** (you have already marked it on your calendar, haven't you?). Jim will be looking for all you BADDies to help put on this event (which is BAD's big money-maker for the year), so when Jim comes calling, jump in and take over a little task that needs to be done.

Some more of you BADDies have renewed your **membership for 2005**, but we still have some procrastinators. Download a copy of the membership renewal form and send it in, or better yet, come by a meeting and renew in person. At the May meeting, we will be discussing a proposal for a few changes to the bylaws regarding membership, so be sure to attend.

Well, gotta go . . . diving in 2005!

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MAY BOD BRIEF

BAD BOD MEETING BRIEFS

May 3, 2005

Roll Call and welcome of all visitors with review of the agenda.

Treasurer's report was given by Fred with a motion to approve. 1st. Jim D. 2nd. Randy W. approved by all.

April guest speaker, Dr. Deco was enjoyed by all and the May guest will be Rowe and Judy.

Sea Space is fast approaching and volunteers are still needed to staff the club booth. Mike White is chairing the club participation. Possibility of door prizes for visitors to the booth was discussed along with flyers for vendors about our annual flea market.

Membership renewal-discussion of pro-rating new memberships for joining during the second half of the year. Two members are in Iraq on duty and suggestion was made to make them Honorary Associates for the year. Motion to approve, 1st. Ja Van 2nd. Rowe H.

Ja Van will mail directories to members that did not pick them up.

BAD will present the agreed to charitable contribution to DAN at SeaSpace.

Motion to adjourn with a 1st. by Jim D. and a 2nd. By Rowe H., all approved.

As usual it was a good BOD meeting with input from BAD visiting members. Everyone showed up early and talked about past and upcoming dive trips while enjoying a great meal. Try to show up at a board meeting and see the inner workings of your club. Remember, the board is here to serve you so come on out and break bread with us.

"You should have been there" Larry Albritton

BAD AFTER MEETING GATHERING

by Beverly Cutler



How about we gather at **Boondoggles** in Seabrook for snacks and more socializing??? It is located on NASA Rd. 1, near highway 146. Plan to have even more fun and socializing. **See you there!**

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CLUB LOGO MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

Hi, I'm Verna the "Shirt Lady". Are you thinking about replacing your Club Shirt, or are you a new member and would like to have a "BAD" Logo shirt to wear just for fun? I am happy to report that I can help you with all of your "BAD" Fashion Needs. There are lots of styles, colors and sizes to choose from. I can get them made fast and you'll be ready to go in no time.

The prices of the shirts are ... \$19 for the standard short sleeved polo (many colors to choose from), \$27 for the short sleeved button down collar and \$29 for the long sleeved button down collar (as with the polo's many colors are available). Another popular item is the zipper front hooded sweatshirts, they are just \$22. I also have catalogs with of lots of other items you can purchase. Another item that we have available is "BAD" Logo patches. You can sew these on a jacket or bag that you already have.

If you are interested in any of these items, see me at the next club meeting or you can contact me at 281-334-7370, or e-mail me at butch@pdq.net.

Display your club logo with pride, it's **GOOD TO BE "BAD"**.





WHY BE B.A.D.?

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Bay Area Houston: Have you ever thought about joining a dive club but just didn't do it? Sea Space is the perfect venue to make that commitment, right now! **BAY AREA DIVERS** is the finest and friendliest dive club on the gulf coast. The club is BAD. If you don't know the 2005 version of Bay Area Divers, you don't know BAD.

You can't possibly be worried about the tiny \$15 annual dues, can you? BAD has diving, education, and social activities every month. Not just one, but multiple activities for your selection and enjoyment each month. If you attend only one activity per year, you will have gotten your annual dues back in value. That's the BAD promise. When you meet new and friendly people interested in the same hobby that you are interested in, it only serves to move you further along in your hobby. You will become a better diver. What is that worth to you?

Bay Area Divers offers discounted scuba training and dive vacations. For example, there are no lower-priced first-class vacations from Houston to Cozumel available anywhere than the one you can



buy as no lower-priced first-class vacations from Houston to Cozumel available anywhere than the one you can buy as a BAD member. How about 5 days and 4 nights, airfare, ground transportation, hotel, tips, taxes, and all you can eat and drink for \$599! Wow, that's less than \$120 per day! Can you imagine taking discounted scuba classes with your friends and people you know and trust with the emphasis on fun throughout the class? You may as well plan on moving up the certification ladder when you become a BAD member.

