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**Club Meetings-** Held at 7:00 pm on the second Tuesday of each month, at the Thomas Twp. Fire Station on the corner of Dice and Thomas.

This meeting- 14

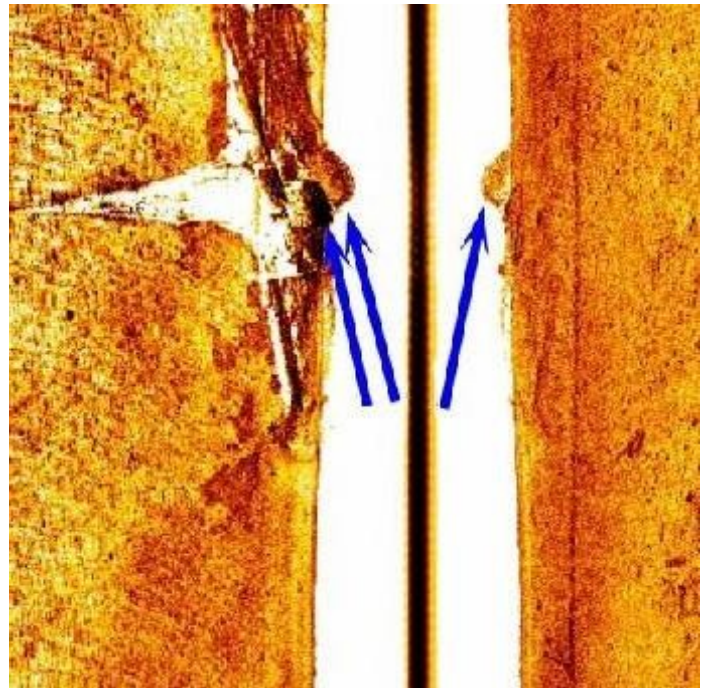
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*also selected short subjects*



MC Pres Fabish assisted by Ian and Max



Sonar image of Keystone City

**Remember Our Troops!**

## Hearty Christmas Party!

A packed room produced friends and members that hadn't been seen in a while, and the holiday atmosphere became contagious among all the gathering attending the 2013 SUE club celebration. Again, the Timbers restaurant provided us with our own private room. As you entered the room, you were greeted by Pres. Fabish, and others who beat you in. Timbers girls took orders for adult beverages, and you were welcome to a nacho plate provided by Timbers. Santa had left a stack of valuable 'Michigan Underwater Preserves' booklets for your taking. -These were just teasers for door prizes that were to come!



-Collection of season s smiles by Carol Piazza



"Did you hear the one about..."

After a settling down period, orders were taken from a selection of items offered by the Timbers. Folks first got serious on their meals; then it was time for the prizes!



Keith Hintz with special offers to SUE

Prior to VP Piazza distributing coupons and tickets, Keith Hintz of DIVEANDGLIDE invited members to his new store location on Midland Rd, Bay City(see back for website), and passed out some get-acquainted offers. Tony then requested the help of Ellie Prenzler to draw tickets for the door prizes. Ellie made sure you had the ticket before you got the prize.



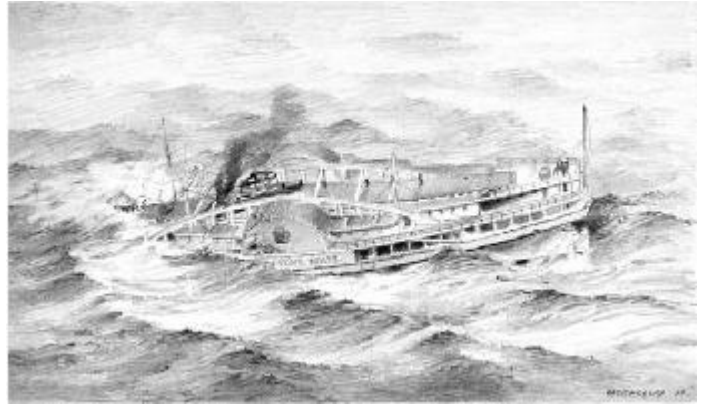


L.E. Prenzler selects first prize

Special SUE thanks to Tony and Carol,  
Keith and Angie from Dive and Glide  
Timber's Grill and Bar  
Independent Bank  
and other Santa's helpers for all their contributions to a  
successful SUE party!

