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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.

No Dec Meeting -**Christmas Party 7th!**



SUE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Christmas time is here again and the annual Saginaw Underwater Explorers party is set for Saturday December 7th at 6 pm at The Timbers Bar and Grill located at 6415 State St. Saginaw Michigan.

Good times & Great food.

Anyone with donations for door prizes please call me. 989-751-0361 or piazza.anthony@charter.net

Tony Piazza VP

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This Dec SCOOP regretfully announces the passing of Richard 'Dick' Palmer, one of the original founders of the Saginaw Underwater Explorers. On behalf of all club members past, present, and future, Thank You Dick for your contributions that have made our club possible.

"Think of me as living in the hearts of those I've touched ..."

Richard Palmer

June 1, 1931 – November 21, 2013

Remember Our Troops!

November Notes



November meeting with new member!

“It was nice to see a few more faces at our meeting last night, and especially nice to see a new face: **Julia Terrien**. You may remember from past correspondence that Julia works at the Saginaw Zoo and joined us in our underwater pumpkin carving event this year. She has been dive certified for about a year now, and joined SUE last night at our meeting. Be sure to welcome her when you see her! Other items discussed:

- We will be looking for a new home for our SUE compressor over the winter months. As you know, Thomas Twp FD needs the space they had given us about 5 years ago, and we will be moving sometime between now and March/April. We have a few leads on available sites that we are investigating. If you are aware of any options, let me know. We need lockable/secure anytime access that is heated and has electrical service; 220 and/or 3-phase needed (we have a 3-phase converter).

- Keep in mind that our Jan 14 meeting is an important one, and I'm asking for all of our members to attempt to be there; you can plan ahead.

On that note, remember our elections will be held in February at our meeting. If you would like to become more involved and/or a part of our board, we welcome your input! Our club is only as good as the members who are active in it! NOTE: any current board members that do not want to remain in that position must let me know ASAP!

Invoices for 2014 membership renewal have been mailed: don't forget to renew before or on Jan 14, 2014 to take advantage of the \$5 discount.

We are looking into our insurance policy to make sure that we, and our board, are adequately covered. There may have been some changes in the non-profit status concerning home/rider coverage; more to come as learned.

The Zoo Boo/carving event was another big hit; we have been invited to participate again next year! We will still be involved with weed control and window cleaning next season as well. If you get over there, check out the new underwater SUE sign!

- Our Dec meeting will be for SUE Christmas Party instead of our regularly scheduled meeting. We will be meeting Dec 7 at Timbers Grill at 6 pm (see web site for directions/info) for a great time together! Bring your family and friends, especially anybody interested in diving. Please RSVP to Tony at piazza.anthony@sbcglobal.net or 989-751-0361 so we have an accurate headcount. Be sure to let Tony know if you are bringing children (by gender and age) so Santa will know who to include in his gift count! If you know anybody/businesses that may be willing to donate items for door prizes, let Tony know as well.

See you at the party!” -Mike



Command center

In Memorium- **Richard 'Dick' Palmer**

Saginaw Underwater Explorers members are aware their club has been around since 1959; only a few know how it actually began. Prior to that (about 1955), Dick Palmer along with three other young men had acquired SCUBA gear, and were enjoying this new sport across the state. They began instructing others at the old YMCA (Ames and Michigan), and around 1958 decided to organize into a formal club; the Saginaw Underwater Explorers.



Dick Palmer and Bill Ellis with their compressor

In 2003 Dick's name came to light as one of the club founders; he was invited to come to the club meeting and speak. He brought at least two full photo albums of his exploits; he was very friendly and enjoyed answering questions.



Dick Palmer at Aug '03 club meeting, with photo album



Val G. and Don C. going over Dick's album

He had his own questions about what current divers had for equipment; he was pretty impressed by the idea of a dive computer. Dick and his group also did recovery operations in the Saginaw River for the sheriff's dept; apparently the connection between the dive team and the dive club even existed back then!



Dick diving with his double-hose SCUBA

(Read more in SCOOP archives; go to www.saginawunderwaterexplorers.org click on **newsletters** and select the Aug and Sept issues of 2003) The Aug SCOOP was dedicated to Dick.

It was this time period that the SUE board voted lifetime membership to Dick Palmer.



'Langell Boys' engine/boiler

This is a surface photo taken within the last couple of months by Terry Lisk, via Bill Atkins. Weather and water conditions were just right, making for the clear visibility. The 'Langell Boys' wreck site is located out in the bay off Oscoda. Good pic, Terry! (editorial... It was at least 45 yrs ago UrEd and his brother-in-law were fishing in Oscoda Bay. The perch weren't biting, and we were just drifting lazily along the far edge of the bay. I still remember vividly all of a sudden passing over what seemed to be machinery just below the surface. By the time I hollered to my BIL, we were past and it was gone forever! Tom Fritz took

me diving on it many years later, and it started me wondering if the 'Langell Boys' was what I saw for that brief moment!)

Dive Team News

Club members who also moonlight on the dive team were exceptionally busy through this last month. Running sonar through the Saginaw River showed a number of large objects, that appeared to be cars. Operations were planned, and one-by-one the objects were retrieved. Fishing a vehicle out of the river is always good footage...

1st Site- What was originally a mystery image turned out to be a vehicle which probably had been in the river since the 1980's. The recovery included cutting through heavy overgrowth to get access. Even then it had to be gotten from beyond a fence.



Ron Maynard, Mike Garner and Dave Sommers with find



Brian Kleinfeld, Bill Giorgis, assisting Ron and Mike



Fence no obstacle; Mike's Wrecker just lifts car over



Side job; Ron Maynard and UrEd repair Weiss flood control

2nd Site- Up the river from Saginaw. At least this next find was easier to access! Greg Prenzler and Mike Fabish did a search from the bank to locate it.



Fishermen in background observe as Manny Trevino assists Greg and UrEd assists Mike readying to go in



Mike and Greg latch on to this one



Greg inspecting the car as it emerges



DT Leader Sommers and Brian Kleinfeld watch progress



Manny Trevino watches as car is winched up

This was the third car found in a month using the side scan sonar; none would've been found without this technology.

(photos by Sommers)



On another river search, Greg Prenzler tends Brian Kleinfeld as the Saginaw Fire Dept observes. Only scrap found.

Aquarius Dive Lab-

See stories at

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SEASONS GREETINGS



A special Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to our entire SCOOP audience! Your faithful support and gracious comments are what keep us going. On behalf of the staff and management of the SCOOP; Thank You for another year, and Best Wishes in this coming year.

-Cora, the copy girl

PS I won't be able to see you at the party, but I hope you have a great time there!

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989-615-3150 or email questions to Medicmoose@gmail.com

Boat Owners, FYI- Don's Welding has started doing prop repair
3129 Shattuck 989-792-0287.
(Keith Falkenhagen, owner)

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Terry Lisk, 777 1956

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