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Saginaw Underwater Explorers
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Club Meetings-
7:30pm on the 2d Tues
of each month. Held at
Sag. Twp. Fire Station #1
on Shattuck Rd

Officers-
President:
Mike Kowalski 892 2028
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Dale Purchase 791 1707
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Don Cunningham 7994385
Board Member at Large:
Joe Jablonski 893 7970
Esditor:
Don Storck 642 8436
Dive Coordinator/Ambassador:
Tom Fritz 771 3649

Club Dues-
\$20 per year

Next Meeting:
May 8

In This Issue...

VIP Again!
SUE Dive Festival
Dive Reports
'01 Comp Schedule
Thurs Night Social

*and selected short
subjects*

May Tip:

**Equalize early; experienced
divers start while still on the
surface.**

Wanted:

**Dive coordinates of new wrecks.
(Wexford) Watch this space.**

Festival Reminder!

Hopefully you are getting this copy of the SCOOP early Saturday, the 5th. Were you planning on doing yard work today? Washing the car? You should cancel plans for all those menial tasks, and plan on attending the 10th S.U.E. club dive show and swap meet. The swap will start at 3:00, and the show begins around 6:00. The festival will be held at the main hall at the northwest corner of Saginaw Valley State University; look for the signs.

Re-VIP

Thanks to everyone involved in the tank visual inspection at last month's club meeting. It wasn't a real big turnout, and there are no doubt a lot more tanks that are due to be inspected. The inspectors have agreed to hold another inspection prior to this month's club meeting; it will begin around 6:30. Come early; beat the rush!

Thursday Night Compressor Parties

The compressor schedule is being re-run on the next page, for those of you that spilled coffee on it last month. The Thursday night fillls are a good way to keep in touch with other members on an informal basis. Find out who is planning a dive; when and where. Find out if there is room for one more on the boat. Throw out your own plans for a dive, and see who may be interested. Come anyway, just to contribute to the general discussions (or, bull sessions as some would have it).

Membership List

We are still trying to update our current membership list. If you are possibly behind in your dues, please contact Terry Lisk and make sure your name stays active. An up-to-date list will be published with the next issue of the SCOOP.

Dive News

The map last month of Otter Lake apparently did the trick; three club members disregarded the potentially cold water and made the trip last week for an afternoon dive. Dale, Tom, and myself decided we needed a dive experience, and enjoyed the short trip. The day was actually nice and sunny, which may have made the water seem warmer. It was actually 54' at the surface, and 47' at a 20ft thermocline. The visibility was varied from 15ft to 6in, depending on if you were in front or not. After the dive, we treated ourselves to some ice cream at the Otisville Dairy Delight, owned by our own Howard Durocher.

There is also a rumor that Mike Kowalski and Val Geidans recently made a dive trip south of the border.

It would be assumed they must've had a great time, but they have not given any reports to the SCOOP on their return.

For those nine divers planning the trip next week to North Carolina, we wish you calm water, clear vis, and sharks with poor appetites. Have a great time, and send the SCOOP some news as soon as you return.

And certainly remember Michele Whitaker has coordinated a dive to Gilboa Quarry the weekend of the 12th & 13th. The Quarry is located about 15 mins west of Findlay, OH off Rt 224. This is really clear water; dedicated to diving, with numerous artifacts to inspect. They have a refill station; also a rock climbing tower and zip line for the really adventuresome. Tom Fritz is looking for a person(s) to travel down there with; contact Tom or Michelle if interested. I myself will meet the group down there. We will come back with a good report for the SCOOP; hopefully other reports will be included as well. Contact your editor!

EDITORIAL

Last month's club meeting raised a couple of questions that I think we should take another look at. No less than three items were discussed in which the membership was being charged a fee beyond the actual cost of products/services rendered. To be explicit, there was a \$5 per person overcharge on the banquet. Caps were ordered, with at least a \$2 overcharge each. Now we are overcharging on can coolers? It should not be the intent of the club to make a profit off some members by selling items at inflated prices. The money is returned to the general fund, but this is only subsidizing everyone else at the expense of active members. No one questions charging what actual costs incurred may be, but if there is a profit to be made, it should be done selling to outsiders.

I would like to open some discussion on this at this month's club meeting, and any further thoughts will be welcomed for the next SCOOP.

