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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\*- 10<sup>th</sup> , Picnic! Details Inside

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Straits Dive!

(note bridge ^)



USS Edson coming to SVNSM (Bay City) for display

**Remember Our Troops!**

## No Cover Charge This Year-

Plan on joining the annual S.U.E. Family outing on the 10<sup>th</sup>; July meeting date. Here's the official invitation-

“Join the fun this year at the annual SUE picnic, to be held on Tues July 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, at the Wickes park on McCarty Rd. in Saginaw Township.

Overlooking the lake with lots to do- sand volleyball court, horseshoe pits, nature trail, and a fishing pond.

So work up an appetite for the grilled brats and the potluck favorites of our members. Bring your own beverages.



Wickes Complex; west of Hospital Rd.

Please call or email Tony or Carol by July 4<sup>th</sup> with your RSVP:

751-0361 or [piazza.anthony@sbcglobal.net](mailto:piazza.anthony@sbcglobal.net)  
(This notice comes to you with a few days yet to call. Remember our motto- “You don't get your SCOOP in time, Cora's doesn't earn a dime!”)

## Last Month, by Mike

“Thank you all that attended; there were 14 members present! We had good group discussions and a good time. Here’s some of the points made:

REMEMBER: our next meeting July 10 is our annual membership picnic! All member, families and diving friends are welcome! Please RSVP VP Tony at

[piazza.anthony@sbcglobal.net](mailto:piazza.anthony@sbcglobal.net) or 989-751-0361 by JULY 4<sup>th</sup> with a head count so we know how much meat to buy for the meal! Bring a dish to pass, your drinks, and place setting for you and your group and we’ll have a great time! The picnic is at Wickes Park, on McCarty Rd between Hospital and Hackett roads. It starts at 6:00 pm and the park closes at 9:00 pm. There is a volley ball court, a pond (no swimming-fishing allowed) and a playground for the kids. We have a pavilion rented until 8 pm.

We had 3 new members officially voted into SUE: Louie Mercier, Roy Vanover, and Chris Wilder. Both Roy and Louie had contacted us and submitted their applications prior to the meeting; Chris came in as a visitor and submitted his app before the meeting ended. Welcome all 3 of you to Saginaw Underwater Explorers!

Next week’s June 19 Fun Dive will be at Otter Lake, Otisville, meeting there 6:15ish for the dive. There is a map/direction on our website if you’re not sure how to get there.

We talked about a couple of alternate locations for fun dives to come (maybe for July 17?): new member Louie Mercier is looking into a location near Standish that might be available, and I will check into Immerman Park on the Tittabawassee River. The dive team has been there several times and near the gazebo, you can hit 20’ and there is vis! If any of you know of any other places to dive, let me know!

Mike Garner is home and recovering from his airplane crash, and doing well. We wish him the very best in a speedy and complete recovery!

We also talked quite a bit about the upcoming Munising dive trip, Aug 24-27, and we need several responses from you that are thinking of diving with us:

If you are thinking about joining the group, please let me know. I understand you have not made a final decision at this point, but I need to monitor a running head count to make sure we arrange for enough boats

for our group. You can reply by email if you are interested and/or need any info.

If you are already committed to go, I still need you to let me know, for the same reasons above. You may have been going every year, but I won't assume that you will go this year until I hear from you. You know we'll have a great time, again!

If any of you that are thinking of going, planning on going, or may not be going but have access to a boat we may be able to use, please let me know! A larger group of divers requires more boats! I will be checking in the area for boat rental availability just in case it is needed. There are couple members that are currently working on vessels that may be available, and a smaller vessel that might be available, but we need to know exactly what we have BEFORE we head out!

· Louie Mercier (new member) is starting a new dive charter business, and is working on his boat for the business. It may be available for Munising; only time will tell. LOL. However, Once up and running, Louie will be looking for divers to take out; you get to choose where you want to go! Put a group of guys together and give him a call. His website link is on our site: Gypsea Scuba

We also discussed making SUE part of the Facebook family: More to come on that as it develops.

I am attaching the newest membership roster so that we all will have contact info when needed.

See everybody next week at Otter Lake and at the picnic July 10!

Stay wet; stay safe!"

-Mike

### July Compressor Sched-

- 5            Mike Fabish            295-2627
- 12          Mike Kowalski        892-2028
- 19          Fred LaClair          592-8141
- 26          Tom Van Den Boom   686-3176

### SUE at ZOO

The Saginaw Children's Zoo recently had a special celebration day, and invited the club to be a part of it. Without too much advance notice, SUE members did participate, and had a successful meeting with the public. They do love us...



Mike F. w/ friend at the zoo festival

Just signed!

### Straits Dive

New club member Jason Shaw, along with buddies Dan Friedhoff, David Barlow, William Young and Lenny Benitez recently dove the shipwrecks William Young, William Barnum, and Eber Ward in the Straits of Mackinaw. Videos of their trip are available online at (videos by Jason?)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RhIvNH1xjdQ&list=UUhBx8wlLR0IPXBJs08PZrfw&index=1&feature=plcp>  
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Here are a couple stills-



Moment of ... what?

### USS Edson OTW

What began about 2003 is finally about to materialize. The Saginaw Valley Naval Vessel Museum had tried to acquire the USS Edson DD964 for display in Bay City. It was only this last May that Capt. Chris Pietras and SVNSM Pres. Michael Kegley each signed the contract releasing the ship to the SVNVM. It will be towed by Dann Ocean Towing of Tampa, FL, for \$750,000, from Philadelphia to Bay City. Look for it to arrive in July!



William Young deck



William Young structure

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### S.U.E. 2012 Planner

Jul 10, mtg? Picnic!	Aug 14 mtg; 24 Munising
Sep 11 mtg	Oct 9 mtg; ?pumpkin carve
Nov 13 mtg	Dec 1 Christmas Party ?(no mtg)

splash dive - every 3d Tues of month

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