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**Club Meetings-**  
7:30pm on the 2d Tues  
of each month. Held at  
Sag. Twp. Fire Station #1  
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**Club Dues-**

\$25 per year

next meeting: May 10

**This Meeting- 12<sup>th</sup>**



This issue features  
the Saginaw County  
Dive Team

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***Remember Our Troops!***

## GUN!

On March 18, At least three police departments were chasing a car on South Washington; the driver being wanted for numerous felonies. Right in front of Saginaw City Hall, the driver lost control and crashed the vehicle. The driver exited the vehicle, and ran down Holland toward the river with at least two officers right behind him. At the bank of the river, the officers saw him throw a gun into the river. The subject was apprehended, and the Saginaw County Dive Team was called out. Performing an initial search on Friday evening, the search was called off till Saturday morning.

The commander of the dive team, Dave Sommers (a SUE member, as are most of the dive team) notified your Scoop editor of the continuing search. The following is a pictorial of Saturday's effort. It should be noted that the ice had just left the Saginaw River, and it was still a cold day in March.



Dive Team Mobile unit preparing on site



Crime scene; Dave Sommers and Tim Hastings plan search



Divers Mike Fabish and Mark Schulz start with a visual



After the visual, search near shore is done by crawl and feel



First crawl sweep; nothing found

The search plan was to start near shore; first a visual, then crawling and feeling in arc paths working outward. A left and right boundary was determined, and the searchers were guided by members on shore. As the water got too deep, it was time for SCUBA.

Searching was difficult; the river is not clear and stirs easily. Feeling across the bottom finds rocks, bottles, rebar, sticks, and typical junk. A silty bottom swallows the gun.



Another search tool; Bill Giorges gets out a magnet



Mike Fabish getting assistance before entering



Dave with magnet, Mike working outward, Bill tending



Mike working deeper; about 5-8 ft



2d diver; Mark Schulz heading in to assist



End of search for the day; stowing equipment

Saturday's search went on for about 4-5 hrs; unfortunately the gun wasn't found this day. The dive team did return for a third day, but almost immediately were paged for a "man fallen through the ice" call, and couldn't continue the search. State Police divers eventually were called in, and the gun was recovered.

## Dive Team Training

Almost as a lead-in to the gun search incident, the club's meeting last month was at Haithco Park. The club was invited to the park by the dive team to observe ice/night training. This was an extremely cold night...



Dive team setting up for training at Haithco Park



Cutting a dive hole through the ice



Mark Schulz going through hole in ice

## And the March Pool Swim-

One of the best turn-outs! Lot of divers, lot of visitors, lot of fun!



Activity in deep end



Fred instructing kids



Cutest diver in pool! -Melissa L.

**Be Advised-** There will be another pool swim this coming Sunday(17), from 5-7. Terry Lisk will bring his hard hat, plus some old double-hose systems to try.

## Member News-

**Mike Peterson** sent Terry a letter telling what he's been doing down in Florida, beside enjoying himself generally.

During the month of January, he dove at Peacock Springs, and another place near Jupiter. He has finished his Cavern Diver course, and is about to finish his Full Cave. He has also finished a Rescue Diver course, and is just starting a Dive Master course. Whew!

Mike has talked to Dale Purchase and John Ruthig, but has not gone diving with them. Mike does invite anyone going down there to look him up; Mike and Deanna are working on getting a house and you are welcome. They live about 15 mins from Orlando airport, Disney, and Universal Studios. (pictures, Mike; pictures! -ed)  
[write Mike at 1972 Atrium Dr, Orlando, FL 32839]

**Bill and Linda Atkins** returned last month from a cruise through the Carribean. Bill got a little diving in; not as much as he wanted to, but at least it was warm. I understand the ship's schedule keeps you busy, and there's plenty to do just sight-seeing.  
(pictures, Bill; pictures! -ed)

**Sandy Schwan** just gave a talk on the historical lumber industry in Michigan at the Burt Opera House, in Taymouth Township. Sandy is a curator at the Historical Museum, and is an expert on the area's history. Because of the connection with finding historical artifacts while diving the waters of this area, Sandy has agreed to give a talk to the club one of these meetings.

**Dave Sommers**, commander of the Dive Team, has also offered to give a talk at a club meeting on their techniques and experiences. These are club members diving, and they have some good stories to share. (Certainly more than the Saginaw News reports...)

**Rob Quartermain and Mike Kropewnicke** are new members; welcome aboard, guys!

**John OBrien** (almost member) contributed this website on the upcoming dive show in Alpena:

[www.thunderbayshipwreckfestival.com](http://www.thunderbayshipwreckfestival.com)

This is a new show, and sounds organized with a lot to offer. Who's interested in sharing the ride?

**Terry Lisk** will be bringing some old double-hose regulator systems (Mike Nelson!) to the pool swim next Sunday (and his hard hat system). Try them out!

## (cut and save)

### SAGINAW UNDERWATER EXPLORERS COMPRESSOR SCHEDULE FOR 2005

DATE	OPERATOR	BACK-UP
MAY 12	JOE JABLONSKI	MIKE KOWALSKI
MAY 19	MIKE KOWALSKI	TOM VANDENBOOM
MAY 26	TOM VANDENBOOM	TERRY LISK
JUNE 9	TERRY LISK	JOHN BADOUR
JUNE 16	JOHN BADOUR	FRED LACLAIR
JUNE 23	FRED LECLAIR	DON CUNNINGHAM
JUNE 30	DON CUNNINGHAM	TONY PIAZZA
JULY 7	TONY PIAZZA	JOE JABLONSKI
JULY 14	JOE JABLONSKI	MIKE KOWALSKI
JULY 21	MIKE KOWALSKI	TOM VANDENBOOM
JULY 28	TOM VANDENBOOM	TERRY LISK
AUGUST 4	TERRY LISK	JOHN BADOUR
AUGUST 11	JOHN BADOUR	FRED LACLAIR
AUGUST 18	FRED LACLAIR	DON CUNNINGHAM
AUGUST 25	DON CUNNINGHAM	TONY PIAZZA
SEPTEMBER 1	TONY PIAZZA	JOE JABLONSKI
SEPTEMBER 8	JOE JABLONSKI	MIKE KOWALSKI
SEPTEMBER 15	MIKE KOWALSKI	TOM VANDENBOOM
SEPTEMBER 22	TOM VANDENBOOM	TERRY LISK
SEPTEMBER 29	TERRY LISK	JOHN BADOUR
OCTOBER 6	JOHN BADOUR	FRED LACLAIR
OCTOBER 13	FRED LACLAIR	DON CUNNINGHAM
OCTOBER 20	DON CUNNINGHAM	TONY PIAZZA
OCTOBER 27	TONY PIAZZA	JOE JABLONSKI

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TO SET A FILL TIME.

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JOE JABLONSKI	893-7970	

### S.U.E. '05 Event Planner

Apr	12	Club Meeting
	17	Pool Swim!
May	10	Club Meeting
Jun	14	Club Meeting
Jul	12	Club Meeting
	TBA	Picnic ?
Aug	9	Club Mtg
Sep	13	Club Mtg
Oct	11	Club Mtg
	TBA-	Pumpkin Carve
Nov	8	Club Mtg
Dec	13	Club Mtg

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