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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?: Sept 11**

## **This Meeting- 14<sup>th</sup>**

(note location change again)



Justin Fabish diving Sanilac;  
Saginaw News July 29, 2007

## ***Inside....***

*Meeting?  
Sommer's SUE Story  
Otter Dive  
Wixom Dive  
Contest*

*also selected short  
subjects*

(English Language Version)

***Remember Our Troops!***

## Second '07 Picnic Meeting

The July club meeting was graciously hosted by Mike and Vickie Kowalski at their Bay City home; those attending were treated to another fine SUE picnic. The sky was a little dark with a threat of storms, but that had no bearing on the brats. It was reported to the SCOOP that after eating participants were obligated to just kick back, relax, and go into story-telling mode.

As a follow-up, the SCOOP has heard nothing about a location for this Aug meeting. Hearing nothing prior to the meeting date(14), it must be assumed that we'll be meeting at the Thomas Township fire barn at Dice and Thomas rds. Watch for a notice from Mike Fabish.

## The BIG Story

Kudos to our own Dave Sommers for getting a full page spread in The Saginaw News of a recent dive in Lake Huron by SUE members. A few weeks back Mike Fabish, Justin Fabish, Greg Prenzler, and Dave went on a dive off Port Sanilac. Dave wrote the story with a history of the beginnings of the Saginaw Underwater Explorers, and added some quotes from president Don Cunningham. Dave wrote a little about the underwater preserves in Michigan, and more specifically on the Sanilac Shores Underwater Preserve where they dove. The wrecks they toured were the 'Mary Alice B.' and the 'Sport'. Good quotes and descriptions by the divers are sure to instill some interest in diving again; maybe the shot in the arm for SUE. How long has it been since the SUE got any mention in the SN? Anyone who hasn't seen this SN article, please contact the SCOOP and we'll try to get you a copy!



Justin F. gearing up, Mike F. in stern, Greg P. waiting his turn...

And, if the story wasn't enough, Dave has put together a **video** of the dive. This can be seen on the Saginaw News mlive website-- [blog.mlive.com/saginaw\\_news\\_extra/2007/07/down\\_below.html](http://blog.mlive.com/saginaw_news_extra/2007/07/down_below.html) This guy has a lot of talent that we should be tapping! It is the SCOOP's opinion that the club owes Dave at least a big hand for this publicity. Let's hear it for Dave!



Mike watching as Justin goes in

## Another attempt at publicity...

A recent trip to Wixom Lake found a number of folks interested in SCUBA, and willing to give it a try. It's always that first step in overcoming the tendency to hold your breath as soon as your face is underwater. "Trust me" isn't necessarily enough to overcome this. They were all willing to put the gear on, and then lean forward into the water, and breath. They were naturals; I would've preferred they stay in one spot for a little while, but as soon as they were breathing, they were swimming!



Duane in Wixom- "This is cool!"

**Don't Miss The Contest!**  
-See back page...

-more Wixom pics-



Duane and ScEd gearing up Tim



Ed's turn; willing help from Duane and Tim



Diver Below!; pristine waters of Wixom

### And More; Otter Lake Dive

On another questionable weather evening last week, Tom Fritz and ScEd Don committed to dive Otter Lake. Just driving out of Saginaw we encountered heavy rain, but when we got to Otter Lake, the weather was clear and

sunny. Let me go on record right away as it being the best diving I've experienced there in a long time. Vis in the 1<sup>st</sup> 15ft was excellent, except the grass was about all you could see. It was really healthy, and high. The thermocline started about 16ft, and it was mildly cold as always. The colder water still had particles in it, but vis was a good 5ft. Someone had cut the marker buoy on the sunken boat, but if you dive along the drop at about 25-30ft, you'll run right into it. We did salvage another jug, and tied it to the boat for future location. Understanding that it could be cut off again even now. However, the SCOOP has some new information to share with it's faithful readers- A Porta-Potty has been installed by the boat launch (which is good news in itself). The best news is that it's permanent; in concrete. The sunken boat is located on a line from the left edge of the Porta-Potty to the middle of the clearing on the far shore (see pic).



Tom F. in Otter; up to weed bed



Note white jug; 40' steel boat below. Stand to left edge of potty, align with clearing on opposite shore. ~100ft out

### Dive Sites contributed by members:

- 1.

**BONUS PAGE; OTTER LAKE SUPPLEMENT**  
**(For e/m Scoop subscribers only)**



**Welcome to Otter lake!**



**Tom heading out to cooler water**



**Otter Lake ; Calm and Inviting**



**Otter Lake rocks (note vis!)**



**Tom F. almost ready; note new permanent Porta-John**



**Otter lake weeds (still clear)**

**-SCOOP apologies for not having a pic of the boat. Does anyone know it's history? It's name?**

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(SW Corner of US-10/Mackinaw Road.)  
Call toll-free **877-DIVE-747**

## GOSCUBA!

<http://www.goscuba.net>

August 11 & 12 – Straits Shipwreck Diving  
August 18 – SWMUP Annual Treasure Hunt at Moby's in Grand Rapids



Faithful Dive Buddy!

## Compr Sched Reminder:

Aug 9- Tom VanDenBoom  
16- Terry Lisk  
23- John Badour  
30- Tom Fritz  
Sept 6- Don Cunningham

## S.U.E. '07 Event Planner

Aug 14 Club Mtg  
Sep 11 Club Mtg  
Oct 9 Club Mtg; Pumpkin Dive?  
Nov 13 Club Mtg  
Dec 11 Club Mtg; TBA Christmas Party

## For Sale

**1970 Slickcraft** 19 foot fiberglass Rick Beyett (989) 892-6287

**Bayliner- 1988**, 28', 460 Ford V8 w/ trailer. Set up for diving. \$15900. Call Mike at 989 892 2028

**Whitefish Bay** summer rent. Call Michele at 906-492-3553. <emwhitak@hotmail.com>.

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**Contest-** Drawing for valuable CD at meeting **Must be present to win.** Fill out blank and submit this to president.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Ticket Number **3.1416**

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