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Club Meetings- Held at 7:00 pm on the second Tuesday of each month, at the Thomas Twp. Fire Station on the corner of Dice and Thomas.

**Christmas Party - 5th**  
**This Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> (@ 7:00!)**



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*also selected short subjects*  
(English Language Version)

**Remember Our Troops!**



**For the Staff and Management of the**  
**SCOOP,**

**Merry Christmas**

**and Happy New Year!**

-Cora, the Copy Girl

(still working late to get this out to you!)

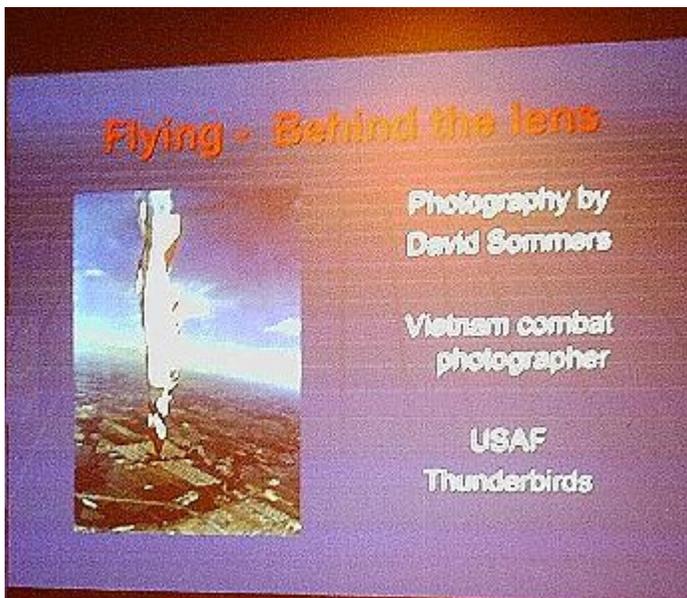


## Sommers Presentation Recap

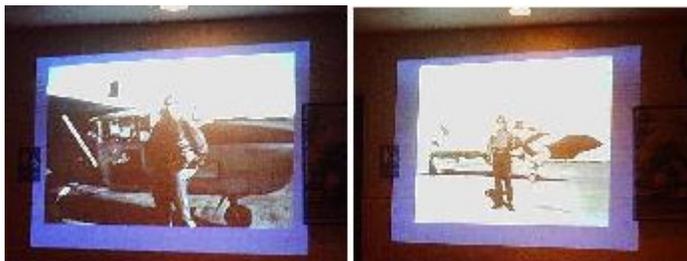
Guest speaker Dave Sommers at the November club meeting began his talk by noting the fact we, as scuba divers, are 'type A' personalities, and also enjoy things like military jets. He pegged a bunch of us correctly! Dave related his stint in the air force, and as an official photographer for the Thunderbirds, with his career as an (expert-ed.) photographer. By slide show, he showed photographs he took in VietNam and with the Thunderbirds. Each photo had a story. Dave ended by paying homage to his comrades that lost their lives. This presentation fell in with veteran's day, and was well received. Thanks, Dave!



Speaker Sommers referring to slide



And it IS a dive! (thanks, Tony...)



-with spotter plane

-with T-bird

## CHRISTMAS PARTY REMINDER

This Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>  
Timber's Grill, 6415 State Street, Saginaw Township  
6:30 pm  
-Be there, or don't swear...



## River Clean-up; Continued

Leo Dupuis is still at it; doing more than his share to clean things out of the St. Clair river. This last month Leo went after some hardwood logs cluttering the bottom. Leo relates that it didn't take too much in the way of lift bags to float them, but they sure put a weight on the trailer!



Log below...



Log taken!

## Dive Team Gets New Van

After many years of making do with a decrepit old vehicle, the Saginaw County Dive Team finally acquired a modern new van to assist in its responsibilities.

A few basic facts- The van was purchased with Homeland Security Funds and replaces a 1980 cargo van. The new van allows 4 divers to dress at the same time while in route to a scene. The van carries 14 80CF tanks. There are 12 dry suits on board, mostly Viking with lightweight and winter underwear. Every diver has a full face mask with communications along with safety harness, lights, knives and ankle weights.

The interior is constructed of aluminum which will prevent corrosion. Oscoda Plastics, a division of Buena Vista Township based Dura-Last Roofing donated the waterproof high density vinyl specialty flooring.

The van responds with a 12' inflatable boat and a new Humminbird sidescan sonar. There is about 3,000' of rope and 8 ice rescue suits in the van... Perhaps a tour for club members can be offered in the near future...



Secured; on the way to...



Leo; how big is your fireplace?



Nice grain- I see a lot of gun stocks here...



New, shiny, dive team van



Spacious interior; easy access to gear

## Adventures of Aino and Toyvill

So Aino asks Toyvill: "Toyvill; how come scuba divers always fall backwards off their boats?"

To which Toyvill replies, "Why, if they fell forward they'd still be in the boat!"



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