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**Club Meetings-**  
7:30pm on the 2d Tues  
of each month. Held at  
Sag. Twp. Fire Station #1  
on Shattuck Rd

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**Club Dues-**  
\$25 per year

next meeting?: Oct 9

**This Meeting- 11<sup>th</sup>**  
(TTFS #2?)



KRYSTAL LAKE-

1. Closer than Otter
2. Warmer than Otter
3. Clearer than Otter
4. Friendlier than Otter

(English Language Version)

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***Special Edition-***  
***Krystal Lake***

***also selected short***  
***subjects***

***Remember Our Troops!***

## Meeting Update

The August SUE meeting was in fact held at the Thomas Township fire station #2 on Dice Rd, with a pretty decent turn-out. Hope we didn't lose anyone going to one of the other fire stations... At least two new faces were present; we'd like to see them back this month also, with even more attending. Conditions for meeting in the fire station were great; it's a well-kept building. The SCOOP would like to get the name of the cleaning lady.

Regular business was caught up after about a two-month hiatus, and some discussion on club dives took place. In particular, word was out about the old Juniata gravel pit being accessible again (see feature story). Mike Fabish brought in some photos he and Justin took recently diving the bay in Petoskey. A crucifix, some memorials to lost divers, and club plaques (SUE's is missing) are some of the items to be found there. Mike suggested this might be a good location for a club dive; maybe replace our plaque.

A special drawing was held at the August meeting offering a picture CD of photos from the last 5 years of SUE activities. After much haggling about proper forms for the drawing, the membership decided to use some old raffle tickets. Mike Fabish was the grand prize winner!



Plaque at Petoskey ; "West Michigan Diving Association"

## Nostalgia- The Anderson Gravel Pit

You old-timers also remember it as the Juniata gravel pit; it's now known as **Krystal Lake Campground**. Back in the 60's, the Anderson gravel pit was the closest place (with any clarity) for Saginaw divers to go. It was eventually closed, and Saginaw divers only spoke of it from memories. Who remembers its location?

It has recently opened again; now as a really neat campground with many things to get involved in. Its address is 5475 Washburn Rd in Vassar (go straight through Vassar toward Juniata instead of following 15; turn N on Washburn). Entry fee is \$5/person, which gives you access to all activities in the campground. They do ask to see your dive certificate.



Honest draw by Prez Cunningham and Mike Fabish wins the CD!



Justin Fabish with the underwater crucifix at Petoskey

**And again, unless notified otherwise, plan on the Sept meeting to be held at Thomas Township fire station #2.**



Attractive Entrance!; Krystal Lake Campground

Charlie Storck, Tom Fritz, and UrEd made the first trip out there the week following the club meeting. We talked with Jordyn, who was surprised anyone would want to dive in the lake, but gave us a great welcome. We drove to the backside of the lake, and entered from the same old sloped area as in former days. The water had good vis down to about 15ft; then it got hazy in the colder layers.



Krystal Lake- swimming area to the left; slope access in back



Swimming area- rental boats to left; safe to right



Diver entering Krystal from back slope

The old Anderson pit had a crane boom in it as something to see; we heard two stories on it as to whether it was still there. We didn't find it, and the vis was clear enough. It might be hidden in grass...



Lots of plant growth; average at about 15ft



Where there's plants, there's fish! Lots of fish!



And, poor vis at a depth of about 20ft

Dale Purchase, Bill Atkins, and UrEd made a 2d dive to Krystal the following week. We entered from the beach area, and immediately found a safe(MT). We also found an old wooden boat, so the lake does have sights. Again, we were well received by the management. Thank Bill for doing a repair job on the pool, and perhaps a future presentation to the campers! Krystal Lake should be designated the official SUE dive site. Club picnic! See <http://krystallakecampground.com> (thanx, Linda!)

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## Wanted

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### Compr Sched Reminder:

Sept 6-	DON CUNNINGHAM	799-4385
13-	MIKE FABISH	781-6167/295-2627
20-	MIKE KOWALSKI	892-2028
27-	TOM VANDENBOOM	686-3176/2256438
Oct 4-	TERRY LISK	777-1956

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

Sep 11	Club Mtg	Picnic? Krystal Lake?
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** still for sale. Call Michele at 906-492-3553. <emwhitak@hotmail.com>.

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