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next meeting: sept 13th

This Meeting- 9th
(@ Haithco)



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Remember Our Troops!

Otter Lake Social Event

Kudos to whoever chose last month the 12th to have our meeting/picnic/dive; the day couldn't have been better. Over a dozen folks were present. Early bird divers were in the water before 6, and the bright sun gave extra vis in the normally dark waters. FYI, the talk tank was found laying on it's side just beyond the crib. The crib is at the end of the rope tied to the steel boat, and there might be two art exhibits left. While one group cooled off diving, another group set up the picnic kitchen by the beach area. After diving, both groups met to put away the brats. A full stomach is a fine way to put your body into relax mode.

Ever the business man, Prez Lisk called those present to attention and we had the regular club meeting. Old business was covered, proposed dives, and this month's event at Haithco Park was discussed. (see later article).



Tim David and Terry Lisk already drying off



Lori, Ryan, and Brian Burch suiting up



And, the dining room! (beach to the left)

As a closing thought to the Otter outing, special thanks to the Cunninghams and Jablonskis for setting up and cooking.

Plan for Haithco!

Certainly we can expect to have as great an August meeting at Haithco as the July meeting at Otter lake! The schedule will be pretty much the same; come early and dive around 6; chow down, and have the regular business meeting after the brats. Please bring a dish to pass, your own thirst quencher, and utensils. SUE gets special handling at Haithco due to the Saginaw Dive Team; they have shared the secret locations of a number of sunken boats to include the recent addition of a pontoon boat. These are accessed from the north side of the lake, off the sailboard entrance . Better instructions will be given on site. Entrance to Haithco park is gained by taking Schust road east off Bay road about 1 mi to where it dead ends.



Mike & Justin Fabish working their way in

Possibly due to it being a Tuesday, few other people were using the lake so the SUE folks had a lot of elbow room.



Bill Atkins behind anchor somewhere off Tawas

The 'Steel Cat'

AKA HMAS Brisbane; scuttled near Mooloolaba, Queensland, Australia on 31 July '05 as an artificial reef and dive site. The Queensland Environmental Protection Agency was responsible for sinking the Brisbane, and will oversee the location as a marine park.



The Brisbane had a distinguished career with the Australian navy, participating in Vietnam to the Gulf wars. The 'Cat' was a Charles F. Adams class guided missile destroyer (DDG); launched 5 May '66, and commissioned 16 Dec '67. It was the third ship of this class, built by the **DEFOE Shipbuilding Co.**, Bay City MI. RIP, **Brisbane...**



(photos from website; visit www.epa.qld.gov.au/sinkthebrisbane)

SS Michigan Located

Faithful readers of the SCOOP will recall a past story about a search for NW 2501, a passenger plane that disappeared over Lake Michigan 55yrs ago; the search was started earlier this year by the Michigan Shipwreck Research Associates of Holland. So far the plane has not been found. But it did find the steamship SS Michigan, which sank in 1885, and hadn't been seen till now. 15 mi out from Holland, the SS Michigan rests at a depth of 270 ft.



SS Michigan at 270' (Todd White; AP)

Ironically, the Michigan sunk trying to assist another ship trapped in ice.

The MSRA team also found a "chunk" of the RR ferry "Ann Arbor No.5" about 10 mi off South Haven. An unnamed barge was also found about 10 mi from the Holland harbor. The group is continuing its search for the plane.

Thanks, Dennis...

In 2002, the USS Spiegel Grove was sunk as an artificial reef and dive site in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary off Key Largo. As it sunk, it came to rest lying on it's side. As Hurricane Dennis came through last month, it flipped the SG upright!



After Dennis

Before Dennis

(Fraser Nivens; FI Keys News Bureau)

eBONUS- SCOOP SUPPLEMENT!
(No Extra Charge)

Mike Fabish and his son Justin recently dove the Dutch Springs dive resort in Lehigh Valley, PA. Mike brought back a few pictures to share. Dutch Springs is a 50 acre lake with depths to 100' containing many unusual attractions sunk for a diver's exploration. There are many family activities available on the surface also. Mike found the site advertised on the internet; for more information see www.dutchsprings.com



Mike; hangtime



Dutch Springs



Justin on plane; scuba dive or sky dive?



Justin emerging from wreck



Inside helicopter



Best pic of the lot! Keep as pin-up!

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Reporter Jaimie Meyers of Fox66 WSMH TV doing a report on the dive team during their July training.

S.U.E. '05 Event Planner

Aug	9	Club Mtg & Picnic	-Haithco Park
Sep	13	Club Mtg	
Oct	11	Club Mtg	
		TBA-	Pumpkin Carve
Nov	8	Club Mtg	
Dec	13	Club Mtg	
		TBA-	Xmas Party

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