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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- 8th

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The few, the faithful...



Wups! -wrong newsletter.... (thx, Mark!)

Remember Our Troops!

August Meeting Mains

President Fabish called the meeting to order. We discussed the last get-wet dive at Krystal Lake; water was very clear and we dove the hopper and boat. Mike mentioned we had our portable dive chamber in use at 'National Night Out', and received a bunch of positive comments on it! Mike put some new valves on it, some paint, and got the side window as clear as the main window! We agreed Otter Lake would be the location of the Aug dive (although it did get weathered out). Also discussed was the potential club dive on Lake Huron/AuSable(see below).

Cunningham's Compressor Night



Rob Quartermain helping Don



Now in session!... note bag of apples on table; refreshments



Don doing final bookkeeping before closing shop



John won the apples!

SUE Weekend Road Trip

Tony Piazza had invited folks up to try some Lake Huron diving off his place; mentioned was the Goshawk, and the old freighter ore buckets at Alabaster. Tony had a boat, and Mark brought his new boat for the venture. Without much surprise, the weather didn't cooperate and they were blown off. The backup plan was to go inland to the backwaters of the Au Sable at Old Orchard Park. Good choice!



Mark and Brandy Russel gearing up



Mike in the background



Tim Hastings provides kayaks; Justin Fabish assists



Tim set to go...



-and pursued by Justin

(Photos by Rob Quartermain)

(Note from Mike-)

Hi Everybody!

I just wanted to take minute to thank all of you for the awesome weekend in Tawas/Oscoda. We may not have been able to dive all we planned, but the trip was epic in all regards, and a memory that will be another great SUE tip! They always measure up to all expectation and beyond! Who would have thought that diving the AuSable, taking "bouncing" boat trips (in big circles LOL), and great camping could lead up to such a wonderful time?!

Tony & Carol: Thank you for the generosity poured out for a spectacular lunch and afternoon of fellowship. Your new home is lovely, and the perfect setting for the group of divers to enjoy one another's company. Tony, thanks for valiant effort to find (and hold LOL) the Goshawk; we'll get her next time!

Mark & Brandi: Thanks you for graciously bring the Satisfaction all the way up north to make the whole trip possible, even if we didn't get to use her like we hoped. It was a fun day out on the water, with lots of "episodes" to file away as fun memories. And the river diving was great, regardless; I 'm so glad you both got the chance to get wet and scout out new territories with us!

Tim: Thanks for the use of your tent and canopy; it made home base camp great and "just like home". It's always a pleasure camping with you, and sharing experiences around the fires. Your kayaks were a hit, especially when riding guard over us diver's. I appreciate the added safety net you provided.

John: Even though you didn't get the chance to dive the Alabaster locations as had hoped, it was such a pleasure getting to know you more as one of our newest members. I appreciate all your efforts with your "new" motor home to be a part of the trip and sharing your positive attitude and stories. We'll get to those piers sometime!

Rob: I'm glad you joined us, even if not to dive. It sounds like your trail riding was a huge success and a trip down memory lane, one that you shared with us. It's always a pleasure to sit around

the fire and swap diving stories about the locations you been to; locations places I hope to go someday! LOL

Justin: What can I say? I could never hope for a better life-long dive buddy than my son, but even just as important, a great friend that I know will always have my back! We make a great team in all we do; thanks for always being there! I know we will have many more dive trips, both with SUE and on our own, and I look forward to all of them.

I very much appreciate all of you and your efforts to take the time to be a part of my weekend! Sometimes it can be hard work, and there is always sacrifice to do something well, and all of you came through with flying colors! Even when facing all changes and options as we rolled with the punches, we adapted, overcame, and make the most out of it all! Without all of you, there would not be a memory that will last forever, and the anticipation of doing it all over again in the future! Don't forget to mark your calendars for Sept 19-20 for Petoskey/Charlevoix; details to come.

Thank you, Mike

And Thanks Also To-



From the Zoo to SUE!

Unknown how many members attended the Children's Zoo Volunteer Appreciation party, but Pres Fabish brought back this 'Thank You' to the club for our service of cleaning their u/w windows. Which, by

the way, it's time for again. Contact Mike to get on the list.

(Here's more Mike-)

To all Zoo window cleaners:

Today's cleaning went well, as usual, with Mike G and Dave S completing the task. Next scheduled cleaning is Sept 9, Wed, 9 am, with Dave S and Mike F. It would be nice to have a 3rd as a backup and/or inside guy to point out needed areas. Let me know if any of you are interested in the 3rd spot .

Since we are cleaning every 2 weeks now, I appreciate all who are helping, but don't want to take advantage of anybody by being there all the time. By scheduling out in advance, we can try to keep divers down to 1 or 2 consecutive cleanings to eliminate "burnout". LOL. I know some of you are avail other days and times, but the Zoo really prefers early mornings before they are open if we can. When necessary, we may be scheduling differently.

The following cleaning is Sept 23, Wed, 9 am, and I am available to clean. We can use another cleaner, and a 3rd for that date. Let me know if any of you would like to help as a cleaner or spotter and we'll build a team of 3 for that day, too.

Dive Team August Activity



-Patrolling the Saginaw River...
Hastings, Fabish, and Kruska (courtesy SFD)

Jellyfish! Coming to a Lake Near You!

UrEd first heard about these critters from Jill Curry about 10 ya; I believe they were in Babtist Lake in Montcalm County. Apparently they're migrating...

(-from MLive)

PELLSTON, MI — University researchers say now is the time of year to keep an eye out for North America's only species of freshwater jellyfish.

The jellyfish, **Craspedacusta sowerbii**, are technically invasive species but scientists say they've not shown a significant impact on the state's ecology since being introduced to North America. They are native to China. They are small, about the size of a penny. They sting, but it's not much."You could walk through a bunch of them and what you'd feel would be less than a mosquito bite," said Paul Moore, a Bowling Green State University professor who studies and teaches freshwater ecology. Moore and staff at the University of Michigan Biological Station on Douglas Lake near Pellston got a chance to eyeball the jellies up close this month after some were found in nearby Burt Lake and **brought to the field station for identification.**

The earliest sighting in Michigan were in the early 1990s. Moore said there's **dozens of lakes** in Michigan in which they could be found. The species prefers standing or slow-moving bodies of water. They usually come out in late summer, early fall.

The jellies eat zooplankton, which is also a food source for native larval fish. In turn, the jellies are often eaten by turtles and crayfish, Moore said.



Freshwater Jellyfish



-these found in Burt Lake

The freshwater jellies have spread throughout the globe; in the U.S., there's only six states where they haven't been sighted.

-story by Garret Ellison for Mlive

more at www.freshwaterjellyfish.org

Sept Compressor Sched- (call ahead)

SEPT 3	Fred La Clair	529-8141
10	Terry Lisk	777-1956
17	Dave Sommers	751-8517
24	Greg Prenzler	239-0625

Back up- Tom Van Den Boom 686-3176

Rebreathers; Mil.



Green Berets from 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne) and Marines from Marine Special Operations Command crawl across the Red Sea floor on a closed circuit dive during Eager Lion 2015 in Jordan. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Edward French IV)

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Oct 13 mtg, UWPC; zoo?
Nov 10 mtg
Dec 5 Christmas Party

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