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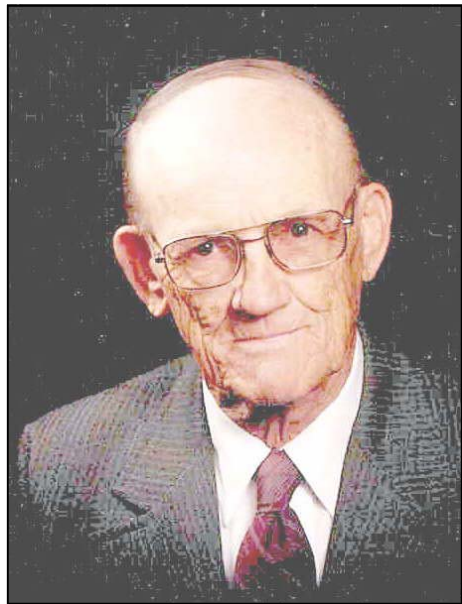
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The last meeting was held August 15, 2005 at the Kendallville Public Library with members present. Most of the discussion concern the annual "Buck Sez" outing the previous week with all other news being dwarfed by the news on Thursday that Mr. Perry had passed away. The news dampened the spirit of the outing somewhat, but everyone recognized that none of us would be at this gathering were it not for this man. He would have wished us to carry through and enjoy the fellowship and we did so. The fish, as if they had heard the news, were as heartbroken as the fishermen. They gave enough of themselves so that we were able to enjoy our Saturday night fish fry, but not many more. 53 people of the more than 60 who attended the outing joined in at the dinner and the raffle that followed. Thankfully, the campground owner allowed us the use of his barn/pavilion as it rained during almost all of the Saturday night activities.

The star of the show this year was Mike Krauss's girlfriend, **Jennifer Pelz** who boated the largest walleye as well as a nice northern. Why is it the girls always have to show up the guys in front of all their friends? I just don't get it! Seriously, good job,

Jennifer. You get a "AttaGirl" from the club. And it should teach Mike a lesson in proper boat control.....*if your partner is doing all the catching move the boat out...or in a little!!!*



Elwood Lake "Buck" Perry
1915-2005

Denny and John both explained some basics to some of the clubs newer members. They emphasized the need for proper anchoring, beginning with having a proper anchor...15lbs minimum and plenty of rope...50 ft minimum. They also explained that **BEFORE** you leave the dock, there is a certain ritual you should go through: Make certain your anchor is ready to drop....anchor within reach and enough rope undone to do the job. Have a marker buoy within easy reach as well as one for your fishing partner. When a fish is hit, it will be easy to mark the spot and get back to a proper anchoring position. Baitcasters at the ready so that no time is wasted. Movements of fish typically last only minutes so every second wasted could mean the lose of a fish of a lifetime!!

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NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 19, 2005
at the Kendallville Public Library at 6:30 P.M.

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Jennifer Pelz with
and nice northern
and an extra nice
walleye.



Elwood Lake “Buck” Perry 1915-2005

We all dreaded the day would come when we would hear the news. That we have lost the greatest fisherman the world has ever known. It was sad to hear his passing as he has meant so much to so many. It is said that 30 years after someone dies, they are virtually unknown to that living generation. That will not be the case with Buck Perry. He will, of course, live with those of us who knew him forever. But he will be recognized decades if not centuries into the future as the man who pioneered the understanding of fish behavior, his reaction to his surrounding environment and what a fisherman must do to put him in the boat. His importance to the world of fishing has not been fully recognized as yet, but the truth will not stay concealed forever.

He served his family, his teammates, his friends, his customers and his country in an unparalleled fashion and all will miss him deeply.

EULOGY FOR A VETLAN

Do not stand at my grave and weep.
I am not there, I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the Gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the mornings hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush

Of quiet birds in circled flight,
I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry,
I am not there, I did not die.

Author Unknown

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Good Spoonplugging

By John Bales, Spoonplugging Instructor



We have talked many times about getting into a school of fish on the cast. We don't care what species. It is important that at some time as a fisherman that we do catch the fish from a casting position. Many more fish can be caught by casting once the fish are found than by continuing to troll. Getting the fish on the cast is a goal to be set by every Spoonplugger. You might say, "I catch plenty of fish just by trolling". "I don't need to get them casting." The point of going fishing is to catch fish. The truth is that more fish can be caught by going to the cast than by continuing to troll. This is a fishing FACT.

The other truth is that there are many Spoonpluggers that have never been into a school of fish on the cast where each and every cast produces another lunker fish. Mr. Perry has said that it should be our ultimate goal, however there are more that have not experienced this than have.

We can achieve getting into a school of fish if we make sure that we are prepared to do so before ever wetting a line. Here are a few things that will help get you there: Never get lost on the water! Use markers and shoreline sightings. Know the shapes of the structure situations that you are fishing. Make every trolling pass for a reason and know where your boat and lure is at all times.

Throw that marker when a fish is hooked and do it **immediately**. Always have your markers near you and ready to throw. If you have a partner have one for each of you and within reach.

Have at least two rods already rigged for casting and have them out and ready to use. Have one with a Spoonplug and one with a jump type lure. Do not have the casting rods tucked away in a rod locker! Always cast the Spoonplug first if you can. Remember, the fish was caught with a walking Spoonplug on the troll so do not change that speed control by beginning with a jump type lure.

Be ready with the anchor. This means having the anchor within quick access of you or your fishing partner and with enough rope to reach any depth of water that you might need to anchor for your situation. Do not have your anchor stuck inside a storage compartment where you can not get at it when it is needed. Make sure that you have the rope attached to the anchor before throwing it over the side of the boat. Make sure that you have at least 100 feet of rope attached to the anchor. At times the wind may be blowing and you will need that extra rope in order to properly hold the boat in position.

If you make yourself ready to get into that school of fish then it is a lot easier when you finally get there. As the Boy Scouts say: "**BE PREPARED**".

Good Spoonplugging.

John Bales

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“The more I learn, the more I see there is to learn.” E. L. “Buck” Perry

BUCK SEZ:

“Each time I get to a new section, such as this weather and water study, and after reading your opening remarks, I keep asking myself: Why does he break all this material down into ‘sections?’ Why not state a fact, and then point out what we must do to catch the fish? Why go through all this study on the different subject matter?”

My reaction to this is practically the same as yours. For too many years, I have preached the basic facts by showing, speaking, and written word. In fact, all the material found in this big study was in the first small sheet printed years and years ago. The reason for this detailed expanded version of Basics is due to the fact the fisherman did not hear, or did not understand. This is by no means a reflection on the intelligence of the fisherman. It was due to what he had heard, said, and done, and what others were saying or doing. His head was filled with doubts and unanswered questions. The purpose of this study is to see if doubts and questions can be so eliminated as **to make more fishermen more aware of fishing facts.**

When all is said and done, all that was ever needed was the Spoonplugger’s Basic Guideline. We have been stressing this point all through this study. That’s all I used, and it was all some of the better fishermen in the country used. If you grasp what was said in the Basic Guideline, you can see it’s all there.

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