

## Illinois Spoonpluggers Newsletter

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

**May Meeting Notes:** 10 members attend the May meeting. The club would like to send a big Thanks to **Joe Zaremba** For securing the clubs use of the Elk Grove Library.

**Club Notes:** If any members have Reports, Stories, Articles, Pictures, Questions, Etc... that they would like to share with the club or have published in the newsletter please email or call the newsletter editor. The Club is thinking about a Summer Outing sometime between July 24<sup>th</sup> and August 8<sup>th.</sup> If you have any Ideas on location or different dates please email us by June 10<sup>th</sup> or have them ready at the next meeting.

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**June Meeting:** The next meeting of the Illinois Spoonpluggers will be on Thursday, June 10, 2010 at 7:15 PM at the Elk Grove Village Public Library. Club meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month. The June meeting will be held in the Group study room.

**Fishing reports**: **Brett Christenson** has been spending some time mapping the fox chain and his home lake in southern Wisconsin hooking up with some nice Walleye pike, Muskie and bass for his efforts. **Nick Tabor:** Reported on a recent trip to Central Wisconsin with his son where they split time pan fishing and trolling for toothy critters. They reported the pan fishing was decent along the weed edges and that trolling was a bit challenging do to the floating weeds but they were still able to boat a couple nice fish trolling. **Bob Roels** Reported on a recent trip to Central Illinois with **Jim Shell** where they encounter an intense movement in the morning on a flat near deepest breaking area of the structure. Over 30 fish for the day and half were caught. Lessons learned were watercolor, flats off break that breaks all the way to the flat can produce, channel turns and associated structures. And finally twister tail trailer rig works.

## "Sometimes They Come All The Way" By Phil S

Some Spoonpluggers possess this overwhelming desire to catch fish in extreme depths in order to derive personal satisfaction in their fishing. This personal passion can sometimes get in the way of making a good catch for the day simply because they are fishing below the fish. Having lures out of position and taking shortcuts by not running all the lures prevents us from making an accurate assessment of our fishing day. How many days have we been on the water and simply struggled, experiencing a catch of zero fish? We then go home and then try to explain that the fish were not moving that day, and yet, we may never run the 500's and 400's because we were certain that they would not be coming that shallow. I mean, who would want all of the aggravation of constantly ripping through weeds and expending all of that energy to run these little lures.

Recently, I had an experience that would serve as a lesson to contradict the above flawed logic and flat out laziness that can develop by taking shortcuts during our fishing day. We are all aware of these bad habits...not willing to map because it is too time consuming, not willing to put the information down on paper because we have it all upstairs in the recesses of our superior minds, not willing to put in the appropriate amount of time to completely fish the structure we are working, doubting the teachings because our success for the fishing day did not meet our expectations, not willing to study the material provided by Buck. All of these bad habits along with the belief that the modern day of electronics is our personal fishing savior.

This past week I had the opportunity to take out someone that never experienced spoonplugging but is aware of the teaching principles through verbal dialog with his father. We began our day by putting on the 500's and checking our speeds. Within 15 minutes we were into our first bass...20 minutes later we encountered our second fish. After a short period we began to move down the water column, constantly checking various depths and speeds with no success. As we came back to the 500's contact

was made by picking up a few stragglers in various areas. Again we checked deeper and again nothing. After experiencing this throughout the morning I decided that we will be focusing on the water that is clearly producing fish, the 3 to4 foot depths. The result of "not putting words into the fishes mouth" and not having a lure out of position yielded us 15 bass and many more lost due to the leaping abilities of this species. What do I contribute our success to? -Interpretation of weather and water – dark lake. -Studying and applying all of the teaching given without reservation. -Viewing my flasher as a tool to aid me.

Please contact me anytime if you have any questions regarding this document or spoonplugging in general.

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## NATIONAL OUTINGS 2010

Leoni Spoonpluggers, Jackson, Mi June 8th to 13th, 2010 contact: John Zaborny jszaborny@yahoo.com Muskegon Lake, MI Fisherman's Landing July 7th to 11th, 2010 Lunker Hunters contact: Chase Klinesteker Ckspoonpll@aol.com Northern Indiana Spoonpluggers Chuck Gladieux Memorial "Buck Sez" Outing August 12th to 14th, 2010 contact: JohnBales johnb@kuntrynet.com Denny oulardot coular@peoplepc.com BUCK PERRY MEMORIAL OUTING Taylorsville, NC Sept. 9th to 11th, 2010 contact: Terry O'Malley buckpery@bellsouth.net





Brett with a couple nice fish from his recent trips





Nick's son with a couple nice fish from their trip to Wisconsin

Jim & Bob on a recent trip to central Illinois



