

# The Scuba Scoop

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

<http://community.mlive.com/cc/sue>



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

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**President:**  
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**Dive Coordinator/Ambassador:**  
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**Club Dues-**  
\$25 per year  
**This Meeting:**  
Aug 13  
**Next Meeting:**  
Sept 10

*In This Issue...*

*Club Picnic Report  
(Thanks, Ruthigs)  
Robert Ballard Update  
Scuba Radio  
Dive News  
(night dive #1)  
Calendar*

*and selected short  
subjects*

## August Meeting-

Was almost no meeting... The number of members attending barely filled the first tables. The only officer showing up was Secretary Peterson, who ran the basics of the meeting; then voted himself a raise. On a positive note, a number of new divers attended to familiarize themselves with our club to consider joining. We certainly appreciate their visit, and hope they come back. Let's take them on a dive!

## Dive Reports

This past weekend was the annual SUE Mackinaw Straits dive, and reports to the editor are that it was great! Only 4 divers made the trip; Dale, Joe, Don C., and Mike P., and their choice of weather turned out excellent. On Friday they dove the Maitland and the Northwest; both about 70'. Saturday the water was a little choppy, but still good diving; the Eberward (140') and the Minneapolis(120'). There was a significant current on the Minneapolis. Sunday was still great, and they did the Eberward a second time; then the Sandusky(70'). Mike states the screw thump of a freighter going by above was a unique experience. Dale had his camera going, and should have some good pics of the dives. Visibility was good on all dives, and the water temperature at depth was about 42'. All these wrecks are located west of the bridge.

Closer to home, Mike and Deanna P., and Don S. tried diving the backwaters of Wixom Lake. The Water looked great from the surface, but vis was bad once we got in.

Another splash dive Mike, Deanna, and Don did was King's Lake in Hemlock. This is close, warm, comfortable, and less than 100' deep. Vis could be a little better at this time also.



First in the water! Mike and Deanna in King's Lake



Last one in... "Is it really warm?"

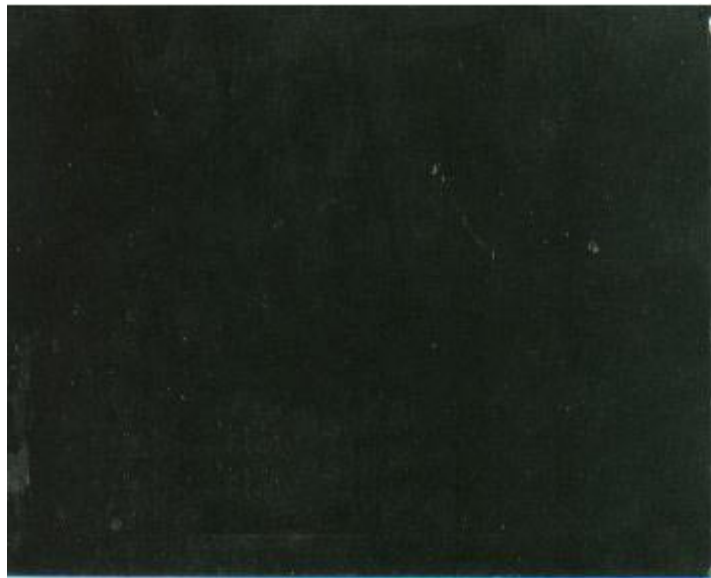


Backwaters of Wixom Lake. Beautiful on surface...

and follow the bottom. The lake contains bigger fish, but only the tiny ones were out that night. No wrecks of any kind were seen. Val topped off the dive by furnishing refreshments after we crawled out; good president!



Lake Hemlock in Daylight



Lake Hemlock at Night...

This is still a decent place to go for a quick splash dive; contact Don if interested. Also, consider this location for the pumpkin carving dive. Other dives this month have not been reported.

## 02 EVENT CALENDAR

<b>August</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>
	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Wexford?</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>
	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Pumpkin Dive</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>
	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Christmas Party</b>

\*For Your Wallet/Desk/Refrigerator:

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### (remaining) Compressor Schedule 2002

<u>Date</u>	<u>Operator</u>	<u>Backup</u>
Aug 15	Terry Lisk	John Badour
22	John Badour	Dale Purchase
29	John Ruthig	Tom Fritz
Sept 5	Don Cunningham	John Ruthig
12	Dale Purchase	Don Cunningham
19	Joe Jablonski	Tom VdenBoom
26	Mike Kowalski	Joe Jablonski
Oct 3	Tom VanDenBoom	Mike Kowalski
10	Terry Lisk	John Badour
17	John Badour	Terry Lisk
24	John Ruthig	Dale Purchase
31	Don Cunningham	Tom Fritz

-Please plan on a regular fill night; if not possible, Tom Fritz will fill for you with some advance notice. John Badour is not allowed to lift tanks, so please place yours in the cooling tank for him.

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	Joe Jablonski	893 7970	
	Dale Purchase	791 1707	
	John Ruthig	781 1512	
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[dstorck@hotmail.com](mailto:dstorck@hotmail.com) with the word 'subscribe' in the subject. Sign on your friends!

## For Sale

Mike Kowalski has a new Scuba Pro BC; labeled XL but really L. Has club lift, Poseidan inflator, front adj shoulder straps. \$150. Also Harveys 'Titanium' gloves (L) \$40. Still 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 blue plastic coated weights; \$.50/lb. 25lb Pro shot belt; \$20. Small dry suit w/ woolies; \$75. Large dry suit w/ woolies; \$250.

For local sales convenience, remember  
**DIVERS BERTH 2356 Delta Rd.**  
**667 8700** [www.diversberth.com](http://www.diversberth.com)

## 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)

Mike Peterson is looking for any size tanks; call Mike at 792 3664

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.

## Compressor Concerns? Air Cards?

C/C Don Cunningham anytime at 799 4385