

# The Scuba Scoop

VOLUME 55, Issue 11 (English Language Version)

Nov 2013

priceless

The Official Newsletter of the  
**Saginaw Underwater Explorers**

-Serving the Tri-Cities since 1958!

<http://www.saginawunderwaterexplorers.org>

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....*

*Oct Meeting Matters*

*UWPC Photos*

*Award*

*Guess the Legs*

*also selected short subjects*



Fabish cleaning UWwindows prior to UW carving



-On Boyle's FB page

**Remember Our Troops!**

Reflect on Nov 11...

## Oct Meeting Minutiae...

Speaking to a select few, Pres. Fabish discussed our new club sign to be installed in the zoo pond depths. Visitors observing through the underwater windows will now see who keeps the windows clean! He also requested some volunteers to do a cleaning there before the upcoming (then) UWPC. (In fact two cleanings were performed and the sign installed prior to the carving) Another issue brought up was the possibility of being evicted from our compressor site at the fire station. The township fire dept has already reclaimed the room we used as an office, and will probably need the other room also. (Expect this to be discussed at the Nov meeting). With a few minutes time remaining in the meeting, Dave Sommers did a VIP on a tank of UrEd's...



Sommers having to work a pancake breakfast last month to raise money in an attempt to keep our room at the fire station...



Sommers searching for tank mold...



Back to the zoo! Window cleaning time again!



View from inside of M. Fabish polishing the window



Justin Fabish takes a turn

November Compressor Schedule-

NOT!



## 2013 UWPC; Oct 26

The 2013 pumpkin carving event started out on a cool crisp Sat afternoon at the Children's Zoo. The sun was shining when we got there, but not for long, and continued to play peek-a-boo throughout the rest of the day, with some rain in between. I set up a table and a display to show who we were and talked to the visitors as they stopped by to see what we were doing. As always, there was a lot of interest in our gear, how we carve underwater and diving in general. I put a scuba diving hand signal flyers in the underwater room and we started getting ready. Don Storck had a large collection of DiveTraining magazines available, and I was pleased to see how many kids and adults, wanted to take one to see what diving is all about.



SUE club display table at Children's Zoo



Divers readying for the great UWPC contest

Four SUE divers, and one Zoo employee braved the cool waters to carve pumpkins; Justin & Mike Fabish, Ben Boyle, Mark Russell and new comer Julia Terrien. Julia had stopped by to chat with us at the last window cleaning and asked if she could be a part of the contest and we gladly welcomed her. We entered the water around 2:00 and the last one out was right around 2:50, giving us 5 pumpkins to display.



**WHOA!** Who sent out the invitations?

Because of a down pour while underwater (it stopped before we surfaced), there were very few visitors to help us with our voting process, but they slowly returned and many families stopped by to see our creations and vote for their favorite. It was a close race between the father and son duo, but in the end Dad Mike won out over Son Justin, and was presented the SUE trophy for the year. Justin says... 'just wait until next year!'... Julia gets the award for "toughing it out"! She was in a 2/3 mil wetsuit, summer gloves, and no hood, but still jumped right in until the cold drove her out to finish her pumpkin on land. I'm sure she will better suited (no pun intended) for next year's event!

All in all, it was a great day, and we shared many laughs! If you have never tried to carve a pumpkin under water, you don't know what you are missing! There is always next year.





Rob Quartermain guarding the artwork

### The Entries-



-Mark's



-Ben's



-Justin's



-Julia's



and the 2013 Winner!; Mike Fabish (Oyster?)

The Zoo has already invited us back, saying their visitors have declared us a favorite of the whole event!

