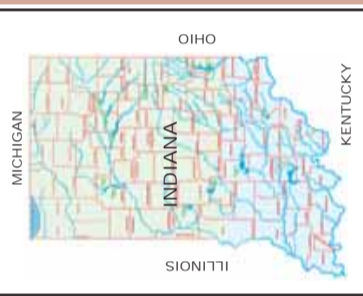


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by Ray Dickerson

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### THE GAD-A-BOUT BEGAN IN 1990 WITH THE MAIN THEME THAT IS IN MY TITLE "ON THE CUTTING EDGE"

I love my country, The United States of America and sworn an oath to protect her when I joined the United States Air Force in 1959. But my love didn't begin or stop there. I believe that Americans of my generation learned to love this country as we grew old enough to learn its' virtues, its' history, its' value, its' willingness to let us be free to choose our own destinies by our freedom of choice. In my opinion most of us chose to live by the common sense rules that is inherent in the majority of us.

However, in the years since World War II (I was born in 1941) changes have taken place, beginning in the mid-sixties until now driven by a liberal national press, liberal politicians and liberal citizens who wanted and have almost achieved their goal of ruining all that we hold dear, our basic freedoms guaranteed by our Constitution and Bill of Rights.

Our American Government today is ever increasing in size and power. Our career politicians who languish in Washington doing absolutely nothing and ignoring the American People, who put them there, need to be replaced and "term limits" is the answer. When we get in place term limits and see all new faces in the United States Senate and United States Representative chambers then there is hope for this country. Hope for every American across this great country. Hope for us aging Americans who fervently hope to leave this world knowing that our future generations can carry our Flag with their heads held high, based on a common sense reality that America is the greatest country in the world, now and forever.

Common Sense tells me the only way to get this done is by getting a **Referendum Vote** (practice of submitting to popular vote legislative measures - 1973 Webster Dictionary by G. & C. Merriam Co.) put on a Special Ballot in all 50 States in time for the 2012 November Elections, to limit United States Senators and Representatives to two terms, just like the U.S. President serves, some Governors and many other political offices across the U.S. (See U.S. Representative term needs to be increased to a four year term and why, further on in this column)

We the people, have the power to change their tenure in office by demanding that every state in the United States places on a Special November Ballot a referendum vote to change their current term of unlimited terms in office as a United States Senator and United States Representative to a maximum of two consecutive terms in office.

It is my opinion that the current seemingly "do nothing" U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives will not willingly vote term limits on themselves, ever.

I didn't state it above, but I think that all elected officials nationwide should only be allowed to serve two consecutive terms. We have billions of people in the U.S. and seeing new faces every 12, 8 or 4 years in government can only make things better and more current. Currently we are governed by U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives seemingly made up of 'good ol' boys' who seem to believe that they serve themselves and only do what they need to when its time to get re-elected, by their constituents back home. Well, it's high time for the people of the United States of America to say, enough is enough.

It's up to us, the people of the United States of America to limit their stay in Washington to two consecutive terms and then back home by 'referendum'.

It should be written in the terms of office that they cannot run for re-election for a given period of time after leaving public office.

*The only way this can happen is for everyone reading this editorial to pass the word to everyone they know by letter, e-mail, text, letters to the editor, facebook, twitter, telephone or any form of communication. The November election is only 3 months away, if you believe as I do that U.S. Senators and Representatives should be limited to two terms, then help me get the "Referendum" vote on a special ballot in every voting place in America by November 2012.*

In my opinion the best attribute a person can have in this day and age is common sense. Some where along the way in our development as a "World Power" it seems our politicians, who need to use a lot of common sense more often in their actions, leave a lot to be desired.

There are many other things that need attention by referendum vote too, but if we could get this done, term limits for U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives, it would be a step in the right direction. The amount of money voted in by them for their own retirement, insurance, travel, etc needs to be addressed also.

The immediate job ahead is with limiting the office terms of the U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives by Referendum on a Special Ballot in all 50 states and getting **ALL** legal American Citizens to vote in November 2012 National election.

### THE SILENT MAJORITY NEEDS TO AWAKEN FOR 2012 VOTE!!

When we get the referendum on all the special ballots nationwide for the November 2012 election to vote in the U.S. Senator & U.S. Representative Term Limits, we still have a problem.

Every year since I can remember voting in all the elections, I've read about 'the silent majority' of voters who never vote.

Who are these people?  
Are they Americans who don't really care who we are governed by, just as long as you give them a drink, a game of sports to watch and they are happy????

Every Legal United States citizen must vote in the 2012 November election, if we are to be really free to make our own choice. We don't have to worry about being gunned down by terrorists while waiting

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# Roaming The Outdoors

by Ray Dickerson

## THE GAD-A-BOUT IS BIGGER THIS TIME

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Previous to 2010 I had tried to put maps in the paper with advertisers located on them using a letter/number code cross-referencing their actual location. It soon became apparent I was using up too much space for the project and ended it.

Well beginning with the October issue I will have a major recreation area map with my Advertiser (s) located on that map on my website [www.thegadabout.com](http://www.thegadabout.com). The first area will be the Brookville Lake. All the Brookville Lake area advertisers will appear on the map for free. Nearby town maps will be included for those advertisers in nearby towns.

I already have a map of Brookville Lake, I drew it back in 1976 and have sold it every year since, around the lake. There are a couple things on my Depth Map that won't be on the website map, depths and structure. If you want them you can buy a copy at 52 Pik-up Marathon Station, Barton Bay, Dave's

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# So You Wanna Catch More Fish



by Tag Nobbe  
Professional Fishing Guide

## Fishing on Brookville Lake During September

September is the gateway to the fall. All summer the water temperature in the lake has been in the high eighties, but as the air temperature drops so does the water temperature.

Fishing at this time of year can be a little frustrating. Your biggest obstacle is gonna' be shad. Shad is a bait fish that feeds on plankton in the Lake. There are millions and millions of shad in the lake that were spawned this summer, and are now about 1 inch long, perfect eating size for just about every game fish in Brookville lake, from crappie to striped bass. I'm not saying you can't catch any fish at this time its just that all that bait is competition with your bait. Look at it like this if you just walked out of a smörgåsbord and some one offered you something else to eat, would you eat it. Probably not but you might eat a snack, that is one way to look at it. Or if your lucky enough to be fishing when the fish your fishing for are feeding it can seem quite easy. Either way timing and presentation is key.

All the fish in Brookville lake have their own style of feeding. For example if your fishing on a flat and your fishing for walleye you have to keep your bait moving. The way the walleye feeds is it moves up on the flat close to some irregularity on the bottom like a slight change in depth or a pile of rocks. The walleye will then just settle in on the bottom using the coloring on its back as camouflage to hide in plain site. The idea is to blend in so when some unsuspecting prey comes swimming or crawling by, all the walleye has to do is just give a flick of its tail and dinner is served. This is why when you are walleye fishing you have to keep your bait moving.

But if your fish of choice is catfish this changes everything. When a catfish feeds on a flat it just swims all over the flat looking for something to eat. A catfish is a fish with skin not scales a catfish is like a big swimming tongue, it can taste its food and not even be close to it. A catfish eats live food or dead food, the only difference to a catfish is one is harder to catch. This is why you can gob a bunch of night crawlers on a hook cast it out on the bottom and leave it lay in one spot and catch a catfish and not catch a walleye. The difference is in the way and what the two different species will eat.



Lonny Keith from Harrison, OH. caught this 5 lb. smallmouth bass using a jig and worm in June. (Author Photo)

Now white bass feed completely different then walleye or catfish do, they feed like a pack of wolves. I would say that a typical white bass school is from 1,000 fish to 5,000 fish in a school, all trying to feed at the same time. The white bass food of choice is shad. I would say a typical shad school would be 10,000 to 20,000 in a school. To catch a white bass when this huge school is feeding on a huge school of shad just cast anything in amongst it and you will catch one. They are very easy to catch, but sometimes they are hard to find. If you find them suspended over deep water trolling is a good way to catch them, but if you find them piled up on the bottom a jigging spoon is a better choice. All your trying to do is look like a shad. You can find these fish covering an entire flat 10 feet deep, suspended over deep water or piled up on the bottom 25 feet deep. The sheer size of the school is usually what gives them away. The way they feed is just move in close to these shad schools and corral them against the bottom or the surface. Then they rush the school to disorient them so they can target each individual shad.

Largemouth and smallmouth bass are ambush feeders. No matter where they are in the lake whether they are on the banks or in the middle of the lake they are going to be hiding behind something. If they are on the banks they will be hiding in a fallen tree or around a stump. If they are on a flat they will be laying low by the drop off edge or next to a rock pile. They are some what like the walleye in regards to only eating live bait in that their prey has to come to them. What they will do is hide behind or below something until something comes to close and at the very last second they will dart out and catch the unsuspecting prey. The only difference between a bass and a walleye is that a walleye will peck at its food and a bass will flare its gills and inhale its food.

Remember to catch fish you have to be fishing.

Good Luck Tag Nobbe

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# Talking Leaves



by Golden Eagle

## A Needy Man Stands Here.... Part 2

Willow came and stood in the door of the lodge. Her body was outside but her feet were inside. Lone Eagle knew that her grandmother was sitting just inside the door. She parted her long hair in the middle and had woven rabbit skin strips into her braids. She had a red dot painted on each cheek. She wore a calico dress and boot moccasins. Around her shoulders was the red shawl. Lone Eagle was just about to go up to her when the man on his right started forward. The girl greeted him. She opened her shawl and he stood close to her. Then he played his flute for her. At a signal from grandmother the young man left. Now the other suitor approached the lodge. Once again the girl opened her shawl to greet him. Again the flute was played.

Finally Lone Eagle came forward. Willow smiled to see who it was.

"Please play your flute for me?" She asked. He played the Love Song for her. She seemed very pleased to hear it. Grandmother's signal announced it was time to go. "I'll be out picking blackberries in the morning." She whispered. Then she stepped back inside. Grandmother closed the canvas cover. Lone Eagle almost floated back to his lean-to.

At the next gathering Willow danced with the other single girls. They did the Shawl Dance. This was a flirtation dance. Lone Eagle had used some of his tourist money to buy a mirror at the agent's store. When it was the young men's turn to dance, Lone Eagle used the mirror to reflect the light from the fire into Willow's eyes. She covered her face with her shawl to show her embarrassment. When a social dance was called, Willow came over and invited Lone Eagle to dance with her. She placed her shawl over both of their shoulders so they could talk while they danced. After the dance, Willow's Mother, Cloud Walker, invited Lone Eagle to visit them. "Bring your flute."

She said. The young man went to his uncle to learn some new songs. His uncle taught him a beautiful song that was used in ceremonies in the old days.

Lone Eagle was nervous about visiting Willow's family. When he arrived her father was sitting on the west side of the lodge. He invited the young man to sit on his left. He talked of his admiration for Limping Pony and how it was getting more and more difficult to follow the old ways. "It is for you, the young men, to keep the ceremonies and songs alive." He said with a sad smile. After they had eaten, the young man took out his flute. He began to play the old song, his uncle taught him. Everyone seemed

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pleased to hear it. Willow was trying very hard to be demure and well-mannered, but her eyes glowed when he played.

When he had finished her grandmother said softly... "It has been many winters since I heard that song." The other adults nodded. After playing another song, Lone Eagle felt it was time for him to leave. He thanked his hosts for making him welcome.

Grandmother held out her hand to him. "Thank you for the song." She said. Lone Eagle blushed with embarrassment. "I am honored that you enjoyed my playing." He said.

Willow walked him to the door and waved him into the night. He began to play the Love Song as he made his way home.

They were married the following spring. Lone Eagle had heard that the agent was looking for someone to work in the store. Lone Eagle was known to be an honest young man and he spoke English and Lakota equally well. The agent hired him.

He gave the young couple an old tipi for their home. The women of both clans came together. When they were finished the canvas shone in the sun and the cracked poles were repaired. Willow and her cousins sewed an inner liner of canvas and painted it with lovely geometric designs.

The next year, Willow became pregnant. She had a little girl. She called her Little Owlet after a lullaby her grandmother used to sing to her.

Lone Eagle gained the respect of the people and of the whites. He was called to interpret because both sides knew that he would not change the words. He also learned about the medicines that the agent had in his store. Adding to this the knowledge he had received, from Willow, about herbs and medicinal plants, he began to gain a reputation as a healer.

However, when the spotted fever struck there was little he could do.

The white medicine man said they must burn their clothes and their blankets. So finally the white man was to have his way about the way they dressed. The people had no choice, they had to wear the clothes the agent gave them, they had nothing else.

Willow, Limping Pony and Willow's mother all died from the sickness.

Willow's father had built a white man's house. Now he invited Lone Eagle and Owlet to come and live with him.

It seemed to the man, as he looked back, that you spent more time on the third hill than you did the first two. The agent retired and the new one was an impatient man. He did not understand the ways of the people. Everything had to be done quickly and his way. He got rid of the last of the tipi's making everyone build a house. He forbade the old ceremonies but

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## News from the Indiana State Police



by Sergeant John D. Bowling  
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### Fatal Crash Numbers Rising; How to Protect You And Your Family

As you read this fatalities in Indiana are well ahead of this time last year, 48 ahead to be exact. Without a doubt working crashes is the worst part of our job-people get injured, maimed and sometimes violently killed. With the technology of the day, we can tell you exactly what is causing the majority of these crashes, and when and where they are occurring.

Most fatal crashes are occurring between 12N and 10 p.m. on rural two lane roads. The number one cause is running off the right side of the road. It sounds so simple, but it's not. What's causing this? Maybe distracted driving is a main cause as people now have a variety of devices in their vehicles to distract. People seem addicted to texting as if it were a drug and won't put it down even when they know folks are dying from texting and driving.

The second cause of fatal crashes is disregarding stop signs and stop lights. This summer I've had people blow stop signs and stop lights with me sitting there in a full marked car in front of them. I think they have to be distracted. Why else would you roll a stop sign, or blow through a red light, if you **SAW** the police car sitting there? I actually had a woman that pulled out in front of me on a straight stretch of road say, "Where were you hiding?"

The third main cause of fatalities is excessive speed. Just like the old saying goes, "Speed Kills," and the faster you go the more likely you are to die. Speed increases the energy that will be exerted on your body in a crash. So what's the answer?

Part of the equation is solved in that you now know what is causing these fatal crashes. So adjust your driving habits accordingly. Ban using cell phones in your car unless pulled over,

and as always, slow down. Make sure you come to a complete stop, with your tires not rolling at stop signs and lights. Yellow means prepare to stop, **NOT** speed up. The average light only lasts two to three minutes, not enough time to make you late and certainly not enough to risk your life.

Look both directions **TWICE** before pulling away from a stop sign or stop light. Never trust that car coming up to the intersection because they may not stop as you pull out. If you or your loved ones are out between 12 noon and 10 p.m. be especially careful, and always be vigilant in watching the other guy. Please don't be another one of those stats I look at each month.

### Pendleton Post Wins State Pistol Match And Gillespie Softball Tournament

**Plainfield** – On June 29th the Indiana State Police held its annual pistol match at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in Plainfield. Every district was represented by a four man team, as well as a team representing Headquarters and the Capitol Police Department.

The match consisted of each man firing his sidearm at 25 yards at a bulls eye target one handed. Each man fired 30 rounds within a time limit, with a possible score of 300 points per man. The Pendleton Team finished with 1825 points to win the event, with Peru District finishing second with 1806 points.

The Pendleton team of Sergeant Tom Dujmovich, Senior Trooper Eric Downey, Trooper Kendrick Donald and Trooper Dave Ellis, is the first team from Pendleton to win the event. They were awarded the traveling pistol match trophy, which is on display in the Pendleton Post lobby.

The first annual Trooper Robert Gillespie Softball Tourney was held Saturday, July 14th in Bedford Indiana. Trooper Gillespie was appointed September 1, 1950 and died in the line of duty on June 8, 1962. The tournament was initiated by Trooper Mike Robbins of the Bloomington District as a way to honor the memory of Trooper Gillespie. The Pendleton Post team went 5-0 to win the tournament.

Members of the team included troopers Eric Freeman, John Clawson Jr., Nick Campbell, Adam Fisher, Michael Bradbury, Lee Tinch, Coley McCutcheon, Kris Martin, Brian Thomas and Sergeant Tom Dujmovich.

The team was awarded a large trophy which is on display in the Pendleton Post Lobby, next to the trophy won by the Pendleton Post Pistol Team in June.

### Harvest Time Safety

It's the time of year to watch for farm equipment on our two lane roadways. With this year's drought any crops that made it are coming in early. So watch for farmers this fall and give them a break-it's been a devastating year for them.

