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The question has come up many times about when the next issue will be available for pickup. The third Monday of the month is the best bet. Some months it may be a day or two before or after, but those months are just a few. i.e. the December issue in my area will be out by November 15th, further out areas it will be November 18th. Normally you can open it up on the website before it is delivered.

SPECIAL VETERANS PULL OUT

This month there is a four page Veterans Pull Out on pages 15-18. Pages 15 & 18 is about my attending the 79th USN CB's 66th Reunion in Pekin, IL. Pages 16 & 17 is about a special "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans" celebration at the Wayne County Veterans Memorial Park in Richmond, Indiana August 24-28.

79th U.S. Naval CB Reunion in Pekin, IL

I attended the 2011 79th U.S. Naval Construction Battalion (CB) Reunion held in Pekin, IL Sept. 12-14th. My father was a member of the 79th CB's from 1942 to 1945, my sister Wilma Woodford and I attended their reunion in 2007 at their invitation. We have been invited every year since but due to other activities this was my second to attend since then.

Prior to leaving Pekin the discussion came up on whether or not they would have another reunion. World War II veterans are not getting any younger and travel can take its toll on anyone these days.

Just before I left the reunion I asked if it would be possible for me to host the 2012 Reunion in honor of my father, Seabee Ray Dickerson Sr. The host Bob Huls for this event told me before volunteering I better check with my wife. Since that meeting I got the ok from Sherry and have contacted Bob telling him I would like to do it, if they (the Seabees) would go along with it. Bob got back to me a little bit later and gave me the go ahead.

The 2012 79th U.S. Naval Construction Battalion Reunion will be held September 23-27th in Richmond, Indiana. Details to follow.

To that end I am instituting a nation wide search for former members of the 79th CBMU 624 who served with my father, Ray Dickerson Sr, landing on Okinawa alongside the U.S. Marines on April 1, 1945. After dad got home from serving in Alaska from 1943-44 he and 243 other Seabees was assigned to CBMU 624, who they are I have no clue. I would like to find and invite them to our reunion in 2012 here in Richmond, Indiana.

Bob Huls told me it was okay with them for me to invite these Seabees if any are still living. Dad would have been 97 this year, had he lived, he was much older than a lot of the other servicemen, the Navy wanted their skills more than just a young recruit, so they took all age groups for the Seabees.

To read more on CBMU 624 go to my website www.thegadabout.com go into the archives and open the 2010 October Gad-a-bout page 15-18, I wrote an in depth article on dad. Most is fact, but I have found a couple of mistakes I made back then, but none on the reporting of CBMU 624, I got those facts from Naval History Records sent from the Seabee Museum in California.

If anyone reading this article served in the U.S. Naval Seabees from 1942 to 1946 and was on Okinawa with CBMU 624 or if you have a relative who did so, please contact me on my cell phone 765-960-5767, Toll Free to 1-877-855-4237, E-mail ray@thegadabout.com or send inquiry from my website www.thegadabout.com. If you reach one of my answer machines please leave me a way of contacting you and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Thanks.

On the lighter side of my trip to Pekin, Illinois, a not so funny thing happened shortly after passing Danville, IL on I-74, the rear universal joint disengaged from the drive shaft on my truck, fortunately I made it into a rest park area, barely.



Fortunately for me the rest park attendant, Sharon Norman knew of a roadside service who often came to fix over the road drivers trucks. I called Bob's Road Service and talked to Seth McClain who came as quickly as he could, given that it was on Sunday. Seth jacked up my van and told me the bad news, the universal joint prongs had dug into the drive shaft yoke and ruined the drive shaft too, it had to be towed. I asked Seth if he and the owner could fix my van instead of just leaving it at some place in Danville. They said they would. Seth called a tow truck and Thomas Woods towed my truck dropping me off at a Super 8 just off I-74 in Danville, then taking the truck onto Bob's Roadside Service.



As luck would have it, Dave Baldwin and Seth were able to find a drive shaft in Rockville, IN that fit my van and delivered the van to me at the Super 8 motel by 1 p.m. on Monday afternoon. Making it possible for me to make it to Pekin in time for the fish fry that evening.

Let me expound on the good service I received from Dave Baldwin, owner of Bob's Roadside Service and

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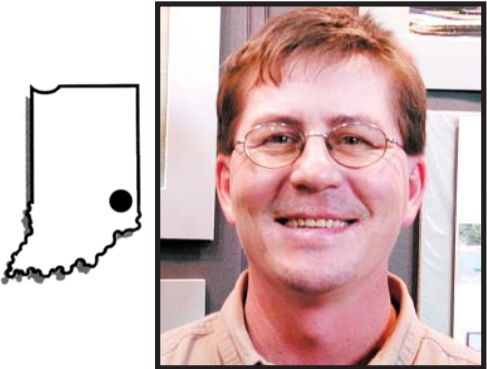
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Spoon fishing can be one of the best way to catch every species of fish in the lake, especially in the winter time. I have to tell you that most of the time when you catch a walleye on a spoon their usually a little bigger then average. But on the other hand I have caught plenty of crappie and blue gill on the same spoons. There are three different types of spoons casting, trolling, and jigging, the one I am talking here about is a jigging spoon. The best way to fish with it is to drop it straight over the side of the boat or under hand pitch it at a 45 degree angle and let it fall all the way to the bottom. If your fishing in the summer the under hand pitch is usually best because the fish are shallower. But in the winter time straight over the side of the boat is best because the fish are deep.

In the late summer to early fall the lake is full of young of the year shad swimming in large schools all over the surface. This is a prime time to be fishing with a spoon. What you look for are these large schools of shad spread out over the flats, not over deep water. If they're spread out over deep water their prime food is for white bass, but thats a whole other story. If you don't see large schools of shad spread out over the flats stick with trolling or jig fishing. The key to spoon fishing in the summer to late fall is the shad being on the flats.

What you look for on the flats are high places, sticky places inside or outside turns, drop offs and ledges. These are places where walleye like to feed. On Brookville Lake the flats run between 8 to 12 feet deep. When choosing a spoon I like to fish a spoon that is as light as possible but still heavy enough that I can feel the spoon. For instance, if I was fishing 30 feet deep in the winter I would fish a 1/2 to 3/4 ounce spoon but if I was fishing 8 to 12 feet deep in the



These are the types of spoons I use. (Photo by Tag Nobbe)



Rex Rymer from Indianapolis caught these Walleye fishing with me on Brookville Lake. (Photo by Tag Nobbe)

summer I would fish a 1/8 to a 1/4 ounce spoon. Fishing a spoon is all about the reaction. The way I like to fish a flat with a spoon is to stand on the front of the boat watch my bow mounted depth finder with my foot on my electric trolling motor looking for any irregularities on the flat. At the same time looking for fish on the bottom and clouds of shad moving around on the flat. Just give the spoon a simple under hand pitch at about a 45 degree angle out in front of you. As soon as you feel the spoon hit the bottom give it a short quick hop up and reel up your slack and repeat this as soon as you feel the spoon hit the bottom again. Do this till your spoon is back to the boat then under hand pitch it somewhere else. What your doing is trying to make the spoon look like a dying shad. Usually the fish will hit it on the flutter down so when you go to hop it up again it will just be there, so pay attention.

Winter fishing is a little different due to where the fish are. In the winter the surface temperature gets colder then the deep water which in turn makes it heavier and causes the fall turn over. This action re-oxygenates the deep water and allows the fish to go as deep as they want to, to escape the colder water on the surface.

When fishing a spoon in the winter you still stand on the front of the boat watching the bow mounted depth finder. With your foot on the electric trolling motor your trying to hold yourself in one spot so you can fish straight up and down. What your looking for is steep drop off ledges, deep under water humps or sticky places on the bottom. At the same time looking for fish and clouds of shad close to the bottom. What you do is let the spoon free fall all the way to the bottom. Once there reel up about a crank off the bottom and give the spoon a simple hop up and flutter down. Trying to vary the movement till you key in on what triggers a bite. The only difference in the winter spoon bite is that some times they will hit the spoon on the hop up or if you just hold it motionless. I believe just the shaking of your hand is enough to trigger a strike. Remember we're talking about winter time here.

Good Luck Fishing Tag Nobbe
 I guide fish for walleye, striped bass, and crappie
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News from the Indiana State Police



by Sgt. John D. Bowling

Why a Career with the State Police? One Word: Specialties

When I speak to folks about a career with us, no matter if the crowd is high school age, college age or older adults, I frequently get asked "why should I apply at the State Police-what makes you different?" Now there are a lot of obvious ways I could answer that. One is the ease of applying. Just go to www.isp.in.gov, click on career opportunities, State Trooper, and fill out an application on line-it's just that simple.

I could start by telling of our rich history in state law enforcement starting with our development in 1933, and how through the years we have continued to be leaders in the law enforcement field. Some other state police agencies are based on us, Kentucky being one.

I could talk on our integrity and professionalism, starting with the first part of our mission statement which is; "The Indiana State Police shall provide the most professional, effective and courteous police service possible, at all times, with every endeavor."

I can and do talk about the excitement of being a trooper, because it gives you a front row seat to the greatest show on earth-life. It's a job that is gratifying, because at the end of the day you can go home and know you've made a difference in someone's life. It is also gratifying to know you are serving the people of our great state, providing services of all types.

But the one thing that separates us from most is our specialties, or different fields you can go into. Of course there are Troopers and Detectives, but we also have: fixed wing and helicopter pilots, Crime Scene Technicians, Explosive Ordinance Disposal (bomb squad), Hostage Negotiators, TIP Platoon (civil disturbance team), Emergency Response Team (ERT or Swat Team), USRT or Scuba (Underwater Search and Rescue Team,) and Polygraph Examiners ("Lie Detector".)

We also have White Collar Crime Investigators, Crimes against Children Investigators, Auto Theft Investigators, Cyber Crime Investigators, Undercover Drug Investigators, DNA Scientists, Fingerprint Specialists, Forensic Scientists, Firearms Experts, Meth Lab Teams, Meth and Marijuana Undercover Investigators, K-9 Officers, Criminal Intelligence

Section, as well as people assigned as liaisons to Federal agencies like Homeland Security etc.

We have Commercial Motor Vehicle Troopers, who specialize in enforcing Federal Trucking Violations, as well as Motor Carrier Inspectors, who enforce the Federal Trucking Laws at our scales around the state. Both are responsible for the inspection of every school bus used in Indiana. These are just a few of the enforcement specialties I could think of, there are more.

We also have a lot of civilian positions that help "make us run." Positions like auto mechanics, grounds keepers, janitors, maintenance, heating and cooling, typists, secretaries, radio technicians, lab assistants, data entry, just to name a few. Like any large business we need a lot of support staff to keep us going.

But the true backbone of our department remains the position of Trooper. It is where everyone begins, it is the position you see most. It can be exciting; it can be fun, but can also be stressful and dangerous. It takes a special person to be a trooper. It is not just a career; it becomes a way of life. People will see your car in your driveway, and they will stop to ask directions.

Folks will see you eating in a restaurant and will interrupt your meal to ask a question; they will see you getting gas and ask a question or want "legal advice." You will answer calls while off duty on a regular basis because that's part of driving the state police commission and being a trooper.

I would have to think for a long while to tell you how many drunk drivers, felons and reckless drivers I've acted on off duty through the years. Or for that matter how many flat tires I've changed, or out of gas or broke down motorists I've assisted, or times I've dropped my family off somewhere to continue on to a call for assistance. Despite all of this I love every minute of my job.

It is an honor for me to know you would see my car and stop to ask directions or advice. I do not mind my meal being interrupted, because I work for you. We must be ready to go, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, no questions asked. It is a lot of responsibility, but an honor, to serve each and every one of you in this way. Yes, this is so much more than just a career- Being a trooper becomes your way of life.

If you want what we have and would love to do what we do, then go to our web site and apply from the comfort of your home-we will be in touch. You just have to be a U.S. Citizen, have a high school diploma, a valid driver's license, be at least 21 years of age and not more than 40 by graduation from the academy. Our pay scale, which is quite competitive, is listed on the web site. Go ahead and apply-We would love to have you.

Secondary Crashes Continue to Kill

As I write this we have gotten updated statistics that tell us that 18% of all fatal crashes in Indiana are

a Secondary Crash, or a crash that occurs in the back up from an initial crash. Now we've talked this year about In-Time, and how we sit at the back of traffic back-ups with our lights on to warn you of stopped traffic ahead. Yet the statistic remains the same as it was when this year started.

Please remember, and tell family and friends, that today on the interstate you can go from 70 mph to a standstill at any moment. I myself witnessed a secondary crash this year, and also witnessed people flying by my car as I sat with lights on, at 70-plus mph, right up on a traffic stoppage at a crash scene.

What's the answer? We've talked about a sign we could drape over the front of our car saying DANGER CRASH (or stopped traffic) AHEAD. We've talked about pop up signs, but we would have to constantly get out and move them, as traffic stacks up quick on the interstate and we have to keep moving to stay 300 yards behind the back up.

Do you have any ideas? If so, please email me at jbowling@isp.in.gov and let me know what you think would work. Sure, an electric message board would be great, but money would not allow every Trooper to be outfitted with one. I'm willing to think outside the box, and if you've got any ideas on how to reduce secondary crashes, please let me know. Would getting the word out and educating the public have an effect? I've been writing articles and doing programs all year, and the problem continues.

