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Club Meetings-
7:30pm on the 2d Tues
of each month. Held at
Sag. Twp. Fire Station #1
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Club Dues-
\$25 per year
This Meeting:
July 9
Next Meeting:
August 13

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Club Picnic

(or, **You Can't Get There From Here...**)

SUE Brat Fest! It's Club Picnic time, and you'll have to travel west of the Tittabawasee River. John Ruthig is hosting the picnic this year, and you're invited out to his house at 10333 Tittabawasee Rd. Except the Tittabawasee Rd bridge is closed due to repair.

Coming from the east, you have 2 choices: First, cross the river in Freeland and turn south to Titt Rd; second, cross the river from Saginaw on State St and head north to Titt Rd. Gleanor is a good N-S road.

We want you to have a good time at the picnic, but getting home again is your responsibility!

Otter Lake Special Report

Otter Lake - June 2002

By: Mike Peterson

For those of you who haven't dove Otter Lake in a while might be interested in some changes. The first most noticeable change is apparent when you descend onto the cabin cruiser once sank not far from shore by a local dive club. The boat has sunk almost to the deck on the port bow side. Boat and club markings are no longer visible. The next change that stands out is the lack of colorful art that once covered the guide line to the air bell, only a few remain. The air bell is no longer up, it has fallen about six feet to the side of the old row boat that once anchored it down. The biggest change so far has to be the lack of timbers. The locals explained that a "Diver Dan" recently contracted and raised most of the old timbers and sent the many semi trucks that came full to a lumber company in Wisconsin. Word had it around there that he made enough on the deal to donate a \$4000 dock. How many times have you thought about doing it and never did, another lost opportunity for some easy money. Anyway, for those of you that don't like change, you will be happy to know that the visibility still can't get any better than 10 to 15 feet, and Tim Burch and I both recorded 37 to 38 degree bottom temperatures at 50 feet. You can't beat a spring fed lake on a hot summer morning to get your blood feeling like the sludge coffee that I drink as I get into work everyday.

-Mike

And More Otter Lake

Located just south of Vassar, Otter Lake is a convenient dive location close to Saginaw. It's a good-sized lake, deep, cold, easy access, things to see, and cold... Shortly after Mike and Tim dove it, the team of Dale Purchase, Tom Fritz, and Don Storck also visited it. By this time, the bottom temperature had warmed up to 47'. We were guests of Howard Duroucher, a long-time club member. Howard introduced us to "Diver Dan", who has been harvesting the sunken logs for apparently the last two years. Dan told us when the DEQ found out he was doing it, they fined him \$800 just on his own word; then gave him a permit which now allows it. Dan has invited us back to watch his technique; he'll be working through the rest of the year on it.



Dan the diving logger

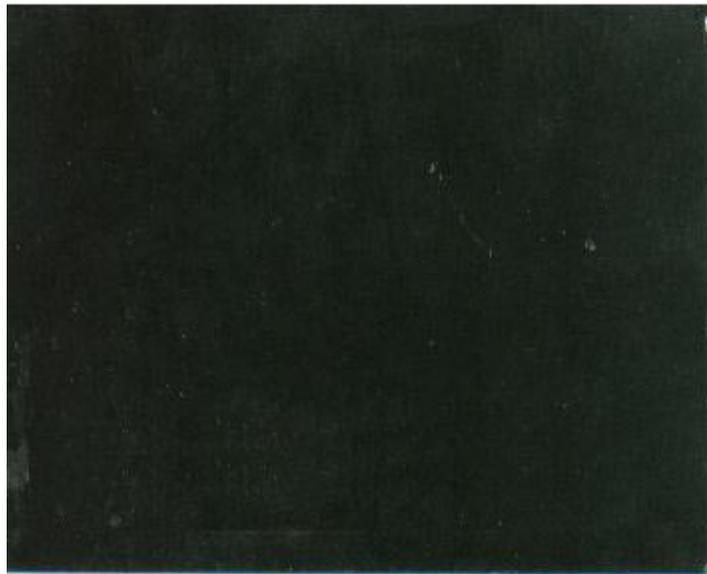


Tom & Dale in Otter Lake

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

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

*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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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 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.

For local sales convenience, remember
DIVERS BERTH 2356 Delta Rd.
667 8700 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

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