#### Tips for farmers:

- Have all lighting and placards on your equipment as required by law.
- When parking equipment along the road while in the field, make certain it is visible at night.
- Avoid traveling on state and U.S. highways during rush hour traffic.
- Wear reflective clothing when working at night so as to be seen by motorists and farm workers.
- Indiana Code 9-21-5-7 requires operators of vehicles being driven at a speed below the posted limit to move over to the right at their first opportunity if three or more vehicles are following to allow those vehicles to safely pass.

#### Tips for motorists:

- Be patient when traveling behind farm equipment; farmers have the same rights as automobile drivers to operate their equipment on the roads.
- When approaching farm equipment from the opposite direction, pull to the right of the traveled portion of the road and allow the equipment to pass.
- Always be cautious when approaching farm equipment parked on the side of the road. Someone may be getting into or out of the equipment or performing maintenance.

This ends another month's installment. Thanks for reading and for letting all of us serve all of you. Please take these tips seriously, so we can talk again next month. ■

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# Indiana Department of Natural Resource News



by I.C.O. Gary Catron  
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Gary - Photo captured from DNR Website

### Guides are out!

The 2012-13 Indiana hunting and trapping guides are being distributed...and there is much rejoicing. The favored format is back! The guide contains over 50 pages, replacing the condensed version of the past couple of years. Important to many are the new deer hunting regulations which allow expanded opportunities this fall. These are prominently placed in the guide and easy to understand.

A digital edition of the guide is also available. All 52 pages of the interactive guide, identical to the published version, may be viewed, downloaded and/or printed. Users don't have to flip through the electronic pages to find what they want; they can reach their desired topic by clicking on the appropriate 'shortcut'. The digital edition also includes a search function.

View the electronic version of the guide and a schedule of hunter education courses at: [www.in.gov/dnr](http://www.in.gov/dnr).

### Mid-summer stats

I was recently forwarded a few, somber, mid-year statistics that I'll pass on: As of July 10, 2012, Conservation Officers have conducted 35 drowning investigations. Loss of life is always heartbreaking, but tragically, 23% of these victims were under 18 years old. In all of 2011, 46 drowning investigations were conducted and 42 in all of 2010. While many variables exist, which may shed light on why one year may have more of these occurrences than another, the raw numbers comparison from one year to the next indicate Indiana may be, unfortunately, on track to top the numbers of the past few years. I'm not a proponent of crossing fingers for luck but maybe it can't do any harm once in awhile.

Also as of July 10, this year, 142 people have been arrested for boating while intoxicated. 178 people were arrested in 2011 and 138 in 2010. For a bit of comparison, in 2011, Conservation Officers investigated 75 boating accidents resulting in 44 injuries and 11 deaths. Of these 75 so called accidents, 63 were alcohol related. This is a whopping 84% being alcohol related. Not good, but it has been worse. In 2010, Conservation Officers investigated 64 boating accidents resulting in 37 injuries and 9 deaths. Of these 64 so called accidents, 60 were alcohol related. This reflects 94% being alcohol related. Not good, at all. Lives would have not been lost and many injuries prevented if boat operators would not have ignored the impairment caused by drugs and/or alcohol.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)), among adolescents and adults, alcohol use is involved in up to 70% of deaths

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### Early migratory bird seasons

Indiana has submitted the 2012 early migratory bird seasons to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for approval. For those unfamiliar, Indiana, along with all other states, submit proposed hunting seasons and bag limits for migratory birds to the U.S. F&W Service for approval. According to a recent DNR news release, Indiana's submission falls within the USFWS guidelines, so no changes are anticipated. Changes do remain a possibility until official word comes of the approval, which is usually near the end of August. To view the proposed dates, visit the DNR homepage at: [www.in.gov/dnr](http://www.in.gov/dnr) and look for the news release dated August 6th.

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The Richard T. Gaston Memorial Walleye/Bass/Catfish Tournaments was held on Brookville Lake September 17, 2011, these individuals were instrumental in making it run like a well oiled machine. From l to r: Carolyn Dudley (Score Keeper) Heather Quilleht (Score Keeper), Amy Gaston Stehr (Tournament Organizer), Indiana State Trooper Rick Gill (weigh-in), Jeff Koester (Tournament Organizer), ICO Corporal Steve Kinne (weigh-in) and ICO Corey Norrod (weigh-in) (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



Indiana State Trooper Richard T. Gaston, who was killed in the line of duty on March 4, 1999. This Memorial Tournament celebrates his life and dedication to his family.



# 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Richard T. Gaston Walleye/Bass/Catfish Tourney September 22, 2012

by Ray Dickerson, The Gad-a-bout

2012 Tournament date set to September 22nd!  
This year's tournament is being held on September 22nd and all online registrations must be received by Monday, September 17th. If registration is not submitted by that date, then you must register at Parkside Marine and More, or register the day of the tournament.

Anyone who registers prior to 9/17 — either in person or online — will receive a **free Gaston Tournament baseball cap!**

Saturday, September 22nd, 2012  
**Take-off Times:**

Walleye: 8:00 am  
Bass: 8:30 am  
Catfish: 8:30 am

**Return/Weigh-In:**

4:00pm  
Brookville Reservoir  
Mounds Beach

**The prize list is based on a full field of 100 boats**

Once online go to Registration and click on one of the three fish icons, see examples at right.

**WALLEYE**

**TEAM EVENT  
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\$150 ENTRY**

## WALLEYE TOURNAMENT

This tournament is the original event. It costs \$150 for one team per boat. A team consists of two members. Anglers fish between the allotted times and then return to the beach for the weigh in.

**Up to six (6) qualifying fish can be weighed in.**

Payment must be processed before the deadline in order to get your boat number -- **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Each Walleye team member has the option of joining in the Big Fish Walleye Contest for \$10.

It is an individual event. All monies collected for this event are added together -- half of the money goes to the scholarship program and half goes to the participating angler with the greatest weight for a single qualifying walleye.

### 2012 Prize Payouts

Walleye Prizes  
**1st Place: \$1,500, 2nd place: \$500, 3rd place: \$350, 4th place: \$250, 5th place: \$150**  
Walleye Big Fish Prize to be determined.

**BASS**

**TEAM EVENT  
2 ANGLERS PER BOAT  
\$150 ENTRY**

## BASS TOURNAMENT

**Please Note:** The Bass Tournament is for small-mouth and/or largemouth bass. Like the Walleye, the Bass Tournament is a team event with two anglers per boat. Anglers fish between the allotted times and then return to the beach for the weigh in.

**Up to six (6) qualifying fish can be weighed in.**

Payment must be processed before the deadline in order to get your boat number -- **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Each Bass team member has the option of joining in the Big Fish Bass Contest for \$10.

It is an individual event. All monies collected for this event are added together -- half of the money goes to the scholarship program and half goes to the participating angler with the greatest weight for a single qualifying bass.

### 2012 Prize Payouts Bass Prizes

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This is an individual event, though up to two anglers can share a boat. Anglers can fish from boat or shore. Anglers fish between the allotted times and then return to the beach for the weigh in. **Up to six (6) qualifying fish can be weighed in.**

Payment must be processed before the deadline in order to get your boat number -- NO EXCEPTIONS!

Just like the others, each Catfish angler has the option of joining in the Big Fish Catfish Contest for \$10.

It is an individual event. All monies collected for this event are added together -- half of the money goes to the scholarship program and half goes to the participating angler with the greatest weight for a single qualifying catfish.

**2012 Prize Payouts**

Catfish Prizes

**1st place: \$200**, 2nd place: \$150, 3rd place: \$75, 4th place: \$50, 5th place: \$25

Catfish Big Fish Prize to be determined.

**The Queen Mum Smallest Catfish Award \$150**

If you are reading this online click here to register [www.gastontournament.com](http://www.gastontournament.com)

Early Check-in/Registration Friday, Sept 16th 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. at Parkside Marine & More, 7191 Fox Run Road, Brookville, IN

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE REFER TO THE TOURNAMENT RULES FOR COMPLETE TAKE-OFF/WEIGH-IN PROCEDURES.**

**About Richard T. Gaston**

Richard Terrell Gaston attended Brookville High School in Indiana and graduated in 1988. He then entered the United States Marine Corps, spending most of his time at the Marine Barracks in Washington, DC, which serves as the Presidential Honor Guard. In 1992, Richard was chosen Marine of the Year for his company, which placed him among the best of the Marine Corps elite.

After the Marine Corps, Richard returned to Indiana and attended Indiana University/Purdue University of Indianapolis. He also worked in the security department of the Children's Museum of Indianapolis.



Above Richard at left with friend, Jeff. "Richard was the kind of guy who wanted to see people smile. Those of us who knew him will remember him always. He was just the best." Tom Becker, friend of Richard's (Photo reprinted with permission of Jeff Koester)

In 1998, Richard and his wife, Amy, welcomed their daughter, Jeanie, to the world. Shortly thereafter, Richard was accepted into the Indiana State Police Academy, fulfilling his dream of becoming a law enforcement officer.

Just three months after being sworn in, Richard was killed when a tractor-trailer left the road and struck his squad car while he was conducting a routine traffic stop. Doug Fites and his grandson, Charlie, were also killed in the accident.

After losing Richard, his family and friends thought of no better way to pay tribute to his life than to give back to the community that he loved so much. The fishing tournament was a logical start, since there is nothing Richard liked to do more than cast for walleye on Brookville Reservoir.

**2012 Tournament Rules**

**• Rule Changes:** These rules will remain unchanged. Interpretation of these rules shall be left exclusively to the tournament director. Failure to comply with any rule may result in disqualification. The decision of the tournament director shall be final in all matters.

**• Entry Fees:** Walleye Tournament \$150.00 per team/boat. Bass Tournament \$150.00 per team/boat. Catfish Contest \$25.00 per person.

**• Check In:** Check in will take place at the Mounds Beach area on Brookville Reservoir **STARTING** at 7:00 am prompt on September 17, 2012 All team members must be present at check in for mandatory rules and safety briefing. **YOU MAY LAUNCH FROM ANY RAMP BUT YOU MUST ARRIVE AT CHECK-IN BY BOAT.**

**• Boat Inspection:** All teams are subject to inspection during the tournament. Inspections may take place any time on the tournament day. No boat may come in contact with another contestant's boat during the tournament hours except in an emergency situation. There will be a mandatory boat inspection prior to the tournament.

**• Safety:** Safe boating must be observed at all times. Life jackets must be on and the safety switch must be attached when moving beyond idle speed.

**• Take off Procedures:** Walleye contestants will take off in numeric order at 8:00 a.m. Bass contestants will take off in numerical order at 8:30 a.m. Catfish only participants will take off after the last bass boat in numerical order. After you get your refreshments please start staging in numeric order the best you can on the south end of the beach. We will have a start pontoon that you must drive past. Remember, Walleye departs at 8:00 a.m. (Stage furthest to the south) while Bass and Catfish stage to the north end of the beach. Once the walleye boats depart, start staging for your take off at 8:30 a.m.

**• Tackle and Equipment:** Live Bait, artificial lures and trolling are all permitted. Two (2) lines only per person. Contestants must possess a valid fishing license. Cellular phones, CB and VHF radios are permitted for emergency use only.

**• Boat Troubles:** If for some reason you break down, you may be towed in, but your fish must remain in your boat.

**• NO TRANSFERING OF FISH FROM ONE BOAT TO ANOTHER. EVERYONE MUST ALSO ARRIVE ON TIME FOR WEIGH IN AT 4:00 p.m.**

**• Sportsmanship:** All contestants are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED AT ANY TIME.**

**• Weather conditions:** Tournament officials will only begin the tournament during acceptable and usual weather conditions. It is the sole responsibility of the contestants to be aware of changing weather conditions. If unsafe conditions occur during the tournament hours, contestants must seek shelter until the weather passes.

**• Permitted Fishing Locations:** Use of the entire lake from the Dunlapsville Causeway Road Bridge south to the dam is allowed for this tournament. Please observe other fisher people and hunters. Walleye Fishing and Bass Fishing is conducted from boat only. Catfish contestants may fish from either boat or bank.

**• Weigh-In/Check-In:** Teams must come to the official weigh-in site at Mounds Beach by water. Teams must check in by the official check-in time or be disqualified for the day. Boats within line of site and off plane are considered on-time. If you are late to weigh in you will count as a **ZERO WEIGHT.**

**• Walleye Takeoff:** 8:00 a.m. – Weigh-in 4:00 p.m.

**• Bass Takeoff:** 8:30 a.m. – Weigh-in 4:00 p.m.

**• Catfish Takeoff:** 8:30 a.m. – Weigh-in 4:00 p.m.

**• Rules and Bag Limits:** All rules and regulations concerning this tournament are in effect during tournament hours. **• Violation of any of these rules results in disqualification.**

**• Tournament bag limits** will be six (6) fish per team/boat for Walleye and Bass. Catfish participants can weigh 6 fish individually.

**• Example:** Walleye contestants can weigh 6 fish per boat. Bass contestants can weigh 6 fish per boat. Catfish contestants can weigh 6 total fish individually.

**• All Walleye** must be fourteen (14) inches minimum length

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# Fishing Lake Michigan



by Capt. Mike Schoonveld  
**The Toughest Catch**

Since there are five species of salmon and trout in the Great Lakes (seven if you count pink and Atlantic salmon), I'm often asked which one fights the best. My answer is surprising to most.

No fish in the lakes is harder to boat than a nine-pound chinook.

I'll temper that answer with one disclaimer. That's most of the time and most consistently.

Anytime someone claims a particular species of fish "always" fights a specific way, they are wrong. I've experienced lake trout jumping like steelhead, cohos pulling like kings, browns hound-dogging like lakera and probably had every stereotype ignored by every species at one time or another.

Suffice it to say, most steelhead jump when

they are first hooked. Most kings feel the steel and head for the other side of the lake. Most cohos spin like a top when you try to pull them that last 10 feet to the net. And almost all 9-pound kings are tough to handle.

Since kings twice or three times that big are present in the lakes, wouldn't one think an 18-pounder or 27-pounder would give a greater battle? Pull harder? Sure. Fight longer? Absolutely. Tougher to catch? No way!

Because there are 18 and 27-pound kings in the lake and a good chance to catch one of them on every fishing trip, Great Lake anglers have learned to use tackle suited to the test. Twenty-pound test line on salmon and trout rigs is fairly standard, matched to rods stiff enough for line that strong and reels with slick drag systems.

Hook a big king and (typically) the first thing it's going to do is head for the other side of the lake. Reel in half the line it pulled out and expect it to make another run. Before you can crank it up near the surface and close to the boat, count on one or two more dashes for freedom. Finally, nearly spent, apply a last bit of pressure and float the tired fish over the extended net.

The process may have tired you out. It certainly tired the fish out. I've seen man vs. salmon battles lasting a half hour or more. But realistically, as long as the line doesn't break or the hooks pull free, the end result is almost preordained.

Now have a 9 pound king nail the bait. It will try to head for the other side of the lake, but after a run of 20 or 30 feet, it's snubbed up short. Keep reeling and in a minute or two or three, you've got it up to the top and heading to the net. Or do you?

This isn't a fish that has just burned off its energy reserves peeling football-field-lengths of line off and endured a half-hour fight for life. This is one that's been dragged towards your boat kicking and screaming on line testing more than twice its weight. This is one that still has energy reserves and you can expect it to use them right behind your boat. That's right where other down-rigged lines are set, where diver lines are stretched. I've seen them dive for the shade under the boat or make

mad dashes towards the inside planer boards.

There's no anticlimactic sliding of a whipped fish over the landing net. Try a mad scoop as the fish comes racing by determined to play at least one more bit of mischief before being conquered.

The next time you feel a bit of remorse that your fish wasn't the giant specimen you hoped to hook, be proud. If it was a king of weighing 9 pounds or so, you just caught one of the toughest-to-catch fish in the lake.



A nine pound chinook salmon is the author's pick of hardest to catch Great Lakes salmon. (Author Photo)

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# Bass Fishing Techniques



by Bill Embry

## Summer Time Bass Fishing

I suppose with temps at record breaking levels and rain at an all time low in our part of the country, you could call this Hot and Dry Summertime Bass Fishing? Never in our life times have we seen temps and lack of rain like were seeing this year. If you fish ponds, I'm sure you have seen some amount of fish kill by now or fish that just won't bite? If we don't get some good rain before long I'm afraid you will see even more. The oxygen levels in ponds are depleting rapidly, causing fish to die and or just not



Bass caught at Patoka Lake on 7-28-12, in two foot of water on a Pop-R. It weighed 5.09 lbs. (Author Photo)



Eli Smith with two walleye he caught at Patoka Lake in July 2012. They weighed 13 pounds. (Author Photo)

eat. The extreme hot water isn't helping either. This isn't happing as much in Reservoirs and Rivers quit as fast because of there is some influx of fresh water coming into them. But with the heat and lack of rain they to are also very vulnerable.

