

Mid-Michigan Telegram

AUGUST 2008

President's Corner

After our last outing (Whitehall) it hit me that we were in the wrong business this year. We are doing a far better job of predicting Thunderstorms than good fishing days. St. Joe, Sterling, Whitehall, Sportsman for youth, and Pheasants youth day all were affected by storms. Only Grand Haven escaped the curse. SO if your planning on the campout make sure to pack your raingear. There now that I've predicted rain, nature will prove me wrong (I hope). Also for the campout our source of firewood is not available this year, so we could use some help. Last year I hauled up a face cord of wood if anyone would like to help out first let me know how much you can bring, and second remember that ANY fire wood hauled from our are has to be finished(NO BARK).

While we were in Whitehall the topic of how to get more members into the events came up. Short of figuring out a way to have our events in Lansing we are open to suggestions on increasing member participation. I know that I get more out of the club when I am a little more involved (June was really too involved) as I get to know other members a little better

One last thing. Capt. Fred McDonald has asked if there is interest among our members in becoming Certified Observers on the tournament trail. For details you can check the tournament trail web site. SOMEONE help me remember to discuss it at the Sept. meeting

Tight Lines

Larry

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JULY 21 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

We were very lucky to have John Bueter as our July speaker. We all learned a lot about stream fishing. John not only gave us great tips, but was a very personable speaker. Great lake and stream fishing people all enjoyed his presentation. A lot of questions followed, with most going outdoors to learn hands on techniques.

John has a salmon camp that he told us all about. Only \$100 includes spot for vehicle or camping, includes couple of meals and fly fishing lessons. It's the end of September and several steelheaders attend. Some of Mid-Michigan members signed up that were interested and when we plan 2009 outings we'll see if you are interested in making this a club outing.

You can contact John for information:

THERE IS NO AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MEETING

There will be a short meeting on Sat. August 16 after dinner at the campout. Promise it will be short!

FAMILY PICNIC JULY 20

A very special thank you to Pam Redburn and Larry Hoort for taking over the fishboil in the absence of Mark and Don. They were joined by Dave Bieganski. They did a great job!

I love the picnic, campout and Christmas Party, because it gives a chance to really get to know each other. AND there are some pretty great cooks in our chapter (can't wait to see what they bring to snack table and dish to pass at campout).

Ron and Betty Hunt brought the very popular "Ladder Game" again and everyone enjoyed playing that as well as horseshoes.

Pam Bieganski and Sandy Roudebush took some great pictures (thank you ladies), enjoy on this and next pages. Below Pam Redburn helped make Larry Hoort "look" like a cook. Pam and Larry hard at work.





September River & Stream Outing Wellston Mi.

September 20 & 21

This outing is designed to give river and stream anglers an opportunity for a little competition, camaraderie and a chance to tell some lies. However, big boaters and pier anglers are welcome to attend and enjoy also. It will be based out of Twin Oaks campground in Wellston and they are saving a block of campsites for us. Just mention you are with Mid Michigan Steelheaders so we can all be in the same area. They will only hold them for a limited time so call ASAP and talk to Steve or Jackie to reserve your site.

I will be arriving Friday morning the 19th and be fishing the Manistee early so I can start setting up in the afternoon. I will be renting a fifth wheel with a couple of other members from the club. They have a couple cabins plus a bunkhouse for rent if you call early enough. FYI the campground has a Lodge with Dish TV and a pool table. There is a coin laundry, fish cleaning station, fish freezer, LP filling, playground, WiFi, store, and much more. You can check out their web site @ www.twinoakscamping.com.

The Manistee should be full of salmon by then and ready to strike lures or spawn. The Manistee is best fished from a small boat or jet sled if you are lucky enough to have one. I fish from a 14 ft' aluminum boat with a 15 horse and cast lures, which I think is the most fun. There is also bank and wade fishing along the river plus there are many smaller trout streams in the area.

There will be a Big Fish contest Saturday for all with one fish per boat or wading/bank fishing angler. Big boats wishing to enter will be asked to limit their rods to four to keep things somewhat fair. The cost will be \$10 per angler with \$5 going toward a Saturday meal after the weigh in. All coolers must be in line by 2:30 pm on Saturday to qualify. Depending on participation we will pay from 1 to 3 places.

If there are enough stream trout anglers and they wish to keep some, we could have a separate contest for them.

If you will be staying elsewhere or just coming for the day I need to know so I can purchase the food and drink. If you have any questions or suggestions feel free to contact me @ 517 285-4497.

Doug Herbruck

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR RESERVATION YET???????

AUGUST CAMPOUT

This awesome outing is for members of Mid-Michigan Steelheaders (unless you have let me know you are bringing a guest, guest are welcome once). It's by reservation only. So this is for all of you that have reservations.

You don't have to register at the office when you arrive. Everything is taken care of for you. Unless you have RSVP' for

Extra days on your own, then take care of only those extra days.

We will be crewing up boats Friday.

THIS IS NOT A CHAPTER TOURNAMENT, however there will be a **BIG** fish contest on Saturday, see Larry on Friday to register must be registered before going fishing Saturday!

Lot #117 is our community lot with #116 for overflow. Bring your own lawn chair to lot #117. Any snacks you bring to Share put on tables under canopy (maybe chips, cookies, muffins, etc.) 7up products and bottled water in big White cooler (if you want anything else to drink, you need to bring it). Coffee will be set up mornings under the Canopy, Styrofoam cups there but you may want to bring along your insulated coffee cup. The English muffins & bagels there are great cooked on the fire. Maybe you'd like a s'more , please help yourself to fixings for them.

Help yourself to hotdogs. Hotdog forks will be there and all the fixings. I'm sure some one will bring chips to go along With them. If no hotdogs out, check red cooler.

