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Club Meetings-
7:30pm on the 2d Tues
of each month. Held at
Sag. Twp. Fire Station #1
on Shattuck Rd

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Don Cunningham 7994385
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Joe Jablonski 893 7970
Editor:
Don Storck 642 8436
Dive Coordinator/Ambassador:
Tom Fritz 771 3649

Club Dues-
\$20 per year
This Meeting:
July 10
Next Meeting:
August 14

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*and selected short
subjects*

July Tip:
Make sure your fins are on
securely...

CLUB PICNIC!

Don't forget this month's meeting is also the traditional club picnic; held at the VanDenBoom ranch.* Festivities will start around 6; or at least there will be socializing... Bring a dish to pass, maybe a chair to sit on, and enjoy the hospitality of the hostmeister. (& Brats?)

*215 Deens Ln, Bay City (S. of Wilder & Henry)

BOARD REPORT

The board did not have a quorum for a regular meeting in July, so an impromptu meeting was held at the compressor station during Thursday fill night. Terry Lisk reported he has pulled out the dunk tank, and we will need to tune it up a bit. Volunteers? Recall that this is an idea to bring us some publicity, and other ideas are still sought.

Compressor Chair Don Cunningham would like you to be aware he has air cards available, and you can call him anytime at 799 4385



Do you know this man?

NEWS ITEM -

It has been reported by the media that Robert(?) Ballard, of Titanic and other major finds fame, had spent part of last month scanning the bottom of Lake Huron in the Alpena area. He made a statement to the effect that that's a prime area for wrecks, and he hinted at a lot of discoveries. Considering the sophisticated equipment he uses, I would hope he has some good finds. It will probably be some time before any of this information is published, but if anyone has heard any insider reports, please share them.

DIVE NEWS -

Dale Purchase hosted a trip to the Mary Alice B and the Regina; just off Port Sanilac. With Dale were Mike Kowalski, Don Cunningham, and Don Storck. Dale took his camera, crawled into a hole fish were afraid to go in, and took some pictures of gauges and panels. If he has these developed, perhaps we'll see them at the meeting. It turned out to be a nice day for a dive, except for the fact Storck immediately lost one of his fins...

Our resident mercenary Tom Fritz had an interesting dive a couple weeks ago. He heard that someone lost an outboard motor in the backwaters of Orchard Park (Au Sable river) and was seeking some help in recovering it. Now, Tom really enjoys a good dive, especially with a challenge to find something, but he was a little hesitant about going up there being the price of gas was as high as it was back then (and that red van really drinks gas heavily). He finally negotiated a fee of \$100 to look for the motor, and made the trip up to look for it. And he found it; not quite near where it was said to be lost, at about 20 ft and about the same visibility. Success story, right? \$100 richer, right? Well, it seems Tom had some sympathy DNA in him somewhere, and decided to give the guy his motor at no charge! Thanks, Tom!

Tom and your editor made a trip to Haithco park a week ago to just get our gear wet. Along with a lot of other trinkets, Tom found a pretty good mask/snorkel combo.

Val Geidans was snorkeling Lake Geidans, and found a snorkel himself. He reported some pike, bass, and catfish have grown to huge size. Val also caught two leeches, using his leg as bait...

PROPOSED ...

We're still interested in some specialty dives; particularly where we might get some front page publicity for the club. Anyone have any suggestions yet? There is still talk about a possible dive in the Tawas-Oscoda area; perhaps more will be brought up in the July meeting. If you have any ideas for a good club dive, please contribute them!

EDITORIAL

The board members had some good ideas about helping the club grow that were brought out at the June meeting; unfortunately they went nowhere. We should be recruiting new divers, and we should be getting recognition for the club through publicity. We have a strong club; what can we do to keep it that way?

Write me at dwstorck@alpha.delta.edu , or the return address on the next page.

EVENT CALENDAR

August	14	Club Meeting
	TBD	Dive Trip; Manitou
	24-26	Dive Trip; Mackinaw
September	11	Club Meeting
October	9	Club Meeting
	TBD	Pumpkin Dive
November	13	Club Meeting
December	11	Club Meeting
	TBD	Christmas Party

JULY						
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-contributed by Matt Crews:

16 WAYS TO RUIN A DIVE CLUB

1. *Don't attend meetings. But if you do, arrive late.*
2. Never have anything to say at meetings; wait until you get outside.
3. When at a meeting, vote to do everything, but do nothing.
4. The next day find fault with your officers and fellow members.
5. Take no part in the organizations affairs.
6. Be sure to sit in the back so you can talk to other members while the meeting is going on.
7. Talk cooperation, but never cooperate.
8. Get all the club will give and give nothing in return.
9. If asked to help, say you don't have the time.
10. Never accept an office or get on a committee.
11. Never read the newsletter, you find out too much.
12. If on a committee, never give any time, let the others do it.
13. Threaten to quit at every opportunity. Tell others it's not worth the bother.
14. Never ask a neighbor or relative to go to meetings with you.
15. Don't volunteer for anything, and when others are unselfishly giving their time, accuse them of being "cliquish".
16. Don't take beginners diving on an easy dive and help them gain experience as it will waste your valuable dive time.

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For Sale

Tim Cambell (893 1568) has a commercial dry suit (off shore) with 2 sets of insulation (light/heavy), hood, boots, finger gloves, SAS regulators with Tekna Computek dive computer, Atpac B.C., fins, 2 tanks- 72s, twin tank bands, yoke, and misc items.
Excellent condition. All for \$2000.

Dan Palmer (689 5197) has a Nikonos V, 2 lenses, close-up framers, 2 strobes & more; \$1350 or best! Blue plastic coated weights; \$.50/lb. 25lb Pro shot belt; \$20. Small dry suit w/ woolies; \$75. Large dry suit w/ woolies; \$250.

Wanted

Val Geidans (781 1552) is looking for tank valves for 72s and 80s, regulators, consoles, and a large or extra large B.C.

Bill Atkins is looking for a small pair of lady's fins.

Don Storck (642 8436) would like to find a source for hose connectors; specifically a flexible nut for a high pressure hose. Also 1/2 of a set of fins...

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