

THE SCUBA SCOOP

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Club Minutes

- D. Sommers read treasury report. Motion passed to accept as read.
- Mike talked about getting the plaque at the cross.
- The Christmas Party is coming up on December 7 at 6:00 at Uno in Saginaw. This will take the place of our December meeting.
- There were 3 pumpkin carvers for the Zoo Boo. Mike Fabish won this year. It was a close vote.
- We working with Mia at the zoo to determine what it's going to take to resume window cleanings. The American Zoo Association is requiring some changes, which we are still reviewing.



Setting the Plaque

It was a cool day in October when three divers—Mike Fabish, Justin Fabish, and Tony Piazza—boarded Tony's boat in Petoskey to put the new Saginaw Underwater Explorers plaque at the cross. The three men wrestled the heavy plaque onto Tony's boat and tied it down before launching the boat. Unfortunately, the buoy marking the cross was taken down and the divers had to rely on GPS coordinates that Mike had. After several passes over the possible site, Justin suited up in a mask and borrowed snorkel and dove into the cold water to find the cross, which he did. He hovered over the cross while Mike and Tony motored over to the location and lowered the plaque to the bottom. The plaque acted as an anchor for the boat until all divers suited up and lowered the traditional anchor to be tied to the cross for the duration of the dive. Mike brought two lift bags that were used to move the plaque to the cross and to where we wanted to position it. Justin and Mike secured the plaque to the cross using some chains so that the ice and wave action would not move the plaque too far away. After an underwater celebratory high five, Mike, Justin, and Tony went to work to clean the cross and the other plaques nearby. Guppy fish were exploring the newest addition as the divers ascended back to Tony's boat. They dove the Kueka in Lake Charlevoix the next day, a perfect way to end the diving weekend trip.



The view of the plaque off the stern of Tony's boat.

Zoo Boo Pumpkin Carving

Mike Fabish won the 2019 pumpkin carving contest at the Zoo Boo at the Saginaw Children's Zoo. There were three carvers this year—Mike Fabish, Justin Fabish, and Bill Kirksey. We had to carve our pumpkins in the dive tank this year due to the overgrown lily pads you can see behind Mike and the fact that the zoo put chemicals in the water to try to stop the invasive species. It came down to a tie between Mike and Justin with their turtle pumpkins when Justin found one person to choose their favorite turtle pumpkin at the end of the Zoo Boo. The vote was Justin: 112, Mike: 113, and Bill: 36. A total of 261 people voted.





Bill's "Boo" Pumpkin



Mike's Turtle Pumpkin



Justin's Turtle Pumpkin

The Carvers





Video of plaque placement. I had to compress the video to try to keep the file size small so please excuse any poor picture quality.

Christmas Party
December 7th @ 6:00
Uno Pizzeria & Grill
4960 Towne Centre Rd.

Please RSVP Mike
Fabish at
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by December 5th.



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