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MARCH, 2007

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BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Mini-Workshops are back. To help you get ready for the upcoming season, we will be having Mini-Workshops at the March meeting! Members will be conducting the mini-workshops on various topics. They will be going on continuously during the break enabling you to check them all out.

GPS Tips with Tony Koslinski and Dave Wilemski

Painting Jigs with Steve Beasley

Taking Great Fishing Pictures with Alex Vitek

Making Crawler Harnesses and Customizing Baits with Keith Krych

PROFESSIONAL FISHING CENTER

Just a reminder to our members that Capt. Steve Jones of Professional Fishing Center is giving a discount to club members. All that you have to do to get the reduced rate on many items at the store is pick up the discount card at one of the upcoming meetings. Then present this card and your club membership card the next time you are at the store.

Professional Fishing Center is located on Jefferson between Crocker Blvd. and the Clinton River Spillway. It is only several hundred yards above the DNR launch site and convenient for those going out for a day's worth of fishing.

WHAT IF?

By Dave "Papa Dave" Wilemski

Let us say that for the first 2007 Derby starting April 20th, Friday at 6:00 PM all participating club members used their Marine radios on the hour to hail other club members fishing. And if we contacted a club member we would switch to a preset club channel (say the present date - 20).

We could exchange not so much where we were fishing but how & what colors or lures were producing. This is what the Battle Creek Steel Headers do all the time. They are a close Knit Club. Just a thought.

I am going to try it to see what happens. After all, see if the radio still works. I hardly use it.

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 them.

Randy Kaszeta
Geoff Kowalczyk
Bobby G. Mathis
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MARCH 21, 2007

Next Meeting April 18, 2007

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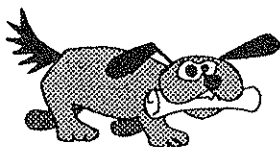
ALL FISHERMEN WELCOME!

Walleye World

The WALLEYE WORLD is the official newsletter of the Lake St. Clair Walleye Association, and welcomes all contributions from the members. These can be news items, articles, photographs, and art-work. We reserve the right to edit material for length, etc. All signed articles appearing in any issue reflect the opinions of the writer and are not necessarily the policy of the organization or its members.

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CALENDER OF EVENTS

APRIL 1, 2007NEW FISHING LICENSE REQUIRED
APRIL 18, 2007GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
APRIL 20 - 22, 2007DERBY 1 WEIGH IN AT COMPASS
POINT MARINA IN FAIR HAVEN
APRIL 21-22, 2007MWC EAST TOURNAMENT
DETROIT RIVER & LAKE ERIE
APRIL 28, 2007WALLEYE SEASON OPENS ON
LOWER PENNINSULA
INLAND LAKES AND RIVERS
MAY 16, 2007GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MAY 18 - 20, 2007DERBY 2 WEIGH IN AT BLUE
WATER BAIT AND TACKLE IN FAIR HAVEN
MAY 18 - 20, 2007.....BLUE WATER CLASSIC
800-255-0508 FOR INFO
JUNE 9 - 10, 2007 SUMMER FREE FISHING WEEKEND
JUNE 20, 2007GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
JUNE 22 - 24, 2007DERBY 3 WEIGH IN AT
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OCTOBER 3-6, 2007MWC WALLEYE WORLD
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ALL PURPOSE FISHING TIPS

by Dave Marcelewski

When launching a boat by yourself, you need a line a foot or two longer than your boat. Tie this line to the bow of your boat and to the rear of the trailer. Back the trailer into the water until the boat floats off of the trailer. Then pull forward until the trailer is out of the water. The boat will come to rest at the edge of the water on the launch.

Old socks make great storage protectors for fishing reels that otherwise might get banged up. Put the reel into the sock and roll it up. your reel can then be stored safely until it is needed.

Fish in muddy water usually depend more on their sense of smell than anything else. Sweeten your lure with scent or a natural bait such as a minnow to up your odds of catching fish.

