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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\*- 8<sup>th</sup>

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*April Guest Speaker*

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*also selected short subjects*



Ben Boyle first one in at SVSU pool



Tom Mudd at April meeting

**\*NOTE!** If you are reading this before the club meeting, you are advised the meeting will be held at Thomas Twp FS #1, on Miller Rd. just north of Gratiot. This is the VIP meeting, and trunk sale. Festivities start at 6pm. More info from Pres Fabish inside. If you read this after May 8, you may have gone to the wrong location and are in a bad mood.

**Remember Our Troops!**

## Special Guest in April

Not a planned program, but members attending the April meeting were entertained by a visit from Tom Mudd. Tom is the resident historian of Saginaw, and a former club member. He shared a lot of stories of the early club, and brought a box full of memorabilia.



Tom referencing material from box



Wait; there's more....



Old-timers might remember Tom's 'bright' dry suit



Tom mentioned a lot of early member's names, and inquired how many are doing. If you remember Tom, contact him and let him know what you've been into.

Great nostalgia; Thanks, Tom!



Tom donating his entire collection to club via Pres Fabish

## President's April Report-

Greetings SUE members:

We had lots to talk about last night at the monthly meeting, and a special appearance by a past member: Tom Mudd. Tom brought us info about SUE that dates back to the beginning and a complete history of how the club started, including a 3 hour cassette tape of an interview with some of the founding members: Dale Purchase, Fred & Doree LaClair, and John Garner. He provided a transcript, too, that will be posted on our web site, as well as many of the other articles and info he gave us. *(Ed- material has now been posted on website; click 'history'.)* Thank you Tom for bringing us back to our roots!. I highly encourage all members to check it out to see some history of SUE! Be proud of who we are! I believe we are the oldest running dive club in Michigan! Tom also donated a Viking dry suit to the club, for any member who would want it (5' 9"ish, size 10 boot?) and would use it to dive with the club. It has a "colorful" history (you'll understand why when you see it) that we can pass along to any interested members. It will require new neck and wrist seals, but Tom says the suit and zipper are in excellent shape: he took very good care of it. One thing: if you wear it, you might think about getting some yellow fins to complete the look (inside joke- had to be there LOL)

Also discussed:

· I will check to see if we can join The Dive Club at their pool swim April 19. I do need a head count for Tom, so if you are interested, please let me know ASAP. I will get back to you with a confirmation on the date and time. *(Ed- swim was changed to Mondays; two club members attended on 23d)*

· Heather from Lake of Dreams Campground, Merrill, contacted me about coming back for our underwater pumpkin contest. Their big Halloween event is Oct 12-14. I will see when the Saginaw Zoo-Boo is; we want to be sure to keep the Zoo date open for a return, but maybe we could do 2 events this fall. Or, she is also open to us coming out at any time to dive their pond and talk to the campers; it doesn't have to be a pumpkin event. More to come

A possible trip to Petoskey in June was talked about to clean the Cross and see the Kueka & Elizabeth II in Charlevoix and Round Lakes. Anybody interested? What dates would be the best?

We will be contacting Munising hotels for our trip in August (24-27) for availability and pricing. We will contact both the Terrace (where we've stayed previously) and the Sunset. The Sunset is on the water and has dockage for those bring boats; could be more convenient. More info to follow. We also discussed taking one of the dive days to trailer the boats to Grand Morais and dive that area. We found the Kiowa last year and the site is amazing! MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR AUG 24-27! YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS DIVE TRIP!

· We're still settling on a location for our July 10 Picnic Meeting; it's narrowed down to Bigelow Park in Bay City or Wickes park in Saginaw Twp. More to follow...

*(Ed- Bigelow park fees were way too expensive; picnic will be at Wickes Park- details later)*

· Fun dives will resume in May; always the 3rd Tue evening of the month, May – Oct. May's location will be Haithco Park. It's a great time to knock the winter dust off your gear and get ready for the upcoming season. Otter Lake and Krystal Lake Campground are on the list, and we're still looking for location suggestions, too. Maybe Lake of Dreams could be one?

