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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- 9th



Inside....

*Aug Mtg
SUE Diving Chamber
Lisk at Work
Peterson
Straits Tragedies*

also selected short subjects



Back in service!

In Memorium

TIM TROUP

DENNIS JAVENS



Good for another half hour...

Remember Our Troops!

August Meeting Moments

The August club meeting saw a goodly number of members in attendance. Discussion was on the upcoming Ohio quarry dives, the Straits charter dive, and the club get-wet dive. As the quarry dives were over the weekend, the club fun dive for the next week was canceled. Other dives discussed were the upcoming Straits charter dive, and the still undetermined Petoskey* dive. President Fabish gave a good report on the club's portable diving tank. After many discussions in club meetings, Mike saw the potential of the tank and proposed using it in some upcoming events; that story follows— Mike went out to the mothballed tank, and was pleasantly surprised to find it in good condition. He trailered it back into town, and gave it a bit of a facelift by touching up the writing. Big test was would it hold water?

National Night Out; SUE display

'National Night Out' is an annual exhibit put on by community services; this year it was held in Saginaw Twp's Soccer Complex. Mike set the tank up, got the Kochville FD to fill it, and it was a go! The best part is they used water from a tanker that had been sitting for a couple weeks, and the water was warm! (Ask Mark)



Seeing the guy under the water was novelty enough



but you could talk to him too!



Can you hear me now? Can you hear me now?



Jay Pansing , connecting the kids

And, it turned out to be the most popular of the displays! More interest than the helicopter... That's Mark Pryzybylski in the tank, entertaining the kids.



"How long can you stay in there?"



Sitting upright makes the mask tend to float up... and off!



Maybe a better handle needed to keep from floating up?



Sharp eyes can find the goldfish... (photos by Fabish?)

The next scheduled tank display will be at the ZooBoo; volunteers can sign up at the Sept meeting. Speaking of zoo, sign up for window cleaning too!

**SUE 2014 Compressor Schedule -part V, Sept
Call scheduled operator 1 day ahead to confirm**

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| 04 | Terry Lisk | 7771956 |
| 11 | Dave Sommers | 7518517 |
| 18 | Greg Prenzler | 2390625 |
| 25 | Don Cunningham | 7994385 |
| Oct 2- | Mike Fabish | 2952527 |
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Road Trip to Ohio Quarries

Proposed last year, and brought up again this year, a SUE group finally made a weekend trip down to Ohio for some quarry diving. Rob Quartermain, Mike Fabish, Justin Fabish, Mark Russel, Tim Hastings, and Dave Sommers made the 4 hr trip to Whitestar and Gilboa quarries. They set up camp, and planned their dives between the two dive sites.

I- White Star



The SUE compound at White Star Campground



Tim Hastings supervises breakfast preparations as Mike Fabish tends the stove.



The group gathers after a dive at White Star Quarry , left to right, Justin Fabish, Mike Fabish, Tim Hastings, Mark Russell, Rob Quarterman and Mark's friend Brandi Benkert

II- Gilboa



Rob Quarterman, Justin Fabish and Mike Fabish talk about the upcoming dive at Gilboa Quarry



