

# Illinois Spoonpluggers

## Newsletter

**Dedicated to the teachings of E.L. "Buck" Perry**  
**The Father of Structure Fishing**

**July, 2007**

The next meeting of the Illinois Spoonpluggers will be on Thursday, July 14, 2007, 7:15 PM at the Elk Grove Village Public Library. Club meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month.

**1. MEETING SUMMARY** - The June meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM in the conference room with 8 members and 1 guest present. It was decided to purchase a copy of the Carl Maltz's booklet *The ABC's of Spoonplugging* from Jeri Perry for the club library while they were still available. Scott Duff discussed the upcoming National Outings in Southern Illinois and Muskegon and encouraged members to attend. A presentation on Interpretation of Structure was given by Phil Szafranski with Heidecke Lake being used as the example lake with its numerous subtle features. His illustrations showed how we can use our spoonplugger maps to give us the big picture, as well as point out key details, in our fishing situations. Thanks, Phil!

**2. NEW MEMBER** - We extend a warm welcome to *Frank Yavarasi* of Lemont, IL as our newest member of the Illinois Spoonpluggers!

**3. LAKE BARKLEY CLUB OUTING INFORMATION** - The Illinois Spoonpluggers Lake Barkley Outing is July 28-August 5. Jim Duplex has put together a complete trip planner that includes directions as well as information on motel and launch facilities. Remember, you will also need a Kentucky fishing license. Some excellent fishing reports have been sent out from recent trips. Jim will also give a detailed report about the fishing situations you'll encounter at the July 12 meeting in Elk Grove. Hope you can make the outing!

#### **4. FISHING REPORTS** -

Fishing has been good across the board. Periods of stable weather, seasonal rains, and plenty of warmth have provided conditions ripe for many good catches...and the reports have been coming in! *Craig Hubbard, Wayne Dylo, Harry Caliban, Jim Taylor, Rick Matus, Phil Szafranski,* and *Jim Duplex* have all been plying the waters of Heidecke Lake and reaping its rewards. Harry and his kids faced challenging weather conditions but pulled out several walleye over 20" by going to live bait at the contact points. Dave Johnson and Rich Lynch dove into their first day of on-the-water Spoonplugging with a successful trip to famed Whitewater Lake. They caught northern pike to 30" trolling the fingers of the deep holes. Great job, guys! *Nick Tabor* and his son had a blast catching a load of catfish on the Illinois River out of Ottawa at night. *Wayne Dylo* and *Scott Duff* fished Lake Kinkaid back in June and caught plenty of fish during an unsettled weather situation. Despite less than ideal conditions, 11 muskies were boated over 2 days, and six were over 40" including two 45"+. Scott also got into an early morning movement of bass on Newton Lake. *Frank Cipria*, who has moved back to Illinois (Rockford), had a successful trip to the Madison Chain catching a heavy 42" muskie. Its great to have you back in the area, Frank! *Jim Duplex* made a quick trip to the Detroit River and was rewarded with several nice muskies for his efforts. Scott's report on his big walleye catch from Heidecke Lake was featured in an article entitled "Heidecke Unplugged: Spoonplugging the Cooling Lakes" in the July issue of *Outdoor Notebook*. The author and

magazine editor is Bob Maciulis, a National Spoonplugger member.

**5. NATIONAL SPOONPLUGGER OUTINGS** - The National Outings are a golden opportunity to experience some terrific fisheries, meet Spoonpluggers from other areas, and learn a whole lot in just a few days. We look forward to seeing many out there again this summer.

Try to take advantage of these fine opportunities if you have the chance. The outings are worth every bit of the drive and effort involved. Spending time on waters different from what we are used to at home expands our fishing horizons and makes Buck's material come alive. Experiencing fishing success and fellowship with other Spoonpluggers on outstanding lakes is really what its all about.

### **Dates for upcoming National Outings:**

**Muskegon Lunker Hunters Outing at Fishermen's Landing, July 18-22, 2007**

**Northern Indiana "Buck Sez" Outing, August 9-11, 2007sss**

**North Carolina Outing, September 6-8, 2007**

**Chicamauga Reservoir, October 4-6, 2007**

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### **Some On-The-Water Highlights From June:**

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Scott Duff with one of two 45" Kinkaid muskies (yes it has a tail, too)



Scott with early morning Newton Lake 20.5" on 700 Spoonplug



Larry McCormick and new Spoonplugger Cecil Scott on Kinkaid (his first muskie!)



Jim Duplex enjoyed a successful trip to the Detroit River



Frank Cipria and a 40" beauty on the Madison Chain

**...and the latest from Lake Barkley, KY!**



Jim with a big 'un on  
Lake Barkley



George's Schauner hoists a  
22 lb catfish



George with a nice lawn chair  
"caught" on a 200 SP with the  
aid of Cabela's \$4.95  
lure retriever!



Lunkers from the first school, just 500 yards  
from the launch on the first day

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