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The last meeting was held June 20, 2011 at the Kendallville Public Library with only 12 members attending. Guess everyone was out fishing!

Denny reported that Bobby Meredith's son, Jody had passed away this day. He had just recently been put on the top of the list in Fort Wayne for a heart transplant. Jody was just 48 years old. Our good thoughts go out to Bobby, Dorothy and family during this heartbreaking time.

The Leoni Network Outing was discussed. It was recently held in Jackson, Michigan and was attended by 69 people. The fishing at the outing wasn't great as it was believed the cold spring has put the season at least a couple of weeks behind, but it was a great time as usual. John Bales said he thought he had gained 4 lbs at the outing. We're not sure how many pounds Pops Nicodemus gained since he ate 3 pieces of pie...at each meal! John and T.J. Zaborny always outdo themselves by cooking breakfast and supper each day and the facilities are first class all the way. If you have not attended this outing, put it on your bucket list for next year.

Speaking of outings, the Muskegon Network Outing is fast approaching. It is held at the Fisherman's Landing Campground in Muskegon, Michigan, July

20-24, 2011. If you have any questions, contact Chase Klinesteker (616) 949-8665 or email at ckspoonpl1@aol.com.

John reported that the fishing had not been very good as yet. There had been no algae bloom to speak of and fishing had been a bit tough as a result. With the influx of warm weather since the last meeting, things should change in a hurry. Thermoclines are beginning to be detected and the algae blooms will soon be forthcoming.

Denny reported that he has not been catching many muskies lately. He believes the musky are moving at night. Bart Albright confirmed that by going out at night a catching one!

Our next meeting is July 18, 2011 and will be the planning meeting for our "Buck Sez" Outing to be held August 11, 12, and 13th. (See next page) We will hopefully complete our planning for the event so that everyone will have assignments and know what equipment or foodstuffs to bring. If you have any ideas or thoughts on improvements to our outing, please plan to attend the meeting.

NEXT MEETING: July 18, 2011 at the Kendallville Public Library 6:30 P.M.

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SPOONPLUGGERS

ALL SPOONPLUGGERS INVITED

ANNUAL "BUCK SEZ" OUTING

AUGUST 11, 12, & 13th, 2011

**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
(260)244-5300***

**MOTELS ARE LOCATED ON US30 IN COLUMBIA CITY
ABOUT 5 MILES FROM THE
CAMPGROUND AND WITHIN 15 MILES OF MOST
LAKES**

***AREA LAKES INCLUDE: *WEBSTER,
TIPPECANOE, WAWASEE, BARBEE CHAIN, AND MORE.***

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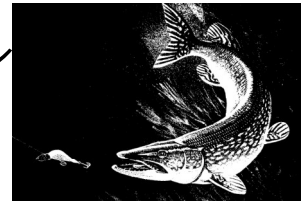
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Good Spoonplugging

By John Bales, Spoonplugging Instructor



PATIENCE

Have you ever wondered exactly what you are going to do when you get on the water? Do you have a game plan? Did you start planning in your mind several days before? Did you think of what you might need in the way of equipment or how you will rig for the time of year? Will the standard, start out trolling the shallows and work your way deeper be all that you need to do? What about the casting? Should I bring a casting rod? Do I need a spinning rod with light line maybe? How will these other options or tools help me control my depth's and speeds for the seasons and different weather and water conditions? Sometimes what you might expect is not what actually happens. You and I need to be prepared for any situation. This means that we must carry all of the tools that are needed to control our depth and speeds at all times.

How long should we spend fishing at any one spot or at a particular depth or a particular speed before we move on? Have you ever thought of this? How long do you troll at the same depth or without changing speeds before you think that something should change? What thoughts go through your minds while checking out a spot? Have some confidence now! If you make a trolling pass and you have not caught a fish, is he there or is he not? Did you check out some different speeds? Did you make a good pass? You should already know if it was a good pass or a lousy one. If you made a good pass and you checked out your speeds and did not catch a fish, then he is not there. Or is he? Should you check deeper? Should we do it now? Should we go to the cast? Should we check deeper on the troll before going to the cast? If I go to the cast after I checked this spot out real good on the troll, what should I cast? Why? How long should I sit there and cast this spot? Have I given the fish a chance to move or become active? Have the conditions gotten better? Are they improving enough that I should expect them to move at any time? What should I do now? Should I move to another area after spending two hours on this spot both trolling and casting it? Could the fish move on a different spot and not this one? I wonder if any of the other Spoonpluggers that are out here have caught a fish yet!!! That sure would help me to know what they did and how it compares to my efforts. Maybe I don't want to know! Maybe they caught some fish and I did not. What was I doing wrong? Should I ask them about their depth's and speeds? How fast were you going or how deep did you get the fish? Did you ever wonder how an article could be written on what you might be thinking or how you should be thinking while on the water?

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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