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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 At Compressor!



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*April Minutes
First Zoo Cleaning
Kentucky Quarry*

also selected short subjects



Kentucky Quarry



Sommers and Fabish begin 2016 zoo window cleaning

Remember Our Troops!

April Accounts



Elaine B. enjoying the excitement of the meeting.

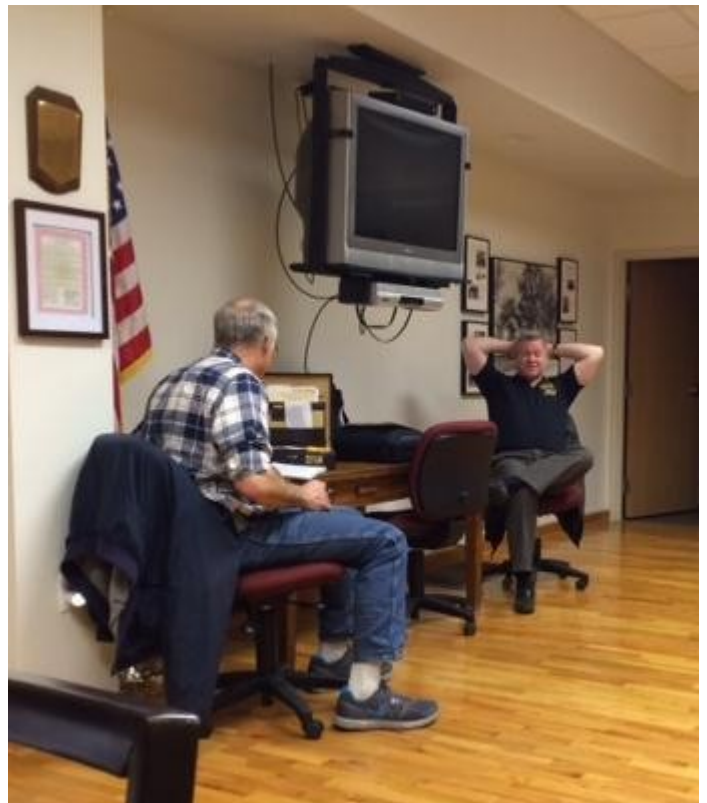
April's minutes, by Pres Fabish-

- “We voted and accepted Kimberly Belchak as our newest member. Welcome, Kim!
- Dave S and I will be cleaning the zoo windows Thus at 8 am for their opening this Sat. We will be scheduling a time to do the safety drill that was approved at the meeting. WINDOW CLEANERS: you know who you are...when is the best time to get all of us together (and any/all members) for the safety drill with Robin? She said it can be anytime during the week or weekend (starting at 8 am) or could even do it after the zoo closes in the evening. Please send me feed back of a good time for you if you are a window cleaner and/or would like to be involved. We will clean windows about every 2 weeks (or as needed) and will set up a schedule.
- Quarry Days is still on schedule for May 14 & 15. Justin and I will be leaving for White Star on Fri morning to set up camp and start diving. Everybody is welcome! That will give us time to get a couple of dives in Fri, got to Gilboa on Sat, and more diving before we leave on Sun. you can check out the sites at www.divegilboa.com and www.whitestarquarry.com . It's always a great time of diving, camping (if you chose to camp) and sitting around the campfire. Please let me know if you are planning to go just so I have an idea of how may divers/campers will be there. If you have any questions, get in touch with me!

· Our first fun dive of 2016 will be Tue, May 17, around 6 pm at Haithco Lake. It's a good time to get ready for the season (if you didn't make it for Quarry Days).

· There has been 2 requests for the dive tank at Safe Kids events. The first is May 14 at St Mary's, Towne Center. Unfortunately, this is the same weekend as Quarry Days so I , and I hope many others, will not be available. The second is June 11 at Splash Park, across from the YMCA in Sag. I am also committed to a fire dept event that day, but if any of you want to take the dive tank to either of these events, let me know and we will make the arrangements. I will need at least 2 weeks lead notice for each event if you want to participate.

· Don't forget the next SUE meeting is VIP Night at the compressor. If you want your tanks checked, make sure they are in current hydro specs, empty, and that you have an air card; cards will be available that night. We can check them and fill them to be ready for the season. Also, we will have our regular Trunk Sale if you have any items to sell, or are looking for anything additional. Stay Wet! Stay Safe!” -Mike



Anything for the good of the order?

