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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- 9<sup>th</sup>



*Inside....*

*July Meeting; aka  
Annual SUE Picnic-in-the-Rain  
Monthly Dive; Stratford...  
August Dive Opportunities*

*also selected short subjects*



First wave of rain...



Mark Russell sports an umbrella



Stratford Park beach; deceiving...

**Remember Our Troops!**

## Certainly It Would Rain on the Brats

## Comments from Justin- (edited)



Rain clears; guests appear



Brats survived the rain!



Now serving!

Greetings, SUE Members;  
We all had a great time at the Shoot and Swim Range at Wixom Lake last Tuesday. Thank you for the food and hospitality, Carol! The fun dive will be at Statford park in Midland on Tuesday evening. The address is 3922 E Ashman Rd., Midland, MI, 48642. I will be there tomorrow night if anyone wants to dive with me. See you there. \*\*  
This coming Saturday is the Petosky cross dive to clean the marble cross underwater. Mike, Justin, Tim, and Cheryl are going. If interested, please let me or Mike know so that we can coordinate plans together.  
In the words of Porky Pig, that's all folks for the minutes. See you at the August meeting.

- Justin Fabish

(\*\* ed's note- Fun dive was canceled; see more below)



Special cherry/chocolate cake!



Mark's boys; Ian, Dakota, and Remington, man the boats



Carrie; first time in a kayak.... doing fine(photos by Justin)

## July Fun Dive; Out by Drought

Proposed and agreed on at the picnic-meeting, the group planned on a fun dive the following week at the Stratford Lake in Midland. Except the weather hadn't been cooperating; the absence of rain in the preceding weeks had lowered the depth of water and accelerated the growth of weeds.



Stratford Lake in the summer...



Lighthouse Island; Wixom Lake

Look closely and you can see the lake choked by weeds popping through the surface. The swimmers in the beach area were barely getting their bellybuttons wet...

## Alternative Offer-



Carrie returns; positive experience!



50 acres!

Rob Quartermain has gotten permission from the owner of this lake for us to dive there.

. Located near St Charles, the lake is 50 acres in size!  
Rob has a video of the lake which unfortunately doesn't show in this newsletter; maybe shown at the Aug meeting for discussion?

### President's Message:

To All members:

We will be making our first appearance with the SUE Dive Tank at the National Night Out at the Saginaw Twp Soccer Fields on McCarty Tue, Aug 2, 6-9pm. This is a VERY popular event, and we get to see many, many people and children who love to see and talk to us in the tank! I will be on vacation this year and not able to attend (I will miss it!) So Justin will be bringing the tank and all items needed to set up our display and meet and greet our community. However, we will need divers to jump in and spend some time with those wanting to "talk to the diver"! If you want to be a part of this, email me so I can start a list. Usually each diver spends 30-60 minutes in the tank (Depending on how many show up and want their turn; once in, nobody wants to get out. LOL) and all you will need is your dive gear.

We are working on a new supplied air system where you would not have to wear your BC in the tank, just your exposure gear and some weight to keep you at the bottom. As you know (those who have done it), we use a full face mask that gives us the ability to talk to patrons using underwater comm gear. It is a blast, and everybody loves it...both divers and crowd!

If we cannot complete the new system, we'll still be in the tank, with full gear like we always have. Bring everything you normally would to dive.

Please respond ASAP so I can make sure Justin has helpers both to be in the water and interact with customers on the outside. If you've never been to Nat'l Night Out, or never been in the tank, **YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'VE BEEN MISSING!**



National Night Out; 2015

### Yet Another President's Message

Hello All Members:

I wanted to pass along some terrific news concerning the annual SUE dive trip we usually organize for the 3rd weekend in Aug; this year being around the long weekend of 8/19-22 (Fri-Mon). One of our newest members, Lewis Stempki, from Mackinac Straits Island & Diving Charters, St Ignace, has offered us a fantastic opportunity to use his charter service for SUE members. Not only is he offering all of us tremendous savings to dive the wrecks in the Straights, but also some very appealing extras! First, Lew has that weekend open for us! Their normal price for a two tank dive per day is 120.00, but they are offering SUE club divers the two tank dive per day excursions for only \$80.00! They can accommodate up to 12 divers per day. A four person minimum will be acceptable for the large boat, (they usually require 6) for any of the days of our trip. I certainly hope to have many more divers aboard with this fantastic offer! And there are extras! They will supply complementary water for the divers and offer a "bag lunch" option. It's a nice feature if the divers are staying at hotels and don't have access to a kitchen. The "bag lunch" includes a ham or turkey sandwich wrap with lettuce and tomato, a bag of chips and a small dessert. The normal charge for the lunch is 10.00 but Lew and Pauline will provide this for SUE members for only \$7.00. If anyone decides if they want lunch on the boat, they would need to know ahead of time to prepare it for you. Of course, you can bring your own if you choose.

