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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- 12th (AT COMPRESSOR SITE!)

Inside....

Apr Meeting Points

May Mtg, VIPs!

HBD!

Sleeping Bear Wrecks

Cuba Trip?

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also selected short subjects



Sleeping Bear beach wreckage; featured! (MLive)



-Seems like yesterday... (by Uhlman)



Take one...

Remember Our Troops!

Attention On Deck!

This meeting will not be held at the fire station; no one will let you in! This May meeting will be held at the compressor site (Giorgis' satellite office on Bay Rd) for the annual tank VIP party. Empty your tank prior to being inspected; VIP cards will be on sale for those needing them. Also feel free to bring any equipment for display at trunk sales. Plan on starting at 6:00!

April Meeting

Items discussed were the demo tank, the zoo, the Gilboa dive, new member, old Selvik pics, refreshments, ...

Mike reported plans are still underway to repaint the tank, and fix the fogged window. It still has to be moved.

Another agenda item is with the Children's Zoo; scheduling window cleaners is going to require a written SOP that secures the diver's safety. This is a new requirement for the zoo's insurance coverage. A zoo observer will be on hand during the cleaning, and we are planning an exercise to plan for an emergency.

Mike asked for best times for folks interested in a Gilboa trip; immediate answers were 'later in May'. As it stands now, either of the last two weekends in May may work.. This will probably be decided during our May meeting.



Interrogation of new member...

Mike introduced a new club applicant; John Heska. John discovered our club as he sought scuba equipment from a current member. He is an experienced diver, and is from the Mt. Pleasant area. Welcome aboard, John!

-Meeting was adjourned and refreshments were to be had!



Pres Fabish interviewing another potential club member

More Sleeping Bear Dunes Wreckage

Faithful readers will remember the article on the 'Jenny and Annie' beach wreckage exposed at the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. The imagery at the Dunes is photogenic in itself, but with the recent finding of the 'Jennie and Annie' new interest has added even more photos of the area wrecks.



'Jennie and Annie' periodically exposed



Unidentified wreckage along lake shore



Chief ranger Phil Akers with unid wreck on Pt Oneida beach
(MLive)

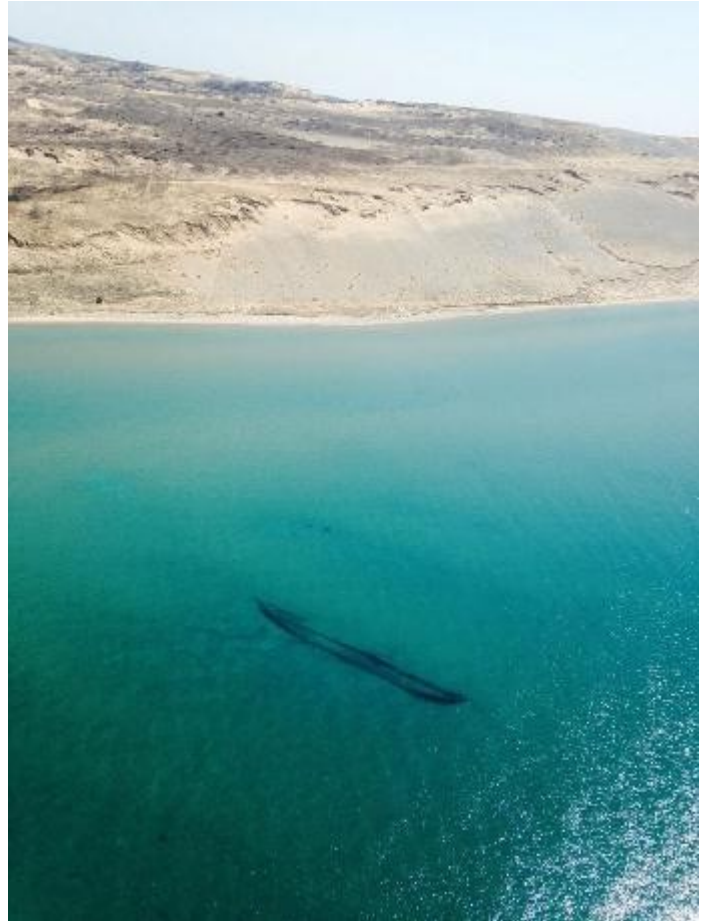
They called it Shipwreck Sunday (for picture taking)

The disappearance of the winter ice cover over Lake Michigan was like opening a window for a new view! Recently a USCG helicopter stationed at Air Station Traverse City was on a routine patrol over the Glen Haven area, and spotted a number of underwater wrecks in the area. They photographed them, and placed them on their FaceBook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/AIRSTATVC?fref=ts>

They are excellent photos, and received national attention!