If your bait gets caught on a snag, one thing you can try is by giving your line a little slack, about a foot or two. Ensure the bail is closed, and then grab and hold the line in your free hand between the reel and your first guide. Pull the line outward away from your rod while pulling your rod straight back. While both the line and the rod are tight with pressure, let go of your line and release the pressure of your rod at the same time. Snapping your line in this fashion might jar the bait loose. After you snap the line, quickly raise the tip of your rod and wind in. Sometimes you may need to do this a few times. This trick does not work every time, but it does work sometimes and could save you some baits.

Next time you go fishing for predator fish such as walleyes or perch bring along some crushed eggshells. When you sprinkle them in the water bait fish come to eat the eggshell. And where there are little fish there are bigger and hungrier fish.

Landing that big fish into the boat is a critical time. If the fish is large, don't pull it out of the water with your line. The weight difference of that large fish from being in the water and out of the water can be enough to lose that big one. Wait for the net.

Instead of carrying heavy pliers around, purchase a heavy duty straight hemostat. They are much lighter to carry, won't put a hole in your back pocket, and since the hemostat is thin and long, they are perfect for getting those deep hooks out.

Next time you open a box or package, look for those little packets of moisture-absorbing silica gel. Put these packets in your tackle box to help keep your hooks rust free.

Instead of buying bags of ice for each of your fishing trips, try using empty two milk jugs. All sizes will work. Fill these bottles 3/4 full of water (saving space for the water to expand), freeze them, then throw them in your cooler before your next fishing trip. These bottles keep things much colder than a bag of ice cubes and you can re-freeze/re-use them numerous times, or just throw them into the recycle bin.

A day or so before you go out to your favorite

fishing spot marinate your soft lures (i.e.: worms, tubes, grubs etc.) in your favorite fishing scent. Anise oil works well. Place the liquid scent & lures in a ziploc type bag so they soak up the liquid and are extra potent in the water.

When ice fishing drilling with a power auger will spook the fish. A hand auger will get you a lot more fish.

With trout season right around the corner, here is a tip to put your waders on a little faster. It is hard sometimes to get your foot into a pair of waders or hip boots. Just sprinkle a little talcum powder into the boots. The talcum powder will act as a lubricant and your waders or hip boots will slip on easier.

TEXAS 4000 FOR CANCER

by Michael Vitek

To the members of the Lake St. Clair Walleye Association who have donated to the Texas 4000 for Cancer.

Let me start off by saying thank you so much for your generosity. The Texas 4000 team, myself, and so many others are grateful for all that you have given. From the smallest donation up to the largest, every contribution has a positive impact. What you have given not only represents a monetary donation, but also a donation of encouragement, caring, and hope.

Certainly raising money and contributing it to cancer research is a major goal of the Texas 4000 for Cancer, however, that is far from our only objective. Every pedal stroke and every mile we ride is meant to honor the memory and lives of those affected by cancer, both victims and survivors. We also hope that by showing our dedication and passion for this journey and this cause, we may raise the spirits of those currently fighting this deadly disease.

In addition to raising money and hope, Texas 4000 also aims to spread knowledge. All the money we raise and all of the research done to advance cancer treatments will mean nothing if it never gets put to use. Please, educate yourself on your risk factors and visit your doctor regularly. Early detection is a way to help your odds against cancer, as is listening to the most basic of advice: protect yourself from the sun, don't smoke, and maintain an active lifestyle. You can check out our website at www.texas4000.org for more information on protecting yourself from this disease.

Again, I thank all of you who have donated, it means a lot to me and to everyone who may benefit in the future. If you have anyone whom you would like me to dedicate a portion of my ride to, please contact me (vitek@mail.utexas.edu) with their names.

Thank you, best wishes, and of course, keep on fishing.

