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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- 9^h Club Picnic! Wixom! 6 pm!



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Latest Zoo Clean

also selected short subjects



Lime Lake , lime color?



Dick Batchelder receives award from PADI

Remember Our Troops!

June Meeting with New View



New meeting control center

That's Pres. Fabish presiding from the rear corner of the room; our new meeting layout. Contrary to rumors, the head table was not moved away from a view of the wall clock. Our FD landlords had moved some items out into a new addition room, and it actually provided us with more space. That means more members can come to meetings...

Some items discussed at the June meeting were the last club dive (Haithco), the possibility of diving some local ponds, the last zoo window cleaning, and the pending dive at Munising. If going, make sure your reservation is set.

Ben Boyle reported on a dive he did down by Jackson; his story appears later. Mike Fabish just returned from Hawaii; he has promised us a presentation at a later date.

A video of old news clips on the history of Bonne Terre mine was shown, and the meeting was ended.



2 mos ago; Val passes first aid box to Mike

Recall the above photo, when the mysterious first aid box was given to Mike at the VIP meeting. Bill Atkins was probably the first to recognize it as something put together by Fred LaClair Sr. The story was that at the time, the club was becoming safety conscious with the organization of DAN, and felt it would be a good thing to have on club dives.

Lime Lake

Ben Boyle was invited by a friend to dive something called 'Lime Lake', down near Jackson. Supposedly it was called that because it was an old limestone quarry; not it's color.



Ben being casual self

Ben describes the dive-

“On the second of June I was invited to try out a new dive site near Spring Arbor University in Jackson County. The dive site is located at Lime Lake which is a remnant from a mining operation for limestone that ceased operation in 1929. The dive site is right next to a paved biking trail and allows for easy access.

Now, onto the actual diving. The water is very clear for a Michigan lake and the bottom is made up of various formations jutting up from the bottom that resemble coral reefs without the coral. I went after a week of intense rain so I suspect that the water could be even clearer during a period of calmer weather. The depth seems to max out at about 30 feet so it is an easy dive for everybody and has plenty of sights as well as plenty of fish. I would say this is an excellent site that is relatively unknown compared to the renowned Higgins Lake with nowhere near the crowds and boat traffic!

-Ben

Photo Credits: Mike Weber



bottom rock



and fish



Limestone bottom?

Got Picnic Plan?

Got Tues 9th marked on your calendar? 6pm?
Know where to go?
Time for a head count;
please RSVP, and
send any questions quickly to the SCOOP.



Mike? Self portrait?

National Recognition of-

Richard (Dick) Batchelder; former owner of the Flint dive shop, now owner of Compressed Air Supplies & Equipment(FL), and long time friend of SUE, recently received multiple awards at the DEMA* convention in Las Vegas . For starters, he has been a DEMA member for over 30 yrs, and they devoted top billing to him. Secondly, Dick also received an award for being one of the founders of PADI. (his master diver ID: #M-11)

Here are some reprints:



Dick receiving award; posted in 'Undersea Journal'



Spotlight on Dick on the DEMA webpage !

To view this complete page, goto

<http://dema.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=773>

(*DEMA, The Diving Equipment & Marketing Association)

A few comments from Dick to the SCOOP-

“I would think people would like to know that as I crossed a lot of paths in my days in Michigan. From your newsletter a good old customer stopped in here to say HI that I had not seen since the 70’s.

Also a Diver who worked for me in the shop in Flint, Tom Stansell , stopped in a couple months ago just to say HI after all these years. Really GREAT to see people from my days in Michigan!

You all stay wet and be SAFE! “ Dick
E-Mail: CompAirSupply@att.net

And, Testimonial from Don Cunningham-

I have never meet Dick Batchelder personally but have gotten to know him through many phone conversations with Dick. When the Dive Club realized we would have to rebuild the upper end of our compressor, Tom Van Den Boom and myself spent many hours talking with Dick on how to fix our problem. Without his help I’m sure Tom and I would have spent many more hours on the compressor. Not only did Dick give us instructions on fixing the compressor, but found the parts we needed to fix it. Dick also supports the club through compressor filters and oil. Dick’s son Dan has been a big help and savings to the club. So as you can see it has also become a family venture.



Opening of DEMA website, honoring Dick

Thank You from the Saginaw Underwater Explorers, and a special thanks from Tom and I for all that you have done for us.

So again; Congratulations on your outstanding contribution to the Scuba Diving industry, Dick!

-Don Cunningham SUE Compressor Chairman

Don speaks for all of us; Congratulations, Dick!

-Monthly Zoo News

President Fabish put out a call for assistance to clean the Children's Zoo windows on June 21, first day of summer and longest day of the year!



Russell signals he survived the depths of the lagoon at the zoo.

-Dave Sommers also teamed up with Shaver and Russell for the zoo duty. As you read this, the weather is messing up the windows all over again; they will need cleaning again in a few weeks. Ready to try it?



Phil Shaver readies his gear (photos by Sommers)

New FantaSea Ad

Rob Quartermain of Deep Blue FantaSea, has announced a new tour video with great scenery; this one being 90sec over the former 30sec. Check it at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7af5MulYtMM> or <http://www.deepbluefantasea.com>

Member Gossip, by Cora

Through various sundry sources, Cora has found out long-distance club member Joel Klammer is now Commercial Diver and Supervisor at World-Wide Diving Contractor LLC. When last heard from, he was aboard ship underway in the East China Sea... Good luck out there, Joel!

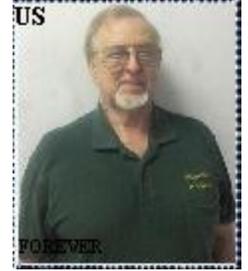
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| 11 | Fred LaClair | 529 8141 |
| 18 | Tom van Den Boom | 686 3176 |
| 25 | Dave Sommers | 751 8517 |
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Mark Russell wades the pond

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S.U.E. 2013 Planner

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Sep 10 mtg Oct 8 mtg
Nov 12 mtg Dec 7 Christmas Party?(no mtg)
Your club, your activities- Make suggestions!

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1988 Bayliner 28 Contessa; low hours cobra I/o 2001 loadmaster trailer sleeps 6 aft cabin set-up for diving call Mike 989-8922

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