BAD has the largest Scuba Flea Market in Texas every October and BAD members are admitted free, of course. BAD members have special discounts to Randy's famous annual Coco View Vacation, Bill's special secret Jamaican Vacation Package, and Beverly's Canoe Adventure on the Guadalupe River from New Braunsfels. There are BAD campouts, picnics, dinners, and so much more. BAD maintains a huge video library and how about our newsletter, in color! BAD gives away more door prizes than any other Scuba club in Texas. BAD has monthly group special deals on dive gear found nowhere else.

BAD supports ecological, safety, and charitable organizations such as Marine Mammal Stranding Network, Comal River Clean-ups, Medical Supply donations, DAN Research, and Sea Space. BAD supports those things that make Scuba Diving the great hobby that it is.

What is your excuse now? You don't have to live in Bay Area Houston to become a member. You just have to make the commitment. **Do it right now!**



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B.A.D.'s Monthly Specials

April B.A.D. Specials

Were **YOU** at the April Membership meeting and able to scarf up on the Special of the Month? WW Divers made us a whoppin good deal on hangers for Wet Suits, BC's and Booties. Hummmm.....I wonder what the special for this month will be. I am going to be there, ARE YOU?

If another organization wants to offer B.A.D. a monthly special, please let me or the BAD BOD know so that we may make those arrangements.

See you at the May BAD General Membership meeting.

Beverly

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B.A.D.'S Twin Lakes Picnic/Dive

Have you every heard me say "*You Should Have Been There*", well you should have been. Twelve "baddies" showed up for what turned out to be a hot wing eating marathon. Blanche fired up her trusty BBQ pit and rolled out some mighty fine wings with Ja Van supplying water melon, strawberries and other chocolaty coated treats to cool the taste buds down. I always thought Mike was the wing man but I do believe Randy out did him this time.

In between all of the munching going on some diving was even done. So say the water was 74* with vis at about 15-20+. I personally couldn't say because my excuse was I didn't want my regulator tasting like hot sauce all season long (sounded good).

Of course there were some great dive stories and fond memories being passed around and new ones in the making. From the sounds of it the waters of Coco View, Cozumel, Jamaica and the likes are going to be taken over by BAD's this season.

True to my word the cost to get in was only six dollars and worth every penny of it. Twin Lakes looks like it will work out to be a great place to do some fine local diving. Even with the local instructors and students we still had plenty of room to do our thing. Most of the classes left by noon time, which made the lake BAD property for the rest of the day.

There was even some talk of letting BAD's camp on the grassy side of the road if we want to try out a weekend get together. Doug is the resident expert on the lake and has helped put in most of the platforms, gear racks, etc. and will be able to help us if we do decide to camp.

The picnic was great and we all had fun, the only thing we missed was you.

Remember, it's good to be B.A.D. so;

"Let's Get Wet" Larry Albritton



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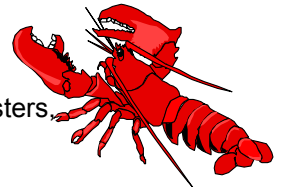
You should have been there!



Coconut Lobster

Ingredients:

- Meat of 4 medium-sized cooked lobsters, shelled and cut into chunks
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 cup cream of coconut
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 2 scallions, finely chopped
- 2 springs thyme
- 2 tablespoons curry powder
- Salt and freshly ground white or black pepper to taste
- Dash cayenne pepper
- 1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- Fresh lime or lemon wedges



Preparation:

- Preheat oven to 400, mix the milk and coconut cream together. Heat in a large saucepan over moderate heat.
- Add** the onion, scallions, thyme, and curry powder. Stir and cook for about 5 min.
- Add** the lobster chunks, salt, pepper and cayenne.
- Cook** slowly for 7-8 minutes so that all flavors are well blended.
- Remove** to a baking dish and sprinkle with grated cheese.
- Bake** for about 15 min. or until lobster is browned.
- Serve** with lime or lemon wedges. Serve in the lobster shells.

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Cozumel & Jamaica Vacations

are fun, first class, and very affordable!

Parts of the packages are purchased from a jobber / wholesaler and are co-op so everyone pays only a pro-rata share of the group cost.

NOTICE: Enough people have already confirmed and both trips are on!

Read about our recent [2004 Cozumel Vacation](#) and [2004 Jamaica Vacation](#) and then read (below) about these same vacations that we will do again in 2005!

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12 Tickets are SOLD!

That's less than \$120 per day!

I will buy your seat as soon as I receive your check and a signed liability release. Remember that the tickets are non-transferable and non-refundable. Email me about your questions. Bjones@houston.rr.com.

