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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- 11 (Vets Day!)



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Two curious kids checking out the diver in the SUE tank at the Thomas Twp pancake breakfast. -photo by Meter



The SCOOP doesn't usually endorse candidates, but Barb Meter endorsed us! The photo on the right was one of a couple taken by Barb, and placed on her FaceBook page!

TY, soon-to-be Judge Meter!

Remember Our Troops!

Secretary's October Report

Hello Everyone,

Our last fun dive for the year 2014 will be at Soaper's pond located at 12040 Spencer Rd., Saginaw, MI, 48609 on October 21st at 6:00. We expect clearer visibility this time since the wave runner was taken out for the winter. The water is cold so I would recommend dry suits or heavy wetsuits, hoods, and gloves. I also recommend bring flashlights since the sun sets earlier and earlier, and this dive will turn into a night dive. Plus, the water can be dark in the pond. Mr. Soaper (I think) stated that one of his children lost a nice remote control boat several years ago in the middle of the pond so keep an eye out for it (lol).



Soaper's Pond; Oct club dive (archive photo)

We had a great turnout for the Zoo Boo underwater pumpkin carving contest on the 18th despite the weather. Justin Fabish won the contest this year. It was a close contest between him and Mike Fabish as the votes were 45-41. We had over hundred people vote for their favorite pumpkins. We also had our dive tank and comms to talk to the children while underwater.

Our annual Christmas party will be on December 6th at 6:00 at Timbers. Please RSVP to Tony at piazza.anthony@charter.net or Mark Russell at markrussell198@gmail.com.

-Justin Fabish, Secretary

Busy Time for the Club Tank!

After years of rest, the club's portable tank was called for a number of civic activities these last few weeks. Thomas Twp. had a pancake breakfast where we set up; then Saginaw Twp. demanded equal time so we spent about 4-5 hrs with them a week later. The Saginaw Children's Zoo had already invited us to their 'ZooBoo' for our underwater pumpkin carve, and we were invited to bring the tank there also. Pres. Fabish handled the transportation of the tank to all locations, and got local fire departments to fill it. Volunteers that dove in the tank and entertained the public were Mike Fabish, Justin Fabish, Brian Kleinfeld, Mark Russell, Dave Sommers, and UrEd.



UnId young man checking diver Brian? Justin?
In tank at Thomas Twp. -photo by Meter

UWPC at Zoo Boo

The annual SUE October event; the underwater pumpkin carve! Again this year invited back to the Saginaw Children's Zoo! The zoo offers a special day in October for children to celebrate Halloween, called the Zoo Boo. Our artistic pumpkin carving performed in front of the underwater viewing windows (which we clean) has become one of the special attractions. This year we topped our act with the addition of our portable dive tank.



SUE muster area at zoo; note yellow tank, zoo lake in back

Mike and Justin set the tank up around noon, and it remained active until the scheduled carving at 3. As with other recent setups, we had a communications system setup for visitors to talk to the diver inside. Taking turns entertaining the kids from the wet side of the tank were Dave Sommers, Justin, and Mike.



Justin in front of the SUE display (table w/ handouts!)



Dave adjusting earphones on curious youngster



Justin? Look at the camera...



Justin out of tank; takes his turn to entertain

Beside Mike, Dave, and Justin; other club members providing support were Rob Quartermain, Brian Kleinfeld, Mark Russell, Tim Hastings, and UrEd. Of course we were also there to carve pumpkins, with a grand prize incentive to win. The weatherman had promised decent weather, with the sun breaking through around noon. That didn't happen, and the whole day was a bit brisk. At 2:00, the pumpkin carvers began to suit up.

3:00; UWPC Time!

By 3, the divers were in the water with their pumpkins and switchblades to compete for the top carving honor. They swam with their weighted-down pumpkins to a place in front of the underwater windows viewing area. Hard to measure the size of the viewing audience, but we had their interest! One-by-one, the divers returned to the staging area with their trophies. The top six were placed on a table for judging, and as the zoo visitors walked through they were asked to pick their favorite.



