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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?: Jan 9

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



**Collector's Special-**  
**Possible Last Issue**

**(English Language Version)**

The SCOOP editor and support staff wish all  
its readers a very

**Merry Christmas!**

***Inside....***

*Xmas Party*  
*Disband Update*  
*CG Diver Loss*  
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*subjects*

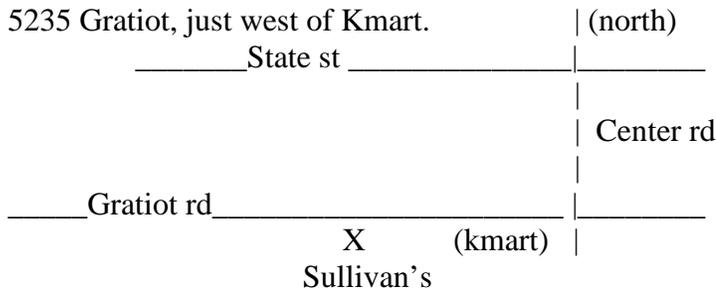
***Remember Our Troops!***

## Christmas Party- Traditional!

What may end up to be the last function of the Saginaw Underwater Explorers will be held Dec 9 (Sat'y) at Sullivan's restaurant on Gratiot. The Christmas party has been a tradition throughout the years; an event in which the members met for a final end-of-the-year camaraderie. A chance to meet and share stories with fellow members who have had other schedules. A chance to extend best wishes and plans for the coming year...

A section has been reserved for us starting at 7pm. Attendees will have their choice of ordering from the menu, or a buffet. Either way, Sullivan's has had a long-standing reputation for fine food at reasonable costs. Uniform of the day will be casual; ties optional.

Please RSVP Prez Cunningham so that we might have more accurate accommodations. Sullivan's is located at 5235 Gratiot, just west of Kmart.



## Club Cease...

The only other club business is the open motion on the club folding. Few members came to the last meeting to even discuss the issue, although it was pointed out that something of this nature requires 2-3 mos notice to the members. To that end, the SCOOP would like to survey its readers with the intention of determining what you'd like from a club. This is not even limited to SUE members; anyone with input is welcome to participate. For convenience, you may just complete the survey on the next page and e/m it back to the SCOOP editor. Your anonymity will be respected; if you don't feel comfortable replying via e/m, feel free to print and snail mail the survey to the editor. The results will be compiled for the Jan issue, and shared with the board members. Your comments might save the club.

## Joe

Not that he's been gone that long, but for those of you that remember Joe Jablonski- He's settled down into a permanent address at 2887 Monterey Ct SE, Salem, OR 97306

## Dive Team News

A SCOOP tip-of-the-hat to the Saginaw County Marine Division; they have scheduled their Dec training at Mario's restaurant! The SUE should take note...

Although no calls were reported for the month of Nov, here is a nice picture of their month's training.



## Coast Guard Divers

Back in August, two Coast Guard divers made a training dive in the Arctic; about 500mi north of Alaska. Lt. Jessica Hill, and Boatswain's Mate Steven Duque made an entry in a patch of open water off the icebreaker Healy. Both perished, in an as-yet unexplained accident. The original plan was to dive to 20ft, and they were to be controlled by tenders with ropes. For some unknown reason, both dropped quickly to a depth of 200ft, and by the time they were pulled up they were out of air and at least one of them had suffered pulmonary barotrauma(air expanding in the lungs due to pressure decrease on ascent). Attempts to resuscitate them failed. This autopsy was just released, but the investigation as to what happened is continuing. **RIP**

## '07 DUES

At a time where the future of the club is in limbo, the dues for the coming year might be moot. But remember that for the faithful that pay by January, dues are still a bargain at \$20. After that, they increase to \$25. Compare- club air fills: ~\$3 other guys \$5+ club vips: \$1 other guys \$2+ You can recoup your dues by just a filling of 10 tanks! -Not to mention the award-winning newsletter you get..

**Diver Survey- for the purpose of improving the club**

1. Are you presently a member of SUE?.....
2. If not, were you ever?.....
3. Are you an active diver?.....
4. How many group dives do you do in a year?.....
5. How many group dives/yr should a club plan?.....
6. How many social activities should a club plan? .....
7. Is one meeting/mo reasonable?.....
8. Should some months (eg-winter) be dropped?.....
9. What agenda would you prefer to have in a meeting?.....
10. Are refreshments a good incentive?.....
11. Would you attend more if there was a presentation?.....
12. Would you present?.....
13. Is \$20 reasonable for dues?.....
14. Should a club offer its members a shared list of dive sites?.....
15. Should the club offer caps/shirts/misc with the club logo?.....
16. What should a club offer its new members?.....
17. What should a club offer all members?.....
18. Should the club offer ongoing dive training?.....
19. Should the club offer ongoing lifesaving training?.....
20. Should the club offer some specialty dives?.....
21. What can a club do to entice members to hold office?.....
22. (members/former) Did you receive a new member package upon joining?
23. If yes, what did you like?.....
24. What should've been included?.....
25. What question(s) would you add to this list?.....

**Feel free to also add any other comments; use another page if you wish-**

**Thank you for responding; all responses will be kept confidential. You may return this directly to [dstorck@hotmail.com](mailto:dstorck@hotmail.com), or post mail to**

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## For Sale

**1989 Carver Santego**; asking \$22,950. 27' with a 10' beam (OAL is 30') Twin 4.3 Mercruisers I/O (205hp) Very low hours, and meticulously cared for; completely set up for diving. Many more features! [rburkhard@charter.net](mailto:rburkhard@charter.net)

## S.U.E. '06 Event Planner

Counting down...

Nov 14 Club Mtg  
Dec 9 Christmas Party  
Dec 12 Club Mtg

## For Sale (cont)

**1970 Slickcraft** 19 foot fiberglass V hull. rebuilt lower unit, new inboard gas tank, skis, ladder, tubes. 115 horse V four cylinder Evenrude outboard. all new seats. new tires on trailer. \$2000.00 or best call Rick Beyett (989) 892-6287

**Bayliner- 1988**, 28', 460 Ford V8 w/ trailer. Set up for diving. \$15900. Call Mike at 989 892 2028

**Whitefish Bay property** for sale on Whitefish Bay, 2 miles north of Paradise. Listed for \$109,900. L Michele Whitaker" <[emwhitak@hotmail.com](mailto:emwhitak@hotmail.com)>.

Check <http://www.macmasterrealty.com/paradise>

**Ladies Dry Suit** size small: Complete with heavy one piece wooly, head wear, three sets of heavy gloves and fins. Asking \$100.00 for the whole set OBO. Call (231) 935-4217 or email [rburkhard@charter.net](mailto:rburkhard@charter.net)

**Scuba Swap!** Bring your extra gear to the next meeting; we'll try to have a sales session prior to the meeting!

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