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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.

No meeting; SUE Christmas Party! Dec 6th!



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Remember Our Troops!



Pres Fabish examines new sales counter



Alex Prenzler about to clean the Petoskey cross

November Meeting Minutes

-Justin Fabish, secretary

Greetings Divers,

Here are the minutes from our meeting last Tuesday.

The next meeting will be at Timbers, Dec 6, at 6 pm for the Christmas party. We will be sending invites to the Saginaw Children's Zoo workers for a time of fellowship. Please email Tony Piazza or Mark Russell to RSVP and to let them know how many children may be coming with you if you are inviting children.

Hemmeter market said they would donate pumpkins for next year's underwater pumpkin carving contest.

The Children's Zoo needs a protocol for divers for window cleaning. The zoo coordinator is getting info together at this time. We will need to do a drill. More info to come early next year.

We continued to discuss about the brown algae on the zoo window and possible solutions to remove it from the windows, possibly using Magic Eraser.

The dive tank was a hit this summer since it was used 4 times. We appreciated the volunteers during these events and will always be looking for volunteers for future events. We would like to replace the fogged window, retouch the paint, and replace the driver side tire.

February meeting will be our election meeting for the board. If you would like to serve on the board, please let one of the board members know which position interests you. To consider the presidency position, one must serve as a board member for a minimum of one year before they can be nominated as president. This meeting is very important and I encourage all of our members to attend this meeting in February.

That's all for the minutes; stay warm! -Justin



Nov meeting, held on Veteran's Day. UrEd would like to thank Pres Fabish for his recognition of veterans!

Holiday Sales at SUE!

Attendees at the Nov meeting had the opportunity to shop early for dive gifts for themselves. Mike Kowalski brought in boxes containing about 10 of anything you could imagine. These were spread on tables, and early arrivals got the best deals. After the meeting's business was finished, sales (and haggling) continued. If you're still interested in any particular item, call Mike at 892-2028.



Congratulations to new grandparents; Ken & Jayne Kruska, and Tony & Carol Piazza (and new parents Alex & Becca!) Welcome aboard, **Giana Annmarie Piazza**



New BC; a steal!

-Dec Find the Face contest...



Group of celebrities participating in a ribbon-cutting ceremony in Chesaning.

Many famous people in here, but one is a current SUE member. If you can ID him/her, be the first to contact the SCOOP! John Garner won last month's contest by correctly identifying Lew Pavlovich, who was trying to blend in with a group of standup boarders. Good work, John! We owe you a coffee!

Petoskey; Last Month

Not as many as in past years, but a number of SUE members did make the annual trip up to Petoskey, and cleaned the underwater cross. Brand new to the experience was Greg Prenzler's son Alex, who recently got his SCUBA certificate. Alex, and two friends of his, got their training as Explorer Scouts. His friends, Jon Weaver and Josh Bennett,

also made the trip. Of course Greg made the trip, along with Mike Fabish and Justin Fabish-
(photos by Greg)



New divers Alex, Jon, and Josh over Little Traverse Bay



Mike getting ready

The group dove the site of the 'Petoskey Cross', a statue that was placed in the bay (along with some other memorials), to commemorate lost divers. The statue picks up a lot of growth through the year, and SUE takes the time to clean it when there. The dive site is a couple hundred yards behind Mike; they had to climb down a cliff and make a shore entrance.

In the winter, when the water is really clear and iced over, local groups cut a hole in the ice so it is visible from the surface.



Alex, cleaning solo (ed's note- don't remember it being way up on legs; did somebody rebuild this, or did sand clear away?)



Group work...



Jon Weaver, Josh Bennett, and Alex Prenzler
L-R: Josh, Jon, Alex, and Mike and Justin in the far back



Almost done!



Jon, with Josh; relaxing



Alex, in front of clean statue

Dive Team News

-Featuring SUE members!

Another shadow of an apparent vehicle was found by Sonar in the Saginaw River, and the dive team went to investigate. It was a nasty cold and wet Saturday morning, but Mark Przybylski and Mark Laux volunteered to go in to look. It was found a short distance off shore; then came the work to pull it out. Mike's Wrecker came in with a big rig, and the vehicle was hooked by the divers- Big catch!