The entries! (The one with the goggles is the trophy)



“The King is dead; Long live the Prince!”

2014 SUE UWPC winner; Justin Fabish!

(photos by Sommers)

Justin wins with a unique idea; a white pumpkin representing the skull, inside the bigger orange 'head' pumpkin. He wins the trophy, a certificate, a year's membership, and the envy of his fellow divers! Congratulations, Justin!

Warmer Water Experience

Rob Quartermain contributed some photos he took on a recent trip to Bonaire; well known for clear, warm water. Rob didn't say how much time he spent there, but he did comment on how warm the water was. Sounds like he had a good time; with good pics!

“I just wanted to share a pic of a French Angel fish (and some others). The yellow Grunt in the pic was 12- 14 inches in length. Just for comparison the pics were shot with a Go Pro. It needs a red filter, that's why the back ground is all washed out on the white frog fish It's quite rare. I through in a couple extras...”
-Rob



UrEd's guess; the Angel Fish?



UrEd's 2d guess; White Frog Fish?

(UrEd is starting to understand why it's rare) At least with the Angel Fish you can tell top from bottom...



-then this must be the Yellow Grunt?



Selfie by Rob; he wants us to know the water temp was dropping down to 82, and he had to put on the T-shirt....



In fact, the water temp was so warm he had a touch of hallucination and saw the beautiful Janet down there... (bit of editorial privilege here)

Christmas Party Approaching

Christmas time is here again and the annual Saginaw Underwater Explorers party is set for Saturday December 6th 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 party/dinner or call Tony or Mark.

If children are attending Carol Piazza needs their names and ages, please send to Tony.

RSVP by November 22

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Blind Diver Report-

Mike Fabish recently dove in the Saginaw River to investigate some large structure at the bottom; his report follows- The impressive part of this is that Mike did this with touch only; the Saginaw River is like ink! He measured with arm spans, and body lengths. And then sketched it based on memory! Mike-

“To the best of my recollection (and drawing ability LOL), this is my best description of what I surveyed at the last training. It is some type of dock or pier that’s been there a long time. It is mostly buried and only the parts sticking out of the sand are represented. The dimensions are estimated by counting times of out stretched arms (wingspan) and width of hand. The bottom is mostly sand in this area. With only 6”-12” vis, all measurements, estimates, and determinations were made by tactile/feel.”

“The entire structure is on a slight angle to the river bed/flow, running south-east (up-stream) to north-west (down-stream), the latter being where the hook was positioned and where the survey started and ended. The survey was conducted by traveling hand over hand out and back on each rail found twice, never

losing hand contact with the rails in order to arrive back to the hook when done. While traveling each rail is when I found the other rail(s) with my extended legs, to then survey later. As I went around the outside of the first and last rail, my legs were stretched out behind me 360 degrees and I did not encounter anything else. The total foot print is approx 45' long X 12' wide, and rises up to 18" from the bottom in the middle. "

Really Astounding Discovery!

