

# Badger Buddy Line

## The Official Newsletter of the Badger State Dive Club

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### Next Club Meeting Tuesday, August 26th

The Badger State Dive Club invites all certified divers, students currently enrolled in classes, and all those interested in the sport of skin and scuba diving, to join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, **Aug. 26th at 7:30pm at Edwardo's Natural Pizza**, Hwy 100 & Bluemound, Milwaukee. More information available on the Club website: [www.badgerstatediveclub.org](http://www.badgerstatediveclub.org).

### Club Officers for 2008

President – **Rich Laiacona**

Vice President – **Tom Ash**

Treasurer – **Ben Prokash**

Dive Coordinator – **Bob Lijewski**

Secretary – **Lee Hintz**

Sgt.-at-Arms – **Steve Busalacchi**

Honorary Board – **Dick Klug**

Honorary Board – **Dan Booton**

Honorary Board – **Mike Wolf**

### Members in attendance at 7/29/08 Meeting:

**Steve Busalacchi, Tim Dake, Lee Hintz, Bob Lijewski, Jim Noel, Ben Prokash, Bryce Ripp, Gary & Rene Steven, Mike Stupak, Tim Sulik, Mike Wolf and Guests Chris Schumann, and Jonathan Taylor. Excused: Dan Beck, Jim Driver and Rich Laiacona.**

### MEETING NOTES

by Lee Hintz

- ◆ The **July 29th** meeting was called to order by Secretary **Lee Hintz**, at exactly 7:30 pm, with 12 members and 2 guests in attendance.
- ◆ Treasurer's Report from **Ben Prokash** was emailed:  
**Checking Account** Balance: \$362.32  
**Certificate of Deposit** Balance: \$12,256.30
- ◆ The Club meets in the private upstairs meeting room of **Edwardo's Natural Pizza, Hwy 100 & Bluemound Road, Milwaukee**. Food and beverage options are available to the Club, at a cost to members and guests who choose to eat at the Club meeting, of \$5 per person. Those who choose not to eat will receive beer, ice tea and soda as in the past, at no cost. The Club pays the balance.

### Related Links

- ◆ For Muck Divers and Bottle Collectors:  
<http://mrbottles.com>

- ◆ Wisconsin Underwater Archeology Association:  
<http://wuaa.org>
- ◆ Search Online Milwaukee Public Library's Great Lake Marine Collection, formerly known as Herman Runge Collection Online (10,00 ship file), set up by **Brendon Baillood**: [www.ship-wreck.com/shipwreck/runge/](http://www.ship-wreck.com/shipwreck/runge/)
- ◆ Local Divers Discussion Forum:  
<http://wiscuba.com/yabbse/>

### Old Business

- ◆ **Kevin Cokain** has an extensive list of dive accessories for sale. All items are negotiable: Call **414-481-4362**.
- ◆ **Bob Lijewski** has a pair of near-new, drysuit gloves for sale. Call **Bob at: 414-422-9452**.
- ◆ There was more discussion regarding Club T-shirts and business cards. **Rich Laiacona** volunteered to design and order the Club business cards. **Bob Lijewski** displayed (modeled) a selection of the T-shirts available through **Deep Blue**. They looked very good with the Club logo and the cost was minimal. **Bob** will discuss this option with President **Rich Laiacona** and report next month.
- ◆ **Lee Hintz** received "thank-you's" from two of the officers, of the **Wisconsin Underwater Archeology Association**, for the Club's donation of \$100 to help defray the expenses of the surveying projects in **Bailey's Harbor & the Fireboat 23** in **Milwaukee**.
- ◆ **Lee Hintz** received an affirmative response from **Jon Paul Van Harpen**, noted author of "**Door Peninsula Shipwrecks**" and a columnist in **Door County** newspapers, "**Jon Paul's Maritime Diaries**", and who lives in **Sturgeon Bay**, regarding our invitation to speak at a Club meeting this Fall. **Jon Paul** also worked for **Mel Fisher's Key West** operation for five years, during the salvaging of the **Nuestra Senora de Atocha** treasures. The Club will pay for a hotel room for his appearance.
- ◆ **Gary Steven** reports that **WGBH** online store has a special sale of the DVD, "**Nazi Secrets Revealed**", combining 5 DVD's including "**Hitler's Lost Sub**", a total of 300 minutes of video, for an unbelievable price of only \$11.99 + \$4.95 shipping. Order now at: [www.shop.wgbh.org](http://www.shop.wgbh.org). I did! (We showed **Part 1** of the subject of the book **Shadow Divers** at the July meeting. **Part 2** will be shown at the **August Club meeting**).