(photos by Boyle, Fabish, and Sommers)

Thank you to the Children's Zoo for being so gracious to include us in their festivities and give us the opportunity to reach out to the community. We look forward to working with them next year in keeping those windows clean and the surrounding area clear of weeds. Maybe you'll join us with your pumpkin next October! (story by Mike Fabish)



## 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 bring to the November meeting or call me.

RSVP by November 23, [piazza.anthony@charter.net](mailto:piazza.anthony@charter.net) or 989-751-0361

Tony Piazza VP



Sisters inside the window watching the carvers

### Finale to Pumpkin Carve-

Place pumpkin remains in large pan. Add 2" water. Squash remains to mush. Heat oven to 400'...

### Club Member Receives Award



Midland Fire Department Fire truck operator Mark Laux (center), seen in this 2010 Bay City Times file photo, is one of four Midland County public safety officers to receive a 2013 Carl and Esther Gerstacker Award for exceptional service. (Mlive.com) The awards are given based on letters of recommendation submitted by their peers. Congratulations from SUE, Mark!

### Guess the legs-



Exhibit I



Exhibit II

Get a mirror!

YES!  
Exhibit I is Lew Pavlovich  
Exhibit II is Dale Purchase  
...out playing around Manatee Cove...

(thx to Bill Atkins...)

## The SCUBA SCOOP

Don Storck Publisher  
3273 N. Raucholz  
Hemlock, MI  
48626



For a free SCOOP e-subscription; just send e-mail to [dstorck@hotmail.com](mailto:dstorck@hotmail.com)  
Now on Facebook! Friend us and comment at [www.facebook.com/saginawunderwaterexplorers](http://www.facebook.com/saginawunderwaterexplorers)

**DIVEANDGLIDE** Bay City, 989 892 5771  
[diveandglide@att.net](mailto:diveandglide@att.net)

**Compressed Air Supplies & Equipt.**  
800 Old Griffin Rd # 3, Dania, FL 33004  
954-929-4462. –Dick Batchelder

**Piazza Appraisals**  
<http://piazzaappraisal.com>

**Lisk Title Service**  
<http://www.lisktitle.com/>

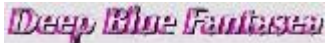
**MAGMA GEMS**  
<http://www.magmagems.com>



**Photo Technicians, Inc.**  
989-751-8517

<http://www.phototechnicians.com>

**Insurance – Ind. Agent Mark Russell**  
989 280-3194



989 865 8529  
[www.deepbluefantasea.com](http://www.deepbluefantasea.com)

## S.U.E. 2013 Planner

Nov 12 mtg  
Dec 7 Christmas Party?(no mtg)  
Your club, your activities- Make suggestions!

## 2013 S.U.E OFFICERS

President:	Mike Fabish	295 2627
Vice President:	Tony Piazza	751 0361
Secretary:	Scot Thompson	525 3858
Treasurer:	Dave Sommers	751 8517
Compressor Chair:	Don Cunningham	799 4385
Bd Member-at-Large:	Greg Prenzler	791 3556
Editor:	Don Storck	642 8436

TO: Preferred Customer

## For Sale/Trade

Saginaw Twp firefighter Mike Brown has a Seaquest Black Diamond BCD for sale. Used for 4 cert dives only. Comes with hanger, (2) 2 lb weights. XL that will expand several sizes. Asking \$450 or best offer. Cash only.  
989-615-3150 or email questions to [Medicmoose@gmail.com](mailto:Medicmoose@gmail.com)

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

Looking for a 1-2hp 3-phase motor; contact  
Terry Lisk, 777 1956

1988 Bayliner 28 Contessa; low hours cobra I/o 2001 loadmaster trailer sleeps 6 aft cabin set-up for diving call Mike 989-8922

1987 24 ft Bayyliner 2459 trophy dive boat w trailer \$5,000 or trade for suitable camper. Call  
Tim Hastings @ 989.798.8157 for more info.

### Policy and Disclaimer:

Items listed in For Sale/Wanted will continue to be listed for one year unless the "Scoop" is notified otherwise. Saginaw Underwater Explorers and "The Scuba Scoop" are not responsible for anything posted here.