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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 13th (note 7:00!)



It's UW Pumpkin Carve Season! Plan yours!

Inside....

Petoskey

Pumpkin Carve

Gold? Oh; OLD Rocks

also selected short subjects

(English Language Version)



Crucifix statue; diver's memorial in Lake Petoskey

Remember Our Troops!

Petoskey, and Charlevoix...

Proposed in the last couple of club meetings, a group from SUE finally did return to the Petoskey region for a combination of dives; the memorial site off Petoskey, the “Keuka” in Lake Charlevoix, and the ‘Elizabeth’ in nearby Round lake.

Previous trips have been made to these sites, but separately. The following is a summary of the trip by Tony Piazza, who also submitted the fine photography.

“**SATISFACTION** is not only the name of the boat, but of our diving experience last weekend. Captain Tim Hastings, Mike Fabish, Jim Jesselaitis and I volunteered for what has become an annual cleaning of the crucifix in Petoskey’s Little Traverse Bay.

On Sunday, we splashed into Lake Charlevoix for an hour on and in the Keuka, although the seas were calm the water was a bit silty. Good thing for the 60 degree water temp when you’re diving with only three mils and Caribbean fins -- who needs a dry suit?

Captain Hastings motored into Round Lake that afternoon and after a few strategic passes we located the Elizabeth. Due to a lot of boat traffic, only Mike and Jim explored her treasures.

And with the sun shining, we all returned back to reality/work on Monday. Thanks Tim!”

-Tony Piazza, VP



Capt. Hastings tending divers.



Life in the Keuka



Clean-up on the crucifix by SUE

The crucifix is in a site known for divers memorials. It is about 15-20’ down, just north of the Petoskey marina. It is viewed by the community through a hole in the ice in February, and requires periodic cleaning of algae. SUE has done volunteer cleaning on it for the last couple of years. Appears like these guys did a fine job! (-ed)



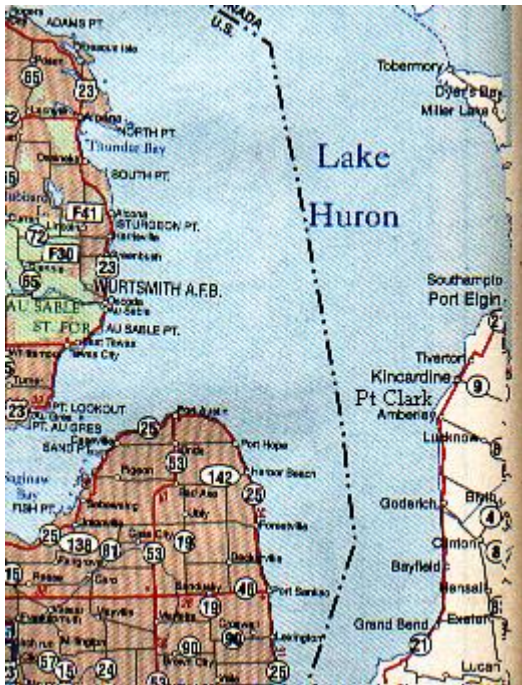
Hanging alongside the Keuka?

Dive Presque Isle Artifacts?

(ed's note- The following story was first related to me by Dave Sommers. The question was whether any of this was accessible to scuba diving; I am sure some SUE member has dove Presque Isle, but this is probably beyond diving. As a thought, didn't the renowned Robert Ballard explore the area some years back? It sounds fascinating; here's the story as written in the Aug '09 issue of Scientific American)

"The bottom of Lake Huron may have been a rich hunting site for Paleo-Indians. The area in between modern-day Presque Isle, MI, and Point Clark, Ont, was once a land bridge some 7500-10000 years ago. Using sonar and remote-operated vehicles, researchers have found traces of what appear to be stone structures, hunting blinds, dwelling sites, and caribou drive lanes hidden under the lake's mussels and algae. The discovery overturns past presumptions that most sites are lost after such a long period underwater, and intact artifacts and ancient landscapes could still be preserved at the lake bottom."

—Katherine Harmon, for Sci Amer.



Note location of Pt. Clark, Ont; almost due east of the tip of the thumb. The ancient land bridge from Presque Isle to Pt. Clark must stretch a long distance across the lake bottom. The article isn't clear, but did they survey this whole length? Now I'll be trying to find it on a good contour chart of Lake Huron. Please contribute any updates on this to the SCOOP.

Congratulations to SUE members

Jim Jesselaitis, Mike Garner, Jay Pansing, Don Storck, and pending member Tom Charlton completed the Dive Rescue I program given by Dive Rescue International this past month. The class was hosted by the Saginaw dive team, and approximately 20 Michigan area personnel attended the 3-day program.

Oct 10; Annual SUE UW Pumpkin Carve

Occurring at a new location, this year's club carve will be held at 'Lake of Dreams' campground; west on M46 from Merrill, south on Fenmore (map below). Unless notified otherwise, plan on 3:00 on Sat the 10th. The owner has really extended a welcome to us on this; it should be a fun event. At least a year's membership for 1st place; possibly other prizes. Plan your art ahead!



Wait; that's the one I was going to take...

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