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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- 10th

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also selected short subjects
(Happy New Year!)



Special plaques presented to the SCOOP at party



Last cupcake of the Christmas Party

Remember Our Troops!

Great 2011 Christmas Party

By party coordinator Tony Piazza's count, the year 2011 was a record for participation in the annual club Christmas Party. The count was 40, with 7 children; "a nice family affair" in Tony's words. Those attending received special entertainment to go with a fine meal. And it goes without saying, the opportunity to share stories with old friends.



Party guests arriving at 'Timbers'; tables filling up

The 'Timbers' restaurant offered us our own menu with a choice of 5 entrees; good food to satisfy all tastes. As folks were finishing their meal, Dave Sommers presented two videos he created; one on the pumpkin carve and the other on the Munising excursion.



Videographer Sommers setting up his presentation

Both of Dave's videos can be viewed on the web; they are both on YouTube, and are linked on our webpage.

Munising-

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1kMnx-jfVYM&feature=mfu_in_order&list=UL

Pumpkin-

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2c3-eXCu8uI>

And then the special entertainment!- This was the Christmas Party, and Christmas Carols needed to be included!



Mike Fabish and Tim Hastings joined for 'Silent Night'

Time for prizes! Tony passed out tickets, and assisted by Carol, and LE and LX Prenzler, winning numbers were called. Lucky winners got to select their own mystery bag from the front table. Winners all!



Tony and Carol finish their prize distribution; Dave begins...



The crowd, as seen by Tony



And then, farewells. AAGTWHBA (Atkins)



And another duet! Here's Mike and Anne Prenzler



Not to be outdone, LX Prenzler and Max Thompson onstage



Mike and Pastor Dinninger; -in the pantry

A new aspect of the club party was the filling of a food box for the needy. Mike Fabish got in touch with Pastor Don Dinninger of Oldtown Christian Outreach Center, who was very appreciative of the club's efforts. He asked Mike to express his gratitude to the Saginaw Underwater Explorers on his behalf for choosing Old Town as a venue. He also has invited us, as a club or individually, to be a part of the distribution at any time. They do a mass event on Saturdays if we ever wanted get a group together to lend a helping hand. If interested, contact OTCOC at 989-249-8696. Pastor Don & Bonnie wish all of us blessings and a Merry Christmas!

SUE Thankyous for prize donations-

Keith, at Dive and Glide
Independent Bank (Center @ Brockway)
Timbers Grill & Bar
Magma Gems (Val Geidans)
Santa

Dave Sommers
Bill Atkins
Mike Fabish
Carol Piazza

(thanks for your work, Tony)

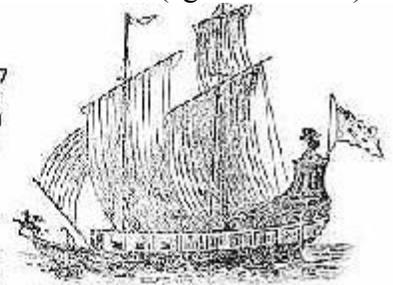
First Great Lakes Shipwreck?

The first European sailing ship on the Great Lakes was the 'Griffon', and disappeared on a voyage from Green Bay WI to Mackinaw City MI in 1679. Shipwreck hunters refer to the Griffon as the Holy Grail of Great Lakes shipwrecks, and may be close to finding her.

Steve Libert, founder of Great Lakes Exploration, discovered the possible site about 6 ya, but needed special permission to explore it. Not only is the State of Michigan involved, but also France as it being a French vessel. Steve, a Virginia resident, also has a place in Charlevoix. He has finally gotten the ok to do non-invasive exploration of the site (eg sonar scans)

GRIFFON FACTS

- It was made of wood and measured roughly 60 feet long, 17 feet wide. Other accounts say the Griffon was smaller, measuring 30 to 40 feet long and 10 to 15 feet wide.
- It had two masts and a square rigger sail, and a smaller sail aft.
- It had a crew of five or six.
- It was built with a galley design — appeared to be modeled after the old Spanish galleons.
- Disappeared in 1679 on its maiden voyage in Lake Michigan. It is the first Great Lakes shipwreck, and its whereabouts remain a mystery.



