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The last meeting was held July 21, 2008 at the Kendallville Public Library with 22 members and guests present.

The first order of business was to get the meal schedule worked out for the upcoming outing. (August 7-9) It appears everything is in order. Members who weren't at the meeting may bring whatever they like to add to the evening meals.

Thursday: Hot Dogs & Baked Beans  
Friday: Beef & Noodles & Sloppy Joes  
Saturday: Fish Fry

Also, if there is something you'd like to donate for the Saturday night free raffle, please see that it gets to Ted prior to Saturday night.

Fishing reports were fairly good with several reports of better than average catches reported. Mike Price and Denny Coulardot are keeping track of their catches again this year. They are over 250 northerners so far.

Dan and Norene Luley recently fished an area lake. They reported being on the lake for 10 1/2 hours and they fish moved nearly all day. They caught over 100 fish and the only reason they quit was that they ran out of gas! One of their best days ever. (See photos on following page)

With the recent longer than normal periods between fronts there should have be some good catches to report at the Outing. The last few fronts have been

fairly weak cold fronts which should help keep the fish from going to China and hopefully keep them in the strike zone for the Outing.

Mike Price reminded everyone to make sure they have a hook removal kit packed in their tackle box. He has recently used his to remove hooks on two separate occasions.....one of them being a hook removed from Denny's finger, so it can happen to anyone. The kit consists of a short piece of line or cord with loops in both ends for your fingers, some antibiotic ointment, and a couple of band-aids. (See newsletter November 2007 #157 for complete description).

John Bales reported on a recent trip Deb and himself took to the Lake Erie Eastern Basin (New York). They fished with Barry and Tammy Zorzanello. They fished for 2 1/2 days and only caught 18 smallmouth, a few walleye and a few jumbo perch, but John said it was a good experience even though he was a little disappointed in the numbers they caught. This was his first trip to the Eastern Basin. The features there were huge; sometime 1/2 to 1 mile across. Speeds were extremely slow and most fish were caught on the cast following hours of mapping. John would like to go back in the fall and feels he could do much better on a return trip.

**NEXT MEETING: August 18, 2008 at the  
Kendallville Public Library 6:30 P.M.**

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Dan Luley with a very nice largemouth and walleye.

Below: Dan with his granddaughter and her first northern pike.



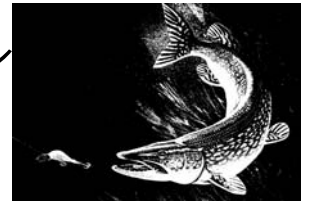
John Bales with a nice group of largemouth caught at the Muskegon Outing

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# *Good Spoonplugging*

*By John Bales, Spoonplugging Instructor*



It's that time of year again when we have our Northern Indiana Outing. There are many benefits that a Spoonplugger can enjoy at these outings. Any question or problem that the fisherman has can be taken care of at these outings.

There is always someone that you can fish with and that will share their knowledge. Where else can you find this in a fishing group?

In any organization, it is important that the people communicate. The outings and the local and National newsletters are crucial in holding our people together. Mr. Perry shared his fishing knowledge and what we do is just a carry over from him.

One benefit of having many fishermen in one place is to compare our catches. Not in a competitive way but in a learning way. What did I catch today? What did everyone else catch today? Why did I catch less? Why did one person get all northernns and one get only bass and both were on the same lake? Why did this other fellow only get walleye and catfish on this same lake?

Asking questions will get you answers. And this is the time and place to ask questions if you have one.

And of course there is the friendship between Spoonpluggers. We are like a family. We have the same fishing vocabulary. Of course we owe that to Mr. Perry for educating us.

It is nice to know some of how a fish reacts to his environment and what you and I must do to put him in the boat. Again, we must thank Mr. Perry for what he has left behind for us to learn. This is the main reason we have these outings. It is to give thanks for what he has done. He did all the hard work, a lifetime of it. All we had to do was listen and put in some time and effort. Thanks Mr. Perry.

*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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