This ends another month's installment. Thanks for reading, be safe and we shall talk again next month.

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Indiana State Police Crash Reduction Program

Indiana Department of Natural Resource News



by **C.O. Gary Catron**
LE Division Spokesperson

Try it. You'll like it.

It's the time of year when the white-tailed deer receives a lot of attention from Hoosier hunters. But if antler envy isn't your thing, I highly suggest giving fall turkey hunting a try.

Traditional spring turkey hunting techniques aren't fully applicable to fall turkey hunting. In the spring hunters try to not spook birds. In the fall it is a go-to strategy for some to locate and purposely bust a flock of turkey then call the flock back to the hunter's location to shoot one. Spring and fall turkey calling differ quite a bit. Spring turkey calling most often revolves around a gobbler's desire to find a date. In the fall turkeys are more food driven and calling can be more effective when a hunter is near the favored food source.

Unlike the spring turkey season, Indiana's fall turkey season bag limit is one bird of either sex. While not necessarily important that a bird be identified as a gobbler or a bearded bird, as is the case in the spring season, it is critical that the intended target be positively identified as legal game. When hunting turkey in the fall, hunters may be sharing space with hunters. To list a few, squirrel hunters and deer

archers will have also taken to the woods during the fall turkey season and hunter orange is not a requirement during portions of these seasons. Be mindful that other hunters, also toggled out in very realistic camouflage patterns, will be in the woods. If approached by another hunter, do not move but call out to alert them of your presence. Constant assessment of safe shooting zones is vital.

The spring turkey license does not carry over to the fall. A fall turkey hunting license is required unless exempt from needing a hunting license or those holding a lifetime comprehensive hunting, lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing, or youth consolidated hunting license. As with the spring turkey season, a game bird habitat stamp is also required. The current game bird habitat stamp privilege is valid throughout the 2011-12 hunting season for multiple bird species.

As with the spring season, successful turkey hunters in the fall must complete a temporary transportation tag and deliver the bird to a deer/turkey check station within 48 hours and prior to processing or removing it from the state. Hunting hours are from ½ hour before sunrise to sunset.

Those wishing to hunt turkey this fall on any DNR property should contact that property to determine if there are additional requirements or different hunting hours.

The hunting equipment allowed for the fall season includes crossbows, bow and arrow, shotguns and muzzle loading shotguns of 10, 12, 16 or 20 gauge loaded with pellet sizes from 4 to 7 ½. Fall turkey hunting season is generous for crossbow and archery with many counties closed to firearms use. To view the fall turkey season dates and what counties are open, visit: www.in.gov/dnr.

Hunter Education: Last Call for now?

Conservation Officers, along with volunteer hunter education instructors, have been busy this fall providing hunter education classes all across the state. If you, or someone you know, are in need of a hunter education course before hunting season, now is the time to find a class. Don't delay! Usually by about mid-November, the hunter education courses

thin out for the remainder of the calendar year and begin to pick up in frequency in late winter or early spring. I'm not saying there will be none for the next several months simply that it is generally more difficult for a person to find one that will fit his or her already busy schedule.

Those born after December 31, 1986 are required to successfully complete a hunter education course prior to purchasing a hunting license unless purchasing an apprentice hunting license. A person can purchase up to three apprentice hunting licenses in their lifetime which allows them to hunt with a person 18 years old who holds a valid license that is not an apprentice hunting license.

For a listing of scheduled hunter education courses across the state, visit: www.in.gov/dnr.

2 men thrown from boat, safety devices ignored.

Two Kentucky men were lucky to survive a boating accident on the Ohio River near Florence, Indiana, on September 10th, despite disregarding the use of several safety devices. The two men were thrown from a 16' 240hp Sugar Sand jet-drive motorboat when it went airborne after encountering rough water.

The motorboat was equipped with a kill cord safety which connects the operator with a kill switch that will automatically stop the boat motor if the operator moves too far from the operator's seat. The operator failed to utilize this safety feature. After the pair was ejected, the boat made several large circles across the river while still at full throttle, nearly hitting the men. The boat then went ashore traveling approximately 160' across a peninsula hitting two docked boats. Luckily, these two boats were unoccupied.

The two men were not wearing PFDs (lifejackets) when the incident occurred and were exhausted from treading water for about 10 minutes before nearby boaters pulled them to safety.

Several wrong decisions were made in this situation. Simple and easy to use safety equipment can make a world of difference. In my opinion, it was only a matter of pure luck that a coroner's office was not involved. That is my 2 cents.



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Great Lakes of the Wabash River - Fishing News



by Ryan Pershing
Mgr of Bozarth Country Store

Slab Masters Finish Successful Season

The Indiana Slab Masters wrapped up their inaugural season with a two day classic held on September 24th and 25th on the Mississinewa and Salamonie Reservoirs. To become eligible for the classic, Slab Master members had to fish and weigh in at four of the eight tournaments held throughout the state. A total of 32 out of the 34 teams eligible to fish in the classic showed up and competed to try and become the first Slab Masters Classic champion. Ten time National Classic qualifier, B'n'M Pro, and host of Midwest Crappie show, Russ Bailey, was in attendance to be the tournament conductor.

Day one of the tournament started on the Mississinewa Reservoir. Teams were allowed to fish between the hours of 7:30 and 4:00, and then return to Bozarth's Campground to be weighed in no later than 5:00. The fishermen had their work cut out for them as the day was filled with scattered rain showers and strong gusts of wind. Although it was not the best of conditions, many nice fish were brought to the weigh in line. The best catch of the day came from the team of Tony Williams and Tim Dunigan, with a total weight of 7.03 lbs. for seven fish. They also captured the big fish with weight of 1.48 lbs. Coming in second place was the team of Ron Bilbrey



Tony Williams and Tim Dunigan - 3rd Place overall in Classic with 11.77 lbs. (Photo by Ryan Pershing)

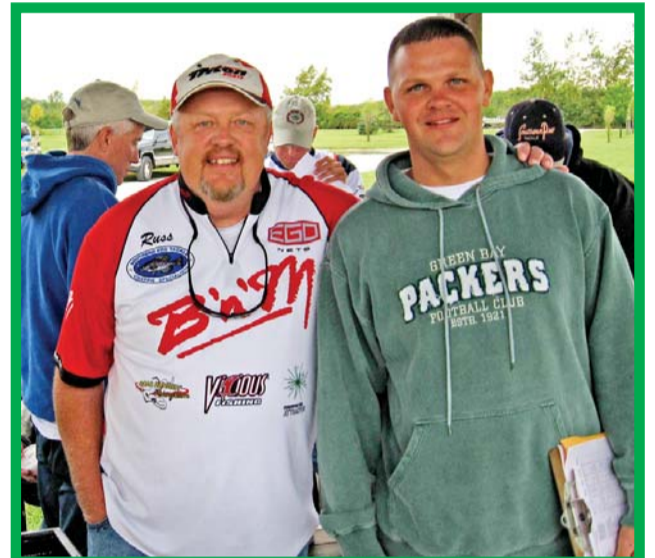


Glenn Gill and Tom Hankins - Winners of Indiana Slab Masters Classic with 12.95 lbs. (Photo by Ryan Pershing)

leader board with a combined two day total of 12.95 lbs. After constantly being near the top of the leader board throughout the year, they were able to come through when it meant the most and become the first Slab Masters Classic champions. They caught their fish spider rigging in 13 to 16 feet of water and using Lake Fork baby shad tipped with a shiner. Also having a good weekend was the year's overall point leaders, Charlie and Paul Hildreth. They caught a total of 12.34 lbs which enabled them to take 2nd



Charlie and Paul Hildreth - Runners up of Classic with 12.34 lbs. (Photo by Ryan Pershing)



Russ Bailey host of the popular TV show Midwest Crappie, pro staff member of the B'n'M team and a ten time national classic qualifier standing next to me at the Slab Master Classic weigh-in here at Bozarth Country Store at Salamonie Lake. (Ryan Pershing Photo)

and Donnie Mandrell, with 6.28 lbs and then rounding out the top three with a weight of 6.22 lbs was the team of Glenn Gill and Tom Hankins.

Day two of the classic on the Salamonie Reservoir was a mirror image of the previous day as the teams had to constantly battle the rainy and cool weather conditions. The leader after day one, Williams and Dunigan, had a much tougher day on the lake bringing in a weight of 4.74 lbs, which opened the door for the other competitors. That team would be, Gill and Hankins, which showed up to the weigh in table with an impressive catch of 6.73 lbs, and thus catapulting them from third place to the top of the

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Bob Raymer and Jim Raymer: Winners of Sept 17th tournament. Total weight of 5.69 lbs. (Photo by Ryan Pershing)



Ed Sexton and Mark Jacob: They were the winners of October 1st and 2nd tournament. Combined weight of 6.69 lbs. (Photo by Ryan Pershing)

place overall. Williams and Dunigan ended up finishing in third place with 11.77 lbs. Doug Sikora and Doug Woodcock finished 4th with 11.28 lbs and to round out the top five was the team of Allen and Gary Reed with a weight of 11.24 lbs.

After talking to several Slab Masters members I came away with the impression that everyone really enjoyed the club's first season and was excited about the direction the club was heading. They felt this gave them the opportunity to get to know other fellow crappie anglers as well as the chance to learn new fishing techniques, fish in lakes they may not have had the opportunity before, and allow them to fish in a friendly but competitive tournament.

With the inaugural season now in the books brings the start of the 2012 season as it will kick off this fall with a tournament on October 29 at Geist Reservoir. This will be followed with nine more tournaments throughout the following year. For anyone interested in joining or just following the Indiana Slab Masters you can find more information on their website at www.indianaslabmasters.com.

Reservoir. This was the third annual tournament held in the memory of the late Eddie Gifford. Eddie, former teammate and uncle of Andy Curtis, was an avid fisherman and a regular competitor since the start of our tournaments. He always looked forward to these tournaments as well as the time spent with the other fishermen.

The day began with a slight East wind along with overcast conditions. First time participants of our tournaments, Jim and Bob Raymer, were able to capitalize on their spider rigging technique and claim 1st place overall with a total weight of 5.69 lbs. Locals from Wabash County, Jim and Dan Paul, used their knowledge and experience of the lake to take 2nd place with a weight of 5.46 lbs. The next three spots were taken by the team of Dave Bowser and Mike Morrison with 5.42 lbs, Mike Bowser and Steve Pershing with 4.71 lbs, and close behind to round out the top five was the team of Ron Billbrey and Don Mandrell with 4.7 lbs.

Big Fish of the day went to the team of Donnie Houser and Dick Jackson as they caught a crappie that weighed 1.22 lbs.



Jeff Yeakle and Jonathan Brumley: They took 2nd place overall with a total weight of 6.39 lbs. and also had day 2 big fish (1.04 lbs) (Photo by Ryan Pershing)

September 17th Tournament Results

Bozarth's third tournament of the year held on September 17th produced a total of 27 teams, which resulted in a very competitive day on the Salamonie

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October 1st & 2nd Tournament Results

Our final tournament of the year was held on October 1st and 2nd. This two day tournament consisted of fishing day one on the Mississinewa Reservoir and the Salamonie Reservoir on day two. Nine teams decided to show up and do battle with the bad weather conditions predicted for the weekend.

The first day started with temperatures near the low to mid 30's along with 30 to 35 mph gusts of winds. These conditions helped contribute to the amount of fish brought to the weigh-in table. One man team, Aaron Scott was not bothered by these conditions. He managed to bring in an impressive



Donnie Houser & Dick Jackson won the Big Fish Sep 17th tourney, Crappie weighed 1.22 lbs. Aaron Scott won big fish (.93 lbs) and also 3rd place for overall with a weight of 5.68 lbs. (Photo by Ryan Pershing)

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The Harvest Festival

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A big central fire has been lighted and the Herald calls the people for an evening of social dances, another opportunity for a little courting, as well as for elders to share time with the little ones. As things quiet down for the night, one can take the time to look at the Harvest Moon and listen to the call of the Barred Owl; the song of the night birds as well as the sound of the crickets and tree frogs.

As I sit on my porch enjoying those same natural sounds tonight. I can close my eyes and smell the smoke and hear the drum and songs. As I light my pipe, I offer a bit of tobacco to the Great Spirit, Mother Earth, and the Four Powers in thanks for all the blessings that I enjoy. It a time to meditate on my life, my family, and my friends.

Of course where I live the trees are not big enough to support squirrels and in the three years I've lived here I've seen nary a raccoon, possum, or fox. It's a good thing I have a good memory and a good imagination. It doesn't take much for me to go back to my father's cabin in the woods or to smell and taste his silver dollar pancakes with Karo syrup and butter or his bean hole beans with slab bacon. Of course I only have to brew a fresh pot of coffee to enjoy that aroma. It's brewed in a Mister Coffee instead of my father's big blue porcelain pot, and I leave out the eggs and egg shells but I get the idea as I smell it coming from the kitchen to my den.

