



NEWS FROM The "Get Wet" Club

June 2005

The BAD Calendar

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 Fire works 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
- 12 Anniversary Party
- 30 BAD General Membership Meeting

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



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June Guest Speaker

We have once again invited back to our general meeting Frank and Joyce Burek. As you know both Frank and Joyce have traveled the world photographing both top side and underwater pictures. They have both won several awards for their work and have been guests at SeaSpace as it's featured Film Festival presenters. So be sure to mark your calendar to attend this months meeting and be sure to bring a friend as a guest.

May Speaker Thanks

Thanks goes out to Rowe Henry once again for stepping forward and brining us another slide show on his, Judy, Verna and Butch's trip to Roatan CoCo View resort.

June



Kenneth Brown	June 5
Rebecca Skyes	June 7
Mark Gable	June 20
Rowe Henry	June 24

BAD to Celebrate 4th of July



On Clear Lake



This year **BADdies** are planning to watch fireworks from the water on Clear Lake. Several have said they will have their boats available to those BAD members that don't have a boat and want to participate in this event. We will gather our boats up at about 4 PM and try to tie them together so that we may travel from boat to boat to visit and watch the fireworks. Come to the next meeting to see who has boats available and sign up so we will have an idea whom to look for that evening.

See you at the June BAD General Membership Meeting.

Bev-erly.



NEW BAD Members

**Jim Carmin, Cliff Dominey,
Barb & Jim Jenkins,
Elizabeth & Michael, Sean, Katie Stillion,
Lisa & Mike, Adam, Veronica, Laura White**

The **SEASPACE 2005 Adventure Sport and Travel Expo** at the Reliant Center, next to the Dome, was as **GREAT** as **BAD** expected.



Mike White was in charge of setting up the BAD Booth. Many thanks goes to all of the volunteers that helped manned the booth. **Don & Fran Eubanks, Linda Girus, Rowe Henry, Bill Jones, William Mills, Joe Neely, Ja Van Pruett, Judy Rabren, Verna & Butch Shannon, Fred & Polly Swerdlin, Windy Whitehouse, Randy Widaman.** A special thanks goes to **Elizabeth Stillion** our new member that signed up her family at Seaspaces. Thank you for helping with arrange for our Booth.

Our **BAD** Booth was popular with attendees interested in joining the club and with our vast array of club activities. **BAD** had over 325 people sign up for a chance of winning one of 6 door prizes. Many thanks goes to Dennis Camp /Rebecca Jacobs, of WW Diving for helping BAD with several of the door prizes and Ja Van for making the ceramic Orca.

Randy Widaman was all over the place introducing speakers. Other **BAD** members spotted at the show were **Jesse Cancelmo, Jim Ward, Bill & Barbara Courtright, Joe & Gloria Pechacek,** and others. Club members were everywhere working and attending the Expo spreading plenty of **BAD** goodwill.

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Have you been to the Bad General Membership Meetings to take advantage of the Special of the Month? WW Divers has made us great deals on various items for our membership. Dennis Camp has been bringing the merchandise to our meetings. What a great way to take advantage of his specials for BAD. Remember that our deal with him is that you must be at the meetings to take advantage of these specials. I will be there to see what the next special will be, will you? See you there.

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 June BAD General Membership meeting.
Beverly

BAD AFTER MEETING GATHERING

by Beverly Cutler



The weather is getting warmer but Boondoggles has been such a well liked place this spring how about if we meet there one more time before moving on to someplace with air conditioning for the rest of the Summer. See you there after the June General Membership Meeting.

If you have suggestions about where to gather in the future let me know. Please keep in mind that the location should be somewhere fairly close to our meeting location.

Beverly

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**BAD General Membership Meeting
Wed. October 25, 2005**

You have plenty of time to start thinking about and create what you are going to appear as for the Costume Contest. What/Who are you going to come as? A French Maid, a Spanish Conquistador, Super Man, a turtle or something a bit more inventive?

Your fellow BAD Members will also be participating and voting for the best, in their opinion, Halloween Costume. The only requirement to compete is that you be a current BAD member. 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!

Beverly (is she going to be a Bag Lady?)

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 BBQ-Grillin Trip to Blue Lagoon. We have reserved Sites 6 & 7, subject to change, 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 and possibly the famous 'Wings' that were consumed about as fast as they came off the grill last year.

