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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- 11<sup>th</sup>



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*also selected short subjects*



Weekend at Munising!



Member apprehended; should SUE start background checks?



**Remember Our Troops!**

## August Meeting



Time out; treasurer answers call just before meeting



Back in business; Pres. Fabish opens meeting

### Mike's minutes-

“We had a pretty good showing last night at the meeting and were able to finish some details for the Munising trip Aug 24-27. I will be sending out more info shortly about where and when to meet on Fri 8/24, the final list, and vehicles heading north. If you were planning to go, but were not at the meeting last night (or I did not talk to you previously, or someone was at the meeting on your behalf), please contact me ASAP. We also covered a few other items:

There is interest in going back up to Petoskey to clean the Cross and dive the Kueka/Elizabeth II again

this fall. Dave Sommers will be there on business the weekends of Sept 22 and Oct 20; just 2 dates to consider. If you are interested in making this trip, please reply with your available dates to see what common dates we all have.

We will be talking with the Zoo about their staff changes and possibly setting up monthly cleaning schedule for the windows. We will also confirm our Zoo Boo pumpkin carving contest/participation on Oct 28. We will schedule a cleaning and possible weed reduction before that event, as well as see what interest there might be in a weed prevention program for the future. I will be meeting with Meagan, the new person in charge for these matters.

We are also still investigating the possibility of putting SUE on Facebook to enhance accessibility and interests in our community. If any of you are proficient with Facebook and are willing to assist, please let me know.

Our August Fun Dive is next Tues, 8/21, and will be held at Krystal Lake Campground in Vassar. If you would like to participate, do a “reply all” to this message and those of you going will know who you are and might be able to do some car pooling. Welcome our newest member, Luke Russell to SUE! He is Mark Russell’s brother and will be joining us in our activities when he can.

Stay safe and see you at the next meeting!” -----Mike  
(Note- Munising and Krystal Lake dive are now past events- ed)



Meeting closure with various group activities

**Thanks Scott (Gale Fire Protection) for the quick turnaround on the recent tank hydro!**

## Munising Dive

Head count at last month's meeting had about 8 divers planning on diving Munising, which took place just this last weekend (24-27). A more complete report will be at this coming meeting, but here's one of the first pictures (sent live via phone cam by Dave Sommers). A quick glance shows beautiful conditions! Hope it lasted all weekend...



One of two? boats . That's Rick, Bill, and Mike

Altogether, the group got 6 good dives in over the 4-day weekend.; Bermuda, Kiowa, Selvik, Smith Moore, Manhattan and Hettler.

Along on trip were Fabish, Sommers, Atkins, Greg Prenzler and his buddy Ric Hardy, and Mark Przybylski.

Przybylski had ear problems and got in only one short dive. He and his son Brady had a grand time exploring the area.

Sommers had a dry suit zipper break and missed 2 dives. (AKA wet suit... -ed)

The next four photos are Bill Atkins diving the Kiowa in the Alger Underwater Preserve.

(Photos courtesy of Sommers)

Here's Bill-





Looks like the gears from my watch... Bill?

### Krystal Lake Dive

Closer to home, warmer water, and access without boats was the splash dive at Krystal Lake last week. Three members (Ben, Mark, and UrEd) made the excursion, and did it without dry suits. Initially we tried to find the safe, but it seems to be gone. (?price of iron?) We looked for the hopper from the surface but didn't see it, so we just scouted the bottom along the shoreline. On the return we found the boat, and then the hopper. The rope connecting them is still there, but so lost in weeds it can't be followed. Finished with leisurely swim at the beach...



Ben tanking up



Mark and Ben on the way out to middle



Quiet Krystal; inviting Tuesday evening



Look close; Mark and Ben way out

## Zoo Goo Grew

As Mike mentioned in the minutes, the Saginaw Children's Zoo recently got a new manager (Megan Olmstead, LVT), and she called us requesting a window cleaning. Dave Sommers and UrEd were able to get over there, and found a real mess. The hot summer sun accelerated the growth on the windows and the bottom grasses. Once the windows were scum-scraped, visibility was still limited by the grass growing right up to the windows. Very difficult to maneuver through...



Dave scum scraping; note his levered suction window anchor



Dave's gear checked by peacock...



Grabs your legs, but makes nice picture

(photos by Sommers)



UrEd scouting beach entry point

## Member Goes Rogue!



Someone identify the perp?...



Mark Przybylski kept chanting "I just want to go diving"

Saginaw County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Mark Przybylski looks down a hallway after shooting two "victims" while playing the part of a gunman during an Active Shooter Drill at Davenport University's Saginaw Campus at 5300 Bay in Kochville Township. He wandered through the halls of the campus looking for victims and banging on doors. Police officers from Saginaw Township, Michigan State Police and the Saginaw County Sheriff's Department participated in the training exercise that presented several scenarios of a shooter or shooters on campus. Staff from Davenport went through crisis management training and then held drills with the police.



Michigan State Police Trooper Investigator Hilary House, right, escorts Saginaw County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Mark Przybylski after he was captured by police while playing the part of a gunman during an Active Shooter Drill at Davenport University's Saginaw Campus at 5300 Bay in Kochville Township. Police officers from Saginaw Township, Michigan State Police and the Saginaw County Sheriff's Department participated in the training exercise that presented several scenarios of a shooter or shooters on campus. Staff from Davenport went through crisis management training and then held drills with the police.

(Saginaw News photos by Jeff Schrier)

### Bay City Edson's new home

After about a 3 week tow, the USS Edson entered the Saginaw River and temporarily moored at the Wirt Stone Dock in Bay City. Many observers were at the dock to be a part of this; Bill Atkins had to go out the night before to meet it!

*"My brother is visiting from Tx. and he wanted to be "up front" for the arrival. We put my boat in at midnight and went out to the "dumping island". We crashed there and got up at about 6 am to wait. Got some great pix of it coming up the channel to the river. We then followed along with the "flotilla" and watch her dock. Very kool!" -Bill*

### SEPTEMBER COMPRESSOR SCHEDULE

SEPT - 6	Mike Kowalski	892-2028
SEPT - 13	Fred LaCair	592-8141
SEPT - 20	Tom Van Den Boom	686-3176
SEPT - 27	Dave Sommers	751-8517



Saginaw Bay morning as seen by Bill...



Tow tug positioning the Edson



Edson in Saginaw Bay (photos by Bill)



Security at these events always at a maximum...



Maneuvering into dock

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### Contribution-

Here's an interesting site recommended by Jeff Millemon; now living out west... Heard of these guys before? There are several recent articles where they have found aircraft underwater. Looks like interesting work figuring out where the airplanes originated by pulling serial numbers off remaining pieces. Lots of clear underwater photos to enjoy as well. Their main goal is to create artificial reefs but the aircraft findings look like fun projects.

<http://www.tisiri.org/>

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Nov 13 mtg  
Dec 1 Christmas Party?(no mtg)  
splash dive - every 3d Tues of month

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