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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: Aug 10

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

- Support Our Troops!\*

*Inside....*

*Tank Tumbling  
Swap Meet in Warren  
New Member Packages?  
Question to Ponder*

*also selected short  
subjects*

## The Continuous Cycle of Tank Care

At the last two monthly club meetings, SUE was performing it's annual VIP of members' tanks. Not having a real big turnout either month, it would seem that either there is another option being used for VIPs, or the tanks are being neglected. Was it just last year that SUE voted to mandate annual VIPs to be in agreement with other clubs and shops?

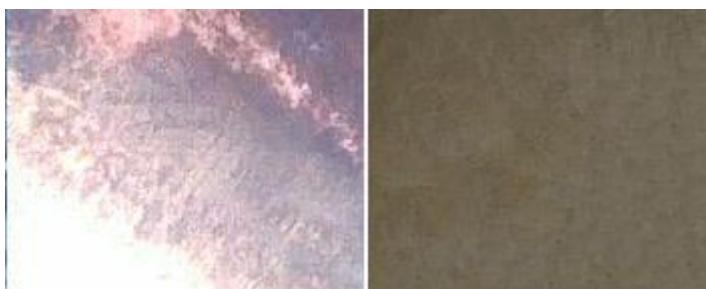
Your editor's time was up this year to get his tanks hydro-tested, so it was full service. FYI, I took my tanks to Gale Fire Protection in Freeland for the hydros; they charged \$10/tank and have a turn-around time of a few days.

The subsequent VIP of the (steel) tanks found flash rust, due to the water fill of the hydro.



Mike K. & Bill A. performing VIPs; June mtg.

Club members should be aware that we have a tank tumbler at the compressor site just for this purpose. Steel shot is provided, and the tank can usually be cleaned up in about ½ hour or less. Ask the compressor operator that night.



Before- flash rust

After- smooth as a baby's butt...



Compr Oprt John B. running the tumbler



Unofficial back-up tumbler

Advice from the pro's-

After tumbling, you must get the tumbling material and dust out immediately. It has been suggested that the tank be flushed with a solution of cold water and dish detergent. The tank must then be dried. You might do this with flushing it with boiling water where the heat will dry it; or running a flow of hot air through it. Replace the valve, and fill it with dry air. Good luck on your season!

## **Swap Meet!**

On July 25, the Blue Water/River Rats dive clubs will be hosting a dive swap meet. It will be located at 28000 Van Dyke in Warren (MI). Time is from 11am to 3pm, and you are invited to bring any gear you wish to sell/trade.

### **The month of June**

had dives planned for Lake Erie, N. Carolina, and Alpena. Did anyone participate in any of those? Any stories that can be shared at this month's meeting?

### **Proposal-**

Do you remember what you received when you first joined SUE? It has been suggested that if we want to keep new members, they should have a shared feeling with the club. New members wonder where the club dives. Your humble editor hereby proposes each new member be given a floppy disk containing the club roster, the yearly schedule, some select club pictures, some maps of popular dive sites (Otter Lake!), and some coordinates of wrecks. What information would you like to get on a disk? Bring your thoughts to the meeting, or e/m the editor.

### **'04 SUE Schedule**

Jul	13 23-26	Club Meeting Whitefish Pointe Dive Trip
Aug	10 20-23	Club Meeting (Picnic?) Straights of Mackinaw Trip
Sep	9-12 14	Tobermoray Dive Trip Club Meeting
Oct	12 TBA	Club Meeting Pumpkin Carve Dive
Nov	9	Club Meeting
Dec	14 TBA	Club Meeting Christmas Party

### **Challenge Question to Divers**

All divers have experienced the magnifying effect of looking at an object underwater with your mask on. Who has wondered why this happens? Does it happen? Why? The SCOOP is offering a fine gift certificate to the person who submits the first/best answer to this question and the answer will be posted in the SCOOP. The inclusion of numbers in your answer will certainly enhance it. (Caution- do not blow smoke at the editor on this...)

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### Personals

Thanks, Terry!

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