

# The Scuba Scoop

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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- 10<sup>th</sup>**



*Inside....*

*1<sup>st</sup> '15 Meeting; Minutes*

*DT Ice Training*

*DT Pool Test*

*Old Pictures*

*SOTY- SUE Member!*

*also selected short subjects*



Devin H, enjoying warmer water



Bill G, enjoying January...

**NOTE: Elections This Meeting**

**Attend, and make your dues count!**

**Remember Our Troops!**

## January Meeting; Planning a New Year



-A few open seats; to be filled at this February meeting!

### *Secretary's Notes-* Greeting Divers,

Here are the minutes from our meeting on January 13th.

Mike Fabish spoke with his boss regarding storing the dive tank during the winter for minor repairs and upkeep. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Mike Fabish.

Mike also spoke with John Garner and got a lot of information about the old photos of the club. Some of you may have seen these photos at the club's Christmas party. It's great to finally put names with the faces in the photos.

February is our election month. Nominations need to be completed ASAP before election. Any current board members need to let Mike, Dave, or Justin know if they no longer wish to be a board member. Next month's meeting is very important and I encourage all of our members to attend and vote for your board members.

The club is tentatively signed up for national night out, pumpkin carving, and both pancake breakfasts for the dive tank. Specific dates will be sent out as we schedule them.

We are considering doing some fund raising this year. If you have a great idea for raising funds, please let a board member know about it. More information will be following.

Ben Boyle informed the club about the Great Lakes shipwrecks festival on March 7, 2015. Check out this website for more information.

<http://shipwreckfestival.us/intro.html> Advanced tickets are \$25. Tickets at door are \$30.

Stay wet,

-Justin Fabish

## **SUE Member; SOTY Award for 2014!**

Based on nominations, the Saginaw News awards five Saginaw Citizens as 'Saginawian of the Year'. This recognition is for the individual's contributions back into the community. Receiving the award for 2014 is our own **Bill Giorgis!**



Bill being Santa at Christmas time (Saginaw News)

-From the Saginaw News:

SAGINAW, MI — The text alert on his cellphone read: Sheriff's Department and Dive Team responding to Saginaw River by Zilwaukee Grain for a capsized boat.

That's when Bill Giorgis had to cut the interview short. "I have to go, Bob," he said. "Someone may need to be rescued." That's just how he is, said many of the employees at Mike's Wrecker, the company where Giorgis is the president. Giorgis could be in the middle of anything, and he would stop to help someone else, an employee said as he filled his plate with BBQ for the company's Christmas party that took place on Christmas Eve.





Bill at the grill; throwing the employee party

Giorgis was nominated as a Saginawian of the Year for 2014 because of his community involvement and generosity. A member of the Saginaw County Dive Team, Giorgis also serves on the board for the Saginaw Area Fireworks and the Lawn Chair Film Festival, helps with the annual Christian concert Rock the Island on Ojibway Island, helps with Parishioners on Patrol, Saginaw PRIDE and is involved in Old Town Saginaw.

Giorgis said he simply wants to help people while he is alive. "It isn't about my name," he said. "It's about good things happening in our community to our people."

Giorgis said he routinely checks on a few senior citizens at least a couple of times a week — if not each day. It was this kind of humanity that caught the attention of the person who nominated Giorgis, Thomas Roy.

Roy serves on the Saginaw Area Fireworks board and recalls the story Giorgis told him about a senior woman who had her vehicle towed by another towing company.

"He went over and beyond the call of duty to help a complete stranger, and it didn't have anything to do with him."

Those who know Giorgis agreed that he is humble, generous, kind and loving. "He loves this city," Roy said.

-story by Bob Johnson, Saginaw News

For full story, visit

[http://www.mlive.com/news/saginaw/index.ssf/2015/01/saginawian\\_of\\_the\\_year\\_bill\\_gi.html#incart\\_river](http://www.mlive.com/news/saginaw/index.ssf/2015/01/saginawian_of_the_year_bill_gi.html#incart_river)

(Bill has given assistance to SUE also; members should recall he has given us a heated room for our compressor, and initial storage for our tank)

**On behalf of SUE; Congratulations to you, Bill!**

## SUE Members Get Workout at DT Pool Test



SUE at old YMCA (Michigan & Ames) 1960s

-This was the original SUE at the old YMCA....



