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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- 11<sup>th</sup>

**Club Picnic! At Wixom!**

*Inside.... (note- contains graphic material)*

**June Meeting; About  
Puffer Splash Dive  
Underwater Archeology  
SAR**

also selected briefs



Gated entrance to Puffer's pond



Pre-meeting exhibition draws the crowd; group pose...



SS Milwaukee in living SONAR

**Remember Our Troops!**

## June Meeting Extra Features

Arriving members were treated to a fly-over in the back lot; good show! Fantastic technology!



See it? Coming in for a landing...



Piloted by Dave Sommers, smartdrone also takes aerial photos

But there was business to cover, and members found their way into the building and respective seating. Good attendance for a change; always appreciate nice wx!



View to south



View to north (Hold your hand up if you can find yourself.)

Discussion covered zoo windows, possible exhibition tank set-ups, possible quarry dive, and new dive sites. We've been invited to School Section Lake, but we'll have to make it a day trip (July?). The decision on the monthly splash dive was agreed to return to Puffer's ponds in St Charles; Rob Q found some new ones at that location. (Story below)

An extra bonus for attendees was a special giveaway by a local business of precision oilers and small screwdrivers. These items are particularly suited for work on firearms and depth gauges...

**\*Note! The July meeting will be the annual picnic; held at the Wixom Gun & Boat site. ~6pm. Please bring a fork and dish to pass.**



Rob Q. gets first choice at the selections



-And here's the site



Immediately followed by others!



-And here's the entrance



Rob showing new pond site on cptr



-And here's the divers



And here's the pond!

Not too deep, but the water was clear. We spent some time in here; then also dove another pond across the road. The second pond had some good sized bass that came out to see us. Krystal Lake for next month!

**Underwater Antics presents  
Underwater Archeology with Dave Thompson**



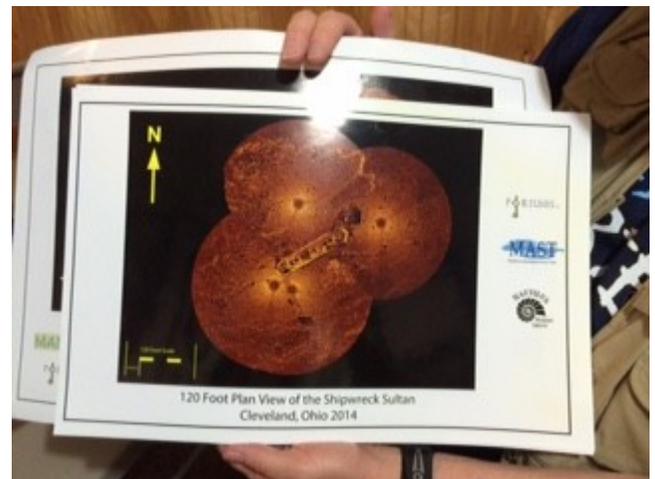
Another in a fine series of guest speakers hosted by Tim and Cheryl! Dave Thompson was an archeologist and a scuba diver, and at some point combined both interests.

“A little about Dave: Dave has logged over 5000 dives worldwide with forty-two years as a SCUBA instructor. Among many other things, he is the archaeological advisor to the Underwater Archaeological Society of Chicago and the Central Illinois Mudwater Archeology Society and is an active tutor with the Wisconsin Underwater Archaeology Society. He also assists Nautilus Marine Group International’s high resolution acoustic imaging projects as an archaeological advisor.” -UWA



Dave Thompson, introduced by Cheryl

Dave described underwater archeology as the same as on land, except sometimes you can't see. He has investigated sunken villages as well as ships. Older than 100 years is the benchmark; and if anyone can prove ownership (such as an insurance co.) they must give permission. A key tool for searching is SONAR; if the object has any iron, a magnetometer might work. Old ships were wooden, but they might have detectable iron objects such as cannon aboard.



SONAR image of the shipwreck Sultan; Cleveland, OH



Justin F. scanning Thompson's book

Dave answered questions by audience members, and gave them an extra half hour. Thank You Dave, and Thank You Tim and Cheryl!

### **SAR (Search and Recovery)**

A drone went down and sank in a pond along M52; the owner called Manny Trevino and Dave Sommers for help. They had one advantage; the drone had it's camera on and playback showed what it saw as it hit the water.



