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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- 14th (Happy Leap Year...)

Inside....

January Minutes
Diver Finds Ring
Ice Rescue Class
Ice Recovery

also selected short subjects



Yours to guess at...



Found ring!

Remember Our Troops!

First Meeting of '12



Starting off on the casual side.....



-but becomes really interesting as Dave S begins the show!

The special presentation at the Jan meeting was the showing of 'Project Shiphunt'; Dave managed to get a copy direct from Alpena. (ed comment: First show I've seen in a long time where folks really paid attention)

Here's Mike:

“Several things were discussed at our Jan meeting (10 members in attendance), and there are a couple of reminders:

- There is no election May 8 (in Thomas twp) so our VIP night will still be May 8, at Station 1 (N miller Rd near Gratiot). We will combine a trunk sale for any and all members that are looking to sell or buy items.

Typically, to accommodate the VIP's and air fills, the meeting will start earlier; details to follow.

We will not have a dedicated VIP night for our meeting in April. The April 10 meeting will be at Station 2, Dice and N Thomas, as usual. Anybody needing VIP's before the May VIP night can contact one of the club VIP inspectors: Don Cunningham, Mike Kowalski, Terry Lisk, Dave Summers, or Greg Prenzler (Dave and Greg are our newly VIP certified inspectors)

We will utilize a new form for keeping VIP records, as well as newly serialized VIP stickers; both recommended by Dive Rescue International.

It was agreed that SUE VIP inspections will include a new O-ring for the valve to tank connection as part of the VIP. Dave will be ordering the rings for our VIP inspections.

- As of meeting time, SUE has 32 members: 4 past members did not renew as of yet. There is 1 new member app expected to arrive soon.

- Nominations for the Feb Election can be submitted through this month, up to Feb 14, the election meeting date. If you would like to be considered for a position on the board, please contact any current board member.

The election meeting is Feb 14. We may send out known nominations and current position holders ahead of time with proxy instructions or those that cannot make the meeting (it is Valentine's Day)

- There was some interest in scheduling an Ice Dive for SUE members this winter; Feb 19 seemed to be the best date. If you would like to participate, please notify Mike. Certified ice divers will be there to help and insure safety for this adventure. If you have always wondered what it would be like under the ice, or maybe have tried it and want to do it again, we welcome you for the experience. Give it a try...I know you'll love it!

- The annual (Seahorses) shipwreck film festival will be taking place on Feb 25. More details to follow, or contact Bill Atkins for information.

- If you missed (the meeting's) video of the AHHS students searching for wrecks in Thunder Bay, you missed a great time. The video was exceptional and all could feel the excitement of discovering 2 new

wrecks. We had pizza and snacks and an enjoyable adventure with the team.

Remember to submit any nominations for the election and to contact Mike if you're interested in ice diving. See you in February!

Mike Fabish, President

Ice Rescue Class

It's that time of the year when people tend to venture out on unsafe ice; if they fall through typically the local fire department is called for the rescue. A few weeks back Dave Sommers and Mike Fabish conducted this rescue training for a number of fire depts.; it was held at the lake at Roethke Park in Shields. Triangular holes were cut in the ice; each person took a turn in the hole as a 'victim'. Backed up by their 'team', a rescuer would crawl out to the 'victim' and assist them out by a number of means. First by handing them a pole to grab, then going in the water with them and secure them with a rope. The rest of the team then pulled them both out.



Greg Prenzler, also helping, lounges in the hole he just cut

All participants were wearing the 'gumby' suits; waterproof and warm. The suits are buoyant enough to support the person in the water with no effort.

** TV 25 offers this link for the ice rescue class:
www.youtube.com/user/connectmidmichigan?feature=mhee#p/u/37/U-bBOYVTacQ
(continuous; no spaces)



Greg decides to go swimming himself...



'Rescuer' crawls out to 'victim'; watched by Dave and Mike



Ch25 news interviewing Dave (see link to left of photo)

Ice Snowmobile Rescue

Snowmobiles are another item going through the ice this time of year. Recently Bill Giorgis got a request to retrieve a snowmobile that had gone down in a lake in Pontiac. Beside a crew, a truck of equipment, and an airboat, Dave Sommers would be the diver to secure the snowmachine with a rope.



Airboat about to go out on lake



Snowmobile below- luckily located by floating rope



Snowmobile, as seen by Dave



Floated up with airbag, snowmobile needs a path through ice



Finally pulled to shore, waits for winching up on truck (wouldn't start; apparently flooded -local joke...)

-All photos by Sommers; good work!
(for a video by Dave of this recovery, go to
<http://youtu.be/f4kGx9rxPoQ>)

On a lighter note-



Mermaid and Diver

Tony and Carol Piazza were touring the recent ice sculpting in Frankenmuth, and spotted this entry. Hard to see, but the mermaid's face can be seen at the bottom. The diver is on top (follow the snorkel?) Might be interesting to know who the sculptors were.

Diver Discovers Class Ring

Every scuba diver is really a treasure hunter; always on the lookout for the big find. Some are able to go to more elaborate means. A diver in Florida using an uw metal detector recently found a class ring (cover photo) from 1923, and tracked down its rightful owner.



