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Jan Meeting — Back @ Jimmy Stampers Buffet Bar

STAMPERS JIMMY BUFFET BAR
To kick off the NEW YEAR!!!



C'Mon back — to Stampers Grill and Pub! Join us at Stampers for our monthly meeting. We'll be in the Jimmy Buffet Bar on **Wednesday, January 18th**. (You're welcome to enjoy the outdoor patio — just be sure to bring your muck-a-lucks and parka!) Thanks, Scott for coordinating the location!

Stamper's Grill
21750 Lorain Road
Fairview Park, OH 44126

<http://www.stampersgrillpub.com/>

Sea you there!

Annual Banquet—Date Confirmed

Due to numerous scheduling conflicts (including a few at the banquet room) we moved the annual banquet date waaay back this year — this time it's to April!!!

The room is reserved, the tickets are being printed and will be available to purchase, and we will be coordinating options with the caterer over the next week. The Annual LEWD banquet is scheduled for

Saturday, April 28th

Elyria Elks Marine Room

246 2nd St Elyria, OH 44035

We're hoping like heck that this date will work for YOU! Speaking of scheduling conflicts, you may have noticed that this newsletter has a January/February date on it—that's because there will be no newsletter or meeting in February. What does this mean? You may want to get your banquet tickets at this coming meeting on Wednesday, January 18th rather than wait till March (which will be 'last call'). Or, give us a call or email as soon as possible to confirm your commitment. (We'll need to provide a head count in advance for catering, etc.)

In other banquet news - as you know, door prizes are always greatly appreciated as are snacks and gags. We'll also be looking for a crafty person to create centerpieces (helloooo, Julie???)

Another Annual Outing Underway!

Lorain Port Host for Battle of Lake Erie bicentennial

This sounds cool! They actually was to recreate the Battle of Lake Erie! One of the pictures featured on the page is courtesy of Richard Norgard (Bay Area Divers member who wrote a book on the shipwreck *Success*)

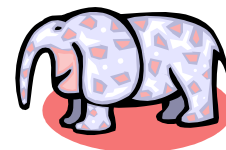
<http://www.battleoflakeerie-bicentennial.com/BoleIntro.php>

The 200th anniversary of Master Commandant Oliver Hazard Perry's naval victory over the British is more than a year away, but officials in Lorain and Ohio's coastal cities are already planning to recreate the battle between American and British vessels that took place near South Bass Island.

More to come!

White Elephant — no longer 'white'?

We were waaaay to generous with our fellow divers this year—and it was MUCH appreciated! We actually came up with good stuff people wanted! There was expensive beers in them thar packages! And shots games! And Christmas knick knacks of all sorts! Other than the occasional Barry Manilow album, there weren't a lot of 'throw aways' — and the best news of all?? There were no reports of 'hidden packages' at Wachers' palatial estate (but then again, they were in such a rush to leave town, who knows what is rotting in the freezer...)



Our thanks to ALL for the great goodies and the great gifts! And thanks to Mike & Georg for hosting the annual festivities.

Speaking of goodies — here are a couple of recipes from our White Elephant chefs that were in high demand the night of our gift exchange! Enjoy!

Jinny's Jumbalaya:

1 Large chopped onion	1 ½ cups cooled chicken
1 ½ cup chopped green pepper (I used green and red and one Jalapino)	1 teaspoon salt (I didn't use any)
½ cup celery	½ teaspoon savory
¼ to ½ pounds of Italian sausage (I used Andouillie Sausage)	½ teaspoon Creole seasoning
2 tablespoons of butter	½ teaspoon hot red pepper (I put in some Old Bay seasoning and black pepper)
1 ½ cups long grain rice	1 pound skinned frozen shrimp
2 cups tomato juice	½ cup green onion
1 can chicken broth	

Sauté sausage and veggies until sausage is cooked – Tip skillet and drain off excess grease. Add raw rice stir and add tomato Juice and chicken broth spices cook till rice tender add peppers when rice is almost done cooking and add shrimp.

