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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



Remember Our Troops!

Inside....

Oct Happenings-

- A. Meeting Minutes
- B. Haithco Club Dive
- C. Zoo Windows Again
- D. Annual UW Pumpkin Carve

also selected short subjects



Diver descending at Haithco night dive (photo by Curnutt)



Mike Fabish; winner of SUE annual UW pumpkin carve!

Last Meeting Moments-

Six lucky club members won antique charts of local lakes at the October meeting raffle. Their names were drawn at random, and they were able to select the chart of their choice. They prefer not to be identified, so as to their 1040 not being affected.

It was pretty much agreed there will not be a Munising dive in November; too many outside conflicts.

The club splash dive was announced for the following week; 6pm at Haithco. Considering the time of year, the plan was for a night dive. (see story below)

Treas. Sommers did make contact with zoo officials about keeping the pond free of weeds; they were very agreeable! Next year the club will treat the area around the windows with weed killer. Also, Pres. Fabish confirmed dates for two UW pumpkin carves; the Children's Zoo and Lake of Dreams. (As it turned out, the Lake of Dreams event was canceled by the establishment due to inclement weather.) Pres. Fabish also set up a window-cleaning expedition to the zoo the week before the pumpkin carve; the windows had gotten scummed up again and no one would be able to see us unless we cleaned them up again! (see story below)

VP Piazza gave a reminder that the SUE Christmas party will be held Dec 1st, and there will be no other club meeting in December.

SUE CHRISTMAS PARTY

It's Christmas time again! -and the annual Saginaw Underwater Explorers party is set for Saturday December 1st at 6 pm at The Timbers Bar and Grill located at 6415 State St., Saginaw Michigan.

Social hour, Great food and Christmas carols

Anyone with donations for door prizes please let me know. RSVP by November 23,
piazza.anthony@sbcglobal.net or 989-751-0361

Your social director, Tony Piazza VP

October Club Dive; Haithco, Night

The last fun dive of the year was enjoyed by Ben Boyle, Mike Fabish, Mark Russell, Kelly Curnutt and UrEd. As expected, we went in during day and came out during night... One group went down to the sunken boats; they reported fighting thick weeds, and the boats were barely visible. UrEd went over to the beach area to find lost items; it was clear of weeds, but the vis was still bad. Well, until next year...



Kelly C. noting Mike F.'s new spear gun at Haithco



Suiting up while there's still light

*Wetsuit repair class offered to any Scoop reader 18+
-See article at end of SCOOP*

End of Year Window Clean

The Saginaw Children's Zoo was holding it's annual Zoo Boo this last weekend of October; the theme was Halloween and visitors would be wearing costumes. The SUE was again invited to hold it's annual underwater pumpkin carve in the zoo pond. It was discovered that the underwater windows were presently overgrown with scum, and needed to be cleaned before anyone could be watching us carve underwater. Pres. Fabish got a work crew; Dave Sommers, Ben Boyle, Kelly Curnutt, Chris Wilder, Brian Kleinfeld, and UrEd.



Ben B. first in the water



Cleaners in zoo muster area
(photos by Kleinfeld)



Light in; Dark out.. (KCurnutt photo)



Name the diver; win a bottle of water! (Sommers excluded)



Time to exit Haitheo (KC photo)



Name the diver(2); win bottle of water (Fabish excluded)



All cleaners finished; carving next week!



Hard to see, but Mike's carrying a rake.(Sommers photos)



Brian pointing out SUE sign (Recognition!)



Chris and Dave drying off after cleaning

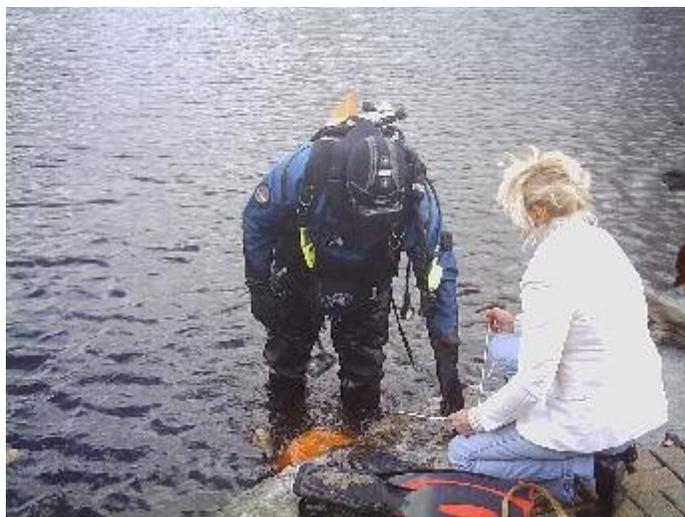
2012 UW Pumpkin Carving Event

How does that go? The “best laid plans...”?
During the week between the window cleaning and the official pumpkin carve, the weather messed with us and made visibility in the zoo pond about 6”. Fabish and Sommers went in ahead and did a quick window clean. Five divers brought pumpkins to carve, so the divers each had their own window to exhibit their abilities. The kids still tried to watch through the windows, but the vis was really bad. UrEd heard the kids got a kick out of the guy who carved a face on two sides of his pumpkin. The prestigious best carver award went to Mike Fabish, who carved a fish that almost swam...

He won a year's club membership, and a special trophy that will be passed on to the yearly winner from now on. The trophy was a special donation from the Gold and Silver Store of Thomas Township. Fifth place award went to... well, let's just continue with photos-



First, the windows needed re-cleaning



Chris Wilder getting a hand stringing his pumpkin



Ben Boyle and UrEd wetting their wetsuits -S



Water doesn't look cold... -S



Dave Sommers steadying his pumpkin to gear up



Wup! Was that my hand? -S



Giant peanut entry?



Did something just bark?



WHAT?! This would scare kids!



Watch your hand , little girl...

-S



Famous Dr. Slime greeting UrEd on return
(Photos tagged -S by Sommers; all others by Kleinfeld)



Well; that's safer...
(Thanks, Guys!)

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Dry Suit Repair Class
The dry suit repair class offered by Dive Rescue International is now open to all SCOOP readers (18+). Dry suit repair certification will be given upon completion. If you would like to attend, contact the SCOOP and we'll get you the application.

For Sale/Trade (one more month!)

Landscaping? Potted Black Walnut Trees! \$5
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Still have scuba gear for sale.! Ray Essenmacher
(989) 327-4264 or docessenmacher@gmail.com

Misc dive gear- contact for list:
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