The tentative schedule for the weekend is; Saturday diving at your leisure. Bill Jones will be offering classes. Check with him for his itinerary. Hamburgers about 4 PM. Underwater Treasure Hunt at about 6 or 7 PM. Treasurers will be awarded around the campfire after the Treasure Hunt. Sat. Nite camping for those who wish to spend the night. Sunday diving abounds for us again.

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.

Blue Lagoon charges \$15

Sign in & Pay at Gate
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.

Please sign up at the BAD General Membership Meetings or call me at 713-472-9788 so that we can get an accurate people count for hamburgers.

Beverly



NEW PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS

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Washington D. C. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has announced "**The Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative**" that will **require all travelers** to and from the Americas, the Caribbean, and Bermuda **to have a passport** to enter the United States. This is a change from the current requirements and it will affect many of our **BAD travelers**.



"The Initiative" will be rolled-out in phases. The currently proposed timeline is:

- December 31, 2005 - Apply the requirement to all air and sea travel to or from the Caribbean, Bermuda, Central and South America.
- December 31, 2006 - Apply the requirement to all air and sea travel to or from Mexico and Canada.
- December 31, 2007 - Apply the requirement to all air, sea, and land border crossings.

The goal of "The Initiative" is to strengthen border security and to facilitate entry into the United States for U.S. citizens and legitimate foreign visitors.



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If you LOVE eating bananas, Mr. Mosquito like you, there is something about the banana oil as your body processes it. **Stop** eating bananas for the summer and the mosquitoes will be much less interested.

This is going to floor you, but one of the best insect repellents someone found (who is in the woods every day), is Vick's Vaporub.

Plant marigolds around the yard, the flowers give off a smell that bugs do not like, so plant some in that garden also to help ward off bugs without using insecticides.

"Tough guy" Marines who spend a great deal of time" camping out" say that the very best mosquito repellent you can use is Avon Skin-So-Soft bath oil mixed about half and half with alcohol.

One of the best natural insect repellants that I've discovered is made from the clear real vanilla. This is the pure vanilla that is sold in Mexico. It works great for mosquitoes and ticks, don't know about



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JULY

Glynda Guiney	July 2
Ja Van Pruett	July 5
Don Eubanks	July 9
Linda Furlong	July 11
Greg Trevino	July 13
Pamela Kennedy	July 13
Rick Heiman	July 15
John Thomas	July 18
Steven Gibson	July 19
Natascha Cox	July 25
Mary Ellen Onufrow	July 30





June 25 & 26, 2005

It's almost here; are you packing your gear? This year we are again going to New Braunsfels for our diving, canoeing, camping and Schlitterbahn outing. This year we will be staying at DogLeg Hollow (formerly known as River Rats) located at Loop 337 and Guadalupe River, 1137 River Terrace Dr, there in New Braunsfels. BAD has reserved tent camping areas # 7 & 8, 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.

The plans are to visit Schlitterbahn on Friday June 24, go canoeing on the Guadalupe River on Saturday; dinner Sat nite at the Grist Mill and Sunday is an unscheduled day. You may want to go diving in Canyon Lake or in the river somewhere, shopping, or relaxing. Our campgrounds offer a grill that serves breakfast tacos, sausage on a stick, turkey legs, etc and offers a band Sat. nite. If you require a minimal amount of electricity Approximate prices: Canoes \$50. ? pp; Rafts \$30 pp; Tubes with Bottoms \$15; Tubes without bottoms \$14; Tubes with Coolers \$17.

**Styrofoam and Glass are NOT
ALLOWED on the river.**

Call Beverly Cutler at 713-472-9788 to get on the list of people that are planning to attend. Bring plenty of extension cords.

**Happy 31st
Wedding Anniversary**

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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**

OPEN WATER DIVER CERTIFICATION (beginner) begins Friday, June 10, 2005. See CLASSES at bottom.

Enriched Air Nitrox EANx Class- Pre-Req: Open Water Diver or equiv. June 21

Advanced Open Water Diver Class- Pre-Req: Open Water Diver or equiv. June 25 (Blue Lagoon) (Requires an additional deep dive for Certification).

Speciality Certification Class & Dives- Saturday June 25 (in Huntsville-Blue Lagoon)

Ever thought about earning a DiveMaster certification? DiveMaster classes unique and rare and are not available at every dive center. I am about to start a new DiveMaster class. Check with me soon.

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