Here's the story, as written by Christina Caron-

Louise Hearst's 1923 class ring, was found at the bottom of a spring in a housing community in Longwood, Fla.

Over nearly two decades of scuba diving, Reed Banjanin had come across several long-forgotten trinkets in the sand and silt, but none was more meaningful than one of his most recent discoveries: Louise Hearst's 1923 class ring.

He found the gold ring at a cave entrance last July about 25 feet below the surface of a Longwood, Fla., spring.

"I don't usually go down there with a metal detector," Banjanin said. "I was scouting around and got a hit and dug in the silt a little bit and there was the ring, sitting there."

Hearst's name was engraved on the inside of the ring after she graduated from Mississippi Women's College, which later changed its name to William Carey University.

"It's in absolute perfect condition," said Banjanin, who works at AT&T as an electronics technician. "Without a doubt the coolest thing I've ever found scuba diving."

And now, nearly a century after it was engraved, the ring has been reunited with Hearst's grandson, 75-year-old John Entzminger who lives more than 800 miles away in Oakton, Va.

So how did the ring come to rest in the Florida spring? Hearst's husband's family was from Seminole County, so it's believed that she lost the ring while visiting them and swimming in the spring, which was a popular spot.



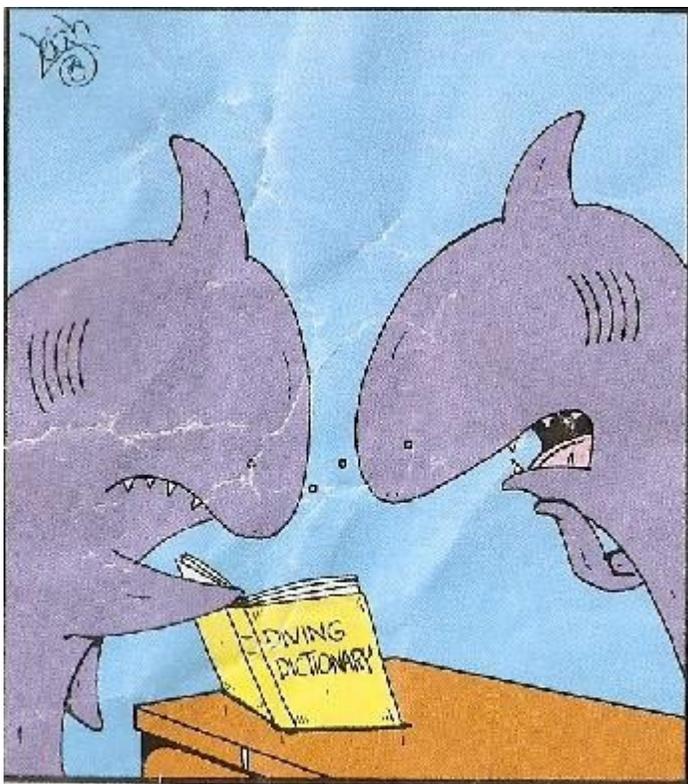
Site of ring find

Finding Entzminger proved challenging for Banjanin, who began with an online search for Mississippi Women's College alumnae records, where he discovered Hearst was from Hattiesburg, Miss.

He discovered Hearst had lived in Forest County, Miss., and had married John Entzminger. She died in May 1975. With the help of findagrave.com, he located her relatives and eventually tracked down grandson John Entzminger in Virginia, who plans to give the ring to his grandchildren.

[SCOOP Survey- OK, readers; let's put you in the spot of finding this ring. Who of you would be spending time trying to locate an owner? Best answers will be published anonymously next month]

Bad Jokes Dept, by Bill...



"Self-contained underwater breathing apparatus? ... Well, what do you know? ... And all these years, I thought scuba stood for *slow cumbersome uncooked bite-sized appetizers.*"

Happy New Year!

-From Joel Klammer, and our friends at Big Blue Diving in China. Big Blue celebrated the Chinese New Year from Jan 22 through the 26th. Big Blue wishes us all a great Chinese Dragon New Year!

Big Blue: <http://www.big-blue.cn>

Seahorses Festival

The Ford Seahorses Scuba Diving Club and the Dossin Great Lakes Museum Invite You to Join Us for the

31st Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival

Saturday, February 25

Washtenaw Community College-

Morris Lawrence Bldg.

4800 E. Huron River Dr. * Ann Arbor 48105

Multiple Presentations, Recreational through Technical; Exhibits

Whether your interest lies in shipwrecks, diving, history, or just have a fascination with the underwater world, this year's festival promises to fulfill your interests. Visit our web page-

www.shipwreckfestival.org

One More Offer-

The Dive Shop in Flint is offering a demo and a chance to try a rebreather. There will be a charge to try it, but it sounds like an opportunity you might not get anywhere else. Check with them at

info@diveshopmi.com for more information

Congratulations-

To Greg Prenzler, who recently passed a difficult FAA exam with flying colors!

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Feb 14(VD) mtg, nominations, elections
Mar 13 mtg, Apr 10 mtg, VIP?
May 8 mtg Jun 12 mtg, VIP?
Jul 10, mtg? picnic? Aug 14 mtg
Sep 11 mtg Oct 9 mtg
Nov 13 mtg Dec Christmas Party?(no mtg)

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