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NOVEMBER MEETING

The November 25, 2003 Meeting will be held at St. Pius K. of C. (our regular meeting location). For November we will have our traditional "turkey" raffle in addition to tackle. Guests are always welcome to attend DAS meetings.

Pres.'s Message

Well here it is, November; and it's hard to believe that the summer of 2003 is well behind us now. For many of us fishing is all but forgotten as thoughts turn to that trophy buck somewhere in the north woods. But for others this is the best time of the year. The fish have hit the rivers and streams and weather permitting it's a good time to visit the many piers available throughout Michigan or to hit the surf in search of perhaps a nice fresh steelhead. Autumn in Michigan – does it get any better than this?

For the most part, the boats are now winterized and stored away waiting for next spring. Now is a good time to take stock of all the little things that you can put on your 'to-do' list to be ready for the next boating season. On those snowy mornings to come after hunting season when it's just too cold to head out on the ice it'll be a good time to take care of all those little things that'll help catch fish next season. Quite often I'll add

to my signature on an e-mail "keep those hooks sharp!" That's not just a thought it's a suggestion. How many things are on your off-season to-do list?

On another note, there's some sad news to report. News came recently that a long time friend of many Detroit Area Steelheaders, Captain Sam Ciaramitaro of the 'Great Laker' passed away after a sudden heart attack. Sam was a guest speaker at our meetings many times over the years and I remember his good natured willingness to stop and talk on the docks a number of times while I was up in the Port Austin/Grindstone City area. I know many of us took Sam's expert advice on fishing the thumb ports and put fish in the box with it. Thank you Sam for all the wonderful things you gave to this club. And then there's George Ritchey, producer of Ritchey's Custom Flies. While George's brother Dave may be better known for his Detroit News columns, George was a master at the art of dodger/ fly, dodger/squid fishing in the great lakes. I'll always remember George for the way he always remembered me and would call me over to his booth at the fishing shows to show me the newest 'hot' color or hot fly combo. Then he'd tell me stories of how this rig caught this huge fish or how that combo worked at Manistee. George was always willing to come speak to the club and teach the newcomers the fine art of dodger/fly-squid fishing. I'll miss you too George!

Then there's our own to remember here too. Detroit Area Steelheader Paul St.Pierre was a fixture on his friend Dave Roehr's boat the 'Loki One' and before that the 'Floating Holiday'. I have many good

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Sock Hop Benefit

Featuring Music from
1950's to 2004



Saturday January 31, 2004

Doors Open at 6 PM

Dinner at 6:30 PM

Raffle and Door Prizes immediately following Dinner

Entertainment: Come see some of your favorite Rock Stars (wanna-be's) performing their big hits. We have a few new surprises for this year.

Dance Contest - For Couples and Single Dancers - Put on your dancin' shoes!

Attire Contest - Come dressed in 50's 60's or early 70's (*period attire optional*)

Tickets include Dinner, Open Bar, Door Prizes, Entertainment, DJ and Dancing.

Tickets may be purchased from Mary at the November or December Detroit Area Steelheaders Meetings (see map for Sock Hop and Meeting location on back) or by mailing \$30 per person to:

Mary Karakas

1826 Brookwood Ave.

Royal Oak, MI 48073

or call 248-545-1181 or email at: dinnerdance@detroitsteelheaders.org



Proceeds will be donated to a Michigan Fish Hatchery and/or Net Pen project.

For additional information see the web site at: <http://www.detroitsteelheaders.org/dinnerdance.html>

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memories of Paul from fishing, camping, club functions and more. Paul and Melanie had just acquired their dream, a bait and tackle shop and party store near Rose City when Paul learned he was ill. He will be missed as well. And while I didn't know Mike Keating of 'Hammertime' very well he too will be missed. Mike was active on our club forums board up to near the end. May they all rest in eternal peace and may their loved ones and friends find comfort in the days and years ahead.

On the lighter side, I'd like to wish all of you a happy Thanksgiving. Remember, in December we'll have our annual Christmas meeting on December 16th with perhaps a special visit from ol' Salmon Claus himself with surprises for the little fisherpeople. Bring down the little Steelheaders and the rest of the family and join us for a great evening of fun. Just who will win the 'Bozotski' award this year? Could it be you? You never know! We'll draw the cooler of cheer winner {get your tickets soon!} and pass out the awards for skipper of the year and more. We'll have refreshments and fun for all so please join us.

Until next month remember - keep those hooks sharp!

Ed Wilczek
President

**DIRECTOR ELECTIONS COMING
DECEMBER**

The annual election for the DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS Board of Directors will take place at the Christmas meeting. There are multiple openings for directors this year.

