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The Official Newsletter of the  
**Saginaw Underwater Explorers**  
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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- 13<sup>th</sup> (at compressor site!)

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*VIPs and Trunk Sales, at new site*  
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*also selected short subjects*



Greg and Robin; "Dancing with the penguins" (-Kleinfeld)

## **Remember Our Troops!**

ARMED FORCES DAY, May 17



Mike; April zoo duty

(-Sommers)



April meeting about to erupt into action

### APRIL MINUTES by JUSTIN...

Hello Everyone,

\* The compressor room is nearly complete. The walls and floor have been painted and all of the compressor equipment and tanks have been relocated to the new room.

We need to run electricity to the room for the compressor and we need the information found in the compressor manual, which is AWOL at the moment. Does anyone know where it could be?? (I've already thoroughly checked the desk that is residing in my storage shed). Mike Fabish is looking to get a smaller desk and some storage shelves for the room.

\* The May 13th meeting will be our annual VIP and trunk sale night held at the new compressor site which is located at Mike's Wrecker, 2850 Bay Road in Saginaw County. This is an unpaved road immediately north of the Auto Zone store and you must drive towards the back of the building. A map is located on our website at

<http://www.saginawunderwaterexplorers.org/meetings.html>

Tanks must be empty with current hydro. If you have any scuba gear you wish to sell, don't forget to bring it to VIP night. Air cards will be available for purchase. VIPs will be conducted from 6 to 8 pm.

\* The Cheboygan dive trip is scheduled for July 13th and

Mike and Justin Fabish, Tony Piazza, and Tim Hastings are currently signed up for the Sunday dive.

There are 2 more spots available for Sunday. The charter that Tony has worked with also has July 12th open for those who may want to dive on Saturday. The dives are 2 tank dives for \$100. If interested, a \$50 deposit must be mailed to Tony at 5386 Lessandro, Saginaw, MI, 48603.

\* SUE has been approved for fun dives at Haithco, Imerman, and Straford Lake in Midland.

\* Julia from the Saginaw Zoo reported that the underwater windows need to be cleaned. She will let us know when all the ice has melted since we want to keep our divers safe. Stay tuned for more info.

\* Our annual picnic is tentatively scheduled for July 8th. Location: TBD.

\* Congratulations, Manny Trevino, for being awarded Officer of the Year through the Saginaw Exchange Club!!

In the words of Porky Pig, "That's all folks!"

-Justin



Excited members all trying to talk at once...

Special thanks to Rob Quartermain for passing out the unique icon coffee mugs at the meeting. And you don't have to be a coffee drinker to appreciate them!

Did you note the May meeting will NOT be at the firebarn?



## Zoo Business

Robin (zoo supervisor) called us just prior to the April meeting requesting the underwater windows be cleaned of winter build-up. However, the pond still had ice on it, and cleaning had to be delayed. Almost within the week the ice had melted; Mike Fabish, Tim Hastings, and Dave Sommers went over on a Saturday and did the job. Dry suits were the uniform of the day; no ice, but the water was still cold! The cleaning crew reported the windows cleaned fairly easily, and will make it easier for the next crew. Get on the list now!



Tim and Mike suit up on the patio deck (-Sommers)

### and More Zoo Business-

We must be doing a great job at the zoo; we were asked to come back the following week for some miscellaneous work. The zoo asked if we could change some fittings in the penguin pool. In the winter they drain the pool and plug the water circulation pipes. They forgot to remove them and replace with the jet nozzles. Once the pond was filled it was too cold for zoo staff to get to and they were 4-5 feet underwater. Greg Prenzler and Dave Sommers did the work. After completing the penguin pool they

also retrieved a portable radio the staff dropped into the large fish pond, near the windows we clean.

-(photos by Kleinfeld)



Dave ready to enter the pond , talking to Greg and Robin



Dave works to replace a water jet as Greg and Robin Care, Children's Zoo Education Supervisor, look on.

