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**Saginaw Underwater Explorers**  
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<http://community.mlive.com/cc/sue>



**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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**Club Dues-**  
\$25 per year  
**This Meeting:**  
Dec 10  
**Next Meeting:**  
Jan 14

*Christmas Party!*  
*Guest Column*  
*Calendar*  
*Tech Dive Class*  
*Book Review*  
*Dive News*

*and selected short  
subjects ...*

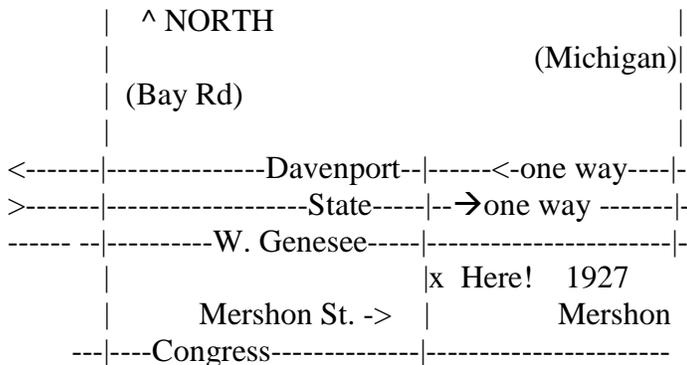
The SCOOP offices will be closed Dec 24,25,26. Telephones will not be answered. The Staff & Management of the SCOOP, and night crew, and teen-age models, wish you and yours

**SEASON'S GREETINGS and  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

*In This Issue...*

## Christmas Party Invitation!

Got your shopping done? It's that time again; the annual SUE Christmas Party. Mike (& Deanna) Peterson have offered the use of their home this year. That's **Dec 14<sup>th</sup>**; the Saturday of the meeting week. Bring a dish to pass, a beverage, your dive videos, and some levity to share. The Petersons can be found at 1927 Mershon; see accompanying map: If lost, call Mike at 7923664



(West Side Saginaw)

## Certificate d'Meal!

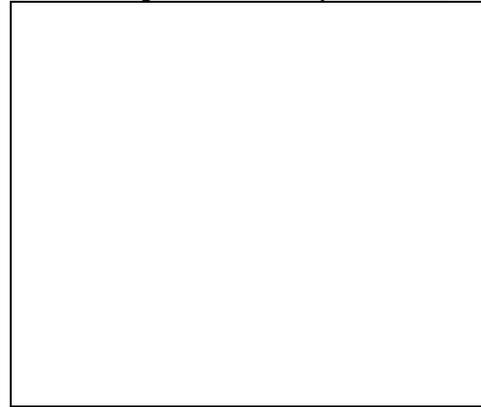
You can be a winner! Some lucky attendee participating in the drawing at the Dec club meeting will go home with a Christmas Meal Certificate! With club meeting attendance averaging less than a dozen, your chances of winning are extremely good! But, you must be present to win. You can not be an employee or relative of Apple Mountain. (Attend the meeting and decrease Val's chances )

## Class Announcement

Matt Crews will be offering an Introduction to Technical Diving class in the near future. He will have a question/answer session on Dec 14<sup>th</sup>. (party conflict?) The class will explain what is involved in tech diving, and if you have questions, feel free to contact Matt at 6863509.

## Dive Reports

[Use this space to fill in your own].



Be sure to include the location, time, temp, vis, dive partner(s), winds & waves, and any pictures.

## Book Review!

**Who has time to read anyway?**

*By: Mike Peterson*

So who has time to read anymore anyway? I can honestly say that you will when you start reading *The Last Dive* by Bernie Chowdhery. If anyone gets the opportunity to pick this book up that hasn't read it, it is a great account of the father and son dive pair that lost their lives diving on an unknown U-Boat. The first couple of chapters explain a lot about diving and the effects on the body, and stories about the father son team that really bring you close to the pair. The rest of the book is sure to keep you up late reading as it describes their accomplishments and finally the fatal mistakes that lead to their deaths. There is a lot about the famous Andrea Doria, and North Atlantic wreck diving as well as some on the gin clear waters of Ginnie Springs, Florida. If anyone wants to know more about the book, just ask around. It is a great book, and I am sure that anyone who wants to get a hold of it could bug Matt Cruz to get a couple of copies in. A must read for any wreck diver.

Watch for another great book review next month.

