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Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art presents:

What: "The Wheelsmen" Lecture

When: Thursday, March 4 – 7 pm

**Where: Lecture Room, Midland Center for the Arts, 1801 W. St. Andrews Rd.,
Midland, MI 48640**

**Cost: \$8 general admission; \$5 members. Lecture attendees will be admitted to
"WaterWorks" and all Museum exhibits for \$3.**

Information: Call Ticket Office at (989) 631-8250 or (800) 523-7649 or www.mcfta.org

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Harrowing true stories of Great Lakes shipwrecks are the subject of "The Wheelsmen," a lecture presented by Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art on Thursday, March 4 at 7 pm. Author/historian Ric Mixter will provide an account of research from his new book, "The Wheelsmen," which includes eyewitness interviews and underwater exploration of eight featured shipwrecks. "Ric Mixter's insights into Great Lakes shipwrecks are a wonderful complement to our exciting 'WaterWorks' exhibition," says Museum Director Bruce Winslow.

Copies of "The Wheelsmen" will be available for purchase, and the author will conduct a book signing as part of his appearance. The lecture takes place in the Lecture Room of Midland Center for the Arts, 1801 W. St. Andrews Rd., Midland. Tickets are \$8 general admission; \$5 for members. Lecture attendees will be admitted to "WaterWorks" and all Museum exhibits for \$3. Call Ticket Office at (989) 631-8250 or (800) 523-7649 or www.mcfta.org.

Ric Mixter's underwater adventures are known to millions who watch his documentaries and news stories on television. No one can boast more promotion for Great Lakes diving; Ric has donated some 30 shows to PBS and has also found world-wide audiences on the Vision Network and Outdoor Channel. Ric has also been featured as an on-camera researcher for the Discovery Channel and History Channel, and is also an award-winning news reporter, working for stations all across Michigan. He was honored to be selected as a touring historian for the Michigan Arts and Humanities Council. Holder of several certifications in SCUBA, including advanced ratings and ice rescue, he served several years on the Saginaw County Underwater Rescue Team as a marine deputy/diver and was also diver/videographer for expeditions to the *Edmund Fitzgerald* and *Carl D. Bradley*. www.lakefury.com

The Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art (ABDM) celebrates discovery, creativity and individual expression through art, science and the interplay between them. Exhibitions in the Museum, classes at the Museum School, multiple outreach programs, a permanent collection and various special events are all components in the ABDM programming.

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