Garnish with green onions

Jello Shotz:

Here is the basic recipe:

6 oz box of jello

16 oz (2 cups) very hot water

16 oz of cold water and liquor

Dissolve jello in the hot water until no granules remain. Add cold water and liquor. Pour into portion cups and chill until set.

To make a smaller batch, use a small box of jello(3 oz) and 1 cup each of the hot and cold ingredients.

Thanks to all, and to all a good year!

31st Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival™

Saturday, February 25, 2012



www.ShipwreckFestival.org



Are you a Diver in the Great Lakes area, a maritime history buff or just curious about the underwater world? Come to the Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival held on Saturday, February 25th, 2012 and find out what it is all about. The Ford Seahorse Scuba Diving Club in conjunction with the Detroit Historical Society's Dossin Maritime Group and the Dossin Great Lakes Museum will present the 31st Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival at Washtenaw Community College's Morris Lawrence Building, 4800 E. Huron River Drive, in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The programs run from 9 am to 5 pm featuring a wide variety of sessions on Great Lakes shipwrecks, exotic dive locations from around the world and education/technical sessions. In the Exhibit area, there will be book signings, exhibits from local maritime artists, the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, dive equipment manufacturers, diver charter operations and dive travel agencies. A number of local dive shops will be represented as well as underwater marine sanctuaries, and local quarries.

Shipwrecks are always the theme of this event and this year is no exception. The Festival has three venues including presentations on Great Lakes shipwrecks, exotic saltwater destinations and Educational/Technical topics.

In the Shipwreck Room; Valerie van Heest will share three new Lake Michigan discoveries – a sloop, a schooner and a schooner barge. David Trotter will present three new shipwreck finds from 2011 titled “Vanishing Points!” Jim and Pat Stayer will highlight a historically significant Tuskegee Airman aircraft found in the St. Clair River. Sue Smith has put her Tech Diving equipment to good use to bring us some deep shipwrecks. Tony Gramer brings us video on the Fred McBrier that was lost in a collision on October 3, 1890. Ross Richards knows that the Manitou Passage is dangerous and he will bring us the “Shipwrecks of Sleeping Bear Point”.

In the Saltwater Room, Tony Gramer will take us to the Socorro Islands, “Where the Giants Roam” – mantas and whale sharks are highlighted. Roger Roth will take us to Egypt and share his video of the “Shipwrecks of the Sinai Peninsula”. Jeff Ginther will share a DVD presentation on the “Cayman’s Newest Shipwreck – USS Kittiwake”. Jim and Pat Stayer will show their wide angle video of Diving San Benedicto Island off the coast of Mexico. Merik Standowicz will show his dark, deep and cold “Shipwrecks of Arctic Norway” and Rudy Whitworth will provide presentations from the Caribbean Windward Islands of Dominica and St. Vincent.

In the Tech/Ed Room, Joel Stone, the Curator for the Detroit Historical Society will discuss the 17th and 18th century cannons that have been found recently in the Detroit River. Luke Clyburn will discuss the ancient shores of the Great Lakes and what they were like 395 million years ago. John O’Shea, Curator of Great Lakes Archaeology for U of M, will discuss his search for the “Caribou Hunters Beneath Lake Huron”. Robert McGreevy has a historical presentation on the Key Stone State, a side wheel steamer built in 1849 and disappeared taking 33 lives in 1861. Valerie van Heest will provide an overview of the “Abandoned Shipwreck Act – 25 Years Later”. Kathy Johnson and Greg Lashbrook will present their presentation on “Sharks in the Great Lakes” (Lake Sturgeon). David Heidemann will show his “Underwater Photography: How to Avoid Common Pitfalls and Take Compelling Photographs”.

This is a preliminary list of the exciting and informative seminars and presentations that we have scheduled. Check the website frequently for the latest information.

Tickets for the event are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. For ticket information or program details, visit www.shipwreckfestival.org, call (734) 485-0492 or e-mail glstickets@aol.com. Ticket order forms with a more detailed list of programs and times will be mailed in January 2012.

The Ford Seahorses Scuba Dive Club, established in 1957, is one of the most active dive clubs in Michigan. The club is a non-profit organization dedicated to the enjoyment and advancement of the sport of scuba diving.