BLAST ON THE ICE

by Mark Tews

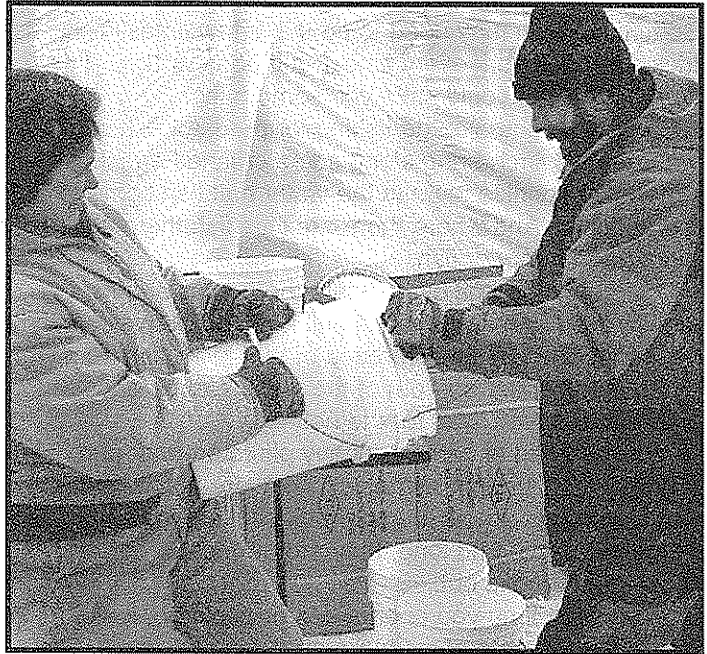
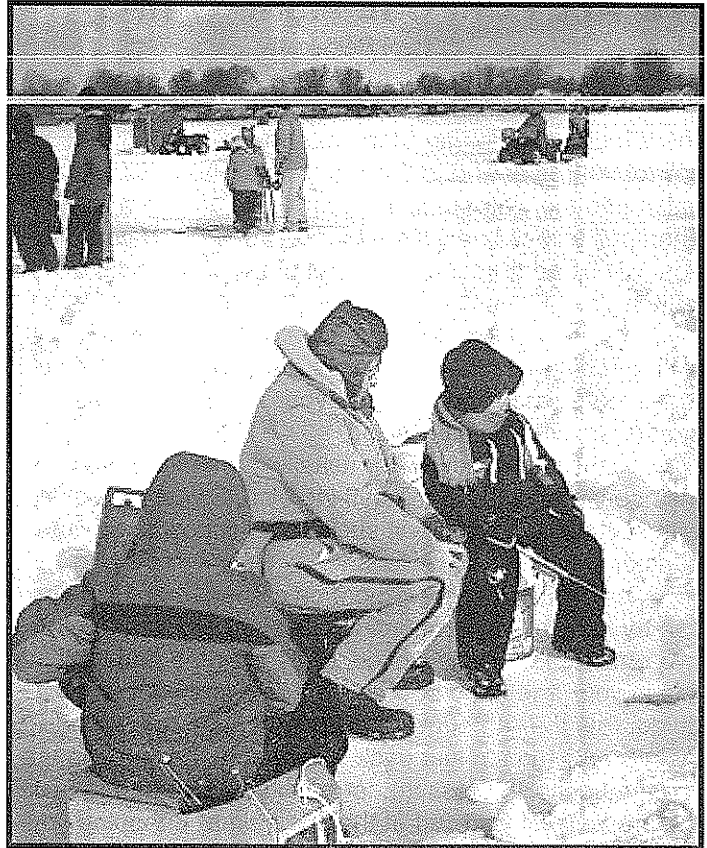
What a great time; everyone had a real blast. The Lake St. Clair Walleye Association had their Annual Kid's Ice Outing on Sunday, February 18th, at Jigger's Bar and Grill. It was a huge success! Over 275 kids participated in the free fishing weekend event.

None of this would have been possible without the support of our volunteers. We would like to thank Tom, Becky, Kevin and Michael Sommers, Jef Durant, Dolores Pulinko, Wild Bill, and the members of the LSCWA. The volunteers who donated their time and their 4-wheelers for the taxi service out on the ice deserve another round of thanks.

