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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-13^h

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The chairs were set by the lake with care,
Hoping the rain would not be there...



Larry Davison, 1936-2013



-Seating by Bob

Remember Our Troops!

July Meeting/Picnic

With really accurate directions, SUE members made their way to the remote Wixom Gunnery Range for the annual club meeting/social gathering last month. Members met who hadn't seen one-another for the last year. Others were missed. New member Justin Fabish was introduced. Ian taught Bob to chase him. Fine food was brought to pass, not to mention the super brats. After a small wait time, members made their way through the food line, and found scenic seating near the wixom waterway. The weather was good to us the first half hour, just long enough to appreciate the meal; then the rain came. At first it seemed light, then we realized it was time to seek the cover of the canopy. This was not bad; it was closer to the dessert... The rain only lasted a short while; socializing moved to nearby chairs and Pres Fabish used the opportunity for a few club topics. AAGTWHBA! (Thanks, Carol!)



Mark, Ian, Terry, Laurie, Don, and Justin at work



Tom selecting (note that huge chocolate-cherry cake!)



Justin and Mike hurrying the cook...



Val and Becky; Val suspecting rain...



Aahh, relaxed; just before the rain...



Almost business time-



Becky, Becky, Ian, and Laurie taking rain refuge



Sure; serious club business to finish the picnic!



Rain subsides; guy stories at this end...

Here's Pres. Fabish-

First, let me start by saying thanks again to Don and Carol for being the perfect hosts for our annual SUE picnic this past Tues! We all had great food and fellowship, the weather cooperated (mostly; a little rain for only a bit, but Don had a big awning for us) and a wonderful time was had by all! We talked and reminisced about past dives and trips, and life in general, and relaxed. While there, we voted in our newest member: Justin Fabish. My son is back from Florida and eager to get back in the water with our club. (Welcome Aboard, Justin! -ed)

Also, I'd like to talk about the August Munising trip. At this point, there are only 2 of us with reservations

at the Terrace Hotel. That leads me to believe that there is not enough interest this year to make the trek up north. That might be a good thing, anyway, since Tim Hastings is not diving this year, and his boat is for sale (an integral part of the planning for this trip). There are other boats available, but all small, and needing vehicles to get them there so I have an alternate plan. How about making a Quarry run in Ohio? We can still plan to leave Fri morning, Aug 23, and return Sun night, Aug 25. That requires only one week day off, much less gas expense; less miles, and no boats required, and we can dive the 3 big quarries in the area: White Star, Portage, and Gilboa. I know most of you are familiar with one or more of these locations, but there are all fairly close to one another and very easy to hit each one for a day, get in as much diving as you want, and still get home Sunday. We could plan on making one location or "home base": all 3 have a campground and local hotels available, travel to each other location and meet back for the nights for dinner and fun. For example, Go to White Star on Fri, dive and stay there Fri, drive to Gilboa Sat, and Portage Sunday, and head home after the dives. There is air available at each site, as well as food, changing/restrooms, and etc for all of our needs. The fees to dive are minimal (approx \$10 for the day) the attractions at each site are far too many to list, but I'll hit a few of the hot spots for each. I'm also including the web address to check it out for yourself.

White Star: www.whitestarquarry.com; the old crusher pit is still there and provides a cool underground trip from end to end, a neat wall to explore and other wrecks and points of interest. There are several trails on the site. Max depth approx 55 ft.

Portage: www.portagequarry.com; there is an upright silo to swim through, boats, a plane, cars, and another wall. Max depth also around 55 ft.

Gilboa: www.divegilboa.com; the largest and most attractions; boats, a jet, a huge helicopter, boats, swims tubes all at about 60 ft, and then a deep section to 120 Ft (for advanced divers only) and a drop wall with more boats and a suspended semi-truck trailer to explore. (Note: Both White Star and Portage are non-diver friendly, too, and have a beach for swimmers, sometimes life guards, and all the amenities, so if you want to bring your family, there is lots for them, too.

Gilboa is for divers and snorkelers only.

I'd really like to hear some feedback about this idea; let me know what you all think! If you can't get Fri off, it's still close enough (just a little over 2 hours to White Star/Portage, and about 3 to Gilboa) to come down and dive Sat & Sun with the club. The more the merrier! This could be a very good fun and productive trip for the club, and we'll go back to Munising at another time.

Stay wet; stay safe!

-Mike



Brian Kleinfeld does the Saginaw River in his part-time job with the dive team (Mike Garner behind him) (-Sommers)

In Memorium

With sincere regret, the SCOOP must note the passing of former long-time member **Larry Davison**. Larry will be remembered as an active club member; friendly with everyone. He was always inquiring how those he knew were doing.

Larry had a lot of interests; he joined the U.S. Navy after high school, and spent his tour aboard ship in the 50's. He learned radio communications and became an amateur radio operator later on; -WD8RIK. He made many friends through this also, some he never met except by radio. (He was also a member of the Saginaw Valley Amateur Radio club.)

Larry was an avid Harley-Davidson rider; he was proud of the name and even had it written on his truck. Larry leaves three loving kids who miss him. We'll all miss him.

Good vis, Larry

Shipwreck Register

Recent news out of Madison WI, lists three Lake Michigan shipwrecks that have been added to the National Register of Historic Places. (Implies public visitation? -ed)

First, the 'Australasia', located in Door County; at the time it was the largest wooden vessel built on the Great Lakes. It sunk in 1896, after catching fire. It's remains will provide opportunities to document how shipbuilders pushed the limits of constructing wooden vessels.

The second, the 'America located in Kewaunee County, is a canaller type. This is a schooner vessel type that was developed on the Great Lakes. It will allow archeologists the chance to study this unique construction.

The third ship was the 'EMBA'; it was named after the Employees Mutual Benefit Association. Located in Milwaukee County, it was a self-unloading barge. It also offers study of its construction techniques; in particular development and adaptation of early self-unloading technology on the Great Lakes.

Club Dive

-There were no reports on the club dive. Cora has found some other divers to replace that story ----->

Note- Zoo Window cleaning will probably be scheduled for the Friday after the meeting. Please check in with Mike if interested.

August Compressor Schedule

(please call ahead to confirm)

Aug 01	Greg Prenzler	239 0625
08	Don Cunningham	799 4385
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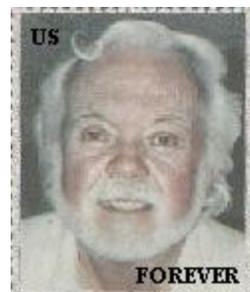


Dan Barret; blind diver



Elvis Presley; movie diver

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