Dean's Corner—close encounters

While taking a boat ride with Jim and Linda Wilson yesterday off of Punta Gorda Florida, Dean and Diane Zeigler had a close encounter of the 4th kind. During the boat ride a critter leapt out of the water, brushed by Diane and punched Dean in the stomach. Wilson's think the critter was a sting ray measuring 19 inches across. Dean thinks it was a fish with hook in its mouth.

Either way, Dean wound up in the emergency room with a hole in his belly that looks like he has been shot by a 22 caliber bullet. Good news is that Dean is fine. Bad news is he now has an excuse to keep on those few extra pounds. Seems he thinks his extra girth saved him. Dean now has a new distinguishing feature -- two belly buttons!!

Thanks for sharing Mike & Georg!



Deeeeep Thought for the Month

Stingrays are sometimes called the 'birds of the deep sea' and other times called 'flattened out sharks'

— Does this mean Dean can claim he was bit by a shark??

Cleveland Aquarium — Guess who is in the pool?

The Greater Cleveland Aquarium will be opening to the public beginning **January 21, 2012**. Exhibits include Coastal (freshwater) and Saltwater regions, and a walk-through shark tank.

Marinescape NZ Limited, a New Zealand based company and Jacobs Entertainment, Inc. have teamed up to bring the Greater Cleveland Aquarium to the Nautica Entertainment Complex. Marinescape is the world leader in the development of walk-through aquariums.

Located in the FirstEnergy Powerhouse on the west bank of the Flats in Cleveland, Ohio, the Greater Cleveland Aquarium features 1 million gallons of water and the SeaTube®, an exciting underwater walk-through experience. Design efforts are geared toward accentuating the existing structure, rather than covering it up. Individual adult tix \$50; Couple tix \$90

As some of you may know — local commercial diver and friend and dive buddy to several of our members, Mike Gorek, will be among those diving the aquarium! How cool is that?? Check it out!

<http://greaterclevelandaquarium.com/>

Should make an excellent winter road trip!

Cleveland Boat Show — featuring Ralph Wilbanks

If you didn't already have a reason to go to the boat show, you do now! Ralph Wilbanks' will be presenting his underwater archaeology adventures!

<http://www.clevelandboatshow.com/midam-news.shtml>

Thanks for sharing Mike !

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UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGIST TO DISCUSS HIS MANY PROJECTS AT BOAT SHOW

Ralph Wilbanks' work as an underwater archaeologist has taken him across the globe, but he is perhaps best known for directing the successful search for the sunken Civil War submarine H.L. Hunley in 1995.

The eight-person Hunley was used by the Confederacy and in 1864 became the first submarine in history to sink an enemy warship when it planted a torpedo into the side of the USS Housatonic, which was serving as part of the Union blockade in the Charleston, South Carolina, harbor.

The Hunley did not return from the attack and its whereabouts remained in question until Wilbanks, working with best-selling author Clive Cussler and the National Underwater and Marine Agency, located it 1,000 feet away from the wreck of the Housatonic.

Since then, Wilbanks has found many more shipwrecks and lost World War II submarines and is currently searching for John Paul Jones' Bonhomme Richard near England.

Wilbanks will be at the Progressive® Insurance Mid-America Boat Show on Saturday, Jan. 14 and Sunday, Jan. 15 to discuss his projects with visitors.

The show will be open Jan. 13-22 at the I-X Center in Cleveland.

Admission will be \$12 for adults; children 12 and younger will get in free.

For more information, visit clevelandboatshow.com.

Available promotional photos:



National Great Lakes Maritime Museum — Toledo, Ohio

The following article appeared in the Morning Journal on December 8th—

Funds awarded for National Great Lakes Maritime Museum

The Ohio Cultural Facilities Commission approved \$6,075,000 at its quarterly today to allow the city of Toledo and the Great Lakes Historical Society, currently located in Vermillion, to develop the National Great Lakes Maritime Museum. The city of Toledo plans to use the approved funds to create a maritime park with outdoor exhibits, a berth for the James M. Schoonmaker historic lake freighter and interior renovation of the existing Skyway Marina building to house exhibits for the National Great Lakes Maritime Museum.