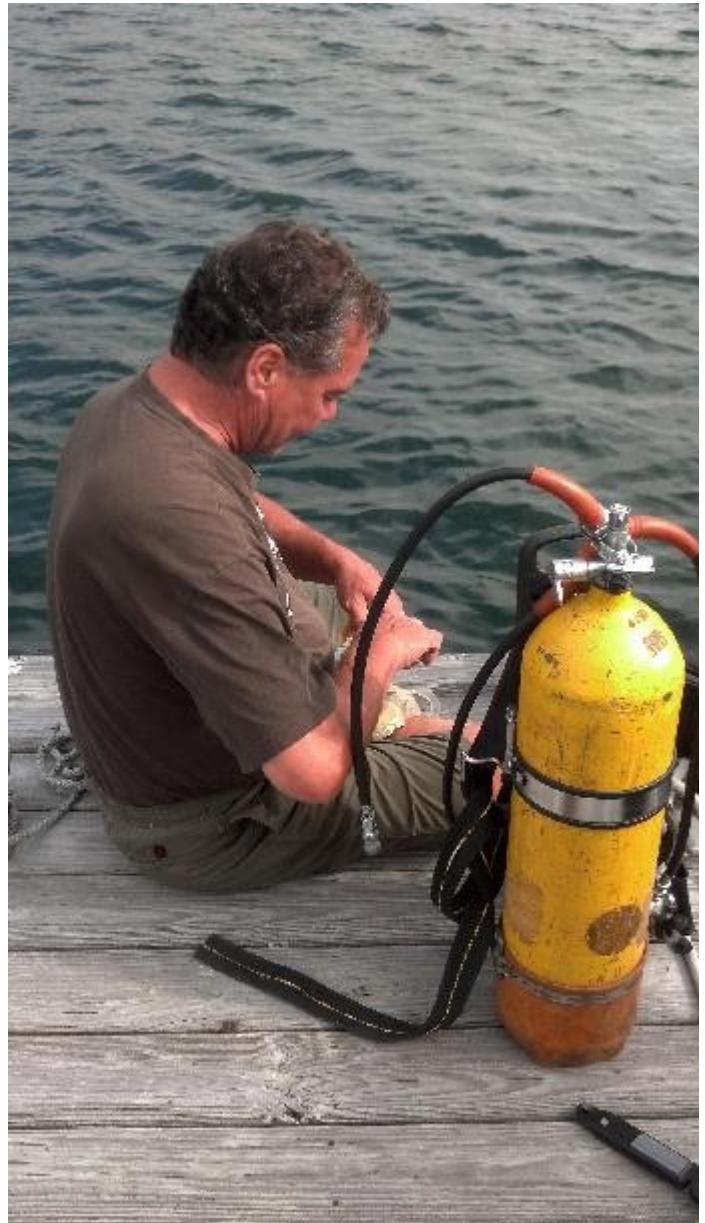
Tim Hastings and Dave Sommers encounter school of fish at school bus.... (This picture was not staged!)



Sommers and Hastings in Trout cloud
(fish fotos by Quartermain)

Terry Lisk on the Job-

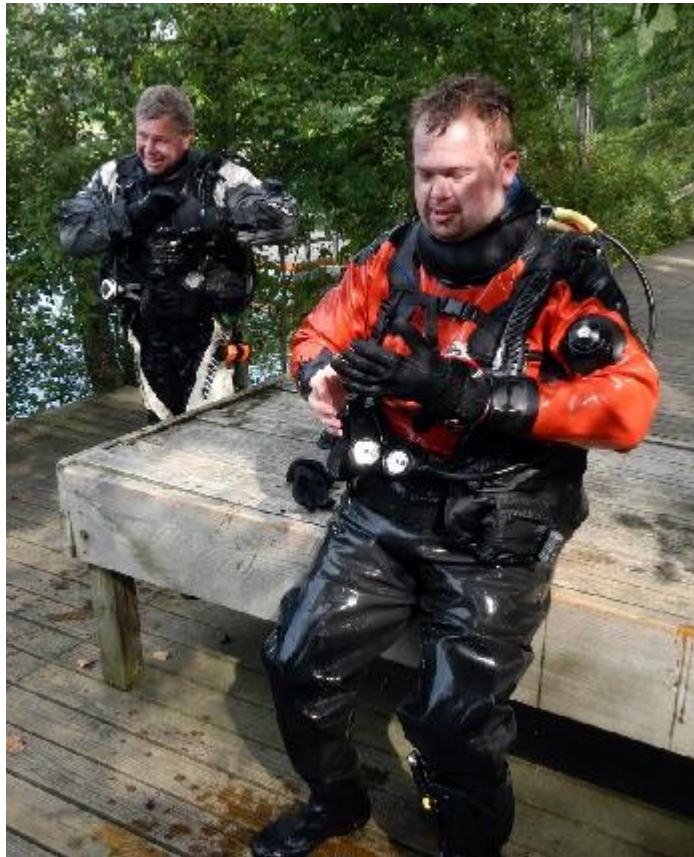
Not all pleasure in Harrisville for Terry Lisk... An aqua neighbor of his got a polypropylene line to his dinghy caught up and wrapped around his prop. Terry was asked if he could remove it. To quote Terry; "Quick job in such clear water..."



