

# Illinois Spoonpluggers

## Newsletter

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

**July, 2008**

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

**1. MEETING SUMMARY** - We had one of our better turn outs in awhile with 17 members present and one guest. The Lure Order for Buck's Baits was collected by *Jim Perillo*. The colors were simplified by the members to include a group of representative colors to cover the various conditions and member preferences. *Phil Szafranski* and *Rick Matus* led a discussion on Clinton Lake, a Lowland Reservoir Cooling Lake in Central Illinois. Both have spent time on this lake at various times and the question was posed to those present, "What would you do if fishing this lake during the spring?" "Would you fish it?" Utilizing various maps to identify the structure situations present it was agreed that this lake would pose problems from a seasonal point of view when fishing for the sizable population of bass and walleye. The size, depths, array of structure situations, and especially the changing effect of the power plant on the water temperature would present a host of variables while fishing during the early season on this lake. The migration of the walleye would also be affected by the unpredictable effects of the power plant controlled water temperatures. However, it was pointed out that trips during the off season (or during poor fishing conditions such as a cold front) on this or any lake can be used to locate and assess fishing situations, if the fisherman wants to learn more about potential places to fish later in the season.

**2. FISHING REPORTS** - Unstable weather and water conditions have been the main features controlling the fish and fishermen this month. However, by fishing on the best available weather days, and seeking the best available water color decent catches were still possible. According to *Phil Szafranski*, *Jim Duplex*, *Craig Hubbard*, and *Wayne Dyllo* Heidecke Lake's walleye action slowed a bit, but for much of the month that lake offered some of the area's better fishing water with so many other lakes and rivers in flood. *Scott Duff* reported action for walleyes, white bass, and muskie on Spoonplugs on Lake Marie before the water levels rose. However, Scott found fishing a lot tougher on the Madison Chain due to the heavy rains and cool spring. Still, some fish including walleye, northern pike, crappie and bluegill were caught on Lake Waubesa and Lake Monona using Spoonplugs and the Silver Buddy. *Dave Mucha* hit the road and traveled east to the Detroit River to do some exploring and mapping. Also in June, Phil and Scott headed south for some bass action at Newton Lake in Central Illinois. A cold front didn't deter either the fish or the fishermen, although anchoring positions and jump lures were needed to catch many of the 25 LM bass that were boated. Phil also got into some pike at one of his favorite lakes, Paw Paw Lake in SW Michigan recently.

In all it seems that we are now headed into a more normal summer pattern. (Let's hope I don't have to eat those words!). Quite a few members in the club will be fishing at the Muskegon Outing on July 16-20 as well as other area waters. We look forward to hearing everyone's reports so send in whatever you have. Pictures are always appreciated! Timely Spoonplugger reports add greatly to the learning and help members stay abreast of conditions as the fishing season develops on our area waters.

4. **NATIONAL NEWSLETTER UPDATE** - The June issue looks GREAT, and many of the past issues have already been posted! The new National Spoonplugger web site is: <http://www.nsoa.info>. In the future, the National Newsletter will be received online. This is a secure site and members should already have received instructions for using the new web site as well as a logon password. Members choosing to continue to receive paper copiers of the National will still be able to do so. The web site will enhance member benefits in numerous ways by providing: 1) an archive of past newsletters; 2) an article search for a specific topic you'd like to research; 3) full color and digital archival quality; 4) a detailed membership directory; 5) instant updates of contact information; and 6) online payments.

***Upcoming National Outings:***

**Lunker Hunters Muskegon Outing, July 9-13, 2008**

**Northern Indiana Outing, August 7-9, 2008**

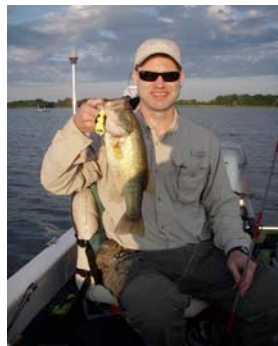
**Buck Perry Memorial Outing, Taylorsville, NC, Sept. 4-9, 2008**

***Spoonplugger Web Sites:***

**Spoonpluggers of America: [nsoa.info](http://nsoa.info)**

**Buck's Baits: [buckperry.com](http://buckperry.com) / Discussion Board, links, and more: [spoonplugger.net](http://spoonplugger.net)**

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**Scott Duff and Phil Szafranski  
found that early morning was the key  
during this cold front**