

# The Scuba Scoop

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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 8

## This Meeting- 11<sup>th</sup>

(note location change)

### Beautiful June Bride-



Jaime and Mike Spellman,  
with proud mom Mary Poma, Tom Fritz

## *Inside....*

*Meeting; This  
Meeting; Last  
Florida Happenings  
Dive Team  
Insurance*

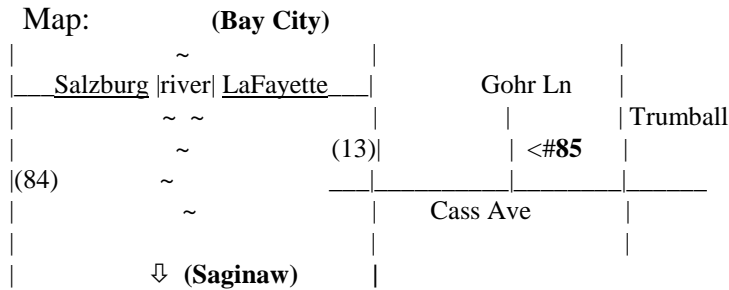
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subjects*

***Remember Our Troops!***

(English Language Version)

## And Another Meeting Change!

As last month's meeting was changed to a picnic/outing during the week preceding it, so shall this meeting with the exception that everyone is receiving at least two weeks notice. Mike and Vickie Kowalski have invited the membership to a post-4<sup>th</sup> club picnic and good time at their house ~6:30, this July 11. Plan on the great club brats (by chef Mike?), and a dish to pass (tuna salad seems to be a favorite). And your choice of beverage. The Kowalski address is 85 Gohr Lane, Bay City.



## June Meeting ; Lake Geidan's Resort

Agenda began with getting wet in Val's lake; your editor being the first one in! On a nice clear sunny day, the water was perfect. Warm on top, cold on the bottom; but clear enough to find fish and the sunken boat. Also in were Charles Storck, David Wright, and Mike Fabish. Dave went in with one of his scooters.



Water Bunny?

**Request-** The SCOOP is still trying to compile a list of near, easy-access dive sites for the club's use. If you have any to contribute, please send same to the editor's e/m (on back)



Charles in; Dave with his torpedo...



Treasurer Mike seeking treasure



Mike, Don judging the underwater bowling

**Of** course swimming is followed by eating; those present filled their plates with a fine selection of tuna salads, and brats by Val. Seating was provided under the spreading chestnut trees; eat, relax, then back for more tuna salad!



Leisurely meal; "any tuna salad left?"



Winner! Underwater Bowling Award Recipient



Our gracious hosts; Val and Becky

To put a finale to a fine time, we had to do a little business. The transfer of books to the new treasurer was planned, and a proposal of use of the diving tank at community festivals was put forth. (see editorial) Mike Kowalski volunteered hosting the next meeting.

## Dive Team News-

June had the dive team patching leaks on their inflatable and repairing their big boat prop. They also had one operational call, and training in a little-known reservoir down in the rolling hills of southwestern Saginaw county.



Mike Fabish entering unknown waters, tendered by Laura Millemon

## Editorial-

A few years ago, the S.U.E. invested in repairing the windowed diving tank; fixing leaks and giving it a new paint job. The objective was to set it up in communities where folks could observe SCUBA, and the club would receive some publicity. You may remember we were invited to F.S.Mall, and to Tim Horton's (Shields) the following year. We met people, and we had fun.

As an investment, we can't afford to let the tank sit idle through another year. Enough community functions exist to keep us busy, if we get involved. What's the drawback?

Our insurance coverage has been mentioned as one reason; supposedly we won't have liability coverage for any event where the public is present. Is this in fact a correct interpretation of our policy? Even more so, just what does our policy cover? What can we do? How did we do it previously? Will we accept dead in the water?

At a time when we are considering the survival of our club, we need to have a serious discussion on this. We need to GET INVOLVED. We need to be PUBLIC.

## Special Invite!

Captain Ron and Judy Burkhard have settled down on the shores of Traverse Bay, and have extended an invitation to any club members who might be in that area. Bring a tent!

Write the SCOOP for their address.

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

Jul	11	Club Mtg; Picnic;
Aug	8	Club Mtg
Sep	12	Club Mtg
Oct	10	Club Mtg; Pumpkin Dive?
Nov	14	Club Mtg
Dec	12	Club Mtg; TBA Christmas Party

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Diver surveying a used tire 'artificial reef' off Tampa Bay, FL. What started with good intentions in the '70s has become a huge failure. Very little life has taken hold, and the tires break loose and drift onto shore. Estimates are it will take till 2010 to remove them.

### DiveandGlide

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

### GOSCUBA!

<http://www.goscuba.net>

July 7 & 8 – SWMUP Charter to local shipwrecks  
July 21 & 22 – Sanilac Dive Charter  
July 27- 29 – Whitefish Point Tec Diving Charter  
August 11 & 12 – Straits Shipwreck Diving  
August 18 – SWMUP Annual Treasure Hunt at Moby's in Grand Rapids

### For Sale

**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

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

**Whitefish Bay** summer rent: Housekeeping accommodations on Whitefish Bay, 9 miles from Whitefish Point. 2 bedroom mobile home with screened deck, a waterfront gazebo and firepit, all appliances (micro, coffeemaker, TV/VCR, washer/dryer), cleaning supplies and basic condiments included. Sleeping accommodations include 1 double bed, 2 twin bunk beds, 1 double sofa bed. Bring your food, bedding, towels, etc. Clean-up required on departure. Scuba club members only, special rate \$40 per day. Special rates for longer stays. Call Michele at 906-492-3553. <emwhitak@hotmail.com>.

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