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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- 14th *NOTE- Held at compressor site; Miller 1 blk N of Gratiot, VIPs and trunk sales!



Inside....

Pres Sez

Fire Interruptus

AC carriers

Exposing Wrecks

Area Flooding

also selected short subjects



April meeting called on account of fire



Corsair, Wildcat, 2 Avengers - where?

Remember Our Troops!

Armed Forces Day- May 18

Memorial Day- May 27



President's Message

“We had a low turnout for the meeting; hope to see more of you in the future! We discussed several topics I want to pass along:

May 14 will be our VIP night and air fills. We will also have a trunk sale for any of you wanting to sell any gear, or might be looking for some gear. You can contact Don Storck if you want to advertise any items you have or need.

Our first Fun Dive is scheduled for May 21 at Haithco, around 6:15. Bring your gear for a first of the season check out

Our July meeting/picnic will be hosted by Don at his campsite on Wixom Lake. Bring a dish to pass and your gear if you want to get wet while there. He will sent out more info and a map in an upcoming Scoop.

For the Saginaw Zoo, we will establish the schedule of a monthly cleaning, to be done in the second week of every month, with the possibility of a second cleaning in the fourth week of July, Aug, Sept (if needed). What I need from all of you is a list of who wants to be a part of the cleanup crew and which month(s) you want to participate. We will assign a crew of no less that 2, and up to 4, for each month. You will need a plastic/acrylic type of ice scraper (NO METAL SCRAPERS!) and some type of device to “hold on” to the window you are cleaning. A toilet plunger works well, and Harbor Freight has a mechanical suction cup that works terrific for about \$3. Send me your name and month choice ASAP and we’ll get the schedule together. We are setting it up for the “2nd week of the month” so that once cleanup teams are established, you will have the flexibility of getting together with your team and determining when you want to do it. Some of us are weekenders, some am, some pm, and some weekdays. It’s all up to you and your team, but it must be done in that time frame. If for some reason there is a conflict, it is your responsibility to find a replacement and let me know.

Also, please join me in wishing SUE member Tim Hastings a speedy and comfortable recovery for recent triple by-pass surgery. Tim’s wife has contacted us saying his surgery last week went well, and that Tim is resting and feel pretty good. We all send our best wishes and prayers that this good news continues and that Tim will be diving with us again in no time!”

Dive Safe!

-Mike

Meeting Called on Account of Fire!

Apparently not a popular month, the April meeting had even fewer in attendance than March. Nonetheless, business did go on. Members were just winding down from the activity-



when the fire tone went off. Dave and Mike had other work ahead....



Treasurer and President assuming other identities

BIG Turnout at BSA Spaghetti Fest



? where's my.....



Time to go;



Gone; meeting over!



Special waiter Alex Prenzler taking your order

Speedy Recovery Wishes

-from the SCOOP, and SUE members to Tim Hastings on his recent surgery. Word is he's doing well, and just needs a few weeks of rest. Hang in there, Tim!

Zoo Cleaning '13

Perhaps due to new administration at the Children's Zoo, the SUE club is getting more requests and recognition for keeping the UW windows clean. Instead of waiting for the last minute to ask us, the zoo has agreed to a regular cleaning schedule (see pres' message) that should result in easier work each time.

Ben Boyle, Mark Russell, Phil Shaver and Dave Sommers conducted the first underwater window cleaning of the season. The sky was clear blue with the temperature in the mid 30's. The pond at the zoo was ice free, with the last melting just a few days prior to the dive.

