



# NORTHERN INDIANA SPOONPLUGGER

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The last meeting was held June 18, 2012 at the Kendallville Public Library with 15 members and guests present.

We welcomed new prospective member Greg Hill of Wolcottville. His pony tail was longer than John Bales, so an immediate jealousy developed!

Denny Coulardot proved that the northerns are active since he has boated 190 so far.....41 in one day recently.

He also reported that with the arid conditions, lakes were down at least a foot from normal. He also warned that with water temperatures in the mid 70's, that while all speeds need to be checked, turning the speed up a notch or two is appropriate. He noted that kicking the speed up was often the key to getting the fish to take.

Denny also went into detail on trolling the weedline. We need to be aware that weedlines have breaklines in them just as the lake bottoms do. Start with the first ron the outside of the weedline and stack your Spoonplugs along the weedline...just like it says in the Green Book. Along with the northerns, quite a few bass are being caught along the weedline of late as they move from the inside to the outside of the weeds although they may not stick around this area for much longer. Fishing in this manner is also how we fish for stragglers under poor weather and water conditions.

It was reported that many area lakes are being treated for weeds...again! John Bales reported that prior to widespread weed control measures, you could count on the weedline being at a specific depths practically all the way around the lake. That is no longer the

case. In many lakes, the weeds are sprayed around those properties willing to pay for the weed control, while other areas remain untreated. This is not a problem for the Spoonplugger so long as they are aware of the situation and adjust accordingly.

It was also reported that Shipshewana, one of our area lakes that always has good water color, is on schedule to be drained. Residence of the lake are to be hooked to a sewer system shortly and I understand that a pipeline of some sort is to be placed across the lake. I wouldn't be surprised if the lake would be dredged to some degree while drained. It was dredged several years ago, so a president has been set. Once this has been completed the lake will be restocked. Frank Hamill had an axiom for this situation: "If you find good fishing water, enjoy it while you can, because sooner or later someone will screw it up!"

Our annual "**Buck Sez**" outing is just around the corner. (See next page) We will be discussing the details at our next meeting. Please attend if you can as we will need some volunteers. Especially for setting up the canopies on Wednesday night prior. Denny has done this for many years and it's time for others to pitch in. It's a real job to try to do with just one or two guys. Also, if you have any ideas for food or other activities you'd like to see, please bring those ideas to the meeting.

National Dues are due. Make sure you have them paid by the month-end.

**NEXT MEETING: July 16 2012 at the Kendallville Public Library 6:30 P.M.**

**" KNOWLEDGE IS THE KEY TO FISHING SUCCESS "**

NORTHERN INDIANA  
SPOONPLUGGERS

**\*ALL SPOONPLUGGERS INVITED\***

***ANNUAL "BUCK SEZ" OUTING***

**AUGUST 16, 17, & 18th, 2012**

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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  
(260)244-5300***

**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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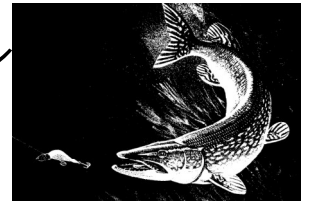
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# *Good Spoonplugging*

By John Bales, Spoonplugging Instructor



We are very lucky to have had Buck Perry as our teacher. Without his guidelines, we would not know the when, where, what, why, and how to catch a fish. The average fisherman does not think of depth and speed as his controls in fishing. It is more like color and size and what is being shown on the television that sells and gets used. Most do not want to know the truth about fishing. As much as we would like it to be, Spoonplugging knowledge will never be fully accepted by most fishermen.

I occasionally fish with someone who is not a Spoonplugger. For this reason, I get to listen to what they think makes a fish tick and what they think that they need to do to put a fish in the boat. They just don't know, period.

This is why we are so lucky to have some guidelines. Without them, we would not understand what makes a fish tick and what we must do to put him in the boat. You and I know how water color effects the movements of the fish. The average Joe does not. You and I know how each species of fish may react to the passing of a cold front, and which ones recuperate faster than the other. The average Joe does not. You and I know how to present lures on the troll, both in the shallows, the in-between and in the deeper waters. The average Joe does not. By trolling, we eliminate the unproductive waters and arrive at the fish in the shortest amount of time. Our trolling will tell us when to cast, where to cast, what to cast, why to cast and how to cast. The average Joe does not have this in his arsenal. Mr. Perry said that our trolling is our teacher. This is what we have over all the other fishing groups. The knowledge that we learn by trolling cannot be learned by casting alone.

Mr. Perry has taught us to observe the weather conditions not only before we fish but while on the water. Our observations before and during our fishing teaches us how the fish react to these changing conditions of weather. Most of the time we already have an idea as to what our chances are to catch a fish for the day that we go fishing. The others may just hope the fish are biting and don't know why they are not jumping in the boat.

Do you see what the advantages are in being a Spoonplugger? Could you imagine how it would be if we did not have this knowledge? How would you be doing your fishing? What lures? What methods? What guidelines would you be using? How would it feel to not fully understand what you are doing and not know all of the where's, why's, how's and not know when? Oh brother! We are the lucky ones.

*Good Spoonplugging*

*John Bales*

**“ KNOWLEDGE IS THE KEY TO FISHING SUCCESS ”**



**“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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