I have been fishing through the summer with some good days and some bad just like all of us do. Fish seem to like the early bite and late bite the best. The middle of the day seems to be the toughest. The thermo-cline is much deeper than in years past and seems to be at around 18'to 20' here at Lake Monroe. Most of the bigger fish that I have been catching have been very shallow where ever lake or reservoir that I'm fishing. Although you can still catch them on some deep water breaks. The fish seem to be moving a lot always seeking bait or better oxygenated water?

The fish seems to be much skinner than in years past it seems, but this to could be because of there travels or lack of appetite in this hot weather? I haven't noticed a lot of dead bass on the water. Maybe some just around some ramps were bass tournaments were held at a few days before.

Try throwing a pop'r or buzzbait early in the morning. Then switch to a big 10"or 11"worm around wood or grass. Fish very Slowly!!! For best

results!

The other thing is watch were your going! Most lakes, Reservoirs, Rivers, are at record level lows. What you didn't hit this spring or last year you will defiantly hit now, so be careful. I was down at Patoka last week and saw some stumps I had not seen in over 30 yrs. scared me to death!

Talking about Patoka Lake a couple great friends of mine Shawn and Eli Smith from Dubois, Indiana sent me a picture of a couple of walleye they caught last month down at Patoka. Eli is in the picture holding two fish that weighed around 13lbs. each. From what they told me these weren't the only ones they caught. I'm sure I'll be invited to a big old fish fry this winter! Knowing these boys they plain wore them out! Great Job Guy's! ( See Picture)

Hopefully we won't see conditions like this again for another 100yrs. or so but who knows? We as fishermen must adapt to the conditions, weather we like them or not. Just like the fish do. So enjoy the rest of the summer and pray for rain! You know the fish are!!!!

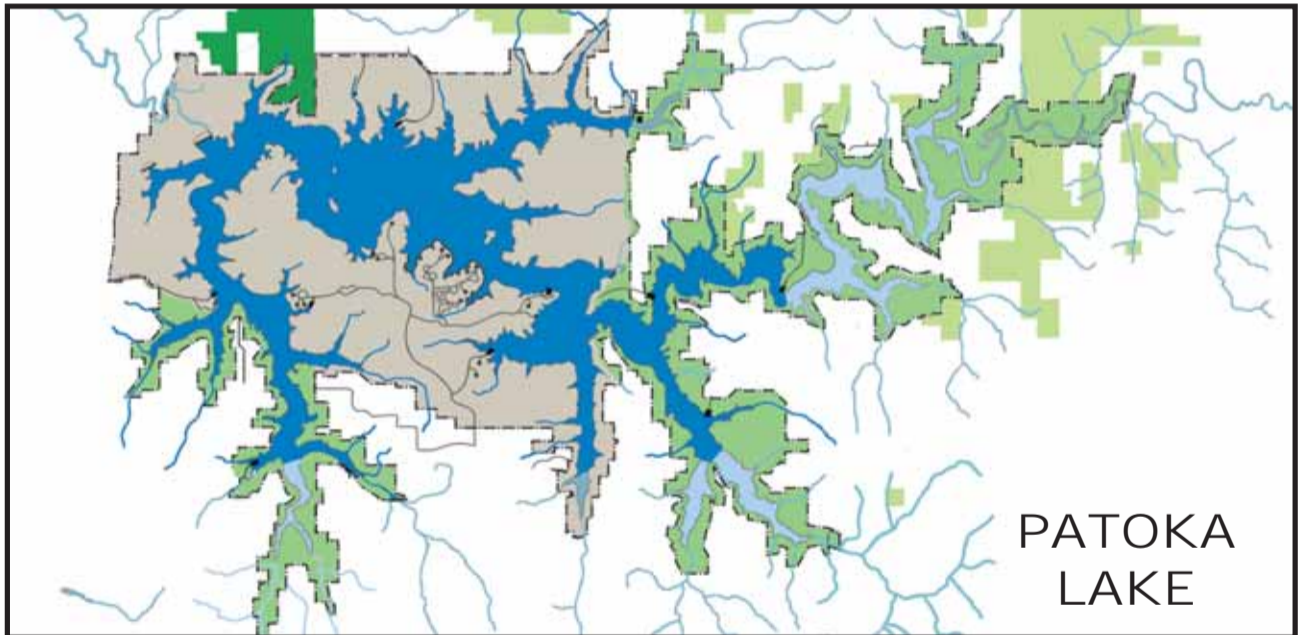
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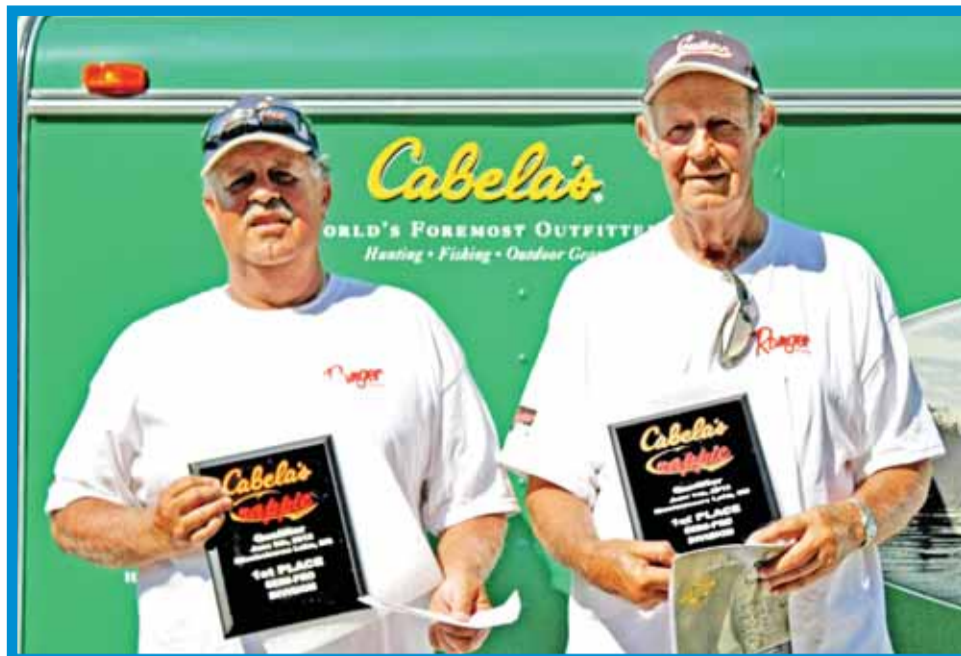
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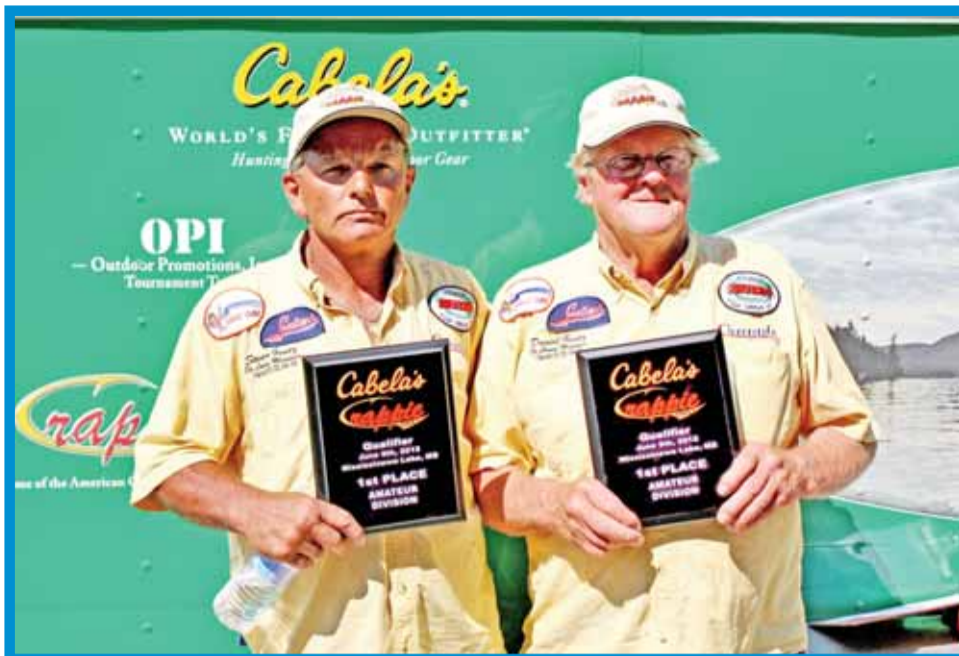
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Semi Pro winners Paul (left) and Charlie Hildreth. (Author Photo)



Amateur winners Steve and Dan Gentz. (Author Photo)

## Indiana Slab Masters



by Ron Bilbrey

### CRAPPIE USA TOURNAMENT MISSISSINEWA & SALAMONIE RESERVOIRS JUNE 9, 2012

On June 9th the Crappie USA tournament trail again visited Wabash County to fish the Mississinewa and Salamonie Reservoirs. Less than favorable conditions with temperatures in the 90's, the Salamonie being 14 feet below summer pool and Mississinewa being 7 feet down kept team attendance down from previous tournaments. There are two divisions in the Crappie USA trail, Semi Pro and Amateur Divisions. The Semi Pro Division had 11 teams fishing for \$1,000.00 first place prize money and the Amateur Division had 16 teams battling for a \$600.00 first place. With the top three teams from each division qualifying to fish the Cabela's Crappie USA classic. A two day event held Oct 27th and 28th at Lake Barkley and Kentucky lake in Cadiz Kentucky.

Winning the Semi Pro Division was the Delaware Pro sponsored team of Charlie and Paul Hildreth with a winning weight of 7.97 pounds. Charlie and Paul fished Salamonie in four feet of water, catching their fish on Southern Pro tubes tipped with shiners, catching more than 75 fish

throughout the day.

Finishing in second place, the team of Don Licht and Doug Sikoora fished the upper end of the Salamonie slow trolling wood with bladed crappie pro jigs in 2-4 feet of water to catch 7.90 lbs. Don and Doug also won big fish of the tournament with a 1.55 lb crappie.

The third place team and in our first Semi Pro event, Team Bilbrey and Mandrell used Driftmaster Crappie stalker rod holders to slow vertical troll with orange and chartreuse Jiffy Jigs to catch 7.27 lbs. We were concentrating on ledges from 8-20 feet of water and windblown banks with mud lines in 4 feet of water on the main lake area of Salamonie.

In the Amateur division the team of Daniel Gentz and Steve Gentz of St. Louis Missouri slow trolled 10 foot of water catching there fish suspended 1 1/2 foot deep with jigs and minnows. Daniel and Steve collected \$600.00 for their efforts and attribute their success to Stubby Steve's crappie baits applied to each of their jigs.

Second place went to the 3 person team of Steven Moss, Melvin Schuler and Jayden Brewer (a team can consist of three people if one of the three is under 16 years of age and the team can only use the same number of rods as a two person team) This team caught their fish 3-4 feet deep in 10-12 feet of water with a double hook rig and bobbers in standing timber.

Finishing in third place was the team of Michael Bledsoe and Brett Cunningham they were spider rigging in 10-12 feet of water catching there fish with double hook rigs 3-4 feet deep and tight to cover.

#### FINAL RESULTS

##### SEMI PRO

1st	Charlie and Paul Hildreth	7.97 lbs
2nd	Don Licht and Doug Sikoora	7.90 lbs
3rd	Ron Bilbrey and Don Mandrell	7.28 lbs
4th	Gale Risner and John Quinn	6.40 lbs
5th	Jim Raymer and Bob Raymer	6.40 lbs
6th	Jack Horsley and Paul Horsley	6.40 lbs

##### AMATEUR

1st	Steve and Daniel Gentz	7.38 lbs
2nd	S. Moss, M. Shuler & J Brewer	6.82 lbs
3rd	Micheal Bledsoe & Brett Cunningham	6.76 lbs
4th	Jeff Yeakle and Jonathan Brumley	6.64 lbs
5th	Eric Vandeventer & Monte Martin	5.61 lbs
6th	Eric Millsaps & James Laswell	5.12 lbs

##### BIG FISH

1st	Don Licht & Doug Sikoora	1.55 lbs
2nd	Stephen Moss & Melvin Shuler	1.40 lbs
3rd	Ron Bilbrey & Don Mandrell	1.27 lbs
4th	Deb Gregory & Dave Gregory	1.26 lbs

##### RANGER CUP

1st	Charlie and Paul Hildreth	\$ 500.00
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##### TOURNAMENT OVERVIEW

Seminar was held Friday night June 8th at Bozarth's country Store. Tournament started 6:30 am Saturday June 9th and ended 3:00 pm on June 9th. Tournament weigh-in at Mt Etna Boat Ramp at 4:00 pm.

Wind was out of the west early picking up to 5-10 mph as the day went on temperature was 68 degrees, at tournament start steadily rising into the

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Semi Pro 2nd place Team Don Licht (left) and Doug Sikoora. (Author Photo)



Amateur 2nd place Team (left to right) Steven Moss, Melvin Shuler & Jayden Brewer. (Author Photo)

low 90's by tournament end. Water was stained on both reservoirs and was well below summer pool on both bodies of water. There were a lot of crappie caught during the tournament with most of the larger crappie caught in shallower water with a lot of males caught along the banks making this one of the highest weight Crappie USA tournaments on the lakes of the Wabash.



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## 79th U. S. Naval Construction Battalion Reunion Sep 23-27, 2012

by Raymond E. Dickerson Jr.

In honor of my father, Seabee MMS 1/c Raymond "Gene" E. Dickerson, 79th United States Naval Construction Battalion (NCB), Company D, Platoon 2 and also Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU) #624 Veteran who served his country in World War II from 1942-1945. I am hosting the 79th NCB Reunion on September 23-27, 2012 in Richmond, IN. I had permission from the 79th NCB to invite members of CBMU #624 to the Reunion also. Dad was with the 79th NCB in Alaska and with CBMU #624 on Okinawa.

Last September I was attending the 66th 79th NCB Reunion in Pekin, Illinois hosted by Seabee Robert (Bob) Huls and his wife, Honey Bee Carolyn. On the last day of the reunion, after we had eaten a great meal, Bob got up and addressed us asking who wanted to volunteer for the 2012 reunion. Silence prevailed, no hands went up. I was sitting across the room from him and the thought entered my mind to ask if I could host it. So I spoke up, asking politely as I could, "Bob, could I host your 2012 reunion in Indiana." Everyone looked at me.

Bob replied, First you had better go home and ask your wife about that. It takes the two of you to host our reunion or something to that effect.

I told him I would talk to Sherry about it as soon as I got home. I than said my goodbyes to them as I had to leave that evening so I could pick up the October Gad-a-bout in Columbus, IN on my way home from their reunion.

When I got home I immediately talked to Sherry about our hosting the 2012 79th NCB reunion. She told me it was okay with her. So I called Bob Huls on the telephone and told him we wanted to host their 67th Reunion. He told me that he would talk to the other Seabees about it and get back to me.

A week or so later I got a letter from Bob Huls dated September 29, 2011, it read:

"We are very happy you are going to host the 79th Reunion. Your Dad would be very proud of you!



These banners will welcome the 79th NCB & CBMU Seabees to Centerville and Richmond Indiana in strategic locations.

I've enclosed a check for \$\$ to help you get started, cost of stamps, etc. This was left over from the money Fred and Lenore gave us.

The Seikmans, Hummels, Huls, Janice, Jeanne, etc are excited to come to Centerville next year.

Good Luck, call us anytime you need us.

Bob & Carolyn Huls"

A few days later I called Bob again and asked him if I could invite members of CBMU#624, Dad's, other outfit to their reunion if I could find any of them. Bob told me he would ask the other 79th Seabees and get back with me.

He contacted me and said it was okay with them.

Six weeks from today, Sunday September 23rd, members of the 79th Naval Construction Battalion (NCB) and Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU) #624 will be arriving at the Quality Inn in Richmond, Indiana with their wives and assorted relatives.

No, I wasn't a Seabee, I joined the United States Air Force serving from 1959-63. Dad and I never talked much about his war time experience (s). We hunted and fished an awful lot until late in his life. My real interest in his war time experiences came too late, after he had passed away.

In 2007 I got a call from my sister, Wilma, who was flying home from Washington State. She told me she found a website for the 79th Construction Battalion, the one Dad served with in World War II. She wanted to know if I was interested in checking it out. She e-mailed me their website.

When I opened up their website and began reading about the 79th NCB I was hooked..

Many of you reading this, if you have been reading The Gad-a-bout since my November 2007 issue, you already know the rest of the story.

Preparing for the 67th 79th NCB reunion has been one of the most interesting times of my life and I've enjoyed every minute of it.

When I volunteered I had high expectations of doubling the number of Seabees attending, both 79th NCB and CBMU #624 Veterans.

Well probably the most heart wrenching discovery was the response to my inquiries by telephone, e-mail and letters, the ones who haven't already passed on, many are too old to travel the distance here.