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2005 \$949**

price is approximate for now, pp, dbl occ, tax incl

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BAD's 3rd Annual

Blue Lagoon Picnic & Treasure Hunt

July 16 & 17, 2005

It is going to be upon us before we know it. So mark your calendar for this Annual Bubble Blowing, Picnic, Treasure Hunting and Camping event. BAD will again host our Annual trip to Blue Lagoon. We have reserved Sites 6 & 7 at Lagoon II. We will be serving hamburgers Sat. afternoon. Please bring a snack to share with all that attend. BADDies Larry and Blanch Albritton will be providing us with a grill to cook on.

If you pay for Sat. and Sunday, \$15 each day per diver and \$10 per person non-diver, onsite camping is free.

Guests are requested to contribute \$5 to BAD if they participate in the meal and/or Underwater Hunt. Or you can join BAD for \$15 for a single person or \$20 for a family. Please see me at Blue Lagoon about these opportunities.

Directions: I-45 N. past

Huntsville to exit 123-FM 1696, Right 3 miles to Blue Lagoon.

Gates open at 8 AM and close at 10PM Sat. and 9AM to 6PM Sun.

Sign in & Pay at Gate

Blue Lagoon charges

\$15 per Diver per day

and \$10 for a Non-Diver per day.

BAD will be at Sites #6 & 7 at Lagoon II

This will be a great opportunity to Get Wet, have some Underwater Fun and Visit with your dive BADDies.

Additional information will be available on

BAD's website: BayAreaDivers.org, then to Events, then July 16 & 17, 2005.

You should have been there!

Last years pictures...



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**And where are
YOU!**
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months away.



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**CoCo View Resort Trip
October 22-29, 2005**

Hello fellow BADDies we are going back to CCV this fall and you are invited to come join us. If you go to the BAD web Page and click on "Events" there is a full description of the October 22-29,2005 CoCo View trip. www.bayareadivers.org The trip includes airfare, transfers, taxes, welcome drink, 8 days/7 nights lodging, 3 meals per day, 2 boat trips per day (2 tanks per trip), unlimited beach diving, wall diving, shallow water diving, one night picnic, one night BBQ on the cay, A/C rooms, kayak races, crab races and additional shore Activities. Go to CoCo Views web page www.cocoviewresort.com and check it out. Be sure to click on "Resort" then click on "Web Cam" for a live picture of the "Front Yard" dive area right out in front of the clubhouse. This web cam only works during the day. We have 14 spots reserved that week and 6 spots are already taken so be sure to contact me for your spot soon.

Capt. Randy

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**BAD's 2005 Canoe Trip
To New braunfels, Guadalupe River**

June 25 & 26, 2005

This year we will be staying at Dog Leg Hollow (formerly known as River Rats) located at Loop 337 and Guadalupe River. BAD has reserved tent camping areas # 7 & 6, cost is \$25 per car with a limit of 5 people in the car & an additional \$5 per person after the 5th person. If you want to try to reserve a site for a camper, do this ASAP as you may need to get on a waiting list, call them at 830-629-3009 and tell them you are with BAD. You can also contact **Rockin R at 1-800-55FLOAT** and seek reservations at their Loop 337 and Guadalupe River Location.

Sign up for this event at the next BAD General Membership Meeting or call Beverly Cutler at 713-472-9788 or cell phone 713-898-9413.

Special Note: Some are planning to be there possibly as early as Thursday, July 23rd to visit the Schlitterbahn and other sites. Are **you** interested?

Bay Area Divers

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Dive Smart!
Dive Safe!
Dive Happy!

The 2005 SCUBA Season is just weeks away! If you are planning to take a scuba class or a first aid class this year, this is a good time to buy your book and begin reading and completing the knowledge reviews at the end of each chapter. **You should go to Sport Divers**

NASA Parkway & Gulf Fwy. (Garden Ridge Pottery Mall) **and buy your books now! Be sure to tell them you are in BILL JONES PRIVATE CLASS and they will show you what you need. See more about classes below.**

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All Divers are always welcome to come with us to Blue Lagoon to do equipment check out dives, practice skills, BBQ, or just socialize with other divers. **Contact Bill Jones: Bjones@houston.rr.com**

Enriched Air Nitrox EANx Class- Pre-Req: Open Water Diver or equiv May 17

Advanced Open Water Diver Class- Pre-Req: Open Water Diver or equiv. May 21
(Blue Lagoon) (Requires an additional deep dive for Certification).

Other Speciality Class- May 21 (in Huntsville-Blue Lagoon)

Master Scuba Diver Class- Pre-Req: OWD ACWDM Rescue Diver, 50 logged dives, 5 Specialty certifications or equiv.

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