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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:
May 14
Next Meeting:
June 11

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*and selected short
subjects*

** VIP starting at 6:00
this meeting! No one
showed last month, so
there will be a crowd.*

Dive Chamber Comes Alive!

As this newsletter is being written, the S.U.E. official dive tank is up for exposure at Fashion Square Mall. This weekend (10-12) is a special olympics event (Torch Run) sponsored by various police departments throughout the state, and locally by the Saginaw Township PD. Our man on the inside, Mike Peterson, got us a spot in which to participate. The tank is just outside Dunham's Sports, underneath the roof site where Mike and some other personalities will live for two days. The plan is to have our tank manned by a diver for public viewing through Saturday. Club members will be on hand to meet the public and tell about our club. 1000 goldfish have been contributed by Petsmart, and we will do our part for the fund raiser by selling the goldfish caught by the diver to the public. An event critique will be given at the club meeting, but there's no doubt in this writer's mind that we have a successful venture going. Talk on fixing up the tank has gone on for years, and now we have something to be proud of. The tank was sandblasted, painted, new window installed, and some great background added. The people responsible for the facelift have done a great job, and the club thanks you! Let's keep it going now; next event?

Compressor Item

Our compressor is due for an overhaul at 2000 hrs, which looks like 3 yrs away. Comp Chair Cunningham has contacted the Bauer Co. (maker) for an estimate, and they state about \$1000-1200 per cylinder. Ours is a 4-cyl, so we're looking at a possible \$4800 expenditure at that time.

The Retrieval Team Getting the Tank-



Set-up Site at the Mall-



And here's Chief Mike trying to plug leaks-



VIP School

Mike Kowalski and Don Cunningham have returned from the VIP certification class in Chicago with some new thoughts. They will give a more detailed report at the meeting, but one item suggested is that we adopt a yearly VIP. Not just because everyone else has that as a standard, but in fact it is a safety concern. To find more information on tank safety yourself, see the Professional Scuba Inspectors website at <http://www.pscylinders.com>

Dive News

Mike Peterson did some warm diving in Florida last month (see next pic), and Dale Purchase just returned from California where he got 8 dives in; one night dive. He dove Catalina, Santa Rosa, and Santa Clara islands. He had 75ft vis in water temps of 57'. Dale reports the fish have color, but not like Gulf waters. Seals would unexpectedly dart around the divers, causing a bit of a start. There were lots of lobsters, which hid during the day and came out at night. Dale said they were out of season anyway...

Who else has gotten wet?

Any plans out there? Remember Leo Dupuis has proposed plans for a dive to N.C. in May, and a dive on the Wexford in August. If you're interested in either, give Leo a call at 810 727 7278, or write him at ldupuis3@visteon.com

02 EVENT CALENDAR

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| May | 14 TBD | Club Meeting: VIP Dive Trip?; N. Carolina? |
| June | 11 TBD | Club Meeting Thumb Dive |
| July | 9 | Club Picnic;&Meeting |
| August | 13 TBD | Club Meeting Wexford? |
| September | 10 | Club Meeting |
| October | 8 TBD | Club Meeting Pumpkin Dive |
| November | 12 | Club Meeting |
| December | 10 TBD | Club Meeting Christmas Party |

(Plenty of room for more here- suggestions welcomed)



Wreckdiver Pete with cap he won...

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dstorck@hotmail.com with the word 'subscribe' in the subject. Sign on your friends!

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.

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

Legal Notice:

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.

Wanted

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

Don Storck (642 8436) still looking for a source of hose connectors; specifically a flexible nut for a high pressure hose....

ANY NEW ITEMS? ANY ITEMS THAT CAN BE DELETED?

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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