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September Membership Meeting Recap

On Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 6:00 PM the Detroit Area Steelheaders welcomed Roger Hinchcliff as our featured speaker for the evening. The meeting was held at the Shelby Twp. Riverbends Park Mapleview Pavillion. Roger has given presentations at prior DAS member meetings and he is a fan favorite so it's no surprise that we welcomed 49 attendees. We started the meeting at 6:00 PM because we knew it was going to be dark by 8:00 PM and we did not want to miss any of the techniques that Roger can share. We started on time and Roger got right into it. Right up front he addressed the value of slowing your roll as you approach a river. He recommends reading it first, so you know where, and how to start. Before he finished his presentation, he had demonstrated his preferred method of fishing a river with spinners, plugs, floats, and jigs. It was a lot to take in, but his passion for fishing has given him a gift for presenting fishing in an interesting and fun way. Thank you, Roger for sharing your passion.



Our normal member meeting program followed close behind the speaker's presentation. Bob Feisel updated us on the Skipper of the Year competition. Blaise Pewinski addressed the Angler of the Year competition. We always request fishing reports from members. Jeff Bustos held another one of his great Tackle Raffles. The September raffle included a number of bonus prizes including a custom Lamiglass Steelhead rod and hats donated by Roger, and some hand tied flies donated by Mark Piascki. Jim Zanke collected \$180 for the evenings 50:50 raffle. (Winners: 50:50 – Carl Ventimiglia Sr. \$90, - Every Member drawing: Carl Ventimiglia \$50). We also got to welcome a new member, Michel Malcoun.

This was our fourth consecutive outdoor meeting in the Park. Thank you Paul Gjeldum for helping line up the park. We have been very fortunate to enjoy good weather with mild temperatures and good speakers. It has been a huge help in keeping the DAS rolling in a challenging COVID-19 year. Weather is a huge consideration and we have been extremely lucky in 2020 on our meeting nights. The board of directors is discussing working in some outdoor summer meetings as part of our normal meeting plan. The October 27 meeting will be back at Riverbends and the start time will be 5:30.

It appears the Governor may be lifting restrictions on meeting places, and we may be able to meet indoors soon. I expect to have an announcement regarding the November meeting location. Watch the DAS Facebook page, the DAS newsletter, and the frequent email blasts that are being sent out for the most up to date information.

Dan Chisholm

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Join Us At the Tuesday, October 27th Membership Meeting

**5:30 PM at the Riverbends Park
5700 22 Mile Rd, Shelby Charter Township**

Use the 22 Mile Road entrance between Ryan and Shelby Roads. We'll be at the pavilion on your left, as you enter the park. As with all gatherings masks and social distancing are recommended. There will be a 50:50 and tackle raffle, along with the \$50 every member drawing.

Please note the 5:30PM start time and return to the Hickory Grove Pavilion. It's the first Pavilion on your left as you enter the parking lot.

SAVE THE DATE

A virtual captains meeting is scheduled for 7:30 PM on November 5th. If you fished any of this years trolling tournaments, watch your email for the invitation to participate in a ZOOM meeting. This event is by invitation only. Trolling director, Bob Feisel will lead the DAS Skippers to discuss possible rules changes and set the 2021 trolling schedule. You'll need to save the meeting login passcode which will be included with your invitation.

Pier Fishing Presentation

Speaking at the October meeting will be our own Tom Thieda, with tips, tricks, and tactics on pier fishing. Join the DAS nomads as we enter the fall season. We'll be hitting the rivers and piers heavy this fall, so you won't want to miss this presentation.



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Manistee Outing Results

On Saturday September 26, 2020 the Detroit Steelheaders continued our "Angler of the Year" event on the Manistee River. Fifteen anglers showed up to try their luck. Participants were able to target steelhead and salmon from the beach, pier, and river. Most participants fished near Tippy Dam. Unfortunately there wasn't much happening there.

