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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.

This Meeting-9th



Inside....

Elections!

Haithco Ice Dive

Gilboa/Portage Dive

also selected short subjects

(English Language Version)

Remember Our Troops!



Mike Garner reflected in Haithco's cold water while tending



Dave Sommers about to drop down in same hole

Election Notice-

As of the January meeting, no nominations for officers were submitted. Nominations will still be accepted at this Feb meeting for anyone wishing to be involved with the direction of the club. If there are no new nominations, the present officers have agreed to continue their positions until replaced in the next election. This board has done a fine job, the SCOOP has no complaints. However all members should remember it's the participation of the members that makes a successful club. Consider becoming involved! A bonus to the Jan meeting was a platter of smoked fish brought in by Piazza, thanks to Wrege's Fish. Tony has shared the recipe for a smoked fish dip; see later page.

January Dive-

Through the ice, of course... The January ice dive training for the S.C. Dive Team brought out those club members who serve on the team for the first of real cold water training. It was a nice sunny day; not warm but comfortable, with solid ice about 8". Divers were Fabish, Hastings, and Sommers. (photos by Prenzler)



Fabish; first in...



Fabish in; tended by Mike Garner



Path to bottom begins with a cut...



Site of hole in Haitheco

FYI-

We have not been able to find a pool for winter swims. Area pools have cut their available times, or have exorbitant rates. If you are aware of any possible pools, contact the pres.

See it live-

The dive team will be ice dive training again on Feb 6, at Haithco Park; feel free to come and observe. Time is at 1:00; the park gates will be open and the parking will be reserved for you.. The only other visitors will be ice fishermen.



Fabish out; Hastings about to go in



Sommers getting ready for his turn.



Sommers somewhere down there; tended by passer-by...



Hastings in; Fabish as safety diver



Some things defy explanation.



Finally, secure hole and depart

Fair and Balanced...

In the interest of warm water (well; relatively) diving, Chris Demmler and Jim Turnipseed just shared a few photos they took diving Gilboa and Portage quarries in Ohio. (Ques- what's round on the ends and hi in the middle?)



Jim- entering jet at Gilboa



Chris inside Beechcraft jet; Portage



Chris inside Sikorski helo; Portage.



Chris- just out of Portage



Jim inside suspended sail boat



Chris attacked by thumb-shark!

SUE Ice Dive-

The club has been discussing an ice dive for members, and Chris has volunteered a facility in the Mt Pleasant area. It will be on Lake Colder-than-ice, or something like that. If we can get enough interest, it will be held about the last week in February. Contact Pres. Fabish if interested.

In Memorium- 'Great Lakes Scuba' owner

“Traverse City- Jack Enger Jr. held several titles: husband, father, grandfather, and scuba guru, to name a few. But most people will remember him by the latter.

Enger, owner of Great Lakes Scuba of Traverse City, died Tuesday (Jan 5). The Traverse City resident was 57. His wife Shelley, found him inside the scuba shop around 6 pm after he suffered a heart attack.

Enger was commonly referred to as “the dive guy in northern Michigan” by underwater enthusiasts. “He knew that equipment inside and out” Shelley Enger said.

Divers throughout northern Michigan came to Enger for scuba lessons or to get their gear checked out, said Dave Braun, a friend who worked with Enger at the scuba shop. “It was one of the few places you could bring your gear in and get it serviced”, he said.

Enger performed his share of dives in northern Michigan, but friends said he preferred a more tropical climate. His passion for diving sent him on international trips, including his most recent charter to Papua, New Guinea. “He dove all over the world”, said friend John Leone. “He didn’t do a lot of cold water diving. He really liked the warm water”.

Enger and his wife organized multiple international charter trips each year with fellow scuba divers.

Friends referred to Enger as “Captain Crusty” on charter trips because the salt water would stick to his skin after diving. “He would fall asleep after his dive and wake up with salt water caked on him”, Shelley said. “He was crusty on the outside and soft on the inside”.

Braun ran the scuba shop while Enger was away on dive trips, but he always videotaped his undersea excursions and played the footage to his employees. Shelley referred to her husband’s underwater video camera as his “dive buddy”. “It was a big part of his enjoyment in life”, Braun said.

(by Alex Piazza, special to the Record-Eagle)



Jack Enger Jr.

And now, the Recipe!

SMOKED SALMON DIP

8 oz Cream Cheese

8 oz Sour Cream

8 oz Smoked Salmon (from Wrege Fish Company)

2 tsp Green Onion (finely chopped)

1 tsp Chives

Remove skin and bones from salmon, flake with fork until fine.

Soften cream cheese and blend in sour cream, onion and chives.

Add salmon and mix well.

Enjoy!

A BIG THANK YOU TO WREGE FISH COMPANY

Thanks to Steve Haskin, owner of Wrege Fish Company at 226 Millard Street of Saginaw, for donating the smoked fish and dip recipe for our last general meeting.

Also, thank you for donating several tropical fish calendars for the members present. (delivered by Tony Piazza)

Special Book Offer, continued for SUE Members

Well-known photojournalist and SUE member RIC MIXTER now has written a book, “The Wheelsman”. “Grab the wheel and hold on - as you experience four shipwrecks through the eyes of the men who were at the helm. "The Wheelsmen" chronicles several local history events including the worst storms (1913 and 1940), A horrible collision near the Mackinac Bridge, and the mysterious sinking of the Coast Guard cutter Escanaba. The four ships are the Cedarville, Novadoc, Escanaba and Hawgood. The books retail for \$19.95 and are available from www.lakefury.com” He said that if you mention you are a member of SUE or the DT in the comments section, the cost will be reduced to \$15!

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Mar 9 Club Mtg	Sep 14 Club Mtg
Apr 13 Club Mtg VIP; trunk sales?	Oct 12 Club Mtg TBA- Pumpkin Carve
May 11 Club Mtg VIP; trunk sales?	Nov 9 Club Mtg
Jun 8 Club Mtg	Dec 14? Club Mtg TBA Christmas Party
Jul 13 Club Mtg TBA Picnic ?	

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