Dad served from July 1942 to October 1945. The caps I've had printed for them reads 1945 to 2012, 67th Reunion. I guess I never stopped to think how long ago that was, that is until I started getting the envelopes marked "deceased" or letters from wives, sons and daughters telling me that their husband, dad, grandfather, etc. had passed on.

One letter in particular caught my attention, the

wife said receiving my letter was both bitter and sweet. Bitter because it reminded of her late husband and sweet on seeing his young face again in the picture I sent of his platoon I copied from Dad's Alaska Cruise Book.

To date I'm expecting several of the Seabees who were at the 2007 Reunion in Lancaster, PA, one additional 79th NCB from Greenville, OH and two CBMU #624 Seabees, one from Ashland, KY and one from Houston, TX plus some relatives including my sister, Wilma and her husband, Woody.

It doesn't really matter the number in attendance, what matters is that we are all able to meet again for their 67th Reunion. The Seabees, being Veterans of World War II, still remembering that time and their lives since then, their families, relatives in attendance, a wife, a son and two daughters.

I got an e-mail just the other evening from Janice who lives in Canton, OH she told me she is counting the days until the reunion, me too!

Anyone reading this message who served with the 79th U.S. Naval Construction Battalion or Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit #624 in Alaska, Saipan or Okinawa during World War II and would be interested in attending our 67th Reunion in Richmond, Indiana September 23-27, 2012 please contact me by:

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**Enter Seabee Tim Mahoney, Veteran of World War II and served with CBMU #624 on Okinawa.**

Seabee Tim Mahoney sent me an e-mail after seeing a Seabee story on line in The Gad-a-bout and sent an inquiry to me via the internet.

After reading his inquiry, a light bulb popped in my mind and I looked around for a copy of my October 2010 Gad-a-bout. In it I did a detailed story of my Dad's service in Alaska and Okinawa. I had put a photo in it of Dad with some other guys who were with him on Okinawa. Their names were on the back, but not listed so you could tell who was who. I searched further for the photo, found it and on the back was the name Tim Mahoney. I replied to Tim's inquiry and attached a copy of that photo to it asking which one was him. Since that time we have talked many times. On the next page (s) is Tim Mahoney's Story he wrote for The Gad-a-bout. As I read it, I saw Dad standing next to him on Okinawa. Gina Nichols historian at Port Hueneme, CA sent me locations where Dad was on Okinawa, Tim wrote about being at all of those same locations in his story.

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Left Photo: Seabee Tim Mahoney in his dress blues. Center Photo: Tim unloading ordnance on Okinawa in 1945. Right Photo: A more recent photo of Tim and his wife Betty. (Tim Mahoney Photos)

## Concerning Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit #624

by Seabee Tim Mahoney (WWII)

On a nice Sunday afternoon I was in my driveway shooting baskets when my sister, opened the window and told me about Pearl Harbor. She was a junior in high school and I was a freshman. Nothing was the same after that, but many challenges and opportunities became available for us.

My friends and I always found work which included the cutting of Bermuda yards, stocking, carrying groceries and after closing cleaning the meat counters, a 7 am until 11 pm job on Saturday. Not all kids worked like that, but my friends and I did. My parents did not seem to care as long as we got plenty to eat. My father was a brakeman on the Union Pacific Railroad and their days during wheat harvest were 18 hours on and 6 hours rest.

We shoveled wheat from the bed of a 1/4 ton pickup into farm silos. A truck was waiting for us in the morning and we quit at dark. I did 't get to drive the truck but shoveled more wheat than the Lutheran divinity student who drove the truck. When my Dad asked me how they fed me, I told him cereal and toast for most breakfasts and hot dogs for supper.

He said "I'll call them and tell them you will not be back on Monday and why."

About that time, before high school I got a job at a service station that was retreading tires. I had worked in another station, washing cars and servicing at the pump, but in this job I was taking the tires off a press than cutting the bumps off the side walls. It was fast, dirty and hot in the Kansas summer and though I thought I was making good money my dad had me quit, after my mother told him how I looked when I came home.

As kids growing up we did not lift weights because the coaches had told us, the weights, would makes us muscle bound and our desires were to play baseball and basketball. But in those pre-high school days there were opportunities in our 16,000 population town to dig ditches for plumbers, etc. and what we didn't find on our own, my friends and I were called to do things because of our reliability.

In the early summer of 1942 I was working sev-



Tim and his buddies at Naha, Okinawa in 1945. Front Row l to r, C.J. Morgan and Comply. 2nd Row, Murphy, Ingraham and Garcia. 3rd Row, Savage, Ebbert, Davis and Beaver. 4th Row, Mahoney, Neitzke and Melencon (Frenchy). Photo taken on the roof of the only Christian Church on Okinawa, this was in Naha. (Tim Mahoney Photo)

eral nights a week on the soda fountain at Lowe's Drug Store. Two older friends from Salina High School told me about their getting jobs as office boys in a government engineering office that was working on the plans for Camp Philips and Smokey Hill Airfield, which were soon to be constructed. They told me that the civilian contractors were to open the next week when Mr. Noble and his secretary arrived from Fort Leonard Wood.

When they arrived I met them as they opened the door to the vacant Heath Auto Building. They hired me at \$25 a week and my first responsibility was to get a carpenter to build a 6' X 6' enclosure of 2 x 4 s with a gate allowing people to come in off the street, but to be retained in the cubicle.

I was the first local employee of the Tarlton and McDonald construction company. It was a marvelous job because my cubicle was full of, just graduated high school girls, applying for their first job.

The base was busy with construction workers making \$66.60 for a 60 hour work week. I wanted to do that too, but Mr. Noble gave me a raise to \$35 and I stayed at my original job until school began.

The next summer my friend and I worked at the Air Base shoveling concrete on a five man crew. The crew was made up of John, the foreman, Heavy and Pete, the finishers, Bud and I who were the wheel barrow and shovel operators. Those men talked incessantly, but never said a word to us. John used hand signals and we moved quickly.

During the second semester of school in 1944 I enlisted in the Navy, in the hopes of getting into Navy Flight School or Midshipman School. I have always thought that 1944 was the toughest year to graduate from high school. Six of the boys in my class were 18, in October and they were immediately drafted. Two of the boys in my class of 30 were killed in the Battle of the Bulge. Navy enlistees went into the amphibs or Pacific Fleet ships. Three of us wrote to each other regularly - one was in the Marines, one was a Seabee and Bud was on the light Cruiser, Saint Louis.

I liked Boot Camp. I was a high school athlete with a broad experience in different types of manual labor. I liked the top speed of marching, calisthenics, extended order and rifle drills, the organization of scrubbing clothes, tying on lines and folding in a prescribed manner to pack in a sea bag. Then I liked the reward of laying them out on our bunk in a presentation for inspection. The anticipation of waiting for the chief and his assistant, Mister Sellars, to give me their personal attention was very satisfying. The extreme measures we took - we slept in the raw with our mattress cover folded under the mattress in such a way that there were three crisp pleats down the middle. The reward for a good job was their passing by with a sober expression of approval. The punishment for poor performance was the chief throwing your offering on the floor or out the window. Such excitement. I recall the Chief telling us not to worry about wet dreams as we were getting more than adequate doses of salt peter in our food and coffee. I think it worked. Just think of the satisfaction of being bound up in a common purpose.

Talk about group participation. Each man with a pledgit of steel wool under each foot doing the Great Lakes shuffle to remove those annoying black shoe marks from that pristine wooden floor. We took pride in our progress in marching and as our boots

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Quilts in the Park in the Pendleton Historical Museum in Falls Park will be open both days of the fair. A \$3 donation is asked at the door.

## FALL CREEK HERITAGE FAIR & DOWNTOWN FALL FESTIVAL SEPT. 7-8, 2012

by Ray Dickerson & Rich Creason  
Photos by Ray Dickerson & Pendleton Merchants

The 36th Annual Fall Creek Heritage Fair in conjunction with The Pendleton Fall Festival will both be held on September 7-8, 2012 in Pendleton, Indiana. Admission is free, times are 9 AM to 6 PM. The Pendleton Fall Festival will be open late on Saturday night to accommodate the entertainment.

Pendleton is conveniently located at exit 19, just off I-69 and at the junction of SR's 38, 67, and US 36. This community's central location and hometown charm has made it a favorite destination for those who are looking for an interesting and unique shopping experience and historical site.

The Heritage Fair is held in Falls Park and has over 200 booths of quality handmade items including, but not limited to, wood crafts, jewelry, and hand-sewn articles. Lots of home baked goods, famous K-burgers, TNT BBQ, elephant ears and funnel cake vendors are available to satisfy your appetite.

The Fair is sponsored by the Century and a Half Club. For booth space, contact President Lana Barton at 765-778-3183. No flea market or commercial items are allowed. The show brings in 5-7000 visitors, more if the weather is nice.

Quilts in the Park in the Pendleton Historical Museum in Falls Park will be open both days of the Fair. This is sponsored by the "Spring Valley Quilt Guild. A \$3 donation is asked at the door. For more information, contact Suzanne Hagan at 765-778-1818.

In addition to the Heritage Fair, the Pendleton Fall Festival will be taking place along the main streets of Pendleton. All of the perennial favorites will be back, including the Pendleton Garden Club plant and baked goods sale at the corner of State Street and Pendleton

Ave. Also on this corner will be the Cutest Baby Contest. Local businesses will be showing their wares and having special sales along the sidewalks. The South Madison Visual Arts Exhibit will be in the Town Hall.

A lot of new activities and booths will be offered this year including a live music concert free to the public on Saturday evening from 5-10 PM. This concert will feature the Pendleton Players, Alex Williams and Tyler Mac. Some of the local eating establishments will also have live entertainment on Friday and Saturday evening.

A new children's area will be behind the bank at the corner of State and Pendleton Ave. Storytelling, children's haircuts, games and prizes are on the agenda with more being added. Smiley the Train will be giving rides throughout the festival for \$1.00. The local farmer's market will be Saturday morning near the pond in Falls Park.

Traditional fair food will be available downtown. Look for the Lemon shakeups, tenderloins, walking tacos, bison burgers, apple dumplings, Italian sausage, brats, hot dogs, kettle corn, cotton candy and much more.

Parking is available along the streets and there are three nearby free parking lots. One is located behind the Village Pantry. Another is across from the Heritage Antique Mall, 231 South Pendleton Avenue, two blocks south of the downtown stoplight. Another lot is at the First United Methodist Church, 225 West State Street, a half block west of the Post Office. The lot behind the Merchant's Bank is being used this year as the children's area.

Fair goers will be able to pick up a brochure with a schedule of all the activities, specials, and entertainment at any of the local businesses or the Pendleton Times office at 126 West State Street. Visit [www.pendletonshops.com](http://www.pendletonshops.com) to find out more about Pendleton. This is the Pendleton Business Association's web page. Check this out to find out more about their interesting and unique shops including antiques, restaurants, and gift shops.

The Falls on Fall Creek are a part of Pendleton's heritage. For nearly two centuries, it's been the focal point of life here. It only made sense, then, to preserve

the area. The falls are at the heart of an expansive park which features nature trails, an Olympic-size swimming pool, meeting facilities, a historical museum, a new sports complex, and much more.

Pendleton is located along Fall Creek in southern Madison County. The first settler to build a cabin locally was John Rogers in December 1819. In the spring of 1820, seven more families came and the community began. In 1889, the discovery of natural gas started a gas boom and the population grew dramatically.

The Pendleton community is unusually rich in historic interest. It sits along Fall Creek which takes the name from the fact that here the creek tumbles over a 12 foot ledge of solid limestone. In early days, this was a mill site, but through time, it eventually became a grand old swimming pool for the community and area. It was a fine place for summer fun, complete with diving boards built into the rock, a big water slide, and of course, a bathhouse for the patrons.

In the 1960's, the old swimming pool had to be closed to the public for swimming due to pollution.

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A lot of new activities and booths will be offered this year. A childrens area will be behind the bank at the corner of State and Pendleton Avenue.

This was a disappointment for the entire area. The old bathhouse turned into a storage place for the town and park department.

In early 1979, a group of Pendleton people were gathered to discuss plans for the annual Pendleton High School Alumni Day. It was at this meeting the subject of a historical museum was introduced. For the next few months, plans were formulated to proceed with such a project. Finding a home for the museum was perhaps one of the first decisions to make. Several locations were considered.

With plans for a museum and need for a home, the decision was made to make over the old bathhouse in Falls Park. Everyone came together to make this happen. Volunteers and donations were abundant. Log planks from Tennessee were put in place. Finally, after much work and dedication, it was finished and ready to furnish with all the donations of artifacts and memorabilia from bygone days. So many generous hands fulfilled these dreams and the Pendleton Historical Museum was ready to be opened and shared.

September 5, 1981, a Saturday, was a great day. Many people came to the dedication of the Pendleton Historical Museum. The weather was perfect, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts participated, the Pendleton Heights High School Band played, and the Pendletones sang. Jessamyn West, the famous author of "The Massacre at Fall Creek" was the speaker. It was truly a day to remember. So many hands helped to make the museum a reality. That occasion was 31 years ago.

The dreams of many people came true, and through the years Pendleton has continued to maintain and share this museum with all who come to visit.

Special tours are available upon request, and many school groups plan outings at this museum. The building, located in Falls Park, is open May through October on Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 5 PM. Admission is free.

In 1991, through efforts of members of Historic Fall Creek, Pendleton Settlement, Inc., the town was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Fall Creek Heritage Fair & Downtown Fall Festival in September.

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# Outdoors Tales



by Phil Junker

## Drought may contribute to deer deaths

Several Hoosiers have reported finding dead deer, and there is a suspicion the cause may be EHD (epizootic hemorrhagic disease).

Approximately 20 dead deer recently were found in Putnam County in west-Central Indiana. Reports also have from Morgan County, and in addition there have been some reports related to western Kentucky and southern Illinois.

Some of the Indiana deer have been examined by state wildlife officials, but at the time of this writing, no official cause of death had been reported, although EHD is suspected. At least one sample from Morgan County was sent to the national disease control center in Georgia for analysis. For samples to be

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As deer season opens, conservation officers often check harvested deer for health and growth information. The information is used to assist in the management of the herd. Biologists have been checking for EHD since the 2007 outbreak. (Author Photo)

valid, they must be taken from the deer within 24 hours of its death.

The virus, called EHD (epizootic hemorrhagic disease), seems to occur every few years in white-tailed deer, and is not infectious to humans. However, it may mean hunters in some areas may see fewer deer during the upcoming hunting seasons.

There was a serious outbreak of EHD in at least six Midwestern states--including Kentucky--in 2007. Southwestern Indiana was hit hard.

EHD is caused by a virus and outbreaks seem to occur every two or three years. While in some severe cases, up to a third of the herd in an area may succumb to the disease, the deaths don't have any long term negative impact on the numbers of deer.

The disease is spread by biting flies, also known as sand gnats, sand flies or no-see-ums.

Outbreaks usually happen in late summer and early fall because of the increased presence of these biting gnats. Although deer affected with the acute form of EHD are most often seen during this period, deer with chronic cases can be found during winter.

Signs of the disease depend on the strength of the virus and length of the infection in the animal. Hemorrhagic disease causes fever, labored breathing and swelling of the head, neck tongue and eyelids. Infected deer may die within 72 hours or they may slowly deteriorate for months from lameness and starvation.

Drought conditions this summer may be contributing to the current reoccurrence. During drought conditions water holes that remain have a higher level of salinity (salt) than normal. This water with increased salt makes ideal conditions for the gnats to know what equipment you need, where to hunt and how to hunt on your own. There is a lot to learn and videos and books aren't enough. It is

reproduce in higher numbers.

With squirrel season open and archery deer season scheduled to open in September, it is likely hunters may find more dead deer. And while EHD can not be transmitted to humans, biologists say hunters should avoid eating any deer that appear to be infected.

EHD should not be confused with the unrelated brain disease, chronic wasting disease (CWD), which has never been found in Indiana.

EHD usually affects local deer populations until a few hard freezes kill the biting midges that spread the disease.

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### WATERFOWL WORKSHOPS

Learning how to hunt waterfowl isn't easy. It's not that it is terribly difficult, but it is tough to

much better to learn from someone who knows and loves the sport.

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources saw a need for waterfowl hunting education, and is offering three workshops this year. Two were scheduled for August, but another is planned for Oct. 13 at the Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area (Linton) from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The workshops are for novice waterfowl hunters and those who want to try waterfowl hunting for the first time. All ages are welcome.

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"We have had a wide range of ages, from 8 to 73," said DNR waterfowl biologist Adam Phelps. "All beginners are welcome."

"We have had well over 100 people at previous events," Phelps said. "Feedback from participants has been excellent and helped us fine-tune the presentations for this year."

Partly because of such feedback, this year's workshops will include some information on duck hunting but focus on goose hunting.

"Canada geese are definitely the easiest place to start hunting waterfowl, because they are abundant, they frequently use private land, and they are easy to identify," Phelps said.

