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Club Meetings- Held at 7:30pm on the second Tuesday of each month,
at the Thomas Twp. Fire Station on the corner of Dice and Thomas.

This Meeting-14th



The Crew- returning to Petoskey this month!

Van for sale...



Inside....

*Pumpkin Carve; Krystal, 5th
Club Dive; Otter
AuSable Dive
Goshawk Dive
Other Dive News
also selected short subjects*

(English Language Version)

Remember Our Troops!

Sept Meeting Minutes

Discussion about the previous month's diving activities was the dominant item. With the advent of club dives monthly, the club certainly has more wet experiences to share. At least 10 members had attended the previous month's dive at Krystal, and Mike Fabish related tying the hopper to the boat for ease of finding one from the other. Mike and Justin spent a weekend diving the Tawas-Oscoda area, and reported on being in the back waters of the Au Sable. Then with Tony Piazza, they dove the Goshawk off Tawas point. Mike provided pictures he took, and some of those can be found later in the SCOOP. It was also agreed that the annual pumpking carve will be held on the 5th (this Sunday!), at 10:00. It will be open to anyone, but 1st prize of a year's membership will only be given to a current member. And thanks to alert work and detailed minutes by secretary Jesselaitis, the attending club members were able to affirm changes in the constitution; it's official now. The meeting closed with snacks, and a video presentation put together by Charley Storck on dives done with Dive & Glide.

Sept Club Dive; Otter

Without any warning, a bolt of lightning came down from the clear skies on the day of the dive, and struck UrEd's vehicle, effectively killing it. However, 3 members did dive Otter Lake for the club dive; Greg Prenzler, Scot Thompson, and Mike Fabish. Greg reported they dove the boat, followed the line to the crib, found the talk tank remains, and found the plaque with Kim Porath's name on it. Good find! Trying to return to the crib and the line back to the boat, they lost their bearings and had to surface to orient themselves. Greg tried to find a lost mask, but reported the lake was too dark. And cold. Unfortunately no photos of this dive were available, so the SCOOP will publish the previous month's... (photos by Fabish)



Aug dive at Krystal Lake



Don Cunningham at hopper



Greg Prenzler examining ? structure on bottom of KL

Au Sable by Fabish-



Beautiful AuSable- above



and below...



Old tree remains on AuSable bottom



AuSable bottom view

Mike, along with Justin, dove the area near the paddle boat by Old Orchard Park. He reported the vis was pretty good in spite of the yellow tint to the water. The water was mild, and it was a good dive.



More old tree structure in the AuSable



Diver on Goshawk (Tony?)



Justin F. dodging trees



Goshawk, with it's share of zebras...

Not to let any of the weekend get away from them, after diving the AuSable Mike and Justin headed over to Tawas where they met Captain Tony Piazza aka VP. Tony took them off the Tawas point where they dove the Goshawk.



And Burbot...



Captain Aquaman- er... Tony

(see Tony's report on next page)



Goshawk bottom



Justin(?) alongside

Exploring the Goshawk (by Tony)

Labor Day weekend is a time when families get together to celebrate, what many call, the end of summer. This year was no exception. Mike Fabish and his son, Justin, are always looking for a place to dive. On Saturday of Labor Day weekend, they boarded your VP's boat, *Captain Tony's*, who calls the Tawas Bay his home port of refuge. On a clear morning, they cruised out of the harbor bearing three miles off Tawas Point. Due to good coordinates provided by some Tawas area divers, they hooked the Goshawk within minutes. This Cleveland built schooner, built in 1866, is 180' long and lays in 40+' of water in Lake Huron. Bottom temps were fine (60±°) and visibility was only marginal at the bottom 10+'. With 40 minutes of down time, a great experience was had by all.



Goshawk structure



Hangtime?

Dive & Glide News-

You should know Dive&Glide has moved back into downtown Bay City; 220 Washington. Unknown if the TX# is the same. *Good Luck, Keith!*

Exploring Otter (by Kim)

(ed's note- Kim Porath missed the club dive at Otter also; Kim decided to go back a few days later alone. Here's Kim's account)

The sun was shining, the temperature was about eighty degrees. This was a perfect day to go diving! I made a couple of calls trying to get a dive buddy, but didn't make a contact. I gather all my gear and extra just in case.

I load 4 tanks 1600 lbs of air. I planned on diving all day and maybe a night dive if my nitrogen level was good.. I thought I had half of a dive shop of equipment in the truck . Forty-seven minutes later I'm at Otter lake, a place I've been to many times. The man at the gate let me in for free.(what could be better?) I have made many dives alone; but as an instructor, I knew better! This time things did go wrong; the more I dove the more situations I encountered. I didn't have a flag so I used a bright green vest as a marker above me.

Jim Beach, a navy seal taught me the most important thing, no matter what happened, was not to panic! Take a few seconds, get your stuff together and take care of the problem. Remember the 3 R's- regain control/respond/ react. And always dive with a buddy... I'm not afraid to say this dive was anything but normal and tested my instincts against the fear I felt.

I started out even with the dock. Then I realized I had no kick from a fin. I turned around, followed the silt and retrieved my fin; I went over and placed it on dock . I also put the green vest on the dock because I was the only one on the lake.

I continued my dive with no flag and one propeller... I dumped all air and descended. After a few minutes I went to let more air out of the suit thru the sleeve valve. Dam! Suddenly that was cold water flowing into a 2 inch hole . I was shocked by the water as well as holding a valve in my hand. I managed to compose myself and rethread the valve into the hole. I think I took on ten more pounds of weight with the water; it was at knee level. I thought I'd had enough fun and attempted an ascent. Wouldn't go. Where is my dive buddy??????

I inflated my BC, dropped eight pound weight belt and tried again. I didn't go fast, but made it to the surface. Came to the surface with my hand up and kicking my boot and one fin. (where's my dive buddy?) I surfaced and saw a boat so I called to him for some assistance. I took the easy way out rather than work my way back to shore; I took a drag from a pontoon. I had the air but I was a little tired and the boat got me to shore in seconds not 20 minutes.

When I returned to shore I did get cussed out for not having a dive flag from a navy lifer. I could only shake my head in total agreement for the wrongs I had committed.

I am telling myself I learned another survival skill and handled a tough situation, for that I'm proud. For breaking all the rule's, I'm not proud! The things that occurred could happen to anybody. I hope I always' have a dive buddy; we could be laughing about something that could have been tragic happy bubbles everyone share them with a friend.

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Trivia Corner- (not open to empls of Sag News)

1. What was the name of the forerunner of S.U.E.?
2. What is the significance of the van on the cover?

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Oct 9	Mike Fabish	295 2627
16	Mike Kowalski	892 2028
23	Fred LaClair	777 3318
30	Tom VanDenBoom	225 6438

S.U.E. '08 Event Planner

Oct: 14- Club Mtg, 21- pumpkin carve(?)
Nov: 11- Club Mtg,
Dec: 9- Club Mtg, 13- Xmas party(Timbers)

For Sale

1997 Boston Whaler 15' Justice (commercial grade) model, 1998 Shorelander trailer, 2001 75 HP Mercury (bought new in 2001) with less than 50 hours on it \$10,500. Anyone interested can call Pier 7 at 989-894-9061. -Michele Whitaker

Numerous neoprene suits; contact Kim Porath at Kimporath@aol.com for information.

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Wooden Bows and arrows, also older quivers. Those for carrying arrows. Thanx, Val magmagems@yahoo.com

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