Of course of all of you. My Civil War reenactment comrades; my young people in my Indian Clubs from 1950 to 1965, my scouts at Santa Maria Institute, the North American Indian Council; the Oyate wachipi and Teton Lakota Dancers, the Boy Scout Big Shows, my students at UC...Lord do I miss you all. Of course like me, your fifty years older but in my dreams your still young and fighting Morgan's Raiders, or performing in the dance circles at California Woods or LaBoiteux Woods. I can still do a mean double toe-heel in my dreams than some

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The Order of Red Men



by Malcolm Greene

The Improved Order of Red Men

Greetings My Brothers!

It's always a pleasure to write to you. It's in deep respect that our local organization took on the name of the Miami Tribe. The Miami Indians were a force to be recognized and held in awe with the early settlement of the Indiana territory.

Our constitution is patterned after the great Iroquois Confederacy and its democratic governing body. Rather than having a president and vice president, etc. we have chiefs to govern our tribe. You do not have to be of Indian heritage to be a member. We presently have 35 members in the Richmond area and need many more. Like many organizations we have active members and in-active members who believe in our American way of life and we trace our roots back to 1765 when we were called the Sons of Liberty on the East Coast before the Revolutionary War.

Our national charity is Alzheimer's as well as contributing to various local charities

We meet the third Thursday of each month at 6:00PM for a meal at MCL Cafeteria in Richmond, and start our Council Fire at 6:45 and extinguish it at 7:30PM. We generally have a speaker; a Native American or one who shares about our great history from early America through the various wars.

May the Great Spirit be with you throughout your journey. Look for us on the internet at www.RED-MEN.org and/or call Malcolm Greene at 765-259-1958.

mean old voice reminds I can't dance any more.

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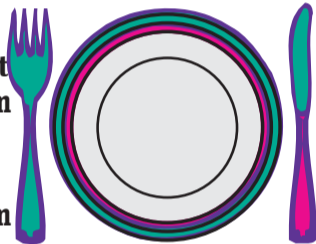
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with Ray McCune

Boy kookin' or gourmet vs glom

What is the difference between a kid (any male 12 years old and under) and an adult (any male over the age of uncertainty)? I'll omit the woman/women/female/girl term here because what I have to tell you is that it's harder for a male/man/boy to learn to cook than for you gals, 'er women, 'er girls . . . well, you know what I mean. Let's use the terms girls and boys for the rest of this column.

Girls are practicing cooking skills from the moment they step into the kitchen at around 3 years of age and come under the watchful eye of the Supreme Head of the kitchen – Mom, until they move on to become the Supreme Head of their own kitchen. Boys on the other hand are busy taking things apart, trying to put them back together, and/or hunting, fishing, and playing sports. Cooking is naturally harder for them to learn unless their dad is a professional chef. Boys are not gourmets; they are consumers. They don't eat/taste their food; they inhale their food quickly and go about their way doing things of more importance like exploring a river, climbing a tree, or shooting a BB gun.

I'm not saying they can't be trained; you just have to get their attention first and then keep their training within the Boy Scout Code of 'KIS KIF' – Keep It Simple - Keep It Fun (or Fast).

Grown boys (men), can be trained easier because they are also naturally hungry but they have a little more patience as witnessed by the many thousands of firemen who are required to take turns in the kitchen in the many fire stations across our country. I'll bet most of them didn't learn to cook at home when they were growing up soooo that only leaves learning to cook 'after' they grew up or possibly while they were in the Boy Scouts where learning to cook properly is an act of survival.

My dad was not a good cook; he was a professional kitchen messer-upper and his wife's best example of a cooking pest. He often caused mom's cakes to fall while they were baking in the oven, lifted the lid on the chicken and dumpling pot before the dumplings had time to cook properly (which made them tough and doughy), and poured tomato ketchup over her meat loaf while it was baking without her knowing about it (which made for a burnt meat loaf every time) – I guess he liked burnt meat loaf because he did it without fail unless mom was standing guard over the oven with a baseball bat or maybe as luck would have it, dad would be working late when she prepared supper.

Dad could only cook to survive as witnessed to me by my Uncle Carl (dad's nearest brother) when he told about going

fish-camping with dad long before he married mom. Uncle Carl said that due to improper meal planning and the fact that they had expected to catch their meals, they lived for three days on sardine soup while bivouacked under a tarp thrown up as a lean-to shelter under a rock ledge during a sudden blizzard that socked them in during the opening of trout season early one spring back in West Virginia.

They had a few cans of sardines, a large pot, and plenty of snow water. Their recipe was simple: open sardines, throw them in the pot, add snow water, and bring to a boil. Funny, I never remembered him making that particular dish around the house and in all my Boy Scouting days, I never tried to duplicate the dish although I love sardine sandwiches with a little horseradish sauce or mayonnaise.

THE MAKING OF A SANDWICH

1 (3.75 oz.) can sardines (They come packed in mustard, ketchup, Louisiana Hot Sauce, soybean oil, or water – you choose – this is also good made with canned tuna or salmon)

1 heaping tablespoon mayonnaise or horseradish sauce)
1 boiled egg salt and pepper to taste
a few lettuce leaves

4 slices of your favorite bread (wheat, white, rye)

GOURMET WAY – First, call them Sar Di Nes (Sar De Nays). Sounds French doesn't it? Open can, drain, and put them into a mixing bowl. Mash sar de nays with mayonnaise and egg; season to taste. Toast bread slices. Spread mixture evenly on two slices of toast, add a lettuce leaf to each, and cover with other toast slices for two sandwiches.

Cut each sandwich corner to corner as for tea wedges. Set down in front of TV (ball game or NASCAR race) with a bowl of chips and a can of your favorite beverage; relax. Exact amount of time in preparation – 5 minutes - consumption – 15 to 20 minutes. Don't forget a napkin.

GLOM WAY – Open can, glom half of sardines onto a slice of mayonnaise covered bread, cover with another slice of bread, glom rest of sardines onto top of last slice, cover with a slice of mayonnaise covered bread, put hand on double-decker sandwich, and press down – shove peeled boiled egg into mouth, tilt salt shaker up, pour salt in mouth, and chew egg while bolting for the door with sandwich in hand and dripping juice on mom's clean floor. Leave lettuce lying on counter to wilt.

What happened to the other slice of bread? It was jammed into the boy's mouth and eaten while he was spreading mayonnaise on two of the three other slices of bread or he may have skipped the mayonnaise all together. Chips and favorite beverage are jammed into shirt pocket or under arm. Exact amount of time in preparation and consumption – 37 seconds – or sooner.

I have been experimenting with a new type of cooking that I've just discovered. It's called Solar Cooking and so far I've prepared a roast, several steaks, a pot of stew, boiled some hotdogs, made chicken noodle soup, baked several potatoes, baked two chickens, baked a loaf of pumpkin bread, and made a meat loaf all by using my recently acquired, manufactured solar cooker.

The good part: It's a cheap (free fuel) way to cook (once you get past the \$150 dollar cost of the solar cooker or you can make your own cooker from materials laying around the house – a black pot, a turkey cooking bag, and reflective surfaces like the inside of an aluminum foil covered cardboard box). Plans can be found on the Internet.

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Fishing Lake Michigan



by **Capt. Mike Schoonveld**

DISTRESSED ABOUT DISTRESS SIGNALS?

As a person gets older time seems to compress. Ever heard an "old-timer" say, "If it seems like that was 3 or 4 years ago it was probably 7 or 8 years ago." I can vividly remember when the requirement went into affect that all the boats on Great Lakes longer than 16 feet carry Coast Guard approved signaling devises, but when I looked at my assortment of out of date smoke fuses and pyrotechnic flares it occurred to me that "new" requirement is now an old requirement.

Regardless of exactly how long boaters have been required to have signal flares, the fact that I have a container full of old ones gave me pause to ask a few questions. Are you aware flares have an expiration date based on the date of manufacture, not on the date of purchase? From the date of manufacture, they are good for 42 months. When is the last time you checked the expiration date on the flares on your boat?

Another question is, "What should you do with expired flares?"

The official Coast Guard response skirts the issue. They don't recommend keeping expired flares on your boat. Instead, they say, "Dispose of them properly."

For many years I adopted a different theory than the Coast Guard. I've never been in a boating situation where I needed to activate a flare, but I always imagined were I in a situation where a signal was needed, I'd rather have a box full of them rather than only the required three rounds in my ammo locker. So I put fresh "in-date" flares in my emergency container to be compliant and store the expired devises in a small waterproof container.



Check your distress signals. They may be older than you think! (Photo by Capt. Mike Schoonveld)

However, a report issued recently by the Boat Owners Association of The United States showed that failing to periodically inspect flares could have serious consequences. They checked the flares or signaling devises on several boats and found some unsettling incidents. In one case a sealed orange storage canister on one boat was opened and all three of the "current" hand held flares inside were ruined. Long cracks along their length had developed, and the flare's combustive ingredients were exposed and spilling out, rendering them useless. There were no signs of moisture inside or outside the canister. In an unexplained twist, three flares with older manufacturing dates -- stored in the same sealed orange canister - were found undamaged.

When's the last time you checked on the condition of the old signal devises you've squirreled away on your boat? It's probably something you should put on your regular maintenance list of things to do--every month, every oil change, every--whatever, just so you do it regularly.

DON'T TRUST THEM

In this same report the efficiency and work-ability of various types of signal devises were tested--both the unexpired and ones with expired use dates. The results were all over the board. Most of the new ones worked to Coast Guard standards, some of the oldest ones did too. But among the recently-to-long-ago-expired signal devises were a number of them which performed less than to very less than standards. So don't trust your old signal devises anymore than the cottage cheese in your fridge which expired last month.

GETTING RID OF THEM

Which brings me to the question of what to do

with expired pyrotechnic signals if you decide to chuck them. The state of Florida (second only to Michigan as a boating state) wondered the same thing so they commissioned a study to find out where the annual half million expired devises in that state end up.

Florida regulations dictate the proper method of disposal is to deliver the expired flares to a Household Hazardous Waste Disposal facility. About half the citizens in Florida have reasonable access to such a facility and from what I could determine, only about half of us Indiana residents do, as well. Law or not, only 4 percent of Floridians took out of date devises to a HHW facility.

A large percent of the people throw them in the trash (illegal) or overboard (even more illegal). A third of the people keep them in case of emergency. Almost 1 in 5 shoot them off on July 4 (perhaps legal in Florida, not here). Another 5 percent hand them over to their local fire department.

I don't have a definitive solution and part of the solution is your personal choice. But do be aware. If it seems you checked your signaling devises just a couple of years ago, it's probably been at least 4 years. THE END



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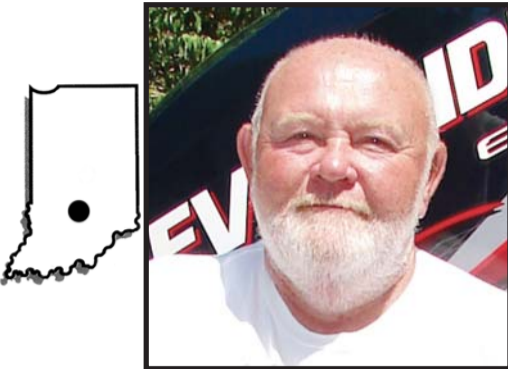
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Bass Fishing Techniques



by Bill Embry



Two examples of the Norman DD-22 crank baits. Top: SX Shad crank bait and a Royal Shad crank bait.



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Finesse Fishing Deep Diving Crank Baits In the Fall

If you have the patience, fall fishing with deep diving crank baits and light line in shallow water can produce some of the largest bass you'll catch all season. All you have to do is have the nerve, patience and the heart to do it. I discovered this technique a few years back while fishing on Lake Monroe in southern Indiana.

Over the years I have caught many fish over the five pound mark. Most recently while fishing in an I.U. bass club tournament on Lake Monroe. I taught this technique to a couple of the I.U. fishing club members who were fishing with me. I had 2 bass that were over five pounds. They lost several crank baits and got pretty frustrated but they did learn how this is done.

I prefer using Norman DD-22 crank baits. You will need a 7 foot soft tip rod. I use a 7 foot Fishing Edge graphite cranking rod. You can tell a big difference with these rods, they look kind of funny to most anglers because the eyes on the rod wrap around it. They are great for throwing big crank baits on. Go to www.fishin-edge.com for more info on these rods. These rods have very soft tips, which makes it easy to feel the bait when their bumping the bottom and when your hitting stumps. Next I use eight pound Berkley fishing line. This is where the finesse comes in. Now you have the set-up, now for the catching.

Find an area that has several stumps in it and less than 10 feet of water. But is close to deep water. In the fall of the year all lakes have a turnover period. This is when the bottom temperature of a lake turns the same temperature as the surface temperature. You can usually tell this because the lake will look dirty, foamy, or just look scummy. After a couple of weeks or so the water will clear up. This is the best time to fish with this bait.

Once you find this kind of area on a lake try to fish it in the afternoon. This seems to be the best time on sunny days. These bass are in their fall feeding period, where they come from deep water

to shallow water to put on weight for their winter period. This is also when shad are in the shallows. This time of the year is when shad are larger than the rest of the year. That's why I use Norman DD-22's. This bait mimics these larger shad. Most of these bait fish are in balls, but I have found that the larger one's will concentrate on wood or large stumps.

This technique can be very frustrating at first, but once you get the feel for it, this is what you'll have a ball with when catching these huge fish.

