

Illinois Spoonpluggers

Newsletter

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

May, 2008

The next meeting of the Illinois Spoonpluggers will be on Thursday, May 8, 2008, 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 April meeting included a discussion of the seminar feedback and suggestions for next year. *Craig Hubbard* said the DVD is ready and has been added to the club's library. The club thanked the following individuals for their generous contributions to the March seminar: Terry O'Malley, Jeri Perry, John Bales, Scott Jenkins, and *Fran Meyers*. Thank you cards were sent to each. *The date for next year's Winter Seminar is set for Saturday, March 19, 2009 at the Elk Grove Public Library.* A suggestion was made to donate a copy of the Green Book to the Elk Grove Public Library also as a "thank you." A possible club fishing outing was discussed but nothing definite has been decided as of yet. Phil Szafranski and Jim Duplex reviewed some of the structure situations on Heidecke Lake, which is our best area lake for springtime walleye action. The talk was aided by structure maps drawn on the overhead.

2. FISHING REPORTS - *Jim Shell* sent in a fine report featuring a number of walleyes around 23" he and a friend caught up in Green Bay. They launched from the Peshtigo and Menominee Rivers and found the water to be clear but the winds were favorable. Checking the depths proved to be key as most of the walleyes were caught free-running slightly off the bottom. All of the local reports I have received this month have centered on Heidecke Lake, which by the way has been putting out some nice walleyes this year. *Joe Zaremba, Jim Duplex, and Phil Szafranski* have been plying Heidecke's waters with some regularity with walleyes to 22" along with the occasional striper and drum. Spoonplugs as well as a jig combo have been taking fish depending on conditions so you have to check your speeds. Movements are still on the small side but legals have been common which is certainly an improvement over '07. *Rick Matus* just returned from 4 days of fishing on Clinton Lake; we look forward to hearing a detailed report at the meeting. Also, Phil will be adding a presentation of his own on Clinton Lake.

3. BUCK'S BAITS LURE ORDERS - *Jim Perillo* will be putting together a club lure order to be sent in June. An order form will be sent out to the membership soon.

4. "LOCAL" NATIONAL OUTINGS - I hope many Illinois Spoonpluggers will plan to attend at least one (or more!) of the National Outings in Michigan and Indiana this summer. If you have never attended one of these events you are missing out. The outings are excellent opportunities for all Spoonpluggers. They offer a chance to expand your fishing horizons, learn new waters, and talk with other experienced Spoonpluggers. And the Lunker Hunters, Leoni, and Northern Indiana Clubs certainly do a fine job of hosting! The Muskegon area waters offer a variety of superb fishing opportunities for both natural lakes and reservoirs. Allegan Lake is one of the best flatland reservoirs you will ever find for Spoonplugging for walleyes and smallmouth bass. The NE Indiana and SE Michigan lakes are well known for typically fine fishing for many species. These outings are well attended and the hosts go WAY above and beyond to make everyone's experience a good one. See you on the water!

Dates received for upcoming National Outings:

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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**Phil Szafranski with some of
the fish caught under blue bird skies
from a lake with excellent water color.**