

# The Scuba Scoop

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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-**  
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**Club Dues-**  
\$20 per year  
**This Meeting:**  
November 13  
**Next Meeting:**  
December 11

*This Issue Dedicated to  
the Memory of our Dive  
Buddy  
Dan Gunther*

**It is with sadness that we inform the members of the passing of one of our SUE comrades. Dan Gunther left us for a better place on 10/ 20 /01-**

**CARVING d’PUMPKIN**

Many made the trip, but this year’s pumpkin carve was reduced to four finalists; the toughest of the tough... Mike Kowalsky, Tom VanDenBoom, Tom Fritz, and Don Storck. It started off as a miserably cold, blustery day, and remained so. If it hadn’t been for the 20 or so teenage girls that came to see us, we might have called it off. The dive was held at the state dock at E. Tawas, and the water was actually calm. Cold, but calm. The air temp was about the same as the water, ~ 40+. The real challenge was to find a spot deep enough to stay under. I know I personally attracted the attention of the local USCG boat with my fins splashing on the surface above me.

Tom F finished quickly, and found a couple of cheap lures discarded by some frustrated fisherman ; he decided to decorate his pumpkin with them. I myself found a fine buck knife; blue handle w/ holes...

After our carving talents were exhausted, we sought an impartial judge to determine the winner. We found Henry, a park worker who was shoveling sand into his truck. After some backscratching by Tom F, Henry let us line up the pumpkins in the back of his truck. Not content with just showing his pumpkin in the back of Henry’s truck, Tom with-no-shame started hinting to Henry that the lures could be his if he made the right choice as winner. “Henry, I don’t fish; do you?” “Henry, these are some great lures, but I won’t need them after the judging”. “Henry, how much do you think these lures would be worth?” “Henry, do you have some youngsters at home that might like these lures, but not get hurt by them?” “Henry, I think that shiny lure likes you!”... And Tom Fritz took 1<sup>st</sup> place for the ’01 pumpkin carve. 2d place was Mike K, 3d place was Don S, and hon mention was Tom VDB. We then adjourned to a local restaurant to eat and warm up.

If you are a subscriber to the e-version of the scoop, you will get the entire series of pics covering the dive, and pics of Terry L with his portable dredge that he promised to bring to the carve. (Ooops; what’s that? It must’ve been at a different time and place?)



**CHRISTMAS SHOPPING @ SUE**

For your shopping ease- Here’s; the SUE apparel sale in convenient order form. Items available are

	quan	@	total
Sweats- Hooded; w/zipper.....	.....	\$30.....	
Crew neck.....	.....	\$22.....	
Hooded; pull-over.....	.....	\$28.....	
Sweat pants.....		call.....	
T-shirts-.....	.....	\$10.....	
Caps.....	.....	\$15.....	
Patches? Special order.....		call	
			TOTAL:

Special orders don’t upset us... Call Mike Kowalski at 8922028 to order items now. (Payment is expected with order.)

**CLUB POOL SWIMS**

Pool swims will again be held at Garber HS pool, in Essexville. The swims are scheduled on the Sundays following a club meeting; 6-7:30 pm.

# Pumpkin Carve Illustrated

1. First; try to warm up....



4. Camraderie...



2. Shed Excess Water...



5. Tom F making corrections...



3. OK; Serious Now...

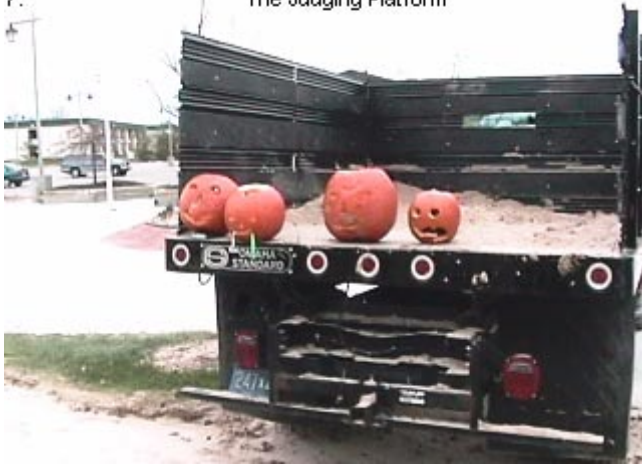


6. Henry swears to judge w/o bias





7. The Judging Platform



10. And Tom E Gets First Place!



8. and Tom F Still Adding Corrections



11. Mike K Takes Second



## RENEW NOW

Find that application form provided here for you last month, and renew your membership in SUE. Note the new request for an e/m address. Remember, renewal by January is a modest \$20. Later renewals will be \$25. A proposal is being considered to change the constitution to read new members will pay a \$25 initiation fee to cover their dues upon joining; then they will fall under the regular membership dues stated previously.

## MEMORIUM

### Gunther, Dan T. Essexville, Michigan

Dan T. Gunther, age 40 years, passed away unexpectedly on October 20, 2001. He was born on March 6, 1961 to Thomas M. and Rosemary Gunther. Dan enjoyed scuba diving, searching for golf balls, hunting, and was a fan of NASCAR racing



and Jeff Gordon.

He is survived by his wife Deborah A. (VanMullekom) Gunther whom he married on August 17, 1984; his daughter, Megan Lynn Gunther; mother, Rosemary Gunther; brothers: Robert A. (Laurie) Gunther and Michael P. Gunther both of Auburn; grandmothers: Stella Sullivan, and Margaret Gunther; Dan will be missed by his family and many of his friends especially his pride and joy, Megan.

Dan is remembered by SUE club members as a friendly guy with a good sense of humor. He was the guy with the big mustache where the jokes in the third row came from... Dan was also known for his contributions of golf balls!

## EVENT CALENDAR

November 13	Club Meeting
December 11	Club Meeting
TBD	Christmas Party
January 8	Club Meeting
13	Pool Swim

### Credits-

Thanks to Becky VanDenBoom for the e/pics of the pumpkin carve. Obituary from the Bay City Times.

**Compressor Chair Don Cunningham would like you to be aware he is still dealing air cards; you can call him anytime at 799 4385**

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*NOTE! Attend the Dec meeting and get a chance to win a club cap!*

**The staff and management of the SCOOP, along with all the stockholders, would like to wish its faithful readers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

## For Sale

Val Geidans has a new 5mm one piece wetsuit. OCEANreef therm-x suit XL; retails at \$325. For the right caller, \$165! Talk to him for details at 7927077 or 7811552

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

Bill Atkins is looking for a 30-50 gal aquarium tank before winter sets in. 684-5847

Don Storck (642 8436) would like to find a source for hose connectors; specifically a flexible nut for a high pressure hose....

### 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.