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Club Meetings-
7:30pm on the 2d Tues
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Club Dues-
\$25 per year

next meeting: Jan 11

Note Change-
This Meeting- 11th
during the
Christmas Party at
the Lisk's.
(more inside)



The SCOOP management,
office staff, and all the
little people in the hall
wish you

Seasons Greetings,
and a
Great New Year!

* Remember Our Troops! *

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\$25 next month...

also selected short
subjects

SUE Christmas Party '04

You are cordially invited to a grand Christmas Party to be held at the Lisk Ranch this Saturday; the 11th! The Dec club meeting will also be held at this time to finish the business of '04. Money will be discussed. The business meeting will start around 7, so plan on arriving about 6:30 to loosen up. After the business meeting is finished, serious partying will begin. Please bring a dish to pass, along with some good holiday attitude to share! The Lisk Ranch is located at 5790 Fort Rd., Bridgeport. Turn onto Fort Rd. by the state police post in Bridgeport, but find another way home...

Port Huron Dive Show report- Bill Atkins

Shipwrecks Remembered 2004

Joe and I went down to the show at the McMorran Center on Nov.15th. Wow! Those guys put on a heck of a program. Cris Kohl and his lovely wife, Joan did a program on mystery stories about Great Lakes wrecks. We saw a video by Mirek Standowicz about a WWII Gunship north of the Arctic circle. Talk about cold and DEEEEEP! I think it was in Norway. He is also the only person to have dived the Carl Bradley at over 275 foot depth! Techie divers, eat yer heart out.

Jim and Pat Stayer did a program on the Dunderburg that included video transfers of Kent Bellrichard and John Steele's 16mm movies from when they first discovered the wreck. Too bad they edited out the rapping of artifacts. It would have been nice to see what the wheel looked like.

Bob McGreavy did a program that showcased the extensive art work he has done over the years along with a story about the ships.

The program was fantastic. There were many more presenters and they all did a great job. If you want to see what you missed, go to www.greatlakes.net/~divelog/index.htm for an overview and details.

Sunset-Side Stories by Jill (part II)

Saturday morning at 10:30 Henderson, Lisa and I leave my house and head south to Lake 16 in Eastern Allegan County, Michigan.

Dive attractions: There is a ton of stuff in this lake and it gets deep (85feet +). This lake is spring fed, below 60 feet is 41 degrees. There are 2 platforms (15 feet and 80 feet), 4 speed boats, one snowmobile, a few street signs, a

car, a couple Christmas trees, an upsidedown bathtub serving as a dive bell. All major attractions have lines going to them (so we can find them and not get lost). It rained really really hard on Friday night and we're about to find out that the rain has washed in so much silt we can barely see. Conditions on Saturday are 72 degrees and totally cloudy, occasional light scattered sprinkles. We geared up and the goal was to make it out to the car. We found the platform in 15' right away, I tied off the dive flag and left it there. The vis. at the platform was a little cloudy but I'd say we could see not quite 10 feet. We dropped down over the side of the platform and follow the chain straight down to the first speed boat on the left (40'). From 18 feet to 22' is a thermocline- the thermocline is thick and vis. drops to 2 feet, below that vis. improves to 8 feet-however, due to the thermocline above us things get much darker (and there's no sunshine to start with). Temp. below the thermocline is in the low 50's, and the deeper we go, the colder it gets.

We all "o.k." at the boat and I signal "snowmobile". At snowmobile (60 feet) we stop for a moment, check gauges, "o.k." and head out the line to car (80' depth). The car is a bit of a swim. The vis. is less than 2 feet-it's a struggle even with our 10 watt h.i.d. lights. We know that we've arrived at the car because we swam right into the side of it (boom). 2 of us had lights and it was hard to see Henderson even though he was right next to me. I turned the dive and we backtracked to snowmobile. Clarity improves slightly and vis. goes to 7 feet. So we quickly toured 2 of the deep speed boats and decided to try and head out to the deep platform. We changed formation to Jill first, Henderson second, and Lisa third-this way there is a light in the front and a light in the back and either one of us can shine Henderson at anytime.

