

Illinois Spoonpluggers

Newsletter

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

June, 2009

The next meeting of the Illinois Spoonpluggers will be on Thursday, June 11, 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 May business meeting was held at the Elk Grove Village Public Library and was attended by 10 members. Phil Szafranski oversaw the proceedings of the meeting, which involved member fishing reports, a lively discussion of some new structure situations, and an excellent Year-In-Review Report given by Jerry Hein.

2. LURE ORDER - Jim Perillo will be collecting lure order forms and checks this week. Bring your orders to the meeting if you are interested. A lure order form is available on the Buck's Baits web site. Please contact him if you have any questions.

3. FISHING REPORTS - The fishing season is heating up despite the cool weather conditions. Rain has been frequent causing the rivers to run high, but we so far have avoided extreme heavy rains and severe weather. While we are a couple weeks behind in the temperature department, fishing has overall been pretty decent.

Frank Yavarasky and Dave Mucha teamed up for a **Lake Erie** Trip (Brest Bay). Despite unstable weather they caught walleyes 14"-23 1/2", lots of drum, and medium size white bass. *Bill Wirtz* also made a trip to Lake Erie's Turtle Creek area and caught walleye to 24" and lots of sheephead.

Phil Szafranski, Gino Testone have experienced consistent action on **Heidecke Lake**. Phil also had a 22" striper. Some days produce a lot of small fish while other have numbers of 17"-21" cruising the productive features. *Paul Thomas* teamed with *Jim Duplex* for a day of walleye action, as well. *Scott Duff* also was into the walleyes at Heidecke Lake and noted bass action had slowed at **LaSalle Lake**. Great reports, guys!

Bob Roels gave an excellent report where on a single two day trip he was into the walleye (to 27") on **Lake Wisconsin**, and quality northern pike and largemouth bass on another Southern Wisconsin lake.

Mike Lynch was on the East Coast for business and decided to contact *Steve Parker* of the Mid-Atlantic Spoonpluggers. The two fished **Virginia's Lake Anna**, a highland reservoir, over a couple of days. Mike offered his insights into the fishing situation, and we discussed how a Spoonplugger goes about narrowing down his fishing water on a large body of water we are facing for the first time.

Scott Duff reported that he had boated a **51 inch musky** on the **Fox Chain** this past weekend!

At least a couple guys have been to the Leoni Outing, too, so we look forward to hearing their reports and more and Thursday's meeting!

4. PROGRAM: Jerry Hein presented his Year-In-Review Report for 2008. His fishing ranged from MN, WI, MI, IN, OH, and IL from top to bottom. Jerry is a highly disciplined and experienced Spoonplugger who always knows where his is, and what is going on when he is on the water. Each year, Jerry fishes new waters, but also includes many of the same lakes in his travels. This allows him to fish bodies of water under many different weather and water conditions. This is exactly what Mr. Perry tells us to do. In doing so, we learn what makes a lake tick, and what we must do to catch the fish. Because of this approach, Jerry does not often leave the water without making contact with the fish. Conditions change constantly. He has developed a keen on-the-water awareness and the flexibility to do whatever is necessary to adapt to the conditions, be it going to wire, or tempting neutral fish with live bait. Jerry ALWAYS keeps in mind that we as fishermen cannot tell the fish where they ought to be. He talks about this in almost every report. This is what is meant by the instruction that we have to "CHECK IT OUT!" It is so true!!! Whether in a club presentation or sitting around camp at one of the summer outings, its always interesting to hear about whatever problems Jerry encounters on-the-water, and just how he goes about solving them. Thanks, Jerry!

Get your reservations in now for the outstanding **Muskegon Outing, July 8-12**. A group of Illinois Spoonpluggers will be heading up, as always.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting!!!

Upcoming National Fishing Outings:

Lunker Hunters Muskegon (MI) Outing, July 8-12, 2009
Northern Indiana "Buck Sez" Outing, August 13-15, 2009
Buck Perry Memorial Outing (NC), September 4-6, 2009
Chickamauga Reservoir Outing (TN), October 1-3, 2009

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Spoonpluggers of America: nsoa.info
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