



Southwest Michigan Steelheaders

A Chapter of the Michigan Steelhead & Salmon Fishermen's Association

St. Joseph, Michigan



January 2009

Letter from the President,

Thanks to everyone who attended the Christmas Party this year. We had a lot of fun and the weather was finally in our favor! The video presentation giving a recap of the 2008 Steelheader year was a nice addition. Thanks to my wife, Theresa for putting this together for everyone to enjoy.

The 2008 Holiday Dinner brought approximately 120 guests to enjoy a wonderful dinner. Although the weather conditions were not at all in our favor with the high winds, snow and blizzard conditions making it difficult for transporting - KUDO'S go to Tracy Cooley, Jim & Amy Marohn and their staff members from Double Day Office Supplies, Rich Schilling and Kim Weber for battling the blizzard conditions transporting guests to and from the dinner. Mother nature was definitely NOT in our favor for this event! BIG THANKS also go to those who helped set up the hall, prepare the meal, serve the meal and clean up the mess when it was all said and done! MORE BIG THANKS go to those who made donations toward the dinner. THANK YOU EVERYONE!

DON'T FORGET TACKLE MANIA coming up on January 31, 2009 at the VFW Post #1137 2616 Napier Avenue, Benton Harbor. There are still a few booth's available for rent (\$30). Get your booth and sell your used (or new) fishing and hunting goods. For those planning to attend as a buyer, \$5 gets you in the door. There will be food and beverages available for purchase. Give me a call if you need more information 269-208-6777. All proceeds from booth rental and admission stay with our club.

We will present the Kids Division of the Big Fish Tournament at the January 8th meeting. We ask the winners of the Kid's Division to attend the January meeting to receive their trophy if possible. For the Charter and Non-Charter Divisions, if you were not able to attend the Christmas Party, you can attend the January membership meeting to receive your trophy. If unable to attend, your trophy will be at the Fishin' Hole in St. Joseph for you to pick up.

Have a great month! HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Charlie Broadhurst

JANUARY 2009 Membership Meeting

Thursday January 8, 2009

VFW Club Post #1137 * 2616 E. Napier * Benton Harbor

Social Hour begins at 6:00 PM * Meeting begins at 7:00 PM

Guest Speaker

United States Coast Guard

Discussing COLD WATER SURVIVAL techniques

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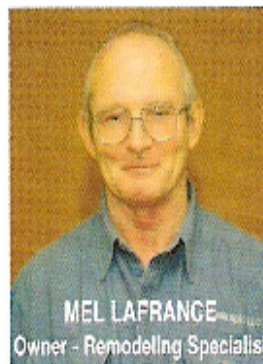
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Tackle Mania
January 31, 2009
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

VFW POST #1137
2616 E. Napier Avenue
Benton Harbor

\$5 admission fee

ESCAPE FROM CABIN FEVER!

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LETS MAKE SOME DEALS!!!

Purchases must be made with Cash or Check. Credit cards will probably NOT be accepted in most cases.

Get signed up for your \$30 booth rental or just come on down to see what deals may be waiting for you!

All proceeds from booth rental and admission fees stay with the club.

Calendar of Events 2009

all events subject to change

January 2009 Calendar of Events

8th - Membership Meeting VFW, Napier Avenue Benton Harbor 7:00 PM (social hour 6:00 PM)

31st - **Tackle Mania * VFW, Napier Avenue, Benton Harbor**

February 2009 Calendar of Events

12th - Membership Meeting VFW, Napier Avenue Benton Harbor 7:00 PM (social hour 6:00 PM)

March 10th - Fishing Seminar with Mark Chmura Pier Pressure Charters from Manistee. Discussing Deep water Big Lake Fishing. \$20 per ticket includes dinner.

TO ADD AN EVENT

**CONTACT THERESA BROADHURST, NEWSLETTER EDITOR
269-208-0404 or e-mail Theresa: theresabroadhurst@gmail.com**



*Get signed up for the Fishing Seminar scheduled for March 10th.
Mark Chmura from Pier Pressure Charters will be our guest speaker.
Mark will discuss techniques for Deep Water Big Lake Fishing.
Purchase your \$20 ticket from any board member or from the monthly
meeting. You may also contact Charlie Broadhurst 269-208-6777*

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\$5 ADMISSION FEE OR \$30 RENTS YOU A BOOTH**