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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- 10th



Inside....

*February Meeting; Election
Annual Polar Plunge
DT Ice Training
Cora's Corner*

also selected short subjects



-Some things have no answer



Special Olympics Polar Plunge at Haithco Lake (Prenzler)



Dive Team training

(Sommers)

Remember Our Troops!

February Meeting



Slow start..... (knock at door?)



Well; Cora visiting?

Here's Justin-

Hello Everyone,

Here are the minutes from our February meeting that I nearly forgot to send out. I need a memory upgrade (lol).

Due to the few attendants at our meeting, we voted that all board members will remain in their current offices.

*Mike Fabish-President
Mark Russell-Vice President
Dave Sommers-Treasurer
Justin Fabish-Secretary
Tim Hastings-Member at Large
Don Cunningham-Compressor Chair
Don Storck-Newsletter Editor*

The Great Lakes shipwrecks festival is on March 7, 2015 in Ann Arbor. Check out this website for more information. <http://shipwreckfestival.us/intro.html> Advanced tickets are \$25. Tickets at door are \$30. If you are planning on going, please "reply all" on this email so that we can know who's going.

We discussed options for the foggy window in the dive tank. We will be moving the tank soon to Mike's workplace to have it refurbished while indoors. We will retouch the paintwork and try to seal the tank with a clear coat to help preserve the painting and keep the water clearer.

December 5, 2015 is the annual Christmas party for the club. Mark your calendars.

The annual polar plunge is on Saturday, February 21st at 12:00. We are looking for some volunteers from 9 am to the end of event to help with divers/jumpers. Dinner will be provided for the volunteers. The event will be held at Haithco Park at 2121 Schust Rd, Saginaw, MI. Dress warmly and come watch some crazy plungers.

We lost some members this year. If you forgot to renew, be sure to contact Dave Sommers for renewal.

Stay warm, fellow divers -Justin

[UrEd:] Almost overlooked in the Feb meeting was the special raffle. An anonymous donor contributed an autographed tote bag formerly owned by a celebrity diver. After a loud clamor for who should get the bag, it was agreed that the only fair way would be to have a raffle.



Pres. Fabish took the time to make out slips for a fair drawing.



Originally drawn by an unbiased spectator



OK; Draw again....



-Some suspected irregularities, and demanded a redo



“Here you go, Ian; deliver this to... “



Winner- Bill Atkins! oops; not in attendance....



Proud grand prize winner; Justin Fabish

-All other losers received a high quality magazine containing photographs of attractive things...

2015 Special Olympics Polar Plunge

Again, SUE club members got involved in their community by volunteering to help at the annual Polar Plunge at Haithco Lake. The County Dive Team has the responsibility of cutting the hole and providing safety personnel for the jumpers. This has been the practice for a number of years now, and the organizers of the Plunge depend on the DT or the event could not happen. To participate in the jump, each jumper raises money for the chance to jump into freezing water; this year there were 170+ jumpers. Good turnout!



First, a rectangle is cut out of the (18") ice.



Inside (smaller) chunks are cut out, and shoved under the ice.

Thanks To: Manny Trevino, Mark Przybylski , Tim Hastings, Brian Kleinfeld , Jean Harken, Devin Heyn, Mike Fabish, Justin Fabish , Greg Prenzler, Mark Laux, Bill Giorgis, Dave Sommers, UrEd, and Edith!



Time to jump!



Personnel in water .assist jumpers after the initial shock



-and direct them to ladders in the back corners to exit.
(photos by Sommers)

February DT Training

Workday in early Feb; weeks before fun at the Polar Plunge... also at Haithco Lake. And the ice was thinner.
(photos by Sommers)



Note big smiles



as they jump in-



and surface...

(mlive photos)



Maynard(?) in the hole, Fabish safety diver



Prenzler in hole, Fabish safety, UrEd and Garner standing by...

Cora's Collection

Class Offered-

“Northwestern Michigan College will host a Nautical Archeology Society 2015 International Field School. This two week event will be held on the main campus between July 12th and July 26th. . It will consist of taught courses and the supervised archaeological survey of a historic shipwreck in Northport, Grand Traverse Bay and an early Archaic site on the shore of an inland lake. This is a unique opportunity for anyone interested in underwater archeology to train with NAS instructors and students from around the world.”

For more details please visit: www.nasnmc.com

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(Thanks, Tony Piazza)

NWF Video-

“This past July, National Wildlife Federation (NWF) conducted a diving expedition to obtain footage of aging oil pipelines strung across one of the most sensitive locations in the Great Lakes, and possibly the world: the Straits of Mackinac. Footage of these pipelines has never been released to the public until now.” --By Beth Wallace

Ed- If you are willing to listen to the NWF slightly biased message, they have a good underwater video of the Straits pipeline. What they call trash appears to be zebra mussels...

<http://ecowatch.com/2013/10/15/footage-of-tar-sands-pipelines-beneath-great-lakes/>

(Thanks, Janet Fenton)



Innovative Mask-

Designed for snorkeling, a full face mask appears to make it even more relaxing.



<http://scubadiverlife.com/2015/01/30/will-new-full-face-mask-revolutionize-snorkeling/>

Reef Mapping-

“The Catlin Global Reef Record is a research tool aimed at collating and communicating the coral reef science of the Catlin Seaview Survey and combining that information with data from other leading sources of ocean research. This free database will provide scientists across various disciplines of marine studies with a tool for analyzing the current state of the reef ecosystems on a local, regional and global scale and monitoring changes that occur over time.”



Beautiful scenery; Good video and pics!-

<http://globalreefrecord.org/>

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- * Big selection of all SCUBA gear! Contact Mike Kowalski' 892-2028
- * Special offer to club members- Tim Hastings selling his boat; 4000\$ OBO. New trim tabs just installed 798 8157
- * "I have dive gear the only thing I don't have a pic of is the full wet suit it's at my other house. Asking 500 obo tanks need to be hydro" See Feb SCOOP supplement contact Derek Nikolai <dereknikolai@gmail.com>

S.U.E. 2015 Planner

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 5- Christmas Party

Your club, your activities- Make suggestions!

NEW- 2015 S.U.E OFFICERS

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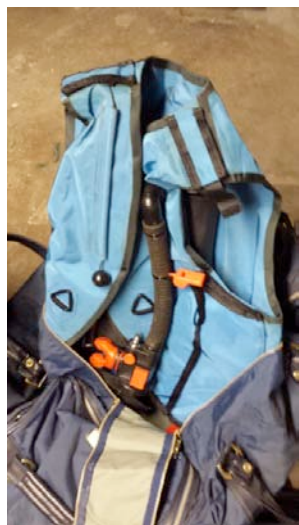
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