

Illinois Spoonpluggers

Newsletter

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

May, 2007

The next meeting of the Illinois Spoonpluggers will be on Thursday, May 10, 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 March meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM in the conference room with 11 members present. Treasurer *Jim Taylor* was unable to attend so no report was given. *Wayne Dyllo* agreed to handle the club maps file which includes maintaining the maps and bringing them to meetings. Thanks Wayne! Phil Szafranski led a discussion of Winter Seminar follow-up items including: comment received, member feedback, agenda, format, and hospitality. Scott Duff will forward a summary of discussion items to seminar coordinator Jim Duplex for use in planning next year's event. The seminar video is now in the club library available for check out.

3. UPDATED CLUB ROSTER - An updated club membership roster was sent out last month. Let me know if I missed anyone. My new e-mail address is swdclar@earthlink.net.

4. DISCUSSION: PLANNING FOR LAKE BARKLEY CLUB OUTING - Planning for the Lake Barkley/Kentucky Lake Club Outing will continue at the May meeting. The outing dates are July 28-August 5. Members are encouraged to attend whatever dates they are available.

5. FISHING REPORTS - *Dave Macha* started things rolling with his report from the Petenwell dam area. He and a friend caught 40+ walleyes using a slow presentation jig/minnow in the 14'-16 depths. *Rick Matus* and *Scott Duff* have continued to keep tabs on LaSalle Lake. Rick described some of his most recent mapping efforts and fish caught. *Jim Perillo*, just back from a month in the Sunshine State, warmed us up with his report on fishing in the Tampa Bay area.

Reports from Heidecke Lake have really begun to heat up with numerous limit catches of walleye coming in. The average size is better this year with fish up to 24" (*Phil Szafranski*) so far. *Jerry Hein* picked up over 20 fish in just a few hours on the water, with 10 fish over 16". *Scott Duff* had a limit of walleye 17"-21", a couple of 8 lb channel catfish and 9 1/2 lb striper in a short trip last weekend. *Jim Duplex* and Scott found the water had cleared up slightly this week. The active fish were smaller and a little more scattered after the slight weather change, but the walleyes were still up and moving on and around the structures. Of course, check your speeds. Note-Elevated water levels have at times limited some boats from passing under the bridge, where the gauge has been in the yellow zone, so use caution.

6. BUCK SEZ/FOOD FOR THOUGHT - How can lure speed be adjusted to check for the larger fish? Have you ever stopped the lure on the slow troll (by dropping the rod back or stopping the boat) only to have a big fish strike when you gave it a pull or resumed trolling speed? If the fish required a small lure to be run fast and deep, on the cast (or troll), what would you use? How, when, and where would you want to check this out? Be sure to check out Buck's comments in his front page letter to Mr. and Mrs. Bergman (National Spoonplugger, March/April 2007)!!!

Dates for upcoming National Outings:

Carbondale Outing, June 27-July 1, 2007

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

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

North Carolina Outing, September 6-8, 2007

Chicamauga Reservoir, October 4-6, 2007

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Phil Szafranski with part of a nice catch from Heidecke Lake

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