To quote Dave-

“I've done sewage treatment ponds, but never been in a penguin pond before”...



Dave leaves the pond as a zoo worker scrubs the deck



Dave, Robin holding one of the residents, and Greg- Awww...

(Eds's note- UrEd has heard from a reliable source that after the penguins all jumped back in their pond, Dave tried to get in with them. They rightly figured him as a predator, and immediately jumped out again...)

### SUE Members in the News

#### Service Award-

On Tuesday, April 8, the Saginaw Exchange Club held their annual lunch and awards ceremony to recognize the service given by police, firemen, and other community servants. Members of the club met at The Saginaw Club to honor officers from throughout the county. The Law Enforcement Officers of the Year awards were given to eight officers for going above and beyond the call of duty to do their jobs.

Our own Manny Trevino was one of those receiving an award.

Manuel Trevino retired from the traffic division of the

Saginaw Police Department in 2010 before joining the Birch Run Police Department as a part-time employee. Trevino works about 40hrs per month and helps the department secure equipment and grants. "I'm very humbled to receive this and be recognized," he said.



Manny Trevino displaying his award from the Exchange Club  
Congratulations, Manny!

#### Museum Display-



Lego King Scot Thompson exhibiting in the Castle Museum



For the first time, Scot Thompson's Lego work will be featured at the Castle Museum in Saginaw. His Lego creations have been displayed at The Henry Ford Museum and the Midland Center for the Arts. At a special exhibit in Traverse City, Ken Santa, Castle Museum president, saw Thompson's work and invited him to Saginaw. More than 20 buildings will be on display, including the Potter Street Depot of Saginaw, and the State Theater of Bay City.



Scot's Potter Street Depot



Scot's State Theater

Thompson said in the seven years his family has lived in the area, watching Christmas movies at the theater had become a tradition for him and his family. Scot, a registered nurse, is from Bay City. Thompson started working with Legos in 2008 and has since joined Lego clubs to share ideas and learn new techniques. He's even gotten his wife, Sherri, to join.



? Eatery -Scot?

The exhibit will run from May 1 through Sept. 14 during regular Castle Museum hours. For information about the exhibit, call 989-752-2861.

### **Masters Degree-**

Congratulations to Ben Boyle! Ben recently completed requirements for his MA, majoring in English. Ben has been taking night classes causing him to miss meetings, but promises he'll start showing up again. Nice going Ben; and Good Luck with your new resume!

### **First Splash Dive of 2014**

Mark your planners for the club fun dive May 20 at Haithco Lake. Exercise your gear to start the year!

## Shanghai News

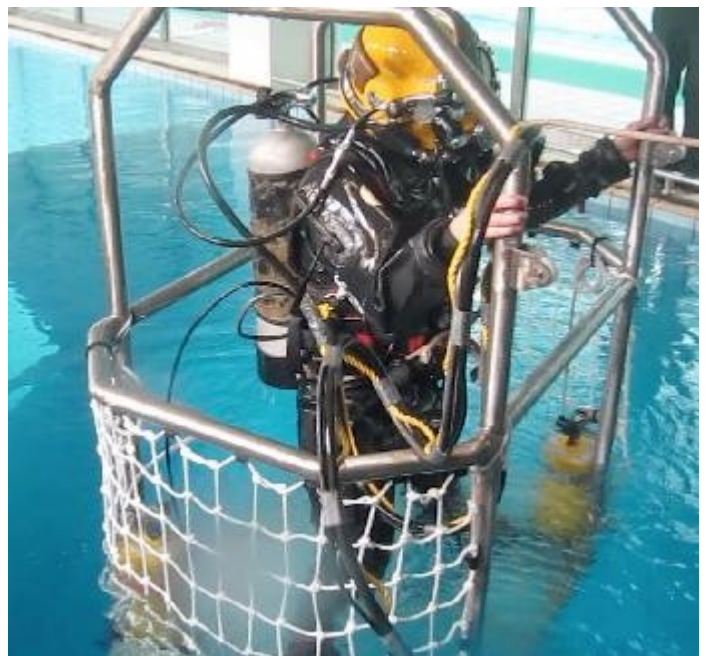
Our long-distance member Joel Klammer doesn't forget us. He teaches in Shanghai, runs the Big Blue dive shop (<http://www.big-blue.cn/>), and does professional diving.

