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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.

December meeting canceled!

Instead, we'll be looking for you at the club party-



This week! Plan on joining your buddies at the annual Saginaw Underwater Explorers Christmas party; this Saturday December 3rd at 6 pm at The Timbers Bar and Grill located at 6415 State St. Social hour, great food, and (maybe) some door prizes.

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also selected short subjects



November club meeting in our secret Timbers room

Remember Our Troops!

November Meeting Highlights

Unique meeting all around! First, it was relocated to the Timbers due to our regular meeting building being used as a voting site. Second, we had a special guest; Dan Batchelder came all the way from Florida to see us!



Dan Batchelder addressing the club meeting

Dan actually came to visit his mom who hasn't been feeling well; the club sincerely wishes her the best! Dan is originally from Flint, and now works out of 'Compressed Air Supplies & Equipment' with his dad Richard Batchelder, out of Florida.

He has an impressive background! He ran the photo lab and was DiveMaster at San Salvador for years. Then Captain of the Sea Dancer live-aboard dive boat for Peter Hughes. He was on 7 front covers of Skin Diver Magazine. He's been working with his dad for the last 15 years. Back when his family lived in Michigan, he was a wreck diver with everyone else since he was 15 years old!

(His brother and sister live in Mich. as well, so now they are all up north. David was a DiveMaster at two resorts in the Bahamas; he now lives in Harrison. Debbie lives in Owosso.)

As it turned out, the club's compressor was having an intermittent problem, and Dan volunteered to look at it. He inspected it prior to the meeting, and met with us to share his opinions, and answer questions.



Dan answering a question from compressor chair Don C.

After hearing from Dan, a motion was made and passed to post the capital to repair the compressor! (see next story) Also discussed was the opportunity to send some members to VIP school, as the club needs some new blood. Voting in favor has resulted in Dave Sommers and Greg Prenzler becoming newly certified VIP inspectors. Get those old tanks together!

Compressor Repaired!

The apparent original complaint was the popping of a relief valve, which was a bit unnerving for the operators.



Dan B. in the compressor room

Ordering new parts from 'Compressed Air Supplies & Equipment', Dania FL, the repair team went to work just this previous week. Don Cunningham, Tom Van Den Boom, and Terry Lisk spent a Saturday on the overhaul. The compressor has 4 stages, and the team worked on one stage at a time. Working under the watchful eyes of each other, each stage was rebuilt.



Reed valves; 1st stage?

The compressor was reassembled, with new oil and filter from 'Compressed Air'. It was started, and performed perfectly! It has about 1700 hrs on it, and is on its way to 3400! Thanks to everyone involved in the repair! The club would especially like to thank Richard Batchelder for all of his support, and recommend 'Compressed Air Supplies & Equipment' (CompAirSupply@att.net) to anyone needing compressor help.

PADI eCard...

The PADI eCard is coming!!!

PADI divers will soon be able to use a PADI eCard, which is an electronic version of their PADI ceert. The PADI eCard will be hosted, managed and displayed on the PADI App, which initially will only be accessible on Apple and Android smartphones. Other operating systems will soon follow.

The PADI eCard development resets the bar for positive identification certification delivery while embracing environmental stewardship by reducing the amount of plastic, paper and transportation used to deliver certifications to divers. (thanks to Big Blue Diving newsletter)

[SCOOP question- any readers get a deer this season?]



Making room?



Dis-assembly; flashlight assist

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