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The last meeting was held August 20, 2012 at the Kendallville Public Library with only 11 members in attendance. Low turnout, but expected since the annual "Buck Sez" Network Outing was just completed a couple of days prior.

Speaking of:

The 2012 annual Northern Indiana Spoonpluggers "Buck Sez" Network Outing had the largest turnout ever. Held once again at the Forest Ridge Camp-ground near Columbia City, Indiana, the usual cold front conditions settled in just as the outing started. That usually means tough days on the water and they were, but there were still some very good catches of northerns and largemouth bass. Many Spoonpluggers proved that adverse weather conditions can be somewhat overcome by Spoonplugging knowledge and persistence. Several large northerns were caught up to 39 inches, but not that many bass were caught...undoubtedly due to the cold front conditions. Thank goodness the northerns are not as affected by weather conditions as are the largemouth. The outing began on Thursday night with 30 people attending the evening meal. That crowd grew to 73 by Saturday night for the fish fry and raffle/giveaway. 4 deep fryers were utilized to prepare 11 one gallon bags of fillets and 20 lbs of fries. Many comments of the 'best fish ever' were heard. Denny Coulardot discovered a new brand of fish breeding called *Andy's* that may contain illegal substances since people came back for seconds, thirds and fourths! The meal was followed by 7-8 varieties of

ice cream served compliments of the Mike and Mark Brown of ValpoVelvet Gourmet Ice Cream. This year's giveaway featured many nice items including a custom trolling rod by Mike Beck of Maple Lake, Minnesota, a shadow-box of Spoonplugs and several very rare vintage Spoonplugs donated by Dan and Sharon King of Waterloo, Indiana along with many other nice gifts. Many thanks for all the donations. Following the meals, a crowd gathered around a bonfire said to have been spotted by the International Space Station and dubbed the *Flaming Jenga* built by pyromaniac-in-training Lance Richards who has since been named club Keeper-Of-The-Flame™! We'll expect a repeat performance next year. Such social gatherings are the glue that hold our members and clubs together and make such events so interesting, informative and entertaining. We have set the date for next year's outing as August 15, 16, and 17, 2013....mark your calendars.

Don't forget to consider the upcoming Spoonpluggers Jamboree at Kentucky Lake/Lake Barkley in October (See back page)

John Bales gave a brief talk on catching bass during the summer and explained why we have difficulty in our natural northern lakes in getting good numbers during the summer months in lakes where northerns, muskies or both are at the top of the food chain.

NEXT MEETING: September 17, 2012 at the Kendallville Public Library 6:30 P.M.

" KNOWLEDGE IS THE KEY TO FISHING SUCCESS "

“BUCK SEZ OUTING 2012



Jeff Parham with some nice north-erns.



McKenzie Luley (& Grandpa) with nice northern...Yes, she caught it!



Matt Luley with a nice pair of largemouths.



They went that-a-way!



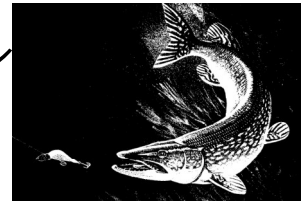
McKenzie drawing a structure situation?

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Good Spoonplugging

By John Bales, Spoonplugging Instructor



We are going the other way in our weather. We have been through the hottest part of the year and was it a good hot summer. I would have to say that over all, this was one of the best fish catching summer I have seen in a long time. Why? What does Mr. Perry say about the hottest days of the year? He said that the best movements of the fish will occur during the hottest days of the year! Well, we have had plenty of them. First of all, a fish is a cold blooded animal and his metabolism is controlled by the temperature of his body. As his body temperature rises, his metabolism speeds up and he must eat more often. Due to this one fishing fact alone, this sure helps put the odds in our favor. Some of the largest northernns have been caught this year out of some of our favorite lakes. If you didn't get in on it, you missed some of the best fishing of the year. Denny Coulardot had an 83 day on the northernns and 10 bass and quit around noon. That's terrible isn't it? Dan and Norene Luley had some unbelievable days on a couple of their favorite bodies of water. I have been waiting for them to call me for a nice walleye dinner but it hasn't happened just yet. I'm still waiting! Personally, I fished for the northernns only a couple of times this year. Since post spawn, I have been doing a lot of my own learning on several of our deep clear lakes and messing with the largemouth. I can honestly say that I caught more bass this summer than I have for a lot of years. I would like to someday do a yearly count and just see what number comes up from ice out till ice up. Might be interesting.

Fall is on its way. We are finally getting a small break from the heat. There is a problem with this changing time of the year; the cooler night time temperature cools down the water and the only way to look at this is that the condition is not a stable one. From now till the water temperatures fall into the mid 40's we will be facing a lot of unstable conditions of both weather and water. The northern pike fishing has already slowed down a little. Still the guys are getting some good ones but not the numbers. If you have not noticed, as the night time temperatures have dropped, this has affected the algae blooms in all of the lakes. It took only a couple of cool nights as I drove by the Dallas chain of lakes and noticed the change. Deb also noticed it. Any time the water color is not as good as normal, we need to start checking a little deeper. The fish will not come as shallow as they have been without the color. It is one of Mr. Perry's guidelines and should always be taken seriously.

Congrats to several of our club members who caught some eye popping stringers of northernns and bass for the Indiana outing. Mr. Perry would surely be proud of you for your efforts and the success that comes from that effort. I am sure you are feeling the satisfaction that comes with the catches. Mr. Perry gave the guidelines for us to be as good as we want to be. Our thanks to him is shown in the efforts that we put into the clubs and all of the outings. If we would not put in this type of effort, we would surely die and fade away. I am not just talking about our own club. I am speaking of a few of the Spoonpluggers that continues to have a club and put on any kind of event that other Spoonpluggers can attend and keep Buck Perry's word alive. By the way..... Chase and his group of Grand Rapids Spoonpluggers put on an outing for a group of children. My hats off to them for their efforts. What a great group of human beings they are!!! Good way to end this.

Good Spoonplugging
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SPOONPLUGGERS JAMBOREE

2012

KENTUCKY LAKE

at

KENLAKE STATE PARK

OCTOBER 4-6, 2012

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tions.

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! Last year was great. This year will be BETTER!

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

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