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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

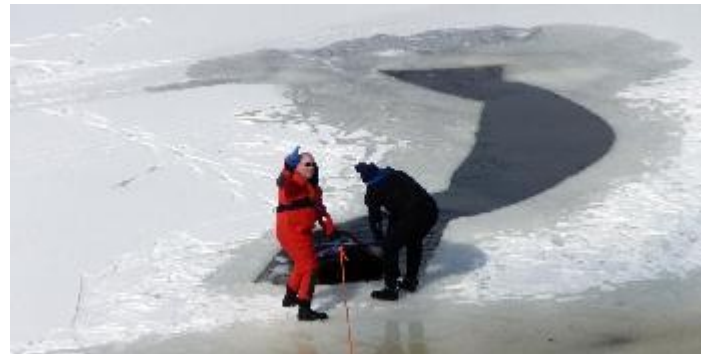
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*also selected short subjects*



-Can't argue with what works...



Ice Fishing; Wixom Lake



Dale Purchase, Lew Pavlovich, and other Michigan fugitives

**Remember Our Troops!**



## President's Message

Here are the minutes from the last SUE meeting:

· Our annual election was held. There were no new nominations other than Don Cunningham for the Compressor chair, being vacated by Tom Van Den Boom. Tom, thank you for your 2 years of service, and taking such good care of our beloved compressor, including the re-build you and Don completed!

The Board is as follows:

- o President: Mike Fabish
- o Vice President: Tony Piazza
- o Treasurer: Dave Sommers
- o Secretary: Scot Thompson
- o Member at Large: Greg Prenzler
- o Compressor Chair: Don Cunningham
- o Editor in Chief: Don Storck (non-board)

NOTE: As President, I'd like to thank each and every board member that has served with me over the years! Your efforts are very much appreciated. It takes a group with commitment to do what we all do, and I am so fortunate to have you all. Whether it's all the planning for the club parties, keeping such good account of our finances, keeping up with all our meeting records, being available for those wanting to discuss club issues, taking care of our club equipment, or staying on top of and producing the finest newsletter any club could have; SUE would not be where we are now without all of you! Thank You!

·\* Pool swims

- o The Dive Shop on Corunna RD meets every Monday at SVSU and welcomes us to join in on the fun. They are there 6-9pm under the watch of Tim Burch; cost is \$7 per diver
- o We also can set up our own SUE swims if desired. To do so, I would need to sign a facility rental contract and the cost is till \$7 per diver. We can set it up as a weekly/monthly time like we used to (Sundays) or any

of the available times listed below (does not include lanes section). Once a time is chosen, we need to see if there is somebody else using at that time. To pick times randomly, I would need to see if we need a contract each time as a club or if we could be there as individuals. Any thoughts?

§ Monday –Thursday: 6:45-8:00 am; 11:30am-1:30pm; 4:30-10:00pm

§ Friday: 6:45-8:00 am; 11:30am-1:30pm; 3:30-6:30pm

§ Saturday: 1:00-4:00pm

§ Sunday: 1:00-4:00pm



Acting Pres VP Piazza receiving the treasurer's report

·\* We voted and passed the motion to amend the SUE Constitution to reflect the omission of the words "or appointed" when electing Board positions. A copy of the new version is available on our website.

·\* July 9th will be our annual SUE Club picnic: anybody open to hosting the event get back to me. We discussed going back to Wicks Park like last year and also talked about the south pavilion at Haithco Park. Any preferences?

·\* The 2013 Christmas party will be held Sat, Dec 7 at Timbers Bar & Grill. They have been most accommodating to our event!

·\* We will check with Chris Wilder's contact for the best time of year to use the herbicide at the Saginaw Zoo.

.\* Upcoming shows/events that you and others may be interested in attending.- If so, be sure to contact me and/or post on our face book page (linked on our website) to put a group together.

o Mark Russell has an insurance conference coming up (he will confirm date in April) in Alpena where a diver from the Titanic will be the guest speaker. We can go to this, too, and there will be a tour of the new NOAH Shipwreck Museum and shipwreck discussions included in the outing.

o The Four Seahorses Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival is being held in Ann Arbor, March 2. Ben Boyle has been to and thoroughly enjoyed this event, as well as others in the club. Check it out at [www.shipwreckfestival.org/](http://www.shipwreckfestival.org/)

.\* We also discussed that this year we would like to do a lot more diving! This included day trips to the Ohio quarries, trips to Tony's place in E. Tawas and the surrounding area, Alpena, the Thumb, and of course Munising (Aug 22-26). Posting on our Facebook page anytime you plan to dive, looking for others to join you, is the easiest way to get wet more often. Let's do it!

.\* Mark Russell and his company are in the process of underwriting a new insurance company that may allow SUE to get a better deal for our club in surance; more info to be disclosed at our next meeting.

Stay wet! Stay Safe!

-Mike



Meeting Highlight- D. Sommers and M. Fabish proud recipients of Di-Hydrogen Oxide awards as winners of last year's special SCOOP contests

## February Polar Plunge

An invitation was offered to club members at the February meeting to volunteer to help at the Special Olympics Polar Plunge, held the last week of Feb. At least 10 club members showed up to cut a hole in the ice, and provide safety for about 200 jumpers! Jumpers were sponsored by friends who contributed to the special olympics fund; some were walk-ins that paid the entry fee. Missing are the photos capturing the expressions of the jumpers as they popped to the surface.. .



Club members opening the ice hole



-and assisting the costumed jumpers

Actual jumping was probably over within an hour; afterward the volunteer workers were invited to join the jumpers and organizers for a hot lunch and sincere thanks!



Polar Plunge spirit! (photos by Sommers)

### Seasonal Ice Fishing, by Bill

SUE members Bill Giorgis, Mike Garner and Dave Sommers have had a busy fishing season. To quote Bill, "I've been using sparkplugs for bait..." Bill and his retrieval crew has been kept busy pulling out ATVs that have gone through bad ice on the bay and some local lakes. Before Valentine Day they had two quad-runners and a snowmobile.



Sommers caught this one in 20' of Sanford Lake; no vis...



Bill headed out on the Saginaw Bay in his airboat; Palmer Rd. Below(pun); driver left the lights on and secured with rope!



-then Bill and Mike wrestle it out



Dave entering about 12' of clear water for a snowmobile; about 6mi offshore from Linwood



Dave and Bill discuss hookup strategy for a snowmobile & sled



Group hooks another one in Wixom Lake (photos by Sommers)



Dave crawls from the hole after the hookup; Bill skates...



High Five!

(from internet)



Bill using ice saw to cut back to solid ice

### **Cora's Corner**

The following URLs have been cleared by Cora for family viewing-

*What Happens After Closing Hours At Pearl Harbor?*  
<http://restore.arizonamemorial.org/index.html>.

*Diver Flushed!*  
<http://www.grindtv.com/outdoor/blog/51009/scuba+diver+swallowed+by+torrent+of+bubbles+in+powerful+ocean+surge/>

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**S.U.E. 2013 Planner**

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 7 Christmas Party?(no mtg)

Your club, your activities- Make suggestions!

**SKUBADU-**

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**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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