“Here are a few photos from a training dive last week. I was teaching surface-supplied equipment to a group of diving doctors. I was using my drysuit with helmet yoke, Superlite 17b helmet, and Arvest harness with bailout.

Sorry the photos aren't a bit better – someone grabbed my camera and started shooting without letting it focus! Thanks again for the newsletters! Have a good week, stay warm, and talk to you soon!”  
Joel



Heading to the bottom...



Back at the surface



-Joel in the basket stage about to go down

## Bill Atkins Testimonial-

“Just a short note to let you know about my 'adventure' this week. On Tues. morning I was swimming laps prior to heading in for work. While getting dressed, I felt "funny" only not the laughing kind of funny. I thought it was my sugar bottoming out after maybe over doing the laps. Eating a candy in



my car didn't relieve the feeling. It was just a dull ache beneath my sternum. I decided to head to the RediMed to get checked out. The hospital is only a few blocks farther than the RediMed and the pain was increasing so I went to the E.R. Turns out I was having a heart attack! 40 minutes after exiting the pool, I was in the cardiac Cath lab having a clot removed and a stent installed. I got shocked sometime during the procedure and THAT was quite the experience.

Fortunately, I made the right decision to go in to ER, but caught hell because I drove myself. So, here it is, Thursday and I'm already home. I have to take it easy for a while but apparently have suffered no heart damage. I can go back to work any time I feel up to it. The Cardiac Dr. told me that I'm about the healthiest person he has ever treated for a myocardial infarction. Good to know all the time I spend at the gym accounted for something.

To those who already knew I was hospitalized, thanx for the thoughts and prayers.” -Bill

(Bill has sent a message to all of us here! TY, Bill!)

### Palau Search Diving

A search team of dedicated volunteers is reporting a startling discovery in the murky waters of Palau in the South Pacific: two wreck sites that may contain the remains of three World War II American airmen missing for 70 years.

The nonprofit Bent Prop Project found the sites last month. For years they have been searching crash sites for hundreds of American servicemen shot down by the Japanese over Palau in 1944 and 1945. Before now their searches helped locate and recover the remains of eight MIAs.

For more story with great dive video, click on:

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2014/04/03/group-hunts-pacific-jungles-for-remains-wwii-fighters-planes/>

### Cora's Corner-



For the ladies- Have you heard the saying “there's nothing sexier than a woman in high heels”? Let us be the first to introduce the '14 line of ladies scubawear-



No; do not contact the SCOOP to order yours

### SUE 2014 Compressor Schedule -part I, May

2850 Bay Rd. Thurs, 7pm

Call scheduled operator 1 day ahead to confirm

- May 01- Don Cunningham 799 4385
- 08- Mike Fabish 295 2627
- 15- Mike Kowalski 892 2028
- 22- Fred LaClair 529 8141
- 29- Terry Lisk 777 1956

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#### S.U.E. 2014 Planner

May 13 mtg , VIP, Swap	Jun 10 mtg,
Jul 8 mtg? picnic?	Aug 12 mtg , Rosd Trip?
Sep 9 mtg	Oct 14 mtg, UWPC?
Nov 11 mtg (vets day!)	Dec 6- Christmas Party

Your club, your activities- Make suggestions!

#### 2014 S.U.E OFFICERS

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Bd Member-at-Large:	Tim Hastings	798 8157
Editor:	Don Storck	642 8436

TO: Preferred Customer



Last chance; Compressor Site...

**For Sale/Trade** -now accepting 2014 listings

#### Wanted-

Will be looking for fin booties, 10-11, at the swap  
-UrEd

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