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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-10<sup>th</sup>

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*August Mini Meeting  
Zoo Windows  
Gov. Snyder; Alpena Dive  
DT news*

*also selected short subjects*



Gov. Rick Snyder is next to a propeller of the *Monohansett*, which sank in 1907. WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## Snyder visits shipwreck to promote tourism

By **Nathleen Gray**  
Detroit Free Press Lansing Bureau

Gov. Rick Snyder eschewed his no-tie style for a wetsuit Tuesday during a scuba dive in the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary in Lake Huron. "There are dozens of shipwrecks here," he said during an interview with WDIV-TV (Channel 4) which live-streamed the dive. "We have people coming from all across

the world to dive here." The dive team got to the sanctuary in the *Price of Michigan*, a U.S. Naval research training vessel. The shipwreck Snyder explored was the *Monohansett*, a wooden ship built in the late 1800s that caught fire and sank in about 18 feet of water in 1907. All crew members were rescued. The governor's excursion was meant to highlight another

attraction in Michigan as part of the Pure Michigan tourism campaign. "There are just so many great ways to enjoy this area," said Snyder, a certified scuba diver. He was joined by another certified diver, state Rep. Greg MacMaster, R-Kewadin. Contact: Kathleen Gray, 517-372-8667 or kgray@freepress.com

That's our Governor! Full story inside!

**Remember Our Troops!**



Boyle & Sommers prepping for zoo windows

## August Meeting Bits...

7:00pm arrived for the August meeting, and members hadn't! Just as it seemed we would have to take the club checkbook to the Timbers Restaurant, the faithful did start filing in. Pres. Fabish quickly called the meeting to order, and we discussed a few pending issues...



"Anyone else planning on the Gilboa trip?"

The upcoming weekend trip to the Ohio quarries was discussed, along with the club monthly get-wet dive at Krystal Lake, the Munising outing (perhaps replaced?), and who will volunteer for the underwater window cleaning at the zoo in the coming week. The meeting did end early, however Pres. Fabish stayed behind to show a few dive videos.

## Children's Zoo Monthly Dive

Ben Boyle, Dave Sommers, and UrEd arrived early; 9am the following Tuesday for window cleaning duty. With the zoo letting us enter through the east gate, toting equipment is no longer an issue. Further, since we have a monthly cleaning now, the windows don't scum up as much and cleaning is done quickly. The addition of weed killer also seems to have cleaned the area around the windows, and the diver doesn't get tangled in seaweed any more.



Zoo patio muster area (nice day!)



Ben heading to underwater windows



Scummy window



-cleared by Boyle (note anchoring device)



Finished; Sommers makes his way out



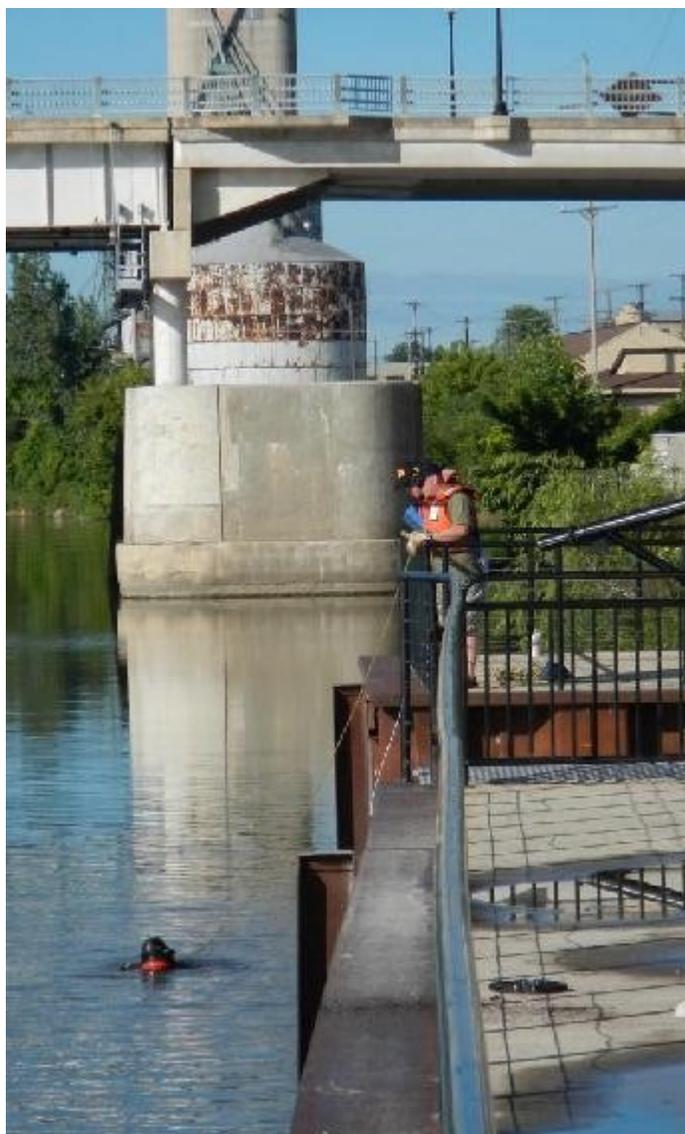
Appreciative zoo staff!

