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The last meeting was held August 15, 2011 at the Kendallville Public Library with 13 members present. We welcomed Rudy Schmidtke of New Haven. Rudy has been a Spoonplugger for some time but this was his first meeting.

Fishing reports were generally good. A lot of north-erns are still being caught along with bass. The muskies are still not being caught in any numbers and may very well still be moving at night.

The annual "Buck Sez" Network Outing was held August 9-11, 2011 and was attended by over 50 Spoonpluggers. The weather was great as the outing date was sandwiched in between weeks that had highs in the 90's and humidity nearly the same. Temperatures in the 80's was much more tolerable. The fishing was also good. John and Mike Zaborny and Tom Moore stopped at a lake on the way down from Jackson, MI and brought in enough north-erns to just about feed the entire crowd of Spoonpluggers on Saturday night. We therefore didn't have to keep many fish in order to finish out the amount needed to feed the troops. Numerous bass and a few walleyes along with a few muskies were reported.

We had plenty of volunteers, as usual, to help pre-pare and serve at the Saturday night fish fry. Since several have asked, the secret to the tastiest fish ever this year was the use of a new breeding. Denny used

ANDY'S FISH BREADING this year and it was a hit. The fish fry was topped off with ValpoVelvet gour-met ice cream provided by the Mike and Mark Brown of Valparaiso.

The fish fry was followed by a drawing and I think everyone took something home with them. The prize for the last ticket drawn went to Bart Albright. Bart received a Mike Beck-donated trolling rod. Mike makes a really nice eye-popping trolling rod that was coveted by who handled it.

The 2011 "Buck Sez" Outing was also made special by falling on the 25th wedding anniversary of Presi-dent Denny and First Lady, Jeannie Coulardot. The Spoonpluggers congratulate them and wish them an-other 25 years. We all plan to be there for their 50th!

Please consider attending the **Spoonplugger Jambo-ree** to be held on **Kentucky Lake on October 6-9, 2011**. We hope to have enough interest to make this an annual event. The Spoonplugger Jamborees' of the past were one of the best places to get any ques-tions you had answered. We hope this event will be the just as informative. The formal meeting will be on **THURSDAY** night, so plan accordingly.

NEXT MEETING: September 19, 2011 at the Kendallville Public Library 6:30 P.M.

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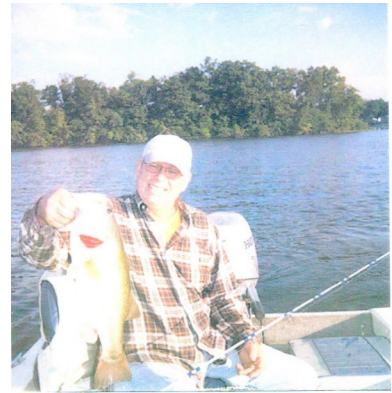


Matt and Chanda Luley (and daughter) with several nice northern. Ummmm, I'm not sure what to say about the photo on the right???



Left: NIS World Headquarters.

Right: Ted with nice Lake Webster bass.



2011 "BUCK SEZ" NETWORK OUTING



Left: NIS ladies preparing a tasty fish dinner for the gang.
Right: "where we fishing tomorrow?"



***Congratulations*
Denny and Jeannie
celebrating 25 years of
marital bliss!**

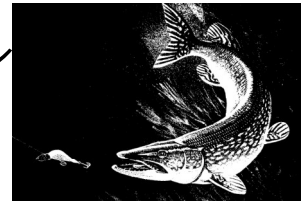


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Good Spoonplugging

By John Bales, Spoonplugging Instructor



What are the two variables in fishing that make it either good or bad?

Weather and water conditions. What determines if the fishing is good or bad when talking about the weather and water conditions? Stability is the key word for both conditions. We must view both when considering how the fishing will be when it is time to go fishing. We all know that a cold front is what we look at as far as the weather. A cold front is where two air masses meet and cause a disturbance and this is what gives us our weather. We look at this condition more as a light condition.

Pre- frontal conditions may offer several days if we are lucky with a building of temperature and cloud cover. We look at this as being stable. The more days between the fronts, the better the fish move. Some fronts are very severe. The severe ones occur because there is more of a difference in temperatures at the point where the two fronts meet. At times, there could be fronts that are so mild, that it may be hardly noticed. But if you pay attention to the light condition, you will see that a front did occur. If a front occurs and the cloud cover stays around for a day or two, you could still have some good movements occur.

But when you wake up on a post frontal condition and see a bright clear sky, you had better plan on putting in a long hard day if you want to catch a fish.

Sometimes we get into where we have a changing weather and water condition. We might be fishing a river or a reservoir where they can control the water levels. We might wake up with a cold front with bright clear skies and see that they have lowered the water levels by three or four feet. We now have double trouble. We could look at the fall turn over as a changing water condition. Actually, we are into a changing water condition as I am writing this article. We have lost our high temperatures gradually and the night time temperatures have already caused the algae blooms to go away. You can notice that on most of the lakes, the water is much clearer than it was a couple of weeks ago. So a change is already starting and will continue until the water temps become around 45 degrees. So we must consider the color of the water as a variable and can expect fish movements to not be as good as they were just a couple of weeks ago. It is just an observation but one that must be noticed by you as a fisherman and understood. This last front was the major change that will end the summer period and start the fall turnover. We want to look at both weather and water in terms of stability and that will tell the story. When one or both are stable, look for good fishing. When one or both are changing or unstable, then fishing will be more difficult. This is a guideline that Mr. Perry found that worked for him and he passed it on to us. Thank god that he did.

Good Spoonplugging
John Bales

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SPOONPLUGGER JAMBOREE 2011

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at
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OCTOBER 6-9, 2011
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Many Spoonpluggers have fond memories of the annual National Spoonpluggers Jamborees that were held each October in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Those get-togethers provided answers and perspectives to our fishing questions as well as friendships that have lasted for many years. Our goal is to continue the tradition of providing those answers and friendships for all generations of Spoonpluggers. Please plan to attend the fabulous fishery of Kentucky and Barkley Lakes and help us to bring this valuable experience back to life!

Hospitality tent will be in the vicinity of lot #45 of the Kenlake Campground

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