The May 8 meeting will be our first VIP night of 2012! It will be at the compressor site (Miller Rd near Gratiot) and starts at 6 pm to give a head start for VIP inspections and fills after. Make sure you have your air card with you and that your tanks are in current hydro if you want them inspected and filled. Air cards will be available for purchase at the meeting. We will also be including our first Trunk Sale at the May meeting! If you have items that your are wanting to part with, or times you are in need of, be there! If you are looking for dive equipment, why not send a "reply all" to this em addr and list what you are looking for? Maybe there is a SUE member who has what you need and is willing to part with it. *(Ed-boots)* Lastly, I included a 2012 compressor schedule with the other meeting minutes email (let me know if you have any trouble opening it). Remember that you

must contact the compressor operator at least one day before the Thurs you need air, to make sure he will be there for air fills. If there are no calls, we won't show up to sit there just in case. Also, make sure your tanks are in current hydro, current VIP, and that you have an air card with adequate funds available. VIP's are \$4 ea, air fills are \$3 for 80 cu.ft. tanks (more/less for other larger/smaller tanks).

Keep Diving, Stay Safe! -Mike

### Club Picnic Plan-

As discovered after Pres Fabish's minutes, the park in Bay City was way too expensive. It was an attempt to make it more convenient for our Bay City membership, but we had to abandon the idea. For the alternative, VP Piazza booked Wickes Park West, located at 7431 McCarty Road, Saginaw, for July 10th. We have pavilion # 1 from 5-8, with the park closing at 8:30. -Now; who's in charge of the brats?



Cardinal? Bldg; SVSU pool

### SVSU Pool Swim

As guests of the Dive Shop, Ben Boyle and UrEd joined Tim and about six of his divers practicing techniques in the pool at SVSU. Originally scheduled for Thurs the 19<sup>th</sup>, the dates were changed to Mondays, 13 and 23. Also stated that these were the last pool swims; there may be more. SVSU has changed their pool times, so swimmers would have to be out of there

by 6:30. Meaning if you wanted to go, you'd have to be there about 3... Stay tuned for updates.

We met a good group of guys from the Dive Shop; Tim, Roger, Roy, Ben#2; I apologize for not remembering everyone.

SVSU has underwater windows which UrEd tried to access to get some uw photos, but was denied. Here are the dry photos...



13Ft deep; divers in SVSU pool

Personally, it's been quite a while since I've dove in water where I could see my feet... The water temp was a bit nippy, so you had to keep moving. Most of the guys had wet suits, but Ben and I were pretty much bare. I had to get out about 10 times to ..mno\_.



Ben surfacing

We tried to stay out of the other guys way, as they were training. We practiced continuous breathing, and playing catch with a rubber toy... We also practiced penetration diving, by going under the walkway. Lap swimmers were on the other side, and we didn't want to scare them. We stayed in for about 1-1/2 hrs, and began to chill.. Then we had to find a hot coffee.



Diver at bottom; great clarity!



UnID guys generating bubbles..

This was a great way to wet the equipment and start a new year; we really enjoyed it. Watch for other possible pool swims.  
Thank you, Tim!



Ben just relaxing

### First Zoo Window Wash of '12

The Saginaw Childrens Zoo had a special Earth/water day on 4/28, and made a last minute request to SUE to have their uw windows cleaned. Always hard to get someone at late notice, but Ben Boyle and Brian Kleinfeld stepped up for the job. They report that it went pretty well, and there were a lot less weeds to contend with. Thanks, guys! There will probably be another zoo request in about 1-2 mos; plan now...

### May Compressor Sched-

3-	Cunningham	799 4385
8-	(VIP )Team	
10-	Fabish	295 2627
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### S.U.E. 2012 Planner

May 8 mtg	Jun 12 mtg, VIP?
Jul 10, mtg? Picnic!	Aug 14 mtg; 24 Munising
Sep 11 mtg	Oct 9 mtg; ?pumpkin carve
Nov 13 mtg	Dec 1 Christmas Party?(no mtg)

splash dive - every 3d Tues of month

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