## Past Dives

- ◆ **Mike Wolf** reported on doing two dives on his boat with Club divers. Three divers joined **Mike** on a dive on **Lake Nagawicka** near the Island, with four divers on **Okauchee Lake** near Party Island. Call **Mike** if you would like to go on future evening dives, during the week: **262-370-5899**.
- ◆ Dive Coordinator **Bob Lijewski** reported on the **Lake Michigan** charter with the **Mai-Tai** on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Visibility was good on the **Milwaukee** and the **Fireboat 23** and the water temp was 45 degrees. Divers included **Bob Lijewski, Rich Laiacona, Tim Dake, & Jim Driver**. There were some cancellations. **Thanks Bob!**
- ◆ **Gary** and **Joey Steven** went to **Munising, MI** for wreck diving, over the **July 4<sup>th</sup>** weekend. They had five good dives, on the **Bermuda, Smith Moore, Steven M. Selvick, Hesper** and **Madiera** (this one was 34 degrees on the bottom, see photo at right of deck support knees).
- ◆ **Lee Hintz** is reported on the picnic dive at **Firemen's Park** at **Elkhart Lake**, on **Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup>**. It was a cool and windy day but six divers and family members had a good time diving and socializing. Divers included: **Lee Hintz**, former member **Diane Wakeland**, (who may rejoin the Club), **Mike Stupak** and future member **Chris Slaats**, (who will be voted in at the next meeting), **Jim Noel** and friend **Annie**, (who may be interested in joining the Club), and a group of six divers from the **Fox Valley Dive Club**, including **Steve & Christina Wagner**.
- ◆ **Bob Lijewski** reported on the survey dives on the **Fireboat 23** in **Lake Michigan** with WUAA. The most recent dive on **July 17<sup>th</sup>** was again on **Jerry Guyer's** boat the **Len Der**. Eight divers **Bob**, and **Bill King, Peter Kastella, Blake Ewing, Paul Frank**, and **Eric Perea** of the **Waukesha County Divers Association**.
- ◆ **Mike Stupak** and **Jim Noel** recently dove in **Door County** a few times, including on the **Fleetwing**.
- ◆ New member **Bryce Ripp** dove **Lake Michigan** with some friends, on the **Carferry Milwaukee**, last month.

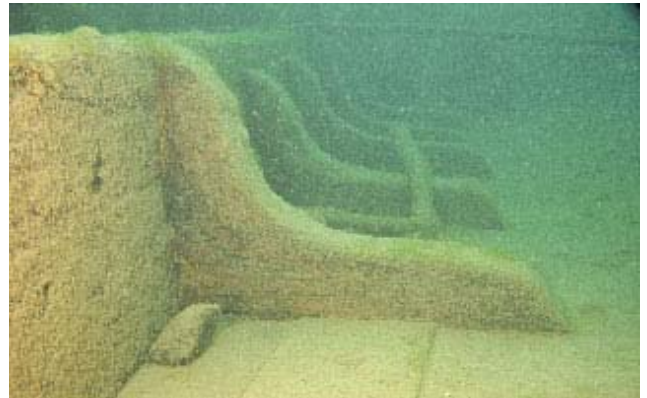
## Future Dives

- ◆ **Mike Wolf** has scheduled some inland lake boat dives in **August** as follows: Call **Mike** for details – **262-370-5899**
  - **Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm, Upper Phantom Lake, bottle dive.** Meet at the boat launch.
  - **Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am, Big Cedar Lake, West Bend, boat dives.** Meet at the boat launch.
  - **Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30pm, Pine Lake, Chenniqua, (near Delafield), boat dive.** Meet at the **Park & Ride** lot at **Hwy 16 & Hwy C**. **Thanks Mike! Call to confirm: 262-370-5899.**

- ◆ **Bob Lijewski** is setting up a **Lake Michigan Charter** dive for **September**. Please let him know what you would prefer: **414-422-9452**.
- ◆ **Mountain Bay Quarry Blast, Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, West Point Dive Park, Lohrville, WI.**

## Future Social

- ◆ **Port Washington Maritime Heritage Festival, August 15 – 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Harbor, 10:00 am Daily.**
- ◆ **Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, Titanic Exhibition at Milwaukee Public Museum.**  
**Good Diving!**



Munising Wreck – Gary Steven photographer



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