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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- 12th

## *Inside....*

*Pres Sez*

*Elections; This Meeting!*

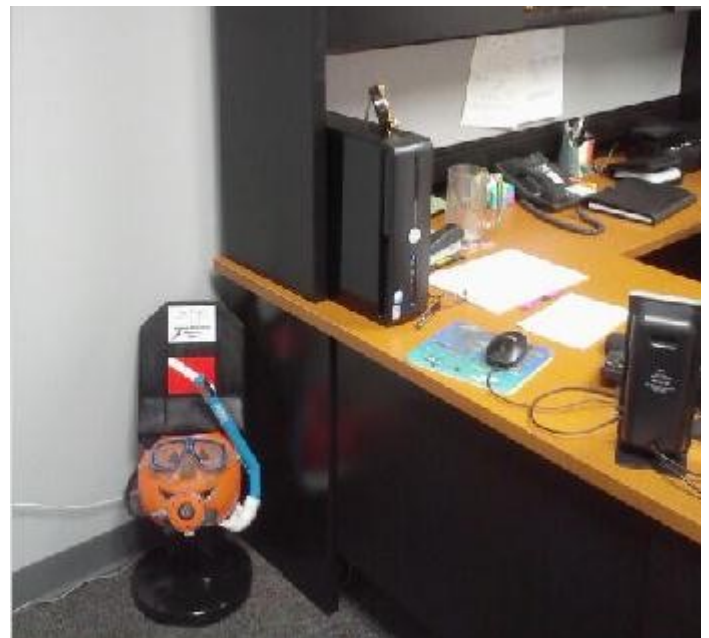
*Dry Suit Class*

*Mexico Dive*

*First Ice Diving*

*SKUBADU*

*also selected short subjects*



Fabish's new office now home of the SUE pumpkin carve trophy



January beachcomber...

**Remember Our Troops!**



## President's Message

Here are the minutes from our Jan SUE meeting:

- Winter pool swim info at SVSU will be forwarded as soon as I get the new schedule and terms.

- As of the end of the meeting, we have 34 members renewed for the new year

- SUE will be on Facebook soon, to help make other divers aware of our club: thanks to Ben Boyle for setting it up and Dave Sommers for the link. Check it out!-

- Mark Russell is quoting our SUE insurance to see if he can help us out

- Nominations were accepted for or February election:

Tom Van Den Boom has declined nomination for Compressor Chairman; **Don Cunningham** has accepted nomination for Compressor Chairman

All present Board Members have accepted re-nomination to their current positions:

**Pres: Mike Fabish, VP: Tony Piazza, Treas: Dave Sommers, Sec: Scot Thompson, Member at Large: Greg Prenzler**

- If you would like to nominate yourself or any other member, nominations are still open up to and including election day for new nominations.

REMEMBER: the Feb 12 meeting is our club elections: PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!

- August 23-26 has been targeted for our annual SUE dive trip; mark your calendars! We discussed returning to Munising as well as other alternate locations: Alpena, Straights of Mackinaw, Cheboygan, Whitefish Point

- We also talked about being more active with our diving schedule in 2013. We discussed may dive destinations that could be done as a 1 day trip or weekend. The thought is to be more aggressive with planning a trip and inviting anybody who can make the trip. It does not have to be a "whole club event" but certainly open to everybody in the club that wants to go. If you want to go diving, share it so somebody can go with you!

- Gilboa Quarry, Portage Quarry, White Star Quarry: no boats required; all well within day-trip range or could be overnight

- East Tawas Bay with Tony Piazza; boats needed

- Lake Fenton: boats needed

- Higgins Lake: boats or walk out

Also, there are many available charter services around the Great Lakes that usually only need 3-4 people to book a trip; go for it!

- Bonne Terre Mine is a long way to go for a dive, but a unique experience none the less for those willing to go.

If any of you have more ideas to share and places to go, let everybody know. We are a dive club so...let's get wet!