As we head out to the deep platform vis. deteriorates just like the way out to the car. I get to the platform first and I'm a little confused because I can't see too much. So I quick shine my light around and find the toilet that I know is there from previous dives. OK we are where I think we are-but by now, I am cold and my fingers are losing dexterity and feeling. I signal "I'm cold and we're going back. Buddy up close together." And off we go. At the deep speedboat I look back and see Henderson but I can't see Lisa's light. Henderson turns around and I start shining so that if she can see my light, she will signal back with her light beam. We see her signal and I leave Henderson to wait for her-I must ascend to get into the thermocline a.s.a.p. to get warm. Henderson and Lisa are both diving dry suits, I am in a wet suit -much colder!!! They catch up with me- we all do our ascent and safety

stops together. At the platform, I grab the flag and back to shore we go.

This was the worst vis. I've ever seen in this lake.
 Note to self: After rain storm, do not go to Lake 16!
 (cont'd next month! Stay tuned for more stories by Jill!)

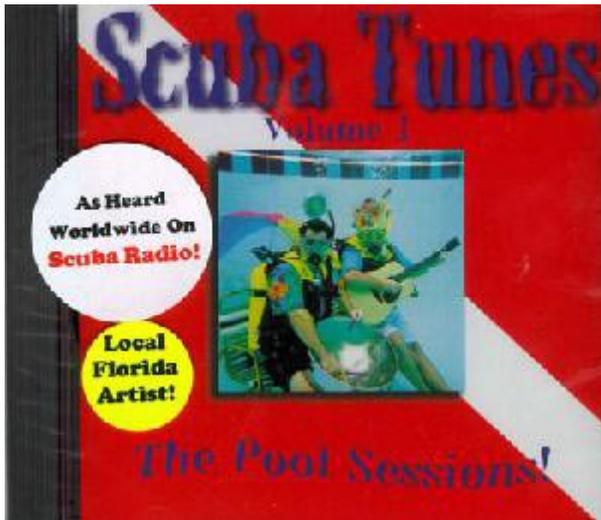
Congratulations to our own Michele Whitaker

Michele has received the Marvin Olsen Award for Distinguished Service from the Michigan Sociological Association. Michele heads the Criminal Justice and Corrections Program at Delta College. Michele, and Prof Alan Hill of the Sociology Dept., recently overlapped some of their respective classes to show how the two disciplines interact. Nice work, Michele!



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Pool Swims '05

Comfortable diving in a warm pool designed to spoil you will again be offered for the winter months. The schedule will be posted forthwith...

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S.U.E. '05 Event Planner

Jan	11	Club Meeting(nominations) Pool swim
Feb	8	Club Meeting(elections) Pool swim
Mar	8	Club Meeting Pool swim Awards Dinner?
Apr	12	Club Meeting
May	10	Club Meeting
Jun	14	Club Meeting
Jul	12	Club Meeting Picnic ?
Aug	9	Club Meeting
Sep	13	Club Meeting
Oct	11	Club Meeting
	TBA	Pumpkin Carve Dive
Nov	8	Club Meeting
Dec	13	Club Meeting
	TBA	Christmas Party

'05 Quick Renewal Form

Last Name:.....
 First Name, Init.....
 Address.....
 City.....
 State, Zip.....
 Date Submitted.....
 Occupation.....
 Age..... Sex...M F.....(circle one)
 Telephone No.....
 Marital Status; Spouse' name if applicable.....
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Personals

Congratulations to Amanda Dorman(age 14), and Cory Dorman(age 13) of Harrison; recently certified as Scuba Divers! The SCOOP would like to hear more of their experiences.

Wanted

SCOOP editor for 2005. Salary commensurate to abilities.

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