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## TIME FOR THE KID'S WINTER ICE FISHING OUTING

*by Mark Tews*

This year we will be holding it at a new location. Gino's Surf at 37400 Jefferson in Harrison Twp is helping host this event. The day is Sunday, January 31st. The start time will be 9am and it will run until 2pm. This club sponsored event is open to all club members and their families and invited guests.

A lunch will be served throughout the day's event. Hotdog's, hot chocolate and cold pop will be available. The club will supply bait and a taxi service out on the ice and back in. There will be prizes awarded to the children (ages 2 through 16) for the different categories.

If you have any questions please contact Mark Tews (586) 557-3767 or Geoff Regulski (586) 872-1916. You can see Mark or Geoff at the club membership meeting this month.

## IT'S SHOW TIME AGAIN

*by Ron Sharp*

The Ultimate Fishing Show is here. It is at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi, January 8th to 11th 2009.

We have some new items to sell this year. Cookie and Joann Koch have donated used 7" and 8" Muskie Believer lures.

We have other club members making jigs and trolling weights just for raising funds at the show. We will have Spike's Walleye Spoons to sell and club members made up hundreds of the newest hot color crawler harnesses.

The Ultimate Fishing Show has been a great success for the LSCWA. Last year the Honda Motor Raffle tickets were sold there and this year we will be selling tickets for the customized A&S Trolling Reel.

## MEETING RAFFLE

*by Don Murray*

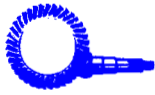
It is the start of the ice fishing season so this month the raffle table will have ice fishing equipment. The main item on the table will be a Big Buddy heater. This will be perfect to keep you warm when you are slamming the big perch this year.



*During the summer the LSCWA has a fishing outing for the kids in the community. The boy or girl who catches the biggest fish, of any kind, during the event is presented with a mount of that fish at the December membership meeting. The taxidermy work is done by St. Clair Flats Taxidermy.*

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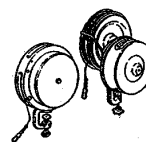
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## 2010 YAMAHA T-8 MOTOR RAFFLE

By Ron Sharp

Two of our members, Bill Rose Sr. and Bill Rose Jr., have out done themselves again this year. Rose Marina Service has donated another outboard for our 2010 Motor Raffle. This will help us raise the funds we need for the children's functions and charitable donations and offset some operating expenses.

This year it is a 2010 Yamaha T-8 Outboard Motor with High Thrust, electric start, power trim, charging system and 8 gallon gas tank. We have applied for a raffle license. As soon as we get it we will print tickets and start selling. Keep your eyes open for the ticket selling date.

Anyone who can help out selling tickets when we get them please send me an email at [srdsharp@wowway.com](mailto:srdsharp@wowway.com) or call 810-523-5730. In order to make this extra money for the club we need all our members helping out. When you see Bill Sr., Bill Jr. or Kandy (at Rose Marine Service-Algonac, Michigan 586-716-9600) tell them Thanks. As always support them by stopping by at their showroom and Parts and Service center.

## JIGGING SEMINAR

There is still some time left to get in on the action. Captain Joe Raymer, a LSCWA member, is putting on another seminar on jigging through the ice for Walley while on Saginaw Bay. This short seminar will be at Lakeside Fishing Shop on Saturday the 16th of January. It will start at 5 pm and pre-registration is a must. Call Lakeside at 586-777-7003 to reserve a seat.

The club members who attended last year said it was not only informative but a lot of fun.

## LSCWA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

By Bob Barnes

I trust we all had a great holiday and have our batteries recharged for happy and prosperous 2010. It looks like the economy is turning around and 2010 will be a great year.

As I mentioned in the December newsletter and at the club Christmas party we are moving forward on offering college scholarships. The club is in a good place financially and it makes sense to help the young students pursue their college dreams.

Mr. Jim Schneider from Michigan State University Department of Fisheries and Wildlife will be attending the January 27, 2010 LSCWA Board of Directors meeting. He will discuss details for a LSCWA scholarship to be offered in 2010. This should be one of two college scholarships that will be offered in 2010. The other will be offered to the LSCWA member's children, grandchildren and the general public.

