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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:** aug 9th

**This Meeting- 12<sup>th</sup>**



SUE Tank drawing a crowd



(Young diver of past years)

***Inside....***

*CP & Meeting; Otter Lake  
Tim Horton Exhibition  
Dive News; SC, PA, OL,  
and Consumers Power!  
Note on Fill Night*

*also selected short  
subjects*

***Remember Our Troops!***

## Otter Lake Outing

Contrary to what you might've read prior in the SCOOP, this month's meeting will be held at Otter Lake. This will also be the annual club picnic, to include a dive in the lake. That's this Tuesday, 7/12. Make your plans now to come and have a good time! Plan on bringing some basic eating utensils, and a dish to pass. No word yet on who will be in charge of brats. Assuming the business meeting at about 7-7:30, feel free to arrive earlier to dive, get the best location, get comfortable, and socialize.



Beautiful but cold Otter Lake; site of dive entry  
A swimming beach is further up to the right.

Otter Lake is right in the village of Otter Lake. Take M15 south through Vassar and Millington; watch for the sign showing Otter Lake to the east. Also, the village is repairing its roads... If you run into a barricade, bear left. You should also be aware there is a park entry fee per car; plan on car pooling and save \$\$.

## Otter Lake Scouting Party

To test site conditions for the club, Don Cunningham, Joe Jablonski, and Don Storck dove the lake recently.



Joe J and Don C preparing their gear. (boat not ours)

My own personal opinion was that visibility was pretty good, except for the deeper spots which got darker. And colder. Bring a good suit. For those of you that haven't been in the lake, there is a sunken steel boat less than 100 yds offshore that is a good object to dive on. From the boat, a guide rope goes out to a wooden crib. The talk tank that was formerly connected by rope wasn't located. Some artwork still exists. If you follow the dropoff at the weed line, there are plenty of fish to see. Also, it's warmer at that location...

## Tank at Tim Horton's

Last month about 6 club members helped set up the portable dive tank at Tim Horton's in Shields for a fund raiser. A lot of other groups had exhibits set up, but certainly we were the most popular. The tank was located at the corner, and filled by the fire dept. Divers used Terry's comm gear to talk to anyone coming up.



Setting up...



Bill A. first in tank getting visitor wet

The exhibit was scheduled from 10 to 2; it was a fun event. Some of you may remember the cold day at the mall; this really turned out as a nice day. Let's get this set up other places, and more come out to participate. We guarantee a good time.

**-More event pics...**



Stool provided for the kids; they got a gold fish



Visitor advertising Tim Horton coffee



Who asked about getting in? Joe J going in; Val assisting.

**Dive Report- S. Carolina**

(Tony Piazza recently went to SC; here's Tony)

DIVING MURRELL'S INLET, SOUTH CAROLINA  
My recent trip to South Carolina was great; however, the seas were rough and it wasn't until my last day that I could secure a charter. Diving off the

"Bubble Watcher" through Nu Horizons Dive Shop, 6 divers rolled through 4-6' seas to our destination ten miles offshore.

The site included a 90' tug boat with a swim through the pilot house and engine room and a Navy A-7 attack plane lying 100' off the stern.

Although the seas were rolling, water currents were minimal at 50' with temperatures at 69-70 degrees and 50' visibility. Sea life was good with a 7' tiger shark prowling the bottom, several barracuda, swarms of bait fish and a sea turtle. -Tony Piazza

Mike Fabish reports on diving a gravel pit in eastern Pennsylvania that also had a lot of sunken objects. Mike found the site on the internet, close to where he went on a family trip. He is currently diving in Wisconsin, and promised to submit a story when he returns.

**Fantastic Journey!**

Dateline Grand Rapids! July 2d; diving 1700 ft offshore in Lake Michigan directly west of Grand Rapids, a woman from Grayling was sucked into a water-intake pipe and "tumbled through darkness for seven minutes" before emerging inside the Consumers Energy J.H. Campbell power plant in Ottawa county. Apparently suffering no serious effects, she must've been transported about a half mile through the pipe system. The system has 28 intakes; this was the only one not having a grate covering it. The main pipe diameter is 18 ft; the branches are 8 ft. This woman will be the guest speaker at all the upcoming dive shows! (orig story from the Grand rapids Press)

**Note the New Policy for Fill Night-**

Due to lack of use, fill operators will only be at the site if called and requested earlier. The operators scheduled for the next 4 weeks are:

- 7/12 Joe Jablonski 893-7970
- 7/21 Mike Kowalski 892-2028
- 7/28 Tom VanDenBoom 686-3176
- 8/4 Terry Lisk 777-1956

**Note next week's meeting at Haithco**

Another dive-picnic-meeting planned for the club on Aug 9, at Haithco Park. An attempt is being made for us to have the south end of the park again. Also, the dive team has sunk a pontoon boat in the lake as something to dive on. Plan now.

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SCOOP editor planning this edition

### S.U.E. '05 Event Planner

Jul	12	Club Meeting & Picnic!	-Otter lake
Aug	9	Club Mtg & Picnic	-Haithco Park
Sep	13	Club Mtg	
Oct	11	Club Mtg	
		TBA-	Pumpkin Carve
Nov	8	Club Mtg	
Dec	13	Club Mtg	
		TBA-	Xmas Party

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