Now you have found an area, stay back off of it just so you can see the stump, now cast on the back side of it all the while working your bait around the stump. When you get the bait in front of the stump start cranking it down slowly. Then retrieve it in starting and stopping the bait periodically. You may throw the bait at the stump several times before you get bit. But when you do, hold on the fight is on!

This is a great way to hone your skills for throwing crank baits through out the season, you will learn to feel your bait and what it's doing. The downside to this is the learning curve. You will lose a lot of baits at first. Try to not set the hook until you feel the fish tug the line. Not when you hit the stump. Pause cranking for just a couple of seconds, the bait will float off of the structure. This may help you in preventing losing your bait. Also try not to go get your bait if possible because these fish are very spooky this time of the year. If you do go get your bait come back a little later and try it again. You will be amazed of the amount and size of these fish in this shallow water this time of year. Next month I'll be talking about winterizing your boat. If you don't follow a few simple rules on winterization of your boat it may cost you dearly in the spring.

Until next month,


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Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

Is that an Antique or just old

I recently wrote about a friend who requested value information on an old rifle he was attempting to sell. From his description and a picture posted on the site he was using, it looked to be in about the same condition as a barrel of nails that had sat under a compost heap for a decade. I told him that according to the book it sold new in 1898 for \$12.50. He shouldn't ask more than that for it; in fact he should adjust the price downward to compensate for its condition. I don't think he'll be calling me for advice for a while. I've never heard such language.

After getting the information for his firearm from a book on collectible American firearms I borrowed from a friend, I decided to read a little further to satisfy my curiosity on what qualifies as an antique and what would be considered as "an old gun". I've always been a believer in modern firearms and after owning a couple of modern replicas of old smoke poles I was convinced that the best way for a frontiersman to get his whiskers shot off was to depend on one of those things. I know that statement will raise the hackles on a number of people, but if came to a shootout on the streets of Dodge City I'll take a Beretta Model 92F in hi-cap every time. In fact, on more than one occasion I've stoked the .50 caliber Hawkin and have been rewarded with a loud pop as the cap fires and doesn't light the powder charge. Now, if I had a bear looking at me with a jaundiced eye or Jeb Crenshaw giving me the same look with his hand on the butt of his long barreled Colt Dragoon, I would much prefer a loud boom from my trusty (not rusty) J.C. Higgins Navy Officers Model I ordered from Sears and Roebuck. I guess I could rest assured that ol' Jeb's gun might do the same thing and it would end up with the two of us either cussing the other out or pistol whipping each other. Either way I would prefer to have something I could depend on, although in a pistol whipping against one of those old cannons I think I'd lose.

After giving my (former) friend such valuable advice I started leafing through this book titled Flaydermans Guide To Antique American Firearms. It is very thorough and covers American manufacturers from the early 18th century to the beginning of the 20th century. Frankly, I was surprised at the number of producers of guns and the variety of firearms they offered. No wonder Boot Hill was such a popular place. And when I saw the collectible

value of some of these firearms, I was amazed. For instance, a Colt Holster Model Paterson Revolver No. 5 (also known as the Texas Paterson) manufactured c. 1838-40 in fine condition is valued at \$110,000. But when I got to the Colt Walker Model Revolver manufactured in 1847, called the Standard Walker rated as Very Good (no finish) at \$115,000 I knew that I had wasted my life in a useless profession. I should have been an arms dealer selling old guns to a bunch of unsuspecting foreign thugs. Hot Dawg! Now I know what I'm going to do in my retirement, that is if I can afford to buy the inventory in the first place.

Apparently, the most valuable type of antique (old) firearms bear the Colt label. Leafing through the Colt section, the cheapest thing I saw was a Colt Model 1849 Pocket Revolver with a stagecoach holdup cylinder in fine condition for a measly \$9,500. After doing a little mental calculation, I figured that if I were to pay \$115,000 for a gun (about half what we paid for this barn we live in), I'd have it with me 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. That would make a big impression on the congregation at our church.

I'm not a big fan of television, but recently on Pawn Stars they had a lead on a Gatling gun being offered for sale. The dealer was asking \$325,000 for the thing. I know the boys running the pawn shop aren't stupid (I think), but I began to wonder when they offered \$200,000 and were turned down. I could buy an African bull elephant for \$5, but if I can't eat it or sell it for \$6, why buy it? In this book, they show the worth of Colt Gatling's in basic working condition to be between \$35,000 and \$55,000. Hah! I bet that thing would keep the squirrels off the bird feeder in the back yard.

After reading through the Colt section I figured it was time to move on to calmer waters. Next came Manhattan Firearms Company, whom I had never heard of, then Marlin and their selection of small derringers and pocket revolvers, lever action rifles, and pump shotguns. Now we were talking. I could possibly afford some of these wall hangers, but why would I want to spend \$500 for something that would be very attractive to thieves? I would rather spend that kind of money on something I could hide under the floor or in the attic and use on the squirrels on the bird feeder without worrying about exploding a \$500 barrel for a \$2.50 squirrel.

I was surprised at the number of American firearms manufacturers that existed before the turn of the 20th century. Remington, Ballard, Smith & Wesson, Stevens, Whitney, Winchester to name but a few. The variety of firearms is astounding, including everything from dinky little pocket poppers to things that would blow down a large oak tree. But in spite of the variety it all came down to reliability. Admittedly, some of the earliest breechloading centerfire rifles equipped with Creedmore sights in 45-70 could shoot long distances right alongside some of our modern variants, but I'll take the modern guns any time. And, if I ever spend \$115,000 for a firearm it had better be able to launch a slug into orbit. By the way, for you antique firearm collectors: Don't write hate letters to the publisher. He doesn't have anything to do with this column. He just prints what we submit. Sometimes.

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I received a letter from Bob and Carolyn Huls March 12, 2011 inviting me to the 66th Reunion of the 79th U.S. Naval Construction Battalion they were hosting at the Holiday Inn Express in their home town of Pekin, Illinois, September 11-15th. Many of you readers may recall that I and my sister, Wilma, attended their 62nd Reunion back in 2007 at Lancaster, PA. Wilma had found their website and gave it to me also. I made contact with Jeannie Winter, whose father was a Seabee in the 79th stationed in Alaska along with our father Ray Dickerson, Sr., 1943-44. From Alaska the 79th went to Saipan and Okinawa. Jeannie invited the two of us to the reunion in Lancaster. Since dad was a Seabee, we were adopted into the family of Seabees.

This time around though Wilma couldn't attend. I called Carolyn and Bob Huls telling them I would be there. I made my reservation and got everything ready for the trip.

I left for Pekin on Sunday, Sept. 11th at 8 am for a leisurely drive figuring on getting there just in time to check into the hotel. Wrong, after crossing the Illinois state line and just past Danville the Universal Joint decided to bail out, ruining the Drive Shaft yoke in the process. Fortunately I had seen a sign that said "Rest Area" and I made it there, barely. To make a long story short I made contact with a roadside repair shop, "Bob's Road Service" with the help of Sharon Norman (Illinois Rest Area attendant), Seth McClain from Bob's told me it would have to be towed, he enlisted the help of Thomas Woods to tow it to their shop. They dropped me off at a Super 8 motel (Manager Carol Dundas) in Danville that afternoon. By 1 p.m. Monday, Seth and his boss Dave Baldwin delivered my truck to me and I headed for Pekin. *It sounds simple here, but believe me it was far from simple Dave and Seth went above and beyond the call of duty to get me back on the road that quick.* Enroute I called the Huls to tell them I was on my way again.

When I got to the Holiday Inn Express, Fred and Lenore Hummel and Lenora's nephew, Dennis Good were waiting to take me to a fish fry out on a nearby lake that the Huls had arranged for Monday evening. Since I didn't get there until late afternoon I missed going with them to the LST-325 which is normally moored in Evansville, IN, but was to be in Peoria, Illinois until mid-afternoon Monday.

We got to the clubhouse in time, as they were still frying the fish and getting things ready for the



At left Paula Emmons and right Lynn Swank, desk clerks at the Holiday Inn Express who took very good care of us while we were there. They made us all feel right at home.



Monday afternoon Robert, Carolyn Huls (hosts of the 66th Seabee Reunion), their family and friends in photo above invited all of us to a fish fry. Front row left to right, Panette Gentile, Stephanie Swanson, Lori Behrends, Kari Behrends holding Cooper Behrends, Carolyn Huls, Parker Huse, Kari Huse Behrends, Joy Swanson, Vicki Klepfer, Doris Davis and Don Davis. Back row left to right, Mike Rose, Justin Rose, Gary Behrends, Myles Behrends, Brian Behrends, Bob Klepfer and Bob Huls.



Relaxing in the Hospitality room at the Holiday Inn Express are all 79th U.S. Naval Construction Battalion Seabees, Queenbees and friends. A special note about the cap that Conrad Shoup is wearing with the Seabees emblem on it. My dad who was also in the 79th Construction Battalion was going to a reunion back in the mid-80's. He asked me if I could silk-screen a couple dozen white sport caps for him with the Seabee logo on them. He wanted to take them to the Seabee reunion and give them to his buddies. I printed them and was really surprised after all those years to see one on Conrad.

meal.

I went inside and was greeted warmly by everyone. I visited with all of them including Bob and Carolyn Huls (reunion hosts), Joe and Dot Accetta from Pearl River, NY, Vern and Joyce Siekmann from Green Bay, WI, Conrad Shoup from Fremont, OH, Jeannie Winter from Norfolk, VA, Janice Plaskett from Canton, OH and of course Fred and Lenore Hummel from Ephrata, PA who had driven me to the fish fry.

I was hoping Charles and Erma Sarahan would be there, but unfortunately all the heavy rains they had in Maryland caused severe flooding in College Park where they live and they couldn't leave home. I had some things to give Charles. But, alas, not this year, maybe next. The Hummels barely got out of Pennsylvania in time due to the flooding. Another couple from NJ didn't attend due to the weather.

Then I heard someone say, its time to eat, that

was my cue, it had been a time since breakfast since leaving Danville earlier in the day. The short trip from Centerville to Pekin was elongated somewhat.

The food was terrific and sitting there with my Seabee family of friends who served in the same outfit as dad in World War II, really made my trip worth while.

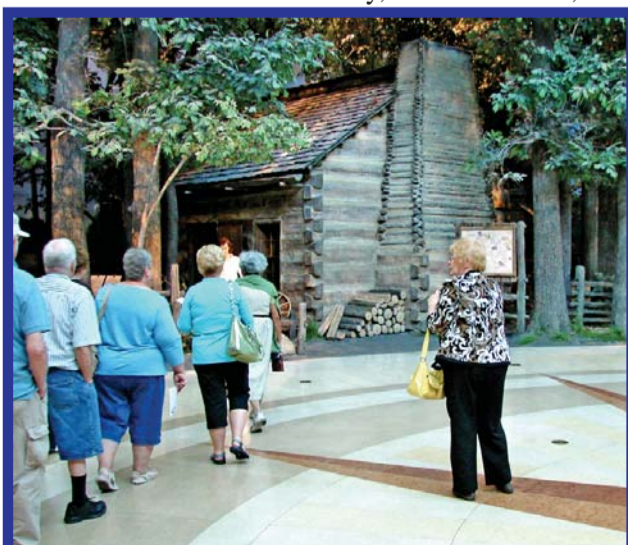
Since the reunion in 2007 I had kept in contact with most of these folks through The Gad-a-bout, phone calls and the internet, but personal contact is a whole lot better than electronic or paper means.

All too quickly it was time to head back to the Inn.

Carolyn Huls reminded us to get up early Tuesday, a tour bus would pick us up at 8:35 a.m. for our trip to the Lincoln Museum & Presidential Library in Springfield, IL.

After getting back to the Holiday Inn Express we all went to the hospitality room to talk, the wives

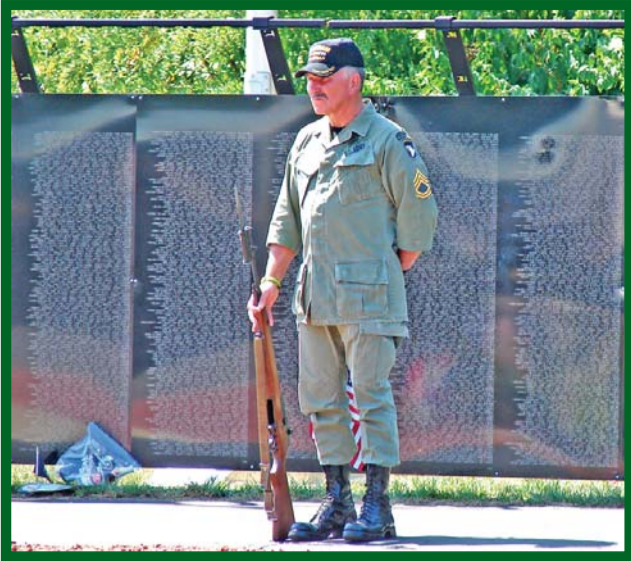
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Our tour on Wednesday took us to the Lincoln Museum and Presidential Library. Here Jeannie Winter at right stops to take photo of a replica of Lincoln's cabin in Museum.



