

# Mid-Michigan Telegram

Are your dues current ?

February 2006

## Presidents' Corner

Sport Show is fast approaching and right now Gerri and Steve both need workers for the booths. Yes I said booths plural. Gerri and I met with T.U. and they came up with a game plan for the fish cleaning station to be by the trout pond. So if you can help with either please contact Gerri (517-242-0190) for the membership/ raffle booth or Steve Markucki (517-646-8377) for the fish cleaning station. You can also sign up at the Feb 20th meeting. Again this year the March meeting will be at the show, Gerri has also solved the problem we had last year with the free admittance for the night of the meeting. Showspan is arranging our speaker.

Don't forget pre-show sale tickets are due at this meeting. Gerri has two rods to give away to some lucky salespeople. Don't forget to put your name on all the tickets you turn in. Remember we really need all unsold tickets to be turned at this time to get ready for the show.

Pentwater ice is definitely not looking real good. I talked to Chris last nite and he say's that the lake is open at this time.

We will revisit the ice fishing before the meeting. However there is other fishing available so this trip is not being canceled .I told Gerri I don't know if it's cabin fever or not, I am *really* ready for some time away. An update on lodging Raymond Schinler has offered his place in Hesperia for up to 8.

Contact me for more details.  
See you up there!!

Tight lines  
Larry



## Presidents Meeting

The annual presidents meeting was held in Lansing the 28th.

Ken Merkle reported on the Lake Huron task force, Evidently the fish managers think the Steelheaders and the Charter Boats Assn have too much influence?? with the D.N.R.

The Feds are denying all access the the islands in Saginaw Bay. This makes any attempt at cormorant control on the Bay impossible. Andy will be working with fish and wild life to hopefully improve this situation.

Enough bad news, good news Alewife numbers are up in northern Lake Huron.

We can fish walleye in Lake Erie in April & May again. Size limit is 15 inches in all Erie waters.

We are going to keep working on a 5 fish limit for Kings instead of 3.

Jack Kelly former state Board Treasurer and member of the Thumb Chapter has been appointed to the N.R.C. Finance Committee. Congratulations Jack. We will be glad to have a fisherman's voice on

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SERVICES ON FIRST VISIT.

## JANUARY 16 MEETING

WOW! I had some great comments from some of you members about how much you enjoyed Brian Bielecki's presentation on his tour in Alaska! I know I really enjoyed the slides and presentation. Brian is the new owner of the ORVIS store in Okemos (5100 Marsh Rd. B2), besides being our January speaker, he donated the beautiful set of flies for our membership challenge in December; so he's supporting our club pretty well; check out his store, he offers tours, classes and they have Fly Tying seminars (free) every Saturday in February 11:00-2:00. If you're interested in going on his Alaskan fishing trip, you can get the details from him.

Thank you Brian!

## FEBRUARY 20 MEETING

Larry Meier from Prudenville, Michigan; will be our speaker on **Cormorant Management**. Larry will inform us of the impact the Cormorants have on our fishery and tell us the possible ways to control this bird. 1,000 Cormorants eat as many as 10,000 salmon or trout in a day. Come to this meeting and get all of your questions answered on this very real problem.

## MARCH 9-12 LANSING SPORT SHOW

On Thursday March 9, we will have our meeting at the Sport Show. Show-Span has very generously let us use a Seminar Room and will furnish us with a very special speaker, Mark Romanack; Mark does a special seminar for our club and he has a new book out, I'm sure you'll want to hear about. Mark will be at 7:00 pm and we'll have a short meeting & 50-50 drawing before, so you'll want to be there by 6:30 pm I have free tickets for you to get into the show, so you won't have to pay admission. You can get your free tickets at the February meeting or call me (517-242-0190) and I will get them to you. **YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS MEETING!**

We still have openings (for those who are willing to help the club out) to work a three hour shift in both the fish cleaning station and the Information/Raffle ticket booth. The cleaning station is new for us this year. Trout Unlimited runs the Trout pond and has agreed with us that the trout kept won't go to waste if people don't have to go home and clean it! We're doing a free service of offering to clean any trout that people keep, many times the kids catch a trout & take it home, but a lot of parents don't want to clean one fish, so it ends up in the garbage; if we clean it, it has a much better chance of getting cooked for the kids. Call Steve Markucki (517 646-8377) to sign up to help out in the cleaning station. We also have a booth at the sport show that we sell Raffle Tickets, sign up new members (and renew memberships that are due), and give information on the Steelhead/Salmon Club; if you'd like to help in this booth call Gerri (517 242-0190). You will get an admission badge to get into the show free the day you help out in either the booth or the cleaning station.

**FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE SELLING PRE-SHOW RAFFLE TICKETS.** Don't forget that any unsold tickets, sold ticket stubs and money is due by Feb. 20th. Don't forget to put your name on the back of the stub for our member raffle on Feb. 20.



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### AUGUST 18-20 CAMPOUT

THIS IS OUR SPECIAL OUTING FOR MEMBERS OF MID-MICHIGAN STEELHEADERS. IT'S OUR FAMILY CAMPOUT!!!! WE CAMP AT INSTA-LAUNCH CAMPGROUND IN MANISTEE; MANY PEOPLE COME FRIDAY AFTERNOON, SOME FRIDAY EVENING AND GO HOME SUNDAY.

THE CLUB PAYS FOR CAMPING LOTS (OR \$24 PER DAY FOR 2 DAYS TOWARDS A CABIN, MOTEL ROOM OR DOCKING FEES FOR THOSE WHO STAY ON THEIR BOAT), WE FURNISH HOT DOGS FRIDAY NIGHT, SODA, AND A FISHBOIL SATURDAY AFTERNOON. THE COST FOR **EACH MEMBER** IS ONLY \$20; MEMBERS BRING A DISH TO PASS AT THE FISHBOIL AND ANY OTHER SNACKS OR FOOD THEY'D LIKE TO SHARE. IF YOU WANT ANY BEVERAGE BESIDES SODA OR BOTTLED WATER, YOU CAN BRING IT ALONG.

**IMPORTANT!!!!** THIS YEAR YOU MUST HAVE YOUR RESERVATION AND \$20 TO GERRI BEFORE THE APRIL 1 DEADLINE. YOU WON'T HAVE A RESERVATION UNTIL WE HAVE YOUR \$20!!!!

MANISTEE IS GREAT! IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN THERE, THERE'S SHOPPING, GARAGE SALES, A RIVER WALK AND A CASINO; MANY OF THE WIVES PREFER NOT TO FISH, BUT THEY CAN DO ANY OF THE ABOVE OR STAY AT THE CAMPGROUND AND RELAX. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERYONE TO SOCIALIZE AND GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER.

THERE IS FISHING ON LAKE MICHIGAN (YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE A BOAT TO GO, MEMBERS CREW UP ON OTHER PEOPLES BOATS AND SHARE THE EXTRA EXPENSES OF THE CAPTAIN), THERE'S ALSO RIVER FISHING, OR YOU CAN FISH OFF THE PIER'S.

### MONTHLY CLUB FISHING TRIPS

OUR CLUB HAS MONTHLY FISHING OUTINGS FROM MAY-OCTOBER; YOU'LL GET THE SCHEDULE IN MARCH'S NEWSLETTER AND IT WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE SPORT SHOW. YOU DON'T HAVE TO OWN A BOAT TO GO ON ANY OF THESE OUTINGS, CAPTAINS WANT CREW, SO ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SHARE THE CAPTAIN'S EXPENSES!!! **WE ARE A FISHING CLUB, SO PLAN ON GOING ON SOME OF THESE OUTINGS!!!!**

GREG BLANKSTROM HAS PLANNED A LAKE ERIE WALLEYE TOURNAMENT FOR JUNE 10. YOU'LL NEED TO PLAN NOW IF YOU WANT TO GO. DON'T WORRY IF YOU'VE NEVER FISHED A TOURNAMENT; THE IDEA IS TO GET TOGETHER AND FISH AS A CLUB AND HAVE FUN! MEMBERS WILL BE LOOKING FOR CREW FOR THEIR BOATS, SO IF YOU ARE GOING WITH A BOAT OR IF YOU WANT TO CREW ON A BOAT; LET US KNOW.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LETTER FROM GREG ABOUT THE OUTING:

MID-MICHIGAN STEELHEADERS LAKE ERIE WALLEYE TOURNAMENT

CHAIRMAN: GREG BLANKSTROM

BOAT: FREEBIE

CELL: (517) 294-3003

HOME: (517) 521-3675

PORT: STERLING STATE PARK MONROE, MICHIGAN

THIS IS ONE OF OUR FIRST TOURNAMENTS. IT WILL TAKE PLACE ON JUNE 10, 2006. START TIME IS 5:30AM, ALL LINES MUST BE PULLED AT 1:30PM AND COOLERS MUST BE IN LINE FOR THE WEIGH IN AT 3:00PM. THE WEIGH IN WILL BE AT ONE OF THE PAVILLIONS IN STERLING STATE PARK, WE WILL HAVE TO SEE WHICH ONE IS AVAILABLE AFTER THE PARK OPENS IN THE SPRING. THE RULES ARE WEIGH IN IS AT 3:00PM AND ONE MANS LEGAL DNR LIMIT.

THERE MUST BE AT LEAST ONE CLUB MEMBER PER BOAT. THE FEE FOR THE TOURNAMENT IS \$10.00 PER PERSON AND \$10.00 PER BOAT FOR BIG FISH OF THE TOURNAMENT. LUNCH IS INCLUDED AT WEIGH IN.

AFTER FISHING LAKE ERIE THIS LAST SUMMER, I WOULD SAY A BOAT SHOULD LIMIT OUT IN LESS THAN 2 HOURS.

I WILL BE CAMPING THERE FROM WEDNESDAY TO SUNDAY. THE FEE IS \$22.00-\$24.00 FOR TENT WITH ELECTRIC AND \$29.00 FOR FULL HOOK UPS.

THE PHONE NUMBER FOR THE PARK IS (734) 289-2715 OR YOU CAN RESERVE ON LINE. I SUGGEST YOU RESERVE EARLY BECAUSE THIS PARK FILLS FAST. THERE ARE ALSO 3-4 MOTELS CLOSE BY.

SO, COME ON AND LETS SEE HOW MANY BOATS WE CAN GET IN THIS OUTING! I'M SURE WE'LL HAVE A BALL!!

GREG BLANKSTROM

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## GERRI'S MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

EACH YEAR I GIVE YOU MEMBERS A CHALLENGE FOR SPONSERING NEW MEMBERS! THIS YEAR WE'RE DOING THE SAME CHALLENGE AS LAST YEAR. SO THINK OF ALL THE PEOPLE YOU KNOW THAT WOULD BENEFIT FROM OUR CLUB, OR JUST

ENJOY BEING IN THE CLUB AS MUCH AS YOU DO; THEN TELL THESE PEOPLE ABOUT YOUR CLUB (DON'T FORGET TO TELL THEM ABOUT THE TERRIFIC DISCOUNTS WE GET), THEN INVITE THEM TO A MEETING TO CHECK US OUT. IF THEY CAN'T GET TO A MEETING, I WOULD BE GLAD TO MEET WITH THEM AND EXPLAIN THE CLUB TO THEM. THIS IS SUCH A GREAT DEAL!! FOR ONLY \$30 PER YEAR THEY GET THE "IT PAYS TO BELONG", + OUR CLUBS LOCAL DISCOUNTS, + OUR OUTINGS (WHICH GET BETTER EACH YEAR) THEY CAN GO FISHING TOGETHER AS A GROUP, + THEY GET TO BE WITH OTHER FISHERMEN AND TALK ABOUT THE THING THEY LOVE TO DO, I CAN'T THINK OF ANY REASON WHY ANYONE THAT KNOWS ABOUT YOUR CLUB WOULDN'T BENEFIT AND WANT TO JOIN; WE JUST HAVE TO TELL THEM ABOUT IT. SO DO ALL YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND CO-WORKERS A BIG FAVOR OF SHARING YOUR CLUB WITH THEM. NOT ONLY WILL THEY BENEFIT, YOU'LL WIN SOME GREAT PRIZES; CHECK OUT THE NEXT PARAGRAPH! NOW FOR THE BEST PART!! WHEN YOU SPONSER 2 MEMBERS; YOU'LL GET A TICKET IN A VERY SPECIAL DRAWING AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY, WHERE THE PRIZES ARE WORTH AT LEAST \$50 (LAST YEAR THE PRIZES WERE WORTH \$50-\$200); NOT BAD FOR DOING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY THE FAVOR OF SHARING YOUR CLUB WITH THEM, HUH! GUESS WHAT! WHEN YOU SHARE THIS DEAL WITH MORE THAN 2 NEW MEMBERS, YOU'LL GET MORE TICKETS IN THIS DRAWING!! THAT'S RIGHT, YOU'LL GET 1 TICKET FOR **EVERY** 2 MEMBERS YOU SPONSER.