The Board of Directors and Executive Board feel it is important to support the core beliefs of our club. These beliefs are conservation, education and youth involvement.

These scholarships are possible through your membership dues and club fundraisers. With that said, volunteer some time to help out; buy a few three digit raffle tickets and other club raffles that are happening. It all going for a most worthy cause. 2010 will be a great year.

Remember the Conservation Pledge that is said at the start of each membership meeting:

I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully to defend from waste the natural resources of my country - its air, soil and minerals, its forests, waters and wildlife.

## NEW MEMBERS

These are the new members to the club who joined over the past several months. Hopefully, we did not forget anyone. A very warm and heartfelt welcome is extended to all of you.

Jerry Comfort • Paul Morris  
Bryan "Looch" Cloutier  
Dave Taorinina • Alan McMurray

## GIFT FROM DOWN UNDER

by Dave Wilemski

My brother Denis Wilemski and his wife Judy just completed a very long cruise that ended up in Australia. They flew back from there.

He surprised me at Christmas with a gift of several Australian made fishing lures and a few coins from Australia. Although some of the lure color patterns may be close to US lures the body shapes and actions are different. I cannot wait to see how they work on Lake St. Clair Walleye in 2010.

- The left side lure is a Halco Rellik Doc, Colour: R7 at \$14.95
- The middle lure is an "Oar-Gee" 5m with Rattle. They are Hand made in Wagga Wagga NSW and cost \$18.95 Australian dollars.
- The right side lure is a "Pack Rat 85 +12; an Original Killalure. It dives to 12 feet and is good for Cod, Flathead, Yellobelly and Jacks. Price was \$15.95 Australian dollars.

From left to right there is a ten cent coin, a one dollar coin, a fifty cent coin, and another one dollar coin from Australia.



"The lures from Australia that Dave Wilemski received as a present from his brother."

## 5th ANNUAL BOWLING FUNDRAISER

by Dave Champine

The 5th Annual LSCWA Bowling Fundraiser is on Saturday February 20th at Fountainview Lanes on Groesbeck south of 15 Mile Road. The fun begins with sign-in at 8:45pm.

This fun filled event is for everyone so bring out the whole family and friends!! Cost is \$20.00 per person and includes 2 games bowling, free shoes & pizza. Each lane accommodates 6 people. If you cannot fill a lane, our event committee will help fill one for you. There will be card raffles, 50/50, mystery game & many great prizes and more.

To join in on the fun the registration form has been included in this news letter or you can find it on our website. Make checks payable to LSCWA 2010 Bowling Fundraiser and mail to P.O. Box 130 St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 or just see Dave Champine at the meeting.

**Everyone is welcome to fish the local tournaments. These are an excellent way to pick up new techniques and hot spots. Check the Calendar of Events for dates and locations.**

## PRESIDENTS CORNER

*by Keith Krych*

Happy New Year everyone! I want to thank Roger Yonkowski and Bob & Shelby Bretheauer for co-chairing the Christmas dinner, and to everyone who helped make the evening a great success. It takes a lot of work to pull off our dinner meeting and they did a great job. I also need to thank Geoff & Debbie Regulski for all the work they did on the Kid's Christmas party; all the Kids had a great time.

This year is going to be a busy year for the LSCWA, just check out the calendar of events on the second page. Because we will be so busy, we need a list of people that we can call to volunteer their time at these events. We will need help at the Ultimate Fishing Show, the Kid's ice outing, for all the tournaments that we will be doing, the weigh-ins, and for the many miscellaneous events we will be involved with. Please call me at the club phone number, 586-778-0480, and leave your name and phone number and event you want to help out at, or see me at any meeting if you want to be on the list of volunteers to be called.

This is an exciting time to be a member of the LSCWA. So recruit a fellow fisherman, a friend or neighbor into the club. They just might have a great time

## HELP NEEDED

Two of the committees are looking for some help from the members while at the meetings. The help is just for a couple of hours once a month.