### Gold(?) in Them-There Waves!

Renowned Great Lakes shipwreck finder Dave Trotter recently made public his discovery of a wreck he's been seeking a long time. According to the records, in 1861 the side-paddle wheel ship 'Keystone State' was outbound from Detroit into Lake Huron headed to Milwaukee with 33 souls and disappeared. Its manifest listed 'farm equipment'; however this occurred during the civil war, and speculation arose that it in fact was carrying war supplies. Or gold... Trotter located the wreckage a long distance from where it was suspected to have gone down, at a depth of 175'. Trotter's divers have made about 30 dives on it, but have not been inside to check. Or told...



Artist concept of the 'Keystone State' foundering



Unk diver examines wreck...

Trotter has released a significant number of photos, but is saving the best material for a speaking tour. As might be expected, the location is a bit vague. One stated "50mi north of Port Austin"; another reported "30mi NE of Harrisville". (appr location)



One site stated Harrisville was a small town just north of Lansing....

Actually it was last seen running into bad weather off Port Austin; and it was Port Austin where

debris washed up on shore and they realized it had been lost.



Closer view of side wheel



Diver Marty Lutz on Keystone



15 mins bottom time... (photos released Trotter)

## GREAT LAKES DISCOVERY SHIPWRECK DETECTIVE STRIKES AGAIN



Click to zoom out. Drag mouse to move viewpoint. Double click

Many lots of Ramon explore the wreckage of the Keystone Steamer in the deep waters of Lake Huron. Two 10-foot tall side wheels are to the right. The steamer went missing in stormy waters in Lake Huron near Port Austin in 1861. It was rumored to have carried Civil War armaments on a run from Detroit to Milwaukee. PHOTOS BY BOB MARETT FOR THE PRESS

But mystery remains regarding steamer lost in Lake Huron in 1861

By Ann Zamirski  
Detroit Free Press Staff Writer

The Keystone Steamer was in trouble.

Big waves slammed into the wooden steamer's sides as it rocked in the water near Port Austin under the weight of a brutal November storm.

And then it was gone, swallowed up by Lake Huron that day in 1861, claiming the lives of all 33 onboard.

The ship's final resting place was a mystery for 150 years.

But today, veteran shipwreck hunter David Trotter, 72, of Canton, Mich., to announce he and his crew found the side wheel steamer on its day at the bottom of Lake Huron — the latest in the nearly 100 vessels Trotter has discovered in more than 25 years of Great Lakes shipwreck hunting.

Trotter — who will announce the discovery on his website, [www.shipwreck1.com](http://www.shipwreck1.com) — said he didn't think he'd ever find the Keystone Steamer.

My expectations were dashed. See STEAMER, Page 3A



Diver Bob Marett of Bay City, Mich., and shipwreck hunter David Trotter of Canton discuss the wreck. Trotter said: "It's the sense of discovery, the sense of exploration. It's always been a passion of mine to find things that no one has found before."

SEE PHOTO GALLERY AND VIDEO

The nearly 300-foot-long ship was built in Buffalo, New York. It had paddle wheels on its sides nearly 40 feet in diameter. The ship was among a class known as palace steamers, according to maritime historian, author and artist Robert McGreevy.

Dave Trotter initially gave his story to the Detroit Free Press, but there is a lot of coverage on the internet. Try Trotter's web site [www.shipwreck1.com](http://www.shipwreck1.com) and a possible video at <http://bcove.me/mm8qee9l> (thanks Dave S.)



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Jan 14 mtg, nominations	Feb 11 mtg, elections
Mar 11 mtg,	Apr 8 mtg, VIP?
May 13 mtg	Jun 10 mtg, VIP?
Jul 8 mtg? picnic?	Aug 12 mtg
Sep 9 mtg	Oct 14 mtg, UWPC?
Nov 11 mtg (vets day!)	Dec- Christmas Party ?

Your club, your activities- Make suggestions!

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