Presentation topics will include waterfowl hunting regulations; goose and duck identification; and equipment and techniques, including a show-and-tell segment. Waterfowl hunting equipment, including blinds, waders, clothing, decoys and gadgets, will be displayed and discussed.

"Despite all the equipment you can use, we stress that you can hunt geese and ducks with a minimum outlay, so we focus on what you must have," Phelps said.

Workshops are free, but registration is required. To register for or get more information for the the

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# Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

## From Rods & Reels to Guns and Boats

This summer has proven to be rather stressful, somewhat due to the drought and the persistent heat that limits my outdoor activities. Fishing during the daytime is like sitting in a sauna and forces me to wear nothing but a speedo and a straw hat. Rollin, my fishing buddy, has already warned me that if I insist on fishing almost buck naked I'll have to do it from a tube pulled behind the boat. A long way behind the boat. To add insult to such rejection my fishing equipment has been reducing itself to so much junk on a regular basis. Reels fall apart, rod tips break, and lines snap when I tangle with even a six inch bluegill. At last count I've left enough crappie jigs hooked on stumps and trees to equal a month's house payment.

However, being a practical fisherman (and tighter than a rubber band stretched around an oil drum) I try to save money by salvaging as much as possible. For instance, I found that a broken rod doesn't mean it has to be thrown away. If the tip is broken, do the following: since rods are hollow, mix epoxy and fill each end of the broken section with it. Push a pin or wire into one end, leaving a length of the pin sticking out to insert into the other section, taking care to make sure the guides line up. Allow the epoxy to harden around the pin. Wrap the joint securely with duct tape. Agreed, the last few inches of the rod will be about as flexible as a two-by-four, but I've found that, contrary to popular belief, you really don't need that much flexibility, anyway. In fact, a fishing rod is nothing but window dressing after all; a ploy by equipment manufacturers to make a profit and pay dividends to their stock holders. Try this. Peel about thirty yards of line off a spool and wind it around a smooth stick. Tie on a lure or any favorite bait, uncoil a few yards, swing the lure around your head and release it. Retrieve it hand over hand, or if you're float fishing, wait for a strike and manually haul the catch aboard. I've never caught one so big that I couldn't drag it aboard by hand, but wear leather gloves if you expect to snag a real horse.

In the case of broken reels, unless you've paid

more than ten dollars for it, which I seldom do, take it apart, remove all the screws and other parts you may be able to use on any garage project and throw the rest away. Buy another ten dollar reel to replace it. If you attempt a repair you'll have to face a lot of shame in your next church confessional by having to ask for forgiveness for your language. Unless your minister or priest is a fisherman, you'll be mowing the church lawn for a year in repentance.

Normally, most firearms are highly reliable, precision made instruments. Some brands have gained reputations as being rugged and dependable with price tags to reflect that quality. On the other end of the scale are those that are no better than a piece of pipe, a nail, and a ball peen hammer. I've had my share of experience with the latter category, with parts falling off or trigger pulls with a yard of creep or enough resistance to pick up a concrete block.

In between are those of good quality but hampered with age or parts availability being limited by the gun not having been sold in large quantities. Recently, I was asked to test fire one of these, a finely made but older handgun model that was produced between the mid-60's and about 1985. The first couple of rounds let off well, but the third round jammed when it stacked against the previous empty casing, still in the breech. After clearing the gun I worked the slide repeatedly to no effect. Locking the slide back I poked the round out and then noticed a gap on the side of the slide where the extractor finger once resided. Gone was the finger, a small spring, and an even smaller extractor retaining pin. Unless I could find the parts or replace them, this little pistol was now a single shot. I tried, but finding those tiny pieces was like looking for an honest man at a mule auction. Subsequent checks with parts suppliers showed that this particular model of gun must have a habit of blowing extractors because there wasn't one to be had. The only solution was to make the pieces.

Armed with vernier calipers, micrometers, and a machinists steel scale I measured the gap in the slide and made a drawing on the CAD system. I quickly learned that to accurately make such small, precise pieces I would need to buy a lathe, a Bridgeport vertical milling machine and a surface grinder as well as a heat treat furnace to harden the little buggers. Estimated total cost for one extractor assembly - \$46,000 on the used machine market. I've decided to change hobbies. Knit one, pearl two.

Since previous columns on boating, my opinion about floating people carriers hasn't changed a whit. I really like boats when it comes to fishing, especially if the boat belongs to someone else. However, living on a lake and maintaining an acceptable social status requires boat ownership. I previously described our pontoon and all the creature comforts it provides. But, like a thoroughbred horse, if it balks at the starting

gate, it isn't worth a bale of hay. The motor on this boat isn't new but it runs fine. When it wants to. Which it doesn't at the most embarrassing times, like when we've invited friends for a cruise on the lake and the @#%\$^ quits in mid-lake and requires towing back to the dock. After consulting the mechanic at the marina who quickly diagnosed the problem and explained the cure, I now play a game with that skunk of a motor.

With my wife holding a stop watch, she yells



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## Indiana State Trappers Association



by Dr. Fred Philips, DVM

### It Is Trappers Education Time

Hopefully everyone has been trying to stay cool and out of the excessive heat. I have been waiting for the burn bans to be lifted so I can get on with treating my trapping equipment for the coming season. Till then, I am sort of stuck with what to do. The garden is surviving. The raccoon got the corn, helped by the squirrels. Hope they enjoyed it, hunting and trapping seasons are just around the corner. Fur prices are up, and it is time to consider learning a new thing or two. That means education, trappers education in particular. The ISTA, in conjunction with local IDNR Officers, have classes going at several sites across Indiana. (See [www.indianatrappers.org](http://www.indianatrappers.org) and look under the Calendar for more information) On August 25 & 26, 2012 there are classes at Monroe Reservoir (register with CO Rex Watters, 812.837.9546) and at Danville (register with Tom Setser 317.287.9027) On October 6 & 7, 2012, Salamonie Reservoir will be hosting a class. (register with Justin Harrington 260.468.2127) Rounding out the season on November 3 & 4, 2012, there will be classes at Raccoon Lake (register with Stu Grell 765.572.2207) and at Kingsbury Wildlife area (register with CO Ron Lorman 219.393.3612) I wish I could give more information here, but there just is not the room for it all. More information is available on line at the ISTA web site. If you would like to see a Trappers Education Course in your area, please give me a call or send me an email. My information is available at the ISTA [www.indianatrappers.org](http://www.indianatrappers.org) web site.

Finally, do not forget the coming **ISTA 51st Convention and Rendezvous** to be held **September 21 & 22, 2012** at the Tipton County Fairgrounds located at 1200 S. Main St. (ST 19), Tipton, IN 46072. Set up begins on Thursday, **Sept. 20, 2012** from noon on. To arrange for a booth, tables, camping, etc. contact Tom Morelock at 317.758.5138 or at [longspring1987@gmail.com](mailto:longspring1987@gmail.com) or Fred Philips at 765.938.1806 or [fpp@juno.com](mailto:fpp@juno.com). Beginning Friday 8am and going till 5pm, there will be trapping demonstrations hourly and vendors and tailgater's and so much more. Friday night will be our benefit auction, where there are usually deals to be had as well as the renown Lobster trap and Trapper's boot. We may even try a "Heads or Tails" game if everyone is in the mood. Saturday starts up at 8am again with the demonstrations, 10am is a BRIEF

Membership meeting and Officer election for next year. Saturday night will be a membership meal and mixer. Be sure to bring a picnic place setting and a beverage of your choice. Tube steaks and fixings will be provided. Sunday morning will be clean up and head home.

We, the Board members of the ISTA, are trying hard to keep the ISTA a viable organization. There will be more news of what has transpired with the past Treasurer at the membership meeting, and hopefully we will have received some restitution, or at least a promise there of, by then. In the meantime, I can only ask that if you had an issue with past Officers, and our past Treasurer in particular, and the issue has not yet been resolved, that you please contact me. One person does not make the ISTA, but one person can severely damage the ISTA reputation if they are supposedly working on its behalf. When they are only looking out for themselves, their actions should not be taken as representative of the whole Association. Sometimes it is hard to tell the difference, and getting angry with the current people, who are trying to make it right, does no good. Support your current Officers, or become one if you feel strongly enough about it. Nominations are now closed, though write ins will be available, and the fall newsletter and ballot will be out shortly. Vote, voice your opinion, let us hear from you, or accept our decisions. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Rendezvous. Till then, watch your top knot, keep your eyes along the skyline.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Fred (DR) Philips, DVM  
 Pres. ISTA

### Talking Leaves

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allowed the people to dance for the tourists. This was the only way they were able to save their heritage. Between the mission school and other outside influences, the young people no longer seemed to care about the old ways.

Owlet, now called Red Feather, had married a fine young man. After Willow's mother crossed into the Spirit Land, they moved into her house to care for her father. One morning Lone Eagle tried to get up, but he could not, His body was stiff and ached all over. Red Feather got him up and close to the fire-place. She wrapped him in a blanket.

He knew that he had crossed over to the fourth hill. Soon after the people held a gathering. When his grandchildren led him into the hall he found them all waiting for him. The gathering was in his honor.

They gave him a new blanket to keep him warm. His grandchildren led him out onto the dance floor. Red Feather began to sing the old song that he had learned so long ago. The drum took up the rhythm and they started to dance around the dance floor. They all followed behind Lone Eagle. They moved slowly to honor him.

Slowly the man turned again to face the west. Soon the owl would call his name and he would cross over into the mist. Willow would be there with her grandmother and his parents. It would be good. He raised his arms to the sky and he prayed..."A needy man stands here...and I am he."

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# Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

## The Brotherhood

Teammate; Webster's Dictionary defines the word as a person who is on the same team as someone else. Brotherhood can be defined as the quality of being brotherly; fellowship. A recent event in the lives of my family brought home the meaning of these very terms.

For those of us who hunt, we often feel as though the camaraderie of deer camp, for instance, is a large part of what brings us together. That a sense of brotherhood, kindred spirits, forges bonds closer than that of being mere teammates, or even that of just friendship for that matter. So, in addition to being friends, those in a brotherhood share an additional - sometimes deeper - connection.

When my son began his first year of tackle football back when he was a third-grader, I and the other coaches all recognized that we were blessed to be instructing such a unique and talented group of children. Besides having a great season that first year - and for the next two seasons as well - this special group of boys shared another bond. Besides the fact that they are teammates, many of them are also growing into hunters. And this "brotherhood" only helps to solidify the already strong respect they have for each other. This also separates these boys from most other teams around that I know of.

Do I think that hunting can bring people closer

together than just about any other form of activity or thing in common? You bet I do. I have always felt and often stated that you really don't know someone until you have been hunting with them. This is because you learn a lot more about a person while hunting than you typically would while doing about anything else. Their moral compass, for instance, as well as their ethics, integrity and respect for nature, the land and for others all present themselves while out in the field.

It's one thing to say "I know that person"; it's another to say "he is on my bowling team"; but it takes on a whole new importance when you state, "We hunt together." That simple phrase suggests a bond, a trust - a brotherhood.

Now to get back to the beginning of my story; although I feel it was important to know the background behind it first. It was early last week when the CT scan revealed a ruptured appendix in our son Nicholas. A few hours later found him in the operating room in the Peyton Manning Children's Hospital.

We were informed that his stay would last for several days in order to be certain that all of the infection was successfully removed and to make sure that his intestines and stomach regained their normal function. In addition, he would need to be on IV antibiotics for three weeks after returning home to help fight infection and the thirty percent chance of an abscess from forming.

When the doctors informed Nicholas that he would definitely be getting a late start to the upcoming football season, his disappointment showed immediately. He also showed a lot of maturity for an eleven year-old as he understood that these things happen and to be thankful for his overall health.

While recuperating in the hospital one evening, there was a knock on the door. Not unusual when you have a child in the hospital. As the door opened, some of Nicholas' teammates from the 6th grade Northwestern Tiger football team poured in - each proudly sporting their purple jersey. It was a touching moment as they handed Nicholas his number 65.

Sure, these kids are teammates for sure, but they are also in the brotherhood.

Yes, these kids defend the line of scrimmage  
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The 6th grade Northwestern football team is a class act on and off the field. (Photo by Author)

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and that's the news from  
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by Don Bickel, Forester  
**The Suburbanites**

Dry weather or no, we will have green lawns. And this year it will be a chore, at least for some parts of Indiana, but we will succeed. The following is not mine, it has been around since 1998 and maybe longer. However it will probably remain true for some time to come.

"Winterize your lawn," the big sign outside the garden store commanded. I've fed it, watered it, mowed it, raked it and watched a lot of it die anyway. Now I'm supposed to winterize it? I hope I'm not too late.

Grass lawns have to be the stupidest thing we have come up with outside of thong swimsuits. (Now that requires a bit of thought.)

We constantly battle dandelions, Queen Anne's Lace, thistle, violets, chicory and clover that thrive naturally, so we can grow grass that must be nursed through an annual four-step chemical dependency.

Imagine the conversation The Creator might have had with St. Francis about this:

"Frank, you know all about gardens and nature. What in the world is going on down there in West Central Indiana? What happened to the dandelions, violets, thistle and stuff I started eons ago? I had a perfect no-maintenance garden plan. Those plants grow in any type of soil, withstand drought and multiply with abandon. The nectar from the long-lasting blossoms attracted butterflies, honey-bees, and flocks of songbirds. I expected to see a vast garden of colors by now. But all I see are those green rectangles."

"It's the tribes that settled there, Lord. The Suburbanites. They started calling your flowers "weeds" and went to great extent to kill them and replace them with grass."

"Grass? but it's so boring, It's not colorful. It doesn't attract butterflies, birds and bees, only grubs and sod worms. It's temperamental with temperatures. Do the Suburbanites really want all that grass growing there?"

"Apparently so, Lord. They go to great pains to grow it and keep it green. They begin each spring by fertilizing grass and poisoning any other plant that crops up in the lawn."

"The spring rains and cool weather probably makes grass grow really fast. That must make the Suburbanites happy."

"Apparently not, Lord. As soon as it grows a little, they cut it - sometimes twice a week."

"They cut it? Do they bale it like their hay?"

"Not exactly Lord. Most of them rake it up and put it in bags."

"They bag it? Why? Is it a cash crop crop? Do they sell it?"

"No sir. Just the opposite. They pay to throw it away"

"Now let me get this straight. They fertilize grass so it will grow. And when it does grow, they cut it off

and pay to throw it away."

"Yes, sir."

"These Suburbanites must be relieved in the summer when we cut back on the rain and turn up the heat. That surely slows the growth and saves them a lot of work."

"You aren't gonna believe this, Lord. When the grass stops growing so fast, they drag out hoses and pay more money to water it so they can continue to mow it and pay to get rid of it."

"What nonsense! At least they kept some of the trees. That was a sheer stroke of genius, if I do say so myself. The trees grow leaves in the spring to provide beauty and shade in the summer. In the autumn they fall to the ground and form a natural blanket to keep moisture in the soil and protect the trees and bushes. Plus, as they rot, the leaves form compost to enhance the soil. It's a natural circle of life."

"You better sit down, Lord. the Suburbanites have drawn a new circle. As soon as the leaves fall, they rake them into great piles and have them hauled away."

"No! What do they do to protect the shrub and tree roots in the winter and keep the soil moist and loose?"

"After throwing away your leaves, they go out and buy something they call mulch. They haul it home and spread it around in place of the leaves."

"And where so they get this mulch?"

"They cut down trees and grind them up."

"Enough! I don't want to think about this anymore. Saint Catherine, you're in charge of the arts. What movie have you scheduled for us tonight?"

"Dumb and Dumber, Lord, it's a real stupid movie about ----."

"Never mind, I think I just heard the whole story." ■

**Indiana Outdoors**

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together, form a wall when pass blocking together and lead block for each other. But in addition, they each know what it's like to take an animal's life at their hands, to feed and nourish their family with their reward, and they are beginning to understand the delicate balance between life and death. And because they know how each of these feels and understand the importance of each, they share a special bond – a brotherhood.

The head coach made it a point at the end of practice a few of years ago to ask each player that hunted to share their experience in their own words following the weekend youth season. Each of the boys that were fortunate enough to take a deer that weekend beamed with pride as they recounted their stories and it helped to raise an interest in hunting for some of the others as well. The coach continues to do this. The head coach still does this because he knows how important being outside and bonding with nature is for everyone, especially children. He gets it.

By the end of that deer season in 2009, six of the sixteen boys on this team went deer hunting for the first time, and incredibly, each one took a deer. It was in the cards for these boys. I was fortunate enough to be able to take one of Nicholas' teammates and his father deer hunting for the first time, and to be with them at that very special moment when the boy downed his first deer. It was an honor to share that moment with father and son.