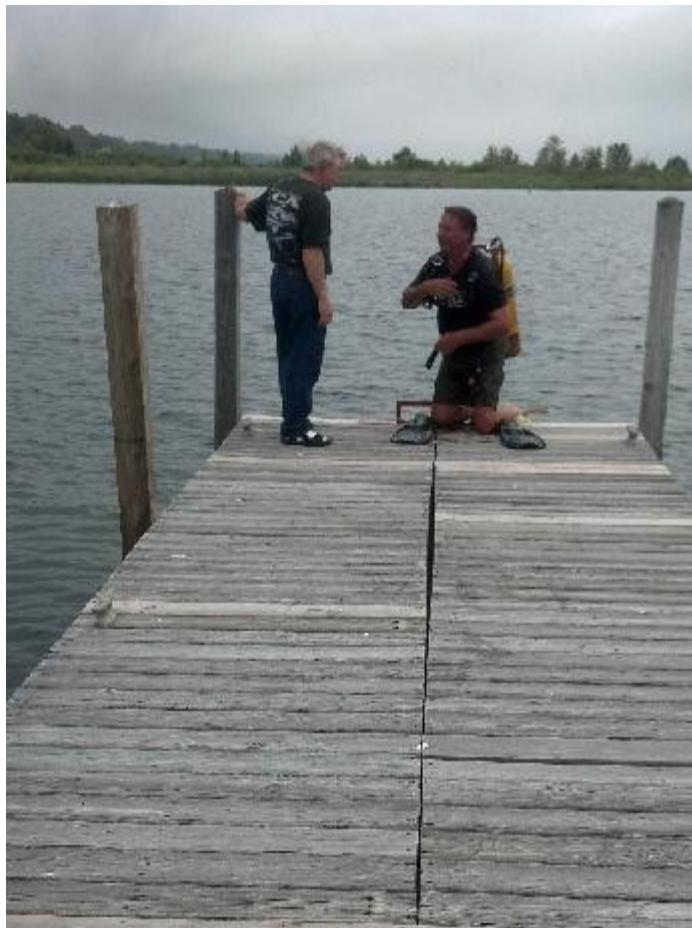
Terry, with minimal gear
(photo by ??)



Rob Quartermain walks out of the water at Gilboa Quarry



Mike and Justin Fabish remove gear after a dive at Gilboa Quarry
(quarry photos by Sommers)



“Sure; 10 mins tops...”

*Petoskey Calling!

I(Mike) just heard from Tony and he says he's ready to dive Petoskey! He now has plans for the weekend of 13/14 but **Sept 20/21 is still open: who wants to go?** I'm in. Anybody else? We will plan to dive the Cross and clean it up, and maybe get over to the Kueka and Elizabeth II, depending on who is going and how long we'll be there. Shoot me an email if you can work this into your schedule and we'll start making plans. Tony's boat is small and can only handle 3-4 divers at a time, but he is willing to go out in shifts if more show up. The dive sites are close to shore and we've dived them in shifts before.



Terry gets down to work-

Straits Takes Lives of Two Divers

Tim Troup died over the weekend diving the '**Persian**' in the Straits of Mackinaw. From what little information there is, it sounds like Tim was out on a Northern Michigan Dive Center charter from Cheboygan (same charter service SUE used in July). Some of you may remember Tim from Seaquatics. He was an instructor there, had 1000's of dives, and specialized in deep diving, mixed air, tech diving, etc. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and those left behind.

