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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- 13<sup>th</sup>



*Inside.... (note- contains graphic material)*

*Aug Mtg  
NNO exhibit  
Monthly Dive(s); 2 for 1...  
Pres Dive reports..*

*also selected short subjects*



Puffers Pond...



Say HI in return to Elizabeth from UW Antics!

**Remember Our Troops!**

## Aug Meeting - Minutes

Greetings,

Here are the minutes from last week's meeting. Treasury report read by D. Sommers. Motion passed.

The next fun dive will be at Otter Lake in Otisville on August 16th. We'll meet at Otter Lake Village Campgrounds at 5902 Genessee Ave, Otter Lake, MI, 48464 around 6:00 pm.

The zoo boo is over three weekends now. Oct 15-16, 22-23, & 29-30. We will need to decide what weekend we want to use the tank and the pumpkin carving. Please email Mike Fabish or me to let us know which weekend works best.

The zoo appreciation picnic is next Wednesday, the 17th. The entire S.U.E. club is invited as a thank you for cleaning the underwater windows at the zoo.

The fire fighter Pancake breakfasts are scheduled the following:

Thomas township-September 25th

Saginaw township- Oct. 2nd

We will have the dive tank there to promote diving and have fun. Please let us know if you can help with the tank.

Thanks; Justin Fabish, Sec'y



Pres Fabish showing special hose; story below\*

## Pres Comments

Thank you so much to all of the teams that have been cleaning the Zoo windows so far this season!! Your help is so appreciated, and the scheduling has been seamless! I am looking for teams to cover the following "week of" dates to keep them clean through the rest of the summer. If you can pick a week (or more), send me an email and I will put the master response together and then let you know who the teams are. Each team will get together and chose the day of the week and time that fits the team the best. It can be as early as 8:30 am M-F, before they open, during the day (the customers love seeing us!) or even after hours with advance notice. Weekends are open, too. Once the day and time is decided, you must let me know to inform the Zoo of your arrival!

Week of date needed:

Sept 12	Sept 26	Oct 10*	Oct
24*	(Oct 17*)		

These dates (every 2 weeks) will cover the rest of the season. The \* signifies weeks of the ZOO BOO event: Oct 17 is an off week/in-between week, but may need a team to make sure the windows are in shape for the event. We have yet to choose which of the 3 weekends we will be there for the Annual Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest and with the Dive Tank; if you have a preferred choice of which weekend is best for you, and whether Sat or Sun is best, please let me know ASAP!



Attendees fill table! Note person to far left; Bill Atkins, oldest club member. Well, not to say he's old.... Person to right of Bill is Mike Winter; he'd heard about our club and just walked in and joined!



Mark Laux on window cleaning duty

The Zoo is planning 3 weekends of Zoo Boo this year: Oct 15 & 16, Oct 22 & 23, and Oct 29 & 30! This is where we do our annual SUE Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest and dive tank presentation. This has become one of SUE's biggest events; the Zoo patrons are asking for us every year! What I'm looking for is the weekend/day that the most SUE members can be there: which weekend is the best for you to participate? And, which day of that weekend is the best day to schedule the contest? If you are available for all 6 days, send it to me. If you are only available one of the six, send it to me. And everything else in between. When I see the most popular date by ballot, we will make a decision. Also on the table is whether or not we keep the tank there for both days of the Zoo Boo on whichever weekend is selected. We will be in the tank/booth one day, and that PLUS the carving contest the other. Of course, that means I need enough people participating to cover both days. I will not schedule the whole weekend if I don't have people willing to help. **THIS IS YOUR CLUB...GET INVOLVED!** Again, if you are available both days, and want to be there both days...GREAT! There is usually a few of us who seem to always do most of these events, and I will not ask

or want any of the group to feel obligated just because I would like SUE to be there. We need your help!

### National Night Out Tank Exhibit-



Mark Russell MCs the fans



Justin waiting for business



Mark Przybylski takes turn in tank



Some wary about getting too close...



Justin out; takes turn as MC

Photos compliments of Mark Russell and Joel Klammer. Joel made the trip from China for his chance to go in the tank!

