

Badger Buddy Line

The Official Newsletter of the Badger State Dive Club

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Next Club Meeting Tuesday, June 24th

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, **June 24th at 7:30pm at Edwardo's Natural Pizza**, Hwy 100 & Bluemound, Milwaukee. More information available on the Club website: 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 5/27/08 Meeting:

Tom Ash, Dan Beck, Steve Busalacchi, Tim Dake, Jim Driver, Lee Hintz, Dick & Mary Klug, Dave Kyles, Rich Laiacona, Aaron Lilly, Jim Noel, Bryce Ripp, Gary Steven, Mike Stupak, and Mike Wolf. Excused: Jim Driver, Bob Lijewski, Ben Prokash, and Bill Rozga.

MEETING NOTES

by Lee Hintz

- ◆ The **May 27th** meeting was called to order by President Rich Laiacona, at exactly 7:30 pm, with 16 members and no guests in attendance.
- ◆ Treasurer's Report from **Ben Prokash** was emailed:
Checking Account Balance: \$1,095.59
Certificate of Deposit Balance: \$12,206.30
- ◆ 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, and at a cost to members and guests who choose to eat food 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 due.
- 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/
- Local Divers Discussion Forum:
<http://wiscuba.com/yabbse/>

New Business

- ◆ The month's dive related prize, donated by **Deep Blue**, was given away at the May Club meeting. The lucky winner of a **Dive-Rite** underwater light was **Aaron Lilly**. A drawing for another prize will be held at the June meeting. **Thanks to our friends at Deep Blue!**
- ◆ **Bill Roehrs**, soon to be voted in as a member, has a pair of fins for sale: **ScubaPro** Twinmax XL yellow.
Email:billroehrs@yahoo.com
- ◆ **Kevin Cokain** has an extensive list of dive accessories for sale. All items are negotiable: Call **414-481-4362**
- ◆ **Divers Alert Network, DAN** sent a thank you acknowledgement for our donation of \$100 again this year. The Club received a plaque and the DAN bi-monthly magazine.

Past Dives

- ◆ **Rich Laiacona & Bryce Ripp** completed a Drysuit class put on by the **Underwater Connection**, with **Mike Bernard** instructing. They used **DUI** Drysuits.
- ◆ **Aaron & Stephanie Lilly** dove **Lake Michigan** with **Divers' Delight** on the **Brig Mahoney**.
- ◆ **Aaron & Stephanie Lilly** also joined fellow member **Ian Rosaaen** in his call to do a dive in **Silver Lake** in Oconomowoc. **Ian** also did his first **Lake Michigan** dive since moving here from California, on the **LenDer**.
- ◆ **Dave Kyles** completed his Advanced Diver certification with **Deep Blue** this month. **Congrats Dave!**
- ◆ **Gary and Joey Steven** dove on the car ferry **Milwaukee** with the **LenDer**.

Future Dives

- ◆ **Lee Hintz** is going to **Door County** with seven other divers, to do three dives on a wreck in **Bailey's Harbor**, for the **Wisconsin Underwater Archeology Association, WUAA**, on May 31st & June 1st. The surveying project will continue later in the summer, along with the **Fireboat** project in **Milwaukee**. Volunteers are needed.
- ◆ Dive Coordinator **Bob Lijewski** has a **Lake Michigan** charter on the **Len Der** scheduled for **Sat. June 7th**, at **8:00 am**. Cost to members is **\$40**. The Club has 8 divers signed up. **Call Bob: 414-422-9452**.
- ◆ **Mike Wolf** reports that many Waukesha County lakes; such as **Pine, Pewaukee, Okauchee, Oconomowoc, Nemahbin** and **Nagawicka** are closing their boat launches due to high water. When conditions return to normal, divers will meet at the **Hwy 16 and Hwy C, Park & Ride** lot for evening dives on **Mike's boat**. Watch the Web site & emails for details.
- ◆ **Kevin and Jackie Cokain** are going to **Mackinaw City, MI** for wreck diving, **June 7-14th**.
- ◆ **Jim Driver** has cancelled the June weekend dive trip to **Lake Wazee** in **Black River Falls**. He hopes to be able to reschedule the trip for later in the summer for the Club. Please call or email him: **262-644-0895**, or jimdriver@charter.net if you are interested in diving in Wisconsin's deepest lake. See this web site for details on the diving and accommodations: www.wazeesports.com.
- ◆ **Lee Hintz** is setting up a picnic dive at **Firemen's Park** at **Elkhart Lake** on **Saturday July 12th**. Meet at the **Mc Donald's** at **Brown Deer Road and I-43** at 9:00 am, and we will caravan to the Park and parking lot. Call **414-762-3175** if you need directions. There is a small park fee.
- ◆ **Aaron and Stephanie Lilly** are planning a trip to dive and camp in **Lake Superior, July 13 – 15th**. Anyone interested in joining them should contact them.
- ◆ **Bob Lijewski** has reserved 6 spots on the **Lake Michigan** charter on the catamaran **Mai-Tai**, on **July 26th**, at **8:00 am**, cost to members is **\$35**, and 3 are signed up. **Call Bob: 414-422-9452** to hold your spot!
- ◆ **Bob Lijewski** is looking at a dive out of **Waukegan**, on **August 3rd** in the afternoon, or on the **10th** all-day. Please let him know which you would prefer: **414-422-9452**.

Past Social

- ◆ The **Franklin Public Library** had a book signing by **Robert Kursten**, author of the bestseller **Shadow Diver**. **Bryce Ripp, Jim Noel & Joey Steven** were able to meet with him. **Joey** did a book report for his school and was able to gander many points as a result of this!
Good Divng!



Lee Hintz with WUAA in Bailey's Harbor



Lee Hintz surveying an unidentified wreck



Lee and Kent Powley – 47 degrees



Russ Leitz of WUAA led the project