

Illinois Spoonpluggers

Newsletter

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

April, 2008

The next meeting of the Illinois Spoonpluggers will be on Thursday, April 10, 2008, 7:15 PM at the Elk Grove Village Public Library. Club meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month.

ILLINOIS SPOONPLUGGING SEMINAR REPORT - We had another great turnout for our 6th Annual Winter Seminar and special thanks have to go out to the Spoonpluggers who made the trip from out of state. Representatives from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, and North Carolina, as well as locals from Illinois, attended. Their participation helped to make the event a success. Jeri Perry and Terry O'Malley sent video greetings and Terry graciously answered a number of seminar questions submitted for the program. He's still the go-to-guy for Spoonplugging knowledge.

John Bales gave an invaluable presentation on mapping and interpretation and he, along with the other Certified Spoonplugging Instructors in the audience, contributed their vast knowledge and experience to the proceedings.

Special thanks to Scott Jenkins for making the trip up from Hickory and for giving us an update on Buck's Baits. Scott and Jeri generously donated a number of items that were used as give aways and thanks also to Fran Myers for donating Spoonplugger hats.

However, none of it could have been done without the members of the Illinois Spoonpluggers who put it all together and deserve the credit for making it happen. Especially Craig Hubbard for handling the food, chips and pop, Wayne Dylo on coffee, Phil Szafranski and Rick Matus with registration, Jim Taylor on finances and Spoonplugging display, Jerry Hein and Jim Duplex for moderating, and Jenny Hubbard for her video skills and cookies. And a special thank you goes out to Jim Duplex, who put together the slide and video presentation, served as seminar coordinator, and kept the day running as smoothly ever. Thanks to all who participated. It was great day for Spoonplugging!

FISHING REPORTS - Just a few reports have come in but things will be heating up soon. Jim Duplex teamed up with Phil Szafranski and the first report from Heidecke is a good one for both water color and plump walleyes. They found the water to about a foot and a half low but this posed no problems for either launching or boating. Watch for the rocks along the natural shoreline, though, as some hazards will lie just below the water's surface. Scott Duff hit LaSalle Lake for a few hours last weekend and got into a some LM bass and catfish. He reports that the water color at LaSalle is good with the water level down about a foot and temps from 60-80 F. The breakwall installed last year creating a harbor around the launch is a plus, along with the new and improved docks. We look forward to hearing more reports in coming weeks.

Dates received for upcoming National Outings:

Bama & Ohio Spoonpluggers, Weiss/Cedar Lakes, AL, April 16-20, 2008

Leoni Outing, Jackson, MI, June 11-15, 2008

Lunker Hunters Muskegon Outing, July 9-13, 2008

Northern Indiana Outing, August 7-9, 2008

Buck Perry Memorial Outing, Taylorsville, NC, Sept. 4-9, 2008

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