## Club Fun Dive

*Cancelled; replaced with*

## Dive Team Operations

The Tuesday of the zoo window cleaning was also the day scheduled for the club's get-wet dive at Krystal Lake that evening. The evening was also scheduled for an operation by the dive team. Of course club/dive team members went to the DT operation, and the fun dive was canceled. Fun is where you find it; here's the dive team in the Saginaw River!



Diver tended off city dock



Sommers and UrEd in Saginaw River; between dives .  
(Photo by Klammer)



Sommers and Przybylski walk car out; Bill Giorgis directs winch.  
(photo by Kleinfeld)  
[Pending story- Submerged Tractor...]

### Michigan Governor Snyder; Featured Diver

On Aug. 20, Gov. Rick Snyder made a dive in the Thunder Bay Marine Sanctuary off Alpena in northern Lake Huron.

Gov. Snyder is a certified diver, and made the dive partly to generate tourism in the area producing some really good underwater pictures of the area. The governor went out with a group of other divers aboard the "Pride of Michigan," an 80-foot wooden vessel now used by the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Great Lakes Division.



Our most-distant member; Joel Klammer visiting from Shanghai!

### And, more DT river diving- submerged car!



Mark Przybylski and Dave Sommers in the water with the Saginaw FD for a stolen car recovery. (SN photo)



The "Pride Of Michigan" training vessel

The governor and the group dove on the 'Monohansett' wreckage; it was a double-decker wooden vessel built in 1872 and used to transport coal. It caught fire and sank in 1907.



Gov. Snyder suiting up aboard "Pride Of Michigan"



examines the hull...



-and makes his entry into the preserve.



-and the smokestack.



The governor inspecting the prop



-On the bridge of "Pride Of Michigan"

Referring to the Thunder Bay Marine Sanctuary, Gov. Snyder said "It's just a fabulous asset for the State of Michigan; there are literally dozens of shipwrecks here, and that's part of doing this exercise. It's to show 'Pure Michigan' and how great we are. We have people coming from all over the world to come here, visit and dive." (The term 'Pure Michigan' is coined from Michigan tourism ads -ed)

To those folks aware it would be on, the governor's dive was transmitted live by Detroit's WDIV-TV and . streamed live on [www.clickondetroit.com](http://www.clickondetroit.com) Some footage can still be seen at

<http://www.clickondetroit.com/news/Gov-Snyder-dives-at-Great-Lakes-shipwreck/-/1719418/21543102/-/4y4n1h/-/index.html>

Other links to the dive are

<http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/photos/2b06d7b9365046d38a7e68142bc986d1/244661188042/>

and

<http://abclocal.go.com/wpvi/storysection=news/local&id=9210843>

Good dive, Governor Snyder! And good vis on your next one! -SUE

#### Sept Compressor Schedule

(please call optr ahead to confirm)

Sept 05-	Tom VanDenBoom	6863176
12-	Dave Sommers	7518517
19-	Greg Prenzler	7913556
26-	Don Cunningham	7994385
Oct 03	Mike Fabish	2952627

#### Misc-



"It's down there"

You may recognize this man; Steve Libert has been searching for 30 years to find the 'Griffin'; the ship commanded by the French explorer LaSalle. It disappeared in 1679 with a cargo of furs. In 2001, he found a 10.5ft beam near Poverty(?) Island, but had to

wait till recently for the permits to dig it out. Unfortunately, there was nothing attached to it. He suspects the beam may be the bowsprit of the Griffin, and needs to determine the age of the tree it came from. He has since transported the beam to the radiology dept of Otsego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord, where it will go through a CT scan. If the beam comes out with an age of about 330 yrs, Steve is pretty sure it came from the Griffin.

-Watch for updates.

#### MARINE CITY **Diver caught trying to smuggle marijuana**

A Canadian scuba diver on a late-night swim got tangled up in a weedy mess: He was busted smuggling 8 pounds of marijuana into the U.S. via the St. Clair River, Border Patrol announced Tuesday.

And the pot, which carried a street value of about \$40,000, stayed dry.

The incident happened around 1 a.m. Monday when U.S. border agents were notified by the St. Clair County Central Dispatch about a person swimming across the St. Clair River near Marine City. Dispatch had received a call from someone who spotted the swimmer.

Remote video surveillance cameras helped confirm the tip. A camera operator at Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Harrison Township relayed to agents on the ground that the swimmer appeared to be towing a "dry bag" used by divers.

When the man in the scuba suit got out of the water near Marine City, Border Patrol agents arrested him. Then, they located a large, watertight PVC cylinder holding more than 8 pounds of marijuana tied to a seawall ladder.

The swimmer had not yet been identified.

Authorities said he and the drugs were turned over to the St. Clair County Drug Task Force, which will prosecute the case.

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## S.U.E. 2013 Planner

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

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Saginaw Twp firefighter Mike Brown has a Seaquest Black Diamond BCD for sale. Used for 4 cert dives only. Comes with hanger, (2) 2 lb weights. XL that will expand several sizes. Asking \$450 or best offer. Cash only.  
989-615-3150 or email questions to [Medicmoose@gmail.com](mailto:Medicmoose@gmail.com)

Boat Owners, FYI- Don's Welding has started doing prop repair  
3129 Shattuck 989-792-0287.  
(Keith Falkenhagen, owner)

Looking for a 1-2hp 3-phase motor; contact  
Terry Lisk, 777 1956

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 \$5,000 or trade for suitable camper. Call  
Tim Hastings @ 989.798.8157 for more info.

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