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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

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Club Dues-
\$25 per year

next meeting: June 13

Inside....

This Meeting- 9th

**VIPS!
Trunk Sales!
-begins at 6:30!**

Happy Mothers Day

*Tank VIPS
Compressor Site Tour
DAN Deficiency
Dive Team News
Prez Sez*

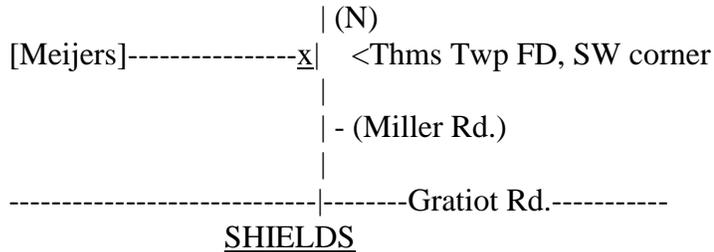
*also selected short
subjects*

Remember Our Troops!

(English Language Version)

Compressor at New Site

As of two weeks ago, the club compressor was finally moved to its new quarters at the Thomas Township F.D. This is located on Miller Rd., just north of Gratiot. To be more precise, it is right on the corner of Miller and the back road to Meijers. (Access from the back parking lot) ^



Prez Cunningham is planning on a tour after a short club meeting; be sure to read 'Prez Corner' on the next page. Be aware that Thurs fills will occur only if the scheduled operator has been contacted the previous day with intent. Hopefully a compressor schedule will be forthcoming shortly.

VIP and Trunk Sales

Following the agenda established last year by Joe J., trunk sales will be offered in the parking lot while tank VIPs are being performed inside. In fact, non-members are invited to bring any equipment they might like to sell, and be guests at the meeting. VIPs will start at 6:30; the meeting at 7:30. Plan on the sales to take place in this hour slot. So get all your old gear together, and the tanks you need VIP'd, and be first in line. Spread the word to anyone with a possible interest.

DAN Sham?

Are you a believer in the steady diet of what **Divers Alert Network** does and why you should be a DAN member? As of March 9, DAN insurance is no longer accepted at hyperbaric chambers in Bahamas, Baja, Belize, Cancun, Cozumel,, Galapagos, Phuket, Playa del Carmen, Samui, and Yucatan.

The issue apparently started with DAN disputing rates, and the various sites have had to sue for payment. Other sites are considering joining this group. For the full story, go online to

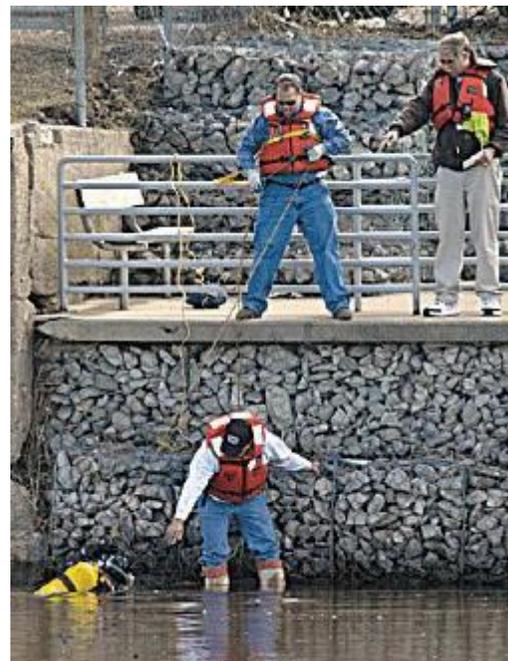
<http://www.cdnn.info/news/industry/i060309a.html>
(thanx, Jill!)

Increase Your SCUBA Vocab

This has the potential for a contest, but let's just make it a personal challenge to you the reader... A term associated with diving, although not common, will be presented here each month. If you believe you know it, e/m the definition back to the Scoop. All correct answers will be given an honorable mention, with the first getting top billing. Ready? This month's term is **BENTHIC**
Got one of your own? Contribute it to the Scoop!

Dive Team Activity-

Again, the Scoop can rely on interesting activities that the Saginaw County Dive Team (Marine Division) has been involved in. Here are a couple of pictures where the team was searching the Saginaw River for a man someone claimed jumped in. No one was ever found, but the team had to respond. The location was right behind the Saginaw News, of all places...



Steve Kocsis helping Mike Garner in water; Bill Giorgis tending, accompanied by Dave Sommers

For the record, there were two supposed witnesses; one disappeared and there was a little question on the credibility of the other.



