

# Illinois Spoonpluggers

## Newsletter

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

**September, 2007**

The next meeting of the Illinois Spoonpluggers will be on Thursday, September 13, 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 August meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM with 10 club members present. Jim Taylor gave the Treasurer's Report and provided a copy for members to review. A few minor purchases were discussed as well as reimbursement to members for personal expenses in carrying out club business.

**2. FISHING REPORTS** - The Lake Barkley Outing was a success with 9 members attending: *Jim Duplex, George Schauner, Phil Szafranski, Jim Taylor, Rick Matus, Wayne Dylo, Marty McAvoy, Craig Hubbard, and Scott Duff*. Spoonplugging knowledge and persistence led to respectable catches despite clearing water and the bass being increasingly "under the influence" (of a high pressure system)! The opportunity to fish a wide flood plain-type reservoir is well worth the efforts due to the learning, and the structure situations involved, despite the considerable distance to travel for many. Members fished Lake Barkley all week mainly in the northern section. One boat paid a visit to some known structures on Kentucky Lake where the water was found to be even clearer than usual. On Lake Barkley, bass to 19", white bass, and some enormous plate-sized bluegills were caught (on spoonplugs!). *Craig Hubbard* landed a beauty of a blue catfish (33 1/2 lbs.) on a 700 SP. Good fellowship was enjoyed by all with gatherings taking place for many early breakfasts and late dinners. The Spoonpluggers also met up on the water to trade notes. In all, it was excellent trip and satisfying to see so many able to attend.

*Jerry Hein*, back from his summer travels, commented at the meeting on the fishing at the Muskegon Outing (10 LM, over 30 lb.!) and some late day movements on the Madison Chain. *Frank Yavarasky* hit Waubesa with *Frank Cipria* and had a fine day early in the month. Several muskies to 38", bass and northernns were caught with the best fishing time being 2-4pm. Frank Y. also had the opportunity to make several other trips, including Lake Pepin where he got into white bass and walleye, and several lakes in northeast Indiana and Southern Michigan.

Since our recent bout with extreme weather fishing has been pretty tough. *Jim Duplex, George Schauner, Scott Duff, Craig Hubbard, Rick Matus, Wayne Dylo, and Gino Testone* have reported pretty tough fishing on Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois lakes. However, Wayne had a memorable day on the water with his son on Mendota where they hit a good movement of northernns right on the leading edge of an approaching storm front. Otherwise, the rising and falling flood waters, and periods of very unsettled weather have really mixed things up. The arrival of fall conditions also means waters will be clearing as temperatures begin the slow slide toward turnover, so expect action to continue a little hit-and-miss. However, the arrival of La Nina could mean warmer and dryer than normal conditions for the coming fall months, so maybe more stable conditions will return in a couple of weeks.

***Dates for upcoming National Outings:***  
**North Carolina Outing, September 6-8, 2007**  
**Chicamauga Reservoir, October 4-6, 2007**

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