Window Cleaners

The UW windows at the Saginaw Childrens Zoo needed their annual spring cleaning; Dave Sommers and Mike Fabish went over and got them in shape just in time prior to the zoo's opening for the year. Mark Russell also went as the new safety/observer for the operation. (See more on this new safety protocol below.) Mark also got the following photos-



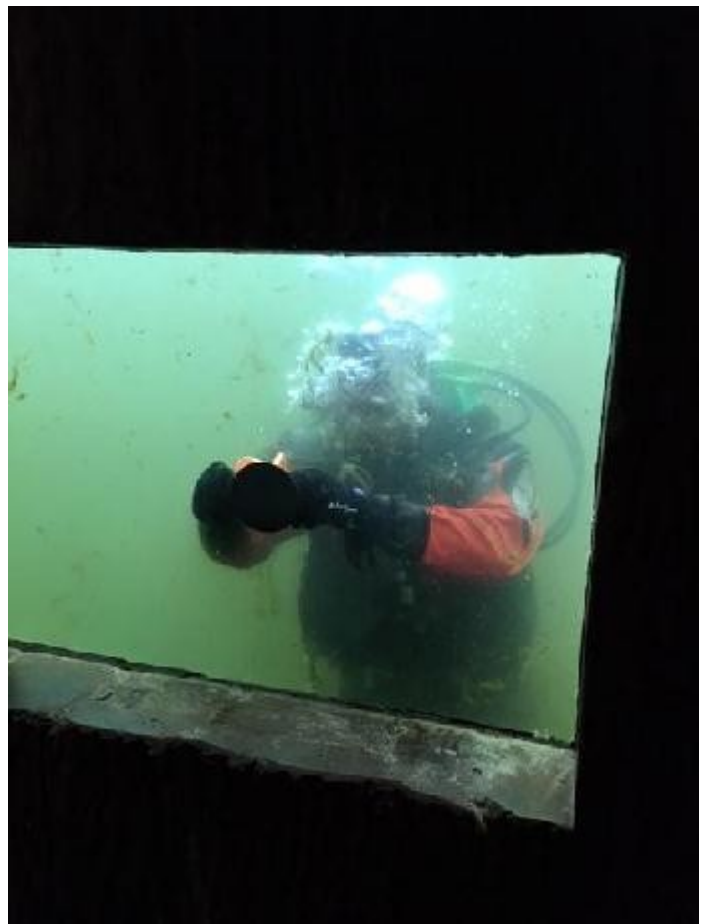
The cleaners-



Somebody out there...



The window scum-



Showing improvement!

Zoo Safety Exercise

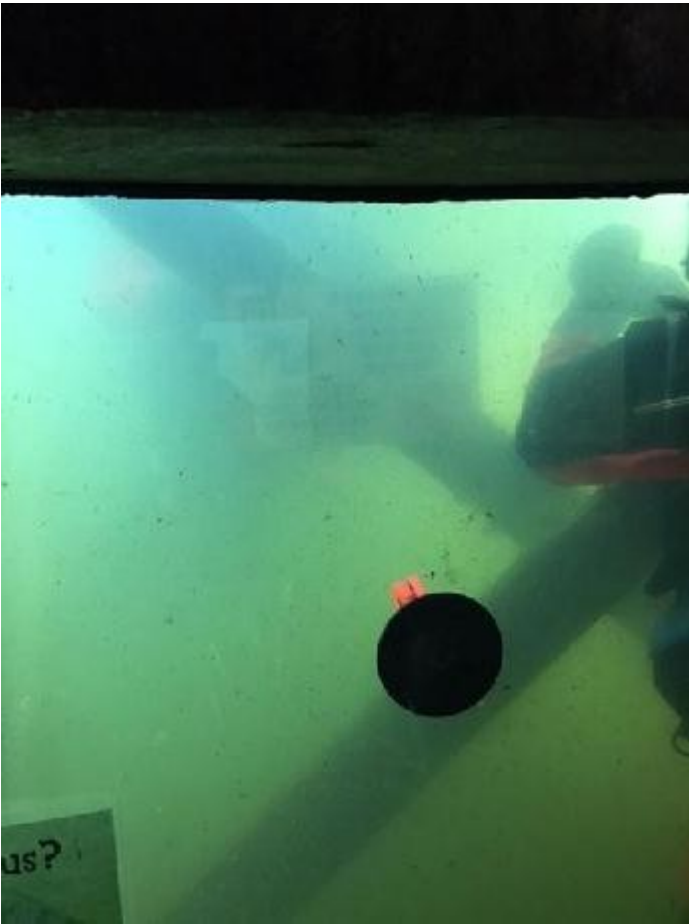
Mike: “WE WILL BE MEETING AT THE ZOO, SAT, MAY 7, AT 9 AM. This meeting will be to go through the safety drill and clean the windows again. If you have cleaned the windows, or would like to get on the window cleaning team, PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE AT THIS TRAINING! We only need 2-4 divers in the water for this event so you do not have to bring all your gear if you don’t want to dive at that time, but going through the protocol and scenario is important! This training should be attended by all cleaners and wanna-be’s. Please get back to me if you plan to be there so I have a head count.

