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**Saginaw Underwater Explorers**

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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-12<sup>th</sup>**



*Inside....*

- Seaquatics Visit
- Haithco Scenes
- Scuba Radio

**also selected short subjects  
(mostly short...)**



Tim Burch from Seaquatics showing equipment at Sep meeting



**Remember** the annual SUE uw pumpkin carve is this Sun, Oct 3d, 1pm, at Hartley Nature Center in St Charles! The Center is having their Fall Festival, and we're a part of it. Come early and enjoy the festivities.

*Remember Our Troops!*

## Seaquatics Demo

After more than one invitation, SUE was finally fortunate enough to get Tim Burch from Midland Seaquatics in to talk to the members. Tim is a very accomplished diver, and he brought some equipment featuring new ideas to exhibit.



Tim Burch showing equipment from Seaquatics

Tim's visit is best described by Pres. Fabish-

"If you didn't get the chance to make it to the last meeting, you missed a great presentation from Tim Burch of Seaquatics. Tim had some new gear to show us, and then talked about his passion for technical diving. Tim is a Master Diver and Instructor, cave certified, Tec Instructor, and probably some other certifications I am missing. Anyway, he had a very cool side mount system to show us (see attached pic); the only way to go if you're gonna dive doubles! I tried it on, and was amazed how mobile and unrestricted I was with 2 steel 100's. There was no weight on my back or hips/legs as it was evenly distributed across my shoulders. Fully loaded, I could actually bend over and tie my shoes (and stand back up again LOL) without any trouble. As a dive club, we want to support our local dive shops and very much appreciate the time and effort Tim, and Seaquatics, gave us at our meeting and look forward to having them back again."

Thanks, Tim!

(-Also discussed at the Sep meeting was a fun dive at Krystal Lake for the following Tuesday. As it turned out, bad weather threatened and those planning on going decided against it.)

(and thanks to Dave Sommers for the pictures)



VP Piazza considering the gear for the Caribbean



Pres. Fabish helping Tim into the side-mount double tanks

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Tim (almost) set to go with the new side-mount gear



THE SHOW FOR RECREATIONAL DIVERS

**-SCUBA Radio Program!**

EVOLVING CREATIVITY LLC RELEASES NEW ONLINE SCUBA SHOW A SHOW DEDICATED FOR ACTIVE RECREATIONAL DIVERS; Grand Rapids, MI (Evolving Creativity's Talking Scuba™) May 15, 2010 - Evolving Creativity's Talking Scuba™ is a weekly show, hosted by two experienced professional recreational divers, Bob Shoemaker and Jim Norton, covering the sport of recreational scuba diving with in-depth commentary, equipment reviews, and fun adventure stories. New episodes of the show are released on a weekly basis on their web site:

Talking-Scuba.com. Bob Shoemaker and Jim Norton, both Michigan natives, have been instructing and leading dive trips since 2006. Johnny B. Allen, a recently certified open water diver, is the operating manager of Evolving Creativity LLC, an interactive media production company. After taking a trip and listening to Bob and Jim tell incredible diving and adventure stories the idea behind Talking Scuba™ was born. The show is produced in Grand Rapids, Michigan and has an emphasis on the local midwest diving. The staff of Talking Scuba™ have also traveled to exotic locations as far away as Fiji and Bonaire to shoot incredible footage, all in High Definition. Talking Scuba™ can be found on a wide range of platforms, including iTunes, YouTube, BlipTV, and more. It can also be viewed on

their website Talking-Scuba.com. They have made their content accessible to the greatest possible audience, on as many devices and video networks as possible. Bob Shoemaker grew up in Rockford, Michigan and has been diving since 2002. He started working in a local dive shop that same year. As he gained more experience diving and running the shop he became a Dive Control Specialist a few years later. This allowed him to lead dive trips and help out with the instruction of scuba. In 2007 he became an instructor and then an Advanced Open Water Instructor later in 2008. Jim Norton grew up in Comstock Park, Michigan and has been diving since 2005. He became a Dive Control Specialist in 2008. Currently he enjoys leading dive trips on various shipwreck sites throughout the Great Lakes. Beyond scuba he is a professional pilot and instructor as well as a former skydiving instructor. For additional information that is the subject of this release (or for a sample, copy ordemo), contact Johnny B Allen or visit [www.talking-scuba.com](http://www.talking-scuba.com).