The membership committee can use one or two members to help out during the late winter and early spring months. This is when the largest number of members are renewing or new members are joining. Volunteers will help Alex and Roger get new membership cards and renewal forms filled out and processed.

The jackets committee could use a couple of members to help each month. Dave Champine chairs this committee and he could use help when it is time to show another member a jacket or cap or shirt and then finding the right sizes and color.

Both committees have short periods during the meetings when they get really busy. If more members can help out for just an hour or two it takes the pressure off. The added benefit is that the volunteers get the opportunity to meet more members.

## 2010 GUEST SPEAKERS & SEMINARS

We do not know January's guest speaker yet. Hopefully it will be someone who can talk about ice fishing in Michigan.

Coming up by late winter and early spring will be the special meetings that everyone seems to look forward to.

One is the Swap 'N Shop. This is the one meeting where everyone is invited to bring their unused fishing, hunting, camping and outdoor gear to the meeting. They can see if they can sell or trade it for something else.

The other meeting is the Mini-seminar evening. Instead of just one speaker we will have many small seminars set up around the hall. Members and guests will be able to walk around and sit in on any number of different seminars. In the past we have had seminars on jig tying, jig painting, wire-lining, sinker casting and more.

Keep checking the LSCWA web site and each month's newsletter for updates on the meeting specials.



## NIGHT MOVES, THE PREDATOR

*by Alex Vitek & Ted Stehney*

To help get us in the mood for spring the LSCWA has once again been lucky enough to have a Bill Bell custom A&S handline reel to be raffled off. Tickets are on sale now and the drawing will take place this spring!

This tricked out Bill Bell Custom A&S reel is a new reel that has been customized and tweaked out by the master himself! Stop by at the meetings or see us at the Ultimate Fishing Show and take a look at the reel and the "build sheet" which details each and every customization.

The reel has been tuned up for ultra smooth and reliable usage for many years to come. Mr. Bell has aptly named this black beauty "Night moves, The Predator." He took time out from his schedule of repairing and rebuilding reels for area fishermen and collectors just to prepare this one for the raffle.

Please contact Ted at the meetings and pick up a few tickets for yourself as well as taking a few to sell to your buddies. This is the perfect reel to begin handlining or to upgrade the arsenal of Walleye fishing equipment.

There is an area on each ticket for the seller's name and phone number. We will be having a couple of incentives based on the seller. One will be a \$50 award to the person who sells the winning ticket. The other will be a cash prize awarded to a randomly drawn seller from the entire pool of tickets. The more tickets anyone sells the greater their chance at winning.

It will be time to go trolling before we know it! Thank you for supporting the club.

# LIGHTHOUSES

by Alex Vitek

The lighthouses located at the end of the South Channel have become the focus for rehabilitation and preservation as part of the history of Lake St. Clair and this part of the state. The other end of the lake where it flows into the upper Detroit River also has lighthouses that have a very interesting history. Over the years I have used these to find hot spots on the upper river and lower lake. I could line up lighthouses, channel markers, buildings and trees and then be able to return time after time to the same productive hole. I would like to thank Curt Kratt for his help in researching for this article. He has a real interest in the history of that area of the river and lake. I would also like to thank Richard & Joann Koch for their historical recollections of what these areas looked like years ago

One with an interesting history is the Windmill Point Light

which now stands in the western corner along the seawall in Mariner Park. The current light is the 5th one since the first was built in 1838. It was rebuilt in 1866, 1875 and 1908. The current light was built in 1933.

Some of the interesting points in the history



"The General Aeroplane Co. hangar at the Detroit Motor Boat Club. The location was south of Riverside St. just west of Alter Road on the Detroit River. This picture was taken after successful flight testing, in May of 1916. The altered lighthouse still stands, the barn, hangar and house area became a trailer park. The trailer park was removed in the 1990s and the land is now vacant."

include these notes found on webpages and books devoted to Lake St. Clair and lighthouses.

In 1908 the lighthouse was enlarged and quarters for the assistant keeper were added.

The Lighthouse Inn, located just to the west of the lighthouse, opened with a picnic pavilion in 1909. Between 1913 and 1916, the Detroit Motor Boat Club, a private club for yachtsman such as William Scripps, Lewis Newberry and Horace Dodge, occupied the Inn site. Amid these changes, the lighthouse keeper remained at his post, climbing the tower to polish and maintain the light.

