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UP FRONT

Warm wishes to you and your family as we step forth into this bold new year. Here's hoping that you have set reasonable goals for your new years resolutions and may you have the best of luck reaching them. While we literally dive into the next year we can fondly reflect on the faces, places and times of yester year, and with these thoughts in mind, plan for the new year. As we reflect on 1995 we also bid fond farewell to two friends who have served the dive community faithfully for many years. Along with the farewells to old times and old friends, we have a couple of political submissions from two of our faithful readers. Also, read on to find out the latest information on upcoming club functions that hold promise for making 1996 the most exciting year so far for the Saginaw Underwater Explorers.

Club Meetings

Club meetings are held monthly on the second Tuesday of the month. The meetings take place at the Saginaw Township Fire Dept on Shattuck Rd (just west of Lawndale). The next meeting will be held on Jan 9, and begin at 7:30 pm. Come early and see old friends or make some new ones. Everyone is

welcome at the meeting where we will vote on issues that relate to the club and discuss the things that we want to do.

Board Meetings

Board meetings are held monthly and are open to any club member who would like to share opinions about the affairs of the club. The meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month and are usually festive and full of animated discussion about a myriad of topics. Tom Fritz will be hosting the next one on Jan 23, at 7:30 pm. This will be the last meeting for the present board as we will be holding election of officers in February. Anyone interested in taking a more active role in the club can contact one of the present board members for a nomination.

News of the Past

The annual club Christmas party was a resounding success due mostly to the warm hospitality of the Lisk family. On behalf of the SUE general membership we would like to extend a sincere thank you to Terry and Laurie Lisk for all their hard work and good Christmas cheer which was enjoyed by all who attended. The prime rib was excellent and for the equipment buffs, the household

and basement decor was second to none. Thanks again for your generous contribution and don't forget to bring your expenses to the next meeting.

News of the Future

Once again there will be an election of officers held at the regular meeting in February. Anyone who is interested is welcome and encouraged to run for office. Please contact any board member for more information on how you can take part in the club.

There will be a club pool swim on Jan 12 from 7-8 pm at the White Pine Middle School. Bring your dive gear and plan on getting wet. Terry Lisk will be bringing his full face masks along with his underwater communications equipment. If you are interested in trying out this equipment, feel free to show up for the pool swim, it's free. If you have any questions please call Dale Purchase at 791-1707.

There will a club ice dive in January for anyone who is interested in attending. There will be discussion at the regular meeting as to the where's and when's. Bring yourself and your suggestions along.

Tom Fritz is taking orders for coats, jackets, sweatshirts, tee shirts and hats with the club name and logo on. If you are interested contact Tom at 797-0856.

The annual club banquet will be held on Saturday March 16, 1996 at the Sky Room located at the Tri-City airport. There will be a buffet style dinner with live entertainment and lots of fun for all. Cocktails start at 6:30 pm and dinner will be served at 7:00. Bring your significant other and come early. We will be discussing the menu items at the meeting on Jan, 9.

SUE FILM FESTIVAL

Although there are many details yet to be discussed, the date for the annual film festival is officially set for May 4, 1996. There will be a diver's swap meet before the film show. There will be space provided at the swap meet for interested parties to display their dive equipment wares. In order to get into the swap meet you must purchase a ticket for the film show. There will likely be a seminar or two on technical diving and/or photography and this will likely have an extra fee attached. We will be discussing the finer points of the film festival at the next meeting as well as looking for volunteers to assist in the implementation of the plan once it is decided upon.

Fond Farewell to Jim and Judy Beach

Jim and Judy Beach, owners of Deep Six Scuba Schools dive shop in Essexville, have packed their bags and headed south to Arizona. Jim and Judy have been involved in the scuba diving business since 1978 and since then they have trained many dozens of area divers. They have been actively involved in the dive community and have consistently promoted safety and comradery. They have made many friends since opening their dive shop and they will be sorely missed. If you are interested in contacting Jim and Judy, Terry Lisk has the information regarding their forwarding address. According to Jim Beach, the business has been sold and will remain in operation under new management.

Letters to the editor

Last month we solicited the membership for responses to the proposed changes in the Underwater Salvage Act of 1913 and the following two replies were received. Feel free to submit your comments regarding the proposals that were mailed in November.

Underwater Salvage and Preserve Committee
C/O Tom Graf
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P.I.G.
People Involved in Government

Dear Fellow Citizen,

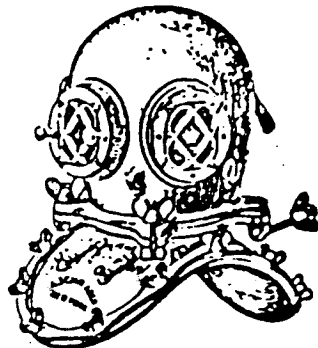
We are so glad that the authorities have decided to finally do something about the hideous and irresponsible actions of inconsiderate divers. There is so much need for greater regulation in the sport diving community that many of us were in desperation that anything could ever be done.

We are proud to be citizens in a country that is duly concerned about the avaricious greed of the common individual scuba diver. We have had first hand experience with greedy scuba divers who have no heed for the good of the state. Our organization has reported no less than 3500 suspicious divers just in our small area to the local authorities in the last year whom we thought may have been doing bad things to the local wrecks.

We are currently organizing weekend patrol boats to go from wreck site to wreck site to check on the suspicious divers whom dive these wrecks in our area. We are looking forward to being able to inspect these vessels on the wreck site and hopefully we will be issued little blue lights for our patrol boats. Keep up the good work fellas and here's hoping that the helping hand of Big Brother is here to stay!

Salute Citizen!

P.I.G.



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P.M.S.
People's Militia for Scuba

Dear Commie Pinko,

I hope you do not think that you can steal away our diving freedom without having to answer for you evil transgressions.

We know where you live, we have spies everywhere. We will not ask any questions when we come in the middle of the night. We will tie you up and make you breath compressed flatulence through a full face mask. We will pack your rectal cavity with zebra mussels where they will live forever on your high flow of effluent. We are militants and freedom lovers and are not afraid to dive for our cause. God is good, god is great and may the fleas of a thousand camels infest your armpits!

Take Heed Communist, To This Warning

P.M.S.

TRADING POST

12' Wood floor ZODIAC with 33hp outboard, complete with 2500 lb cap trailer. Jeff (673-4444) \$1650

Wanted: Used dive gear, console, computer, small tank, back pack. Call Val at 781-1552 or 792-7077

Wanted: Used extra large or large jacket style BC for single and/or double tanks. (843-6492 ask for Geoff)

Used Imperial dry suit with new seals and one season on zipper. \$575 (Sara 673-4444)

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