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Next meeting: Wed., March 10

Lunarfins, a non-profit club that promotes the sport of scuba diving, is hosting its monthly meeting Wed., March, 10, 7:00 pm, at Clear Lake Park. Our program this month will be presented by Larry McKenna, Founding Director of Save Our Leatherback Operation, SOLO. The primary goal of this Foundation is to help reverse the rapid decline of the [Leatherback sea turtle](#)

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General Meeting Information

When: Second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Come early for social hour at 6:30 p.m. Join us afterward at Mario's in Seabrook for food, drink and camaraderie.

Where: Clear Lake Park on the South (lake) side of NASA Road One. Contact Mike Manering at 281.483.2618 for information

Lunarfins Board Meetings are held the last Tuesday in each month. If you have an issue to bring before the board, contact any board member to get on the agenda.

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April 20	JSC Safety/Health Day

Lunarfin Membership Renewal

February was the month for our annual membership renewal. If you missed the last meeting, we will be accepting renewals at the March meeting. If you prefer to mail in your renewal, download a copy of the membership application/renewal from our website: www.lunarfin.com. The renewal form has to be completed yearly. Contact Tom at: tomreuland@earthlink.net if you have any questions

Election of Officers

In accordance with our constitution, the Lunarfin Board appointed a committee to nominate a slate of officers for 2010. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Social Director, and Equipment Officer are elected positions.

Members must pay their 2010 dues to be eligible to hold office or vote.

The nominating committee will announce a proposed slate for the coming year at the March meeting.

[The election will be held at the March meeting. Additional nominations can be made at the March meeting](#)

If you would like to review the duties of the officers, go to our website at www.lunarfin.com and click on the "Constitution/By-laws" link under the "INFORMATION" bar; then look in the By-laws under "Article II – Officers."



**Lunarfin
need you**

April Meeting Preview

Annual Lunarfin Open House at the JSC/Gilruth Center Pavilion

The annual "[Lunarfin Open House Meeting at JSC/Gilruth](#)" will be our Wednesday, April 14th monthly meeting. Please note the MEETING LOCATION - GILRUTH PAVILION, and EARLY START TIME - 5:00PM (so folks can stop by on their way home from work). As in the past, we'll have hotdogs, beer, soft drinks, and plenty of information about the club and SCUBA diving to share with fellow divers and future divers all across the JSC community. This is open to both members and prospective members. Members usually bring a picnic side dish or dessert to share. Remember, there is now a public access gate to Gilruth Center from Space Center Blvd. so everyone can easily get there without going through the main JSC gate

March Program

Larry McKenna loves recording life, cultures, history, and events so that others may see the World through his eyes, voice, pen, and cameras.

He served for 26 years in uniform while flying and designing new planes and helicopters before going onward to enter the commercial sectors of business, as an International banker and real estate developer and hotel/resorts operator, in the USA, in Central America and the Pacific region of islands.

He is now a dedicated environmentalist to save the Leatherback sea turtle from its rapid spiral into extinction. In 1984, he founded his [own production studio](#) to make his promotional films. Larry's base of operations is Kingwood, Texas but he is rarely there because of his work and can usually be found in the Pacific/Asia region. He is currently involved with conservation efforts to save the Pacific Leatherback sea turtles from a rapid extinction.

The [Leatherback sea turtle](#) is the largest sea turtle and largest reptile on earth (females are over 2 m long, 3 m wide, and 1 m thick with weights ranging from 500 kg up to to 1000 kg in the males). In prehistoric days these turtles numbered in the 100s of millions. Now, since 1998, the nesting population is well below 1,000 at the remaining, very remote beaches in Papua Barat, Indonesia.



Aggressor Dive

Fred Swerdlin

Fred and Polly Swerdlin and two other Lunarfinns have confirmed a trip on-board the Kona Aggressor for Oct. 9 thru 16. Diving will be around the big island, Hawaii, Three cabins are still available. If you would like to join this trip, book your own thru Aggressor. Boat layout has its own link. There is a \$400 discount if you book in the month of March. Currently \$2635 per person, discounted to \$2235 per person plus book your own air fare. Right now Continental and Hawaii Air is about \$800 per person round trip coach to Kona.

http://www.aggressor.com/pdfs/TRP_Kona_Aggressor.pdf

http://www.aggressor.com/pdfs/VS_Kona.pdf

NASA/JSC Health Day

Mike Manering

The Lunarfin's have been invited once again to be an exhibitor at the - NASA / JOHNSON SPACE CENTER **SPRING SAFETY, HEALTH, & ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR.**

DATE - Tuesday, April 20, 2010

TIME – 10am to 1 or 2pm

SET-UP TIME: 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. (doors open promptly at 10:00 a.m.)