A special Thank You to all the businesses that donated prizes for our raffle. These include Lakeside Fishing Shop, Coastline Power and Lighting, Genes Marine Repair, Professional Fishing Center, Jen's Soap and Stuff, Blue Water Bait and Tackle, Grosso Trucking, Chuck Meldrum, John Cathers, Walleye Hunter Lures, Doug Phillips and Bass Pro Shops, Mark Sak, Algonac Downriver Recreation, and MUCC District Eight.

On behalf of the LSCWA we have to give a big Thank You to Chantel Clark, owner of Jigger's Bar and Grill, and to her crew, who all pitched in and once again did an outstanding job hosting our Annual Kid's Ice Fishing Outing.

It is apparent that a good time was had by all. Once again we would like to extend a big thanks to everyone who participated and volunteered their time. Hope to see you next year.



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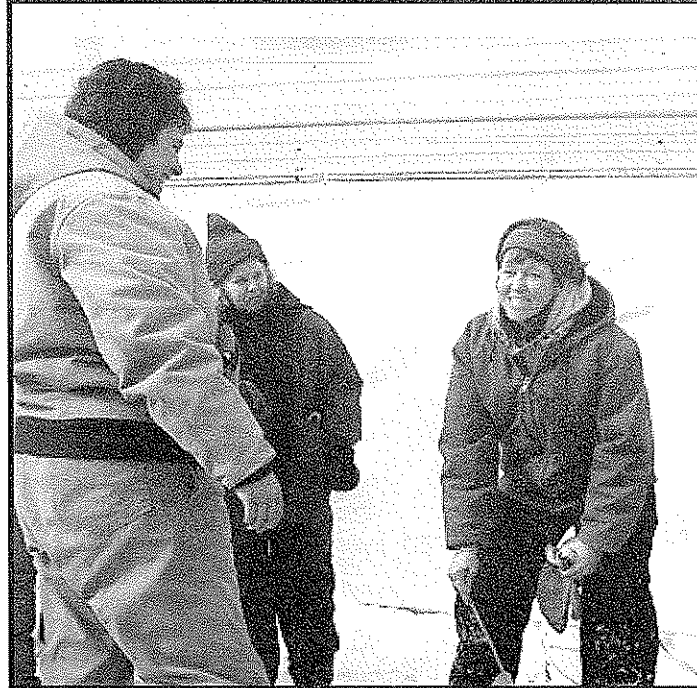
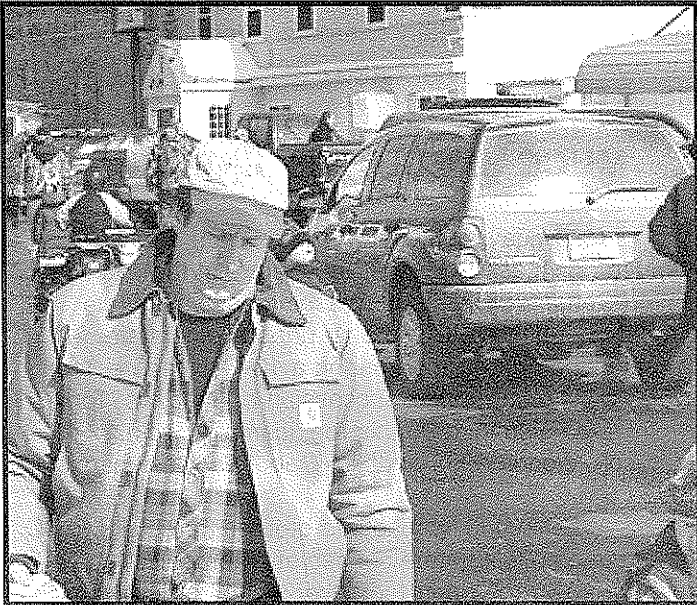


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ELECTRIC BOW-MOUNTS

By Dave "Papa Dave" Wilemski

So you are thinking of getting an electric bow-mount this year for your boat. Well now is the best time to do it. Sales are on and you have time to set it up before the fishing starts.

