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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-12th



Mike Fabish removing and clearing his mask during recent training in the SVSU pool.

Inside....

*Last Meeting VIP Report
This Meeting VIP Repeat
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also selected short subjects

(English Language Version)

Remember Our Troops!

Prep for summer-VIPS; May Likewise

As the April meeting was dedicated to the VIPs of members' tanks, the May meeting will also offer VIPs to complete the annual event. And again, the VIPs will be held at Thomas Twp fire station #1 (just north of Gratiot on Miller), to begin at 6:00. Don Cunningham did the visuals, Mike Fabish did the fills, and Tony Piazza with Dave Sommers assisted with the recording.



Mike F., Don C., Tony P., and Dave S. start the VIP process



Don goes to work; using small mirror and light...



Mike recording cascade pressures in logbook
(-photos by Sommers and Staples)

This VIP session introduced our new labels, and the SCOOP will try to get a photo of how they appear on a tank. To help speed the process this month, bleed that old air out of your tanks, and have your air card at the ready. Check and make sure your tank is currently hydro'd; the SCOOP suggests a quick trip to Gale Fire Protection in Freeland if not...

Along with that thought, plan ahead to the June meeting, when Scott (Gale Fire Protection), will speak at the meeting in reference to hydros and eddy current tests on aluminum tanks (see following notice). There was no critical business conducted last month, and none is expected this month.



Tony assisting as Don records tank SN

Confused About Aluminum Tank Testing?

Submit your questions now; answers in June...
“Scott from Gale Fire Protection will be at our June meeting. He will bring his eddy current testing gear to show us how it is done. Also at this meeting he will answer all questions re guarding Hydro's, VIP and Eddy Current testing. Please send all questions you might have to me. The only reason I will be receiving these questions is because anyone E-mailing him, if you are not in his system will be deleted. He would like advance question so if needed he has time to find the answers.”
Don Cunningham, Compressor Chairman

Thank you, Don! Send questions to
donaldcunningham2000@yahoo.com

Proposed Dive Trips!

Greg Prenzler is planning a dive in the next couple of weeks to Charlevoix, to dive the Kuka. The Kuka was an old party boat, and remains in fairly good shape. If conditions are favorable, there will also be a dive on another boat in the channel. Closer; we might have a Haithco dive coming up. Contact Greg for more info.

And, a Straits weekend dive in June is being offered by Mike Coyer. (see lower right →)

Retired!

After nearly 30 yrs, Dave Sommers has retired from the Saginaw News. However, life of playing golf and laying by the pool will still be out of his reach; Dave has a few other full-time jobs he must attend to. Beside being our club treasurer, Dave commands the Saginaw County Sheriff Marine Division, he's a command officer with the Thomas township Fire Department, he has his own phototech business, and he's an instructor in his spare time. Before the Saginaw News, Dave worked as a photographer for Dow Chemical, and prior to that he was an air force photographer flying in the rear seat of F-4s during the Viet Nam war. More? He also did a stint as the official photographer for the Thunderbirds.

Best of luck in your attempts to slow down, Dave!



Dive Team Trolling



Bill Giorgis retrieving a fine trophy

Straits of Mackinac, Michigan- Come join us for some of the greatest shipwreck diving in the world, in one of the most scenic areas of northern Michigan. Experience the thrill of the **Cedarville** (pictured), a massive steel freighter that sank after a



collision in a dense fog in 1965. Enjoy the spectacular bowsprit and scroll figurehead of the **Sandusky**, which was lost in 1856 with all hands. These and others are some of the wrecks we will visit in the Straits of Mackinac. This four dive package is just **\$170**. Pricing includes two dives on Saturday and two dives on Sunday. Prices do not include lodging, but there are many options for lodging in the Straits area. I will be happy to assist with lodging for anyone interested. A non-refundable deposit of **\$85.00** is requested upon booking to reserve your space, with the remaining balance due by June 1, 2009. Spaces are limited, and are already filling fast. Don't miss out on this great wreck diving opportunity. Please feel free to call me with questions or for general information at (989)737-2115 or email me at mcoyer@sbcglobal.net

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Announcements-

Pool Swims '09 -CANCELLED!
VIPs this meeting!

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S.U.E. Anniversary Planner

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

FOR SALE:

New Performance wet suit top xx \$50.00
Aqualung rocket fins new straps size large \$25.00
SSA membrane skin size large \$50.00
Spear gun 36inch new band \$60.00
Pelican dive float \$35.00
-Mike Kowalski @ 892 2028

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WANTED :

Neoprene pieces from suits
-Val Geidans @ 781 1552

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