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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



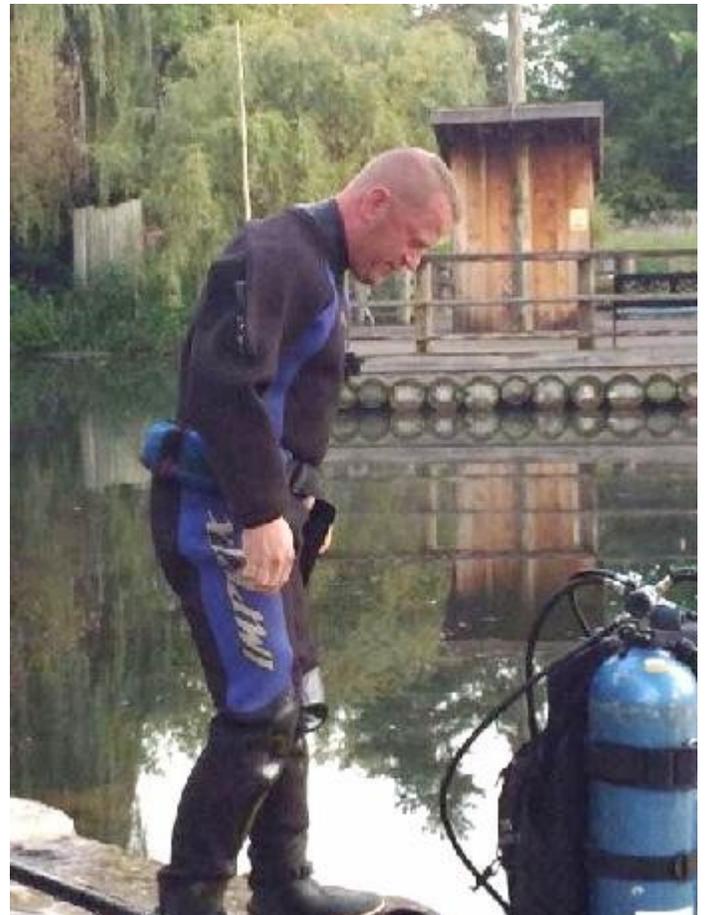
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Mike Garner prepping for zoo windows; with Mark Russell behind camera

Remember Our Troops!

September Meeting Summary



Awesome 270° of Sept meeting

On the last meeting of the summer, Pres. Fabish discussed the success of the club's dive chamber at the 'Night Out' expo, and upcoming uses for it near the end of the month. The tank is in great shape, and has a good future yet! Zoo windows were discussed again; there is apparently a stain on the windows that can't be wiped off. It may be an organism that has penetrated the window surface to exist. A number of folks are trying to make contact with uw window manufacturers for possible solutions. If you are selected to clean the windows, remember not to use anything beyond a plastic scraper. (Mike and Justin will be doing the windows just prior to our pumpkin carve.)

Here's MIKE-

The Sept Fun Dive has been moved to 6:15 (ish) on Tues Set 23 and will take place at Stratford Park, Midland, off Ashman between Swede and US-10. Mark Laux has helped us gain access to the pond and will be there to point out areas that Midland FD has lost some items while training; we'll see if we can recover some stuff and have fun while doing it.

Sept 28 (Sunday) is the Thomas Twp Annual Pancake Breakfast and this year we will be showing the SUE dive tank with divers. If you can help (be in the tank, talk to families, etc) we need you. You must bring all your own gear for the dives. The time is 9am-1pm and we would like to have someone in the tank on comms throughout that time if possible. It is a lot of fun and great exposure for the Dive Club.

The Petoskey trip scheduled for Sept 20/21 has been postponed. The new proposed date is Oct 11/12. If any of you would like to participate, let me know. The plan is to clean the Diver's Memorial cross, and possibly do some shore/dock diving in Round Lake. We have an opportunity to help some of the newly certified Boy Scouts (Greg's son & others) with some of their first dives; what an exciting time! We will coordinate travel and lodging as the participants reply.

The annual SUE Underwater Pumpkin Carve will be Oct 18 (Sat) at the Saginaw Children's Zoo Boo. This year, we will also be using the SUE dive tank and again will need divers to be in the tank to talk to the kids/families present. The event is 12-6. I will take care of the tank; all I need is people there to help with our booth and dive. We will be talking about diving and handing out candy for the kids. The Pumpkin carve event will start at 3pm; if you are only coming for that event, please be there by 2pm with all your gear to get ready. Bring your cleaned out pumpkin, your tools and creative ideas. The winner (voted by the crowd) gets a free membership renewal for 2015! No stencils or store-bought props allowed with your creation; only organic items. This is one of the Club's most popular events and the community looks forward to it each year. If you've never tried it, this is the year to step up!