Also inside the Lincoln Museum is a replica of the White House. Off to the right is Lincoln family figures standing in front of the White House, a favorite photo opt.



Vietnam Veteran Mark Stover, Wall Sentry, stands at his place of honor at the "WALL THAT HEALS."



Vietnam Veteran Gary Franklin greets all the visitors on behalf of all the Veterans in attendance.



Veteran Ron Brown parachutes from a small plane with the American Flag waving gloriously during his descent.



Placement of the Visitor by a Vietnam Veteran Honor Guard led by Joe Goebel (carrying Rifle), followed by Ron Weadick (carrying Helmet) and Al Bledsoe (carrying Boots).



The placing of the Helmet, Rifle and Boots represents all Vietnam Veterans KIA while serving their country. Vietnam Veteran & Vietnam Wall Sentry, Mark Stover, stands his post.



A special music presentation "Were You There" was sung by Cindy Moistner.



From the Emerald Society in Indianapolis a Fort Wayne Police officer played the Bag Pipes, a stirring moment.



Guest speaker, Vietnam Veteran LTC Gary G. Crowden, his main theme was "thank the person in uniform."

"WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS"

Article & Photos by Ray Dickerson

Wayne County Vietnam Veterans were "Welcomed Home" during a spectacular home coming event held at the Wayne County Veterans Memorial Park in Richmond, Indiana August 24-28.

At the same time of the "Welcome Home" celebration a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C., the "Moving Wall" was in the Veterans Memorial Park too. This was the Moving Wall's fourth visit to Richmond. It had been here in 1990, 1996 and 2006 according Vietnam Veteran Mark Stover and now 2011. The Moving Wall was

open to the public 24 hours a day while in Richmond. Activities began on Wednesday, Aug. 24 at 6 pm with Proclamations from the City of Richmond, Mayor Sally Hutton (who has been a big supporter of all Veterans activities in Richmond) and from Wayne County Commissioner Doug Williamson. Followed by a prayer and the playing of TAPS.

On Friday, Aug. 26 at 6 p.m. a special program was held "The Other-Side of The Wall" presented by Freedom's Colors, followed by POW / MIA Table - Roger Kimble.

On Saturday Aug. 27 beginning at 2 pm a full day

of activities began, most of which is depicted in the photos above and on the next page. Not included in the photos was the following: National Anthem, Invocation by Vietnam Veteran Jim Disney, Riderless horse provided by Veteran David Lucas, Vietnam facts by Vietnam Veteran Gary Franklin, Balloon Release and talks by Vietnam Veteran guests.

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Vietnam Veterans from left to right, Joe Goebel, Jim Hall, Ron Hill and Ron Weadick raised the Colors over the Veterans Memorial Park. See front page for photo of the Flag raising.



American Huey 369 flies in for landing at the Wayne County Veterans Memorial Park expertly handled by pilot John Walker to avoid obstacles and landed right on his spot.



Wreath placement by Vietnam Veterans from left to right, Purple Heart Wreath by Max Marty, Vietnam Veterans Wreath by Roger Stinson, POW / MIA Wreath by Wally Dudek.



Welcome Home Roll Call for Wayne County's 40 KIA's. Vicki Meek, Gold Star Sister, reads the names of those killed in Vietnam as their family member (s) receives a yellow rose.



Special music presentation of "God Bless the USA" by renowned Richmond Police Officer, Aaron Stevens.



Dedication of Women's Memorial, it reads "Honoring Women Veterans Past, Present & Future. Unveiling the Women's Memorial is at left President of Ladies Auxiliary Barbara Boggs and at right Sandy Weadick.



Twenty-one gun salute presented by Vietnam Veterans firing squad from left to right, Mark Stover, Al Bledsoe, Ron Weadick, Mike Parks, Jerome Marcum, Ron Hill and Roger Kimble. Saluting the American Flag is Jim Hall.



Member of 38th Infantry Indiana National Guard Band member played taps.

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79th CONSTRUCTION BATTALION 66th REUNION SEPTEMBER 11-15, 2011



Seabee Robert Huls standing in front of two display posters he made for the two years that he and his wife Carolyn have hosted the 79th Construction Battalion reunion. The one on the left is for this years reunion 2011 in Pekin, IL and the one on the right is for the one in Peoria, IL in 2002. The poster at the right he made for Seaman 2/c Bobby Gene Blackard who was killed while on active duty on Okinawa July 4, 1945.



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 spent most of their time playing dominoes and visiting.

Tuesday morning we all had a free hot breakfast in the Holiday Inn Express, a big plus on this trip. The food was excellent, a lot better than I expected.

We all boarded the Vagabond tour bus and headed out, not as early as predicted, flat tire. I told the tour guide, Maggie Steerod, that my luck had rubbed off on them. She just gave me a puzzled look.

Our first stop was at President Lincoln's home in Springfield, we left there and stopped at a real nice buffet restaurant with lots of good food.

From there we traveled to the Lincoln Museum and Presidential Library, spending most of our time in the Museum. If you are ever in Springfield, IL I would highly recommend you to visit Lincolns Museum. There is something for everyone, even the kids. There is one drawback if you are like me and like to take photos. Photo taking is restricted to a very small area. See legal photos below.

From the museum we traveled back towards Pekin stopping off at the Russell Stover Candy Outlet Store in Lincoln, IL. Believe it or not I didn't buy any candy nor eat any samples while there.

During the bus ride it gave me a chance to talk to Fred and Lenore Hummel quite a bit as we sat across from one another across the bus aisle.

Once back at the hotel we headed for the hospitality room. Everyone or most of us had brought 79th Construction Battalion pictures and the like from World War II. I brought a lot of dad's overseas photos and his Cruise book.

Time flies when you don't want it to. I really enjoyed sitting and listening to these guys and gals reminisce about the war, life between now and then, current times, etc. I can see why dad liked going to the Seabee reunions.

Wednesday morning arrived too soon and I didn't make it to breakfast. This was my last day there due to having to get back and pick up the October Gad-a-bout early Thursday morning in Columbus, IN. I had to leave after the banquet Wednesday eve.

Upon arriving at the hospitality room I learned that our trip out onto the Illinois river on a houseboat had been canceled due to high winds. Some of the Seabees wanted to see Asian Carp up close and personal. Evidently they hadn't heard about the carps reputation, "look out - flying fish!"

Instead we utilized the hospitality room until it was time to get ready for the banquet.

The meal was served in a separate room and was delicious. During and after the meal I walked around

taking photos of everyone. Bob Huls got up and give a very interesting talk. Then the subject came up about whether or not this would be their last reunion. The subject was tabled until later.

I walked over to Bob and said, "Would it be possible for me to host the 2012 reunion?"

Bob replied, "You better talk to to your wife about that first, its a lot of work for both of you."

I nodded, "Okay."

I went around and said goodbye to everyone, telling each of them that I hoped to see them again, maybe at their next reunion. I told them that I would send them the November Gad-a-bout in the mail.

(Side note: See announcement in bottom left corner of this page about 2012 Reunion.)



At left, Ray Dickerson Jr. (son of CB Ray Dickerson, Sr) Seabees from left to right, Bob Huls, Fred Hummel, Vern Siekmann, Conrad Shoup and Joe Accetta, standing in front of the official 79th U.S. Naval Construction Battalion banner.

2012 - 79th CB Reunion Richmond, Indiana



After clearing it with Bob Huls and other Seabees, in Memory of my father, MMS 1/c Raymond "Gene" Dickerson, 79th U.S. Naval Construction Battalion, Company D, Platoon 2, I will be hosting the 79th U.S. Naval Construction Battalion Reunion on September 23-27, 2012 in Richmond, IN. Oh, by the way my wife approved this too!



Queen Bees from left to right: Dot Accetta, Carolyn Huls, Lenore Hummel, Joyce Siekmann, Janice Plaskett and Jeannie Winter standing in front of the official 79th U.S. Naval Construction Battalion banner.



Jimmy Vogel, owner of Hunters Dream Taxidermy, standing in front of a wild turkey and two whitetail deer he has done. Jimmy considers taxidermy as an art form. (Jimmy Vogel Photo)



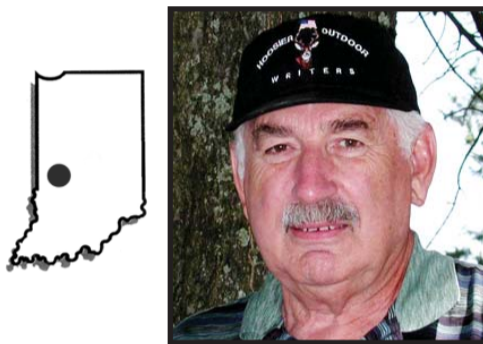
Brian Bechtel, Bechtel's Taxidermy completing the mounting of an outstanding Montgomery County whitetail deer. (Don Bickel Photo)

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by **Don Bickel, Forester**

Montgomery Co. Taxidermists

Hunters Dream Taxidermy

Taxidermy - the art of preparing the skins of animals, birds, fish - primarily vertebrates and mounting in lifelike poses and positions. An early definition described taxidermy as "Stuffing the skins of animals for exhibition."

Today, the taxidermist prides himself or herself on the ability to transform the skin of an animal or bird - quite often a trophy of the hunt - into a mirror image of the living animal or bird.

Jimmie Vogel of eastern Montgomery County, IN considers taxidermy as an art form. Vogel opened his taxidermy studio, "Hunter's Dream" at 3427 S 1000 E, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 in 2009. The studio is a spacious, well-designed work space in which a number of finished deer and turkey mounts are displayed.

Vogel credits his beginning interest in the taxidermy field to his grandfather, who he hunted with, beginning at the age of 10. He felt the desire and need to preserve the results of the hunt. A mounted squirrel is often the beginning project for a budding taxidermist. From that starting effort the desire may fade or increase in intensity.

It seems the majority of those individuals who continue in the effort, give much credit to an older adult who was active in the field of taxidermy. Vogel, who recognizes he is in the beginning stages of the art form - although his finished work show the subtle nuances which bring a lifelike image to what was a featureless skin.

Vogel considers it a necessary activity to continue studying the art form of his craft. When time and work schedule allows, he attends workshops and seminars dedicated to a particular phase of the taxidermy art form. At present, he limits his work to North American big game - in this West Central Indiana region, this would primarily be whitetail deer - and wild turkey.

He has plans to study waterfowl taxidermy under a professional in that field. At present, fish and reptiles are not in his repertoire. Vogel, as a firefighter for the town of Pittsboro, IN considers the field of taxidermy as a avocation to be developed, looking forward to retirement years - although that time is many years down the pike.

To quote Jimmie Vogel, "It is necessary to continually strive to improve the craft of taxidermy.

100 good mounts may receive much credit, but one poor job will erase all the good words."

Displayed in the "Hunter's Dream" workshop are also head mounts of wild boar. For someone casting about for a taxidermist to mount the buck taken during the 2011 season, Hunter's Dream should be considered. Contact Jimmie Vogel at: home -- 765-723-1505 or cell -- 317-490-4703. Also visit the website at www.huntersdreamtaxidermy.net.

Bechtel's Taxidermy

Now, we cross Montgomery County headed westward. This stop is at Bechtel's Taxidermy on the west side of Crawfordsville on U.S.136. Brian Bechtel's established taxidermy shop has been in this location at 2132 W. U.S. Hwy 136, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 for several recent years.

Bechtel began as a licensed taxidermist in the mid 1990's. This beginning actually had it's start some years prior through the tutelage of a high school teacher who delved into the art of taxidermy. This was in the southern Indiana area of the town of Montgomery in Daviess County.

As with many taxidermists, the interest in this field followed the avocation of hunting and fishing. It may be proven that a hunter has a practiced eye for attaining the lifelike appearance of the animal or bird he or she is mounting.

Bechtel's work is mainly with big game animals and wild turkeys. Whitetail deer, in many forms - head and shoulder, full body, skull and antler - European style, and hides comprise an estimated 60 percent of this work. Depending on the next hunter or customer who enters the shop; black bear, pronghorn antelope, American bison and elk may be added to this schedule.

At present, birds - waterfowl and upland game, do not comprise a part of this workload. Fish and reptiles may be somewhere in the future. When the desire to become proficient in these fields of work, seminars and one on one study with a professional in the particular field will bring the results necessary to please the customer.

Bechtel also maintains several colonies of domestic beetles. These small, flesh eating beetles are used to clean animal skulls for display and study. The beetle is very thorough in cleaning all parts of a skull, but does not attack the bony structures.

While not recent in use, the European mount of skull and antlers has become a desired method of displaying a whitetail deer trophy. Today, head and body forms made of a plastic styrofoam material are available for almost all game species - small and large - mammal and bird.

Therefore, the skull is available as a second trophy. This is primarily with bears, coyotes and other fur bearers. If a deer is used as a head and shoulder mount, the antlers and skull plate are removed and the skull is not suitable for stand-alone display.

Bechtel's Taxidermy is located west of Crawfordsville and a bit west of the junction of U.S 136 and Old S.R. 55. Bechtel may be contacted at: cell -- 765-918-1170 or home -- 765-362-4002. He is a firefighter for the city of Crawfordsville.

