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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- 12<sup>th</sup>



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*Cora April Pin-up(back of pg 6)*

*also selected short subjects*



First freighter of 2016 through the Soo!



March meeting in Dr Borenitch's office

**Remember Our Troops!**

## March Meeting



With new faces! (Lew Stempki missed picture)

*Here's Justin with the March minutes-  
Greetings,*

Treasury report read by D. Sommers. Motion passed. Chad Blower was re-accepted as a new member now that he's back from Germany. Welcome home, Chad.

The children's zoo opens April 23rd. We will need to clean the windows by then. We will be doing a safe training pretty soon for cleaning the windows and we will schedule that in the near future with Robin from the zoo.

VIP night will be May 10th at the compressor room. As usual, we will have an open trunk sale as well. Bring any tanks that need VIP and/or fills.

Our compressor schedule will start in May. The schedule will be on the website. We request a 24 hour notice for the person who's on the schedule to fill tanks.

Fun dives will start on May 17. These dives are scheduled every 3rd Tuesday of the month for the summer months. We are hoping to find new places nearby to try so if you have any suggestions, please let us know. Haithco Park will be our first fun dive on May 17th.

We are planning a quarry dive for a weekend on May 14-15th. We will do White Star, Gilboa, and possibly a different quarry. We will get a campsite at White Star for the weekend.

-Justin

(Ed- We also discussed the conditions of Bill Atkins and Bill Giorgis. Both are Improving!)

## March Spaghetti

It's an annual event; March is the spaghetti dinner party put on by Boy Scout Troop 304, of which some of our members belong. It's a nice social gathering, featuring a good meal with good service. If you missed it this year, plan on it for next year!



Service with a smile! Alex Kleinfeld and Alex Prenzler

While Dad's work KP...



Brian working the kitchen-



**Other March Features- Ice & Snow**



Where's the clean plates??



Dive Team checks last ice on Haithco



Who wants what?



-And yes; it's weak...



Greg catches up



Still OK to put someone in!

## Ben and Elaine Boyle leave March for Panama!

Ben said he didn't care what Michigan got for weather this month; he could read about it when he got back.



Well, it beats tromping through snow! (photo by Ben?)

## First Freighter of 2016 Through the Soo

The honor goes to the Roger Blough; 858 footer. The Blough passed through the Soo Locks last Friday night, marking the opening of the '16 shipping season on the Great Lakes. (photos by mlive)



Roger Blough in the Poe Lock

There is an apparent pool for when the first ship comes through, and many boat nerds are there to watch.



The Blough, was first, but ready in line were the Edwin H. Gott, the Stewart J. Cort, and the Burns Harbor.

The Poe Lock is open for business, but the smaller MacArthur Lock is still closed for maintenance. Discussion is going on about the need for a new lock, however federal authorities have to OK the estimated \$580 million cost.

See also [http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2016/03/freighters\\_midnight\\_pass\\_opens.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2016/03/freighters_midnight_pass_opens.html) and <http://www.boatnerd.com>





Scene on Saginaw Bay just last week (by Dan Latal)

### News Item- Diver Sucked into Cooling Pipe; Sues

A Florida scuba diver was sucked into a water intake pipe for the St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plant. The incident occurred back in July of 2015, but the diver has now decided to sue the power company. His claim is there were no warnings, but the site was in fact marked. The intake tube was approximately 16' wide x 1/4mi length, and he apparently was carried for 5 min. see full story: <http://www.wptv.com/news/region-st-lucie-county/scuba-diver-sucked-in-to-nuclear-plant-water-pipe-files-suit>

### Michigan's Own Diver-In-Pipe Story...

On July 3 1905, Joan Eddy of Grayling was diving off Port Sheldon, MI (Ottawa County) when she found herself being sucked through an intake pipe. The pipe belonged to Consumers Energy's J.H. Campbell power plant, and was approximately 8' wide x 2500' length. Joan suffered a bloody nose.

See more at: <http://www.scubaboard.com/community/threads/03-jul-05-diver-injured-after-being-pulled-through-pipe.103053/>



Cora's Briefs-



It's a ?- Pike Eel! Australia! (Google it)



Russian diver sets depth record

[http://www.upi.com/Science\\_News/2016/03/06/Russian-scuba-divers-set-deepest-under-ice-dive-record/2741457280931/](http://www.upi.com/Science_News/2016/03/06/Russian-scuba-divers-set-deepest-under-ice-dive-record/2741457280931/)

### More Misc-

<http://www.riviera-maya-news.com/diving-tourist-strays-from-group-drowns/2016.html>

<http://scubadiverlife.com/2014/07/13/sharks-shipwrecks/>

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[frye\\_larry@hotmail.com](mailto:frye_larry@hotmail.com)

#### Personals-

Good Healing, Bill and Bill...

#### S.U.E. 2016 Planner

Apr 12 mtg

May 10 mtg VIP?	Jun 14 mtg,
Jul 12 mtg? picnic?	Aug 9 mtg
Sept 13 mtg	Oct 11 mtg, UWPC; zoo?
Nov 8 mtg	Dec 13- Christmas Party ?

Your club, your activities- Make suggestions!

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