

# FOUR LAKES SCUBA CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## Meeting

**Wednesday  
October 12 7:30 pm  
Coliseum Bar**

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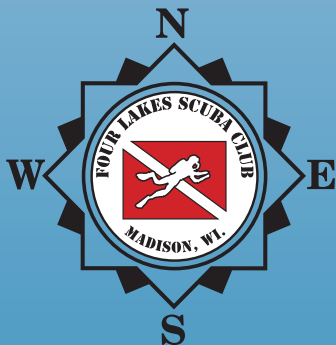
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## Club Summer Picnic and Phoenix Party

October 8, 3–8 pm at Betsy True and Danny Aerts residence in rural Middleton. Club provides steaks, soda and beer, entertainment is the annual anchor fire. Bring Tonka Toasters if you have 'em, fillings will be provided. Bring *dish-to-pass*, beans accepted. For directions contact newsletter editor.

## Underwater Hockey

Monday nights at the McFarland High School pool from 8–9 pm.

October 10, 17, 24  
November 7, 14, 21, 28  
December 5, 12, 19

We will initially plan to play with official pool rules on the third Monday every month:  
Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19

## Dives To Do

### Crabby Hermit

Sunday, October 9, 2005  
Dive at Lake Wazee at 10:00 AM. Between noon and 1:00 we will be doing a barbeque. If you wish to participate, please bring a dish to share with others. I will bring Brats and burgers.

Sunday, October 16, 2005  
Dive at Devil's Lake featuring a halloween theme with underwater pumpkin carving. Afterwards, we will go to the Crabby Hermit Dive Center for hot spiced apple cider and chilled apple cider with apples and donuts.

RSVP to both events. On both

occasions, free rental equipment will be available to the alumni of Crabby Hermit Dive Center. Supplies are limited so it is first come first served with students in training receiving priority in distribution.

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## Champaign's Fall Underwater Hockey Tournament at IMPE

From Carringt@uiuc.edu

Weekend of December 3rd, 2005,  
9 am to 6 pm (8:30am warm-up)

Register with Benjamin Holtzman  
(bholtzm2@uiuc.edu)

\$25 with registration on or before  
November 24th (Thanksgiving);  
\$35 after. Checks can be sent  
to Benjamin Holtzman, 409  
E. Chalmers St. Apt #1611,  
Champaign, IL 61820

There will be a banquet Saturday  
night.

## Our World Underwater Alone

February 24 –26, 2006. \$60 until  
December 31, \$89/nite at the  
Hyatt. Details at ourworldunder-  
water.com.

## Shipwreck "Rediscovered"

The "rediscovery" of the wreck of the brig MAHONIG has set off an Internet firestorm of debate over the ethics and etiquette of shipwreck hunting. It all started on August 27 when Brad Ingersoll of Belgium, WI and Jerry Guyer of Milwaukee, working indepen-

**If's a Halloween open house (or lair)**

**Come if you dare and have a scare**

**Bring a friend you can spare, we'll fix him up  
medium rare.**

**Or you can bring a different snack if you care.**

**241 Kayler Ct. Oregon is where.**

**October 29, 7:00 pm if you dare.**

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dently, located the brig's wreck site in Lake Michigan, just south of Port Washington. The controversy erupted when the pair made public the location of the wreck. Long time shipwreck hunters Paul Ehorn of Elgin, IL and Butch Klopp of Port Washington now claim to have originally discovered the wreck in the summer of 1999. However, they never told anyone about it. Internet chat boards are rife with chatter about who are the "real" discoverers of the wreck. Also being hotly debated is whether or not those who find shipwrecks have an obligation to share their find with the public, or, can they keep the discovery and thus the shipwreck to themselves? One side claims that announcing the MAHONIG's location opens the door to public documentation and filming. The other says it opens the door to the theft of artifacts,ruining its historical integrity. The wreck of

the MAHONING is nearly flat, rising only 3' off the bottom. When it sank in December 1864, the MAHONING was being towed to Milwaukee for a rebuild after stranding at Sheboygan.

### **Pressed Steel's Future ???**

The future of Pressed Steel Tank Company of West Allis, WI is in doubt. The manufacturer of high pressure cylinders is in the midst of a move from its West Allis location at 1445 S. 66th Street to the Tower Automotive manufacturing complex on N. 35th Street in Milwaukee. Expected financing for the move, however, has yet to be approved. That prompted the company to file a mass layoff notice with the State of Wisconsin in early September. If the financing is not secured, the company indicated it would permanently cut 37 manufacturing and management jobs beginning October 28. Pressed Steel

