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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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Club Dues-
\$25 per year
This Meeting:
February 12
Next Meeting:
March 12

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*and selected short
subjects*

ELECTION MEETING

Election of officers will be held this meeting!

Nominations were taken at the January meeting, and the current standings are:

President- Val Geidans,...
Vice Pres- John Ruthig,...
Treasurer- Terry Lisk,...
Secretary- (open)
Compressor Chair- Don Cunningham,...
SCOOP Ed- Don Storck,...

Any other nominations can be made prior to the elections; consider your own name somewhere in the above list. Be sure to come to the meeting to exercise your voting rights!

BANQUET PLANS!

It's definite! Reserve this Feb 23 on your calendar! The club will be holding it's annual banquet on that date at the prestigious Skyroom at Tri-City Airport. Cocktails will start at 6pm, followed by the dinner at 7. The special cost this year will be \$15 per person; your board agreed to pick up the difference! Your plan will be to have a great time!

DIVE NEWS

Ron Fritz (Ranger) brought a great collection of antique bottles he's found diving, to the Jan meeting. The bottles are distinct in their color and raised lettering. Some were 'soda' bottles; some were beer bottles. Not all the bottles were glass; some beer containers were brown crock. It seems they were thrown overboard by fishermen of the past. Ranger says they're easy to spot; you can find them at (oops; classified information).

Current reports to the SCOOP are that Ranger and Mike K have been making a lot of river dives lately... Thanks for the showing, Ranger.

MEMORIAL DIVE ?

Ranger made a proposal at the Jan meeting that the annual pumpkin carve dive in October be a memorial dive to Dan Gunther. I think Dan would be honored.

Exclusive! Val G. Interview...

SCOOP: How do you do, young man; may we ask your name?

YOUNG MAN: Certainly; I am Val Geidans, member of the Saginaw Underwater Explorers club.

SCOOP: Well, that may explain that fine-looking cap you're wearing. Care to tell us about it?

VAL: But of course! I won this fine-looking, most comfortable-fitting cap at our last club meeting.

SCOOP: That's most impressive; we are actually interviewing a winner! Did you have to answer a very difficult question, or perform some great athletic feat to win?

VAL: Au Contrair! In spite of my many abilities, I won this expensive-looking, richly-colored cap at our last club meeting just for attending!

SCOOP: Your club gives away quality caps with their insignia and dive symbol just for showing up?

Val: Well, not exactly. I was given a ticket when I came in, and had to make sure I didn't lose it until the end of the meeting. At that time, the president declared it was time for the big drawing, and my ticket number was the one chosen!

SCOOP: Wow; the odds on that must've been astronomical!

Val: Nein; the competition was very low last month. I felt lucky. I had the vibes. I consulted my horoscope on the 'net, and it said "Go to the meeting!" I even had my choice of seats, and I guess I sat in a hot one.

SCOOP: Let us congratulate you on your accomplishment, Val. It seems to fit you very well!

Val: Why, thank you (blush).

SCOOP: Val, you've been a very cooperative interviewee, and we thank you. May we keep you available for future interviews?

Val: Most certainly! I have no hesitation about sharing my thoughts. Au revoir!

SCOOP: Auf Wiedersehn, Val.

RENEWAL NOW \$25

With the beginning of the new year, dues are now \$25. If you've lost your application form, you can get one at the meeting. You can also request one via e-mail. Just send an e/m to the editor with 'send application' in the subject..

Be advised a proposal is being considered to change the constitution to read- new members will pay a \$25 initiation fee to cover their dues upon joining; then they will fall under the regular membership dues stated previously.

CLUB POOL SWIMS

To start the season, about 10 people showed up for the Jan pool swim. Mike Peterson had some fine looking new equipment to try out, and Tom Fritz brought some empty equipment... The water was a little nippy, but it was still wet! This month's pool swim will be on Feb 17 from 6 to 7:30. The pool swim will be held at Garber HS pool, in Essexville. Plan on the swims each Sunday following the club meeting through April(?).

02 EVENT CALENDAR

February	12	Club Meeting
	17	Pool Swim; Garber HS
	23	Club Banquet; the Skyroom
March	12	Club Meeting
	17	Pool Swim: Garber HS
April	9	Club Meeting; VIP
	14 ?	Pool Swim
May	14	Club Meeting: VIP
	TBD	Dive Trip?; N. Carolina?
June	11	Club Meeting
July	9	Club Picnic; Meeting
August	13	Club Meeting
September	10	Club Meeting
October	8	Club Meeting
	TBD	Pumpkin Dive
November	12	Club Meeting
December	10	Club Meeting
	TBD	Christmas Party

(Plenty of room for more here- suggestions welcomed)

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

ICE!



It's the annual John Ruthig in-the-ice photo! This is John with the dive team training in Haithco Lake.
(photo by Abigail Borrow)

And **CONGRATULATIONS** are in order for Mike Peterson. Mike has been accepted to be a member of the Saginaw County Dive Team! Keep us updated on your training, Mike.

(REMEMBER attendees at this club meeting have a chance at winning an official club cap)

E SCOOP

The winner of this month's furthest recipient of the E/SCOOP is Michael Lauridsen of Denmark. Welcome aboard, Michael!

The SCOOP is trying to increase delivery by e-mail. Note you do not have to be a member to receive this. For a free e-subscription; just send e-mail to dstorck@hotmail.com with the word 'subscribe' in the subject. The SCOOP is still trying to find a format that is suitable for everyone; suggestions welcome.

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*NOTE! Attend the Feb meeting and
get a chance to win a club cap!*

For Sale

Mike Kowalski is 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 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

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

Linda Atkins is in need of a snorkle vest for a trip south in Mid Feb. If you have one you would part with, please call her at 684-5847. ;-)
Thanx

Don Storck (642 8436) would like to find a source for hose connectors; specifically a flexible nut for a high pressure hose....

ANY NEW ITEMS? ANY ITEMS THAT CAN BE DELETED?

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