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**Club Meetings-**  
7:30pm on the 2d Tues  
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**Club Dues-**  
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**Next Meeting:**  
July 8

**Note Change**  
Tues 10 at  
The Divers Berth  
(map inside)

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**\*Support Your Troops!\***  
Good Luck on the  
Mission and Safe Return!

**JUNE**  
meeting:

## ScubaPalooza!

And you're invited! This month's SUE club meeting will NOT be held at the fire department. Instead, Matt Crews has offered his facilities at **Divers Berth** for the meeting, to include many bonus activities.

Beside the regular club business, Matt will have the grill out knowing how the club members like to eat! Soft drinks and other snacks will also be served.

On the more serious side, noted speaker Ric Mixter will be on hand to do a presentation.

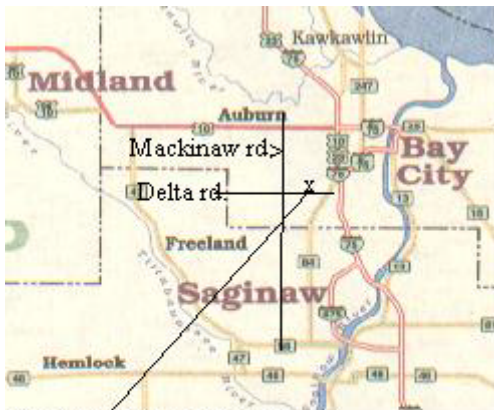
Gary Taylor of the IANTD Advisory Board will answer any questions concerning Nitrox, Trimix and Technical Diving (cave, shipwreck penetration, and deep diving).

Matt Crews will talk about open water and non-technical classes, also answer any equipment questions.

Many movies to view if there is sufficient interest.

Guaranteed something for everyone!

Please spread the word about the meeting's location change(see map). This is a good time to bring potential new members or anyone interested in getting into diving; invite a friend! We're looking for a big turnout!



DIVERS BERTH 2356 Delta Rd.  
(just east of Delta College; look for the dive flag!)

## Ranger Dives; Finds old coke bottle-

In the way of dive news (and there's not a lot), the best story comes from Ron Fritz, the Ranger. Ranger is well known for the antique bottles he has recovered at many undisclosed locations. This latest find comes from an inland lake on the western side of the state. Ranger has found an original BROWN Coca Cola bottle. Can anyone place a year on this? I would guess this is from the era when Coke meant what it said! The brown coloration was to prevent sunlight from affecting the contents.

The location of the lake the rare bottle was found in is just off highway M#& down the dirt =>\*&!5% @&43 Ooops; sorry. Apparently some computer static...

## RIP; Gilboa Diver

On a sadder note, the sport of scuba diving has recently lost another Michigan member due to some accident at the Gilboa Quarry in Findlay, Ohio. According to a news article, Benjamin S. Hartman, 26, of Stevensville drowned during a 'scuba demonstration' at the quarry. This is only speculation on my part, but I would believe it was actually an open-water dive exercise. The news article states that Benjamin was with four other divers and an instructor when he left that group and began following another group into the deep section of the quarry. His instructor found him with that group at the 120' mark, at which time he apparently panicked and lost his regulator. *Our thoughts go out to his family.* Gilboa Quarry is located about 15 mins west of Findlay off I-75. The shallow section has many objects sunk for a diver to explore, including a flooded woods area. Having dove the quarry myself, I know that to dive the deep section you must submit a dive plan with the operator. The deep section is about 140', and is separated from the shallow section by an underwater sheer rock cliff known as 'The Wall'. It contains old quarry machinery, and bigger fish. It is also cold all year.

## VIP's

With the recent training of Terry Lisk, Mike Kowalski, and Leo Dupuis at VIP school, there must've been at least 6 inspectors to check tanks at last month's meeting. Even John Ruthig came up from his new residence in Florida to participate. There were at least 50 tanks inspected, and it was a speedy and efficient operation. Thank you to everyone involved.

## More Thanks-

Thank you for your vote of confidence in retaining me as your SCOOP editor for another season. I would like to think it's for the good job I do, and not because it turns one into a narrow-minded cynical retrograde. With a bit more success on the SCOOP, I am looking for a good career with the New York Times...

## New Members!

The S.U.E. welcomed James E Dorman, Mark Van Arsdale, and Morgan L Alexander as new club members at the last meeting. Now let's show them some club diving.

## Safety Thoughts...

How secure do you fasten your tanks while transporting?



## '03 EVENT CALENDAR

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

## Misc. Thoughts-

What sites are we exhibiting our dive tank at this summer?

Are we still considering planting a fish crib somewhere?

Is the club planning on some dive to get our new members wet?

Your thoughts?

## Question to e/scoop revrs-

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