

# Wisconsin Smallmouth Alliance

**Monthly Meeting**  
**Tuesday, Jan 15, 2019**

Maple Tree Restaurant,  
McFarland. 7:00 p.m. or come  
early and join us for dinner

## “ Diving in Area Lakes and Interpreting Side Scan Sonar”

Presented by Rick Krueger



My talk will be different than what most people are used to. I will NOT be telling you how to catch fish, what lures or equipment to use, etc. We will be touching on Smallmouth's "habits" though, as they are very interesting fish and I've observed them close up for many years. We'll be looking at the lakes themselves, showing some of the structure that regularly holds Smallmouth (and other fish), some of the many isolated rock areas, as well as touching on thermoclines, how depth affects color, briefly on sonar, etc.

I've spent most of my 65 years on the Madison lakes; fishing, Scuba diving (certified in 1991) and have spent countless hours on the water searching their depths first with regular sonar, and then side scan sonar (first unit in 2005).

To date I've found over 60 sunken boats, four cars that all went through the ice in the 1920's within two weeks of each other, and literally tons and tons of long forgotten objects. I've searched their bottoms with underwater metal detectors, finding Civil War era bullets (which were donated to the Civil War museum) as well as countless lures and weights (and obviously lots of cans and other trash). I document rock areas, changes in bottom composition, logs, cribs and other structure.

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