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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....

*All-In-The-Club Help
Elections This Month!
Compressor Move*

also selected short subjects

I'm voting for _____ (sure; vote for yourself!)

President- _____

V.President- _____

Secretary- _____

Treasurer- _____

Compressor Chair- _____

Board Member AL _____

-because I want to keep a healthy, active club
(Form courtesy of Cora)



Brian Kleinfeld and Tim Hastings assist local fireman with exposure suit as he prepares for some ice rescue training

Remember Our Troops!

Record Meeting!

The Jan meeting was the first time in about 30 yrs that UrEd missed, and it turned out to be an overflow crowd. Certainly there could be no connection... But the meeting was the annual nomination of officers, and members realized the importance of attending. Considering that, this month's meeting will hold the vote for your officers; you want to be sure to participate in this!



Full House! Good sign for the coming year! (Sommers)

Here's Pres. Mike:

Hello all!

First, thank you to all that were able to attend our first meeting of the year. We had a nice turnout and much was discussed. I am ALWAYS interested in what you have on your mind, and welcome any comments and/or ideas for the good of the club! I apologize for the length of this, but there was lots to talk about:

Insurance: Mark Russell is checking to see what he can find for the club concerning Director/Officer insurance coverage. It has been suggested that we consider having that type of insurance for our organization and our board members, but after much searching, found it to be too expensive for SUE to afford. Mark asked for some time to see what he could find. We will also inquire if our current liability policy covers legal fees. We will table insurance matters until the next meeting when we have additional info from Mark.

*As you know, we have to **move our compressor*** soon. Mike Garner has been talking to member Bill Giorgis and agreed to follow up to see what is available. Since the meeting, Bill Giorgis has graciously offered us space at his Bay Rd facility (near/behind Auto Zone near Weiss), meeting the space, access, electric hookup, and heat requirements for the compressor function. We will need to do some minor construction to secure a lockable area for us, as well as maintaining a lockable area for Bill's business, once the actual location within the building is determined. A call out will be sent at that time for members who can lend a hand in cleaning, building and general help in the move. We must be out of the Thomas Twp FD by the end of March! **THANK YOU BILL!!!** Bill will receive honorary membership and free air fills for as long as he allows us to use his facility.*

*Our **elections** will be held at our next month's meeting: Feb 11. This is very important for a couple of reasons! First, because it is YOUR club, your participation is very much needed. We have had the same board for over 5 years now, and I encourage growth and new board members to become involved. As I've said many times, I gladly accept the duties of President, but would not discourage anybody from seeking that, or any position on the board! Second, this year, we will be incurring some board vacancies that need to be filled. These officers have done a wonderful job with their position, but due to moving, schedules, and busyness in life, have indicated to me that they would like to step down their position. This includes Tony Piazza as VP, Scot Thompson as Secretary, and Greg Prenzler as Member at Large. According to our constitution, these positions must be filled. If nobody steps up to fill them, the current member will remain as an appointed board member. These officers will reluctantly accept that outcome for the good of the club if necessary. However, they will not be able to attend meetings or meet their responsibilities to the best of their intentions or abilities, and it is unfair to them to expect them to do so just because nobody else came forward. If you would like to be considered for any of these vacancies, or any of the other positions for that matter, reply to this email and your name will be*

submitted as a nominee to be included in the election in Feb. The remaining positions include: Mike Fabish; President, Dave Sommers; Treasurer, and Don Cunningham; Compressor Chairman. These current officers have submitted to staying in their positions. But, if you want to be considered for one of those seats, you are welcome to be included in the nominations for the election. To be an officer, a member must be found in good standing for at least one year, and for the President position, must additionally have held a position on the board for at least one year. If you would like more information to what the duties of the officers are, go to our web site and see our constitution. We are not as formal, nor adhere to these descriptions as written per se as much as we all pitch in to do what is needed. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. I encourage all of you to consider these needed positions of Vice President, Secretary, and Member at Large, as well as being at the election Feb 11 to show your support.