(photos by Sommers)



UrEd putting a glove on Mark Laux; Greg Prenzler looks on



Mark Laux working his way into the river, tended by Kevin Heyn. Mike Garner adjusts Mark Przybylski's hood, while UrEd, Greg Prenzler, and Mannie Trevino watch diver.

Good site on Michigan shipwrecks:

<https://www.facebook.com/MaximumBottomTime>
(TY, Janet F.!)



Winched by Mike's, vehicle surfaces

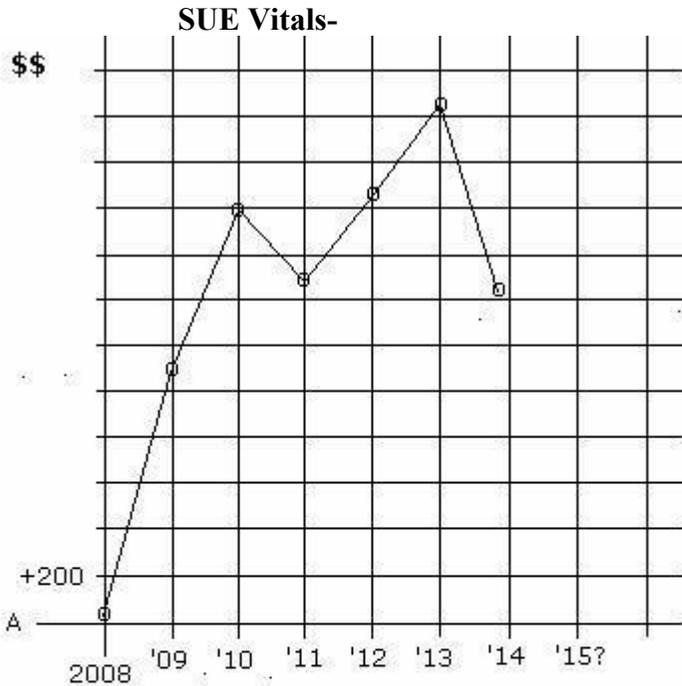


-and is pulled up onto bank. A Porche 944!

Other SUE members assisting were Brian Kleinfeld, Tim Hastings, and Dave Sommers (Commander). The car was a late '80s model, and Sommers said by it's condition it had probably been in the river a long time.



Draining the fish...



End-of-year totals for SUE net worth
 Vertical scale grads are \$200. Actual values are not shown for club privacy, and out of reach of Lois Lerner
 Our club seems to be doing fine!
 Membership has remained fairly consistent, at just under 40 members.

What are we doing for 2015?



Season's Greetings!
 Cora the copy girl, UrEd, and the entire SCOOP staff wish you all a Merry Christmas and a most Happy New Year!

Holiday Reminder-

**The Annual SUE Christmas Party is next week!
 Dec 6, at 6pm; Timbers Restaurant.
 See you there!**



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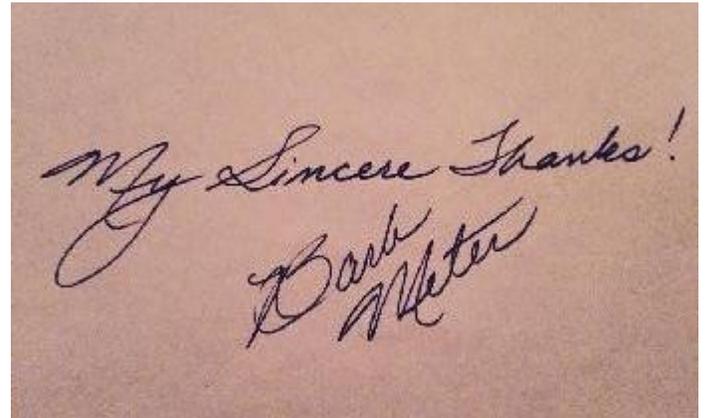
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Jan 13	mtg, nominations	Feb 10	mtg, elections
Mar 10	mtg,	Apr 14	mtg, VIP?
May 12	mtg	Jun 9	mtg, VIP?
Jul 14	mtg? picnic?	Aug 11	mtg
Sep 8	mtg	Oct 13	mtg, UWPC; zoo?
Nov 10	mtg	Dec-	Christmas Party ?

Your club, your activities- Make suggestions!



You're certainly welcome; and congratulations!

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