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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

**Officers-**  
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Don Storck 642 8436  
**Dive Coordinator/Ambassador:**  
Tom Fritz 771 3649

**Club Dues-**  
\$20 per year  
**This Meeting:**  
June 12  
**Next Meeting:**  
July 10

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*Club Show Report*  
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*and selected short*  
*subjects*

**June Tip:**

**Breath naturally while under;  
holding your breath to conserve  
air will just build up your CO<sub>2</sub>  
and make you breath harder**

## CLUB SHOW & SWAP REPORT

What should've been the real highlight for the club last month kind of fizzled. In spite of some great show offerings, the turnout was low. And not just the public; there was low club turnout also (see editorial). The weather certainly can take part of the blame; it was a windy chilly day, and perhaps people just didn't feel like going out. On the other hand, one person came all the way from the west side of the state. The accommodations at SVSU were great, and were praised by the speakers. The 'Saginaw News' was there to take a picture of a river history display (and Val?) for the community page. Due to the low attendance, the club did lose money on the show; the final tally will be presented at this month's meeting.

## BOARD REPORT

The SUE Board met at Pres. Kowalski's house, and discussed the need to make our club better known, and build up the membership with new members. It was agreed we need more public relations events to get ourselves in the eye of the public. The types of events are still up in the air, and the club needs your input. Should we have specialty dives (see proposed dives...) where we invite the 'Saginaw News' or 'Ch 5'? Suggestions will be welcome at the club meeting.

Also discussed was the compressor is due for an overhaul about the end of summer. The actual date will be given early enough for you to plan around, and tanks will still be able to be filled by the cascade.

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

Plan on a great treat this meeting; refreshments will be compliments of Tom Fritz!

## DIVE NEWS – North Carolina

One of my last conscious thoughts I had before falling off to a worried sleep was, "I sure wish I was going to be flying kites tomorrow instead of going forty miles offshore". Outside, flags flew like plywood...

Saturday morning saw the usual enthusiasm of the first day of diving. Aboard the Olympus were the eight SUE divers who made the trip. Also aboard were a couple of other groups for a total of twenty-five divers. Spirits were high and a few of the other divers were even singing and cheering. Motoring up the intracoastal, Dive Master Jeff gave us the briefing and at the end suggested that the trip could be little wet and a bit bumpy. Clearing Beaufort inlet (where the Queen Anne's Revenge lies), the cheers and singing abruptly ended. Most divers ducked below to the salon but a few remained on the back deck. The sun deck was awash. With each lurching frontal assault of the ocean, water cascaded over the pilot house and poured onto and then off the back canvas. Has anyone ever taken that trip under Niagara Falls? What the sea alone could not accomplish, the wind did by blowing salt spray throughout the boat. Looking around the back deck from my relatively dry position (I had been on Olympus before), I noted fear in the eyes of a couple sitting next to the salon hatch. The woman looked to me for reassurance. I went back to digesting breakfast and trying to sneak a nap. Saturday saw us diving inshore wrecks (about 18 miles out). We made the turn from the offshore course south into a heavy 'beam sea' which rolled Olympus hard and long from side to side and sent the former mentioned couple to the port side to expel their breakfast and possibly some internal organs. There were others from the salon deck soon to follow. The dives on this day were on the Aeolus and the Indra.

Sunday was a much better day with only a little overcast. This day saw only our eight SUE divers aboard. It was great having the Olympus to ourselves. We dove the Indra and the Suloide. The Suloide is in 70 feet of water. It was a WWII casualty in that it collided with a torpedoed wreck and sank in March of 1943. Our crew enjoyed a warm cruise in on the sundeck with beverages and sea rations.

Monday was the day of envy of all divers. Seas were calm and deep blue. The sun was warm and shining brightly. Making the run to the offshore wrecks, we were first to arrive on the site of the Papoose. This is a WWII era tanker which was torpedoed during the war and is known for tiger sharks. This day was no exception with even a couple of black tip sharks. The wreck lies upside down in 125 feet and is broken amidships. It is a haven of underwater life. Many times, visibility can be reduced alone by the abundance of fish. Underwater photographers during our trip were the venerable Ron Fritz and Dale Purchase. I'm confident that we'll be seeing some of their work at future meetings and possibly in this publication.

The diving muster for this years trip was: Bob Burgett, Dana Bradley, Leo Dupuis, Ron Fritz, Joe Jablonski, Jason Lisk, Terry Lisk and Dale Purchase.

You know... being on the ocean, diving warm clear water during the day, eating excellent seafood every evening and enjoying great SUE camaraderie...I think I could get used to it...

-Terry Lisk

## NC TESTIMONIAL

Another story from the NC trip is contributed by Joe Jablonski, who wishes to share it for the benefit of the diving community.

Joe was diving on the Papoose; it was his 5<sup>th</sup> dive, he was about 15 mins into the dive and he was down 110 ft. He suddenly began experiencing a headache. He wisely decided to abort the dive, and began to ascend up the anchor line. He went up slowly, and his headache was getting worse. He spent about a 4 min painful stop at 15 ft. When he finally was aboard the dive boat Olympus, he experienced difficulty breathing, and was given O<sub>2</sub>. This helped, and after about 15 mins he was feeling fine again. Joe did the correct thing, and visited a doctor for a follow-up. It was determined that the headache and other symptoms were the result of high blood pressure. Once detected, this can be controlled by medication, and Joe is in fine shape now. Thanks, Joe!

## GILBOA DIVE

Michelle Whitaker made the dive down to Gilboa Quarry near Findley, OH.

Michelle reported that it wasn't the greatest conditions.... A lot of dive clubs were there doing open water testing, and the water was pretty stirred up for poor vis. At least she had a dive to report; that's better than a couple of guys I know ...

## PROPOSED ...

There may be something in the works for a dive trip to Tawas or Oscoda. Stand by for this.

It has also been suggested we do some specialty dives; e.g. a night dive? a treasure dive? a crayfish dive? an ice dive (someday?)  
Suggestions?

## EDITORIAL

OK; where were you on the night of May 5? This date should sound familiar; it was the evening of the club show at SVSU. Of approximately 60 club members, there were probably about 15 that showed up. And half of these were part of the show...

There was a lot of talent offered during the presentations, and these presenters were doing it for you. This is also a chance to mingle with the public; maybe answer some questions, and give us a good image. The annual club show is a tradition that can't be allowed to go down the drain; let's start now to support the show for next year. Enough guilt?

If you'd care to share your thoughts on why there was a low club turnout, the SCOOP will print your comments anonymously.

Write me at [dwstorck@alpha.delta.edu](mailto:dwstorck@alpha.delta.edu), or the return address on the next page.

### Diver's Don'ts

#### DON'T-

1. Forget to turn on your air before getting in.
2. Force yourself to go down feeling any discomfort to your ears or sinus.
3. Dive Alone
4. Dive without some type of flotation device.
5. Dive without quick-release or safety buckles.
6. Use ear plugs.
7. Hold your breath on ascent.
8. Come up too fast.

## EVENT CALENDAR

June	12	Club Meeting
July	10	Club Picnic; Meeting
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

## Scuba Scoop

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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) needs a 1<sup>st</sup> stage high pressure hose. (or he'll have to borrow Tom's)

#### Policy and Disclaimer:

Items listed in For Sale/Wanted will continue to be listed for one year unless the "Scoop" is notified otherwise. Saginaw Underwater Explorers and "The Scuba Scoop" are not responsible for anything posted here.