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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.

Note- This meeting- 10th, at 6:00 FS#1 for VIPs and trunk sales!



Inside....

May Meeting Change

VIPs

Trunk Sales

Lk Mich Wreck

Devil's Den

Vehicle recovery

also selected short subjects

Remember Our Troops!



VIP center at FS#1; crew ready

Blame it on the Weather...

Small turnout for the April club meeting/VIPs! As a consequence, all business items will be held until this May meeting. And as a guess; there will probably be a lot more tanks appearing to be VIPd. Plan also on a trunk sales at this meeting; bring that unused equipment with a price tag on it. Sales and VIPs will again start at 6pm; that is behind fire station #1 on Miller Rd in Shields.



'10 archive; Tony and Don recording tank specs

Diving Devil's Den

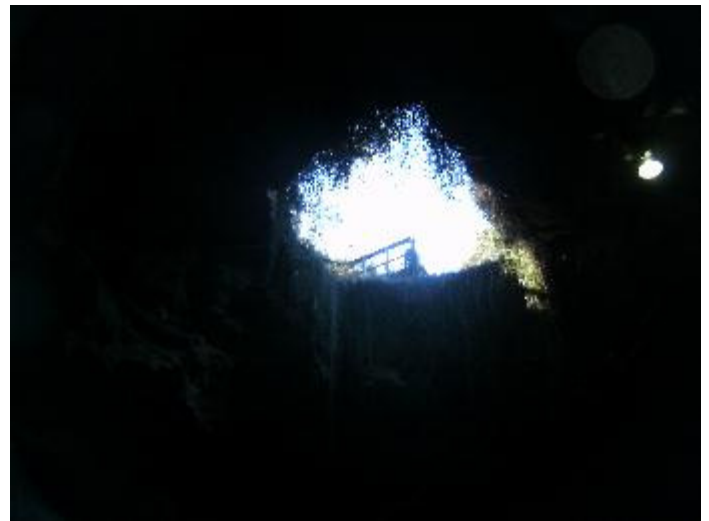
Mike Fabish at least had some warmer memories to share for these last cold winter months. Mike and his son Justin (now Florida resident) dove the Devil's Den sinkhole in Florida recently. Basically a deep hole in the ground that's filled with water, it's also known as a grotto. Florida has a large number of these, and most of them are related. These are fascinating pictures of their experience!



Looking down into the hole



'10 archive; Mike recording cascade pressures



And, looking back up....



View from inside



Mike at the STOP point

Lake Michigan Wreck Discovered

In what originally sounded as a recently discovered shipwreck, the ship in fact was discovered last year and what is recent is a program documenting it. Here's the story from 'Allegan News Online'-

“Shipwreck found near Saugatuck may date to 1830s”
(Wednesday, April 6, 2011 2:40 PM EDT)

A shipwreck group will explore last year's finding of a 60-foot sloop at the bottom of Lake Michigan near Saugatuck during a program Saturday, April 16, at the Knickerbocker Theater, 86 E. 8th St., Holland, Oat 7 p.m.

Holland-based Michigan Shipwreck Research associates discovered the single-masted ship, which could date back as far as the 1830s, in collaboration with author Clive Cussler and his sonar operator, Ralph Wilbanks, of the National Underwater and Marine Agency.

The group was seeking remnants of Northwest Airlines Flight 2501, a crash that killed 58 people when the plane went into the big lake in 1950.

They discovered the sloop instead in about 250 feet of water southwest of Saugatuck. Three features made it different from sailing vessels dating to the mid- and late-19-century: the lack of a centerboard, the presence of a raised afterdeck and deadlights (a pair of openings) in the stern that allowed light to reach the cargo hold.



Justin supporting the roof



Into the depths...

MSRA historians have verified that the vessel's construction and design is consistent with ships built in the 1820s and 1830s, making it perhaps one of the oldest ships discovered in the southern basin of the lake.

The vessel sits upright and is in surprisingly good condition considering it was built nearly 200 years ago. Exact identification will be difficult, as such small, early sloops were rarely documented and most had wrecked or been scrapped before photography became available. The group will continue to research and explore the wreck during the 2011 season

In addition to a program about four Ottawa County shipwrecks presented by local author Craig Rich, attendees will learn about the newly-discovered steamer Westmoreland, the schooner Marion Egan and the steamer Lady Elgin, in which 300 people perished in Lake Michigan's deadliest disaster, the subject of MSRA's award-winning author Valerie van Heest's latest book.

Zilwaukee Fishing Trip

As told to the SCOOP, (of whom the SCOOP would never question), Dave S., Greg P., and Ken K. were trying a little Saginaw River fishing off the Zilwaukee dock and caught more than they could net....



Snagged?



And Landed!



Stern of 60-foot sloop discovered last year in Lake Michigan

Zoo Heads-up

Rick, manager of the Saginaw zoo, has not contacted us yet as to cleaning the underwater windows. But; it's about that time and volunteers are always welcome. If you have any interest in enjoying the experience, sign up now-

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- 2.
- 3.

First Splash Dive

Plan on the club fun dive at Haithco on the 10th; Tues following the club meeting. More discussion at the meeting.

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May 10 Club Mtg	Sep 13 Club Mtg
Jun 14 Club Mtg	Oct 11 Club Mtg TBA- Pumpkin Carve
Jul 12 Club Mtg & Picnic @ Piazza's	Nov 8 Club Mtg
Aug 9 Club Mtg	Dec 3 Xmas Party (@Timbers) -no club mtg

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Ray Essenmacher has scuba gear for sale;
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