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**(ed's note- Dave Sommers got the info through this group contacting our website requesting a link)**

### **Big Blue Diving Special Offer!**

Understanding divers should not imbibe 24 hrs before diving, afterward can be relaxing... To help you out, the "Scuba Diving Bar" opened on Sept 18<sup>th</sup> at 5148 No. 158 Julu Rd. in Shanghai. It might be a good place for divers who want to share their experiences with others or who are looking for dive buddies. Since it's a diving theme bar, maybe the waitress will serve you beer from snorkels . :)

(contact [leigh@big-blue.cn](mailto:leigh@big-blue.cn) for possible discount coupon -ed)

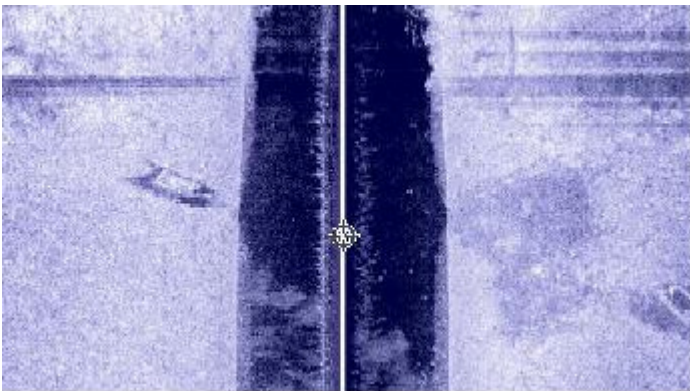


## Dive Team at Haithco

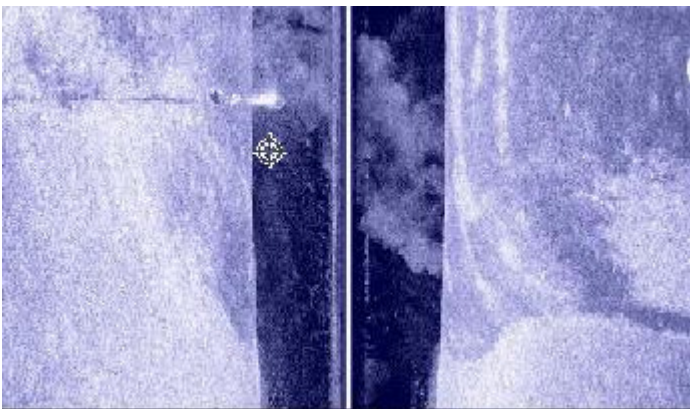
Greg Prenzler has been trying out a new side-scanning sonar instrument the dive team acquired. The DT recently practiced with it at Haithco Lake-



Tim Hastings and Mike Fabish warming up the inflatable



Sonar image of two of the sunken boats at Haithco



Sonar image of a diver ( top) on bottom; those are his air bubbles

## Recent Ads... (not Seaquatics)

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**77464G \$99.95**

-No further explanation forthcoming...

### October Fill Schedule:

(Call by Wed to confirm)

-7	Tom Van Den Boom	225 6438
-14	Dave Sommers	751 8517
-21	Greg Prenzler	791 3556
-28	Tom Fritz	213 8727

**-end of season!**

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### S.U.E. 2010 Planner

Oct 12 Club Mtg (- Pumpkin Carve 3d @ Hartley)  
Nov 9 Club Mtg  
Dec 14 ?Club Mtg  
-Christmas Party

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#### Selling All Gear:

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-Don, 642 8436

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