(photos by Sommers)



Phil Shaver and Mark Russell with his son Ian get ready



Shave dons his gear at the pond's edge



Mark and Ian check gear at the zoo pond



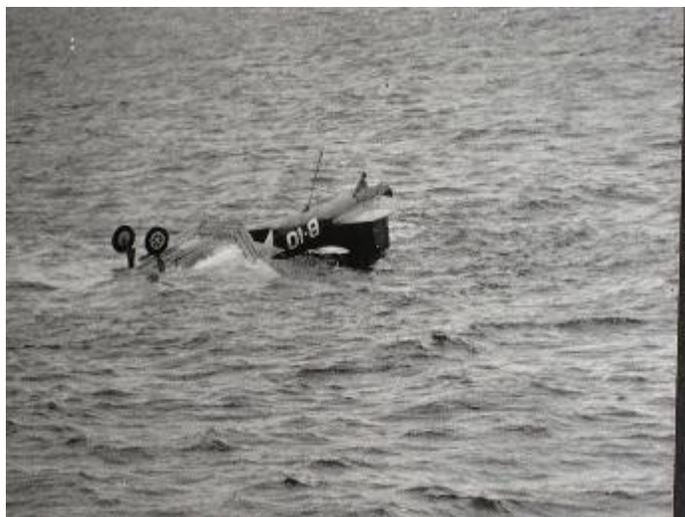
Ben Boyle claims he was feeling fine as he tightens his weight belt. (Ben - what is the plumbers friend for? Never saw one of those in the dive catalogs!)

-Actually that plunger works really good to help hold the diver in place while scraping the windows. Stick it to the window and hang on so you don't keep pushing yourself away. (free advice to the new window cleaner)

GL History Lesson, by Cora

OK, Great Lakes experts; who's heard of aircraft carriers on the GLs? There were two of them in fact; the USS Sable and the USS Wolverine. They were constructed specifically to provide training for naval airmen during the early days of WWII, and were stationed out of NAS Glenview (near Chicago). The question comes up; how many aircraft were lost in training, and are somewhere on the bottom of Lake Michigan? Potential dive sites?

Alumni of NAS Glenview include Neil Armstrong, Pres George H.W. Bush, Pres Gerald Ford, RAdm Daniel Gallery, LCdr Edward H. "Butch" O'Hare; many others.
(thx, Leo! -Cora)



SBD Dauntless fails landing on USS Wolverine



TBM Avenger ditched alongside USS Sable



USS Sable in Lake Michigan



Aircraft tied down on USS Sable

Low Water Finds

Recent low water levels have been exposing numerous wrecks; including in the Saginaw River. Here's a few others- (source Sommers)



Although a '64 photo, wreck still seen 2.7 miles N of Caseville.

No diving required to see Grand Haven shipwrecks



The Aurora, built in 1867, is exposed in the waters off Grand Haven's Harbor Island. Since January, five vessels have been found poking out of water in the area as lake and river levels hit historic lows.

LOW WATERS REVEAL HIDDEN TREASURES

Water levels have fallen to low around Grand Haven that shipwrecks long under water have surfaced. Around Harbor Island, an arsenal of wrecks, including the Aurora, built in 1867 in Cleveland. Some of the wrecks are visible from shore. Others can easily be seen by boat.



SOURCES: Jeff Raske, City of Grand Haven

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The Aurora; Grand Haven

High Water; Dive Team Time?



Ken Kruska and Mark Przybylski with trophy from flood waters

Heavy April rains caused severe flooding in local rivers; trapping many residents and motorists. The dive team had numerous calls for assistance.



Brian Kleinfeld 'rescuing' UrEd using bogey board



Mark Przybylski and Mike Fabish with Saginaw FD on river



UrEd, Mike Fabish, and Mark Przybylski assist motorist (also called out were B Kleinfeld, M Garner, and M Trevino (photos by Sommers)

Remember- This meeting 6pm at compressor site; VIPs and air fills planned; empty your tanks ahead. Also trunk sales welcome. Start at 6!

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May 14 mtg; VIP!	Jun 11 mtg,
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!

(All club members should've received the 2013 compressor schedule by now; reply to Cora if you haven't got yours)

For Sale/Trade (now open for business)

Val Geidans has some dive equipment he's putting up for sale; possibly at trunk sale the 14th.

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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