*We are still planning our **annual SUE dive trip** Aug 22-25. Where do you want to go? We have opportunity, but need participants. Munising is still considered a great place to go due to the fact that it is weather protected in one way or another. Tony has become associated with a newer charter service in Cheboygan, that while it may be too expensive for a 4 day excursion, certainly is an option for a day/weekend trips in the Cheboygan area and the Straights (somewhat protected). Alpena and all its wrecks has been mentioned, the tip of the Thumb and Lake Huron have also been mentioned, but we need to consider an alternate for bad weather/windy conditions anywhere on the open water. Tony has also invited us up to his new place in East Tawas for day trips into the Saginaw Bay. Don't forget Petoskey and Lake Charlevoix; it's been years since the club has been back to clean the Diver's Memorial (I'd still like to see a plaque from Saginaw Underwater Explorers there next to the Cross). Most of these trips require boats: if you have access to a boat and it's available for club dives, let me know! One place where we didn't need boats was last August's Quarry Days in OH. It was a great trip, with many dives and lots to see, but only shared by 3 divers! There is a lot to planning these events, and many needs to fulfill*

(boats, tow vehicles, lodging, etc), but if we want to dive, we will do the work.

*This also bring us to the **fun dives**, May – Oct; do we still want to schedule these in 2014? Any new places you want to go? Again, there is opportunity if there are divers...*

*I've included the latest 2014 SUE roster with this email so you can stay in touch with one another. I'm very happy to say that all of our members have renewed already (well almost...Chris, I know you usually come through in the spring...LOL). I will send this roster out to members only; your names, email addresses, and phone numbers will remain confidential within the club. If any of you have any questions, contact me. See you all at the election: **GET YOUR NOMINATIONS IN NOW!***

Stay wet, stay safe!

-Mike

New Compressor Site- (Thanks, Bill!)



East side of Bay rd, south of Shattuck, further S of the RR tracks, drive on left side of AutoZone. Look way down to the end of drive; kind of gray building. That's the new to-be site of the club compressor! * 2800 block of Bay, between Weiss and Shattuck.. Discussion on the move will be brought up at the Feb meeting.

Club Meeting Coming!

Involved Club Members-

The recent cold weather has been tough, but it contributed to an ice rescue training exercise given to a group of firemen from the area. The SC Dive Team actually offered the class; the significance of the training was that every one that worked was a member of the SUE! Mark Przybylski and Brian Kelifeld were the instructors; assisted by Manny Trevino, Tim Hastings, Dave Sommers, and UrEd. The firemen (and women) were from Albee, Buena Vista, Carrollton, and Zilwaukee townships. The exercise was held in the lake at Roethke Park; each participant had to perform as both an ice victim and a rescuer.



Victim through the ice!



Mark checking the chest harness on participant



Rescuer with pike pole on the way; secured by rope to rear group (photos by Sommers)



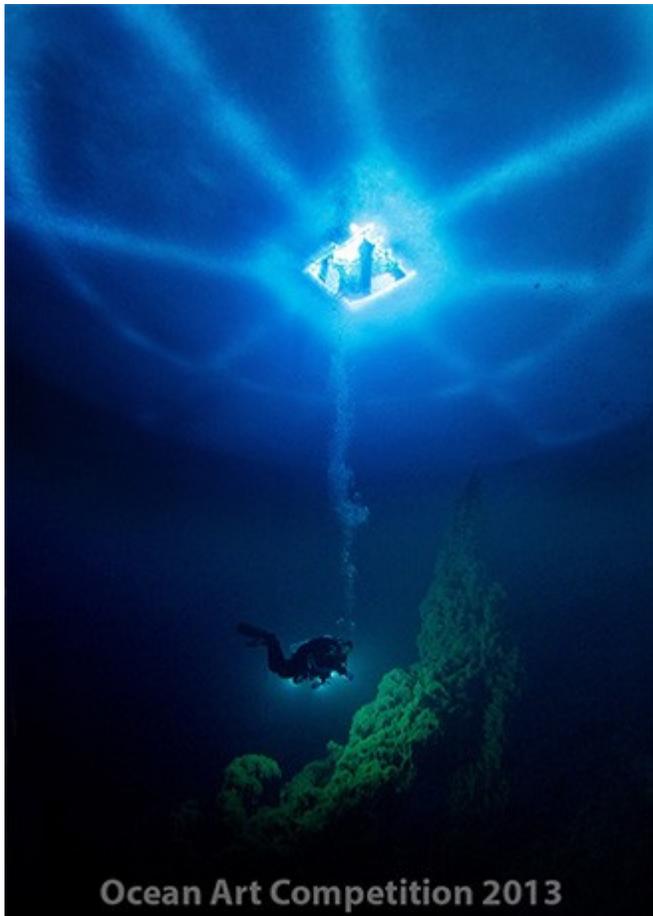
Mark giving final instructions to group; Brian in background

