

Northern Illinois Spoonpluggers

Next meeting will be held on October 2, 2013

Catch of the Month



Meetings will be held at the VFW in McHenry (3002 w IL Rt 120) the first Wednesday of every month 7:30pm - 9:00pm. April - November.

Last month's attendees:

Chris Angsten
 Jerry Borst
 Ted Malo
 Chris Blatzhiem
 Bill Lorch
 Don Dayton
 Maureen Halleran

Last Meeting

Club members talked about fishing reservoirs in Southern Illinois and Missouri and some of the structures a Spoonplugger might come across and how lakes can be minutes from one another and be so different. Only the Spoonplugger can fish many different lakes and locate the fish in a reasonable amount of time. This is why Spoonplugging knowledge is the key to success.

Bob Roels took a trip to Lake Wisconsin. Bob landed this 50+ pound catfish. Bob said he was trolling the channel breakline at 13 feet when old Goliath hit his spoomplug. Bob released this big cat unharmed to fight another day. Bob said the fishing has been really good on Lake Wisconsin this summer. Bob reports catching good numbers of Sauger and Walleye. Lake Wisconsin has reachable depths good water color and lot's of fish. Great Job Bob

Bill and Frank Lorch took a trip to Missouri to visit their mother but not without making a stop in Southern Illinois. Bill and Frank launched the boat at 3:30 p m on Kinkaid Lake. The first trolling pass produced a 34 incher. On the second trolling pass they netted double 34" Muskies pictured below. Bill said. Frank I think their moving. In four hours they boated eight Muskies and lost five. The following day produced seven more Muskies up to 40" and a chubby 21" Bass. Frank caught his first Muskies on this trip. Bill showed big brother how to place markers on structure and make precision straightline trolling passes. The majority of the fish were caught using this method. The fish were located only in key areas on main lake structures. The fish seemed to be concentrated in certain areas. When you locate fish on a spot make sure you work it good and "Use your markers".





Chris Blatzheim has been fishing up a storm this year on Lake Delevan. Chris has caught numbers of Northern Walleye and Bass this season. Chris hasn't been able to get out fishing much in the last couple years so it's good to see him on the water again. Heres Chris with a chunky 20" Bass.
 Good Job Chris

Bill Lorch and new member Rick Herring took a trip to Lake Delevan. The air temps were cool. It was a definat cold front conditon. They got on the water at 3:30. Bill and Rick worked three structures and by 6 o'clock no fish were caught. They decided to try one more spot before dark and bingo! The fish moved up at on the bar at 6:30. Ricky came bumping accross the bar three times in an hour and hooked these three fish. The fish were caught 22' to 25' deep. A 700 spoonplug on wire was the ticket. The guys probably would have gotten skunked if they would have just trolled on through rather stopping and making several passes on the structure. This put them in the right place at the right time.