Our Oct Fun Dive will be back at the Soaper Pond on Oct 21. We hope to have much better vis this time without any activity on the water prior to the dive. As the days get shorter, this will most likely end up being a night dive before we get out of the water so bring your lights! (eds note- Soaper pond is about 1 mile west of M52 on Spencer Rd. Look for flag!)

PS: Zoo window cleaning schedule: each team is responsible to set up the date and time to clean the windows, and must call Robin at 989-759-1408, X-20, a day or two advance notice.

Stratford Park Club Dive

Hidden way to the east just inside US-10, Midland has another fantastic city park; Stratford Woods. Within the park is a large lake, Kissmehere or something like that. Mark Laux (member of Midland FD) has good connections with the parks dept., and got permission for the club to dive there. Midland FD has had practices there, and there was a chance we could find some of their lost equipment.

Note the long sandy beach for swimming on the north side of the lake. Unfortunately, the parking lot is not near the beach, so we had to enter on the west end, by fisherman's dock. Typical lake bottom; got a little mushy about 20' out, with about 4' depth at that point. The water was a bit murky, but not cold. Mark, toughest of the group, went in with only a neoprene jacket on (and swim suit of course).



Mark Russell and son Ian, watch UrEd prep to enter. (Atkins)



Mark Laux near the bottom (UrEd)



Mark getting some adjustments by Mike Fabish (by Atkins)



Mike Fabish (maybe) near the bottom (UrEd)

Sincere Condolences

to Tom Van Den Boom and Family in the loss of his mom, **Iva J. Van Den Boom.**

Iva passed on September 7.

Please know the thoughts and prayers of your SUE family are with you.

And Another loss for the Diving Community-



Elizabeth 'Betsy' Hoagland

A Clearwater woman who died this week while diving offshore in the Florida Keys leaves behind a legacy in Tampa Bay. Hoaglin was always at home on the water whether it be diving, fishing, or shelling, she loved it all.

The 68-year-old started scuba diving back in the 1970's. During that time the underwater was a man's world. Elizabeth "Betsy" Hoaglin changed that by started the first female dive club in Florida.

In 1972, she tried to join her husband's diving club but the answer was no. Hoaglin's daughter April said that's when her mother decided to start her own club. "I believe she just got a bunch of other girls that weren't allowed to dive with their husbands," said April Hoaglin, Betsy's daughter. "They got together and said we're going to start our own club." Shortly after the "Sea Bunnies" was born. It was the first all-female dive club in Florida. Hundreds of Bay area women have joined over the years and the club is still going strong. Members were saddened to hear the news their founder had died while diving this week in the Florida Keys. One of those members is

Hoaglin's sister, a woman who has always held her own in fishing competitions with Hoaglin over the years.



Betsy

With Hoaglin's experience, her family knew when they got the awful call from the Keys, that this was not a scuba accident. It was later determined to be a heart condition.

Hoaglin not only founded the "Sea Bunnies" she ran her own medical staffing and x-ray company. She provided free care to animals rescued by Clearwater Marine Aquarium and the Sea Bird Sanctuary.

Hoaglin's lifelong love for the Gulf lives on in the club she founded 42 years ago and in her Clearwater family who are still at home on the water.

