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**Club Meetings-**  
7:30pm on the 2d Tues  
of each month. Held at  
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**Club Dues-**  
\$25 per year  
**This Meeting:**  
Jan 14  
**Next Meeting:**  
Feb 11

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*subjects*

*-Wishing you a great*  
*start in '03!*

## **2002 CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The club '02 Christmas Party hosted by the Hon. Mr. & Mrs. Peterson was truly enjoyable and a great way to start the season! Much fine food was offered, and guests were relaxed and soon got into story telling. It might've been helped by Mike's special finger jello. Club camaraderie at it's finest! Thanks for a very nice party, Mike and Deanna. It should also be noted that Terry Lisk again volunteered himself to park cars, and escort the guests up the steps. Some could've used help being escorted down the steps...

## **'03 PLANS-**

The SUE Board met last week, trying to plan some things for this year's agenda. Among things discussed were dive trips, recruiting new members, a new member packet, the impact of other clubs on us, special events at our meetings, the use of our dive tank, and possibly ordering club jackets. Your input on these items at the Jan meeting is also welcomed.

## **ELECTIONS!**

Remember that elections for new officers will be held in February; come to the January meeting with nominations in hand!

## **CLUB SHOW '03?...**

Will there be? When?  
If you're interested in this, contact your president and tell him you want to be involved!

## **'03 CLUB POOL SWIMS**

The pool swims will again be held at Garber HS pool, in Essexville. Plan on the swims each Sunday following the club meeting through April(?).

## **RENEWED YET?**

With the beginning of the new year, dues are now \$25. No credit cards please...

## **NEWS- SHIPWRECK PRESERVE MEETING**

At 6 pm on December 12, 2002, SUE members Matt Crews and Ron Burkhard attended a committee meeting of the Thumb Area Great Lakes State Bottomland Preserve held at the Road Commission building in Bad Axe, Mi. The primary purpose of the meeting was to determine the status of the Thumb preserve committee. However, many issues were discussed. Committee president Chris Roth was the only officer present. Steve Romzek, superintendent of Huron County Parks was present because the preserve is part of the county park system, the only one in the state with this status. Romzek is also an alternate voting member of the committee. Each preserve in the state has two votes on the Michigan Underwater Preserve Council. The Michigan Council will hold their next meeting on January 12, 2003 in St Ignace. It appeared that no voting member from the Thumb Preserve would be present at this meeting. This was the Thumb preserve's first meeting in 4 years.

One of the main concerns expressed during the meeting was the maintenance of the mooring lines on the shipwrecks. These mooring are maintained by volunteers. Burkhard volunteered to check with the Huron County Foundation on securing grant money to pay for mooring these shipwrecks. He will report at the next meeting, which is tentatively scheduled for April 2003.

Crews and Burkhard also attended the Sanilac Preserve meeting held in Port Sanilac on December 15, 2002. This was the Sanilac preserve's first meeting in 10 years. It was held to determine the status of the Sanilac preserve committee. Michigan Underwater Preserve Council President Mark Kistner was there and provided some information on the proposed sale of Michigan license plates featuring divers. Some of the money generated from the sale of these plates would go to the 11 underwater preserves in the state. He was trying to determine the status of the preserves and get them to attend the January meeting in St. Ignace.

-contributed by Judy Burkhard

## Book Review-

### Who has time to read anyway?

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 the book is a source of conflicting stories amongst my dive buddies, (Joe Joblanski, Don Cunningham, and Dale Purchase). Some say I accidentally saw it while checking out a girl in the area and then bought the book out of guilt when I was caught by my "friends". Regardless of which story you want to believe I will continue on with my review.

### THE LAURENTIAN CHANNEL – BY: CHRISTOPHER KNIGHT.

This wonderful read is a fictional book about the finding of a mystery shipwreck near Chyboygen, MI. by a married couple. The book is full of twist and turns while the couple research the uncharted wreck. Unknowingly to the couple they are in a race for a large treasure with some treasure hunters that have been looking for the wreck for a long time.

This book is an excellent read to spark your imagination with how real this event could be. Obviously the writer did his research to make the book realistic and his descriptions of the dive are very realistic. So while your awaiting the upcoming dive season turn off that annoying television and sit back with a good book. You might have a hard time finding this book, if you need help give Matt Cruz a call at **Divers Berth**, or I can see what I can do to help.

## Scuba Message Portal!

And another of our talented membership, Chris Dauer, has set up a web page with message portals. Of special interest is a number of portals specific to scuba diving. This is highly recommended by your faithful editor! Try it, and see if you're not hooked. GOTO [www.clickmidland.com](http://www.clickmidland.com) and click on 'message board'

## Compressor Concerns? Air Cards? Call

Don Cunningham anytime at 799 4385

## '03 EVENT CALENDAR

TBD: Club Show ?

January	14 19	Club Meeting Pool Swim (@ Garber HS)
February	11 16	Club Meeting (Elections!) Pool Swim
March	11 16	Club Meeting Pool Swim
April	8 13 ?	Club Meeting Pool Swim
May	13 TBD	Club Meeting Dive Trip?; N. Carolina? Gilboa?
June	10	Club Meeting
July	8	Club Picnic & Meeting
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

(Let's fill this year up!)

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