Historic rendering of the sailing ship Griffon

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West Side Shipwreck Preserve?

Raise your hand if you've heard of the Henry Cort. The William B. Davock? Or the Ironsides? These, and other shipwrecks lie on the bottom of Lake Michigan along the western side of the state. A move is underway with the state to declare this portion of Lake Michigan as a bottom preserve, known as the West Michigan Underwater Preserve. The proposal calls for creation of a preserve that would cover from Holland north to Ludington State Park. The preserve's boundary would extend four miles off the shoreline.

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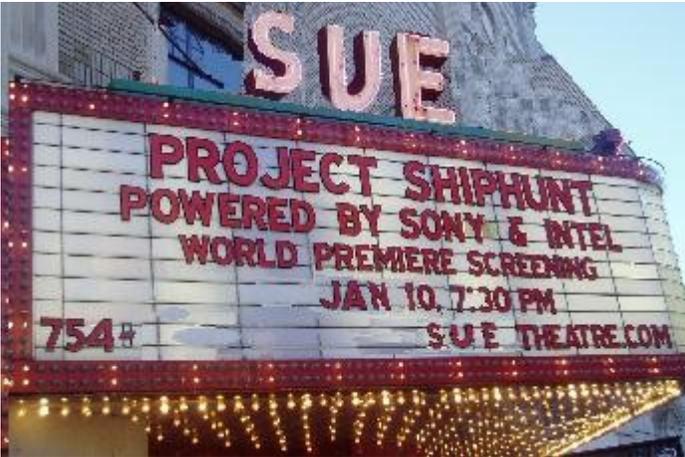
Ink Spills, by Dave

Know the origin of the red 'diverdown' flag?
Interesting facts at-

<http://www.dive-flag.com/>

And would you believe there could be another SCUBA SCOOP? Oh, the nerve... (only one Cora!)

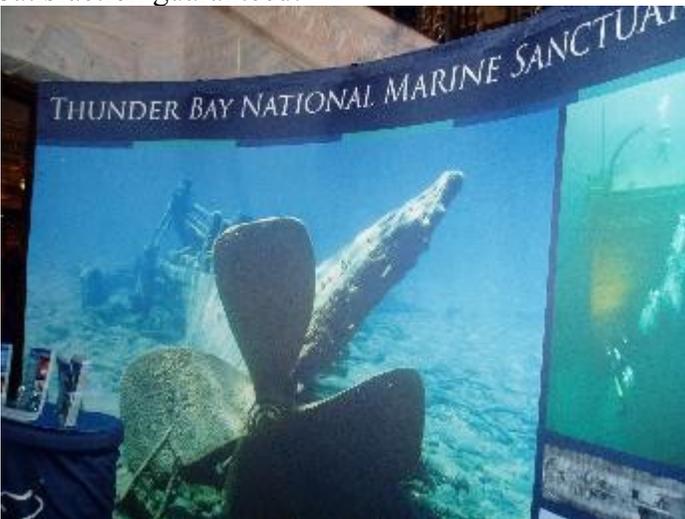
<http://scubascoop-kirkscubagear.blogspot.com/>



-coming this month to the SUE theatre!

New Year's Special

Recall 'Project Shiphunt', the SCOOP story of a few months back where four local high school students won a research expedition into the Thunder Bay Underwater Preserve? And a special documentary was supposed to be shown on national tv? Our own videomeister Dave Sommers has gotten a copy of the show, and will present it at the January meeting. This will be a great show, and you're invited. Bring a guest. Satisfaction guaranteed!



Fantastic underwater scenes!

A business item for the January meeting will be a proposal to change the months for our VIP tank inspections. Instead of May, switch months to April & June? For those that really like to plan ahead, note election day is on our May 8 meeting date, so we will need to move the meeting site.

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-Sincere thanks to all contributors to the SCOOP for
the past year! You make me work, but keep it coming.
-Cora

S.U.E. 2012 Planner

Jan 10 mtg	Feb 14(VD) mtg, nominations
Mar 13 mtg, elections	Apr 10 mtg, VIP?
May 8 mtg in the park?	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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