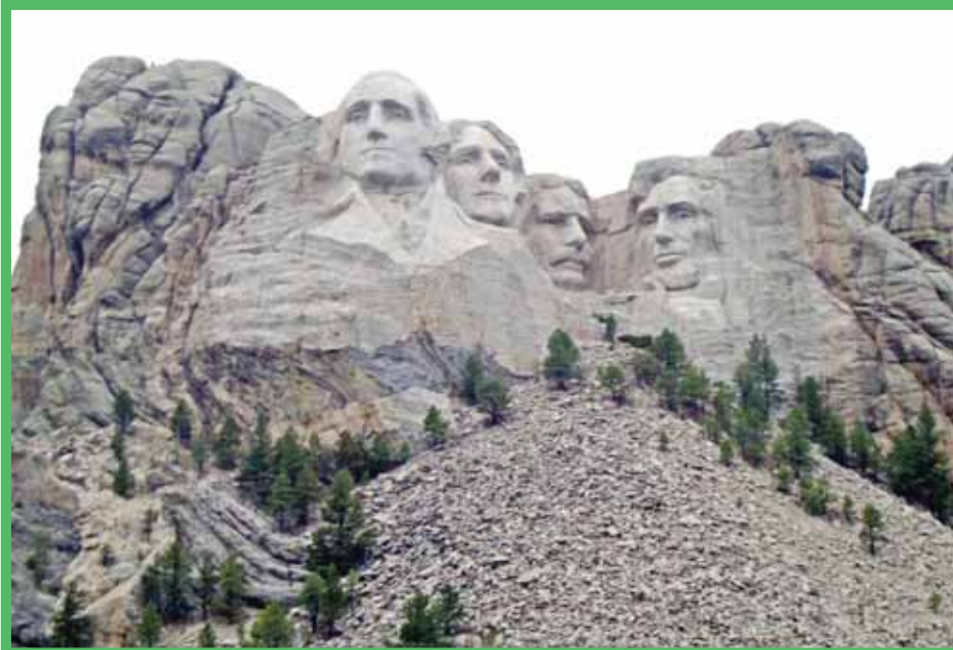
Now, three years later, these boys continue to hunt, as they likely will for the rest of their lives. And, just as importantly, other members of the team are expressing a keen interest in hunting. They cherish in being a team, but they yearn to be - in a sense - brothers. ■

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First day the road was too muddy to reach the dig site. We went on a road trip to a neat museum and then on to Mount Rushmore. (All Photos by Rich Creason)

Susie still digging out our femur after 3 and a half days. While it is completely uncovered, it still has to be dug 6" deep all the way around before removing from ground.

## Outdoors



With Rich Creason

### Chasing the Duckbill

July 4th finally arrived and we were looking forward to spending eight hours a day for the next five days working outdoors in 90 plus degree weather. It was just a few days short of a year since we were last in South Dakota searching for 65 million year old dinosaur bones.

We were just arriving in the small town of Faith, population around 500, in the far northwest corner of the state. It was our third visit to this area in the last three years. While Tyrannosaurus Rex was once king of this part of the country, and at least three T. Rex skeletons have been found here, we would again be digging for the remains of Edmontosaurus annectens, the duckbill dinosaur.

How did we end up traveling 1100 miles from central Indiana to the Badlands of South Dakota to

search for the remains of a long extinct creature? Well, I guess we owe it all to the Children's Museum of Indianapolis and our grandson, Benjamin.

About four years ago, Benjamin was visiting from Fort Wayne with his mom and dad. We decided to take him to the Children's Museum to see the exhibits and attractions they have there. We had never been before so we weren't sure what to expect. We parked in the parking garage (free!), walked to the entrance, paid our entry fee, and proceeded to spend the rest of the day being amazed.

This place is NOT just for kids! While I don't remember the exact displays we saw way back then, we have seen temporary attractions such as the Barbie and Lego exhibits, a friendly Haunted House, Star Wars, Etch-A-Sketch, frogs from around the world, and numerous others. They also offer permanent exhibits and activities like the Science Central, antique carousel rides, a huge locomotive which was actually brought into the museum and the walls built in behind it, and, our favorite, the Dinosphere.

This area actually has real dinosaur skeletons, informative displays to teach you about various dinosaurs, how they lived, what they ate, and what happened when they were injured. In one corner of the Dinosphere is a pit where youngsters can dig for artificial bones. In an area off to one side is a glassed in room where paleontologists and volunteers work at rebuilding, cleaning, and getting real bones which have been found at sites in South Dakota ready for public display. The glass panels are open so kids (and adults) can talk to the workers and see how their

projects are progressing. This is where we found out about going out west on a Dino Dig.

Since we were already hooked on the Museum, we decided to purchase a membership (not required to go on the Dig). From many choices, we picked a Grandparent Plus 2 Premier Membership. This allowed us (the grandparents) and Benjamin (the grandchild), and two guests (his parents), to visit the Museum as many times in the next year as we wanted with no extra cost. It also included free coat check, discounts in both the food court and the store loaded with great stuff for kids and adults and assorted other benefits.

After several more visits and long discussions, we signed up for a one day dinosaur dig. That was two years ago and we thoroughly enjoyed our trip. Last year, we went on the five day teacher dig. Susie and I dug 22 dinosaur bones which went back to the Children's Museum. These included a toe bone, several vertebrae, numerous rib segments including one 28" rib, two jugals (jaw bones), and other various bones. We returned recently from our third trip, another five day adult dig.

We arrived on Thursday night, following a fire truck from the nearest (40 miles away) town to Faith. There was fire equipment from all the nearby areas fighting a large field fire north of town which had been started by farm equipment and extremely dry grass. We could see and smell the smoke. Late night the fire was finally extinguished with the help of some rain. Our dig site was about 200 yards from where the fire stopped.

We were unable to dig the first day because our

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William and Laura documenting a find using the string grid, camera, numbered label, and graph paper before it being wrapped for transport.



This is the very rare tooth Jayne found. Imagine a huge mouthful of these chomping on you!



Kathy and her husband Pat uncovered this nice rib. They joined our group after reading one of my stories about last year's Dino Dig.



Debbie and Jayne with two great bones in the site I vacated. This is also the spot where the large tooth was found and another large femur was found beneath these bones.

area was in a cow pasture with dirt trails, large hills, and several gullies we had to jump with a two wheel drive rented van. The route was impassable without a four wheel drive. Becky, one of the Museum staff, loaded us into the van and took us to Hill City, about 150 miles away, to visit the Black Hills Institute for a guided, behind-the-scenes tour. After we left the Institute, we visited Mount Rushmore and then returned back to the Prairie Vista Inn in Faith where we all stay during our trip.

Day two found us at the dig site getting the tools


(clam shuckers, exacto knives, brushes, and bottles of paleo bond to glue cracked bones) out of the storage shed. We started digging in adjacent sections and soon Susie found the end of something large. William, one of the Museum staff, came over to look at what she had found and told me to join her in that area because she would need help digging this one out. After several hours, we had enough of the end uncovered to identify a huge femur. These usually are three to four feet long, about six to eight inches in diameter, and around 200 pounds. We continued digging on this one bone for

three and a half days and we had it exposed but not out of the ground. It takes about five to six days to uncover a femur and ready it for transport back to Indianapolis. We would be back in Indiana before the next group of diggers completely unearthed it.

The area I had vacated also contained a femur, several other large bones, and Jayne, a Museum volunteer found a nanotooth in this spot. This is a large tooth from a predator like a T. Rex, a very rare find for this area. Altogether, our group of 14 people found a total of five femurs this year in four days, plus probably over 100 other bones. William and Dallas, the other Museum staff member with us, would have to drive all of these bones to their new home.

Next year, Benjamin will be old enough (eight years old) to go to the dig site with us. I'm sure his mother will bring him for a day or two and we will stay for the five day dig. If you would like to join us next July on this highly unusual vacation, go to [www.childrensmuseum.org](http://www.childrensmuseum.org) or call 317-334-3322 for more information on all of their programs, activities, or exhibits. Or better yet, load up the family and drive to Indianapolis to spend a day exploring everything the Children's Museum has to offer.

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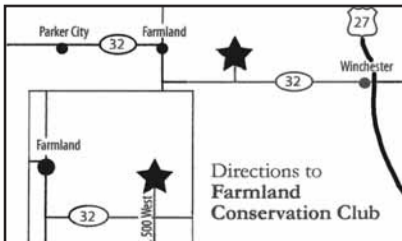
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# Camping Here & Beyond



by John and El McCory

## From Zurich, Switzerland to the Netherlands

In the campground outside Zurich we met a couple (just married) in a VW like ours. Paul and Joy Lippman from northern California were freelance writing for magazines and had a camping book of Europe planned. Paul asked us about our camping trip and got our permission to include information in his writings. He promised to get back to us when he finished the book. In May of 1967 we received a postcard from Lippman saying he had written an article in the May Field and Stream Magazine and had included our answers to his questions. Yep, there were the facts that we were teachers in Fort Wayne, had traveled 10,000 miles by camp-mobile and the amazing fact that we two had averaged just \$10/day for food, travel and camping. In 1968 we received a card from Paul in South Dakota that he'd published his Camping Book of Europe. We looked in bookstores all over Indiana and finally found one in Marshall Field's bookstore in Chicago. Essentially the same information was in the camp book but more of it. Who'd believe we would get calls from people in the Midwest wanting us to put on slide lectures and speak at dinners? We didn't want to get in to the travel/lecture scene so we took three or four local families up on it. We just got free meals and that was enough. We even had to ask people to provide slide projectors and screens as we didn't even have the needed materials to give talks.

We look at the slides once in a while and have we changed in forty-six years. How poor and forlorn we looked, but probably just tired from traveling. Now we realize we're just getting old. From Zurich we drove through the Black Forest region of Germany, near Berchtesgaden and in to the Triberg section. We decided not to drive up to the Eagle's Nest where Hitler had gone for retreats. In Triberg we bought El's mother a cuckoo clock just as it came off the line at the clock factory. It's stopped working but might be a collector's item someday. My critic teacher, the late Miss Ruth Dutro, at Burriss High School had climbed the Matterhorn. She said everyone should at least see it. This is another hobby I've chosen not to enjoy. I'll stick to camping, cruising and exploring wild caves. In mountain climbing it only takes one missed step.

Traveling north through Germany on the Autobahn was an experience and to think World War II had just ended twenty years previous. Many of the results of events and battles were still

evident in some of the towns we visited going northward. Munich had a lot of construction but was alive and jumping the weekend after we left Triberg and the Black Forest. By going to German fest in Fort Wayne during the summer brings back memories of the bands, singing and dancing in these towns.

Driving up the Autobahn reminded me of a book I'd been given by the Author Mildred Moore (Hahn) of Fort Wayne entitled Famous Personalities and Their Philosophies. She had written to famous people in the 1930's and asked them their outlook on life. Adolph Hitler had sent her a reply on March 29, 1935 stating that he was too busy and didn't have time for drivel. I believe he was building highways and planning late 30's or early 40's activities. At Marianborn we drove toward Berlin and found a campsite within a half block of the WALL, near Check Point Charlie. We camped there two nights and all night we heard machine gun type fire. Asking about it we were told, "Just target practice on rats and rabbits." We checked out of West Berlin and walked through Check Point Charlie in to East Berlin. We had to walk several blocks to see any renovations of buildings, a few buses, a few cars and very few pedestrians.

From Berlin we drove to the Baltic Sea coast and camped in the town of Lubeck. Just around the coast and to the north was Denmark. As we checked in to the large grassy campground across the canal or harbor from the capital city, Copenhagen, we were taken back by something we'd failed to see in the U.S. The female attendant at the check in booth was smoking a cigar. We've found out since that the Danish have a lot of customs of which we were not aware. The parts of this small country we saw were spic and span and were quite pleased with the two or three places in which we camped. Most of the campgrounds in which we had camped on the continent were clean but much more rustic. The Danes seemed to have been much more advanced in the amenities they offered campers and were much more open to discussion and questions we had about their caravanning operation.

At the large busy park, Tivoli Gardens, we were impressed with the roller coasters and also the performance of the Lipizzaner horses from Vienna where we had visited their training arena. The Ferris wheel had such large cars one could almost walk around in them. Maybe that's an exaggeration but they were large.

Both El and I remember as children we grew up with stories written by authors from this part of Europe. An example was Hans Christian Andersen of Amsterdam, the Netherlands. We could have spent the best part of a week in the Amsterdam area but our plane flight home was calling us in a few short days. The hands-on physical science museum near the Amstelveen airport was quite intriguing to me but time was too short. Probably El's greatest moment was when we visited the home of Anne Frank and observed her writings and drawings behind Plexiglas as we tearfully climbed the narrow stairs to the tight quarters where her family had hidden. El had taught The Diary of Anne Frank in her middle school English classes. In the Netherlands much of the traffic was by small boats through the miles and miles of channels. Wind-mills were everywhere and the housing for animals was right up against the housing in which the people lived. Sweeping the

homes, steps and streets must have been a daily chore because nothing was dirty throughout the countryside. Flowers were abundant seemingly everywhere.

If you have anything about camping you would like us to research or dig up from our memory banks, contact us at: jmacnut@yahoo.com or at 260-637-3524. Send us information on any types of travel or camping games you and your family enjoy and where we might get the instructions and/or rules for them. Next month we'll be on the last leg of our 3 month camping trip to Europe, traveling from the Netherlands to London and flying back to Indiana. Camping days are short. Campfires feel better now that the weather is changing. See you as we leave the continent of Europe for London.

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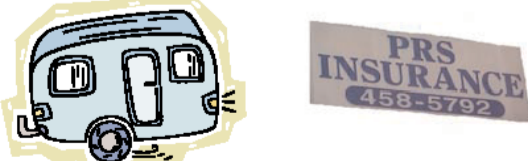
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Two big cats caught by author from Whitewater Lake, Whitewater State Park, Indiana. (Author Photo)



Big thirty-two inch cat surprised author while Crappie fishing Acton Lake at Hueston Woods State Park, Ohio. (Author Photo)

## Looking Downstream



by Paul McCloud

## Late Summer Channel Cats

By September many of us old fisherman tired from a long summer of trying to fill the freezer with tons of fillets to enjoy through the fall and winter have gotten busy getting the house ready for winter. While hanging off a ladder scraping and caulking a window that whistled from an air leak last winter, the boat sitting beside the garage beckons to be hitched up to the old truck and hit the lake just one more time or "two". I finish up with the window real quick like, should be good for a couple years anyway, and then jump in the truck to make a run to see my buddy out at the local bait shop. We greet each other then the next thing out of my mouth is "anybody doing any good"? Turns out several guys are still hauling in some nice catches of channel cats and had been buying minnows and night-crawlers so I buy a couple dozen of each and figure on getting a very early start the next morning. I've had

pretty good luck with channel cats on both Whitewater Lake at Whitewater State Park, Indiana and Acton Lake at Hueston Woods State Park, Ohio. Living in Liberty both lakes are only minutes away, I hadn't been on Whitewater for a while and decided to go there.

Early the next morning I'm at Whitewater Park by six. I got the boat launched and electrically motored up the lake. This time of year with the abnormally high temperatures and desperately low rainfall numbers the lake is down about a foot and very warm (upper 80s). I have a spot along the West shore across from the beach where a big patch of the invasive Milfoil weed growing out to a depth nearly twelve feet abruptly stops at a small drop off to sixteen feet. I caught several large cats here last summer fishing just off the bottom right at the close edge of the weeds. Using redworms. I anchor roughly four yards out from the spot I'm fishing I've been a die-hard light tackle guy for several decades now, regardless of the species of fish I'm after. My rods are five and a half light and ultra light action. Vintage Classic Zebco One reels loaded with Stren Green line in six-pound test. I like the Tru-turn blood red hooks in size four for Channel Cats. I put out two rigs, one baited with minnows the other with half a nightcrawler. Both are set about six inches off bottom at ridge of the drop off just less than twelve feet.

I get a bite on the nightcrawler rig pretty quick but didn't get a hook set. What ever it was stole my bait; I put the other half of the worm on the hook and cast it back to the same spot. Again I get a quick bite, and this time I set the hook on a fish, and boat a six inch bluegill. I tossed it back and replenish my bait and cast back out. I keep catching undersized bluegills on the nightcrawlers while my three-inch chub minnow has died of boredom.

