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Club Meetings- Held at 7:00 pm on the second Tuesday of each month, at the Thomas Twp. Fire Station on the corner of Dice and Thomas.

This Meeting 10th (note 7:00!)



Lake of Dreams Campground; site of '09 uw pumpkin carve



Guest speaker this month- official Thunderbirds' photographer

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Special Notices-

also selected short subjects

(English Language Version)



Logo of world famous USAF Thunderbirds
Remember Our Troops!

'09 UW Pumpkin Carve Final Report

The great annual SUE underwater pumpkin carve took place just after the October SCOOP was published, so here is the long-awaited illustrated account of the event! Club members were welcomed by the friendly folks at the Lake of Dreams campground by Merrill, and we had a great audience that appreciated our foolishness. Many divers turned out who had never attempted the underwater carving challenge before. It turned out to be a nice bright day, but we faced a brisk wind getting out. Bill Atkins took first place for genuine artistry in his entry, and Mike Fabish took second for the most innovative. (Mike wore his coming out of the water) One entry was labeled "best used as a target"; enough said on that one.



Checking the water- Tim, Mike, Justin



Lake of Dreams Beach area- sandy; clear water



Justin & Mike ready to go; Morgan A. just arrived



Crowd gathering; much disbelief in the action

SUE members at the carve had the opportunity to meet former long-time club member Lew Pavlovich! Lew lives just down the road, and came out to see the well-publicized event. Lew was invited to the Oct club meeting; which he did attend. Lew looks good for an old retired person!



What? Orange dive helmet?

Post-dive critique was held at the Hemlock McD's; senior coffee and fries... It was pretty much agreed Lake of Dreams is a nice place to go back to. Beside being close, the lake is great for a quick dive. And they've invited us back.!



But of course; attractive yet unbiased judges!



Our favorite judges holding a Lake of Dreams T-shirt



1st Place! Outstanding work by Bill Atkins.



Jim Turnipseed just relaxing in Lake of Dreams



Runner-up Mike showing practicality of his entry

For his fine efforts, Bill Atkins was awarded first place prize of a year's membership to SUE. He also received a certificate of accomplishment suitable for framing on his favorite wall!
(Fotos by Fabish)

***** ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY *****

Saturday, December 5th
Timber's Grill, 6415 State Street, Saginaw Township
6:30 pm

Menu prepared exclusively for the Saginaw Underwater Explorers

Program presented by Bill Atkins

Door prizes and a good time for all

Donations accepted for prizes (scuba related)

Please RSVP to Tony or Carol @ 790-6760 by November 30th

Special Program for Nov Meeting

By repeated request, the club was finally able to schedule a talk by the official photographer for the USAF Thunderbirds. SUE certainly has enough plane junkies, but you don't have to be one to appreciate what this precision flying team does. UrEd personally moistens his underwear when the trail plane does a low level flyover...

We did have an edge in this; the speaker/photographer is our own Dave Sommers. Dave started as an air combat photographer during the Viet Nam war, then transferred to the Thunderbirds team when his tour was up. He brings a lot of experience and stories, along with superb photos. Bring a guest to the meeting to share this rare talk! Here's a few samples from Dave-



Note other planes in distance



Not MBS....



"and what direction is Dave going?"

Editorial- (This page seems fitting for this...)

It's not something the SCOOP should have to remind readers of, but Nov 11 is Veteran's Day. **Don't forget; thank a vet!**

So to all you veterans out there, **Thank You!**

SE Michigan Dive Activity

Leo Dupuis is our man in the water for that area. Leo recently participated in a bit of public service by doing his part to clean up the St. Clair river...



10,000 lbs?



The grindstones...

“We lifted 5 anchors the day we went out; 4 were found by Ed Johnsick and a couple others. The one I found is 10,000 lbs, it sits in front of Bill Pattersons. Ed also brought up 2 grind stones from a barge found some years ago by a S.U.E. team on my boat (the Sunken Interests) they are 700 and 400 lbs. Jeff Tucker (not shown) found a complete (very nice) White Star Line butter dish. With over 200 years of navigation, from the indians to the present, it's hard not to find something.” - Leo



Put into perspective with Leo



How many air bags?...

Last Club Dive of '09?

Just getting our suits dry from the pumpkin carve, five members came back to Haithco park for what probably was the last club dive of the season; aka night dive. It was dusk when we went in, and dark when we came out! Sunlight wouldn't have helped anyway; the weed growth is so thick vis was about a foot. It was a good chance to try out lights, and UrEd was impressed by the LED lights used by some. We followed the line out to the boats (hiding in grass), and used up the air remaining from the pumpkin carve. The Fabish team navigated by compass out to the middle, while Hastings and UrEd made it back to shore.



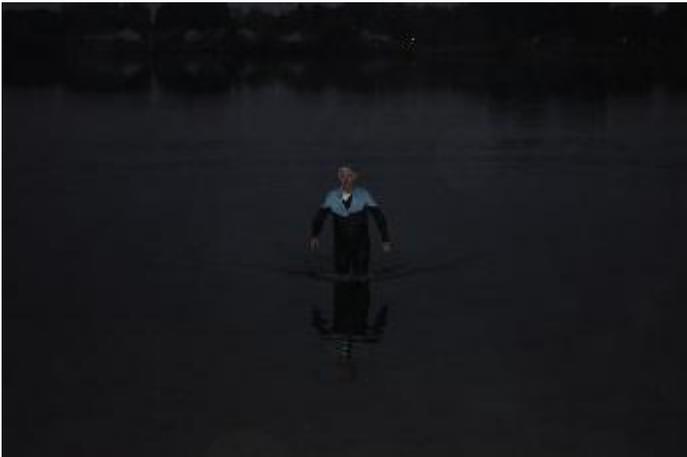
Mike and Tim ready at Haithco



Mike, just before dark



Hey! No bunny stuff!



Dark enough?



Wait; who's got the light?



Our Gang? UrEd, Tim H., Justin F., Mike F.



Divers down; only shore lights remain

(photos by Prenzler)

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone from the Scoop Staff!

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Nov 10 Club Mtg

Dec 5 Christmas Party (see inside notice)

Dec 8 Club Mtg

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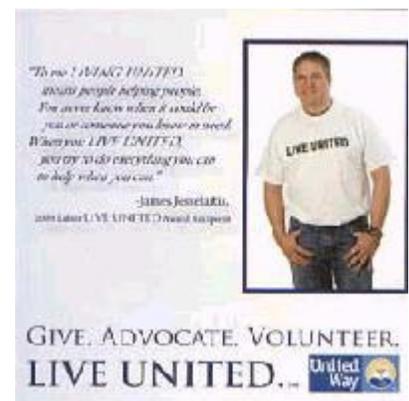
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