Another professional diver was lost earlier in the month; Dennis Javens, 64, of Minnesota, died while diving in the Straits of Mackinac Saturday, Aug. 9. Investigators believe Javens mistakenly made the dive using his reserve tank instead of his main tank. When he ran out of air, he attempted to switch to the reserve tank, which was empty.

RIP, Tim and Dennis

Further information can be found at

<http://connect.mlive.com/staff/bdevereaux/posts.html>

(Thanks for contributions to this story from Bill Atkins, Mike Fabish, Dave Sommers, Brad Deveroux, and Ron Sujkowski)

And Diver Saved in Straits-

Manistee Rescues Diver in Straits of Mackinac

When a scuba diver ascended from the wreck of the *Sandusky* five miles west of the Mackinac Bridge and several miles from shore on June 29, 2014, he found himself drifting away from the dive boat in strong winds. The dive boat recovered the other divers, but when it left the mooring to attempt recovery of the drifting diver, it suffered an engine shutdown in the building seas. The boat anchored and called for US Coast Guard assistance in rescuing the lost diver.

The *Manistee*, carrying a cargo of salt, was westbound for Green Bay when the crew was alerted. "I was on the bridge talking with Second Mate **J. B. Collings** as we watched an approaching storm front line to our west," said Captain **David Miller**. After receiving the Coast Guard alert, the *Manistee* altered course to render assistance. Third Mate **Jeff Porinchok** alerted the bosun and deckhands and helped launch the ship's 14-foot workboat after the diver was spotted half a mile from the disabled, anchored dive boat.

Capt. **Miller** stopped the *Manistee* approximately 500 feet upwind of the diver to create a lee in the building seas. "By this time the thunderstorm had arrived with heavy rain and winds

gusting over 30 knots," he said. "The diver was fatigued and unable to climb into the [work] boat. He held onto the side, and deckhand **Mike Flanagan** held onto him as Bosun **Rob Bentley** piloted the workboat back to the anchored dive boat. The diver states that he had been in the water for over two hours. He was wearing proper diving attire, but the water temperature was 55 degrees. After the Coast Guard came and took the dive boat under tow, we safely recovered our workboat in three-to-four foot waves and continued on our way to Green Bay." Capt. **Miller** reported that the entire operation took just under one hour. (Article reprinted from ISMA Letter, Aug 2014

<http://www.shipmaster.org>)

[contributed by Bill Atkins... thx, Bill!]

Prenzlers in Tawas

Greg and Alex Prenzler are currently camping in Tawas State Park; enjoying the weather and beautiful waters of Tawas Bay. They were out kayaking, and saw some interesting objects on the bottom. They went back snorkeling the area, and got some fine photos for the SCOOP. They are keeping the location secret.

(photos by Greg)



Alex readying his gear



Alex searching the area



Dock debris?



Squashed net can?

Voice from the Past!

The SCOOP recently got a nice card extending us well wishes from Florida; it was Mike Peterson! Mike was an active club member about 10 years ago; he held the president's office for a while. From Mike-

I hope you all are out there getting wet. I was going through some old photo's and wanted you all to know that I was thinking of you.
I am still down here in Florida but trying to move back home. my Dad (if some of you remember him from the pool swims) got certified last year I told him he needed to join SUE miss you all. Dive safe. ~mike

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CONTEST WINNER!



"You may have to grow older, but you can be immature forever."

Winning caption by Bill Atkins!

Bill wins a year's SCOOP subscription and a Sr Coffee at Hemlock McDs. Cora selected Bill's entry over countless others...

S.U.E. 2014 Planner

Sep 9 mtg Oct 14 mtg, UWPC?

Nov 11 mtg (vets day!) Dec 6- Christmas Party

Your club, your activities- Make suggestions!

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