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**Saginaw Underwater Explorers**  
-Serving the Tri-Cities since 1958

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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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**Dive Coordinator/Ambassador:**  
Tom Fritz 771 3649

**Club Dues-**  
\$25 per year  
**This Meeting:**  
April 9  
**Next Meeting:**  
May 14

*In This Issue...*

*Loss of Fred LaClair,  
SUE Cornerstone  
Dive news  
Compressor '02 Sched  
VIP this month  
Pool Swim  
Calendar*

*and selected short  
subjects*

*\*note that VIP's will  
continue in May*

## MEMORIUM

The Saginaw Underwater Explorers has suffered another loss with the recent passing of Fred LaClair. Fred was an original member of the club, and remained a solid fixture throughout that time. With many experiences, he had hundreds of stories to share. Fred was well known by everyone, especially for his easy laugh. I personally remember my first visit to the club; it was Fred in the middle of the room cracking jokes that made me feel welcomed. Fred was a sincere friend to all. He will be missed by SUE, and our thoughts go out to his family.

### LaClair, Frederick Charles Saginaw, Michigan.

Went home to be with the Lord, Friday, March 15, 2002, at his home following a courageous battle with cancer. Age 66 years. The son of the late Andrew Frank and Orlee (Collier) LaClair was born February 28, 1936 in Saginaw. He married Doris (Doree) P. LaPorte, August 15, 1959. She survives him. He was a graduate of Arthur Hill High School, Class of 1955. He was employed by Sunshine Biscuit Co. for 15 years and then by General Motors, Grey Iron Foundry, retiring in 1990 after 30 years of service. He was a member and Trustee of the Retirees Executive Board of U.A.W. Local #668. Mr. LaClair also repaired swimming pools working for many area pool companies. He was an active member of Sheridan Ave. United Methodist Church where he served in many capacities and as an usher. He was a charter member and past president of the Saginaw Underwater Explorers and a member of the National Association of Underwater Instructors. He was a past member of the Tri-County SnoGoers, a member of M.U.C.C., the L.O.O.M. #82 and the Boot Scooters. Mr. LaClair was an avid fisherman. Surviving besides his wife and soul mate, Doree, are a son and daughter and their spouses, Fred LaClair II and his wife Wendy, Michelle and Randy Hitchcock; three grandchildren, Eric Johnson, Alexis LaClair and Austin James Hitchcock; two sisters, Theresa Lent and Eleanor Bums; a stepbrother, Robert Beebe, his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Joe LaPorte, Betty Schnerla, Sally and Richard Horn; many nieces and nephews; an aunt, Margaret LaClair. He was predeceased by his parents and stepmother, Helen Beebe LaClair; his stepbrother, Bill Beebe; his stepsisters, June Martens, Ellen Johnson and his brothers-in-law, Edward Moony, George Demetriou, Edwin Schnerla; a sister-in-law, Bernice LaPorte and many loved ones.

## Tank Visual Inspection

As an incentive to start the dive season, the annual visual inspection (VIP) of tanks will begin just before this month's club meeting. Inspections will start at 6:30, so come early. Please make sure your tanks are empty before handing them over. Compressor chair Don Cunningham will be at the compressor site to fill tanks after they have been inspected for those interested.

## March Pool Swim

A handful of dedicated divers showed up at Garber H.S. last month for what was to be the last pool swim of the year. Unfortunately, no one from the school showed up. No other pool swims are planned for this year...

## Dive News

If anyone has tested the waters yet this year, we haven't heard of it. But the ice should be clearing now, the sun is making longer appearances, and it's time to get the equipment wet. Keep us advised on any activity. Leo Dupuis has come through with another dive proposal; he is putting together plans for a dive on the Wexford. Recall Leo is planning a dive to N.C. in May. If you're interested in either, give Leo a call at 810 727 7278, or write him at [ldupuis3@visteon.com](mailto:ldupuis3@visteon.com)

## Misc. From March Meeting

Thanks to-

**Bill Atkins**, for the informative talk on prolonging the life of your car engine with proper oils. (Bill, are there any magic chemicals to quiet noisy lifters?)

**Laurie Lisk**, for special delivery of the great treats.

Mike Peterson thanks the club for the SUE cap he won at the meeting, and Mike Kowalski is considering ordering both new caps and T-shirts.