I up anchor and move south towards the dam about midway up the lake to a similar spot, except the weeds are less dense and grow out to a depth of eight feet. There's no drop off here the bottom just tapers down gently and is clean and sandy. I anchor so I can fish the edge of the weeds, and toss out my two same rigs. Now I'm fishing just off bottom in less than eight feet. I start catching more undersized bluegills on the worm rig. I give up on the worms because of the small bluegills and set both rigs with live minnows. After sitting and enjoying the peaceful quiet and charm of the lake and mother nature I get a bite and set the hook on what feels like a nice fish. I kept the line tight and forced the fish to fight the rod. After a couple unsuccessful runs toward the bottom I get it to the surface and net nice channel cat about twenty two inches. By now I've been at it for close to two hours and figure I

won't be filling the live well this morning. I get both rigs freshly baited with minnows and relax with a cup of coffee and a snack cake. Almost an hour passes before I get another bite. I set the hook and note immediately it's not a big fish. I reel in a small channel cat about a foot long; I carefully unhooked it and released it back into the lake. It took another half hour to get a bite; I set the hook on a fish that felt like a really good one. On it's first run for deep water it pulled a couple yards of line through the reels drag before I could tighten it down. At this point I just have to point out how exciting it is to have am strong fish on, most of you know just what I mean. I fought this fish less than two minutes, though at the time it seemed like an hour. I finally got the fish to the surface and after a couple missed attempts slipped the net under a nice twenty-six inch catfish. It was after ten a.m. by now and the sun and the heat was getting to be a bit much for me. With two nice catfish in the live well I decided to head home. I was hoping to catch four or five nice cats but all things considered two quality fish in a short mornings outing wasn't so bad.

In a future issue I'll do a catfish article on specialty baits, night fishing, and river fishing. As always your comments and suggestions are encouraged. [pasports@ydial.net](mailto:pasports@ydial.net)

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associated with water recreation. Alcohol influences balance, coordination, and judgment and its effects are heightened by sun exposure and heat.

Thankfully, it appears boating fatalities have decreased. As of July 10, there has been 1 fatality due to a boating accident, compared to Indiana having 11 deaths in 2011 and 9 deaths in 2010 associated with boating accidents.

Conservation Officers investigated 126 ATV accidents as of July 10, resulting in 8 deaths and 141 injuries. Keep in mind, ATV accidents are investigated if there is substantial damage or significant bodily injury, so many more accidents are occurring than those reported and investigated. In all of 2011, 220 ATV accidents were investigated with 240 injuries and 11 deaths. Slightly over 11% of these accidents were found to be alcohol related. In 2010, 201 ATV accidents were tallied with 242 being injured and 16 deaths resulting. 7% of these accidents were alcohol related.

Unfortunately, the 2012 numbers in each category have increased since July 10th. Be vigilant. Be safe.

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# Happenings in Metamora, Indiana



by Janice Hunsche  
Owner of Kaleidosaurus Books

## Metamora, Indiana Activities for September

Metamora starts off September with **The Old Time Music Festival**. This year it's **Saturday, Sept 1**, from 10am to 9pm and **Sunday, Sept 2**, from 11am to 5pm. There will be four performance areas along with displays and workshops for banjo, guitar, dulcimer, and more. Be sure to check the schedule at <http://metamoramus.com/pbworks.com/w/page/20798739/Schedule> to see what's happening. It's free so come on down and enjoy musicians from Indiana and the surrounding states.

**Sept 12<sup>th</sup>** from 6pm-8pm is the open jam session at The Cat and the Fiddle at Thorpe House. Everyone is welcome to come and play with the

Baggy Bottom Boys. **Sept 28th** is **Open Mic Music Night** at Lover's Lane stage from 7-11pm.

September is the last month for the **Friday Cruise In**. As usual it's every Friday from 5pm to dusk in downtown Metamora. On Friday, **Sept 28th** the Cruise In moves to the area by the Lover's Lane stage.

There are several themed train rides in September. All make the regular weekend/holiday run from Connersville leaving at 12:01 with a 2 hour layover in Metamora before returning to Connersville. On Labor Day, **Sept 3** the **Labor Day Valley Flyer Excursion** has been added but still follows the regular weekend schedule. **On Sept 8 and 9, Ride the Statesman** with the 16th President Abraham Lincoln. You can talk to the former president, have your photo taken with him, and listen as he delivers a speech before returning to Connersville. **Sept 15<sup>th</sup>** is the **Overland Limited Wild West train** complete with bandits, marshals, etc. The Circle D Rangers are once again protecting the train. This train always brings a shoot-out to the Duck Creek Crossing section of Metamora.

The White Water Railway continues **The Twilight Limited Train to Dinner on Sept 7 and Sept 21**. This train makes the trip to the Laurel Hotel for dinner. All trains depart the Connersville Station at 6pm. **Reservations Required.** For more information and reservations call **(765) 825-2054**.


The State Historic Site is sponsoring two events this month. **On Sept 8, It's Twilight Time Again!** This is a fun evening featuring Indiana wine and cheese tasting, live music, dancing, lawn games, catered dinner at Grist Mill Park, carriage ride and a twilight cruise on the Ben Franklin III canal boat. Cost is \$35 per person. **Reservations required.** For more information/reservations contact the Whitewater Canal State Historic Site **765-647-6512** or

<http://www.indianamuseum.org/sites/whitspec.html>

On **Sept 15th 10am-4pm** is **A Voyage Through Time: Life Along the Whitewater Canal**. There will be historical demonstrations of fiber arts, blacksmithing, wood carving, sorghum molasses making, hearth cooking, and 1850's gardening and herbs. An Indiana group of Civil War Re-enactors will make camp in the Metamora Grist Mill Park. This is a free event.

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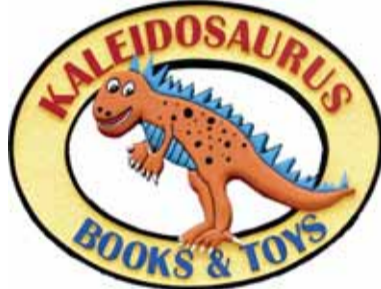
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by Malcolm Greene

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For more outdoors with Phil Junker, contact his blog at: [outdoorscribe.blogspot.com](http://outdoorscribe.blogspot.com)

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**Seabee Tim Mahoney**

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whitened from the daily scrubbing, we became increasingly proficient. I don't recall the why, but I still remember several of us squatting on our toes with our arms extended out, holding our rifles out, until we dropped. This was my worst experience in the Navy. This made our work outs in the drill hall seem like a piece of cake. I recall some years after the war my mother told me I resembled a whipped puppy when I came home from boot camp. I thought I performed in the upper 10 % in all areas.

After returning from a boot camp leave I reported back to Great Lakes and went by train to Camp Parks in California. No one from my Boot Camp Company was with me. I remember meeting Dick Compy and how amused I was at his anger for the mountain range, east of the camp, as if it were keeping us there. There were 20 of us from Great Lakes assigned to Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU) #624. We were all either color blind, astigmatic, or

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## Seabee Tim Mahoney

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had broken bones that made us unfit for ship duty. Two of my friends from boot camp were assigned to CBMU #625 who did the same thing at Yonton Airfield, that we did at Kadena Airfield. I learned this when they came over to see me after the fields were secured. I also heard that some of the men in the new unit came from the San Francisco brig because they had been overseas, but when they got to the states and received a leave, they did not return until the Shore Patrol (SP) personally called upon them. I remember some of them saying, "the next time they come looking for me, they'll have to burn the fields and sift the ashes to find me."

Port Hueneme was a great experience. We traveled by train, after arriving we got billeted in a new Quonset Hut and no one was there that I knew. I recall the first muster changing my life. We rolled out in the dark, lined-up and when my name was called, I responded with a sharp, "Here, Sir." A heavy hand came down on my shoulder and a big man that looked like Kojack said, "No more of that, tomorrow morning, I'll call, 'Here, sir,' for you." The next morning the calling of my name was followed by a resounding, "Yo Ho" and I was proud to follow suit from that little push.

Hueneme was a growing experience for me. Our platoon with the complement of men in our quonset, we answered muster to a Marine Master Sergeant; who put us through calisthenics, issued our carbine, bayonet drills, and extended order drills on the beach. Lots of marching and rifle range. I made marksman.

My, "Yo Ho" mentor came to me on a break and said, "You're doing okay, kid, remember this - you're not in the common Navy - You are in the uncommon Navy, The SEABEES." On our march back to quarters after long hard days, the drill sergeant would call out loudly, "In cadence, count," and we would yell out, "One, two, three, four, TO HELL WITH THE MARINE CORPS!" And the drill sergeant responded immediately with "Double time, Harch" and we would trot back to our quarters.

Before midnight on January 16, 1945, CBMU #624 sailed for Pearl Harbor. That and the preceding day, the 15th, were the longest days of my life. We went by train from Port Hueneme to San Francisco. I think we stayed the night on the train and the next morning began our embarkation to Hawaii. To this day I marvel at the organization and handling of all the equipment. It took us all day and into the evening to board ship. We were in greens with helmet, carbine, 42 pound field pack, sea bag and maybe a mattress bag in the other hand. Where were all those things stored? I remember our racks or bunks running from the floor to ceiling without interruption. It seemed like the line moved a foot an hour and when I hit my bunk I went to sleep until we were called to fall out in the morning. On going out of the hatch to the deck we were met by a friendly sailor dangling a big, greasy pork chop on a string inviting us to take a bite. All of our stomachs had trouble handling that welcome to the beautiful island of Hawaii.

I don't remember leaving the ship but recall a nice Quonset hut with totally new men. The company history sheet notes that the next 4 weeks went by quickly with men unloading and loading the next ship. I was not aboard ship and spent that four weeks learning to hate sand and salt water. I was on the beach every day except Sunday; drilling, extended

order drills and practicing landing from a Landing Craft Tank (LCT). Also K rations for lunch, but good food for breakfast and supper at the chow hall. I enjoyed a few nights in an outdoor Navy beer hall drinking beer. The beer came in heavy metal green cans with a regular beer cap and the men kept busy bending the cans and then the cap between thumb and forefinger knuckle. I learned that I was not one of the strongest guys there.

On 21 February, 1945, We boarded the U.S.S. Meriwether on which we stayed until April 1, 0800, Sunday morning. I do not recall a long, tedious boarding similar to San Francisco. I do have a very old 3 x 5 card entitled: TROOP COMPARTMENT, D4, NO 72, Do not lose this meal ticket

The reverse side was my bible for the trip: 1. General Quarters, 2. Fire Drill, 3. Abandon Ship, 4. Port and Starboard

So I was man #72 and should always be behind #71 and in front of #73. I do not recall who they were.

We must have been rotated by compartment to go to chow hall and on deck. We could walk on the deck aft of the hatch from which we exited and we could sit on the aft hatch which was about 2 feet off the deck and covered with a heavy black tarp.

The card players and crap shooters made a table size of a blanket and the games began. There were many activities for this novice to observe. I visited a lot and read, but no cards for me. It was interesting that we had a crew of Puerto Rican anti-aircraft teams which were later billeted on the north side of Kadena Field. They were nervous and we later joked about them reining shells down on us during the air raids.

In Compartment D 4, the racks, as the bunks were called, ran all the way to the ceiling. They could be lifted up giving us living-room during the day. The lower ones were used as benches and smoking was allowed when the light was lit.

As we crossed the International dateline we became members of The Golden Dragon Society and were given cards signed by Yang Yin, the ruler of the 180th Meridian. Yang Yin was the ship company bosun' mate of our deck. He was an impressive young man, Sox Walseth. Even his name had an impressive sound. He was about 6' 2", 190 lbs., black curly hair, broad shouldered and slim hiped. He had an outgoing personality to compliment his appearance and he made the rounds visiting with all of us when we had our deck privileges and I was interested in everything he said.

One of the saltier Seabees gave me this heads up, "Do you see any bulls on this deck? No!!! But that does not mean there is no bull shit laying around. Be careful where you step."

Our first stop was the island of Eniwetok in the Marshalls. We went ashore and were given our two beers and a coke. Standing on any of the islands gun emplacements one could see the complete Island, nothing but sand and a few quonsets for the islands' Navy and Marine personnel. Perhaps a place for refueling, but I did not see it. A volley ball net looked very lonesome and I do not think any of our unit disturbed it. I do not remember that we saw any of the islands of Ulithi in the Carolines, Peleliu in the Palaus nor Samar in the Phillipines. Maybe we went by these Islands, but I saw nothing, as if we were in a submarine. But - - - we did see a lot of ocean on our visits to the deck. I think I learned what I was trained for when we stopped at Leyte. We spent a good part of the day with me opening my hatch, men streaming out of the ladders, down a cargo net into a LCT and a short trip to a sand beach that was about

35 ft wide and we exited the front ramp and fell into an extended order drill on the beach. It was scenic. After that 35 feet of beach, there was a solid wall of green foliage projecting only a disturbed bird and other sounds. We did this drill a number of times. I saw no other LCT on our side of the ship and I wondered where the LCT came from, but did not ask.

After leaving Leyte it was again a vacant sea except for us. I'd like to be able to discuss with my fellow Seabees the dinner we had the night before the invasion. Was it really like a Thanksgiving feast or does my mind deceive me? Were we just aimlessly standing around in Compartment D when we heard this:

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## On The Cutting Edge

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in line to vote like many foreign people do in other parts of the world, at least not yet anyway!

Our current liberal government though may change this too, once they relieve us of our guns. It is my thinking that this very fact has been what has kept many people, who would do us harm, from coming to America in person. It is known around the world and here, the fact, that the United State citizens are well armed and know how to use their guns.

This coming election could be the last vote you will ever make with our form of government, it's that critical in my mind.

Please send some new faces to Washington who can only serve two consecutive terms there.

We are losing more rights and freedom than ever before in my memory.

We need to send Americans to Washington that believe in the old America, not this new one that can't see the forest for the trees!

The Revolutionary War was fought for the American Republic, not the American Democracy!

Reprinted from August 2012 issue: *In a Republic, the Majority is Limited and constrained by a written Constitution which protects the rights of the Individual and the Minority. The purpose of a Republic form of government is to control the Majority and to protect the God-given, inalienable rights and liberty of the Individual.*

The United States of America is founded as a Republic under the Constitution.

I hope that our Children, Grand-Children, Great-Grand-Children, Great-Great-Grand-Children, etc will be able to live out their lives here, as I have, since April 1941. God Bless America.

### **U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TERM NEEDS TO BE INCREASED TO 4 YEAR TERM**

I don't know the process it would take, but the U.S. Representatives term should be changed to 4 years. The current two year term is ridiculous, to say the least. The person seeking the post, once elected, spends half of his or her elected time (currently 2-year term) campaigning for office for their next term. In my, common sense, way of thinking it would serve the United States citizen more if the Representative served a 4 year term instead of 2 years. Surely he or she could accomplish more for their constituents in 2-four year terms, rather than 2-two year terms. If the length of their term can be changed by referendum than it could also be on the 2012 Special Ballot to limit the terms of United States Senators and United States Representatives.

I think it was the intent of signers of the United

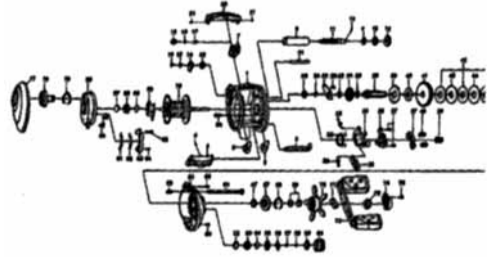
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States Constitution to make it possible for the people of the United States to be able to alter the course of our direction when the people we send to Washington by our vote, fail in their responsibilities.

**WE HAVE THE SOLUTION TO OUR ENERGY PROBLEMS IN THE U.S. GROWING EVERY WHERE YOU LOOK**

**In 2004 I became aware of the fact that the country of Brazil had been using 100% Cellulosic Ethanol in their millions of vehicles since 1995 from U.S. Senator Richard G Lugar. He sent me a document he and former CIA Director R. James Woolsey drafted in 1999. It explained in detail about the "New Petroleum."**

Unfortunately for the U.S. in the years since, our Government embraced the use of E85 Ethanol made from corn, rather than 100% Cellulosic Ethanol.

**THERE IS A LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL, BUT THEN AGAIN**

.....Reprinted from Page (s) 28,29&30 of The Gad-a-bout, October 2004

I for one had been brooding about the fact that the United States had no alternate plan or source of energy if the day came and we lost our current source of oil, the Middle East. To relieve my frustrations I wrote a piece for my weekly local newspaper column. After writing it I decided to e-mail it to some politicians and other newspaper columnists to see if I could spur interest in my thinking. One of the e-mails I sent was to Senator Richard G. Lugar. He was the only one who replied.

Following is a copy of the e-mail I sent to Senator Lugar and others:

**Richard:**

This is my column for this week's Western Wayne newspaper in Cambridge City, IN. I also publish "The Gad-a-bout," which I have sent to you for the last 15 years. I think most government officials know we are on a collision course with another oil crisis in this country. I think that our representatives should represent us in a manner that looks forward to the time when gas is in short supply and this country needs an alternative. We need mass transit or a new way to travel using a renewable energy resource such as solar, electric, magnetic, wind, etc.

Following is a copy of the letter I received from Senator Richard G. Lugar of Indiana:

**United States**

**WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1401**

**September 3, 2004**

**Dear Mr. Dickerson:**

Thank you e-mailing me your recent column on our nation's long-term energy needs. I appreciate knowing your thoughts on this important issue.

I agree with you that we need to do much more to increase our supply of domestic, renewable sources of energy. I have supported increased funding for biomass, solar and other renewable energy programs. I have also supported tax incentives to stimulate the development of renewable energy sources and encourage energy efficiency.