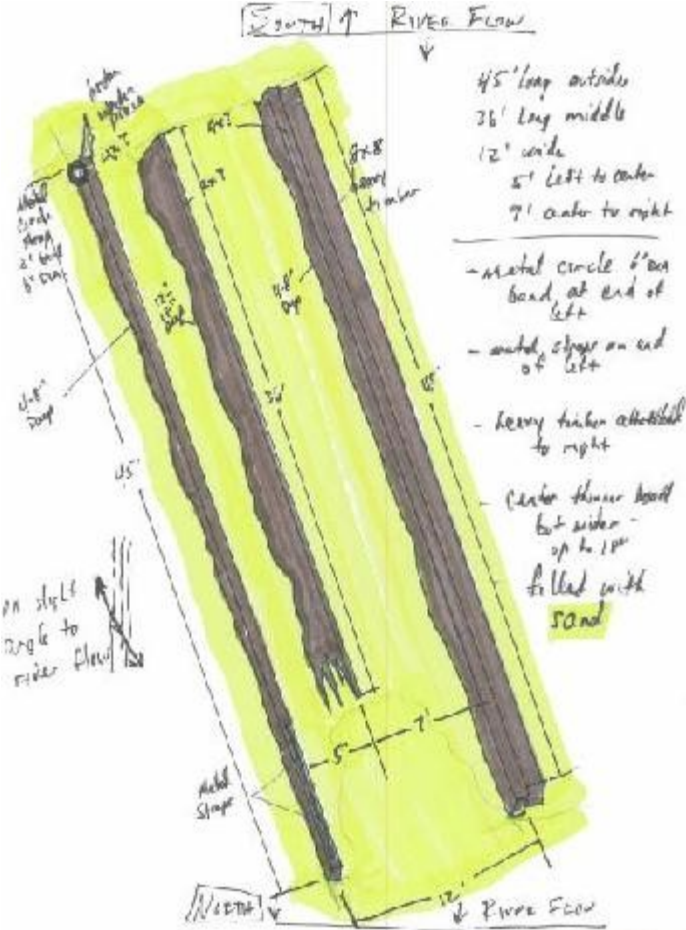
If this was April, UrEd would suggest this article might be a joke. However, it has documentation and seems to be credible. The SCOOP can only present it, and let you the reader do your own research on it. This is fantastic!

"A University of Southern Denmark research team has created a new material that's being hailed by some as a potential game-changer for scuba."

"Recently, the team announced the successful synthesis of a material that's capable of absorbing oxygen from the air around it, and subsequently storing it in high concentrations. Led by nanobioscience professor Christine McKenzie, the team claims that just 10 liters (about 2.6 gallons) of the crystalline substance is enough to absorb all the oxygen from a room. The substance is able to store oxygen at a concentration up to 160 times greater than the oxygen concentration in the air, but its most remarkable quality is its ability to release the oxygen at a later stage. McKenzie says of the substance that "an important aspect of this new material is that it does not react irreversibly with oxygen," and goes on to describe it as being equivalent to "solid artificial hemoglobin." Thanks to the substance's ability to absorb oxygen from water as well as from air, McKenzie thinks it may someday be used to develop revolutionary breathing equipment for divers. "Divers may one day be able to leave the oxygen tanks at home and instead get oxygen from this material as it filters and concentrates oxygen from the surrounding air or water," she says "A few grains contain enough oxygen for one breath, and as the material can absorb oxygen from the water around the diver and supply the diver with it, the diver would not need to bring more than these few grains [with them underwater]."

The article does point out that a diver does need air under pressure, and states that a technique could be developed in which oxygen could be combined with nitrogen. (Source- Freediver)

[As science progresses, why don't we just integrate this into the body?]
[SCOOP Tip- Invest now!]



Pretty impressive job, Mike!

Pirates on the Great Lakes??

Check this out:
<http://michiganradio.org/post/sure-there-were-pirates-caribbean-great-lakes-had-them-too>

Former Club Member in the News-



Look familiar to you?- RIOT V

You don't have to be too old to recognize the name of Todd Hall; he was a member about 20? ya. Todd sings as a hobby; he is mostly into heavy rock, but around Christmas times he posts some very nice Christmas songs. He has a band named 'Riot 5', and they have recently returned from a tour through Europe. Here's a plug for Todd-

“ I am really excited to announce that my new album with Riot V called "Unleash The Fire" is on sale in the USA as of October 27th. If you are a fan of old school rock and metal, I am pretty sure you will like it. Order a copy today and help us get on the billboard charts. :^) “

http://www.amazon.com/Unleash-Fire-Riot-V/dp/B00MGMJ6XC/ref=sr_1_1?s=music&ie=UTF8&qid=1414116214&sr=1-1&keywords=riot+v+unleash+the+fire

Just interesting-

<http://www.livescience.com/48489-tales-of-ghost-ships.html?cmpid=558451>



Todd Hall and RIOT group in concert

And another former member

-But you're challenged to identify him/her out of this lineup,,,,...



“Why; there's... “

(BA, you are already disqualified)

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