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**Saginaw Underwater Explorers**

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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

**next meeting: Oct 10**

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

Remember the previous  
vocab challenge; BATHYMETRY?  
Remember the previous picture  
in this location?

(English Language Version)

## Inside....

### *Club Picnic Special*

*also selected short  
subjects*

***Remember Our Troops!***

## Success; Club Picnic...

With the exception of the brat-fest, the annual SUE club picnic did take place last month at placid Otter Lake. Few people contacted Prez Cunningham, so the brats were scrubbed. However, it was great diving weather, and about 10 people did show up. The SCOOP editor brought his new underwater video camera to play with. Fun; but it was limited by a 65' cable. Although the weather was warm and sunny, water conditions didn't follow suit. The water near shore was exceptionally warm, which caused the divers a false sense of comfortable diving. The extra warm wx had accelerated weed growth, and the vis was poor. The sunken boat was really hard to see unless you were within a foot of it. Of course, once you're at the boat, you have to follow the rope out to the crib. It was a long trip. Knowing the bottom was just a couple feet below the rope was useless; it was too dark to see. Not to mention that once you descended below the 20' of the sunken boat, Otter Lake lets you experience it's icy bottom; whatever warmth you had in your suit to begin with is sapped. Your editor had some serious inner talks along the rope about the stupidity of self abuse...

Of course, any dive outing is better than the 6:00 news. We attracted the attention of a bunch of local youngsters, who were surprised to hear there was a sunken boat right below them. Their questions led to the inevitable; we let them try the equipment. It was worth it giving them bragging rights over their friends back in school.

There weren't enough members to follow up with a business meeting, but we did meet for the usual profound discussions. No quotes available...



Tim H. setting dive flag



Mike and Justin gearing up



The Ed and Tim; buoy in back is on sunken boat



The fans!, that's Don C. coming out

## Artifacts-

The AP ran a recent story about Harry Zych from Chicago. He discovered the wreckage of the USM Lady Elgin(sunk in 1860 with much loss of life ; big story, ) north of Chicago in 1989. (cont'd next page)

Harry had a legal battle with Illinois over rights, and won. Today Harry has a number of artifacts he would like to contribute to a museum, and no museum is interested! Anyone have spare room in your garage?

### More Otter Lake pics-

Here's some of the youngsters interested in our activities last month. The SCOOP apologizes for misplacing their names, and will attempt to correct this at a later date.



Tim H. loaning equipment to first of group



Don S. providing breathing experience



Young lady trying SCUBA; above and



below; here's how she looks under water...

### Heads-Up Notice! -Dive into Maritime History

Join the Southwest Michigan Underwater Preserve on September 15 and 16, 2006 for a benefit with featured divers Richie Kohler and John Chatterton from the History Channel's Deep Sea Detectives. They will discuss their ground breaking diving experiences on the U-Who, Andrea Doria and other new & old underwater mysteries.

#### "Dive into Maritime History - Video & Lecture"

-Friday, September 15 7:00 PM

West Ottawa Performing Arts Center

Holland, Michigan

\$18.00

-This will be followed on Saturday, Sept 16 by a banquet featuring the speakers. (extra cost) For more information, check

<http://www.swmup.org> and <http://www.goscuba.net>  
(The SCOOP would like to hear from anyone going)

### Dive Team News

The unit was called out on July 30 for a woman planning a jump off the Holland Bridge. Mike Reinig; grabbed her and pulled her back from the railing. On Aug 26 they got a call for an empty boat on the river. Then a report of a trailer in the water at Wickes park. Recovered both; later both found to have been stolen.. (courtesy dive team newsletter)



Boat; trailer recovery at Wickes Park

### S.U.E. '06 Event Planner

Sep 12 Club Mtg

Oct 10 Club Mtg

TBA- Pumpkin Carve (Time to Plan!)

Nov 14 Club Mtg

Dec 12 Club Mtg

TBA Christmas Party

**\*\*Let's start planning the pumpkin carve!\*\***

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### For Sale

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893-7970 Joe

Ladies Dry Suit size small: Complete with heavy one piece wooly, head wear, three sets of heavy gloves and fins. Asking \$100.00 for the whole set OBO. Call (231) 935-4217 or email [rburkhard@charter.net](mailto:rburkhard@charter.net)

Whitefish Bay property for sale on Whitefish Bay, 2 miles north of Paradise. The property is bisected by the main road, and has a nice 100' of frontage on the bay with a new seawall, a gazebo, and a firepit near the water. Across the street is 3 acres of land that backs up to state land. There is also an older, well-kept 2 bedroom mobile home with a deck and screened enclosure to stay in while building, as well as an RV hookup near the trailer, for guests. It is listed for \$109,900. It is 8 miles to the Whitefish Point boat launch from here, and about 10 miles to the Rivermouth launch.

L Michele Whitaker" <emwhitak@hotmail.com>.

### For Sale (cont)



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1970 Slickcraft 19 foot fiberglass V hull. rebuilt lower unit, new inboard gas tank, skis, ladder, tubes. 115 horse V four cylinder Evenrude outboard. all new seats. new tires on trailer. \$2000.00 or best call Rick Beyett (989) 892-6287

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