

ACE STEEL SUPPLY METAL MANIA



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ALL KINDS OF PROBLEMS HAPPEN WHEN YOU CUT CORNERS

I wanted to share some things that I'm dealing with at my house. Two years ago, Kara and I moved into a house that we bought and did some remodeling on.

In the last two years I've spent 10's of thousands of dollars fixing and redoing things that this remodeler did wrong or used inferior materials that failed.

My latest problem is a little over a month ago we had a plumbing leak in our master bathroom floor from a Shark Bite plumbing fitting that failed. Notice on the

This slow leak was in our wall for two years and has caused us to have to replace a lot of our lower kitchen cabinets, dry wall on three walls, two pocket doors and frames and all the kitchen backsplash.



This is a SHARK BITE plumbing fitting.

DO NOT USE THEM

end of that fitting is an O ring type of seal. The only thing holding the water back from leaking is that seal. As with all seals of this type, they eventually fail. Ours failed in 2 years. That was leak # 1.

My 2nd plumbing leak was discovered at the same time and was caused by this same contractor putting a screw through some dry wall and into a copper pipe.

During the demo I found at least 20 shark bite fittings in areas where there should have not been any. Just in this small area there were 11 shark bite fittings. Each one with a chance of failure at some point. I'm now having a plumber put in all new pipe in my kitchen and utility room.

The lesson here is that people who were not experienced enough to be doing this type of work caused this in addition to people who quite honestly didn't care enough about the work and the finished product.

People with the service they provide are what makes the difference in the final result, and our experience in dealing with those companies.

Adam Osborn
President
Ace Steel Supply



Jacob's Well – Wimberley, Tx.

by Kara Osborn

Summer is fast approaching here in the southern regions of the U.S., and I know a lot of us in Houston are thinking of how we are going to keep cool in the blistering days of summer that are just around the corner.

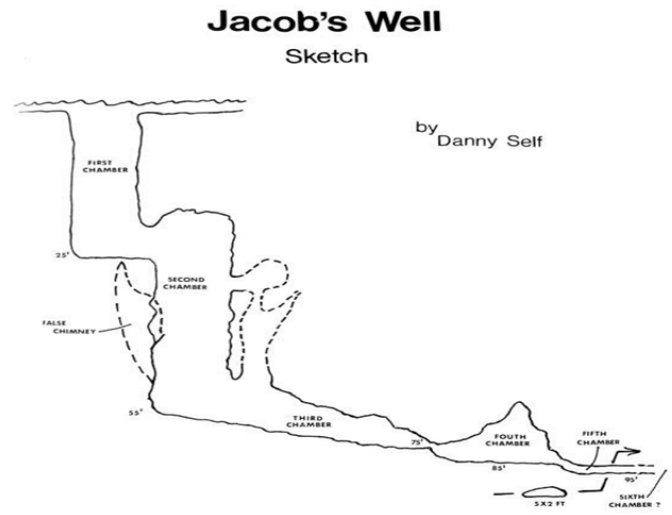
Well..... I found just the place for you to visit.

Up in the Texas hill country, near the little town of Wimberley, is a swimming hole called *Jacob's Well*.

It is a constantly flowing spring with a large discharge of water daily. It is the headwaters to Cypress Creek and the water is contained in the Trinity Aquifer below.

You can jump off the limestone cliffs into the 13' wide opening of upwelling water, or just hang out along the edges of the opening.

Jacob's Well water temperature is a cool and constant 68 degrees. Pretty good for cooling off when the Texas mercury hits over 100!



If you want to be more adventurous than just jumping off the rocky cliff into the water, you can SCUBA dive the caves below, but you must have a permit to do this since SCUBA diving here is very dangerous.

Divers have charted the cave system starting at 140 feet deep and a mile in length.

Daily swimming here is seasonally permitted; May 1st through October 1st by reservation only, and only 2 hours per reservation. The swimming hole is open from 10AM to 6PM.

If you go *Jacob's Well* outside these dates, there is more to do. You can hike, birdwatch, take photos of wildlife or have a picnic in nature year-round.

You can also join one of the free offered tours led by Master Naturalists of Hays County.



CHANCES DOG RESCUE AND RELOCATION

SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

Spring has sprung in Texas and everyone at *Chances* seems to be drowning in puppies.

Puppies given as Christmas presents are being turned into shelters or simply dumped on the streets and in parks, and pregnant mamas and unwanted litters are popping up everywhere.

Our intake has been high and many other Houston rescues have been reaching out to explore transport options for their pups. To help meet the need, we have recently increased our transport frequency to one trip approximately every 10 days.

This enables us to save about 90 adults and puppies each month, and it keeps us pretty busy too!

So far this year, we have already transported 217 dogs who were unwanted in Texas to loving families in Massachusetts. (We are proud to point out that in our first year – 2017 – we transported 242 dogs total. – we have grown quite a bit since then!)

We are also proud to announce that we have exceeded 1,000 followers on Facebook.

Facebook allows us to keep our supporters and fosters updated on transported pups, allows adopters to connect with each other, provides us a platform for spreading the word about our mission and requesting donations, and is a great way to share pictures of adorable adopted dogs living their best lives with their new families.

We hope you will consider following us on Facebook, sharing our work, fostering a pup, or donating to *Chances*. Check us out on the web at

www.chancesrescue.org.

Message us on Facebook at
www.facebook.com/chancesrescue.
Happy Spring!

Barbara Pennington

Sales Manager

ACE STEEL SUPPLY

Save a Life – Adopt a Homeless Dog!

ADOPT DON'T SHOP!



April 2019 Metal Prices

- ➡ **Stainless sheet: Prices are FLAT.** Stainless prices are flat.
- ➡ **Galvanized sheet: Prices are FLAT.** Prices are flat.
- ➡ **Galvanized 60" wide Domestic Stenciled: Prices are slightly down.** Domestic mills have raised prices. After announcing an increased price, April production has filled up in a week and their order books closed at the mill until May production.
- ➡ **Hot Rolled: Prices are FLAT.** Mill availability is good right now and prices are flat.

Drilling Activity

Drilling Activity decreased from last month's newsletter.

US Rig Count. *AMM and Baker Hughes Data*

*report date

Apr 2019 Newsletter	1025	Apr 5
Mar 2019 Newsletter	1038	Mar 8
Feb 2019 Newsletter	1049	Feb 8
Jan 2019 Newsletter	1050	Jan 18
Dec 2018 Newsletter	1075	Dec 7
Nov 2018 Newsletter	1067	Nov 2



"We are what we repeatedly do; excellence then is not an act but a habit."

-Aristotle



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