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next meeting: May 9

**This Meeting- 11th
(VIPS!)**



Inside....

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Tank VIPS
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*also selected short
subjects*

Remember Our Troops!

Cancelled! NASDS

Were you one of the faithful planning on a good show at the North American Shipwreck and Dive Show, to be held Mar 18?

The prestigious show was unexpectedly cancelled this year, with no warning to anyone. Scheduled for a Saturday, the cancellation actually went out on the internet at their website just one week prior to the show. Bad enough that potential attendees had made commitments to go, but even presenters were caught unaware. One presenter was our own Bill Atkins, who got the word on the website while looking for other information.

William Lamping, person in charge, put out the following statement on Mon the 13th:

To all of our presenters and speakers:

It is with extreme difficulty that we are forced to announce the cancellation of the North American Shipwreck and Dive Show slated for March 18th in West Bloomfield, Michigan. We were forced to stop the show due to a last minute change in key issues that were agreed upon many months ago. Or so we thought.

This show was intended to be the premier show in the midwest area. We had excellent presentations that many were looking forward to, in addition to the varied exhibitors that offered a wide range of goods and services. Our sincere apologies to all of you presenters that worked hard on your really wonderful shows. We're truly sorry that you will not be able to share your passion and expertise at what we hoped would be a signature event.

For those of you that paid for travel arrangements in advance, please let us know if you will be charged a cancellation fee, and if so we will reimburse you.

Again, our deepest apologies to those that planned on attending. It is most frustrating for us to be put in this situation.

If you read this and know of people that were planning on attending, we would be most appreciative if you would let them know of this cancellation.

> North American Shipwreck & Dive Show, Inc.

> Bill Lamping

The SCOOP wishes the organizers the best, and maybe there will be a '07 Shipwreck Show.

March Pool Swim; Last of '06

At least decent attendance for the last pool swim; there were about 10 members enjoying the YWCA pool. Unlike the previous month, this was a nice day to get out. On the other hand, the water was a bit nippier than usual, so you couldn't spend too much time being inactive.

Here's Tom & Tim proving me wrong.... >



SPLASH!



New members enjoying the pool



All that water and you still get thirsty...



Compressor News-

Our compressor site transfer to Thomas Township is still a go; the exact moving date has not been determined. Pres Cunningham has the following agreement at present:

March 9, 2006

Mr. Don Cunningham

This is an agreement regarding the storage and use of the Saginaw Underwater Explorers Air Unit (SUEA).

We agree to the following;

1. The Thomas Township Fire Department and the Saginaw Underwater Explorers would "share" the use of an air compressor used to supply breathing air bottles. The SUEA unit agrees to pay for one air sample to be taken by a recognized firm equally agreed upon by both parties and the Fire department agrees to pay for any additional air testing required by code.
2. The Saginaw Underwater Explorers would pay for the installation cost of bringing electricity to the unit for its operation and Thomas Twp. Fire Department would pay for its annual electricity cost. The electrical work must be performed by the Townships' electrician, Leddy Electric. The operational costs, i.e. oil changes etc. would be equally split between both parties. When large expense items are needed i.e. motor overhaul, the fire department will pay a portion of the bill based on the hours used by the fire department.
3. The Saginaw Underwater Explorers will show proof of liability coverage including showing Thomas Township as co-insured.
4. The Thomas Township Fire Department will provide access to a room accessible from the exterior of the building for the use and storage of this unit.
5. The Saginaw Underwater Explorers will train a number of members of the Thomas Township Fire Department as "users" of the air system.
6. Saginaw Underwater Explorers shall remain the sole owner of the air unit and all related equipment.
7. Termination of this agreement can be made by either party with a 90 day written notice. The Fire department agrees to at least a one year minimum agreement for this arrangement or will pay half the cost of installing the system.
8. Both parties shall maintain a list of users and contacts.

Until notified of the move, call for fills.

VIP! This Meeting!

VIPs will begin before the Apr meeting at 6:30. Please have your tanks empty. Line up politely, and no cuts...



And who wanted to know why we preferred the YWCA pool?..

'Deep Sea Detectives'

A few people have mentioned that they were able to view the two recent shows of diving in the Great Lakes, and they were well worth it. If anyone has it taped, perhaps we could show it at a meeting. Mike Kropewnicki has thought of buying the shows on DVD, if anyone wants to go in on it with him.

Dive Team Activity-



(photo from the Dive Team newsletter)

This is the scene at the Center Rd. boat launch last month when a kayaker and her father got caught up in flood waters. They did make it out OK. That's not the river; that's the parking lot...

Worth Repeating-

Think Summer - let's go diving! -Tony Piazza

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S.U.E. '06 Event Planner

Apr 11 Club Meeting; VIPs
May 9 Club Meeting; VIPs
Jun 13 Club Meeting
Jul 11 Club Meeting; party?
Aug 8 Club Mtg
Sep 12 Club Mtg
Oct 10 Club Mtg
TBA- Pumpkin Carve
Nov 14 Club Mtg
Dec 12 Club Mtg
TBA Christmas Party

Wanted

Wooden bows, arrows, quivers.
Call Val 989-792-7077 or 781-1552

Full wet suit; suitable for wind surfing. (36 stout?)
Frank Smeeker; 573 0690 or cdifrank@charter.net

Regulator set; 1st & 2d stages, gauge console, computer.
Contact Mike Fabish; mmvan@chartermi.net

Good BC. I need an XL, probably. Call 695-9509 or cell @ 573-0003. Briscoe Ellett II

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