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Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

Fishing during the rut

As many of you can tell, hardly anyone enjoys deer hunting in November more than I do. Still, at times, I need a break. Believe it or not, there can be a lot of pressure associated with deer hunting – albeit much of it self-imposed, granted, but it's still there. So a break once in awhile is essential for getting me back into focus.

While those of you that are primarily fishermen have known this for years, fall fishing is usually as good – or even better – than it is in the spring. The water temperatures have come back down, and fish get back into a feeding mode in preparation for the long winter months.

It was several years ago when I first took

time out of my deer hunting schedule to go fishing. I was burned out on deer hunting and really needed a break. The decision was a difficult one; however, as I somehow feel compelled or obligated to be in a treestand when the rut begins kicking into gear. Still, I was over it and needed a respite for a little while. So, on a bright, sunny, warm, late fall day with higher than normal temperatures, me and my family headed for a local pond and spend the day experiencing some of the absolute best fishing we had ever encountered on that body of water. Heck, it was one of the best days of fishing we had ever had period!

I didn't spend any time in a treestand that day, but it was just what I needed! Let's face it, we all have busy schedules. Work, family and other matters can make it hard for us to hunt or fish as much as we'd often like, but taking that day off from the woods to be with my family reaffirmed two things for me. First, it made me realize just what is more important in my life, and it wasn't hunting. Secondly, it made me remember just how incredibly hot fall fishing is!

Plus, there just doesn't get a much prettier time of year to be on the water. Our lakes and reservoirs are nearly void of much of the boat traffic that clogged them up all summer. The creeks and rivers are generally low and clear, surrounded by panoramic views of nature's beauty that can only be fully taken in during the fall.

The wildlife is also well worth the time spent on the water during the fall. Migrations of ducks and geese can be seen and heard flying overhead or taking up space on the water with you. Deer are more active and bristling in their new winter coats. All of this adds to the mystique that is fall fishing.

And as for the fish themselves, well, they have renewed spunk when at the end of your line as the cooler waters help bring them out of their summer sluggishness. Those same cool waters also help to create firmer, succulent fillets for those fish you decide to keep for the table. And overall, most fish species become a lot more active than they had been during the previous few months as they begin heavily feeding again in preparation for winter.

Fall is also another time to take advantage

of certain types of fishing that may not otherwise be available for most of the rest of the year. Fall run salmon in Indiana's and Michigan's tributaries, for example, can only be taken advantage during October and November. The rest of the time, these feisty fish spend their time out in the big waters of the great lakes, leaving our streams void of their presence.

But hey, you don't have to always sacrifice a day in the field or a weekend of hunting just to get in a little fishing. Consider cast-and-blast opportunities. When away on an out of town hunting trip, throw in your fishing gear in case you fill a tag or want a break for an afternoon of fishing. Or, hunt for part of the day and fish for the other. This way, you'll experience the best of both worlds.

It's amazing that for several years I had had neglected what so many die-hard fisherman would never imagine missing – the fall fishing bonanza! So don't store all of your fishing gear now that fall is here. You can count on it that I will make time in my schedule for at least a couple of trips out on the water during some of my allotted fall hunting time. ■



Spring isn't the only time to cash in on some great fishing for lunker-sized fish. fall also happens to be a great time of year to tie into trophy sized fish. Plus, the waterways can be less crowded as most people have stowed away their fishing gear - or are out hunting! (Joe Martino Photo)

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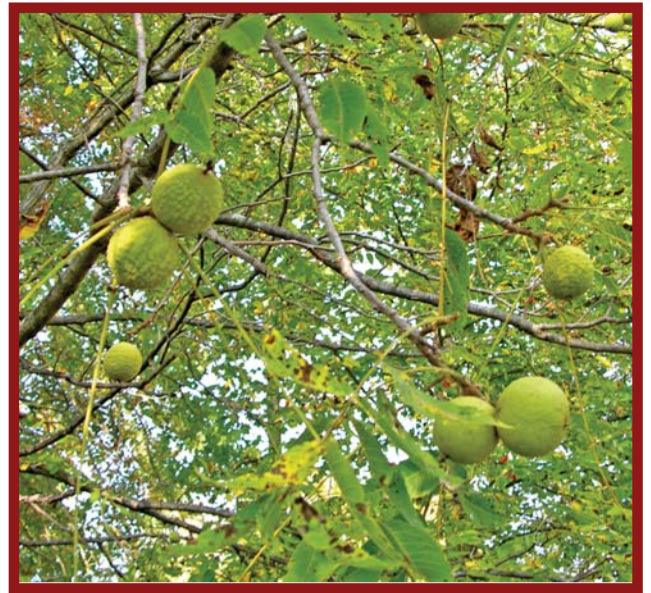
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One of the bounties of fall is the harvest of nuts. In this part of the country, the most valued are walnuts and hickories. Both are great in desserts.

In the wild, hickories are more abundant. The nuts make good cookies, however you need a lot patience I don't have to pick out the meat from the shell.

Walnuts ultimately are easier to hull, but are really messy and also can be a lot of work. Harvesting walnuts is almost a lost art. While they are expensive in the grocery store, most people buy them these days rather than picking out the meat.

Frankly, I started thinking about this when my neighbor Scott Wahl asked if a relative of his could pick up my walnuts. I've become too lazy to hull them. They primarily are a nuisance that if not picked up cause problems late season when mowing the grass.

Although there is considerable work in preparing the walnuts, I'm convinced the ones processed on your own have a better flavor than those that have been on store shelves for months.

Early immigrants moving from the east often looked for locations with walnut trees. Walnut trees meant the land was fertile, limestone based soil that would grow good fruits and crops.

Black walnut tree nuts ripen in late summer and early fall through October. The walnuts should be allowed to ripen hanging on the tree to ensure the flavor and texture of the nut fully develops.

After the walnuts fall and are gathered, they must be stripped of their outer husk, then dried before they

even an enamel sink.

To test of the walnut to determine if is ripe, press down with your thumb on the husk. If it is ripe, the thumb push will leave an indentation on the husk. If the walnut isn't ripe, try again in a week.

The outer husk of the walnut must be removed after harvest to prevent discoloring and impacting the flavor of the nut inside the shell. Removing the husk can make a mess (lots of stain).

In a delightful book, Smokehouse Ham, Spoon Bread, & Scuppernong Wine by Joseph Dabney, he writes in earlier times, children were pressed into duty using clubs to knock off the husks. He says it was a wonderful day when the early automobile came along and some discovered the husks could be removed by driving over them with the car. Many people use this method today.

As a kid, I remember helping take the hulls off, and I remember the mess. I always had to wear old gloves and old clothes.

Whatever means you use, once the husks are removed, the resulting nuts should be stored to allow them to develop the strong walnut flavor. They should be stored in a cool, dry, ventilated area outside of direct sunlight.

After a couple of weeks, crack a nut. If the meat breaks crisply, the goodie is ready for storage or eating.

There are many wonderful walnut dessert recipes. I've always loved them baked into a German Christmas cookie my family made called Zimstern (cinnamon star).

Interestingly, when I looked at some Zimstern recipes on the internet, I found them made with almonds instead of walnuts. Guess back when I grew up, my family always hulled walnuts for baking. We never had almonds.

They would have been expensive at the store, and we took advantage of Nature's bounty.

Love those walnuts.

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Outdoors



With Rich Creason

Older than the Dinosaurs

Since I was old enough to walk, I collected almost any outdoor object I could find. Probably some of my more unusual items are bugs, seeds, skulls, fossils, and in the last 15 months, dinosaur bones. I have recently added to my list a new item which is about 10 times as old as the dinosaurs—geodes.

The word “geode” comes from the Greek meaning “in the shape of the earth”. This immediately tells you it is mostly round (but not always!). It usually has bumps over the outer surface, somewhat resembling a cauliflower, although, some geodes have crystals growing on the outside. Many geodes are flattened, like the center has collapsed. Some have hollow centers, while others have solid interiors.

Late September found my wife and me traveling to central Iowa for on outdoor writer’s conference. As always, I began looking for things to do on the way to and from our destination. I went to www.traveliowa.com and ordered their Iowa Travel Guide. When it arrived, I pulled out my Iowa Highway Map (I also collect maps.). I plotted my route and started finding attractions along, or close to the area I would be traveling. I noticed in the Guide an advertisement which said “Geode Hunting”. It was in the town of Keokuk and was right on the highway I had already picked. I immediately checked www.keokukiowatourism.org, found their contact information, and told them I was interested in hunting geodes. I received a quick reply to my questions and a package of brochures of attractions of Keokuk and surrounding counties arrived two days later. The literature included the name and contact information of the president of the local rock club, Mike Shumate.



The The matrix (dirt wall) showing the hole where a geode was dug out (center) and two geodes still in the wall (top right). (Photo by Rich Creason)



A large pile of Keokuk Geodes. A wide variety of sizes& shapes with some opened and some as yet unopened. (Photo by Rich Creason)

I called Mike (573-518-4739) and told him we were coming through his area and I wanted to write a story on geode hunting. He offered to take us out and show us how it was done. Mike actually lives on the east bank of the Mississippi River in Hamilton, Illinois, while Keokuk is in Iowa on the west bank. At that time, he informed me we were coming just one week too early. The annual Keokuk Geode Festival would be held the following weekend. (It’s always the last full week of September.) They offer lots of hunting sites and transportation to get to them. We wanted to stop at the festival on our way home, but the timing didn’t work out.

We left home at 3:30 A.M. and drove five hours. We met Mike at 9:30 A.M. (There was a one hour time change.) We followed him about two miles to Jacob’s Geode Mine, down a hill, across the creek and up the other side to one of the geode sites. As soon as we stepped out of the truck, we started walking on geodes. They were everywhere. A seam part-way up a high bank was loaded with the object of our search and many had fallen out. There were so many, we didn’t know which one to pick first.

We had brought two rock hammers to break open the geodes to discover what was inside. We found the smaller rocks would often break into pieces when hit with the hammer, so we used a lighter touch and improved with practice. We also started looking for bigger specimens. Mike taught us to pick up a geode and judge whether it felt light or heavy for its size. The lighter ones were hollow which was what we were looking for. (Good tip!)

After we broke open a few, our guide began iden-



A small geode which has be opened with the cattle de-horner. Notice it does not damage the crystals inside. (Photo by Rich Creason)

tifying the assorted minerals and crystals which were inside. To date, at least 17 different minerals have been found inside Keokuk geodes. We learned these were formed in the Warsaw Formation which is a rock unit of the Mississippian age, about 340 million years ago. The outer shell or rind of all Keokuk geodes is made of chalcedony, while the most common find inside is quartz. Sphalerite, dolomite, pyrite, and kaolinite (usually a powder) are also

usual finds. The sizes of our finds ranged from golf ball size to several over six inches in diameter, but Keokuk geodes have been found up to 30 inches. We discovered there are other things inside of geodes too. When Mike opened up one of our larger finds for us, it was full of water! In later research, I found this occurs when a crack forms in the geode. The water seeps inside and can be fairly recent or extremely old. Mike also said he has found geodes with oil (bitumen) inside.

After a couple of hours, Mike took us to another spot where we hunted a mostly dry creek bed. Heavy rains wash more rocks out of the bank or expose new ones in the water. We found different crystal centers in these geodes and also found some fossil crinoid stems and horn coral here.

There are generally four ways to find out what’s inside an unbroken geode. A rock saw can be used to cut them in half. Unfortunately, this can destroy some rare crystals inside. For smaller size rocks, Mike uses an old cow dehorner which splits them nicely without damaging the inside and has a Wheeler-type soil pipe cutter to split open the large ones. (I checked online and found these cost about \$500!) The third choice is what we started using in the field. Just smack them with a hammer. As I mentioned before, this is not a good option either. The best way (in my price range) is to take a flat chisel and score the geode completely around by tapping the chisel with a hammer. Continue tapping until the chisel cracks the skin. Then the geode can be split open by prying with a screwdriver. The rock breaks into two halves without damaging the contents.

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The winners of the Richard T. Gaston Memorial Walleye and Bass tournaments, plus the Catfish Contest, the Smallest Catfish Contest are shown above. Their names will be listed in the article below under the tournament or contest they were entered into.

Richard T. Gaston Memorial Walleye/Bass/Catfish Tournaments September 17, 2011

Article & Photos
by Ray Dickerson

On September 17, 2011 the Richard T. Gaston Memorial Walleye/Bass/Catfish Tournaments played out on Brookville Lake. This year a Bass Tournament was added to the schedule.

This year there were 45 Walleye teams for a total of 90 Walleye contestants, there were 9 Bass teams for a total of 18 Bass contestants and 34 Catfish contestants making a grand total of 142 contestants entered into the 3 tournaments.

It was a perfect day to go fishing, just like last year. Even though there was only 9 bass teams entered they did real well with some really nice catches. The walleye were rather small but all of the ones I saw go to the weigh-in were really healthy looking fish. I asked one of the conservation officers who was helping do the weigh-in about the walleye color being darker than previous ones I saw come in previous years. He said he didn't know for sure, but it may have been caused by the warmer than normal weather we had this past summer.

Following is the results for the Walleye, Bass and Catfish Tournaments plus the other awards.