**Guest Columnist-  
Sunrise Side Underwater Preserve  
Informational Update  
By: Mike Peterson**

I had the privilege of attending a meeting just north of Tawas, MI with Matt Crews. The meeting was to determine what they were going to do about the Sunrise Side Underwater Preserve. A lot of good information was passed around. The group is recognized by the Federal Government who gave them the permit to buoy the Goshawk, and they cover the area from Alabaster to Black River. The group seemed to be very motivated and enthusiastic about the possibility of being a State recognized preserve. As of the meeting the small group has charted four new wrecks in an average of ten feet of water. One wreck is in 150 feet of water and several in over 200 feet of water. While at the meeting a drawing of one of the new wrecks was passed around and the group is very interested in the investigation and graphing of these new wrecks. They expressed interest in any help that they could get in research on the new wrecks found, and wreck hunting in that area. Right now they are operating with a 16 foot Zodiac and a plane. They are interested in anyone who wants to dive or has a boat that would like to take a weekend or two to help search in 2003. I know that I have talked to several people that are interested in this. Anyone that wants more information can contact the group through their web site - [www.hurondivers.org](http://www.hurondivers.org). If you have any questions Matt Crews in a lot further up to speed on the Preserve information then I am. You can contact him at Divers Berth at (989) 686-3509.

**02 REMAINING EVENT CALENDAR**

**December 10 Club Meeting  
14 Christmas Party**

**Pool Swims to be planned this meeting!**

We have the following choices at Garber H.S.:

FRIDAY 6pm-8pm  
1/17/02 -----open  
2/14/02-----NA  
3/14/02-----open

SATURDAY after 3pm  
1/18/02-----open  
2/15/02-----open  
3/15/02-----open

SUNDAY 4pm-6pm  
1/19/02-----open  
2/16/02-----open  
3/16/02-----open

What's your preference? Input at the meeting, or via someone that will be in attendance.

**Following the Currituck Lighthouse?**

Info at: [www.preservationaction.org](http://www.preservationaction.org)

And [www.lighthousefoundation.com](http://www.lighthousefoundation.com)

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**New Web Site-**

Check out <http://Diversberth.com> for a new source of local info. Our own Matt Crews is updating the site, and it boasts some interesting features. Beside news, schedules, and sales, it looks like it will have some neat dive pics.

**Matt** is also working with the Thumb and Sanilac Underwater Preserve, and is seeking divers to help on projects. Contact Matt at [beargroup@journey.com](mailto:beargroup@journey.com)

**NEEDJERHELP...**

The following e/m addr's have apparently died. If you know the owner, please have them e/m me [dwstorck@alpha.delta.edu](mailto:dwstorck@alpha.delta.edu) with a correct address.

<batkins@home.com>  
<rmccormick@rural-net.com>  
<saljohn@concentric.net>  
<dpurch@concentric.net>  
[kruska@concentric.net](mailto:kruska@concentric.net)  
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Hemlock, MI  
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(Notice- These want-ads \_will be cleaned\_up in 2003)

## For Sale

Dive weights; cheap! SAS Regulator w/ oct; \$30. Al pony tank; \$30. Cave light w/extra btty + chgr; \$30. Drop marker, 255 ft of line; \$3. Back pack, boat accys, misc. Dale Purchase 791 1707

Mike Kowalski has a new Scuba Pro BC; labeled XL but really L. Has club lift, Poseidan inflator, front adj shoulder straps. \$150. Also Harveys 'Titanium' gloves (L) \$40. Still taking orders for club T-shirts; maybe other lines. Check at 8922028

Val Geidans has a new 5mm one piece wetsuit. OCEANreef therm-x suit XL; retails at \$325. For the right caller, \$165! Talk to him for details at 7927077 or 7811552

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 blue plastic coated weights; \$.50/lb. 25lb Pro shot belt; \$20. Small dry suit w/ woolies; \$75. Large dry suit w/ woolies; \$250.

For local sales convenience, remember  
**DIVERS BERTH 2356 Delta Rd.**  
**667 8700** www.diversberth.com

## Wanted

Ron Burkhard is looking for a 40 cu ft Pony Tank. Contact him at 989 428 5177 or e/m [rapturejmb@hotmail.com](mailto:rapturejmb@hotmail.com)

Mike Peterson is looking for any size tanks; call Mike at 792 3664

ANY NEW ITEMS? ANY ITEMS THAT CAN BE DELETED?

### 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.

**Compressor Concerns? Air Cards?**  
C/C Don Cunningham anytime at 799 4385