**NOTE:** One other item; at the meeting a change to the SUE Constitution was proposed to strike the two words "or appointed" from the end of the sentence "*The directors will hold office until their successor has been elected or appointed.*", page 3, Section 3, article C. The resulting change will read:

**"c. The directors will hold office until their successor has been elected."**

This is proposed to comply with Michigan Articles of Incorporation that require an election of officers.

We've always had an election, and have no provisions within the Constitution to appoint, therefore the words being struck bear no relevancy to our Constitution.

This proposed change is now officially announced and posted for all members, and will be in (this) Scoop to comply with the directives to amend the Constitution, to be voted by the membership at a future meeting.

-Mike



Downtime at meeting



Tour of new bay at fire barn; SUE meeting site



Ken Kruska and Mike Fabish use Dremel tools to roughen a suit prior to gluing on a wrist seal

### Holy Dry Suits!

Recall, if you will, that feeling of dread you get when you enter the water and that tell-tale sensation of wet-cold begins to seep into your dry suit at some critical location. Of course duct tape is a quick solution, but five SUE members recently spent a day learning the fine art of dry suit repair.

Mike Fabish, Ken Kruska, Manny Trevino, Brian Kleinfeld and Dave Sommers attended the one day course held in Thomas Township on January 26. The class taught procedures for finding and patching leaks along with replacement of cuffs, neck seals, hoods and zippers. The first half of the class was lecture and demonstration with the second half hands on.

The worst thing that can happen to your suit is probably the zipper becoming worn out-



Manny Trevino, and Ken Kruska attach a hood with help of instructor Jerry Richert, left from Indianapolis.



A zipper leaks badly after sprayed with a soapy solution. It will be replaced. (-photos by Sommers)

### Cozumel 2013

Warm water diving in Cozumel beats a cold week in Michigan anytime, so Carol and I packed our bags and joined 17 other Michiganders for a trip to Mexico. Arranged by Joe Lavender, owner of Northern Michigan Dive Center in Cheboygan, we stayed at the Fiesta Americana, south of San Miguel, a great resort with an on-site dive shop called "Dive House." During five days of drift diving, we had 79-80° (air and water) temps and visibility of 80-100'. There was abundant marine life including encounters with both black tip reef sharks and nurse sharks, several rays, turtles and an underwater wedding ☺. A week like

that makes me want to change careers or just dream of summer.

-Tony Piazza, Vice President



Find the- Moray



Turtle



Shark (-photos by Piazza)



Squid (-photo by Joe Lavender)

### From warm, to Ice Dive 2013

After a fairly mild fall good ice was hard to find, but some SUE/DT members ventured out to a local farm pond for some practice. The ice was in fact 3-4" thick, but not firmly hardened; at least one participant found themselves breaking through. Three divers actually went down to explore the bottom; by then the

surface was pretty broken up and folks decided to pack it up.



Mike Fabish, Greg Prenzler, Brian Kleinfeld, Dave Sommers



Greg checking depth by crawling in hole



Mike in the hole, Greg tending, Dave photographing

### Instructing Instructors

This past month a number of club members who teach boating safety classes were themselves the students. Taught by meister instructor Sommers, the group received updates for the upcoming season.



Split panoramic view of classroom

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### SKUBADU!

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### S.U.E. 2012 Planner

Feb 12 mtg, elections  
Mar 12 mtg, Apr 9 mtg, VIP?  
May 14 mtg Jun 11 mtg, VIP?  
Jul 9 mtg? picnic? Aug 13 mtg  
Sep 10 mtg Oct 8 mtg  
Nov 12 mtg Dec Christmas Party?(no mtg)  
Your club, your activities- Make suggestions!

### **For Sale/Trade** (now open for business)



**Suunto Cobra 2 dive computer** and extra battery. Has many useful functions such as 2 gas switching for multiple breathing mixes, digital compass, and air integration. I am giving the SUE dive club a low price of \$200. If you have any questions E-mail me([jashaw@svsu.edu](mailto:jashaw@svsu.edu))or contact me on my phone at 989-670-0014.

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