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The last meeting was held July 20, 2009 at the Kendallville Public Library with 19 members and guests present.

An hour or so was spent planning the three evening meals to be served at the **Annual "Buck Sez" Network Outing to be held August 13, 14, & 15th 2009 at Forest Ridge Campground (5000 N. Elder Rd, Larwill, IN 46764) north off Old Lincoln Highway about 10 miles northwest of Columbia City, Indiana.**

Everyone has their respective assignments so I think we are ready. If anyone wants to bring side dishes, they would be welcome. Also, if anyone has anything for the Saturday night raffle/door prizes, please see that I get the items prior to the Saturday night fish fry. Thanks.

President Denny reported that fishing had been up and down recently. He and Mike Price have been getting quite a few northerns and muskies. The weather conditions have been anything but "summer". Lake temperatures are below normal due to the cooler than normal summer so far. Most lake are around 72 degrees. The fish have been having mid day movements as a result of the unstable conditions and several of the area lakes have very good color due to algae blooms which really improves odds when weather conditions are less than optimum.

Many members have been using 50-80 lbs monofilament line as leader material since it was felt that the Spoonplugs seem to run better than with a wire leader. No one had ever been bitten off using the heavy monofilament.....until recently when D. J.

Erdly had a large musky bite him off on the third run to the boat. As a result, some are switching back to wire leaders.

D. J. also reported that a boat ramp is due to be completed soon on Williams Lake, near Muncie Lake. It is scheduled to be done by the end of July but a couple a deadlines have already been missed so be advised that you may want an alternative lake in mind before heading there.

John Bales gave a brief update on a recent outing with Steve Gillian of Virginia. Steve has done a great deal of technical work for the National Spoonpluggers of America including the online posting of the National Newsletter and maintains the website. He is in the process of developing a Spoonplugging video. He has finished videotaping John on various structure situations and will now spend a month or two editing the video for production. It sounds as if this will be an extremely educational video for beginners and veterans alike. We look forward to seeing it once it is available.

Just a reminder that the National dues are due. If you haven't mailed your dues in yet, you should do so as soon as possible. The address is:  
National Spoonpluggers  
255 Kerda St.  
Taylorsville, NC 28681

**NEXT MEETING: August 17, 2009 at  
the Kendallville Public Library 6:30  
P.M.**

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**\*ALL SPOONPLUGGERS INVITED\***  
***ANNUAL "BUCK SEZ" OUTING***  
**AUGUST 13, 14, & 15th, 2009**

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**BASE CAMP WILL BE LOCATED AT:**  
**FOREST RIDGE CAMP GROUND**  
**TENT/RV (260) 327-3551 SWIMMING POOL**  
**WATER & ELEC. (MENTION NO. IND.**  
**SPOONPLUGGERS)**

**-or-**

***LEE'S INN SUPER 8 MOTEL BUDGET INN***  
***235 FRONTAGE ROAD COLUMBIA CITY (260)248-4644***  
***COLUMBIA CITY, IN 1-800-800-8000***  
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**MOTELS ARE LOCATED ON US30 IN COLUMBIA CITY**  
**ABOUT 5 MILES FROM THE**  
**CAMPGROUND AND WITHIN 15 MILES OF MOST**  
**LAKES**

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**\*AREA LAKES INCLUDE: *WEBSTER,***  
***TIPPECANOE, WAWASEE, BARBEE CHAIN, AND MORE.***  
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# Good Spoonplugging

By John Bales, Spoonplugging Instructor



## Weather and Water

Front after front after front!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Sounds like you are in Indiana! Had a phone call from Jerry Borst yesterday wondering what we had been catching. I had to tell him that it has been on the slow side but what fish we have been catching have been right in the middle of the day and if you were not on your toes, you would miss it. He said thank goodness, he thought it was him not doing something right. Yea right!

Weather and water fellows!!!! If the weather is stable, the fishing is good. If the weather is unstable with a lot of fronts like we have been having, then you can expect things to be a little tougher.

That's just the way it is. Mr. Perry was right.....as always....about that too. We have had the coolest summer on record this season. How does this effect you and I and how does it effect the fish?

First of all, it usually takes a bit of hot weather before our natural lakes take on a good algae bloom, however they still seem to be getting some good color. The warmer the water, the faster the speeds that are needed to make a fish take. Our speeds have not been on the fast side because of the cooler temperatures.

Due to the colder nights, it seems to be taking most of the morning to get the fish to turn on. You can notice the lack of baitfish or bluegills in the shallows early in the day. If you keep an eye on the shallows once in a while, you can tell when things begin to happen because you will start to see some smaller bluegills or minnows begin to mill around. Just an observation that you should be seeing during a fishing day.

By watching the weather, you will already have an idea of how the fishing might be on a particular day, that is if you have studied Mr. Perry's material. The Spoonpluggers watch the weather not only on the news but watch it as it changes from hour to hour. You watch it get better (more clouds, more haze, more high cirrus), and the fishing improves. You watch it get worse and see the fishing also get worse. There are a lot of days that you can actually predict when the fish will become active. Maybe not exactly but have an idea that it is about to happen, provided that you have gotten on the lake before the movement occurs. These observations that you make of the weather are very important in the learning process. These observations are the great teacher of how the movements of the fish are affected by the weather and the water conditions. You should always have your eyes open!

*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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