<http://www.morningjournal.com/articles/2011/12/08/news/doc4ee0ea6188bed832243691.txt>

— *More to come!*

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Scuba Sport Magazine is a bi-monthly diving/underwater lifestyle magazine that not only focuses on diving and the diving community, but also provides special attention to activities to engage non-divers while their significant others are out on the dive boat.

Many active divers only have the opportunity to pursue their passion three or four times a year. Or, they plan diving excursions while on vacation with the family. One of the most common questions that divers receive when pitching a travel idea to their spouses/significant others has always been “What am I (the kids) going to do while you’re out diving?”.

Scuba Sport understands this dilemma. Which is why we include amenities and adventures to keep the entire family engaged while you’re chasing barracudas, sharks and sea turtles.

— *“Because divers do more than make bubbles!”*

Titanic Artifacts for Auction

So what else does a *Titanic* groupie have to look forward to in 2012? How about more than 5,000 items salvaged from the ill-fated ship heading to the auction block?

The owner, an apparent avid collector of artifacts salvaged from one of the world’s most infamous shipwrecks, has decided to put the collection up for sale to the highest bidder.

<http://newsfeed.time.com/2012/01/03/massive-trove-of-titanic-artifacts-headed-for-auction/>

If nothing else, you should read the article just for the creative journalism (our author definitely has a sense of humor...)

Maybe we could take up a collection and see if we can’t purchase a shard of the wreck? Perhaps a nice rusticle?

— *Because divers can never have enough memorabilia!*

Dive! Dive! Dive! — the DIVE SLATE is FULL of opportunities to wet your dive whistle!

Bonaire — Deep Blue Adventures & David Haas

Dates for the Bonaire trip at **Buddy Dive Resort** are AUGUST 11-18, 2012. Includes boat dives plus unlimited shore diving, FREE NITROX, a vehicle to explore town and do shore dives, FULL breakfast each day plus discounts on meals poolside. This is the best combination of resort comfort, diving right in front of the resort for tons of critters, the easiest night dive you'll ever do and more.

Contact Cheryl Patterson at Deep Blue Adventures at 419-517-6309 or email cheryl@deepblueadventures.com. She can also assist with airline reservations. David Haas, Haas Photography - davidhaas@sbcglobal.net - www.haasimages.com

Cozumel — New Wave

Join Rod Althaus and New Wave Scuba for an all-inclusive dive party February 25—March 3, 2012. Dive up to 3 boat divers per day, plus a night dive in the pristine reefs of Mexico. When you are not diving, relax at the oceanfront resort, Hotel Cozumel and enjoy unlimited meals, snacks and beverages, including bar drinks as part of the package. \$995 per diver, \$695 per non diver include 7 nights accommodations. 25% deposit required at booking, balance due January 11th 2012. Phone 419-734-2240 or email info@newwavescuba.com.

Oriskany — Deep Six Specialists

Dive the Aircraft Carrier *Oriskany* off Pensacola, Florida on June 25, 26, 27, 2012 (additional diving available.) Depth ranges from the stack at 80 ' to the Nav and Flag bridges at 125-135'. Your depths and times are according to your personal experience and training — that is, this can be a sport dive with Nitrox or some variation of technical diving. Only a few spaces left. Advanced Sport Diver is \$149 per day; Technical Diver is \$199 per day. Call for details at 330-724-8737 or email dale@deepsixspecialists.com

Great Lakes Wreck Diving — Sea Level Scuba

Dale Musser has been busy lining up warm water trips as well as wreck diving around the Great Lakes. Dale's trips fill up fast, so don't wait to commit. Options include:

- * The wreck of the *Dunderberg* from Harbor Beach on June 3rd—7 spots available

The *Dunderberg* sank in Lake Huron on August 13, 1868 from a collision with the steamship *Empire State*. This 3-masted schooner was built in Detroit in 1867. The shipwreck is in remarkable condition, standing high and upright on the bottom. The highlight of this wreck is the figurehead beneath the bow sprint, which resembles an alligator.