Bob Paradise won the event with three fish weighing a total of 53 pounds, and Gaspare Aragona claimed second with three fish weighing 25 pounds. Asked about his second place finish, Gaspare quoted our September guest speaker Roger Hinchcliff saying, "I'll tell you anything but my spot". Rumor has it treated skein was the ticket. "Don't be afraid to try a larger hook, and be generous with the skein. The bite can be very light, so pay attention to your bobber."

Bob Paradise won the \$75 big fish pool with a 20 # salmon. The rest of us claimed a "participant" award because we could not bring in a fish to the weigh-in. Following the weigh-in the DAS hosted a pizza party at Traks Bar and Grill in Brethren and a good time was had by all. Thanks to James Anderson and Laurie Gamblin for hosting a great day on the river.



Angler of the Year Schedule Revised

The Covid has taken its toll on the remaining AOTY events. If you happen to be a river, pier, or surf fishing fanatic, that may not necessarily be a bad thing. The shake up allows us to add an additional outing to our schedule. The fall outings are some of our best attended events. If haven't participated in one of these outings, you might want to consider adding a couple of these events to your schedule. As a bonus at each event, all participants will be eligible to win a random draw rod and reel combo. New members also qualify for the reduced first time membership rate of only \$20 (if paid at the event).

The Big Tom Memorial will be hosted by Captain Chucks. It was originally scheduled October 31st, but has been moved to November 28th. The Big Tom is open to all Michigan waters, but you must be back for the weigh-in at Captain Chucks in Ludington. We will fish the Big Tom on the new date, and Tom Thieda will host our own Manistee watershed outing on Halloween.



The Lakeshore Motel Outing is on our schedule for November 7th and features the fall fish-off between our club and the Metro West Steelheaders. Unfortunately the Lakeshore Motel is for sale so Bob Paradise will be hosting the Fish-off with Metro West.

These changes mean there will be four more outings this year. The Caseville Lake Trout outing remains on our schedule. As usual it will be hosted by Blaise Pewinski and the event date remains December 12th.

The remaining outing dates and hosts follow:

- October 31, Manistee River/Pier/Surf - Tom Thieda 586 206-5902
- November 7, Metro West Challenge, Manistee River Pier/Surf—Bob Paradise 586 457-4073
- November 28, Big Tom Memorial Ludington, All Michigan Waters—Bob Paradise 586 457-4073
- December 12, Caseville Lake Trout, Blaise Pewinski 248 890-4517

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Membership Expires:



Manistee Watershed AOTY River/Pier/Surf
Best three Steelhead by weight

WHEN: Saturday October 31
FISHING HOURS: 6:00 AM - 1:00PM
WEIGH-IN: 2:00 PM at Manistee Lions Pavilion
ENTRY FEE: \$10 (\$5 entry and \$5 big fish)
LUNCH: Following weigh-in, Location TBD
HOST: Tom Thieda 586 206-5902

Metro West AOTY Fall Fish Off River/Pier/Surf
Best three Steelhead by weight

WHEN: Saturday November 7
FISHING HOURS: 6:00 AM - 3:00 PM
WEIGH-IN: 3:30 PM at Lakeshore Motel
ENTRY FEE: \$10 (\$5 entry and \$5 big fish)
DINNER: 4:30 at the Bungalow restaurant
HOST: Bob Paradise 586 457-4073

Memberships were extended three months to offset the time that club activities were suspended because of the Covid. Your new membership expiration date is printed above your address. Memberships should be current to post scores in the SOTY and AOTY events. After two months have passed, you will be removed from the mailing list. Please take a moment to check your expiration date and renew your membership.

COVID 19 ANNOUNCEMENT
DAS activities are resuming with modifications to encourage social distancing, and promote safe practices. Face masks are suggested at gatherings, and we should practice good social distancing. We hope to see a good turnout as we emerge from the COVID-19 shutdown. It may be prudent for individuals with special health concerns to continue isolation. Please follow our website, message forums, and Facebook pages for more details on precautions, revised procedures, and event updates.

- The October meeting starts 5:30PM at the Hickory Grove pavilion at Riverbends Park. The early meeting time should allow us to wrap around sunset.
- ***The November meeting will be at a new location.***