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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 12

This Meeting- 8th

(note change in location)

(English Language Version)

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VIPs; Pre-meeting
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*also selected short
subjects*

Remember Our Troops!

Meeting Heads-Up

Plan on attending this May meeting at the compressor site; Thomas Township firestation on Miller just north of Gratiot. The regular STFD site on Shattuck is undergoing some renovation, and we won't be in there for a few months.

Also, this is the second and last month for meeting-scheduled VIPs; bring your tanks in to prepare for the season. VIPs will start around 6:30-7:00; be first. After this VIPs will be done by inspectors on their assigned fill night- you should probably contact them ahead of time to confirm. (see '07 compressor sched next page).

Last meeting VP Tony Piazza proposed some CPR and First Aid training to the club. Tony has gone ahead and made arrangements for any interested parties to participate; training to be held through Delta College. After a near-drowning incident a year ago, the club talked seriously about getting involved in this lifesaving training. Let's not give up on this; I might be the one needing help! Here's Tony's offer-

FIRST AID AND CPR CLASS

-Presented by Delta College Health and Wellness Dept.

Training will include American Heart Association Heartsaver First Aid and Adult CPR certification. Some information and skills learned will be breathing emergencies, cardiac emergencies, near drowning, head injuries, bites, stings, burns, hypothermia, shock and other minor traumas.

Thursday, May 17, 2007 7-9 PM

Thursday, May 24, 2007 7-9 PM

\$25 per person payable to **Delta College**

Mail check and registration form to:

Tony and Carol Piazza
5386 Lessandro Street
Saginaw, MI 48603

FIRST AID AND CPR CLASS REGISTRATION FORM

May 17th and 24th, 7-9 PM

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

New Member

Welcome aboard to Mark Laux, our newest member! Mark was formerly a dive team member; then he got a permanent job with the Midland City fire dept. Mark wants to know when we can have a club picnic at Otter Lake!...

It's not often that the Scoop can reach into its past and pull out a picture of a new member, but here is Mark working an ice dive with the dive team at Haithco Lake, '06



Mark showing the ice thickness to the SCOOP photog

SCOOP Technology Report

The basis for a solar cell is the element Silicon; commonly found as sand. The current process of making solar cells is melting the silicon at high temperature and depositing it on a surface at very low pressure. This is an expensive and energy-intensive process; now the common sea sponge is presenting an alternative way to cheaper solar cells.

Marine sponges harvest silicon from seawater and use it to build spiky filaments over their body. Some sponges can synthesize pristine layers of silica without benefit of high temperatures or low pressures. This process, if duplicated, is offering the development of a cheap, low-energy method of manufacturing solar cells.

(sponges on your roof?)

<http://www.newscientisttech.com/channel/tech/mg19325966.600>

Thinking about a summer trip?

Michele Whitaker is offering rental use of her place on Whitefish Point to any club member; see back page for details.

Dive Team News

The dive team was contacted by Midland County this last month, and was asked to assist in a recovery on Sanford Lake. The team spent almost a full day on the scene, but to no avail. The combination of a vague witness location and the size of the lake made for bad odds.



