

Illinois Spoonpluggers

August 11, 2005

Elk Grove Library, 7:15 PM

Our next meeting will be held at the Elk Grove Library on Thursday, August 11, 2005 and we will begin at 7:15 PM.

The July meeting was attended by 8 members and included the presence of *Jerry Fronczak*. Jerry's a long time Spoonplugger but we haven't seen much of him lately. Good to have you back! This was a gathering of the walking wounded as a number of club members have been sidelined due to injuries. A couple of them managed to drag their broken bodies to the get-together and participated in sharing reports. *Wayne Dylo* is recovering from knee replacement surgery, *Harry Caliban* is still struggling with a broken leg suffered in a skiing accident, *Gino Testone's* broken heel continues to mend, and *George Schauner* had a muscle pull in his leg that caused the cancellation of an outing to Michigan. We wish all of these Spoonpluggers a quick recovery.

BUSINESS

1. Lure orders are in and were distributed . Prices had to be adjusted because of cost increase by the National. Those whose orders have not been picked up should be aware that there may be money owed on their order. Contact *Jim Perillo*, 630-628-1211, if you have questions or have not picked up your order.
2. We went around and did fishing reports which were all about Heidecke, Waubesa, and Monona. Wayne and *Rick Matus* gave good pointers on fishing the bars where the river enters Monona. Check out Wayne's article on speed control.
3. The Muskegon Outing was discussed and it was determined that *Jim Duplex*, George Schauner, *Scott Duff*, *Craig Hubbard*, and *Jerry Hein* would be in attendance. Phil and Wayne were leaning toward participation but had not yet made a commitment.
4. The Madison Chain outing, August 5-7, 2005 was also discussed. George has put together a number of possible motels that are convenient to the area and reasonably priced. Details are below. If you are going and/or need to partner up with someone contact Jim Duplex and he will pass it along to club members. We'd also like to know where everyone is staying so we can determine a base camp for the outing. The Chain has been giving up some quality fish this year and this is a good opportunity to get in on some of

the action. We hope you can make it.

5. The Northern Indiana Spoonpluggers "Buck Sez" Outing is scheduled for August 10, 11, 12, & 13, 2005. Base camp will once again be at the Forest Ridge Camp Ground, 260-327-3551; make sure you mention you're with the Northern Indiana Spoonpluggers. Motels in the area are: Lee's Inn, 260-244-5300; Super 8 Motel, 1-800-800-8000; and Budget Inn, 260-248-4644. These motels are located on US 30 in Columbia City about 5 miles from the campground and within 15 miles of most lakes. For further information you can contact Denny Coulardot, 260-691-3118, or John Bales, 260-854-3921.

HERE'S WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING OUT ON THE WATER.

Walt has been out and about with Jim Duplex and Wayne Dyllo fishing for northern pike on White Lake and Wawasee. Jim Shell has teamed up with Bob Roels Jr., one of the Illinois Spoonpluggers founding members, for some pike and musky action on the Madison Chain. Scott Duff seems to be every where this year as he continues to make excellent catches of bass, pike, musky, and walleye. He recently teamed up with Craig for the Muskegon Outing. Jerry Hein was up in Minnesota but reports that the action was slower than last year. *Frank Cipria* has been tearing up the waters of northern Indiana with some impressive catches of big northernns and muskies. Jim Duplex has been up to the Detroit River twice already and recently teamed up with George to enjoy some musky, sturgeon, and walleye action, as well as for some bass and northern pike when they visited Muskegon. Craig had an excellent outing with his brother on Lake Wildwood that highlighted his mapping skills on this private lake.

Topic of discussion: Fishing reports, the Muskegon and Madison outing.

SPECIAL NOTE: A map finder has been added to bottom of the newsletter. Just type in your address and it will give you directions to the Elk Grove Library. Try it out!

Dates for 2005 National Outings

Northern Indiana Spoonpluggers, August 10-13; and North Carolina Outing, September 11-18.