-By Holly Gregory, Reporter- Bay News 9

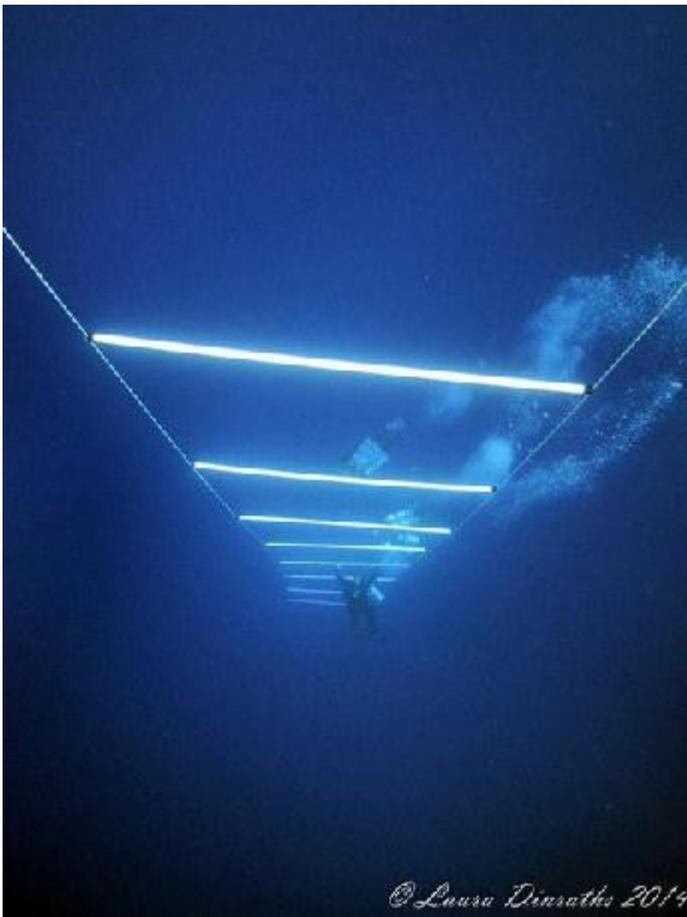
Egyptian Diver Sets Depth Record

CAIRO – An Egyptian scuba diver set a new world record Friday when he reached a depth of more than 1,000 feet — about the height of New York's Chrysler Building. **Ahmed Gabr**, a retired military officer, said he felt "unbelievable" when he emerged from the Red Sea. Gabr was met by a Guinness World Records representative who handed him a certificate for the world's deepest male scuba dive. The 14-hour feat took Gabr 1,066 feet down into the abyss near the Egyptian town of Dahab, where he works as a diving instructor. Gabr began training for the record in 2010 and beat the previous record set by South African Nuno Gomez by 16 feet.



Ahmed Gabr after setting depth record

"I traveled with nine tanks and decompressed for 14 hours [on the way back up]," he told NBC News. Deep sea divers risk drowning, equipment malfunction or decompression sickness. But there were magical moments for the former member of Egypt's special forces: "A baby [white tip oceanic] shark hung out with me for six hours," he said.



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Special ladder built for Gabr's decompression

The dive was projected to take 14 hours to complete, with just minutes of this being the descent time. Gabr and his support divers team used around 90 tanks (plus 17 twinsets) in the course of the dive. His ascent took so long to allow for his enormous decompression time.

Dahab is a small town on the Sinai peninsula, saturated with dive centres. Dahab means "Gold", and It was named by the Bedouin for its golden sands. The sea here quickly drops off to great depths. Gabr made the world record dive in waters that are around 600 m deep.

In the dive itself the deepest support diver was at 120 m. Any deeper and you would need another support team for the support diver. At 30 m there was a decompression ladder - especially made for the divers to hold onto.

The deco ladder is 3 metres wide and has pipes at 3 metre intervals from 3 to 30 metres. It was tied to the actual dive line. Once Gabr got to this stage of the decompression, it allowed two divers to hang with him on the ladder to easily monitor his condition.

Dive computers weren't guaranteed to work at the deepest depths, so for the dive itself Gabr used three dive computers and collected tags placed at points from 320 m down.

Ahmed Gabr was an officer with the Egyptian Military, having graduated from the Military Academy in 1994. He continued his career by joining the Special Forces, the Egyptian Rangers, and eventually earned a scholarship to the United States Army Combat Diver Course. (-by Elizabeth Palermo, and other sources)



