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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- 11th

## *Inside....*

*Pres Sez  
VIP Night  
Zoo Clean  
Haithco Dive*

*also selected short subjects*



Ian Russell testing Haithco at club dive



Val Geidans hands over official SUE first aid kit to Pres Mike Fabish, backed by Tom VanDenBoom and Mike Kowalski

**Remember Our Troops!**



## President's Message

May Meeting report by Mike-

“What a great night for VIP’s and the members! We were very busy, looking like days of old!



Right door VIP; Left door fill

Don (Cunningham) and Dave (Sommers) inspected at least 22 tanks, and yours truly filled 17 of them. It was warm and everybody got to chat and catch up on things, plan next dives, and reminisce about past ones.



Next?



Val's Bargain Bin

Many had items for the trunk sale, including Val who wins the prize for the most stuff, both in quantity and variety of dive gear. Also, big thanks to Val for bringing the official SUE First Aid kit to the meeting. It was determined that this box was built and donated to the club by a past member at least 30 years ago, and was meant to go on all club dives “just in case”. It wonderfully made and still wonderfully stocked. There could be some question about levels of sterility (LOL) but no matter; it’s an important part of club history. Thanks again Val!



Special offer to viewer!

Also, those thinking of heading north for the Munising trip Aug 22-26 might want to call Larry at the Terrace Hotel, 906-387-2735, and get your name(s) on the reservation list.

We welcome Chris Wilder back to SUE with his renewal at the VIP meeting!  
 Remember our July 9 meeting will be the picnic at Wixom Lake, more info and map to come. Bring a dish to pass and your gear if you want to get wet.”  
 -Mike

**May Maintenance on Zoo Windows**



Icky window site

As scheduled, the underwater windows were due for cleaning on May 20. By someone else's schedule, construction was being done just inside our normal entry point at the West gate and there was no getting in. Talking with Joanie (zoo mgr), UrEd received permission to enter through the East gate; it turns out this is a much easier way to get in! A small dirt road goes right up to the plaza where we have been gearing up; now we can drive the equipment in instead of towing those wagons! As it turned out, the weather was great and the window cleaning was in fact enjoyable. Lots of little kids were in the viewing area, and came around to talk after. Best PR!

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**June Compressor Schedule**

- 06 Dave Sommers 751 8517
- 13 Greg Prenzler 239 0625
- 20 Don Cunningham 799 4385
- 27 Mike Fabish 295 2627



Secondary gate after entering the East gate; drive right in...



-and park at pavilion,



then short walk to staging area!

## Wet-your-suit Dive at Haithco

Somebody needs honorable mention for picking the club dive date for May; it was perfect! Sandwiched between rainy conditions, Haithco was calm, (relatively) warm, and sunny. The heavy rains had pushed the water up over the bank; it was probably 1-2 ft deeper.



Inviting view of Haithco ; darker clouds back to north



Ben; just curious about how secure those canoes are...

Ben Boyle, and UrEd met about 6; then were joined by Mark Russell and his son Ian. We unloaded gear at the water's edge and suited up. Plenty of room for more! Then, leisurely went swimming.



Ben scouting the area



Ben's view of entry point



Ben's view of those canoes...

Vis was good, about 10ft; easy to see the grass... We found the boat marker; Ben and UrEd decided to go to the pontoon boat (the line is deep in grass). Then the wooden boat. Then the 3d boat. Then back to the pontoon. All boats still have heavy growth around them, and aren't really clear. Another cleaning project!

With air to spare, we also explored the debris field at the site of the Polar Plunge. As a suggestion, perhaps next year we could drop a small marker before closing the hole...



Out of water; dry off and stow gear



The gang just prior to the park ranger...

## Fantasea

Rob Quartermain has put together a video tv commercial representing his business Deep Blue Fantasea. It features the very lovely Janet Van De Winkle, formerly of Ch25 news.



There are 2 videos; one 30 sec and one 90 sec. Really good scenery! View these at [DeepBlueFantasea.com](http://DeepBlueFantasea.com), or [YouTube.com/deepbluefantasea](http://YouTube.com/deepbluefantasea), or Google deep blue fantasea -and watch ch25! (ed note: UrEd was going to use Janet for the stamp, but Cora got jealous...)

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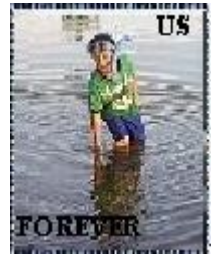
## Cora's Comments Corner

FYI- Dive & Glide has moved . They are now located at 807 E. Midland Street Bay City, MI 48706 Phone still 989-892-5771

Former SUE member Larry Davison is currently recovering in the ICU at Covenant Harrison; he could use a few get-well cards. We wish him a speed recovery.

Good reading- <http://www.depthmagazine.net/>

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Jun 11 mtg,  
Jul 9 mtg Wixom Picnic Aug 13 mtg  
Sep 10 mtg Oct 8 mtg  
Nov 12 mtg Dec 7 Christmas Party?(no mtg)  
Your club, your activities- Make suggestions!

### **For Sale/Trade**

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

1987 24 ft Bayliner 2459 trophy dive boat w trailer  
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