ILLINOIS SPOONPLUGGERS MADISON OUTING

AUGUST 5-7, 2005

MOTELS

1. RED ROOF INN- \$55.00; 1-800-733-7663 or 1-608-241-1787 4830 HAYES RD.: located off exit 135 near intersection of 151 & I94

2. **SUPER 8-\$67.00;1-800-800-8000-located off exit 135 near intersection of 151 & I94**
 3. **ECONO LODGE-\$65.00 standard, \$55.00 senior citizen; 1-877-424-6423: located off exit 135 near intersection of 151 & I94**
 4. **SELECT Inn-\$71.00; 1-800-641-1000 or 608-249-1815, 4845 HAYES RD: located off exit 135 near intersection of 151 & I94**
 5. **MOTEL 6-starts at \$46.00; 1-800-466-8356, and is located in the area**
 6. **SUPER 8-\$71.00;1-800-800-8000-located on Beltline Hwy, Rt. 14/151**
 7. **BABCOCK PARK-camping is \$20.00 per night and comes with electrical hookup. To reserve a campsite call Dane county parks at (608) 246-3896, 7:45 AM to 4:30 PM.**
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SPEED CONTROL

By Wayne Dylo

Dear fellow Spoonpluggers,

Upon recent reflections on my past months fishing and timely fishing reports from other members "SPEED CONTROL" has come into mind.

For the benefit of some newer members and a reminder to our older guys, the topic of SPEED CONTROL is most important.

Awareness of recent SPEED CONTROL was refreshed in my mind when I tried out LaSalle Lake in May. I had been fishing Heidecke Lake for walleyes all month. The SPEED was a slower jig/worm-jig/minnow-bottom bouncer, and called for both back trolling and drifting. There was also some casting. Then later towards the end of the month some slow trolling with Spoonplugs and crankbaits. Later on, I noticed some schools of "shad" suspended over known structures. I went to a fast troll to pick up additional fish. Spoonplugs were used on a fast troll to trigger the fish to take the lure. But one thing was forgotten while jigging for those walleyes, I did not remember to increase my slower jig speed. I did try a faster trolling speed with the Spoonplugs but I did not increase the faster jump stuff. I might have added to our catch with larger and possibly additional fish. We need to make those fish like "chickens in a barnyard" competing with each other.

When I got to LaSalle Lake and its warmer water, it took a little while to adjust to that warmer water temperature with the faster trolling speeds. No jump/jig stuff was used LIKE THE COOLER HEIDECKE LAKE. Those other bass guys weren't catching anything. Their speed was off. It did not take me long to

speed up. O.K. let them think I was nuts; it wasn't the first time and it won't be the last.

I have an old FISHING FACTS magazine article in my "POLISH ARCHIVES", an early 1983 issue. I was thinking of SPEED and I thought I might share it with you, my fellow members. The name of the article is "LURE SPEED, IT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOU THINK" by Mr. Buck Perry.

I tried not to call my trolling, "speed trolling", but I like to substitute the word VELOCITY so the non-Spoonplugger did not think all I did was zoom around Lake Wisconsin water skiing, as some people said of my boat actions in the summer.

My earlier slower jig speeds could have been improved upon by changing to a heavier jig or trying a jump spoon, as some of you know. We need to increase the velocity of the jig/lure as it moves through the water and as the fish move up on the structure; especially when the water warms up.

I hope you all find MR. PERRY'S ARTICLE AS INFORMATIVE as I did way back then.

GOOD LUCK IN YOUR FISHING

EDITORS NOTE: The article referred to by Wayne is contained in the April 1983 edition of Fishing Facts magazine and will be available in the club library for those who would like a copy.

The Detroit River Is The Place For Muskies, Sturgeon, and Walleye!





















Walt Kulikowski enjoyed some northern action on White lake.



George took this nice fish while attending the Muskegon outing.



Rick has been putting in some time at Shabbona and it paid off with this nice bass.







Bob Roels has been fishing with Jim Shell lately and their results have been impressive considering the weather conditions.