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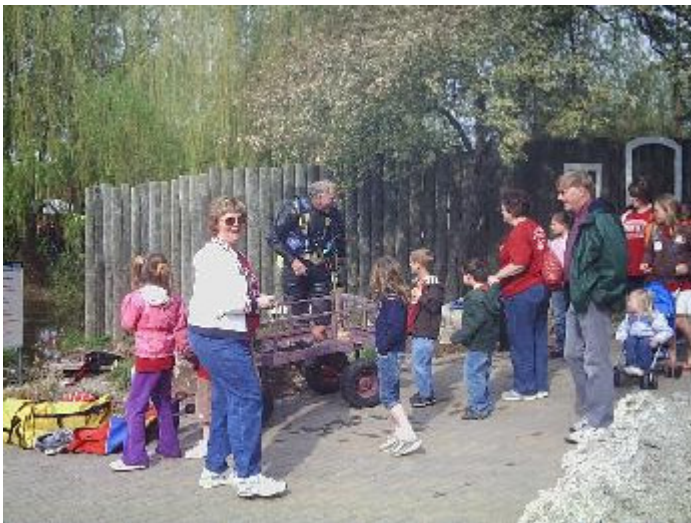
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Club Meetings- Held at 7:30pm on the second Tuesday of each month, at the Thomas Twp. Fire Station on the corner of Dice and Thomas.

This Meeting-9th
(back at Dice & Thomas)



Dave Sommers entertaining Sherwood kids at the zoo

View from under, but not the zoo... (Fabish Foto)



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also selected short subjects

(English Language Version)

Remember Our Troops!

VIPs Complete; Return to Thomas Rd.

The May meeting finalized the club VIPs for members' tanks; anyone needing a VIP at this point should contact compressor chair Don Cunningham for a convenient time. After VIPs were done, Pres Fabish announced some proposed dives and activities, and members in attendance voted in two new members- Welcome to SUE, Raymond Essenmacher and Jim Turnipseed! And since the compressor site is no longer needed for VIPs, plan on the June meeting location back at Thomas Twp FS#2 at Thomas & Dice Rds.

The club will have a guest speaker from Gale Fire Protection Service at this meeting to explain, and answer your questions about Hydro testing and eddy current testing on tanks. Gale FPS has been the popular testing site for member's tanks, and attendance should fill the room. Come early, and submit any questions now to Don Cunningham

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Return to Zoo '09

UrEd was contacted this last month by the hierarchy at Saginaw's Children Zoo; apparently the winter months applied another layer of scum to the underwater viewing windows, and they wondered if someone could come back and scrape them again...

'Newly retired with a lot of time on his hands' Dave Sommers volunteered, and was accompanied by UrEd for official photography. As it was, Sherwood Elem students were there on a class trip, and Dave had an appreciative audience. The following photos don't do justice to the task; the water had a lot of green slimy plant growth that enveloped the diver, and the scum on the window was so thick a chisel might've worked better... Dave did a fine job, and was rewarded with a senior coffee later.



Almost ready... note huge amounts of growth visible on surface



Note bubbles in center- Dave working deep in confined space

Last year a number of people expressed interest in working the zoo windows, and we were never called back. At this point the zoo says they would like us back, but they will contact us. If you would like to be placed on a volunteer list, contact Dave or the Scoop. We'll have to wait and see.

Hydrostatic Testing 101

In preparation of the upcoming talk on tank testing, the SCOOP recommends a great explanation written for Scuba News. It details the procedure, and why the US DOT mandates it. The test measures the elastic expansion of the metal under pressure, and by using water instead of air eliminates the possibility of explosion should a tank burst. Read the whole story at <http://scubanews.com/0905/hydros101.html> (Thanks to Dick Batchelder for the tip)



Scraper Sommers preparing to dive. The structure in the background contains a tunnel underwater, with six viewing windows. When clean, many fish can be seen around the bottom.

Weekend Dive- Charlevoix

Getting a head start on bad weather, the SUE expedition left on a Friday evening to spend the weekend diving in Lake Charlevoix. But of course Saturday began as a cold, cloudy, windy, rainy, more cold morning, and remained so most of the day. In spite of their efforts, UrEd still found them at the city marina about to launch. Almost straight out from the marina, about half way across the lake, is the sunken remains of the Keuka setting about 50+ feet down.

The group consisted of Greg Prenzler, Mike Prenzler, Mike Fabish, Justin Fabish, Rick Hardy, Scott Thompson, UrEd, and skipper Dave Sommers. With eight people, the plan was to go out twice in groups of four.

The Keuka is a large wooden boat; supposedly used as a floating gambling/dance hall; sunk in 1928. The Saginaw News reported on Aug 3, 1958 that the Kuka (orig spelling?) had just been discovered by 4 Saginaw (Underwater Explorers); Don McLellan, Bill Ellis,

Henry Brom, and Dick Palmer. The club has had Dick in as a guest speaker.

Lake Charlevoix water is really clear, and in spite of the cold it was a good dive. The majority of the group also dove on Sunday; bright clear sunny day and some good u/w photos were gotten. An attempt was made to dive on the 'Elizabeth' in an adjoining lake, but it could not be found. The Elizabeth is a cruiser intentionally sunk by the local authorities as a training wreck.



Changing room; front porch of Port Authority



First group about to leave



Charlevoix Marina, Saturday morning



Out to find the Keuka...



Second group preparing gear



Mike P. and UrEd just before dropping down



Searching for the Elizabeth



Unk diver on the Keuka



Mike Prenzler entering over the Keuka



Diver on the deck of the Keuka

(Photo credits- underwater shots by Mike Fabish(?); previous two by Davw Sommers. For more extensive photos, go to the SUE website and find 'Charlevoix')

Haithco; Local Club Dive

The first club splash dive of the year had a better turnout than usually expected; perhaps because it was just a nice day, perhaps because there had been no pool dives. Getting wet were Tim Hastings, Mike Prenzler, Phil Shaver, Scott Thompson, Kevin Flatt, and UrEd! In spite of a long winter, the water temp was pretty decent. On the other hand, vis was limited; considering it's this early in the year there is a lot of plant growth. The boats are in bad shape; they are overgrown to the point you can't tell them from the bottom. At least one connecting rope is missing, and Mike recovered a rope still bearing a sign. Divers finished by exploring the area in front of the walkway.



Find marker buoy to find boats...

Greetings from China!

Here's our long-distance member Joel Klammer, outfitted in a hard hat suit in a Chinese training facility. Joel will be returning to the area around the end of the month, and he's looking for a good dive site to certify someone for open-water. Suggestions? Club dive? Club picnic? Some discussion for the club meeting!



Ah, that pesky 'No Diving' sign...



First one in! Mike Prenzler waving

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~~S.U.E. Anniversary Planner~~

Jun 9 Club Mtg	Sep 8 Club Mtg
Jul 14 Club Mtg TBA Picnic ?	Oct 13 Club Mtg TBA- Pumpkin Carve?
Aug 11 Club Mtg	Nov 10 Club Mtg
Dec 8 Club Mtg TBA Christmas Party	

~~Announcements~~

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