MOST OF ALL HAVE A GREAT TIME. Any questions feel free to ask me.

Membership renewals and new member sign ups will be on community lot Saturday noon-2:00pm and Sunday 9:00am-Noon.

We will need help cleaning up and packing up community lots on Sunday.

PLEASE PRINT OUT AND BRING NEXT PAGE WITH YOU! It has everyone's name on each lot and boat names.

MEMBERS AT THE AUGUST CAMPOUT

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| 99 | 110'S PARKING | |
| | JAY, BRANDI, COLE AND CALLA EPLER | DAN & ELAINE CAN- |
| 100 | FIELD | |
| 101 | GLENN & MINDY O'SINCLAIR | |
| 102 | TIM GROVE | |
| 103 | TERRY SANDFORD & TONGUA | |
| 104 | STEVE & CAROLYN PECIC | NERVOUS WRECK |
| 105 | HERB MILLER & JANETTE | |
| 106 | BRIAN, CHERYL & CODY PRATT | |
| 107 | ROGER, MARY ARNOLD | TED, VIRGINIA |
| 108 | DON CUNNINGHAM | WATER WOLF |
| 109 | PAT AND JENNY QUINN | |
| 110 | RON MASKE, DAVE STRUNK, JOHN WRIGHT | THE BRAT |
| | DENNIS KELLEY, PHIL BUSTOS, JEFF BUSTOS, DERRICK | |
| 110 | BUSTOS, | WET BURRITO |
| 111 | REGAN GRUNLAND, BOB RUSHAL | |
| 112 | LARR AND JEANIE FLAK | |
| 113 | TAMMY GIBSON | SHERRY |
| 114 | WAYNE HUFF | |
| 115 | BOB CLARK | |
| 116 | COMMUNITY | |
| 117 | COMMUNITY | |
| cabin | | |
| 118 | MARK & PAM REDBURN | KELLY |
| cabin | | |
| 119 | STEVE MARCUKI | |
| 120 | MIKE AND GALE SCOTT | |
| 5th w | | |
| 40 | LARRY & GERRI HOORT | BOB MANLEY |
| | | INSANITY |
| SENGS | DAVE & PAM BIEGANSKI | R-TYME |
| | HERMANN CHRISTOFF | |
| | CHUCK SZAFRON | LITTLE BLUE |
| | RON HUNT, STEVE TAYLOR, JOE PUENTE | MY DOG HOUSE |
| | EUGENE DOKUM | CANADIAN |
| | GREG BLANKSTROM & DOUG HERBRUCK | FREEBIE 2 |

JULY 12 WHITEHALL OUTING

Well what can we say besides the weather sucked. A couple of us fished Friday afternoon with a little luck we caught a couple of fish.

Saturday morning we all got up and went to breakfast, due to the rain and those little flashes in the sky. After breakfast it was time to make the rounds of the local tackle shops and of course everyone walked out with the hottest lures we couldn't live without.

Finally about noon we were able to get out. The local Charter captain was nice enough to tell us the radar looked like it was time to head out. About 2:00pm., we found out what shear wind was; I had never seen the wind change directions 90degrees in about 2 seconds and went from a,breeze to blowing the tops of the waves right off, the boats were listing from the wind; we had never seen anything like it. That was the end of fishing, even the charter boats came in empty handed. We did get back out about 5:00 but due to the weather the fish were scattered and had lock-jaw.

Highlight of the weekend was the marina had customer appreciation day, and all the food and beer were free!!!!

All in all it was a good time, the company was great and I really had a good time; after all, it's not always about how many fish, it's about hangin out with friends that makes this such a great sport and why I enjoy these outings so much.

Port Chairman

Greg Blankstrom



Man Overboard Story
12-Jul-2008
Story submitted by Dave Bieganski

The Whitehall tournament was called as there were not enough boats to support the tournament. 2 boats went out for a day of fishing on Saturday evening and when we came back to port 10:30 PM the marina was having a customer appreciation day for all of the slip owners.

The crews from both boats stopped by the festivities, we all had several beverages and watched the others singing karaoke and dancing. After the event was shut down we were on our way back to the boats when an ambulance came to help out a young lady that had passed out in the restroom from too much of a good time. A few of us stayed to watch for several minutes then went back to the boat to set up the aft curtain for sleeping. That is when we heard someone getting sick on the next dock. It was dark and we could not see anything and were not concerned until we heard a splash in the water. The spotlight was then activated to find an arm sticking out of the water attached to John who was trying to get back to the dock. Doug ran around to the other dock to help John and David followed while Richard held the light on John so we could find him when we got around to him. Doug was there first and had John by the arm holding him up then David helped Doug pull John from the water. John was so weak that he could not stand and was disorientated and didn't know which sailboat was his. After a couple of minutes John was able to show us his boat and we stayed until John was safely aboard.

We then went back to complete our evening set up and went to sleep when John started to knock on our window to ask if we were the ones that pulled him from the water. I advised John that we did pull him from the water, but he needed to get back to his boat to get some rest. We stayed up until John re-boarded his boat then we all went to sleep.

If we had not joined the festivities that night I fear John would not have been saved as he was not calling out for help and was in a very bad condition when he was pulled from the water.

This was John's lucky night!!!

Last names and location have been left from this story.

NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

Roger Madsen
Rick Travis
Mike Scott

Mark Redburn
Larry Hoort
Jon Hoort

Bob Manley
Mike Scott

MEMBERSHIPS DUE

JUNE

Con Allison
Don Cunningham
Chris Kallenbach

JULY

Keith Burton
Bob Clark
Jacob Gonzales
Jeff Hynes
Wayne Wheeler
Dean Zue

AUGUST

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