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Club Meetings-
7:30pm on the 2d Tues
of each month. Held at
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Club Dues-
\$20 per year

Next Meeting:
April 10

In This Issue...

*VIP This Meeting!
Banquet Report
SUE Dive Festival
Last Pool Swim
'01 Comp Schedule
Membership List
and selected short
subjects*

Cold Water Diving by our Dave Sommers

David Sommers of the Saginaw County Sheriff Department lowers himself through a hole in the ice in Houghton Lake. Line tenders are Tom Twiss (L) of the Sanilac County Sheriff Department and Lake Township Fire Chief Ron Martin. Divers from Sanilac, Saginaw and Roscommon counties were looking for two snowmobilers that were reported missing January 12. photo taken March 1 by the Houghton Lake Resorter



(NOTE: About 2 weeks after this dive one victim and 2 snowmobiles were located)

Club members Bill Giorgis and Ken Kruska were recently featured in the Saginaw News. Bill, who owns Mike's Wrecker Service in Saginaw, also recovers items lost in the water. So far this winter he has recovered 7 snowmobiles and 2 cars. In addition to Ken, Dave Sommers, Greg Prenzler and John Ruthig (when he is not in Florida) also dive for Bill.

In January the group spent 3 days looking for one snowmobile in Wixom Lake. Sommers found a snowmobile they weren't even looking for. Visibility under the ice was about 15 feet.

In mid-January two brothers disappeared in Houghton Lake while snowmobiling. In early February club members Bill Giorgis, Tim Hastings, Ken Kruska and Dave Sommers, under the authority of the Saginaw County Sheriff Dive Team, went to Houghton Lake to assist the Roscommon County Sheriff Department. Sanilac County divers coordinated the operation. There was about 2 feet of ice on the lake with less than 10 feet of depth. Visibility was about 8 feet. Sommers was able to log over 2 hours under the ice. He has 10 ice dives in this year as of March 1, all doing snowmobile recoveries or body searches. Giorgis had to cut his first and only dive short after a zipper failed; flooding his suit. Ten days later Sanilac County divers located 2 snowmobiles and one victim. *good work, guys; -ed*

And, our editorial-

At the last meeting we discussed many ideas to keep our club going and to increase our membership. We are in the planning stages for next year's dive show. Mike has set up many dives for this summer. This is the most dive planning I have seen in the club since I have been a member. Come to the next meeting and sign up. Through the years I have heard people complain that we don't plan enough dives. If this effort doesn't satisfy the membership nothing will. Remember at the next meeting we will vote on the change to the constitution, which will allow the newsletter editor unlimited terms. Please vote for this change. (Do you really want to see me as your newsletter editor?) The old and new wording will appear elsewhere.

At the April meeting again we will be having VIPs. Mike Kowalski, Bill Atkins, and myself are the only ones qualified to do the inspections. Next month Mike Peterson and Terry Lisk will be able to help us at the May inspections. The inspections will start at 6:30. So bring your tanks; the inspections are only \$1.00.

Sorry this is so short but Mike K., Mike P., his cousin and myself are heading to Florida in a couple of days to do some diving. When we return I'll write a note about our adventures. Don Cunningham

smiled on us as the weather was great. I could really tell you about some evening events but I think I'll let Mike Peterson fill in the details. I talked to Dale Purchase the other night and he and Phil Sheridan (and Phil's friends) dove the the Keys a couple of weeks ago. They dove some of the same wrecks as we did and some in deeper water namely the Northern Lights and the Hydro Atlantic. They also enjoyed good weather. Dale said he is finally getting settled in his new home. He will be visiting his daughter in California soon for a couple of weeks . He is looking forward to seeing us in August for some diving.

In closing THANK YOU for putting up with me the last couple of months. -Don Cunningham

Legal Section:

Proposed Constitution Change- (to be voted on at this meeting)

OLD WORDING ARTICLE VI SECTION 2

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Notice to SUE

“According to our constitution, I hereby resign as the Saginaw Underwater Explorers newsletter editor; as of May 1, 2003”

Donald A. Cunningham

**VIP's; This Meeting! 5 Inspectors! No Waiting!
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Who Has Time To Read? Book Review By Mike Peterson

This year while walking through a bookstore in Mackinaw City on a break from diving, I found an excellent book. How I found it is controversial among my dive buddies.

The book is “**The Laurentian Channel**” by Christopher Knight; a fiction story about the finding of a mystery shipwreck near Cheboygan by a married couple. The story goes through many twists and turns as the couple research the uncharted wreck.

This book is an excellent read to spark your imagination with how real this event could be. Obviously, the author did his research to make this story realistic, and you relate to the dive descriptions.

If you are interested, and have trouble finding this book, call either Matt Cruz at Divers Berth or myself. -Mike

'03 EVENT CALENDAR

TBD: Club Show ?

May	13 TBD	Club Meeting Dive Trip?;
June	10	Club Meeting
July	8	Club Picnic & Meeting TBD- 3 Brothers
August	12	Club Meeting
September	9	Club Meeting
October	14 TBD	Club Meeting Pumpkin Dive
November	11	Club Meeting
December	9 TBD	Club Meeting Christmas Party

Reality Check...

Last month's SCOOP was the April 1 issue! It was intended to be humorous, and nothing in it was offensive. Anything found as offensive was only offensive in your own thoughts. The April SCOOP was a big Rorshach test; did you pass or fail?

-Don

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