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Club Meetings-
7:30pm on the 2d Tues
of each month. Held at
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Club Dues-
\$25 per year

next meeting: Feb 14

This Meeting- 10th

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06 Tentative Schedule*

*also selected short
subjects*

Remember Our Troops!

December Meeting

Gourmet snacks topped off the last SUE meeting of '05; for those in attendance it was the final club social event of the year. The main business item was the relocation of the compressor. Don Cunningham spoke on the progress to that point; he reported that although not finalized, it seems almost certain the compressor will soon be in the Thomas Township fire station. Until notified otherwise, call someone from your fill list if you need a tank topped.

Pool Swims '06

Fight those winter blahs and stay stimulated in the annual warm water pool swims. Again this year held in the Bay City YWCA pool, on the following dates- Jan 15, Feb 19, and Mar 19. These are the Sundays following the club meetings, from 3-5.

The YWCA is located at 3405 E. Midland Rd; just west of Euclid (Bangor Twp)

Dive Team Activities

To finish the month of November, the S.C. dive team had a call to the Center Rd boat launch to retrieve a stolen car from the river. This was followed by a body recovery of a man jumping off the Zilwaukee bridge two days later. Possibly as a result of the cold in December, the dive team was called out to work in it a number of times. One was a Hemlock call; car in the ditch, nothing serious. Another vehicle in a deeper ditch was reported at Kochville and Melbourne rds; there was concern the driver was still in it, but he turned up later in Bay City. And, just before Christmas; possible person through the ice in Bridgeport. Apparent false call, but it had to be checked.

(stories and pics from Dave Sommers; DT newsletter)



Body Recovery under Zilwaukee Bridge



Van Recovery, Kochville & Melbourne



Car Recovery; Titabawassee River

And, More Cold WX Recoveries-

Recall last month's Scoop story on Leo Dupuis' barge recovery. It appears the story didn't end there; this is like Chaps 2,3,4,... Here's Leo's account-

Well, it starts out with a couple of barges (one stacked on another for repair) tied to the seawall that sink due to neglect. The city officials decide that the whole mess needs to be cleaned up so enter the divers, Bob Burgett and yours truly.

The yard owner asks for someone to put chains on the bottom barge's cleats, not too bad a job until you find the top barge is longer and wider than the one on the bottom and one side has sunk into the mud. After some digging and wallowing all 4 corners are hooked up, the yard owner is happy and we get a feather in our cap for a job well done, along with a monetary pat on the back. A week later with the whole chilling episode still fresh in our minds I got another call from John (the yard owner) asking if we can come back, they over-lifted the whole mess and one of the chains broke and the whole mess went back down. So we go back to put bigger chains on when we discover the top barge has shifted and dropped. There isn't room for the big chain to go over the cleat so John decides to lift the top barge with an old cable crane. Good idea until he puts some pressure on the cable and it parts with the boom flying back onto the cab of the crane. It's funny now that I think back about how everyone ran, at the time it was a little exciting. Any way we put another chain on and got the same thanks as the week before. Another week goes by when my daughter hands me the phone and it's John again, The bigger chains didn't do the job so now he wants us to put some super nylon straps on, so we go back and Bob wants to do the diving, the tender (me) gets to break the ice around the whole mess.



Barge Recovery; chap2...

Everything went great until Bob got into the water and his regulator started to free flow. We tried several tricks, still the reg wouldn't act right, but Bob went in anyway. He did half the job on the first tank then finished the job on his last hundred lbs. We leave with the same thanks but with a little skepticism, the nylon straps didn't look all that super to us. So when John calls a week later I'm thinking what does he want to try next when he says the straps worked great but they dropped an "I" beam into the river and could we come and put a line on it for them.



Barge Recovery; chap3...

It's the day before Christmas eve and my wife hits the ceiling when she hears they want us in the morning. It all worked out OK because John called back to say they hooked the beam and to have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Your S.U.E. southern brother, Leo

Other Area Events-

Holland, MI – In an effort to bring in the New Year in the tradition of SCUBA divers all over the world, the diver's from ADVENTURES IN DIVING, INC. brought in the New Year at 12:00 noon Jan 1 by diving Lake Michigan at the Holland Channel, just before the entrance to the state Park.

Traverse City, MI- The local scuba shop in Traverse City also sponsored a new years dive in the Grand Traverse Bay. Approximately 20 divers participated; the TC event has been a tradition for 30 years.

If you get this notice in time, come out to Haithco park on Sunday(Jan 8) at 1300 to observe the dive team practice ice diving. If you miss this, they'll be back there on Feb 11 at 0900. Visitors are welcome.

S.U.E. '06 Event Planner

Jan	10	Club Meeting(nominations)	Jul	11	Club Meeting
	15	Pool swim		TBA	Picnic ?
Feb	14	Club Meeting(elections)		Aug	8 Club Mtg
	19	Pool swim			
Mar	14	Club Meeting		Sep	12 Club Mtg
	19	Pool swim			
	TBA-	Awards Dinner?		Oct	10 Club Mtg
Apr	11	Club Meeting		TBA-	Pumpkin Carve
May	9	Club Meeting		Nov	14 Club Mtg
Jun	13	Club Meeting		Dec	12 Club Mtg
				TBA	Christmas Party

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Address.....

City.....

State, Zip.....

E/m Address.....

Date Submitted.....

Occupation.....

Age..... Sex....M F.....(circle one)

Telephone No.....

Marital Status; Spouse' name if applicable.....

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