## 02 EVENT CALENDAR

April	9	Club Meeting; VIP
May	14 TBD	Club Meeting; VIP Dive Trip?; N. Carolina?
June	11 TBD	Club Meeting Thumb Dive
July	9	Club Picnic;&Meeting
August	13	Club Meeting
September	10	Club Meeting
October	8 TBD	Club Meeting Pumpkin Dive
November	12	Club Meeting
December	10 TBD	Club Meeting Christmas Party

(Plenty of room for more here- suggestions welcomed)

## Portable Dive Chamber

We are making headway on fixing up the dive chamber, perhaps in time for a demonstration at the mall. The membership recently OK'd sandblasting and priming the unit; with the idea that the windows should be replaced first.

The SCOOP is trying to increase delivery by e-mail. Note you do not have to be a member to receive this. For a free e-subscription; just send e-mail to [dstorck@hotmail.com](mailto:dstorck@hotmail.com) with the word 'subscribe' in the subject. Sign on your friends!

Surf Site-  
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## Compressor News

The cascade is full, and the compressor is ready for 2002 business. Here is the '02 fill schedule, in a convenient cut-out-and-save form. Note that the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in July falls on the 4<sup>th</sup>, so the fill date has been changed to the 2d.

### COMPRESSOR SCHEDULE 2002

DATE	OPERATOR	BACK-UP
MAY 2	John Badour	John Ruthig
MAY 9	John Ruthig	Don Cunningham
MAY 16	Don Cunningham	Joe Jablonski
MAY 23	Dale Purchase	Tom Vandenboom
May 30	Joe Jablonski	Mike Kowalski
JUNE 6	Mike Kowalski	Terry Lisk
JUNE 13	Tom Vandenboom	John Badour
JUNE 20	Terry Lisk	Dale Purchase
JUNE 27	John Badour	Tom Fritz
JULY 2 ##	John Ruthig	Don Cunningham
July 11	Don Cunningham	John Ruthig
JULY 18	Dale Purchase	Joe Jablonski
JULY 25	Joe Jablonski	Tom Vandenboom
AUGUST 1	Mike Kowalski	Terry Lisk
AUGUST 8	Tom Vandenboom	Mike Kowalski
AUGUST 15	Terry Lisk	John Badour
AUGUST 25	John Badour	Dale purchase
AUGUST 29	John Ruthig	Tom Fritz
SEPTEMBER 5	Don Cunningham	John Ruthig
SEPTEMBER 12	Dale Purchase	Don Cunningham
SEPTEMBER 19	Joe Jablonski	Tom Vandenboom
SEPTEMBER 26	Mike Kowalski	Joe Jablonski
OCTOBER 3	Tom Vandenboom	Mike Kowalski
OCTOBER 10	Terry Lisk	John Badour
OCTOBER 17	John Badour	Terry Lisk
OCTOBER 24	John Ruthig	Dale Purchase
OCTOBER 31	Don Cunningham	Tom Fritz

## NOTE JULY 2 IS TUESDAY NOT THURSDAY ##

PLEASE USE THE REGULAR FILL NIGHT. IF NOT POSSIBLE TOM FRITZ WILL FILL FOR YOU WITH ADVANCE NOTICE

JOHN BADOUR IS NOT ALLOWED TO LIFT TANKS, SO PLEASE PLACE YOUR TANK IN THE COOLING TANK FOR HIM

COMPRESSOR CHAIR	DON CUNNINGHAM	799-4385
OPERATORS	TOM FRITZ	771-3649
	TERRY LISK	777-1956
	MIKE KOWALSKI	892-2028
	JOE JABLONSKI	893-7970
	DALE PURCHASE	791-1707
	JOHN RUTHIG	781-1512
	TOM VANDENBOOM	686-3176

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## For Sale

Mike Kowalski is taking orders for club T-shirts; maybe other lines. Check at 8922028

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.

**Compressor Concerns? Air Cards? Call**  
Don Cunningham anytime at 799 4385

## Legal Notice:

Be advised 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.

## Wanted

Ron Burkhard is looking for a 40 cu ft Pony Tank.  
Contact him at 989 428 5177  
or e/m [rapturejmb@hotmail.com](mailto:rapturejmb@hotmail.com)

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

ANY NEW ITEMS? ANY ITEMS THAT CAN BE DELETED?

## 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.