Bass Pro and Cabela's are having fishing sales the month of March. So shop around and compare prices. This is what I have been doing the past two months. Lots of research. I am glad I did.

You have to consider many factors to make the right choice for this purchase. To just get the lowest one on sale may be throwing your money in the wrong direction. I found a few fellow fishermen who did just that, now they are trying to sell their mistake.

The size, type and weight of your boat plus how long you like to spend fishing between battery charges will determine if you require a 12 volt, 24 volt or 36 volt motor. If you have a 14 foot aluminum boat and fish 4 to 6 hours at a time then a 12 volt would be fine. If you have a 20 foot fiberglass deep-V boat like I have, then a 24 volt motor is required.

Shaft length is just that; the total length of the shaft. It extends a few inches into the top end collar and also the bottom motor collar. What we are interested in is the maximum distance from the base plate (that bolts to the boat deck) to the centerline of the motor and prop.

I measured my boat deck to the waterline without me in the front and on a calm day and got a dimension of 24-27". If you look in the 67-page Minn-Kota 2007 Catalog on page 65 you find a "Shaft length selection guide".

22" to 28" requires a 48" to 52" shaft length. However I have another obstacle to overcome. From the centerline of my boats small 18" triangle deck to the windshield at the port side is only 60"; so I have to stay within this dimension when the bow-mount motor is in "Rest position". So I have to figure out that set up between a 48" and a 52" shaft length model.

With such a restricted deck size I have to stay with a Min-Kota Terrova or Powerdrive V2 which have the smallest base mounting footprints. I also have to relocate the bow light and bow top cleat on my Sea Swirl.

Options are endless and add dollars to the cost. Universal built in sonar is important to me because it will provide less weed catching design compared to a clamp-on sonar unit. However beware! If you have a specific fish finder unit in mind - "Do your homework."

I was thinking of trying out a Hummingbird 3D unit, model #47 3D. They offer built-in Hummingbird Transponders but the Minn Kota factory did not know if the 47-3D model would work. So I called the Hummingbird factory and finally they faxed me a list which showed it would NOT work. So onto another choice. Do not take the store salesperson at his word, follow up on it.

Papa Dave will drop a few dollars and get all the

goodies: Quick release bracket, auto pilot, remote Co-pilot and on board battery chargers. After all, at 104 I owe it to myself.

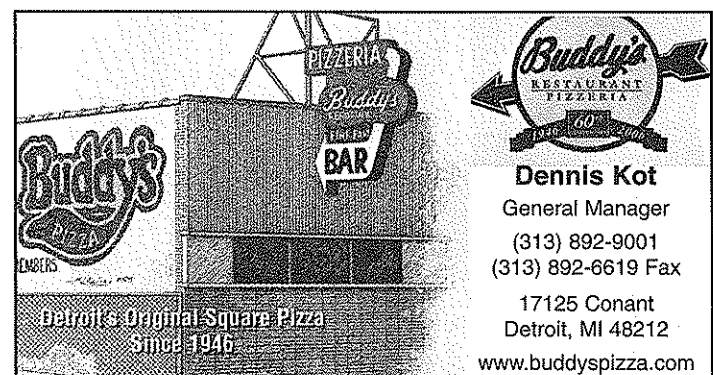
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MUCC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

On Friday, February 16th, Mr. Sam Washington stepped down as the Executive Director of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs. Washington, whose late brother Tom built MUCC into an unparalleled state conservation organization during a 13-year tenure, took over MUCC after a quick succession of directors. Tom Washington died in 1995, his replacement, Rick Jameson, died in 1998 and Jim Goodheart resigned in 2002.

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A temporary Executive Director has been appointed while the MUCC staff takes applications for a permanent replacement. She is Donna Stine. Ms Stine had previously served on the Executive Board as Deputy Director.





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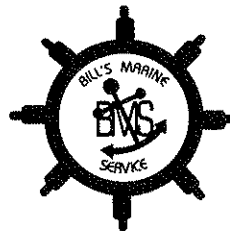


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