CAN'T THINK OF ANYONE YOU WANT TO SHARE YOUR CLUB WITH? THAT'S OK TOO. WE HAVE A SECOND DRAWING AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY WHERE THE PRIZES AVERAGE \$10-\$25; AND ALL YOU HAVE TO DO TO GET IN THIS DRAWING IS **RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP ON TIME** OR JOIN THE CLUB!!! THAT'S RIGHT, EVERYONE OF YOU CAN GET IN THIS DRAWING FOR JUST RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP ON TIME; PLUS IF YOU SPONSER 1 PERSON BUT DON'T GET THE SECOND PERSON FOR THE BIG DRAWINGS, I'LL GIVE YOU A SECOND TICKET IN THIS GENERAL DRAWING.

**I'M HERE TO HELP ANYONE THAT WANTS TO MEET THIS CHALLENGE, IF YOU WANT TO TAKE PART IN IT! JUST ASK ME FOR HELP.**

## DONORS CORNER

WE HAVE MANY MEMBERS THAT OWN BUSINESSES THAT GIVE A LOT TO THE CLUB, PLUS OTHER BUSINESSES THAT HELP SUPPORT MID-MICHIGAN STEELHEADERS BY DONATING PRIZES. EACH MONTH I'LL FEATURE DIFFERENT BUSINESSES THAT HAVE DONATED PRIZES OR GREAT DISCOUNTS. SINCE THEY SUPPORT US, I HOPE IN RETURN YOU SUPPORT THEIR BUSINESS.

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THESE GUYS VERY GENEROUSLY ALWAYS DONATE A BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM MADE ROD FOR OUR "MEMBERS RAFFLE" IN FEBRUARY! YOU CAN CALL MIKE AT (231) 848-7448 OR AL AT (517) 267-1573.

**H&H AUTO CARE:** ART HIGELMIER IS THE OWNER OF H&H; THEY HAVE 2 LOCATIONS AND DO ALL KINDS OF AUTO REPAIR. ART GIVES MID-MICHIGAN STEELHEADERS A 10% DISCOUNT; LARRY & I HAVE FOUND THEIR WORK TO BE EXCELLENT AND THE HELP VERY FRIENDLY. LARRY'S SAVED A LOT OF MONEY GETTING BRAKES & TIRES PLUS OTHER WORK DONE THERE, I'VE ALSO SAVED MONEY GETTING WORK DONE. WE FIGURE WE'VE GOT OUR MEMBERSHIP BACK 3 OR 4 TIMES JUST WITH THIS DISCOUNT! LOOK FOR H&H'S CARD IN THE NEWSLETTER, CALL ART (TELL HIM YOU'RE A MEMBER) AND SEE HOW HE CAN HELP YOU NOT ONLY SAVE MONEY, BUT GET A GREAT JOB DONE ON ALL OF YOUR AUTO REPAIRS.

# *Important Dates*

## *Board Meeting*

**Monday February 13th**

*Bridge street Pub Dimondale 6:00*

## *Membership Meeting*

**Monday February 20th**

*Sammy's 6:00 Social/ Dinner 7:00 Meeting*

*Speaker will be Larry Meier of Cormorant Research and Control Foundation*

**February 25th**

**Pentwater outing**

Mid-Michigan Steelheaders  
PO Box 305  
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Chapter Meetings are held the third Monday of each month at Sammy's Lansing, Michigan, unless stated so in this newsletter. Public is always invited to attend

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