



Four Lakes Scuba Club Newsletter

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This Month's Meeting

Wednesday, September 13, 7:00 PM

Benvenuto's in Fitchburg - [2949 Triverton Pike Dr.](https://benvenutos.com/)

The meeting starts at 7:00pm, but you may want to arrive at 6:30pm to chat and place your order. Check out Benvenuto's website for information on their loyalty program and menu:

<https://benvenutos.com/>

Speaker: Rick Krueger

Our speaker this month is local celebrity Rick Krueger, as seen in the August issue of Madison Magazine. He is better known as Radio Rick.



Photo by Patrick Stutz

About Rick

I'm a lifelong resident of the city of Madison who grew up on our chain of lakes. After getting certified in 1991 I bought a boat and outfitted it with the "latest, greatest" sonar available at the time (in my budget of course). When side scan sonar was made available by Humminbird in 2005 they sent me a demo unit to see how it would work for locating drowning victims. I quickly released the potential of this new technology and have updated my equipment whenever new systems are available. Since I retired over 12.5 years ago I shoot for being on the water at least 100 times a year, scanning the bottom looking for lost "treasures". To date I've located over 70 sunken boats in the Madison chain as well as literally tons of other objects. We'll be looking at some of the more interesting finds. Tami Thomsen has dove on and photographed a lot of the boats that you'll be seeing tonight. While I still dive most of my time is spent searching and using my Aqua-Vu camera to identify what I can.

Clean Lakes Alliance

Thank you to Paul Dearlove and Caitlin McAleavey from Clean Lakes Alliance for their August presentation.

CLA has a speakers series. You can find out about upcoming speakers and watch recordings of past presentations at <https://www.cleanlakesalliance.org/clean-lakes-101/>.

Find out what you can do at home to help the area lakes at <https://www.cleanlakesalliance.org/top10/>.

Check up-to-date water quality at multiple testing sites before you go out diving at <https://lakeforecast.org/map/site/>.

There is a lot more interesting information, helpful tips, and volunteer opportunities to be found on their website: <https://www.cleanlakesalliance.org/>.

Clean Lakes will include us in their 2024 Greater Madison Lake Guide. Please let Ellen know if you would like to help write this article. We will also need local underwater and club activity photos for this article.

They would also like some underwater photography to include on their website and in other publications. They would especially like photos of fish, other animals, environments, habitats, artsy shots, ice diving, the sites off of Picnic Point, and anything else you think would be interesting.

Please send Ellen any submissions and include how you would like to be credited.



Upcoming Club Events

-September 17—Lake Wazee Dive. Meet at the Wall at 9am. Bring your own gear including dive flag and lunch. During lunch, we'll plan where we'll go for the next dive.

-October 14 starting at 4pm—Phoenix Party

Trinidad Found!

We got a sneak peek about this shipwreck at our July meeting with Brendon Baillod. The Trinidad sank in 1881 in 270 feet of water off of Algoma. It is intact including the wheelhouse, crew's possessions, anchors, ship's wheel, and other items. The Wisconsin State Journal recently published [this article](#) about it.

And club member Zach made a very cool 3D model of the wreck. Check it out [here](#)!

A Few Photos from Gayle

Gayle sent along several recent pictures. Enjoy!



We've been enjoying being able to just show up and dive at Pearl Lake (no advance registration required, and they are still open). Conditions are great! Here's a Pearl Lake turtle.



Mike Young of KISS Rebreathers came to visit, and Zach, Bob Dankert, and I got a chance to try out a new rebreather he's testing that is designed for the recreational market.

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The Castle Rock trout is in fine shape, but refused to turn around and face me.

