

Northern Illinois Spoonpluggers

Next Meeting June 3, 2015

Meetings will be held at the VFW in McHenry 3002 w. IL. Rt. 120 the first Wednesday of "Every month" 7:30pm-9:00pm April-December

Bill and Frank Lorch took a River in Fremont, Wisconsin run. The boat launch was a McHenry Illinois. The guys crankbaits, Bottom bouncer Spoonplugs and Silver minnows just in case. They 11:00 am and the river wasn't weekday. By studying a the night before showed us water was present. Most of the hole. Some were 30 feet. It also breaklines with good hard River is small to medium size current and great water color.



one day trip to the Wolf for the annual White Bass 170 mile drive from were tooled up with rigs, jigs and of course Buddies and a few dozen got to the boat launch at real crowded as it was a Navionics map of the river many areas where deep outside bends had a deep has good shallow bottom areas. The Wolf river with a 2 to 3 MPH Right away the guys Spoonplugs up river with

started trolling 500 about 120 feet of 17# NO-BO, working the breaklines at 4 to 6 feet and it didn't take long to locate fish. Them Whitey's love those 500's. While trolling up river you can see most of the current breaks sticking out of the water and if they were relatively close to 10+ F.O.W. the fish were holding just down stream from the current break. Most fishermen we saw were anchored and were using bobbers, wolf river rigs, and jigs. Frank and Bill did park on a couple of spots and caught some white bass on minnows but it was way more fun catching them trolling the 500's and exploring at the same time. The fishing did seem to get better toward dusk. Bill said to Frank on the way back to the boat launch, I wonder why more guys aren't trolling. Two minutes later the Sheriff yelled out, hey guy's there is no trolling in the river. I guess we missed that one in the rule book. **Only Wisconsin!**

Sometimes a Spoonplugger just can't win!

Casting or Trolling

Much has been said about presentation of lures being an important part of catching fish. If lures or bait is not presented to the fish where it can be seen, it is not likely any fish will be caught. So presentation cannot be emphasized too strongly. Presentation should be done both casting and trolling.

Trolling is a very important part of successful fishing. Casting, likewise is very important. Most Spoonpluggers use trolling for "learning" their lake and locating fish. After this is done, then casting becomes very important.

There are many instances where only one is advisable. This is due to the make up of the water, or the conditions of weather and water, and how the fish are reacting to these conditions. Some waters are so crowded with weeds it is impossible to troll to any degree. Others are so full of vegetation only top water or weedless lures on the cast can be used efficiently. There are other waters that are, for all practical purposes, unfit for casting. We can just imagine fishermen going into the Great Lakes after Coho equipped only with casting gear.

At times, weather and water condition are such that it would not be advisable to go after "straggler" fish by the casting routes. Trolling would be the answer at this time, but a few days before-casting the same water would have been the correct procedure to limit out in short order on lunker fish.

The important thing that we must consider at this time is do we "prefer" to cast or troll. Another important thing is we must be in the position to take advantage of a fishing situation as it confronts us.

We must go about our fishing in such a way as to make us better.