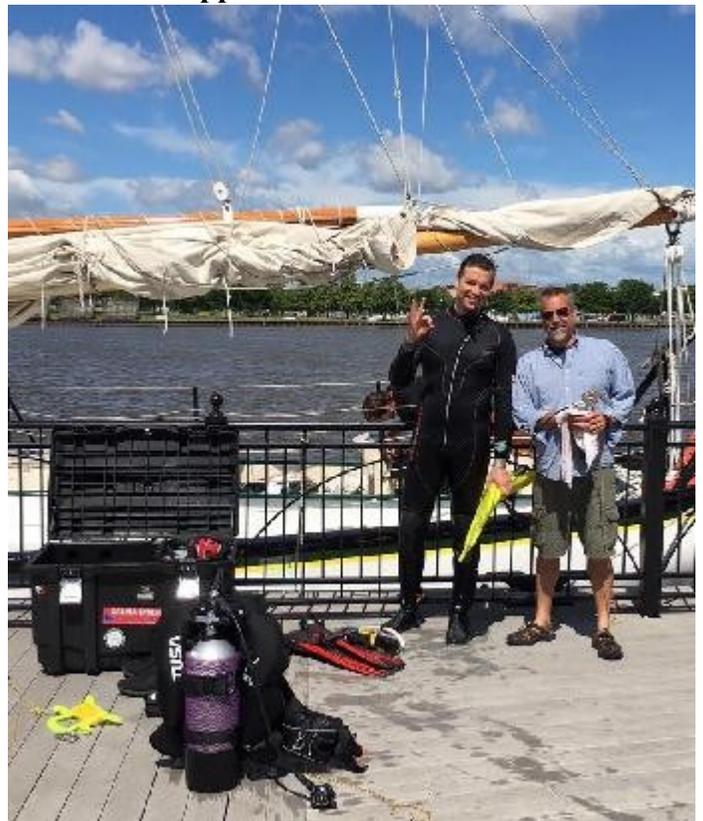
Dave and Manny begin drone search

. "It was about 40 feet from shore in about 12' of very murky and weedy water. Suffice to say the "Submarine mode" for the drone did not work." -Dave



Found, and RTB

### **Appledore Assist-**



Chad Blower finishes work on the Appledore  
*"I was in the Saginaw River again today, this time greasing the prop on the Appledore sailboat for Bay Sail. The one foot visibility and current from the last*

two days of rain made it a "fun" job. I managed to get it done without getting my dive gear toooooo greasy, but I'm sure my hand will smell like grease for the next few days." -Chad

### Missing Flight 2501 Anniversary

North Korea invaded South Korea on 25 June 1950. The day before, Northwest Orient Flight 2501 went missing over Lake Michigan near Benton Harbor. The SCOOP has reported on this incident in the past, but the wreckage has never been found. The group MSRA, Michigan Shipwreck Research Associates, has made it a cause to search annually for it. Small debris and body parts were found in the area, but no major parts of the plane have been discovered. From Wikipedia-

*"Northwest Orient Airlines Flight 2501 was a DC-4 propliner operating its daily transcontinental service between New York City and Seattle when it disappeared on the night of June 23, 1950. The flight was carrying 55 passengers and three crew members; the loss of all 58 on board made it the deadliest commercial airliner accident in American history at the time.*

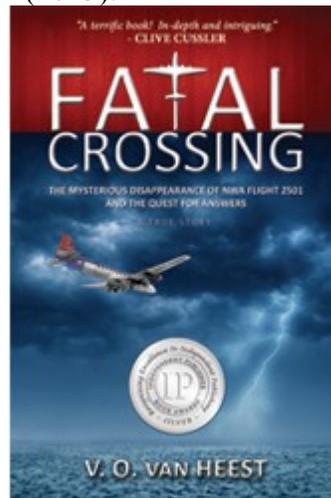
*The aircraft was at approximately 3,500 feet (1100 m) over Lake Michigan, 18 miles (29 km) NNW of Benton Harbor, Michigan[3] when it vanished from radar screens after requesting a descent to 2,500 feet (760 m). A widespread search was commenced including using sonar and dragging the bottom of Lake Michigan with trawlers, but to no avail. Considerable light debris, upholstery, and human body fragments were found floating on the surface, but divers were unable to locate the plane's wreckage."*



DC 4

John Heska has been following this story for many years, and is our own resident expert. One of the main participants in the search, Valerie Van Heest,

(member of MSRA), wrote a book on the incident a few years back (2013).



John has been in contact with Valerie for some time now, and was recently invited down to South Haven to join their conference. While there, Valerie signed John's copy of the book, and shared more details with him. The SCOOP is inviting John to talk to us about it! John?

<http://northwestairlinesflight2501.com>



Cora's Briefs,  
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From Joe Manelis ; (contact William Giorgis for details-)

I'm bout ready to list my scuba gear on Craigslist. If you want to pass the info along to some fellow divers tell me and I'll hold off a bit. All impeccably maintained. Would prefer to sell it as a complete package but will entertain offers.

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