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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.



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also selected short subjects



All in the family... Alex and Becca! (more inside)

Remember Our Troops!



Poisoned! Haithco Lake

May Meeting



Business end of May meeting

Meeting at Thomas Township FS#1 for the 2d month, the club conducted tank VIPs and fills. At the same time, members were invited to bring items for a trunk sale. Inspectors Mike Kowalski, Don Cunningham, and Terry Lisk kept Mike Fabish busy at the compressor filling tanks. After the last tank was filled, Pres. Fabish called the business end of the meeting to order. Mike's report follows-

“The VIP meeting went well; the weather held out and it was a very nice evening. We VIP'd and filled about a dozen tanks, had good conversation, and look forward to the new dive season!

The meeting was somewhat abbreviated due to the tank activity, but some key points and events were discussed:

Mike Kowalski had some items to sell at the trunk swap meet: a BC, a couple of 100# lift bags, gloves, a hood, to name a few; there may be more. Call Mike if interested.

Tom Van Den Boom will start research on what our compressor is worth now, should we sell it/trade it for an upgrade. It was pointed out that it would hold higher value now and possibly be easier to sell/trade than waiting for the time to re-build it and chancing part availability. We will start with our friendly compressor dealer in Florida who has so graciously sent us oil and filters. It's a good plan for the future and thinking ahead.

Our first FUN Dive of 2011 will be at Haithco Park, 5/17, next Tue (always the 3rd Tue of the month, through Oct) at 6:30 pm. The club will be diving and marking the 3 sunken boats with buoys so that the Parks/Rec can spread weed control to help with future dives. This is an excellent time to investigate the boats; before the algae starts growing with warmer water, and an excellent time to “dust off you dive gear” with a dive.

(ED- the club FUN dive at Haithco was cancelled. The parks dept. got ahead of us and spread poison a day before, and banned all entry into the water. We'll have to wait a while now. See cover photo.)

Future Fun Dives:

June dive: 6/21 at Krystal Lake Campground, Vassar

July dive: 7/19 at Otter Lake, Otisville

July 12 is our annual SUE Picnic Meeting at Tony Piazza's place. The club will provide the meat, everybody brings a dish to pass, and Tony will supply the pool and grill. It's a great time for the whole family!.More info to come.

August 26-29 (last weekend in Aug) has been confirmed for the SUE dive trip to Munising. Last year was a huge success and we look forward to doing it again! I you want to dive some great wrecks, see a beautiful area, shore dives, night dives, and enjoy great fellowship with other divers, plan to go! We even put together waterfall sightseeing hikes. I will contact the Terrace where we stayed to start price negotiations; he gave us great deals last year (\$25 p/night p/person) and his facility fits us very well. If you'd like to go, or are even thinking of going, please let me know so we can start a list and tentative head count. I'll be happy to answer any questions you might have. **DON'T MISS THIS TRIP!** -Mike



VIP & Fill group



Meticulous record keeping



Mike going to work



Trunk items? Call Mike K.



Zoo dressing room

Thank You Zoo Volunteers!

A number of members answered the call last month to clean the zoo underwater windows; only one was selected... Mike Garner showed up early on the available morning, and got his first experience in the zoo swamp. It was early enough in the year that the water hadn't warmed up, but it wasn't filled with seaweed either. The floating islands had been removed from their positions, so access to the windows was easier. And the alligators were penned up.

Scot Thompson has volunteered to represent the club for the zoo's 'Ocean Day' on June 4th. We'll wait for a report from Scot....



Mike into the unknown....

May Weddings!

This last month featured some really special weddings for the Saginaw Underwater Explorers! Alex Piazza and Becca Kruska were recently married (photo on cover). What makes this unique is that Alex is the son of SUE members Tony and Carol Piazza, and Becca is the daughter of SUE members Ken and Jayne Kruska. (Is SUE an inlaw?)



Congratulations, Becca and Alex!

The SCOOP doesn't have all the facts here, but it looks as if the Kruskas got caught right up in the marriage business. Shortly after the first marriage, their second daughter Rachel also took the big step.

Rachael Kruska, the daughter of Ken and Jayne Kruska was recently united in marriage to Tony Huffman of Indianapolis, IN. The groom's parents are Jim and Terri Hayes of Greencastle, IN. The wedding and reception were held in Greencastle, IN.



Congratulations, Rachel and Tony!

The SCOOP is renowned for its serious and non-sentimental attitude, but on behalf of the Saginaw Underwater Explorers, we wish these happy couples the very best!

June Comp Sched

JUNE – 2	Tom Van Den Boom	686-3176
-9	Dave Sommers	751-8517
-16	Greg Prenzler	791-3556
-23	Tom Fritz	
-30	Don Cunningham	799-4385
JULY – 7	Mike Fabish	295-2627

Normal fill times are 7pm on Thursday; remember to call and confirm by Wednesday.

Arthur Hill Students in Shipwreck Search

Just last week five students from Arthur Hill HS in Saginaw spent time in the Alpena area involved in a high tech search for old shipwrecks. Tiesha Anderson, James Willet, Yer Vang, Tierra Billings, and Cody Frost were searching in the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary as a part of Project Shipwreck.

They were mentored by James Delgado, NOAA nautical archaeologist. Mr. Delgado was the chief scientist in the mapping of the Titanic shipwreck.

The students were selected by Radical Media, a producer and distributor of TV shows out of New York. They were the only students selected from applicants throughout the state.

The group will be using the latest equipment in the project to produce 3-D imagery; the computer equipment and 3-D technology was contributed by Sony and Intel. The complete story will be released as a documentary on the Science Channel sometime in the future; watch for it.

Mr. Delgado made the statement he's envious of the opportunity the students are getting. Aren't we all! In the meantime, UrEd will be working to get the group to speak at a club meeting.
(story source -Saginaw News and Arthur Hill HS)

Dive Team in Frankenmuth

Always looking for new sites, the dive team went to Frankenmuth last month to dive the Cass river. The river flow was a little heavier due to recent rains, but a lot more clear than the Saginaw river!



Mike Garner getting help from an observer?



Garner helping Mike Fabish over rocks



Greg Prenzler and Jay Pansing help up the grass

< Mike Garner tending Mike Fabish (under the bubbles)

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Mike Garner on left after cleaning zoo windows
Other Mike on right used to do it by holding his breath

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Contact raymedic930@hotmail.com

Property Investment! Plant Black Walnut trees now!
5-10-20\$ Call Don 642 8436 (Fruit trees also)

Wanted booties, snorkel. Don, 6428436

S.U.E. 2011 Planner

Jun 14	Club Mtg	Sep 13	Club Mtg
Jul 12	Club Mtg	Oct 11	Club Mtg
	& Picnic @ Piazza's		TBA- Pumpkin Carve
Aug 9	Club Mtg	Nov 8	Club Mtg
Dec 3	Xmas Party (@Timbers)		-no club mtg

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