Want to get involved? The fundraiser Polar Plunge for Special Olympics will be held on Feb 22 at Haithco Park. Come out at 10:30 am and help on the ice. Get close-up view of the event at 1:00

Feb Club Mtg! 11th! Tues! 7:00 pm!

1st Place; 2013 Dive Photo

Over \$80,000 of prizes has been awarded to 64 underwater photographers, in the annual Ocean Art competition. Organized by the Underwater Photography Guide, judges included the highly-respected Tony Wu, Martin Edge, Marty Snyderman and Todd Winner.



The best of show was a stunning wide-angle photo shot under the ice by Victor Lyagushkin in Russia.

This winning photograph was taken near Ekaterinburg, Russia. Lazurny is an old neglected quarry, totally filled with ground waters. Pine trees and bushes on its bottom remain green for many years. In winter the quarry is covered with thick ice and snow. The circles and rays on ice “sky” are man-made. According to Russian ice diving standards the snow should be removed from the ice in such a manner as to let divers orientate themselves beneath the ice and easily find their way back.



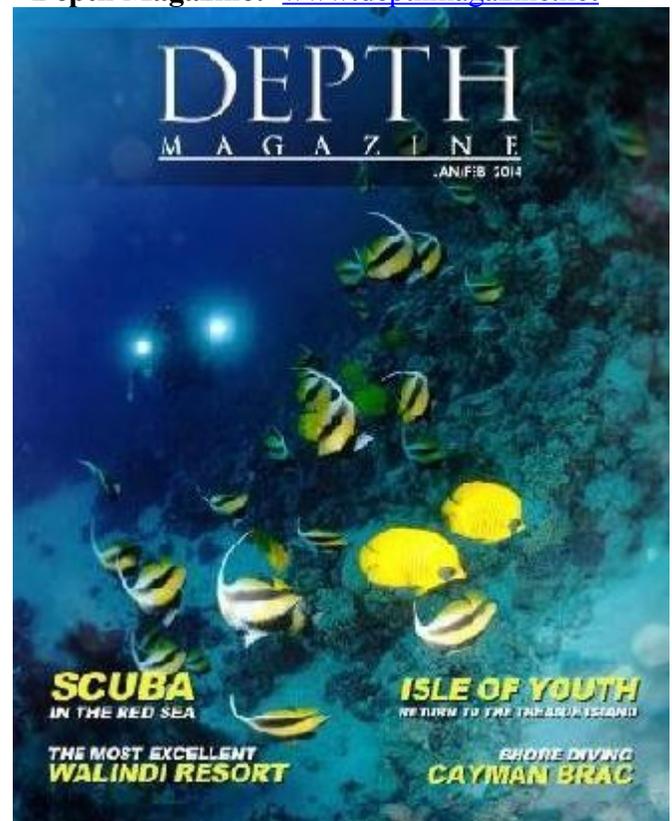
The outstanding image in this wide-angle category was of a freediver swimming into a massive bait ball in Tenerife, by Francis Perez.

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S.U.E. 2014 Planner

Feb 11 mtg, elections	
Mar 11 mtg,	Apr 8 mtg, VIP?
May 13 mtg	Jun 10 mtg, VIP?
Jul 8 mtg? picnic?	Aug 12 mtg
Sep 9 mtg	Oct 14 mtg, UWPC?
Nov 11 mtg (vets day!)	Dec- Christmas Party

Your club, your activities- Make suggestions!

2013 S.U.E OFFICERS

President:	Mike Fabish	295 2627
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Secretary:	Scot Thompson	525 3858
Treasurer:	Dave Sommers	751 8517
Compressor Chair:	Don Cunningham	799 4385
Bd Member-at-Large:	Greg Prenzler	791 3556
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