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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- 13th

Inside....

September Mtg Mins
Otter Lake Trip
New Zoo Window pics
Club Tank Expo
Dive Team Outing

also selected short subjects



Honest!

Remember Our Troops!



Mark, Justin, and visitor at Thomas Twp Pancake Expo



Zoo cleaning; Dave talks with Robin; Mike suiting up

September Meeting Detour



- 5200 State st.

Our connections to the Thomas Twp fire station had other commitments; we had to relocate the meeting to Drs. Borenitsch's and Fabish's office.



Rob, Justin, Ian and VP Russell settling comfortably in!



-Joined by Don C.



Justin found a flag; open with pledge!

Greeting Divers, (Sept minutes)

-Update: The Petosky trip was canceled. We are possibly looking at Gull Lake near Grand Rapids/Kalamazoo area. Details to come soon.

(ed- Mike and Justin did go to Gull Lake; details at mtg)

-Next fun dive will be at Otter Lake on Sept 15. This lake is dark water so bring lights. There is a cabin cruiser around 50 feet and a fish crib. The water can be cold so be prepared. (ed- story follows...)

-The zoo windows will be cleaned. (Wed)

-We're getting ready for the pumpkin carving next month. Hemmeter Produce may be donating pumpkins for our contest. As of right now, we plan on doing the contest Oct 25. We will bring the dive tank to show the kids on the 24 & 25.

(ed- The dive tank has also been used with great success at the Thomas Twp pancake breakfast, and is now scheduled for Saginaw Twp on Oct 4)

Stay wet!

Justin Fabish, Secretary



Meeting closed; Building goes to sleep...

Thank you Doctors, for the club's use of your building! ***Saginaw Underwater Explorers***

Tawas Dive Trip Revisited

Recall last month's dive trip to Tawas was weathered out and the backup plan to the AuSable was followed... Mark Russell still provided a number of photos along Lake Huron-



Mark cruising the lake off Tawas- (w/Brandy and Justin?)



Camping = campfires!

Get-Wet at Otter Lake

This month's splash dive was finally at Otter Lake, which had been called off last month due to weather. Tim Hastings, Mark Russell, Justin Fabish, Mike Fabish, and UrEd (and Bob) showed up around 6-6:30, knowing darkness was coming. Mike and Justin found the boat, and followed out the line to the hole. Mark and UrEd thought we would go down to the beach area and look for lost items. We found a lot of weeds. Tim was coordinating things, and helped me

get my weight belt on when I finally realized I was trying to go down without it...



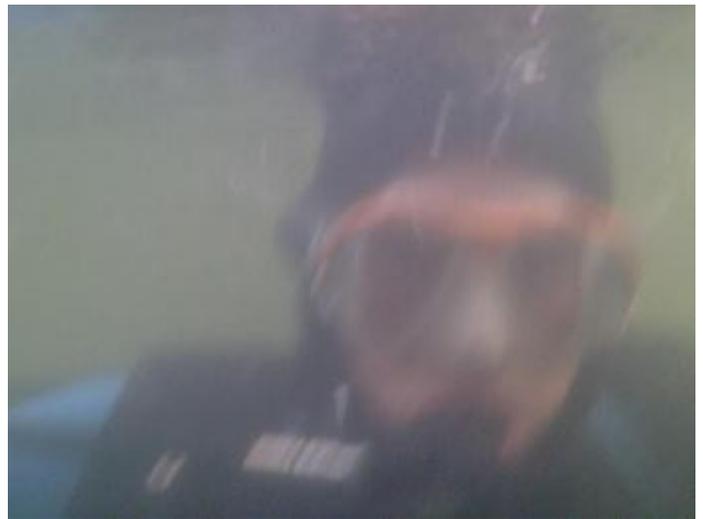
Justin and Mike getting ready in bright sun!



Dive buddies!



Mark checks the beach area



Mark under Otter



Justin and Mike; final check



Bottom scenery...

Zoo Windows; On Schedule!

These windows weren't this clear when they were first constructed! Robin from the zoo met Dave Sommers, Mike Fabish, Mark Russell, and UrEd last Wednesday when they showed up for the bi-monthly window cleaning. Robin sincerely thanked the club for the cleanings, and the fantastic improvements! Dave was the one who kept looking for the answer to getting the lingering scum off, and Mike discovered the cleaning pads that did the trick! You should notice the difference even in the following photos!



Mike and Dave swim through weeds to get to the windows



Mike at window; so clean you can see our sign!



Dave on opposite side; grabbed by the grass



Mark and Robin giving Dave a hard time



Robin said the zoo is planning on controlling the grasses next

Dive Tank at Thomas

It was the annual pancake breakfast and open house for Thomas Twp FD, and we were invited back! That was last weekend, and we are also setting it up for Saginaw Twp FD this coming Sunday. Mike has spent some time doing repairs on the tank; probably the biggest improvement is the clear side window. Folks just walking by stop to look! We do draw attention; especially from the kids. Using our borrowed intercom set, anyone coming up to the tank is able to talk to the diver.



That's Robin doing a high five with Mike...



Pretty thick outside the windows...



Crowds gather...



Divers return to entry point; good work!



Justin getting ready; first in the tank



Mark has headset on youngster; comms with Justin



Give the diver a high five!



-Not all comms through the headset...



Also offering a club display!

All Saginaw Underwater Explorers are invited to participate! Been in the tank before? We have switched to warm water! Come and join us this Sunday (4th), at the Sag Twp FD on McCarty (E of Bay) from 9 – noon.



End of show-

October Dive Team Activities

-Report fisherman found a submerged car...



Mike in...



93 lb Petoskey Stone!

Special Photo Feature!



Car on the end of the rope; it was a Ford...

You Can Pick Your Friends, or Your Nose, But

You can't pick Petoskey Stones from the bottom of Lake Michigan! Tim Obrien of Petoskey found a huge 93lb Petoskey Stone in the waters off Petoskey. He spent a few days retrieving it; then posted his find on FaceBook. Readers immediately reported him to the DNR , who claim he can't take it. See the full story here: http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2015/09/man_lugs_93-pound_petoskey_sto.html



Chris Demler demonstrates; "Where's my weight belt?"

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S.U.E. 2015 Planner

Oct 13 mtg, 24 UWPC; 25 ZooBoo
Nov 10 mtg
Dec 5 Christmas Party

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