



# Four Lakes Scuba Club Newsletter

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## This Month's Meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 7:30 PM

Cranefield's—VFW Post 1318 - 133 E. Lakeside St., Madison, WI 53715

### Speaker: Greg McCune

This month new club member Greg McCune will be telling us about the SS Newbern/USS New Berne/SS United States. This ship was a veteran of the Civil War and shipping on the Pacific coast until 1893, when it wrecked on the Palos Verde Peninsula of California.

**About Greg:** Greg started diving in 1985 and has dove the Pacific coast from Cabo to Seattle, mostly from Halfmoon Bay South, and from Virginia to Key West and Barbados. He has also dove lakes, rivers, quarries, and mines throughout the

continental US. Most of his experience is in wreck diving. He also did gear repair and helped with classes in a dive shop for 20 years.



## Save the Dates: 2020 Spring Cleanup Dives

With spring just around the corner, it's time to dust off the local lake dive gear, prep those goodie bags, and get the dive flags ready to help clean up our lakes. Non-divers are welcome—we can always use shore and barge support!

- Saturday May 16
- Sunday May 24
- Sunday May 17
- Sunday June 7: Picnic at Mendota County Park
- Saturday May 23

## WANTED: Speakers for 2020

Do you have some great pictures or video from a recent trip? Do you know someone with interesting dive experiences? If so, you're in luck—we have openings to present in 2020!

Presentations do not need to be long or formal, and club members are always welcome to volunteer to present! If you're interested in giving a presentation yourself, or if you have ideas on topics you would like to learn more about, please speak up at the next meeting or contact one of the club officers.

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## In The News

### Cyborg Jellyfish

Practically science fiction: scientists have added an electronic swim controller to jellyfish which enables them to be steered and swim three times faster than normal. This could be useful for mapping and monitoring coral reefs. [[Scientific American](#)]

### Underwater Artificial Intelligence

Meet BEN, an autonomous underwater submarine busy mapping the bottom of Lake Huron's Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, in search of the 100 shipwrecks yet to be found. [[Verge](#)]

### Milwaukee Attractions

Check out *Shipwrecks of Milwaukee*, an online documentary about some of the favorite wrecks of the Milwaukee area: Willie, Dredge, and Car Ferry. [[NPR](#)]

### Keep on Trukin'

Three downed US WWII aircraft have been discovered in Truk Lagoon, a popular wreck dive destination. The aircraft are located in water between 100-215 feet deep. The bombers are being evaluated as part of Project Recover, to find and repatriate service members missing in action. [[University of Delaware](#)]

### Squid Pro Quo

Check out [these](#) gorgeous hand-illustrated drawings of squid from 1910, when these creatures from the deep were first being discovered. Over 100 years later, cephalopods continue to fascinate. [[Kottke](#)]

### Cognac Shipwreck

Divers discovered a wreck in the Baltic Sea from WWI containing unopened bottles of 100 year old cognac. Apparently this 80 proof liqueur is drinkable, as a tasting was done in January. [[New York Times](#)]

## Thank you!

A big thank you to our January speaker, Gayle, for an excellent presentation on how to hunt Megalodon teeth!