*** **REMINDER** ***

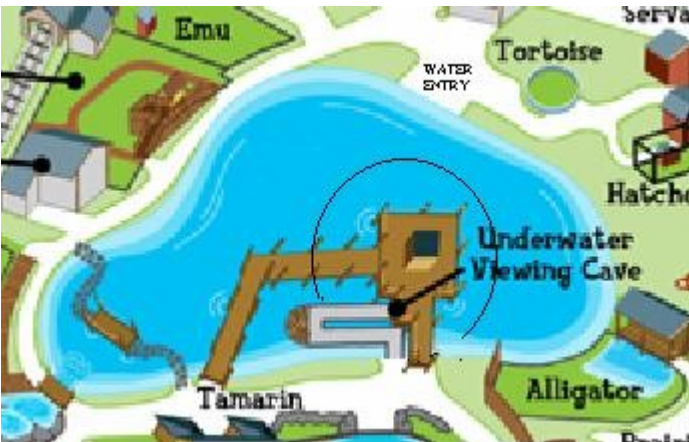
The May club meeting will be held at the compressor site, 2805 Bay. This will be VIP night, to include trunk sales. Activities will start at 6pm. You should empty any tanks needing VIP/fill beforehand. Even if you don't need tanks serviced, come for the socializing!



Entrance!



Unreadable sign on back cross member is our SUE sign



For reference: Zoo diving is within the circle around the 'cave'. Water depth is about 8-9 ft. In case of emergency, shallow water is outside the circle. Dive with a partner!

May Compressor Schedule

May 2 and 3-	Don Cunningham	799-4385
12	Mike Fabish	295-2627
19	Mike Kowalski	892-2028
26	Fred LaClair	482-5535
June 2	Terry Lisk	777-1956

Call ahead by Wed to confirm
(Entire 2016 sched on website)

Kentucky Quarry Dive



Blue Springs

Cheryl Roggenbuck and Tim Middleton of Underwater Antics recently dove a quarry in Kentucky, operated by the Pennyroyal Scuba Center. Cheryl wrote the following article with photos for the SCOOP; UrEd apologizes that the photos aren't full size.... Here's Cheryl-

Blue Springs is a 22 acre rock quarry located in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. It is well known for having unusually clear water. The site features a full service dive facility and is conveniently located inside the city limits of Hopkinsville, Kentucky.



Dock area

The facility is owned by father and son team Dennis and Kris Tapp, both of whom are divers. Dennis started diving in 1964 and continues diving to this day. He is an SSI and PADI instructor and brings 50+ years of knowledge to the sport with over 15,000 logged dives.

Kris began diving in 1991 as a junior open water diver. In 1994, while still a junior in high school, Kris and Dennis teamed up and opened the Pennyroyal Scuba Center. Kris has since become a certified E.M.T. and licensed Paramedic as well as an SSI and PADI instructor. He continues his education studying dive related emergencies.



Sinking a boat-



The operations manager, Alan Warf, greeted us upon arrival and showed us around the site. He is new to the staff but brings many years of diving experience. We can't say enough about the staff and owners of Pennyroyal who truly make you feel like part of their family.



Truck...



Van....

There are many dive attractions at this site including an old Fire truck, multiple boats, an RV, several suspended platforms, a bus, and much more. The day we were there, the visibility was in excess of 50' and they were sinking two boats. We had a great time diving and enjoyed the company of the people. We were even invited to stay for a night dive, but unfortunately we had to start heading back to Michigan.

If you get the opportunity, we recommend taking the time to dive this site and getting to know the people at Pennyroyal.

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

Thank you, Cheryl!

Special Invitation to SUE from UW Antics

“For those members that miss the club’s activities or those that just want to get out more.....On behalf of Underwater Antics, Tim & I would like to extend to all the club members the opportunity to dive with us (or our dive masters) throughout the summer. We will be doing several fun dives a month at various locations. We will continue to post upcoming dives on our website calendar (<http://www.uwantics.com/calendar.html>), so keep an eye out for a diving opportunity that may be of interest.

Tim & I are also planning on trying to make some of the club’s fun dives this summer.

I will see you next Saturday (May 7th) at the Zoo training session!

All the best & safe diving!” Cheryl Roggenbuck

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In Memorium

The Saginaw Underwater Explorers sends its sincere condolences to Manny Trevino in the recent loss of his father, Guadalupe Trevino. Know the thoughts of your friends are with you.

S.U.E. 2016 Planner

Apr 12 mtg

May 10 mtg VIP@ compressor 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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