A 20% deposit is required to hold a spot on the boat, and they can do the payment options a couple of different ways. If we provide a list of divers, we can collect the deposit and mail them a check as the group, or provide a credit card number over the phone. But, I think it would be much easier for us all if we made the arrangements individually with Lew for the days/trips you want to dive. That way, he can keep a list of all divers for each day, and we can dive whenever we want to. You can simply call and make all your arrangements, send a check, or use a credit card over the phone. It may be easier for some of us to dive Fri/Sat, others Sat/Sun or 3 maybe days Fri-Sun,...or even all 4 days Fri thru Mon; it's all up to you! But, and this is important, let's keep the same list with the Club so we know who is diving each day as a group, and to make sure we are hitting the minimum of 4 divers per trip. It can also help with planning car pooling, arrival times, and staying together as a club, whether it involves lodging (sharing rooms and \$\$), meals, camping, and just having fun! I can take a credit card over the phone. Final Payments can be made at the dock the day of the dive in the form of cash, check or credit card.

Oh, yea, Lew has another offer for those thinking of camping while there: he has some property on Lake Michigan (about 12 miles west of St Ignace) for anybody who wants to use it to pitch a tent or set up a camper. There is some lighting (a street light), a campfire ring and wood, but no water or facilities. However, if there are enough of you who want to camp there, and are willing to share and cover the

expense, he will have a Porta-Potty delivered for the weekend. Care to take a bath in the lake? Otherwise, there are lots of hotels/motels and other established campgrounds in the St Ignace area to accommodate all of us. I will probably camp, and my campfire will be open to all!

So, here's the deal...who wants to go diving!? We are a dive club...that's what we do, and here is a perfect opportunity!! Send me an email if you are planning to be a part of this. Or better yet, contact Lew & Pauline with the days you plan to dive, give a deposit, and get the ball rolling. Still email me that you did so and I will maintain the list to help with travel and such. I have also attached the Diver checklist they use for your convenience to print and keep things a bit organized: I will use it to keep our master list. Call your dive buddy! Get our group together! Let's make this a great time of diving and fellowship while taking advantage of some terrific savings!

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One More Thing: Lew is extending this same pricing to any SUE club member at anytime you want to dive with him! You may not be able to get away for this targeted weekend, but can go before or after. Maybe you can go multiple times. Lew will still give members these same discounts on any dive trip you can join on his boat. Now that is offer you can't refuse!  
 Stay wet! Stay Safe! - Mike

**Michigan Night Life-**



As seen by a group from Underwater Antics

Two photos taken by Cheryl Roggenbuck of Underwater Antics, on a recent trip to Higgens Lake. See if you recognize anyone-



Dive group; UWA

**Aug Compressor Sched-**

- AUG 4 Greg Prenzler 239-0625
- AUG 11 Don Cunningham 799-4385
- AUG 18 Mike Fabish 295-2627
- AUG 25 Mike Kowalski 892-2028

*Call ahead by Wed to confirm (Entire 2016 sched on website)*



**Cora's Briefs-**



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<http://www.seattlepi.com/news/us/article/New-artificial-reef-to-be-sunk-off-Florida-s-8405039.php>

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TO: Preferred Customer

#### S.U.E. 2016 Planner

Aug 9 mtg  
Sept 13 mtg  
Nov 8 mtg  
Your club, your activities- Make suggestions!

Oct 11 mtg, UWPC; zoo?  
Dec 13- Christmas Party ?

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#### For Sale!

2002 HD Road King

It's with great sadness that I am offering for sale my 2002 Harley Davidson Road King. Asking \$10000; will deal. Offering a finders fee of \$100.

contact Bill Atkins, 989-423-6035 for details.

(Bill is also looking for someone to repair his boat engine)  
( Offering \$\$\$\$)

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