BASS TOURNAMENT

Place	Team Name	Wt.	Prize
1.	J McFarland/ Hicks	5.40 lbs	\$1,500
2.	J Smith/ C Prather	3.25 lbs	\$500
3.	S Seibert/ B J Schwein	3.10 lbs	\$350
4.	T McFarland/ G Church	2.40 lbs	\$250
5.	J Estes/ C Estes	2.30 lbs	\$150

BIG WALLEYE WINNER

J McFarland 3.20 lbs \$

BASS TOURNAMENT

Place	Team Name	Wt.	Prize
1.	K Bennett/ M Bennett	13.05 lbs	\$700
2.	C Burk/ D Foster	8.00 lbs	\$350
3.	B Schick/ J Smith	6.25 lbs	\$275
4.	E Moore/ H Smith	3.70 lbs	\$200
5.	J Wood/ C Craig	1.90 lbs	\$150

BIG BASS WINNER

M Bennett 2.80 lbs \$

CATFISH CONTEST RESULTS

Rank	Angler	Wt.	Prize
1	G Johnson	19.85 lbs	\$200
2	K Kelly	14.80 lbs	\$150
3.	B Sebesky	12.55 lbs	\$75
4.	M Sebesky	11.20 lbs	\$50
5.	B Compton	9.65 lbs	\$25

BIG CATFISH WINNER:

J. Houston 5.85 lbs.

SMALLEST CATFISH AWARD

P Houston 0.10 lbs \$150

It was a banner year for the crew who spend countless hours putting this tournament together. Their time was well spent, this was probably one of the best Richard T. Gaston Memorial Tournaments that I have attended. I know Richard who was looking down at the tournament from his place of lasting honor had to be smiling at these wonderful people who are here on earth doing their best to make this tournament one for the record books.

I got an e-mail from one of the readers of The Gad-a-bout on my website (www.thegadabout.com)



Just after the fisher persons had left the beach area I ran into some familiar faces. From left to right, Lauren Koester, Jeannie Gaston Stehr and Amy Gaston Stehr.



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Top Photo: 1st Place Walleye winners J McFarland and Hicks. Middle Photo: 2nd Place Walleye winners J Smith and C Prather. Bottom Photo: 3rd Place Walleye winners S Seibert and B.J. Schwein.

Top Photo: 1st Place Bass winners K Bennett and M Bennett. Middle Photo: 2nd Place Bass winners C Burk and D Foster. Bottom Photo: 3rd Place Bass winners B Schick and J Smith.

Top Photo: 1st Place Catfish winner G Johnson. Middle Photo: 2nd Place Catfish winner K Kelly. Bottom Photo: 3rd Place Catfish winner B Sebesky.

who fished in the Walleye Tournament this year, It was Jeremy Estes. It read: "Ray you took a photo of me and my son receiving 5th Place at the Gaston Walleye Tournament Saturday 17th. I just wanted everyone to know that me and my son, Cory, ran out of bait at 2 p.m. and a couple of fellows by the name of Greg Harrison and Chris Barber give us a dozen worms so we could keep on fishing. Now that's real sportsmanship. Without these guys we wouldn't have caught anymore fish. There still are some real good guys out there, it's not all about winning. Thanks Ray, Gad-a-bout and everyone."

The picture to the right of this comment is, at left, Cory Estes and at right, his father Jeremy Estes accepting 5th Place in the Gaston Memorial Walleye Tournament on Saturday, September 17, 2011. I agree with Jeremy, it's not all about winning.



Paula Houston caught the smallest catfish winning the Smallest Catfish Contest. Her catfish weighed in at .10 lb. and looked to be about 3 or 4 inches long.

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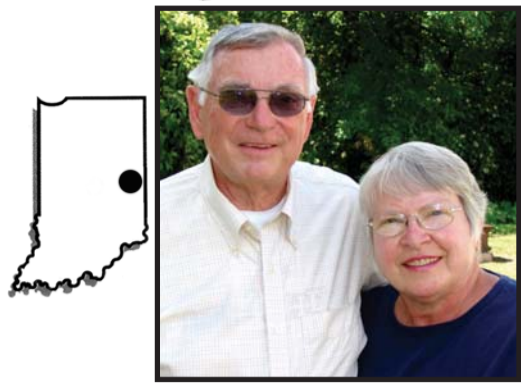
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Camping Here & Beyond



by John and El McCory

Clubs and Organizations For Campers

There are many clubs and/or organizations campers may join and get special rates at certain private, federal, state, or county camping areas. It would take several pages of the Gad-A-Bout to give complete information about all the clubs we're going to mention. Our better judgment for you, who want information on any or all of the following, is to go directly to the internet and type in the subject (i.e., the club you're concerned about) and look at the several pages of information about the clubs and in many cases, websites of individual campgrounds and their location, amenities and prices.

Having been in the camping business, we've been in contact with several of the organizations we're going to write about. We've found that each club or organization has its own positive and negative aspects. It's according to one's own individual preference in choosing clubs to join and to use their published campgrounds, if you in fact, want to join a club at all.

Usually the club website will have sites of various prices, many times for two people, sometimes for families of four or five members. Sometimes water, electricity, and sewer are all included in the price, sometimes not, if sewerage is available at all. Many times in federal sites like the Corps of Engineers you find primitive sites with just vault toilets. In others you find full hookup on beautifully laid out sites.

You need to check the internet for the type and size of campsite to suit your individual needs, what the campsite has nearby, (i.e. wetlands with mosquitoes, heavy woods, seaside or stream, etc.), and what the property offers in regard to amenities (i.e., rest and relaxation in the sun or shade, a lot of activities for all members of the family, local golf courses, etc.). In many cases, an annual or multiple year cost of membership can be realized in the first week or two of camping. Membership in several of the clubs includes many local, state and national rallies for people having the same interests and ideas camping together. In some of the organizations you as the owner need to have the same type of camping unit or the same manufacturer of your unit. As an example, the Airstream people have clubs, as well as Dutchman, Coleman, etc.

Nearly all of the states have their own private camping associations and can be contacted about their camping grounds. A couple of examples are

the ICOA (Indiana Campground Owners Association) and IMHA-RVIC, or the Illinois Campground Owners Association. ICOA is: www.campindiana.com.

Membership in 50% camping clubs has caught on rapidly throughout the country and is now taking hold in Canada and Mexico. For an annual fee of forty or fifty dollars per year (and reduced rates for multiple years or lifetime membership) one can camp at hundreds of campgrounds for fifty percent off the daily price, except when the owners determine they'll be full on such dates as weekends, major holidays or special events. Such camping clubs are Happy Camper, Passport America, Camp Club USA, and Enjoy America and Camper Clubs of America (incidentally owned by Good Sam Enterprises). Other large clubs are Coast to Coast, Good Sam, Leisure System Club Yogi (Jellystone Campgrounds), Kampgrounds of America (Value Club), Freedom Resorts, Family Motor Coach Association Campground Connections (the most recent discount club), Escapees, Caravan Camping Club, RV Travel Club, WIT (Winnebago and Itasca Motorhomes) Club, Cummins Power Club (with Cummins engines and/or Cummins generators), Encore Resorts, and Caravan Clubs of Europe. Also there is the Handicapped Travel Club and the National Camping Travelers for Masons. One can find camping clubs for singles, widows, widowers, nature lovers, and about any group you can imagine.

For those over fifty-five the former Golden Age Passport, now America The Beautiful, gets you in free to the National Forests, National Parks, U.S. Corps of Engineers, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Tennessee Valley Association. There also is a Recreational Land Passport, Inter Agency Senior Passport, and Interagency Access Passport for those with disabilities. For all the above, camping is fifty percent of the price listed, but beware, some areas fill up quickly in response to activities in and around cities nearby. Go to Recreation.Gov for federal lands, including campgrounds.

Best Parks of America, on the other hand, offers no discounts because of the many amenities they offer and leaves the coupons and discounting marketing strategies to each independent affiliated park, according to David Gorin, founder and President of BP of A.

Camping guides are published by most of the foregoing organizations, including Woodall's and Trailer Life. By becoming an annual or longer member of most of the groups one receives camping guides for all of the states. In groups such as Resort Parks International, AOR Outdoor Resorts, AOC, and the American Automobile Association (same as Chicago Motor Club), hundreds of campsites can be found under most of the clubs mentioned, but one must present your dated membership card to get discounts. Usually most of the clubs update camping in their parks monthly or quarterly on the internet.

Next month we'll discuss getting started camping, including equipment, tenting and types of campers. Contact us if you have something about camping you want discussed. jmacnut@yahoo.com or 260-637-3524.

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Looking Downstream



by Paul McCloud

Ohio's Grand Lake Looking Much Better

Ohio's beautiful, historic 13,000-acre Grand Lake St. Mary's, has been suffering under some hard times of late. For decades phosphorous rich nutrients mostly from farm runoff (fertilizers and animal waste) have been accumulating in the lake. The high levels of phosphorous feeds cyanobacteria or blue-green algae which when in the blooming stage is toxic to humans and animals. That is it can make humans sick and can be fatal to pets and animals. Of course the type and severity of illness, if any, depends on the degree of exposure and overall health of the individual. The build-up of phosphorous has been going on for decades and in 2009 it hit levels high enough to cause state health officials to close the lakes beaches and post health advisories. In 2010 the lake was virtually shut down to recreational use causing a devastating effect on the local economies of the lakes two major municipalities, Celina in Mercer County on the N/W shore of the lake and St. Marys in Auglaize County on the N/E shore. Being the largest body of water for hundreds of miles in the center of the state, many thousands of visitors pump millions of dollars into the area each year and closing the lake impacts thousands of local families.

Sandy Mast of Kozy Kampground on the South shore at Montezuma Bay said, "the problem with the algae impacted us the worst this past season. We had about 50 empty units all this year where we usually have a long waiting list for those spots. Our dad started our park way back and we've always been committed to serving our guests and seeing to it that they have a warm easygoing place to unwind and recharge. Most all of our regular guests that come back year after year have hung in there with us, and we appreciate them so much. We're hoping with all the positive things going on that next year will be better for us and the whole Grand Lake area."

Local organizations have been working with the Ohio EPA, Ohio Health Dept. the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the Army Corps of Engineers and Governor John Kasich's office to come up with a permanent solution. Tests of treating selected near shore areas with aluminum sulfate (Alum) were performed in the spring of 2011 with very promising results. A nearly 3.5 million dollar contract was funded by the Ohio EPA and implemented by the Dept. of Natural Resources to treat a 4,900 acre area in the center of the lake with nearly 3 million gallons of alum. As it was explained to this writer by Lake Restoration Commission President Milt Miller, "the alum causes the phosphorous molecules to clump, the clumps are heavier and sink to the bottom depriving the algae thus eliminating it. However bottom turbulence from foraging rough fish (carp, shad, sheepsheads etc.) as well as natural turbulence in a shallow lake (average depth 6 feet) stirs up phosphorous rich sediments and over the course of several months or more the problem starts a comeback. The alum treatments this spring and summer have proven to be quite effective for the short term, now we get to work on the long term solution, and we have many good ideas and a great system of support to deal with it."

Officials have come up with a two-stage plan to clean up the lake and preserve it for future generations. The first part implemented this year was the alum treatment, which reduced the phosphorous levels in the treated area by 56% and the whole lake by nearly 30%. This made it possible to allow full recreational use of the lake this summer with minimal advisories. It was noted by some local business operators that although the lake had been determined to be at safe levels, the State Park beaches remained closed. Nettings and fishing tournaments removed approximately 17 tons of rough fish but with a lake this size and with a 90% rough fish population more and larger nettings are scheduled to bring the rough fish to manageable levels. Also, dredging by the DNR removed 210,000 cubic yards of phosphorous rich sediment from the lake bottom so far in 2011 and will continue as part of the second stage. Officials are meeting with representatives of Ag Conversions, a division of Wisconsin based Amiran Technologies to discuss their process for converting manure and dredge materials into commercial potting soil and fertilizers. Ag Conversions then packages and markets the products to buyers outside the Grand Lake area. This would not only help significantly clean up the lake but would solve the problem of what to do with all the thousands possibly millions of cubic yards of dredge material. This could also be something for Indiana officials to look into with the huge area in the upper end of Brookville Lake that is filling up with sediment. Also the Corps of Engineers along with the DNR are making plans to restore some 100 plus acres of natural wetlands at the S/W corner of the lake. The wetlands will help filter the water flowing into the lake as it did several decades ago. I've toured the lake several times recently and must say it looks as good as I've ever seen it and the lake and I go back 60



Grand Lake S_P docks West Shore. (Photo by Paul McCloud)

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catch of 5.68 lbs which gave him the lead on day one by a considerable amount. Aaron also landed a .93 lb crappie to take honors of big fish of the day. Doug Clay and Elmer Griffey had a weight of 2.37 lbs to hold down 2nd place followed by the team of Ed Sexton and Mark Jacob with 2.21 lbs.

Entering the final day with more than a three pound lead over the other competitors, Aaron was unsuccessful on day two and came empty handed to the weigh-in table which opened the door for the rest of the field. The team taking advantage of this was Sexton and Jacob as they brought in 4.48 lbs and took over the lead with a total weight of 6.69 lbs. Also making a big jump was Jeff Yeakle and Jonathan Brumley, who had the high catch of the day with 4.5 lbs and helped move them into 2nd place with 6.39 lbs of total weight. Team Yeakle and Brumley also had the big fish from day 2 with a weight of 1.04 lbs. Even though he was unable to find the fish on day 2, Aaron still was able to use the cushion he built on day 1 and capture third place overall.

