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This Month's Meeting

Wednesday, January 10, 7:30 PM
Babe's - 5614 Schroeder Road

Speaker: John Janzen

On 31, October, 1929 the steel carrier Senator sank in Lake Michigan, claiming seven men and hundreds of Nash automobiles. The ship remained lost until 2003, when Paul Ehorn discovered her in 430 feet of water. In 2016, Ehorn lead an expedition placing the first divers on the Senator; John Janzen and John Scoles. John Janzen will present on the team's dives.

About John: John Janzen is a rebreather and technical diver, instructor and videographer who has been diving for more than 25 years. He is credited with five first descents on some of the deepest shipwrecks in the great lakes, most recently including the Senator at a depth of 430 feet. In 2007, he and John Scoles recovered the Bradley's bell, achieving the deepest artifact recovery in the great lakes by autonomous divers. The story is told in the Emmy award-winning documentary November Requiem. John has dived and/or filmed for National Geographic, NOAA, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Michigan State Police, U.S. Coast Guard, Wisconsin Historical Society, the History Channel, the National Museum of the Great Lakes and others.

Above water, John has written for Wreck Diving and Advanced Diver Magazines, published the Diver's Guide to Lake Wazee and wrote the factory service manual for the Inspiration rebreather. He holds a B.S. degree in Chemistry and is a certified machinist. John worked as an Engineer in the defense industry, where he contributed to many programs including Cray supercomputers, NASA, Navy Research Laboratory, National Missile Defense, DARPA, Trident Missile, and in the field of explosives chemistry. He currently works as an Engineer in the pharmaceutical industry and is the founder of The NO2 Group, LLC, a chemical process consultation company specializing in the production and analysis of primary explosives.

Trip Report: Indonesia Part 2 - Lembah Straits

By John Fafinski

We left Kri Island by boat to Sorong. Our plane was the last to leave so we waited in the same hotel as on the way in. There are plenty of nice sitting areas to read. Sorong's airport is not a great place to spend any amount of time. Avoid the bathroom, if at all possible. Then we flew to Manado. It is much easier to get in and out of Manado. From there it is an hour long van ride on crowded roads to the water and a short boat ride across the strait to Lembah Resort.

The Resort consists of several rooms on cliffs. Beautiful views, but not handicapped assessable and not a great place to work as a porter. We stayed in one of the recently renovated suits. It was huge. The bedroom was bigger than my first apartment. We had a covered porch, perfect for reading when it rained. Food was good and plentiful with a few local options at each meal. Breakfast and lunch were buffet style and dinner was from a menu. There was one large table to sit at if you wanted to mingle and several smaller tables if you wanted a more private meal. The restaurant was covered

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Diving the flooded mines on the Baraboo Iron Range

Last Wednesday, Mark Langenfeld and Tamara Thomsen presented on the history and recent dive exploration of the flooded iron mines of Sauk County's Baraboo Range. Many folks braved the weather to listen to the Wednesday Nite @ The Lab talk. Mark and Tami showed video of dives in the Illinois and Capt. Roberts mines and discussed recent findings and plans for future discovery. An archaeological survey was recently conducted on one of the mines, and is under consideration for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

The video is available on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/cWBgVT6RCj4>.

but open to the jungle all the way around.

The dive operation was very organized and easy. The dive lockers and boats are right on the shore. The crew moves almost everything for you and rinses your gear after every dive. There is a dive guide for every 3-4 guests. They are very knowledgeable about the area and the critters. They make a list of everything you saw each dive and share it with you during the return trip to the resort. Snacks would be waiting at the pool bar after boat dives. It is mostly muck diving on black sand with plenty of garbage in the water. Most of the time there is not much current. There are plenty of areas with coral that rival the Caribbean, but with pristine reefs near by the locals don't consider it much of a reef. Shore diving from the house reef is good. Even when you would come out of the water after a 90 minute night dive someone would be waiting to help you take your gear off, rinse it and put it away. We saw cuddle fish, a huge variety of nudibranchs, devil fish, sea horses, many species of shrimp and crabs, frog fish, ribbon eels (one free swimming), pipefishes, mandarin fish, mantis shrimp, etc., etc. We watched coconut, mimic, wunderpus, and long arm octopus. One of the coconut octopus picked up his house of shells and tried to run away. For about 20 minutes we watched about 20 large calamari squid laying eggs while a squadron of another 20 or so swam by overhead. None of them seemed to be bothered by the group of voyeurs.

We did not stay at Lembah as long as we were in Raja Ampat, so we did not get the chance to do any excursions. They do have boat trips out to lush reefs, and day trips into the rain forest. Next time.

Eventually it was time to go home. Back on the boat to cross the strait, van to the airport. Flights to Singapore, Seoul, LA, Chicago. We had a long lay over in Singapore. There is a lot to do in that airport. They have free cinemas, a swimming pool, orchid garden, sunflower garden, and more. They offer free city tours, but we got in late and they were full.

We are ready to go back. Lembah Resort coordinates with a few other resorts that have reef and wall diving. They offer boat transfers between the resorts with a dive along the way. No day off before flying between resorts. How long do I need to wait before I can ask my employer for 3 weeks off again???

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[-Cold-Stunned Sea Turtles Wash Ashore in Florida and Texas \(ScubaDiving.com\)](#)

[-Government allows new seismic blasting in Māui dolphin habitat \(The Scuba News\)](#)

[-We're Pouring Millions of Tons of Salt on Roads Each Winter. Here's Why That's a Problem \(Ensia\)](#)

[-New Tool For Testing Water Quality \(Wisconsin Public Radio\)](#)

[-Ever Wonder How Underwater Welding Is Possible? We did too \(Science Trends\)](#)

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