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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?: Mar 13

This Meeting- 13th



November Superior

Inside....

*Club Elections
Superior
Pool Dives
Prez Sez
Manatee*

*also selected short
subjects*

Remember Our Troops!

(English Language Version)

SUE ELECTIONS

This Meeting! Club elections are a critical event in any club; this is the decision that will affect the direction of the club, and how you as the member will be ultimately affected. Typically attendance is low on election night; either due to lack of interest or fear of the finger of nomination. Plan now on attending, and make a difference in your own diving future. What would you like out of the club? Grab those reins and take control! Be the master of your own dive destiny! And lead us forth to success as we once were!

Rec & Tec Charters

Mike Fabish took it upon himself to contact Capt. Gary Venet of Rec & Tec dive charters for a '07 charter schedule for the possible interest of SUE members. Checking the Feb schedule, Rec & Tec is offering some PADI classes and some police training classes, but no dives. The schedule does note that on Feb 9,10,& 11, the "Our World Underwater Show" will be held in Chicago. Gary's answer included the following event; interesting, but already begun by this Feb Scoop issue.

"Hey Divers and Non-Divers,

For those that have an interest in Shipwrecks read on....

I just got my brochure for the Chippewa Valley Schools Adult Education Program. There is a workshop being offered on Great Lakes Shipwrecks...

Did you know that over 6,000 ships have been lost on the Great Lakes? This workshop will explore the history of shipping and shipwrecks on the Great Lakes, from the first French settlers up to the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald in the 1970's. Topics covered in this workshop will be a history of shipping on the Great Lakes, Famous Shipwrecks, The November Witch, The Great Lakes Triangle, Native American folklore and one session on the Edmund Fitzgerald.

Instructor: Ron Bruce

Time: Wednesdays from 6pm to 8pm. 6 weeks

Start: Wednesday, January 24, 2007

Call to register: 586-723-2050

Cost: \$48.00

Give them a call @ 586-723-2050 for registration and school location. It will be in the Clinton Township - Mt Clemens area."

Too late to get in the first couple of meetings, but possibly a chance to pick them up.

You can track Rec & Tec's calendar on their website;

<http://www.rectecdivecharters.com>

November on Lake Superior

Speaking of the Fitz; here are some photos making the rounds on the internet, apparently since November. The

sequence starts with the MV Selkirk Settler of Misener Steamships as she sailed in calm waters. The subsequent photographs were taken last month as she crossed Lake Superior in typical November weather.



MV Selkirk Settler underway in calm seas; then...



(more >)

**** Pool Dives!****

Our first pool dive of the year will be held the 18th(Sunday) at the Bay City YWCA. For you out-of-towners, that's on Midland Rd just west of Euclid. We have it reserved from 3-5pm; get that gear in order now.



MV Selkirk Settler fighting Superior last November

Who's Swam With The Manatees?

Interesting article from National Geographic:

“Manatees Have Long-Distance Sense of Touch
New research suggests that manatees' tactile sense is so finely tuned that the animals may experience "touch at a distance" - an ability to "feel" objects and events in the water from relatively far away. In recent studies marine biologists found that the giant mammals are covered with special whisker-like hairs that act as sensors. Together these tactile hairs form a kind of sensory array, possibly allowing manatees to detect changes in current, water temperature and even tidal forces.”

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2007/01/070116-manatees.html>

Prez Sez-

Feb. 07

I'm writing this memo to inform the membership about our recent board meeting. Many ideas were hashed out but the main item was club participation. Our main idea is to make available the scheduled dive trips, of our local dive shops. With the small availability of dive boats within our club we thought this approach was the way to go. I contacted Dive and Glide and Seaquatics and The Dive Shop in Flint. I haven't received any schedule as of yet. When these schedules become available I will post them. If you know of any other dive shop let me know and I'll post them. At our monthly meetings we can discuss the dives and hopefully get a group to go. Please if you have any suggestions on any subject please attend our monthly meetings and bring your ideas.

The swim times are as follows:

Sunday February 18 Sunday March 18 and Sunday April 15 From 3 to 5 PM at the Bay City YWCA 3405 E Midland Rd.

These swims are free for our members and there families and friends. So please join us for these events.

If you would like to run for an office, attend our meeting February 13, 2007 or contact me at 989-799-4385.

That's all I have at the present I will keep you informed of any new events.

Don Cunningham

Rare Skin Diver Photo



Diver Unidentified, but rumor says a Yooper

Dive Team Activities

Here's Kirk Newman on Haithco Lake during the January training-



The goose was thought to be stuck in the ice and an attempt to save it was initiated. The goose was weak and probably sick. The Dive team will be back to Haithco on Saturday, Feb 13. Ice is expected to be a bit thicker...

Dues! Now!

The treasurer needs you to get your dues in...He said your check is good. \$25

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For Sale

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

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

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

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

S.U.E. '07 Event Planner

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

Scuba Swap! Bring your extra gear to the meeting; we'll try to have a sales session prior to the meeting! Especially in the promised nice weather!

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