is seeking \$3 million in New Market Tax Credits from the U. S. Department of Treasury to help finance the \$5.3 million move. A decision on the credits has yet to be announced. The credits provide tax breaks to finance businesses in low-income areas. The City of West Allis is providing \$2.25 million to help Pressed Steel move and the Milwaukee Economic Development Corporation has approved a \$500,000 loan, but according to officials, with out the tax credits the move and the future of the company is in jeopardy. The demise of Pressed Steel could have a significant impact on SCUBA divers. Pressed Steel's E-Series high pressure steel tank has become a favorite of both technical and recreational divers. Despite difficulties in filling orders due to shortages of steel and high market demand, divers have taken to the tanks higher pressure, 3,442 psi, its yoke/DIN convertible valve, hot dip galvanized finish and negative buoyancy characteristics. The E-Series, however, has been manufactured since 1987 under an exemption from the U.S. Department of Transportation's normal cylinder specifications. That exemption, DOT-E 9791, will expire on January 31, 2006. If Pressed Steel closes its doors and does not apply for an extension of the exemption, the DOT will not allow the use of any E-Series high pressure steel tank. Diving industry professionals have indicated that if the exemption expires individuals may continue to have an E-Series tank filled as long as the hydro is up to date. It is when the tank comes due for a hydro that the problem begins. The current DOT exemption reads, "No person may use or apply this



# First Annual Wisconsin Underwater Archeology Conference

Saturday, October 22, 2005, 9 AM – 8 PM  
Comfort Suites – Milwaukee Airport  
6362 S. 13th Street, Oak Creek, WI • 414-570-1111

Join us for a day of presentations, films and interactive discussion concerning Wisconsin's historic underwater archeology resources. Seating will be limited so make your online registration early at [www.wuaa.org](http://www.wuaa.org). The deadline for pre-registration will be October 18. Admission will be \$15 for pre-registrants and \$20 for those not pre-registered. Admission will be collected at the door and will benefit the WUAA, a not for profit organization.

## Schedule of events

- **9AM – 10AM:** WUAA Fall Business Meeting
- **10AM – 10:30:** WUAA Opening Remarks
- **10:30AM – 11:30AM:** Keith Meverden, Wisconsin State Underwater Archeologist – Great Lakes Scow Schooners
- **11:30AM – 1PM:** Lunch on your own
- **1PM – 2PM:** Dr. Bob Birmingham, former Wisconsin State Archeologist – Archeology of the Wisconsin Fur Trade at Madeline Island
- **2PM – 3 PM:** Brendon Baillod & Kimm Stabelfeldt, WUAA Members – Wreck of the brig Mahoning, 1847 – 1864 - 2005
- **3PM – 4 PM:** C. Patrick Labadie, Historian, Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary – Current Approaches to Documenting Great Lakes Shipwrecks
- **4PM – 5:30:** Interactive Panel Discussion – Techniques for Identifying 19<sup>th</sup> Century Great Lakes Shipwreck Remains
- **5:30 – 8:00:** Social Gathering / Cash Bar

**For Hotel Reservations**, call (414) 570-1111. Mention that you will be attending the First Annual Wisconsin Underwater Archeology Conference for a group rate of \$89. Reservations must be in by October 4<sup>th</sup> to get the group rate.

## **Other Hotels:**

Radisson Milwaukee Airport, 6331 South 13<sup>th</sup> St. (800) 303-8002  
Baymont Inn, 7141 S. 13th Street, (414)762-2266

## **Lunch & Dinner Options:**

Houlihan's – inside the Radisson Hotel  
Branded Steer - 1299 W College Ave  
Applebee's - 7135 S 13TH St

## **Map**



exemption, including display of its number, when this has expired or is otherwise no longer in effect.” The result of that order is that hydro-testers will not be allowed to recertify E-9791 tanks. Without an updated hydro, the tanks can not be filled commercially. It’s happened before. Insiders call these perfectly good but unusable tanks, “orphan tanks.”

Pressed Steel E-Series tanks can be identified by the markings on the shoulder of the tank. In place of the familiar “DOT-3AA” stamped into the metal will be “DOT-E 9791” followed by the tank’s service pressure of 3442 psi. In December 2002, West Allis building inspectors condemned the 100-year old Pressed Steel factory and ordered its demolition, citing 135 code violations. After two years in court, the city

bought the facility for \$500,000. The Pressed Steel property is considered a key piece of the city’s Six Points/Farmer’s Market development project which includes condominiums, apartments and commercial space.

#### **New Divers This Year:**

May 19, Maxwell Jon Zeaman was born to our own Underwater Hockey fish, Jon Zeaman and his wife, Lisa. Maxwell joins big fish sister Melia.

September 4, Keanan James Sargent was born to Melissa and Justin Sargent. He joins Devin and Bailey to make the Sargent Underwater Hockey team.

September 29, Sjors Casper Doreleijers (pronounced “shores”) was born to Carin and Jurgen Doreleijers, a healthy 9 pounder. He joins big sister Veerle.

#### **Calendar 2005**

**October 8—Club Picnic and Phoenix Party: Betsy and Danny’s**

**October 12—Meeting**

**October 26—Board Meeting**  
Betsy and Danny’s

**October 29—Halloween Party**

**November 9—Radio Rick *Searching with Side Scan***

**November 30—Board Meeting**  
John and Ellen

**December 14—Holiday Party**

#### **Four Lakes SCUBA Club**

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