-This is the current YMCA, hosting SUE/DT members for the annual swim/techniques test. The Saginaw News/Mlive reported this story:

### Saginaw dive team swims at YMCA pool

Members of the Saginaw County Sheriff's Department Dive Team practiced swimming Friday, Jan. 16, at the YMCA pool in Saginaw.

It was one of several exercises that members of the dive team went through Friday, Jan. 16, while practicing swimming at the YMCA pool.

Dive team members swam 10 laps and compared their times with those of previous years.



NCOIC Prenzler, OIC Sommers, Pfc UrEd



"10 mins to go..."



They practiced working with SCUBA gear, switching from primary air to a back-up regulator while underwater, surfacing to practice in case of becoming entangled with gear below the water, clearing their diving masks and treading water.

The YMCA provides three lanes to the team for free for the day for the training that helps dive team members know their skills, commander Dave Sommers said.

"It's more for our benefit, just to know how much ability we have and how far we can go swimming in the water," he said.



Sommers working;

UrEd napping

The knowledge could come in handy during a rescue operation when deciding which team member should fill each role.

Training is a monthly activity for the dive team, which also spends time diving under ice and using sonar to search for items below the surface of the water of the Saginaw River.





“Hands Up!; Don't...”



Greg - mask off; breathing on 2d source, and mask on again



Maynard, Przybylski working with gear



No name tag?

-Previous photos and story by Brad Devereaux; a public safety reporter for MLive/The Saginaw News. For full story, see [http://www.mlive.com/news/saginaw/index.ssf/2015/01/saginaw\\_dive\\_team\\_members\\_test.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/saginaw/index.ssf/2015/01/saginaw_dive_team_members_test.html)

Been to Dive & Glide's new website?-

<http://www.diveandglideinc.com/home-1.html>

The pool testing was done in three time slots to accommodate everyone. The following pictures were taken at a different period-

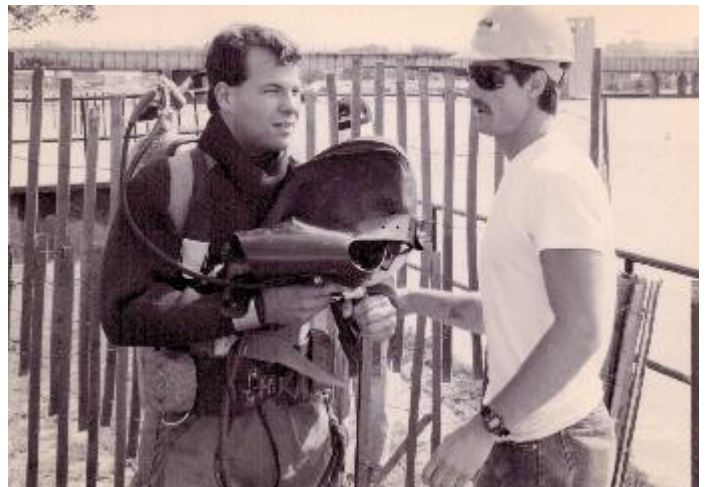


Bill working on Devin?



## Old Picture Page

The following photos were discovered in an old desk at Consumers Energy. They appear to document a commercial dive (for CE?) in the Saginaw River, in Bay City, possibly in the 80s. If you can identify any of the subjects, please contact the SCOOP. Enjoy-



Want more photos? contact [CORA@SCOOP](mailto:CORA@SCOOP)



## January DT Ice Rescue Training

-When it's too cold for everyone else, its just right  
for the dive team... (Jan, 2015)



Cut hole-



Jump in-



Pull 'em out! (Sommers)

## -So We Can Do This: (Polar Plunge, Feb 2014)



Here's adventure!



Here's Excitement!

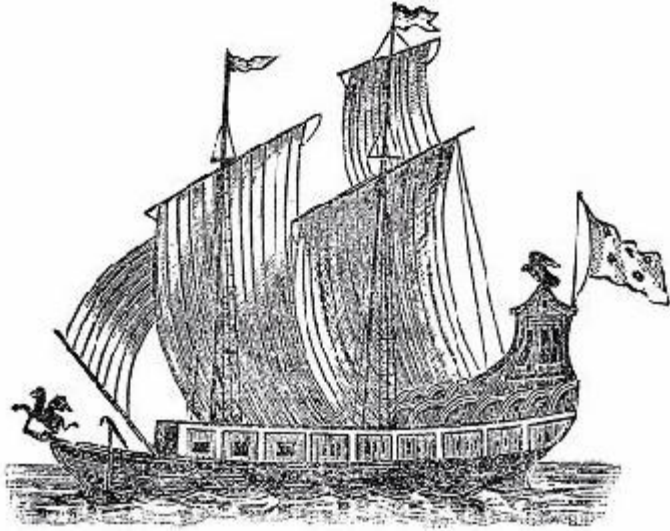


Here's the Polar Plunge 2014, and we're looking for  
volunteers to help this year! Feb 21! Guaranteed Fun! Contact  
the SCOOP if interested. Must be 21 (Sommers)