Write me at dwstorck@alpha.delta.edu

EVENT CALENDAR

| | | |
|-----------|-------|------------------------|
| May | 5 | Club Dive Show |
| | 8 | Club Meeting |
| | 12-13 | Gilboa Quarry |
| June | 12-14 | Dive Trip; N. Carolina |
| | TBD | Dive Trip; Wexford |
| | 12 | Club Meeting |
| July | 10 | Club Picnic; Meeting |
| August | 14 | Club Meeting |
| | TBD | Dive Trip; Manitou |
| | 24-26 | Dive Trip; Mackinaw |
| September | 11 | Club Meeting |
| October | 9 | Club Meeting |
| | TBD | Pumpkin Dive |
| November | 13 | Club Meeting |
| December | 11 | Club Meeting |
| | TBD | Christmas Party |

Saginaw Underwater Explorers Year 2001 Compressor Schedule

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Operator</u> | <u>Back-UP</u> |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| May 3 | Terry Lisk | Dale Purchase |
| May 10 | John Badour | John Ruthig |
| May 17 | Joe Jablonski | Mike Kowalski |
| May 24 | Dale Purchase | Tom Vandenboom |
| May 31 | Don Cunningham | Joe Jablonski |
| June 7 | John Ruthig | Tom Fritz |
| June 14 | Mike Kowalski | Terry Lisk |
| June 21 | Tom Vandenboom | John Badour |
| June 28 | Terry Lisk | Don Cunningham |
| July 5 | John Badour | Dale Purchase |
| July 12 | Joe Jablonski | John Ruthig |
| July 19 | Dale Purchase | Mike Kowalski |
| July 26 | Don Cunningham | Tom Vandenboom |
| August 2 | John Ruthig | Joe Jablonski |
| August 9 | Mike Kowalski | Tom Fritz |
| August 16 | Tom Vandenboom | Terry Lisk |
| August 23 | John Badour | Don Cunningham |
| August 30 | Terry Lisk | Dale Purchase |
| September 6 | Joe Jablonski | John Badour |
| September 13 | Dale Purchase | John Ruthig |
| September 20 | Don Cunningham | Mike Kowalski |
| September 27 | John Ruthig | Tom Vandenboom |
| October 4 | Mike Kowalski | Joe Jablonski |
| October 11 | Tom Vandenboom | Don Cunningham |
| October 18 | Terry Lisk | Tom Fritz |
| October 25 | Don Cunningham | John Ruthig |

Operators Phone Numbers

| | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------|
| Compressor Chairman: | Don Cunningham | 799-4385 |
| Special Appointments: | Fred LaClair | 799-8424 |
| | Tom Fritz | 793-1332 |
| Operators: | Terry Lisk | 777-1956 |
| | Mike Kowalski | 892-2028 |
| | Joe Jablonski | 893-7970 |
| | Fred LaClair | 799-8424 |
| | Dale Purchase | 791-1707 |
| | John Ruthig | 781-1512 |
| | Tom Vandenboom | 686-3176 |

(-Cut this out and save next to your air card...)

John Badour is not allowed any lifting yet, so please place your tanks in the 'Cool Pool' for him.

Dale Purchase, Tom Fritz, and Don Cunningham are willing to fill by request if you call them with some advance notice.

Scuba Scoop

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Margin outside print area; needs reformatting!

For Sale

Tim Cambell (893 1568) has a commercial dry suit (off shore) with 2 sets of insulation (light/heavy), hood, boots, finger gloves, SAS regulators with Tekna Computek dive computer, Atpac B.C., fins, 2 tanks- 72s, twin tank bands, yoke, and misc items. Excellent condition. All for \$2000.

Dan Palmer (689 5197) has a Nikonos V, 2 lenses, close-up framers, 2 strobes & more; \$1350 or best! Blue plastic coated weights; \$.50/lb. 25lb Pro shot belt; \$20. Small dry suit w/ woolies; \$75. Large dry suit w/ woolies; \$250.

Wanted

Val Geidans (781 1552) is looking for tank valves for 72s and 80s, regulators, consoles, and a large or extra large B.C.

Bill Atkins is looking for a small pair of lady's fins.

Don Storck (642 8436) needs a 1st stage high pressure hose. (or he'll have to borrow Tom's)

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.