In 1914 a request was made to cut away the trees from the Windmill Point range lights as they had grown too tall and were blocking the view.

In the early 1900s a number of aircraft had been built by and for individual "sportsmen," including William E. Scripps, son of the founder of The Detroit News, James Scripps. The residential street called Scripps located in the area of the Windmill Pointe Light was named after him.

In 1915 the General Aeroplane Company (GAC) was incorporated. Planes were built at a location at 1507 Jefferson and the completed craft was taken to a riverside hangar on the grounds of the Detroit Motor Boat Club. On August 28, 1918, the General Aeroplane Company ceased operations. In spite of its short life this company still has the distinction of being Detroit's first



A panoramic view of the Windmill Pointe Light which is located in Mariner's Park at the foot of Alter Road. At night the light serves as a beacon for boaters and night fisherman.



An old aerial photo showing the lighthouse when it was near the early 1900s boat club. The smaller house next to the lighthouse was for the lightkeeper and his assistants.

distinction of being Detroit's first commercial airplane-building enterprise.

On August 9, 1917, the intensity of the Windmill Point lights was increased. The front range was raised to 57 feet and 18,000 candlepower, and the rear range to 77 feet and 18,000 candlepower. The Windmill Point lighthouse increased to 6,500 candlepower for its fixed white signal and 5,000 for its red flash...

By 1929 the Windmill Point light was increased to 12,000 candlepower and the flash sequence changed to three one-second flashes every ten seconds. These changes resulted from the building of the William Livingstone Memorial light on Belle Isle, April 8, 1930. The Georgia marble light, 58 feet above lake level, had 11,500 candlepower and was visible for 15 miles. It was dedicated to the memory of William Livingstone, President of the Lake Carrier's Association from 1902-1925. In 1930 the range lights at Windmill Point were shut off.

In 1927 the 69th Congress authorized the transfer of the five acres of lighthouse property at Windmill Point to the U.S. Treasury Department for the site of a new Marine Hospital. The City of Detroit Engineering Department filled in submerged portions of the property at no cost. The 125-bed facility was built to serve the needs of the U.S. Veterans' Bureau of Detroit.

The Marine Hospital in Detroit donated a parcel of land to the lighthouse service so they could build a lighthouse depot, this depot was the first for the great lakes area.

A couple of years later the large tower and keepers quarters were torn down and re-placed by another tower.

Today the hospital is gone and the area is now Mariner Park. A trailer park that was in the area west of the light is gone.

The original range lights (which are now out in the lake to the east of Peche Island) were located on the same tract of property as the Windmill Point Light. They were small white towers which helped freighter and large boat pilots line up with the shipping channel in the lake and in the river.

### William Livingstone Memorial Light

This is the only light in the United States that is constructed of marble and one of only two memorial lights in Michigan.

This light was built as a memorial to William Livingstone, a citizen of Detroit and the President of the Lake Carriers Association from 1902 - 1925. After the light was built, the Federal government named the channel in the Detroit River after him as well.



### LIGHTHOUSE STAMPS

On July 23, 2009 the US Postal Service issued five .44 cent Gulf Coast Lighthouses commemorative stamps. They were designed by Howard E. Paine of Delaplaine, Virginia. These were perfect for postage for LSCWA mailings because they follow the theme of water or fish. The mailing committee tries to follow this theme each month as they personalize the mailing to each member.

This set is just part of the popular series of Lighthouses stamps. These are five Gulf Coast Lighthouses stamps: Matagorda Island, Texas, Sabine Pass, Louisiana, Biloxi, Mississippi, Sand Island, Alabama, and Fort Jefferson, Florida. Each stamp features an original acrylic paintings based on recent photographs of the lighthouses.



One of the original range lights in lower Lake St. Clair. It was positioned between Peche Island and Belle Isle until it was rebuilt in the mid 1980's. The original lighthouse was saved and moved to the park in Port Huron next to the Coast Guard Station.