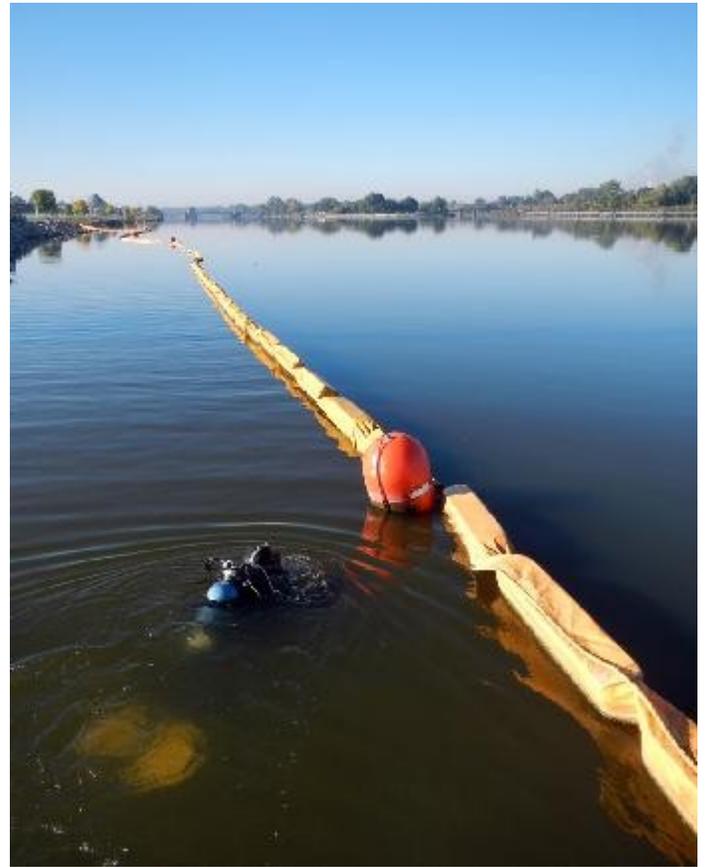
Gabr on deco ladder

Monthly Saginaw River Dive

Bill Giorgis got a call to remove some partition material from the river in Bay City; he recruited Mike Garner and Dave Sommers. They spent almost two days removing floats from nearly 2,000 feet of floating sediment curtain from the Saginaw River near the Veterans Memorial Bridge in downtown Bay City. Floats were attached to concrete anchors with 1/2" cables, and they had to remove cable clamps by hand. Water depth was 14' - 20' with visibility from zero to 18". (photos from Sommers)



2000' of work...



Mike, or Dave, or both ... - removing anchored buoys

Lake Superior Shipwreck Discovered

A 115-year-old shipwreck has been found by the Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society. Nelson's Wheel-



The shipwreck society was searching west of Whitefish Point, near Deer Park, when they noticed a blip on their side-scan sonar. After sending divers down to investigate what it may be, they were excited to find that it was the three masted wooden schooner, Nelson. The Nelson sank in a rare spring gale, on May 13th, 1899. Nine people died including the captain's family -- the captain was the only

survivor. The shipwreck society says this discovery will help us better understand the past. See more at-

<http://www.9and10news.com/story/26471854/big-discovery-out-of-lake-superior>

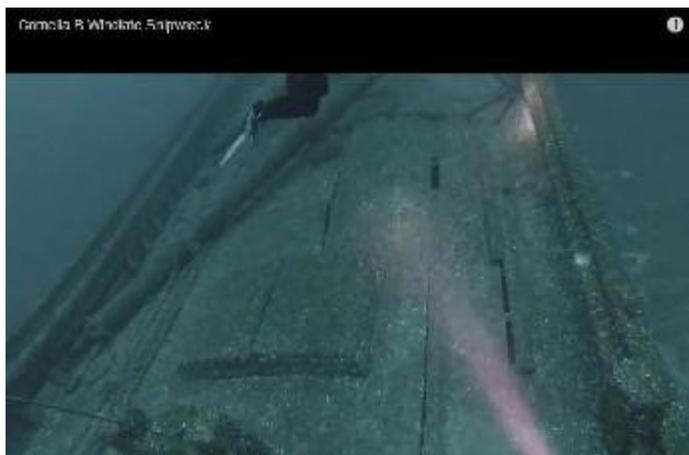
-Also a major discovery out of northern Canada:

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/lost-franklin-expedition-ship-found-in-the-arctic-1.2760311>

Jason Shaw sent the following to Dave-

Dave,

Last Saturday Roy and I were able to dive the Windiate and Florida. Below are the videos of each dive. They are really good wrecks to visit, both intact with plenty to see. -Jason Shaw



Windiate deck about 170' deep

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fkhHrUoPqTE&list=UUhBx8wILR0IPXBJs08PZrfw>

and Florida-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qU0-KMDRx9w>

Exclusive- Lew Pavlovich Board Racing!

From Lew: The Bic Stand Up Paddle races-



Drone pic of the Bic mens race headed up the river. (Lew- #714)



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S.U.E. 2014 Planner

Oct 14 mtg, 18 UWPC @ Zoo, 21 club dive-Soaper
Nov 11 mtg (vets day!)
Dec 6- Christmas Party
Your club, your activities- Make suggestions!

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