### **\*New Equipment, and Thank You!**

Notice tank divers did not have air tanks on their backs? Recall Pres Fabish showing the orange hose in the meeting? Tim and Cheryl from UW Antics contributed an air hose to us enabling the diver to go in the tank without balancing a heavy tank on his back. The hose is outfitted to connect to a SCUBA tank on the ground, and the other end connects to the full face mask. It works great! Pres Fabish, on behalf of the entire club, thank Tim and Cheryl for this outstanding contribution!



### **August Evening Dive Out, x 2**

Otter Lake was the original planned club splash dive; then Rob Quartemain gave us a second opportunity. Rob got permission from the owners to let club members explore a huge man-made lake near St. Charles. First, the Otter Lake dive-



Rob, Ben, and Elaine gearing up at Otter



-along with Mike and Justin

Mike and Justin went deep, and found a water temp of 43°! The rest of us stayed shallow and warm. Otter Lake is fairly clear, and is a good dive. It was a sunny day, which also made for good vis. BTW; the park attendant didn't charge us to go in. UrEd found a cell phone; an old flip cover type. Upon inspection, the

screen was steamed, but it didn't appear to be soaked. (It's submerged in a jar of rice now.)



Cell Fone Find- Imagine the secrets it's still holding...  
It looked like it might've had the name LARRY on it.  
No, I'm mistaken; It starts with HIL....

Two weeks after the Otter Lake Dive Rob got Mike, Ben, and UrEd together at the end of Wahl road to explore an untouched lake. It belongs to Nancy and Mike Puffer, and Rob got special permission for us to dive it.



Actually 2 lakes; large one on left and smaller on right

We met the owner; he was very friendly and wished us a good time. He said the depth was about 35' where we were. He also asked if we'd clean the weeds away from a water intake he had. Done.

Mike had a small kayak and went around checking depths. It was more like 12'. It turned out the smaller

lake had better vis than the large lake, and we did dive it. There were more fish to be seen than in an aquarium! Bottom line was that we had a good time; exactly what a get-wet dive should be. And we've been invited back! Thank you for the use of your lake, Nancy and Mike!

(photos by Quartermain)



Mike & UrEd; short walk back

### Afterthoughts by Mike-

Justin and I went to the Straights this past weekend, but sad to say bad weather canceled both days of diving! But, there is still diving ahead of us! Here are some opportunities for the Saginaw Underwater Explorers:

- Underwater Antics is planning a trip to Munising Sept 17 & 18 (I plan to be there with them) that offers great wreck diving! Sign up with Tim or Cheryl at the shop!
- Still looking for teams to clean the windows in Sept and Oct
- We will have our Sept and Oct Fun Dives; location yet to be determined
- Oct is the Zoo Boo event, and SUE will be there with the Dive Tank and for our annual underwater pumpkin carving contest at the windows
- Underwater Antics is doing a Traverse City trip Oct 8 to dive the Boardman River; contact them for details.
- We have 2 Dive Tank/pancake breakfast events for Thomas Twp (9/25) and Sag Twp (10/2) that would be fun for anybody who wants to participate. All you need is a tank and wet/dry suit to jump in.



**Cora's Briefs-**

The stories are true! Train wreck found in Lake Superior after 106 yrs!



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<http://news.nationalpost.com/news/canada/after-more-than-a-hundred-years-a-derailed-train-that-plunged-into-lake-superior-has-been-found>

<http://mentalfloss.com/article/85244/shipwreck-hunters-discover-century-old-train-lake-superior>

213 yo shipwreck; second oldest in Great Lakes discovered. By Retirees!



Sloop Washington ; lies in Lake Ontario

[http://www.mlive.com/news/index.ssf/2016/08/213-year-old-shipwreck\\_discover.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/index.ssf/2016/08/213-year-old-shipwreck_discover.html)

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/retirees-find-second-oldest-confirmed-shipwreck-in-great-lakes-1471512602>

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2016/aug/17/great-lakes-shipwreck-found-new-york-washington>

The following photo has been posted by retired army Col Alan West, himself a certified diver-



Hand Salute, Col West!

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### S.U.E. 2016 Planner

Sept 13 mtg

Oct 11 mtg, UWPC; zoo?

Nov 8 mtg

Dec 13- Christmas Party ?

Your club, your activities- Make suggestions!

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