Running for board positions are:

- Ron Niemasz
- Jason Adams
- Chris Miller
- Bill Stanley
- Dwayne Welder
- Ty Voigt
- Chris Nytko

If you can't make the meeting but want an absentee ballot, contact Bill Nutting or Bob Mitchell at the November meeting or at least ten days prior to the Christmas meeting.

DINNER DANCE

Tickets to the Annual Dinner Dance can be purchased at the next meeting. The theme for 2004 is Sock Hop Benefit featuring music from the 1950's through 2004. The dance will take place on January 31 at the K of C hall.

The tickets, at \$30 per person are a real bargain when you consider they include food, open bar, dancing and a chance at the door prize. Profits from the dance will be donated to a Michigan fish hatchery or net pen project.

Be sure to see Mary Karakas for tickets or call (248) 545-1181
Or e-mail dinnerdance@detroitsteelheaders.org.

This has been a fun filled event. If you haven't decided if you want to go, ask someone who was there in the past. I guarantee they will tell you that it's a great time. We will have a sit down dinner followed by dancing.

As in the past, there will be raffles for the guys and for the gals. (although many gals win in the guys raffle, too.) We are still in need of donations for prizes. If you can contribute, please see Doug or Mary. These prizes do not have to be fishing oriented. We have had people donate crafts, services and other things that make terrific raffle prizes. (Some wives just don't want to win a fishin' rod.) Don't miss this chance to show your spouse a good time. It could go a long way toward making it easier to go fishing next summer.

COOLER OF CHEER!

The Annual Christmas Cooler of Cheer is in full swing. The support of all of our members

and friends has really made this a fun event. The lucky winning ticket will be drawn at the annual Christmas meeting on Dec. 16.

The lucky winner will receive a **100-quart cooler full of cheer, a big assortment of party snacks and \$100 in cash;** a prize well worth the one buck investment.

As in the past, an incentive plan has been developed to encourage you to sell tickets for this raffle.

Try to turn in tickets and/or money during the November meeting and you will have a shot at winning a gift certificate at Gander Mountain.

Finally, the overall top ticket seller will win a \$150 gift certificate from Bass Pro. (This is a great boat opportunity, so you may want to talk to your crew and pool your results.) I have plenty of extra tickets for everyone who needs extra tickets. Please feel free to call me or see me at the meetings.

Chris Nytko (586) 786-0288

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MEETING
DECEMBER 16 at our MEETING
PLACE - 13 Mile K of C in
Warren.....**

Mark this date on your calendar. It's the night we all find out who's been naughty and who's been nice....or something like that. Bring the entire family. Skipper of the Year trophies will be awarded. Elections will also take place. Other activities including Salmon Claus's annual appearance.

COMING EVENTS

MEMBER MEETINGS

7:30 PM Tuesday,

November 25

December 16 -Christmas Meeting

January 27

RIVER TOURNAMENTS

Dec. 6 Frankfort (Surf & Pier)

Jan. 10 Grand Rapids

Feb. 7 Oscoda

Mar. 13 Manistee

For more information call Doug Karakas at (248) 545-1181

EVENTS

Dinner Dance Jan 31

Game Dinner March 7

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MEETING NOTICE - PLEASE DO NOT DELAY

Tackle Raffle Report

The tackle raffle is a fundraiser for Detroit Area Steelheaders. We have six tackle packs at each membership meeting. The total worth is between \$100.00 and \$125.00

We have had a wide variety of items in our tackle packs. Some of the things in this year's raffles were downrigger rods, line counter reels, large fish nets, deep fryer turkey cookers and smokers.

A tackle pack consists of three spoons, fly's or squids, hotshots, fish catchers, dipsey divers, bombers and J-plugs, depending on the time of year.

For pier, surf and river tackle packs we have had rod and reel combs and river nets.

A starter river pack consist of spawn cure, netting and floats, hooks, line, swivels, pyramid sinkers, casting spoons and hot n tots plugs.

For boat safety items we have had first aid kits, flares, fire extinguishers, dock lines, spotlights and boat winterizing kits.

The 50/50 drawing is another fundraiser. One half of all money received goes to DAS the other half goes to the lucky winner.

Your Tackle Raffle Chairman
Ty Voigt (Tyger)

Check Your Label

Did you know that your mailing label includes the date your membership expires? If its marked yellow, you are expired (no; just your membership!) Don't be disqualified from a tournament or the River Crab because you forgot to re-up. See Tom Moores at the regular meeting or send your check to the club post office box 1255 listed below. Regular memberships are still \$25, Senior \$10 and Lifetime \$150.