LOCATION - NASA/JSC Gilruth Center

We have participated as a Club in the annual JSC Safety & Health Fair for the last 5 years – since 2005!. Mike Manreing has request a space for a Lunarfin's table, but Lunarfin's must volunteer to provide the table materials, set-up and tear-down, and organize the staffing of the table. Space for the fair will fill up quickly now that the word is out. Polly and Fred Swerdlin are organizing the event - please contact them, swerdlin@swbell.net, if you can help in staffing the Lunarfin's table for the JSC Safety & Health Fair. Thanks for your continued support of the Lunarfin's JSC SCUBA Club.



Buoyancy Compensator Recall

Barney Corbin

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, announced a voluntary recall of the Dive Rite Wings. It seems Dive Rite assembled a few BC with springs that rust, but they will replace them. I have two BC to replace the springs currently.

The over pressure valve springs in the diving equipment could rust and fail allowing the buoyancy compensator devices to leak.

The Dive Rite Wings affected in this recall include the following models: Travel, Venture, Rec, Trek, Classic, Nomad and Super Wings. The wings were sold in red, blue or black. Springs were used on wings that have an opaque white or blue tinted bladder and welded in flanges. Wings with a black bladder are not affected. Only the Dive Rite wings that have a serial number range from 42000 through 72000 are affected by this recall. The serial numbers can be found on a white tag attached along a seam of the wing. The Wings were sold at diving equipment retailers and distributors nationwide from June 2006 through October 2008.

Consumers should immediately stop using recalled diving equipment and return it to an authorized distributor or dealer for a free replacement of the overpressure valve spring.



Member-Sponsored Trips

For details contact trip sponsor or go to www.Lunarfins.com

BILL JONES 9th ANNUAL COZUMEL- VACATION 2010

Staying at the fabulous
Hotel Cozumel & Resort

Aug 2, 5 Days, 4 Nights approx. \$699
or

Aug 2, 8 Days, 7 Nights approx \$925

Group Package Price Includes:

**Air Fare, Ground Transportation, Hotel
Accommodations**

ALL YOU CAN EAT AND DRINK

Including Soft Drinks, Beer, Wine,
Cocktails, Mixed Drinks, Umbrella

**Drinks, Specialty Drinks, Shots, and High
Balls**

All Taxes, Exit Fees, and Gratuities

DIVING AVAILABLE BUT NOT INCLUDED

Email Mr.Bill.Jones@comcast.net for details

Capt. Randy Widaman's
9th Annual Roatan- Coco View Vacation
September 4-11, 2010
8 days, 7 nights-\$1799/\$1849 pp, dbl occ

All included except alcohol and exit tax. Includes round-trip air fare from Houston non-stop to Roatan, ground transfers, lodging, 3 meals per day, 2 boat trips per day/2 tanks per boat trip, unlimited shore diving (wrecks, reefs, and 2 walls) and all taxes.

NOTE: Due to fluctuations in airfare, prices are subject to change until booked and paid by all.

Contact Capt. Randy Widaman e-mail ;
Cap10randy@comcast.net for details

Training

Classes are offered by Lunarfin member
instructors

Next Scuba Class

will begin:

Open Water Diver (Beginner Classes)

May 14, 2010, 6:00pm to 10:00pm

**We will be in Huntsville at Blue Lagoon
2, Site 2 Mau 22 & 23 for Open Water
Certification .**

**Email me if you want to do Advanced
Classes, Nitrox EANx, Rescue,
Refreshers, and Specialties. You can
do those at Blue Lagoon 2, Site 2. You
are welcome to join us to just party or
try out your Scuba gear.**

Email Mr.Bill.Jones@comcast.net



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