## Griffin Update

The SCOOP last reported a plank was found in Lake Michigan that could've come from the explorer La Salle's ship 'Griffin'; lost in 1679.



Le Griffin

In 2011, Kevin Dykstra and Frederick Monroe were looking for a ferry boat that supposedly had sunk in the 1800s with \$2 million in gold ingots. They had a SONAR hit on something, and dove down to video it. There was no gold, but they thought it was the Griffin,



Le Griffin today?

Explorer La Salle was looking for the mouth of the Mississippi when he sailed into Lake Michigan, but he ran out of money and left his ship to his crew. Local

Potawatomi said the crew planned on sailing to the Straits, but the captain lost control and it was blown out into the lake. (Current searching is around Beaver Island). On one dive, Dykstra took a magnet to determine composition of wreckage. Upon surfacing, he found he had captured a nail, which turned out to be hand-forged (old)! Obeying the laws of Michigan on taking wreckage, they plan on giving it to the state.

More info at-

[https://www.wreckdivingmag.com/WDM\\_Issue\\_34/Home.html](https://www.wreckdivingmag.com/WDM_Issue_34/Home.html)

## Munising Revisited...

Consider this on the next dive trip to Munising-



Gorgeous views by kayak!

<http://www.paddlingmichigan.com/pictured-rocks-national-lakeshore-day-trip/>



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### Now Accepting Ads- For Sale/Trade for 2015

- \* Big selection of all SCUBA gear! Contact Mike Kowalski' 892-2028
- \* Special offer to club members- Tim Hastings selling his boat; 4000\$ OBO. New trim tabs just installed 798 8157

### S.U.E. 2015 Planner

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

Your club, your activities- Make suggestions!

Policy and Disclaimer:  
Items listed in For Sale/Wanted will continue to be listed for one year unless the "Scoop" is notified otherwise. Saginaw Underwater Explorers and "The Scuba Scoop" are not responsible for anything posted here.

# SCUBA FITNESS TEST

1. Drop mask, snorkel and fins in deep water, retrieve and don in one breath all items, clearing mask underwater, and snorkel with face submerged.
2. Swim a half mile with fins, use of mask snorkel and arm stroke optional, against time. Time interval for scoring 10 to 20 minutes.
3. With all equipment in hands (mask, fins, snorkel, SCUBA and with weight belt) jump in deep end of pool, don all equipment, buddy breathe with instructor to shallow end and return to deep end, remove all equipment and place on bottom of the pool, exhale and surface. Time interval for scoring, 3 minutes to 12 minutes.
4. With all SCUBA gear on swim 300 yards on surface breathing through SCUBA mouthpiece or snorkel throughout the swim. Time interval for scoring, 5 minutes to 8 minutes.
5. Tow an inert individual of approximately equal size 100 yards, with each wearing all SCUBA gear and breathing from SCUBA. Time interval for scoring, 3 minutes to 6 minutes 40 seconds.
6. Lift an individual of approximately equal size wearing skin diving gear from the deep water to the pool deck and demonstrate knowledge of mouth to mouth resuscitation procedure.

Scoring for the test shall be based on successful completion of items 1 and 6 with times from events 2 through 5 used in the following manner to determine point score. If actual time is less than the minimum time listed the listed minimum will be used. Times greater than the listed maximum requires that the event be repeated to score within the indicated interval.

Item 2.	Time	_____	x 1 =	_____	Points.	Range 10-20 min. Points 10-20
Item 3.	Time	_____	x 2 =	_____	Points.	Range 3-12 min. Points 6-24
Item 4.	Time	_____	x 2 =	_____	Points.	Range 5-8 min. Points 10-16
Item 5.	Time	_____	x 3 =	_____	Points.	Range 3-6 2/3 min. Pts. 9-20
TOTAL SCORE _____					Points.	RANGE POINTS

Passing score for the water fitness test shall be 55 points or less.