On scene at Sanford Lake



Search area

SAGINAW UNDERWATER EXPLORERS COMPRESSOR SCHEDULE 2007

| DATE | OPERATOR | BACKUP |
|--------|----------------|----------------|
| 3-May | TOM VANDENBOOM | TERRY LISK |
| 10-May | TERRY LISK | JOHN BADOUR |
| 17-May | JOHN BADOUR | TOM FRITZ |
| 24-May | TOM FRITZ | DON CUNNINGHAM |
| 31-May | DON CUNNINGHAM | MIKE FABISH |
| 7-Jun | MIKE FABISH | MIKE KOWALSKI |
| 14-Jun | MIKE KOWALSKI | TOM VANDENBOOM |
| 21-Jun | TOM VANDENBOOM | TERRY LISK |
| 28-Jun | TERRY LISK | JOHN BADOUR |
| 5-Jul | JOHN BADOUR | TOM FRITZ |
| 12-Jul | TOM FRITZ | DON CUNNINGHAM |
| 19-Jul | DON CUNNINGHAM | MIKE FABISH |
| 26-Jul | MIKE FABISH | MIKE KOWALSKI |
| 2-Aug | MIKE KOWALSKI | TOM VANDENBOOM |
| 9-Aug | TOM VANDENBOOM | TERRY LISK |
| 16-Aug | TERRY LISK | JOHN BADOUR |
| 23-Aug | JOHN BADOUR | TOM FRITZ |
| 30-Aug | TOM FRITZ | DON CUNNINGHAM |
| 6-Sep | DON CUNNINGHAM | MIKE FABISH |
| 13-Sep | MIKE FABISH | MIKE KOWALSKI |
| 20-Sep | MIKE KOWALSKI | TOM VANDENBOOM |
| 27-Sep | TOM VANDENBOOM | TERRY LISK |
| 4-Oct | TERRY LISK | JOHN BADOUR |
| 11-Oct | JOHN BADOUR | TOM FRITZ |
| 18-Oct | TOM FRITZ | DON CUNNINGHAM |
| 25-Oct | DON CUNNINGHAM | MIKE FABISH |

PLEASE CALL THE OPERATOR THAT IS SCHEDULED FOR FILLS, IF NO CALLS ARE RECEIVED, THE OPERATOR IS NOT REQUIRED TO SHOW UP

| OPERATORS | PHONE | VIP INSPECTORS |
|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Tom Van Den Boom | 686-3176/2256438 | COMPR CHAIRMAN |
| Mike Kowalski | 892-2028 | VIPS INSPECTOR |
| Terry Lisk | 777-1956 | VIPS INSPECTOR |
| Don Cunningham | 799-4385 | VIPS INSPECTOR |
| John Badour | 686-8735 | |
| Mike Fabish | 777-3318 | |

VIPS BY APPOINTMENT WITH INSPECTOR

REGULAR FILL TIMES IS 7 TO 8 THURSDAY

OTHER ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE WITH THE OPTRS FOR AIR FILLS DURING THE DAY CALL FRED LACLAIR AT 777-3318

S.U.E. '07 Event Planner

| | | |
|-----|----|-------------------------------|
| May | 8 | Club Mtg (VIP!) |
| Jun | 12 | Club Mtg |
| Jul | 10 | Club Mtg ; TBA Picnic ? |
| Aug | 14 | Club Mtg |
| Sep | 11 | Club Mtg |
| Oct | 9 | Club Mtg; TBA- Pumpkin Carve |
| Nov | 13 | Club Mtg |
| Dec | 11 | Club Mtg; TBA Christmas Party |

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<http://www.goscuba.net>

USED GEAR

We held our big used gear sale, but still have some great deals left. Stop in soon, and let us help set you up in full gear for less then other places will sell you a BC for!! And our rental gear is good, not like some shops that keep if for 10 years!!! Come save money and get some good gear.

Dive Lake Michigan dates:

May 5 & 6

June 2 & 3

June 30 & 31

July 7 & 8

June 9th – Local Pier clean up dives

June 23-24 – Pentwater Shipwreck diving

July 7 & 8 – SWMUP Charter to local shipwrecks

July 21 & 22 – Sanilac Dive Charter

July 27- 29 – Whitefish Point Tec Diving Charter

August 11 & 12 – Straits Shipwreck Diving

August 18 – SWMUP Annual Treasure Hunt at Moby's in Grand Rapids

May 18 & 19 – Rebreather DEMO weekend – basic divers welcome

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 summer rent: Housekeeping accommodations on Whitefish Bay, 9 miles from Whitefish Point. 2 bedroom mobile home with screened deck, a waterfront gazebo and firepit, all appliances (micro, coffeemaker, TV/VCR, washer/dryer), cleaning supplies and basic condiments included. Sleeping accommodations include 1 double bed, 2 twin bunk beds, 1 double sofa bed. Bring your food, bedding, towels, etc. Clean-up required on departure. Scuba club members only, special rate \$40 per day. Special rates for longer stays. Call Michele at 686-3267 before June 4th or 906-492-3553 after June 5th. [<emwhitak@hotmail.com>](mailto:emwhitak@hotmail.com).

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