Mike Garner climbing back up the wall, assisted by Mike Fabish . –believe that’s Greg Prenzler still in the water

(photos from the Dive Team newsletter)

PREZ Corner -May

A reminder that this Tuesday May 9, starting at 6:30 is the final VIP scheduled testing. After this date you will have to contact and make arrangements for VIP with the inspectors. Again this year if you want to have your tanks filled on a scheduled Thursday night you will have to contact the operator the day before. If you don’t the operator will not be there. Tom Vandenoorn are new Compressor Chairmen will have more on this when he has the final fill schedule.

ATTENTION COMPRESSOR OPERATORS IF YOU DO NOT TURN IN YOUR OLD FIRE BARN KEY BY THE MAY MEETING YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER WILL BE TURNED INTO THE SAGINAW TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR. All old keys have to be turn in to him. If you cant make the meeting contact me or Tom Vandenoorn.

I would like all members to please contact me about your ideas for diving this year. I would like to schedule the whole year at the May meeting Tony Piazza looked into diving at Alpena this year but the cost and unreliability of a dive shop up there makes diving in that area unlikely. At our last meeting four boats were available for a diving trip. If you would like to dive with us please sign up at our May meeting or contact me by E-mail or phone. Lets get some ideas so this club can schedule a good diving season.

Our compressor has been moved to Thomas Township Thanks to Tom Vandenoorn ,Chuck Storck(Talk about dedication Chucks daughter was home from England and he still had time for the club),Mike Fabish, Joe Jablonski and myself. The move went without a hitch, Thanks to the donated equipment of Tom Joe and Mike. As soon as the compressor is wired up I will contact everyone. Thomas Township has allowed us to us both bathrooms so we now have more room. The compressor is in one

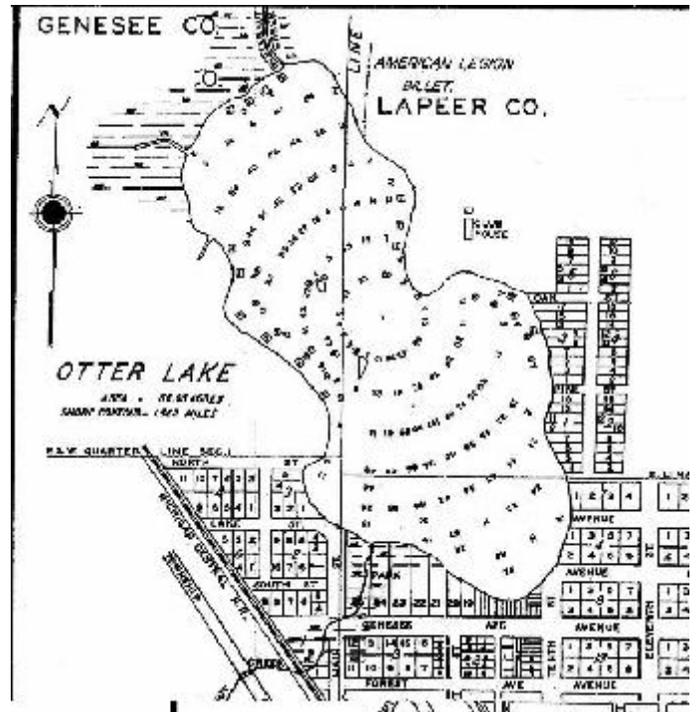
and our desk and supplies in the other. My plan right now is to have a very short meeting and then go over to the new compressor room, for those who want to, and show everyone what are new facilities looks like.

My Phone number is 799-4385 E-mail donaldcunningham2000@yahoo.com

Tom Vandenoorn nuber is 686-3176

That’s it for this month see you May 9 starting at 6:30 Don Cunningham

-Editorial PS... As a suggestion for Don’s request for activities, let’s include Otter Lake in something again:



enter here ^ , straight ahead to park

Now, Let’s Fill This Corner-

S.U.E. '06 Event Planner

May	9	Club Meeting; VIPs & Trunk Sales
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

Message from Dale...

Dale Purchase called from Florida to say he had to go diving in water that was 77°...

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GOSCUBA!

Peggy at 'Adventures in Diving' offered another dive experience to 8th graders at Hope College May 1 & 2 from 8am to noon. It's unknown how many youngsters participated, but it's a great idea. Contact peggy@goscuba.net for more info on their activities

Wanted

High pressure hose! Don @ 642 8436
Or dstorck@hotmail.com

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

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