These tournaments wrap up our 2011 season. We would like to thank everyone who participated in these tournaments and also like to welcome everyone back next year as we look forward to another exciting year of fishing. Anyone wanting more information can contact us @ **765-981-4522** or email us at brrcampground@hotmail.com.

KAMPFIRE KOOKIN'

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The bad part: You can only use the cooker on sunny days to get the full benefit of the 300 to 400 degree heat available or the 150 to 200 degree heat on partly sunny days. If it's windy, forget it - the wind cools the cooker and drains the heat. It's hard to plan meals using the solar cooker - so have a backup plan to cook your food or change the menu to include cold sandwiches, potato salad, and pre-cooked food.

I may include some solar kookin' ideas in future Kampfire Kookin' columns. In the meantime, why not learn food preparation the gourmet way (sometimes it's just a name change) when it's your turn to kook or make sandwiches around your next kampfire?

Outdoors with Rich Creason

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While Keokuk geodes are known to be the best in quantity and quality in the Midwest, geodes can also be found in Indiana. Brown, Lawrence, Monroe, Morgan, and Washington counties probably are the best choices. They normally can't be hunted on State property, so talk to some of the locals in a service station or coffee shop and ask if geodes are common in the area. Then find a creek running through a farm and ask permission to look there. Often a farmer will plow up geodes and would be happy to have you get them out of his field. Check online for Geode Hunting in Indiana for more locations.

We've now hunted fossils, dinosaur bones, geodes and panned for gold (another odd choice). Next, maybe we'll go searching for meteorites.

The author may be reached at eyewrite4u@aol.com.

Looking Downstream

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years together. All in all the future looks bright for Grand Lake St. Marys and I look forward to a few outings there myself.

Following up on last months article on the weed problem in Whitewater Lake: Bob Felix the Property Manager at Whitewater Memorial State Park reports that he met with the IDNR fisheries biologist and discussed the aquatic weeds in Whitewater and what impact they were having on the fishery. "The biologist has seen no problems with the numbers, size or health of the fish in the lake and sees no problem at this time." Mr. Felix said, "the park will continue to spot treat the weeds when they interfere with normal use of the lake." Mr. Felix feels trying a draw down could cause a more serious issue if we have a dry spring and the lake doesn't reach summer pool. This weeds situation appears to be a problem that will just not go away and this writer will stay on top of any new developments.

Your comments and suggestions are welcomed. Contact P.A.McCloud email: pasports@ydial.net.

Roaming The Outdoors

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his very able employee Seth McClain, who first drove from Perrysville, IN to the rest park just west of Danville, IL, determined the problem, called a tow truck who got there relatively quick given the distance, who towed the van to Perrysville, IN for it to get fixed there (dropping me at a motel). Then on Monday morning Dave and Seth set out to get a universal joint, easiest part, then locate a drive shaft to fit the van. The first one they found was damaged, next they checked with Chevrolet and found that it would take 3 days to order a drive shaft, then they found one in a yard in Rockville, IN, driving there and bringing it back, fixing the truck and delivering it to me at 1 p.m. making it possible to finish my trip.

These guys went above and beyond the call of duty getting me back on my way to Pekin. Perrysville, IN is pretty close to the Illinois state line on SR 32 just south of I-74 if you are in their neighborhood and have vehicle trouble, don't hesitate to call Bob's Roadside Services at 765-793-0600, at night 800-796-0600, owner Dave Baldwin and his very able employee, Seth McClain. Thanks to you guys I had a very enjoyable visit with the Seabees.

"Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans"

Wayne County Vietnam Veterans were "Welcomed Home" during a spectacular home coming event held at the Wayne County Veterans Memorial Park in Richmond, Indiana August 24-28. At the same time the "Moving Wall" a replica of the one that is in Washington D.C. returned to Richmond for its 4th visit. See Page 16 & 17 for photos of this moving event, they call the Moving Wall the Wall That Heals.

MISSING DOG BROWNSVILLE AREA

Bear, a half-springer, half-border collie went missing on September 4, 2011 in the Brownsville, Indiana area. Bear is wearing a red collar. If you have seen Bear or know someone who has please contact it's heart broken owner (s) Marshall/Culbertson family at **765-458-0726** or Cell **765-580-2628**.



"BEAR"

J'S DAIRY INN HAS NEW OWNERS

Long time business owners Wendell and Carol Bias and good friends of mine have passed the reins of their very successful restaurant "J's Dairy Inn" in Liberty, Indiana to their son Brian and his wife Stacy Bias. J's Dairy Inn has been in business since 1957 when Wendell's father and mother, Paul and Doris Bias opened it there at the same location. The restaurant was rebuilt in 1981 after a fire destroyed the first

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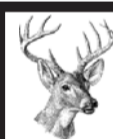
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building.
Wendell, 71 now, said of his son Brian, "Brian is a graduate of Ball State University School of Management, he and his wife have a combined 37 years of management experience. So we are going to keep it a family business."

The Gad-a-bout wishes the new owners Brian and Stacy Bias all the success possible.

LST 325 NEEDS YOUR HELP

LST 325 docked in Evansville, Indiana needs volunteers to help keep it seaworthy. Some background.



This LST (Landing Ship, Tank) is an amphibious vessel designed to land battle-ready tanks, troops and supplies directly onto enemy shores. Ships of this type proved to be enormously useful during times of war and peace both. This particular LST was originally known as LST-325 during the Second World War, USNS LST-325 during its arctic operations in the 1950's, and later L-144 (A/G Syros) while it was in the service of the Greek Navy. It was acquired by The USS LST Ship Memorial, Inc., in 2000, and caught considerable public attention when our veteran crew brought it on a 6,500-mile journey from the Greek island of Crete to Mobile, Alabama.

I just missed seeing and boarding LST 325 when I went to the Seabees Reunion in Pekin, IL. She was docked in Peoria, IL and the Seabees visited it while I was waiting for my Van to get fixed in Danville, IL.

I have been in contact with Sabrina Dawber who answered my e-mail I sent to the ships contact address. She said in her last message, "Volunteers can contact us at the ship, 812-435-8678. If they want to volunteer, we ask they become a member. It's \$20.00/yr, we send a quarterly newsletter as well. If they are still interested we will have forms at the office for them and they can meet here on Monday Nov. 7th at 8am. We will be working our buns off that week. Their e-mail address is 325office@lstmemorial.org .

LST 325 will be sailing to Normandy Beach for the 70th Anniversary of the landing at Normandy in 2014 if they can get enough money to make the trip. Send your donation (s) to:

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Their website is www.lstmemorial.org , there is a lot of information on this the last ship of its kind floating. This is a perfect endeavor for those who would like to get involved in making history and help make LST 325 a symbol of American ingenuity and grit.

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On The Cutting Edge

Opinions by Ray Dickerson

In my opinion we need a big change in the United States Government. We could do with a lot less government and more freedom from government. The founders of this great country meant for the people to rule the country with the help of government, not for the government to rule the country with the help of the people.

At the top of my list, a list that dates back many years, Senators and Congresspersons need term limits on their serving their country. Senators should only be allowed two terms just like the President, Governors and Mayors, two six year terms is long enough for them to accomplish their goals in Washington. Congresspersons should only be allowed two terms of 4 year terms, instead of two year terms. In my mind it never has made sense for a Congressperson to only serve a two year term, he or she is campaigning one year and serving one year in reality, and with the expense of running a election campaign making the Congresspersons' term 4 years is more economically correct. Two 4 year terms is long enough for the Congressperson to accomplish what he or she went to Washington to do. The citizens of this country need a viable Senate and Congress made up of fresh senators and congresspersons every 8 or 12 years is direly needed in America today (has been needed for a long time). Senators and Congresspersons should not be allowed to make a career of their elected offices. If a person is exceptionally good and fortunate to get re-elected after being out of Washington for 4 or 6 years, so be it for the same term limits.

No offense to those senators or congresspersons now serving in Washington, but many of you have far out stayed your welcome as far as I am concerned. Many a good American has left their state with all the good intentions possible, only to forget what they were after, after being there for awhile. I think if you go home for awhile it will jog your memory!

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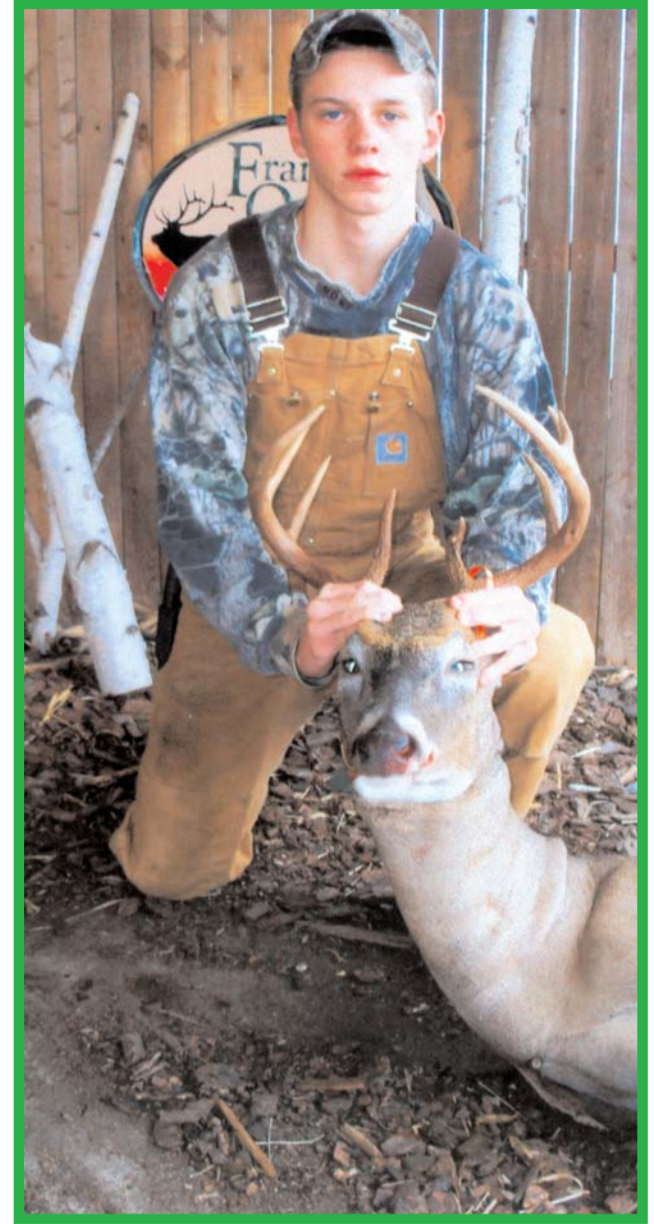
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A.J. Taylor took this 10 Point Buck during the Youth Deer Hunt. This is A J's first deer, it weighed in at 142 pounds. (Frame's Outdoor Photo, Liberty, IN)



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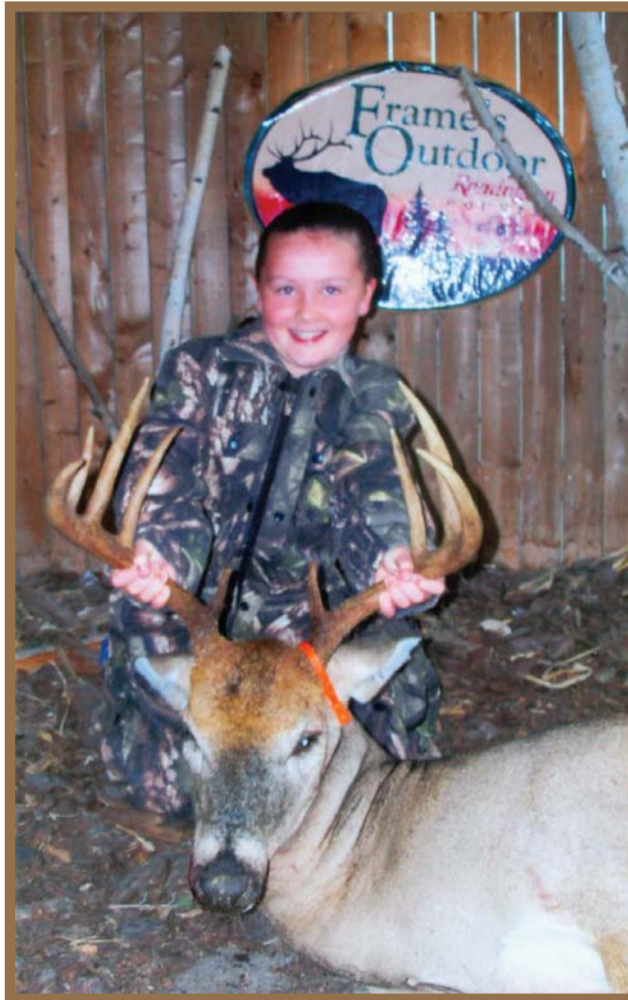
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Kyane Alcorn took this 9 point, 168 lb. deer during the Youth Deer Hunt. This was Kyane's first deer. (Frame's Outdoor Photo, Liberty, IN)



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