

# The Scuba Scoop

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**Saginaw Underwater Explorers**  
-Serving the Tri-Cities since 1958

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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  
Next Meeting:  
Feb10

This Meeting: 13<sup>th</sup>

**SUE Special:  
Shipwreck Show  
And SCUBA Swap  
Meet- Apr 3 '04**

Get your ticket early!

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*Support Our Troops*

## Club '03 Christmas Party

Good friends, good food, good drinks, good stories, good time,..., great xmas party hosted by Bill and Linda Atkins to help end the club's '03 year. About 20 people showed up. Well, not right away... a special tx call to our president to remind him of what that night was made the evening complete. Bill offered one of his original sketches as a door prize; Tom VanDenBoom was the lucky winner. Everyone attending got a copy of it. Folks enjoyed a fine time till after 11; we didn't want to overextend our welcome. Thanks, Bill and Linda!



Good Stories



Good Friends



Good Drinks



Good Food



And the Door Prize!

### Reminder-

Annual elections for new officers to be held during the February meeting. Nominations open this meeting. Volunteer for office!

## Deepest Dive Record Set - 313 Meters / 1032 ft

**Scuba Cat Technical Instructor Trainer Mark Ellyatt has set a new world record of 313 meters for the deepest solo scuba dive, beating the old record by 5 meters.**

The record dive was done on 12/18/03, off Thailand. Mark said, "It's a lonely trip, like a trip to the Moon." The descent into the depths took a mere 12 minutes and Mark spent just 60 seconds there, collecting a marker to verify his record-breaking depth. But the ascent took six hours and 40 minutes. He dove with six tanks to begin with and had another 24 brought down to him by support divers who met him at various depths on his way back. "Other dives like this that have been attempted ended with massive injuries to the diver," he explained. In February this year Mark himself needed emergency treatment after a deep dive. He spent more than three months recovering. He said that he himself had devised the decompression tables needed to ascend safely from great depth, and had made sure that they were right. Asked how long he had been preparing for this deep dive Mr Ellyatt said with a laugh, "About 10 years." He told us that his main motive, however, was not to break the world record, but to improve safety standards. "I wanted to find a method for safely ascending because there didn't seem to be one. Lots of companies sell computer software that plots a solution for returning to the surface, but none of it seems to work," he said.



Mark Ellyatt with assistant diver

-Story and pictures from the Scuba Cat Diving web site.

## RENEWED YET?

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



Mark Ellyatt on surface

## CLUB SHOW '04!

Shipwreck Show and Swap Meet -Saginaw Valley State University, Groening Commons Apr 3, 2004  
Swap/Displays open 3 pm; Speaker Presentations start at 4pm; Evening Presentations at 7-9 pm. Door Prizes! \$6 advance, \$8 at door. Entry ticket also gives you a selling location.

## Prez Sez-

We will be doing are evaluations for Dive Buddy of the Year. I will need all interested participants to get me the date and dive club member that they dove with and how many dives that they dove with that person. The winner will be based on the club member that dove with the most club members in 2003. If you went on a group charter and there where three members present then mark down all three. If there is a tie it will be broken by number of dives done total with clubmembers.

I know that with the little bit of diving that was done this year that many people did some diving with one another so please make sure that you get them turned in.

We will be doing this again in 2004 so make sure to get an early start, and make sure to log your dives. If anyone needs a log sheet I made one up for myself and will be glad to run a copy off for you.

Thanks, **Mike**

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## For Sale

14 ft Inflatable w/ Traylor  
Rated up to 35hp motor  
\$800 Mike Peterson @ 792 3664

### S.U.E. '04 Event Planner

Jan	13	Club Meeting(nominations) TBA Gilboa Quarry pool swims pending	Jul	13	Club Meeting & Picnic (Peterson's)
				23-26	Whitefish Pointe Dive Trip
Feb	10	Club Meeting(elections) TBA River Dive	Aug	10	Club Meeting (another Picnic!)
				20-23	Straights of Mackinaw Trip
Mar	5	Awards Dinner	Sep	9-12	Tobermoray Dive Trip
	9	Club Meeting		14	Club Meeting
	19-21	F S Mall Cart	Oct	12	Club Meeting
	26-28	"		TBA	Pumpkin Carve Dive
Apr	3	Dive Show @ SVSU	Nov	9	Club Meeting
	13	Club Meeting	Dec	14	Club Meeting
	14-19	Florida Road Trip		TBA	Christmas Party
May	11	Club Meeting- Divers Berth			
	14-18	SE Lk Michigan Dive Trip			
Jun	5-6	Lk Erie Dive Trip			
	8	Club Meeting			
	11-14	N Carolina Dive Trip			
	25-27	Alpena Dive Trip			