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Club Meetings-
7:30pm on the 2d Tues
of each month. Held at
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Club Dues-
\$25 per year
This Meeting:
Nov 12
Next Meeting:
Dec 10

*Another Straits Wreck
Club Pumpkin Report
Guest Column
Calendar
Currituck Lighthouse
(see back page)*

*and selected short
subjects w/ humor*

In This Issue...

New Wreck!

Insider news- A previously unknown wreck has just been discovered near Mackinaw Island at a depth of 90'. It is apparently a barge with a crane on it. If it has a name, it hasn't been made public yet. Anyone have the numbers? More details?

Dive Reports

First and foremost is the annual S.U.E. Official Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest; this year held at beautiful King's Lake in Hemlock. The water was exceptionally clear, and just a crispy bit cool. As this was a first for King's Lake, the activity caught the attention of the neighbors and in particular their teenage (but legal) daughters. Certainly this made the water seem warmer. Unfortunately for the SCOOP, they asked that their pictures in bikinis not be published. Oh, well; perhaps next year... However, the SCOOP does have some pics of the P-kin festival that do document this year's dive:



Bumper-to-bumper park where you can. The thick trees also provided a break from the wind. (e-SCOOP receivers can also view these trees in beautiful fall colors)

AND THE WINNERS ARE:



Calm and serene King's Lake on a beautiful fall day; only close inspection yields carver's bubbles and pumpkin guts as evidence of the activity occurring below the surface.



Linda King, 1st place; Fred LaClair, 2^d place; as chosen by 5 unbiased local beach bunnies. -Hold- It has just been brought to the SCOOP's attention that Linda did not print when she filled out her application as stated by the rules, and is therefore disqualified! **Fred LaClair II** is the winner of the 2002 SUE Pumpkin Carve!!

Guest Columnist-

2002 Lighthouse Festival in Alpena, MI By: Mike Peterson

For those of you that have never heard of the Great Lakes Lighthouse Festival in Alpena, it is held the second weekend of October every year. Most of the lighthouses are opened up for tourists to walk through and visit. There is also a craft and information show with several speakers giving presentations. This year there was a presentation and booth set up by the Alpena Underwater Preserve. I spent quite a while talking with him about some of the diving in the area, and found out that he was from Wisconsin close to where I was living for a year. We talked about some of the great shore diving in Door County and some of the charter diving which can be done there. If you have never heard of Door County and the diving there, make sure that you get with me sometime because my wife and I got married there in 2001 and would love to go back and do some diving.

Anyway, back to the Festival. There were a lot of great things to see, especially if you are into lighthouses, but there was plenty there for lovers of maritime history as well. At the craft fair there were a lot of pictures of ships, and other sailing vessels. There was also some artifacts that were for sale that were taken with permission. The list here is short, but there was quite a bit there including a vent stack from the Normandeer, two portholes with intact glass in excellent condition from the Cedarville, a lot of block and tackle, a couple of bottles off of the Regina as well as a spoon. These items were in good shape and ready to present. My wife and I had a great time. While up there we ran into a fellow SUE member. Ron Burkhard was hard at work at his booth but we found some time to talk about diving.

I encourage anyone who might be interested to start planning for it by the middle of August. All of the hotels in the area fill up quick and we met some people that had to call six places before they found a room for the weekend and they called the last week in August. Overall it was a great time and we plan on going up again next year.

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Ed.- Mike Peterson has gotten in 50 dives this year!
Any competition to that?



Hon Mention; Pumpkin Carve....

02 REMAINING EVENT CALENDAR

November 12	Club Meeting
December 10	Club Meeting
TBD	Christmas Party

To be considered at this meeting-

We should be reserving a pool for winter club swims; Anyone have any suggestions? I only recall one time that we were locked out in Bay City; is that still a good choice? Rates? We need your input at the meeting.



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**News Issue; Currituck Lighthouse >*
-brought to your attention by Judy Burkhard

For Sale

Dive weights; cheap! SAS Regulator w/ oct; \$30. Al pony tank; \$30. Cave light w/extra btty + chgr; \$30. Drop marker, 255 ft of line; \$3. Back pack, boat accys, misc. Dale Purchase 791 1707

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

An attempt to commandeer the Currituck Beach Lighthouse from a group of preservationists is tantamount to stealing it! US Congressman Walter B. Jones(NC) is introducing legal documents to seize the historic lighthouse in the outer banks by forcing a quitclaim deed. You can stop this by contacting your own congressperson now!

More info at: www.preservationaction.org

And www.lighthousefoundation.com

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.

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C/C Don Cunningham anytime at 799 4385