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**Saginaw Underwater Explorers**  
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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

next meeting: Dec 9

Nov meeting: 11<sup>th</sup>



Entrance; Oasis Lake

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## Pumpkinfest; '03

It was a dark and rainy morning; it was a dark and dreary day... However, a number of hardy club members still ventured up to Oasis Lake for the traditional underwater pumpkin carving competition.



Picnic tables filled with food and pumpkin guts to get ready...

The carvers kept their plans to themselves, then went their own ways to find a secluded spot on the bottom.



Evidence of artistry at work...

Competitors this year were Matt Crews, Tom Fritz, Tom VanDenBoom, and Mike Peterson. The dive started off with overcast skies, but by the time they got out the sky had cleared and it became sunny. Tom V cranked up the grill and everyone warmed up on great picnic food. No; that was no factor in determining the winner.



First Finished...



Mike P. with new-found female pumpkin



- And they too carved, but lost...



!!The winner of the great '03 Pumpkinnfest; Tom V. !!  
Congrats, Tom! (quantity over quality anyway!)

### Other Dive News-

Matt Crews made a trip to Torch Lake and Lake Charlevoix last week. He reports that he saw more fish than he ever has. The visibility was fantastic, and he should have some good details to share.

Mike Peterson and some others are planning on going to the Seahorses show in Pt. Huron the 8<sup>th</sup>(Sat). While they're down there, they might get a river dive in. Again, there should be some good stories at this month's meeting. Mike also wants to hear from you on where you'd like to dive at. He is getting together a Florida trip, and a trip to the Bontaire Mine... Talk to Mike!

### Next Event- Christmas Party!

The annual SUE Christmas party will be at the Atkins' residence this year. Plan on Dec 6, about 7pm. That's at 204 Wenona, Bay City. Bring a camera and a dish to pass, and enjoy the spirit of the season. If you have any questions, call Bill at 684 5847.

### Dues Time!

Next month next years dues are due! Pay \$20 then, or \$25 later. A new application will be included in the Dec SCOOP. Mr.Treasurer Tom VDB is looking forward to seeing you!

## Letter from the President

This is just an update for everyone on the Dive Show at Saginaw Valley State University. Things are going along very smooth so far, with the help of Matt Crews we have been able to get a lot done. We have a couple of vendors set up to come along with all of the speakers for the event. The show will be held on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004 and tickets will go on sale the first part of December so that we can get them out there as Christmas presents or stocking stuffers. We are still working on getting some other vendors in to make sure that this is a fulfilling show for everyone and to cut down on our overhead cost.

We will be selling tickets for only \$6. If every member sells at least five we will be doing very well. What we have come up with is a raffle for the members and it will be set up as follows. For every five tickets sold that member will have their name dropped into a bucket, if that member sells ten then it will be put in twice and so on. At the May meeting we will tumble all of the names and the winner will get a nice prize from Divers Berth. There will also be prizes for the top sellers. We have not worked out what the prizes will be yet, but with Matt's help I am sure that they will be worth everyone's while.

I will bring the tickets to the Christmas Party and to the December meeting. If you need to get a hold of me because you are unable to make it please feel free to give me a call and we can come up with a way to get them out to you. Everyone's help is needed and appreciated to make this a successful event.

Thank you to everyone who showed up to the 2003 Pumpkin Carve. The weather turned out to be pretty nice for the end of October and I have to admit that I had a great time. A special thanks to Fred LaClair Jr. for his contribution of the pumpkins and to Matt Cruz for the prizes for those in attendance I appreciate your help and coming through when it was needed most. I hope to make next year even better. We will be able to start making plans earlier and try to make it a bigger event.

Mike Peterson

### 'End of 03 EVENT CALENDAR

November	11	Club Meeting
December	6	Christmas Party
	9	Club Meeting

January? Plan Now!

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SUE carvers at Oasis Lake



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