-The following 6 photos are those taken by the Coast Guard.



1. Wreck of the 121-foot brig James McBride, which ran aground during a storm on October 19, 1857. Her remains lie in 5- to 15-feet of water near Sleeping Bear Point

These wrecks are found in the area of the Sleeping Bear Dunes, between Leland and Sleeping Bear Point. The waters across to the Manitou Islands were known as the Manitou Passage. Ships used it as a shortcut, and many consequently had problems and were lost. The water is clear and shallow; great diving. The entire area is protected, and designated as an underwater preserve.



2. Unknown



4. Unknown



3. Unknown



5. Closer view of the McBride

RISING SUN

The House of David leased most of High Island in upper Lake Michigan and ran one of the last lumber camps in Michigan there for many years. The Rising Sun and other ships were used to ship lumber to Chicago, Milwaukee, etc. The sect also farmed the island. In addition to the crew the ship was transporting members who farmed the island home for the winter. Every one was saved from the wreck including one person who slept through the entire event and was taken off the ship the next day.



6. Wreck of the Rising Sun, a 133-foot long wooden steamer stranded just north of Pyramid Point on October 29, 1917. The steamer went to pieces and her wreckage now rests in 6- to 12-feet of water. This wreckage can be seen from the top of Pyramid Point.

-(Courtesy | U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Traverse City, USCG!

Interesting Story, that Rising Sun;..

The Rising Sun was owned by the House of David, a religious sect that still exists in Benton Harbor. The House of David was the only religious organization to own a fleet of ships. The ship ran aground during a fall storm close to the Sleeping Bear Dunes lighthouse.



Wooden steamer Rising Sun; wrecked in 1817 off Pyramid Point. (Easily visible from there yet.)

-The folks in the foreground of the picture are mostly members. During the months that followed the wreck they salvaged most of the vessel.

For more information, check

<http://www.israelitehouseofdavid.com/>

<http://www.maryscityofdavid.org/>

(source: Wikipedia)

Special Belated Birthday Wishes!

On behalf of SUE, the SCOOP is honored to extend birthday wishes to Catherine Cunningham. Catherine is the mother of Don Cunningham, and she recently turned 100 years! -We wish Catherine many enjoyable more!



Happy Birthday, Mrs. Cunningham!

[The SCOOP also wishes to extends congratulations to any anonymous members who may have gotten married this last month!...]

Next Dive Trip?



Cuban waters!

With increasing political action being taken to normalize relations between the US and Cuba, there is anticipation for a projected increase in tourism of the

Caribbean nation, not the least of which will include SCUBA divers. Over 100 individual dive sites can be found throughout Cuba's waters, many of which are protected by the Cuban government to preserve their natural beauty. In addition to a variety of tropical fish populations, these waters are home to 200 species of sponge and 50 species of coral. Even divers who wish to do their cave or wreck diving desires will find what they are looking for here. Water temperatures hover around 70-80F all year, making Cuba a great dive destination for any season!

Check out this footage taken within the Jardines de la Reina (Queen's Gardens) dive site, and start imagining your next dive vacation in the colorful country of Cuba! <https://youtu.be/cKIz-JjH-rA>

Dive Team Times

The ice was barely gone from the Saginaw River, and the spring melt combined with rain resulted in high water with heavy current. The Dive Team chose the calmer waters of Lake Linton (by Ojibway Island) for the first open water dive of the year.



Ron Maynard gets an O-ring changed

Club members participating were Dave Sommers, Mike Fabish, Ken Kruska, Jay Pansing, Tim Hastings, Mike Garner, Greg Prenzler, Mike Prenzler, Brian Kleinfeld, UrEd,... If I missed anyone, please write your name in here: _____
It was in fact a good turnout!



-By the shores of Gitchie Ojibway....



Mike Prenzler helping rig diver

Compressor Sched- May

Date	Operator
MAY 7	Don Cunningham
MAY 14(?)	Mike Fabish
MAY 21	Mike Kowalski
MAY 28	Fred LaClair

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- * Standard medical O2 bottles; 10\$ dstorck@hotmail.com
- * Special offer to club members- Tim Hastings selling his boat; 4000\$ OBO. New trim tabs just installed 798 8157
- * Misc dive gear- contact Derek Nikolai [<dereknikolai@gmail.com>](mailto:dereknikolai@gmail.com)
- * Silent Bubbles sale; make offer.. (contact SCOOP)



S.U.E. 2015 Planner

May 12 mtg VIP?	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

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