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

**Officers-**  
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**Club Dues-**  
\$25 per year

**next meeting:** July 12th

**This Meeting- 14<sup>th</sup>**

(Due to the 1st falling on a  
wed, this is the latest meeting  
date the club has all year. Don't



let it slip by you!)  
(This is really cruelty to  
animals...)

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***Remember Our Troops!***

## **Tank Exhibit and Demo Scheduled**

For those of you receiving the SCOOP via USPO, you will unfortunately get this announcement too late. For those e-version recipients on the cutting edge of technology, you will just have enough time to cancel your other Saturday(11<sup>th</sup>) plans and join the excitement of our portable dive tank being set up as a fund-raising publicity draw. President Lisk was approached by Dennie McMann of the Saginaw County Sheriff's Dept. to participate in a campaign to raise money to send youngsters to camp. This is in cooperation with Tim Horton's Restaurants, and the event will be held at Tim Horton's in Shields. (Horton's is just down the road across from Meijers) The announced time is 10-2, but set-up will start at least by 9. Members are needed to be in the tank, and also answer questions from the public. This is really another opportunity to give our club some good PR, and perhaps be invited to other events. It's certainly a good cause.

## **Tentative Proposal.**

Pres. Lisk has also been contacted by Don Comtose, who has been working on restoring the Saginaw River lighthouse as a museum. Some of you might remember Don as a speaker about the lighthouse at our club festival a year back. Show of hands; how many of you know where the lighthouse is located, and have tried to drive back in there? It's really in a remote area on land now owned by Dow Chemical, and there is a canal adjoining it that was used to access the river.

Don Comtose has reason to believe when the lighthouse was under the control of the USCG, many old items were simply discarded in this canal. He was inquiring as to whether the SUE would consider diving the canal to recover anything that might be an artifact. Further discussion will be brought up by Pres Lisk at the meeting.

## **Thunder Bay Shipwreck Festival Report**

At least one member journeyed to Alpena for the First Annual Shipwreck Festival; here's the report from Tony Piazza:

The first annual Thunder Bay Shipwreck Festival and film festival was a success. On Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, Carol and I spent the day in Alpena and, although the crowds were not overwhelming, the presentations were great. Six programs were well orchestrated in the Alpena High School theater. Presenters included our

own Ric Mixter, David Trotter, Cris Kohl, Joyce Hayward and Jim Stayer. A program by the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve opened the show.

Also on hand were many exhibitors in the school's gym. Along with the show, presenters sold their goods and equipment retailers were offering huge discounts. R. J. Dives was also on hand making many runs in the bay for the season's first Michigan dive. Introduction to diving was taking place in the on-site county pool. Other interesting exhibits were the area's Coast Guard and State Police dive teams displaying some memorabilia, several state preserve organizations, the Great Lakes Historical Society, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and a food vender.

I do believe that a great day was had by all and I know that Carol and I will make this an annual trip. If anyone is interested in diving Thunder Bay this summer, I'm in!!!

Tony Piazza

(thanks, Tony! -ed)

## **Issue- Meeting Attendance**

In response to the recent lack of attendance, the following was contributed by Don Cunningham-

I'm writing this note in hopes our club will have more participation. Terry Lisk and myself have been talking on ways to increase participation. Or does the club want to change? If the majority of the club wants the club to stay as is, so be it. To cope with the bad turn-outs, Terry and I have suggested the following changes:

### Club Meetings

- (1) Yearly (?)
- (2) Semi Annually (?)
- (3) Quarterly (?)

### Compressor Schedule

- (1) Notifying compressor person by Wednesday to fill
- (2) No Compressor Schedule; only by appointment

If you agree or disagree with the above comments attend the July meeting and hopefully we can work something out. Don't be bashful bring your ideas. Thank you ; Don Cunningham

[Eds note- Don is bringing up some valid concerns here. The club has set up a fill schedule through the summer where someone has agreed to spend their Thurs evening to provide walk-in fills for members. It's at least frustrating to have no one show up. Is no one diving? Also, the lack of attendance at monthly meetings has resulted in no business being conducted,

much less plans for future club activities. It is the editor's position that we can't abandon monthly meetings; spacing meetings further would kill the club. Please contribute your ideas on increasing participation. That said, I'll be attending the June meeting! Thanks, Don.]

### Dive Team Activity



Bill Giorgis, Greg Prenzler and Nick Birchmeier discuss how they are going to hook up the 1995 Ford Explorer found in the Saginaw River near Sixth Street.

The dive team was activated on May 24 to recover a vehicle from the river. A suspect stole his girl friend's vehicle and drove it the river near 6th street. That'll teach her! something... Ah, love. Photo courtesy of Dave Sommers.

### Visiting Grand Rapids Area?

Check out Mike Palmer's Dive Shop: Mike extends a welcome to all divers to visit his shop whenever you are in the GR area. Get info on dive sites, like Baptist Lake! (compl of Jill)

American Dive Zone  
3089 Broadmoor Avenue SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49512  
(616) 949-9577

<http://www.americandivezone.com>

### Note Change- Fill Night for EOM

The originally scheduled Thurs fill night for the 30<sup>th</sup> will be moved up one day to the 29<sup>th</sup>(Wed). Still reg time; 6pm. —Don Cunningham

### Caribbean Diving? Caution

No doubt by now you've heard the news on the missing teen in Aruba. It's certainly a tragic story, and the SCOOP extends hope to the family. What you may not have heard is the history of other people turning up missing in Aruba. In particular, [Gary Makings](#)



Gary Makings of 59 years of age is reported missing in Aruba on **Tuesday January 29th 2002**. His family is very concerned about his whereabouts. Gary went snorkeling at Boca Catalina on Tuesday morning and has not returned to his apartment since. Contact [travismakings@yahoo.com](mailto:travismakings@yahoo.com) with info (Gary was staying at [www.arubahouse.com](http://www.arubahouse.com))

also, missing from Bonaire-  
[Vlada Stojanovic](#)



### 10th of December in 2000.

'Something Special' dive site in front of the Harbour Village resort on Bonaire.

During our vacation my boyfriend Vlada Stojanovic did not return from a shore dive at the 'Something Special' dive site in front of the Harbour Village resort on Bonaire. This happened on the 10th of December in 2000.

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

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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