- * Wreck(s) to be determined from Harbor Beach on July 15th —7 spots available

- * Tech Wrecks of Whitefish Point staying at Vagabond Motel on August 5—8th — 5 spots available

- * Winter trip to Curacao on February 16th — 23rd, 2013 — spaces limited

Check out Dale's website for additional details at <http://www.sealevelscuba.net/trips.html>

St. Croix — Deep Blue Adventures

This one may still be a possibility for fall 2012. We'll need to revisit pricing with Cheryl. Lots of ideas flowing right now include Grenada and other locations. So, feel free to suggest! Plenty of places to dive dive dive!!! =>

Grove City, PA — Scott's Scuba Service

Interested in diving a 'Crusty Quarry?' Here is a privately owned quarry in western Pennsylvania north of Pittsburgh in a place called Grove City, PA. See the web site for details <http://www.scottsscuba.com/SCOTTSSCUBASERVICE/CRUSTYS.html>

Email us about your upcoming dive trip(s) — cause it's ALL about getting wet!

[VISIBILITY]

Visibility is the monthly newsletter of *Lake Erie Wreck Divers (LEWD)*.

We:

- promote diving the many shipwrecks off our shores
- study the history behind them
- socialize with divers that share these interests
- have a lot of fun

The club meets at 7:30 on the third Wednesday of each month except December. *Lake Erie Wreck Divers* rely on "word of mouth" to bring in new members. If you know of anyone that may enjoy our club, please invite them. to our next club meeting.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be on
Wed, January 18th at
Stampers Grill & Pub
21750 Lorain Road
Fairview Park, OH
6:30 Eats — 7:30-ish Meeting
Sea yawl there

Quickie Calendar

Jan 13-22—Cleveland Boat Show featuring Ralph Wilbanks
Jan 21 — Greater Cleveland Aquarium opens to the public
Feb 4 & 5—Arctic Ice Festival @ Sandusky Maritime Museum
Feb 2012 — Dive the Philippines with David Haas and Deep Blue Adventures
Feb 25— Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival
Feb 25—March 3 — Dive Cozumel with New Wave
Aug 11-18 — Dive Bonaire with Deep Blue Adventures
June 3rd—Dive the Dunderberg with Sea Level Scuba
June 25-27—Dive the Oriskany with Deep Six Specialists
July 15—Harbor Beach wrecks with Sea Level Scuba
August 5—8th Whitefish Point with Sea Level Scuba
Feb 16-23, 2013—Curacao with Sea Level Scuba
April 28—Annual LEWD Banquet at Elyria Elks

Shipwreck Maps - Erie wrecks

Mike (Adventurer, Explorer & Teller of Tall Tales) & Georgann have proudly announced another unique shipwreck offering — Lake Erie shipwreck maps!

These 36" x 24" laminated "**Shipwrecks of Lake Erie**" charts are now available at www.eriewrecks.com. This artistic chart provides accurate GPS locations, paintings of vessels as they sit today, and images of ships before they sank.

It Makes a GREAT wall hanging and even better gift!

Order it on the website for \$20.00, or bring cash or check to the White Elephant gift exchange. (The web price of \$25 includes shipping.)

... hmmm... makes me wonder if I'll be this darn productive when I retire...

GREAT WORK MnG!!

January/February LEWD Birthdays

Mike Gowan—January 21

Jacques Girard—February 21

Gail Gray—January 27

Sally Glass — February 12

Ron Hudy—January 5

Mike Pleban—February 23

Gary Oser—January 12

Happy Birthday to all you New

Scott Pansing—January 14

Year's and February babes!

Jim Wilson—January 27

Editor's "Did YOU Know" Notes:

The telephone area code for a cruise ship crossing the Atlantic Ocean is 871.

A dolphin's hearing is so acute that it can detect underwater sounds from 15 miles away.

And they called this 'useless knowledge' - Ha!

Visibility Archive page at <http://visibility.nantucketbay.com/>