Senator Bingaman and I have worked over the years in support of the Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star and energy efficiency programs. These programs increase the efficiency of American industry and reduce energy demand.

I have a particular interest in the development of biomass energy, including ethanol from biomass. Along with former CIA Director James Woolsey, I wrote the enclosed article on "The New Petroleum" and subsequently introduced a bill to accelerate and coordinate the research and development activities of federal agencies with regard to biomass resources.

This bill established a competitive research and development program to further the advancement of economical biofuels, biochemicals and biopower from agricultural residues and waste materials. My bill was enacted into law as Title III of H.R. 2559, the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000.

More recently, I co-sponsored a bipartisan Renewable Fuels Act, which the Senate included in the 2003 Senate energy bill. The Act was first offered by Senator Daschle and I three years ago. It creates a Renewable Fuels Standard that will more than double the amount of renewable fuel America consumes, displacing nearly 600,000 barrels of oil per day. The legislation is a culmination of years of effort and enjoys support from a broad spectrum. The bill will also phase-out the use of MTBE (Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether) within four years and prevent industry "backsliding" on its use.

The Senate took up consideration of the conference report on the Energy Policy Act on November 19. Attempts to end debate on the bill failed, however, effectively postponing any action on the bill, including the renewable fuels provision. I am hopeful that a compromise will be found which will ultimately lead to passage of this important piece of legislation.

Coupled with the Renewable Fuels Standard is the Volumetric Ethanol Excise Tax Credit (VEETC). The VEETC brings Highway Trust Fund taxes on fuel ethanol in line with taxes on other fuels, mitigating economic harms states may incur while implementing the Renewable Fuels Standard. The VEETC was included in the Senate's version of the reauthorization of the nation's surface transportation programs. The Senate passed this legislation on February 12, 2004. The House of Representatives must now take up this legislation.

The Renewable Fuels Act and the VEETC represent an important first step toward reducing our dependence on foreign oil and improving our nation's energy security. At the same time, these proposals go far toward protecting the environment, stimulating rural economic development and increasing the flexibility of the national fuel supply to reduce the impact of future price spikes.

Renewable energy not only helps address the threat of climate change, but it is also essential to free ourselves and developing countries from the growing dependence on oil from the Persian Gulf.

Thank you, again, for sharing your thoughts with me on this important issue.

**Sincerely,**

**Richard G. Lugar**

**United States Senator**

**Senator Lugar also sent me a document along with his letter entitled, The New Petroleum. It is too long to put here, so I will copy some of the highlights from it. It was drafted by Richard G. Lugar and R. James Woolsey under the heading of Foreign Affairs, January/February 1999.**

".....Well over 2/3 of the world's remaining oil reserves lie in the Middle East (including the Caspian basin), leaving the rest of the world dependent on the region's collection of predators and vulnerable autocrats....."

.....Ethanol has always provided an alternative to gasoline. In terms of environmental impact and fuel efficiency, its advantages over gasoline substantially outweigh its few disadvantages. But until now it has only been practical to produce ethanol from a tiny portion of plant life—the edible parts of corn or other feed grains....."

Recent and prospective breakthroughs in genetic

engineering and processing, however, are radically changing the viability of ethanol as a transportation fuel. New biocatalysts—genetically engineered enzymes, yeasts, and bacteria—are making it possible to use virtually any plant or plant product (known as cellulosic biomass) to produce ethanol. This may decisively reduce cost—to the point where petroleum products would face vigorous competition.

.....Genetically engineered biocatalysts and new processing techniques can similarly make it possible to utilize most plant matter, rather than a tiny fraction thereof, as fuel. Cellulosic biomass is extremely plentiful. As it come to be used to produce competitively priced ethanol, it will democratize the world's fuel market. If the hundreds of billions of dollars that now flow into a few coffers in a few nations were to flow instead to the millions of people who till the worlds fields, most countries would see substantial national security, economic, and environmental benefits.

.....This growing reliance on Middle Eastern oil not only adds to that region's disproportionate leverage but provides the resources with which rogue nations support international terrorism and develop weapons of mass destruction and the ballistic missiles to carry them.

.....The International Energy Agency now says that world production outside of.....(OPEC) will peak in 1999 and world production overall will peak between 2010 and 2020.....Once production peaks, even though exhaustion of world reserves will still be many years away, prices will begin to rise sharply.

.....If Genetically engineered biocatalysts and advanced processing technologies can make a transition from fossil fuels to biofuels affordable, the world's security picture could be different in many ways. It would be impossible to form a cartel that would control the production, manufacturing, and marketing of ethanol fuel. U.S. diplomacy and policies in the Middle East could be guided more by respect for democracy than by a need to protect oil supplies and accommodate oil-producing regimes....."

**Fuel Farmers**

Cellulosic Ethanol would radically improve the outlook for rural areas all over the world. Farmers could produce a cash crop by simply collecting agriculture wastes or harvesting grasses or crops natural to their region. Agricultural nations with little to no petroleum reserve would begin to see economic stability and prosperity as they steadily reduced massive payments for oil imports. Even more striking would be the redistribution of resources that would occur if farmers and foresters produced much of the world's transportation fuel....."

.....A major strength of the new technologies for fermenting cellulosic biomass is the prospect that almost any type of plant, tree, or agricultural waste can be used as a source of fuel...."

.....Our growing dependence on increasingly scarce Middle Eastern oil is a fool's game—there is no way for the rest of the world to win. Our losses may come suddenly through war, steadily through price increases, agonizingly through developing-nation poverty, relentlessly through climate change—or through all of the above....."

Shortly after receiving the letter and document from Senator Lugar I sent him a letter asking if he would help me get an audience with President George W. Bush concerning our using biomass to produce 100% Cellulosic Ethanol.

I received the following letter from Senator Richard G. Lugar:

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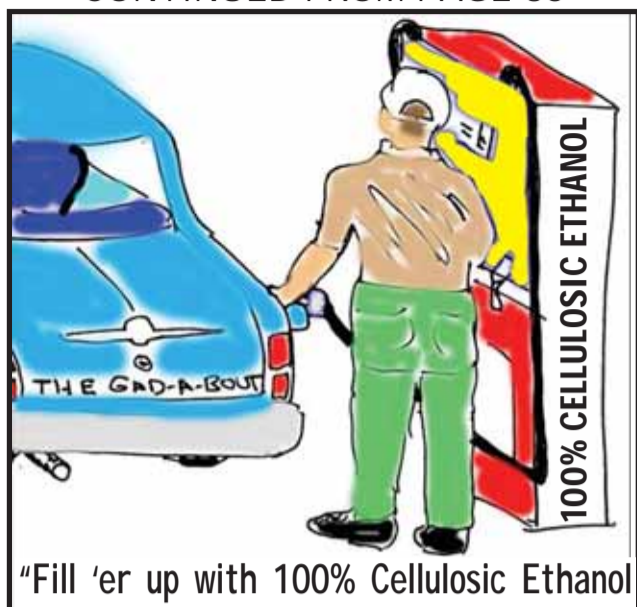
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# On The Cutting Edge

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THIS MODIFIED CARTOON APPEARED ON THE COVER OF MY 2005 MAY GAD-A-BOUT

**United States**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1401**  
**September 15, 2004**

**Dear Mr. Dickerson:**

Thank you for contacting me requesting a meeting with the President.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your e-mail to the White House. I trust that your concerns will receive careful attention. I will promptly share with you any materials or information I receive in reply.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to be of assistance.

Sincerely,  
**Richard G. Lugar**  
**United States Senator**

I received the following from The White House:

**The White House**  
**Washington**  
**November 28, 2005**

**Dear Mr. Dickerson:**

Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs, Candida Wolff, has forwarded your letter inviting President Bush to meet with you.

Your request has been given every consideration. Unfortunately, due to scheduling commitments, we are unable to accommodate your request. Thank you for understanding.

The President sends his best wishes.

Sincerely,  
**Melissa S. Bennett**  
**Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Appointments and Scheduling**

That didn't stop me from pursuing the need for this country to begin concentrating on producing 100% Cellulosic Ethanol. If we would do it now it would create the most massive industrial revolution this nation and world would ever see and we would never need to import a drop of oil into the United States.

Unfortunately America chose to accept the energy challenge as we seem to always do, the lesser answer by starting the production of E85 Ethanol, which as we all know now was a poor choice. E85 is made from corn which has caused a shortage of it and everything that is made from corn has risen dramatically in cost, and the drought this year has made it even worse.

I've been hearing something that I've heard many times before. America should pay the same price for its gasoline as Europe pays.

Wrong, America dwarfs Europe in its size and use of gasoline. Plus Europe has alternatives to vehicle travel. They developed mass transit and have kept it operating to their advantage. We could have done the same thing, but didn't

In the United States we have evolved from the mass transit of the early 1900's to very few trains and buses. We rely on the automobile today. The truth is, if gasoline continues its spiral upwards we will have to revert to the bicycle, horse or walking to get from here to there. Especially if we continue hiding our head in the sand, hoping the problems will take care of its' self.

President George W. Bush approved the building of six 100% Cellulosic Ethanol production plants in the United States when he was president. One was to be built in southwestern Indiana, but it ran a fowl of conservationists, some of them were not to intelligent outdoor writers, who fought its construction tooth and nail. The anti's evidently won that battle. I don't know what the fate of the other five 100% cellulosic ethanol production plants were, but I will find out.

It seems to me that 100% Cellulosic ethanol is the only answer to our energy problems, not only in the U.S.A, but around the world. I believed that back in 2004 and I believe it now. Wouldn't it be better to grow our energy, creating millions of jobs and producing a fuel that is biodegradable instead of pollution ridden like fossil fuels?

E85 should be done away with and replaced with 100% Cellulosic Ethanol both for our energy needs and as a plus for the health of Mother Earth.

We are a independent nation, one whose taken care of itself for more than 200 years, we can continue to do so if we have the fortitude to do so, for the reasons I've stated here.

I was watching a program on a News Channel last night where the subject matter was ethanol made from biomas (cellulosic). A person in the group said, making ethanol with biomass was a myth, a fairy tale it won't work.

I don't know who he was, but he should take a trip to Brazil and see how they make their 100% Cellulosic Ethanol. It's not a myth, our problem here in the U.S. is that our country used to be a country of compassion for our fellow Americans, but now greed has replaced compassion and that's a shame.

Our greatest stumbling block is the Oil Barons who hold America's Energy policy in their hands. ■

to the length of it. Part 2 will be in the October issue. I will be meeting Tim for the first time in Richmond, IN when he attends the 67th 79th NCB reunion here.

Tim served with CBMU #624 along with my father, Raymond E. Dickerson Sr. on Okinawa in 1945. You can read all about this on page 16 in this issue.

## **THUNDER IN THE PARK BARBEQUE FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 1-2, 2012**

The Lions Clubs of Connersville, Everton and Liberty is sponsoring the "Thunder In The Park Barbecue Festival in Roberts Park in Connersville, Indiana on **September 1-2, 2012**. They are featuring a Craft Show, Health Products & Services, Home Products & Services, etc. Proceeds go to support Community Services Projects of the 3 Lions Clubs.

**No admission** charge to the public.

**Set up times** are Friday, Aug 31 from Noon to 8 p.m. or Saturday, Sep 1 from 7 - 9 a.m.

**Event times** are Saturday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Costs \$60 for each space (approx. 15'x20') for the entire weekend, or only \$25 for a flea market space (approx. 10'x10' with no access to electric or water) *Note: Food vendors will also need to contact the Fayette Co. Health Dept. for a temporary food permit.*

The event will be held in Roberts Park located at 2900 Park Road (State Road 1) in Connersville, IN.

**Restrictions:** No alcohol or Used clothing sales. Applications should be received no later than **August 25, 2012**.

**For more information contact the following:**

Carl Sharp at **765-458-5574** (office) or **765-580-0215** (cell) or Lowell Rathburn at **765-580-1609** (cell) or you may e-mail Carl at [carl.sharp.c9mm@statefarm.com](mailto:carl.sharp.c9mm@statefarm.com) Log onto Website: [http://www.libertyindianalions.com/liberty\\_lions\\_club/Thunder\\_in\\_the\\_Park\\_BBQ.html](http://www.libertyindianalions.com/liberty_lions_club/Thunder_in_the_Park_BBQ.html) to acquire a application to send in or you can get one at Carl Sharps office in Liberty located at 27 West Union St., Liberty, IN 47353.

## **FALL CREEK HERITAGE FAIR & DOWNTOWN FALL FESTIVAL SEPT 7-8, 2012**

**See Pages 19 thru 22** for a special souvenir pull-out section for the **Fall Creek Heritage Fair and Downtown Fall Festival September 7-8, 2012** in the Fall Creek Park and in Downtown Pendleton. The special section is provided by the advertisers located on pages 20-21, locate their businesses easily by the number code on their ad cross referenced to the map of Pendleton on the centerfold.

This festival is a lot of fun for the entire family, hope to see you there.

## **FARMLAND CONSERVATION CLUB ACTIVITES IN THIS ISSUE**

**See Page 7** for a list of their activities for the month of September, also the listing for their Old Hunters Shoot on September 15, 2012 which is open to the pubic.

**See page 29** for the listing of their Hoosier Fall Classic to be held on September 7-9, 2012.

You can find out more about the Farmland Conservation Club by logging onto their website: [www.farmlandconservationclub.org](http://www.farmlandconservationclub.org).

## **METAMORA OLD TIME MUSIC FESTIVAL LABOR DAY WEEKEND SEPT 1-2, 2012**

Indiana's Canal Town, Metamora is the location for the Old Time Music Festival to be held on Labor Day Weekend September 1-2, 2012. It is a FREE event with workshops, demonstrations, performances and more. For more information log onto their website: [www.metamoramus.pbworks.com](http://www.metamoramus.pbworks.com)

# Roaming The Outdoors

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Triangle, Frame's Outdoor, Jay's Midlake Bait & Tackle, Parkside Marine & More, Quakertown Marina and The Country Store, it sells for \$2.

In future issues, as I develop the maps I will add Monroe Lake area, Patoka Lake area, Salamonies Lake areas to the website.

## **PART 2 OF GOLDEN EAGLE'S COLUMN IN THIS ISSUE ON PAGE 7**

For those readers who enjoy reading Golden Eagles column, Part 2 is in this issue on page 7. It's rarely that I would have to divide a column in two parts, but it was necessary for the August issue. I have remedied that problem by adding 8 pages to this issue.

## **ONE EXCEPTION TO ABOVE STATEMENT SEABEE TIM MAHONEY WWII STORY**

Seabee Tim Mahoney whose story appears in this issue on page 17, I have to publish in two parts due

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**FARMER'S PIKE FESTIVAL  
AUGUST 31 THRU SEPTEMBER 3, 2012**

See Page 18 for all the information you need to visit **Farmer's Pike Festival August 31 thru September 3, 2012** located between Hagerstown and New Castle, Indiana. Note the map at the bottom of the page. Also at twilight you can follow the light beam from the Lighthouse Chapel that rotates from it's location near the lake on the festival grounds. No need to worry about a parking place they have acres of free parking to visitors.

I hope to see you there.



I took this photo of Rheta Land at her Farmer's Pike Festival in 2010, her constant companion "Blondie" by her side. She was a wonderful friend and I enjoyed our many talks through the years.

**RHETA JERENE LAND PASSED AWAY 8-3-12**

I met Rheta and her husband Dick many years ago when I stopped by their home the first time to talk to them about advertising their Farmer's Pike Festival in The Gad-a-bout. I learned of her passing when Rich Creason called and told me about it. Her husband Dick passed away back in 2006.

I went on line and found Rheta's obituary. Rheta Jerene Land, 79, of New Castle passed away Friday, August 3, 2012 at Glen Oaks Health Campus. She was born May 21, 1933 in Henry County, a daughter of the late Ronald and Lorene (Reece) Eilar.

A 1951 graduate of Hagerstown H.S., she had worked in several jobs throughout Henry and Wayne Counties. In 1980, she and her husband, Dick started and promoted the Farmer's Pike Festival for 32 years. The family is planning a special tribute for Rheta at this year's festival. She enjoyed the home place and loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She also enjoyed her little dog, "Blondie."

Survivors include three sons: Rick (wife, Cheryl) Land, Delayne (wife, Shawne) Land and Ronald (wife, Kim) Land all of New Castle; six grandchildren; two step granddaughters; one step great grandson.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband of nearly 54 years: Richard L. "Dick" Land in 2006, a daughter: Teresa Sharon Dunaway in 2004 and a brother-in-law, Gene Land.

Graveside services was held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 8, 2012 at Chicago Corner Cemetery with Rev. Roger Hendricks officiating. The calling was from 4 to 6:30 p.m. prior to the

service at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service in New Castle. Contributions can be made to the Chicago Corner Christian Church, 8405 E. State Rd. 38, New Castle, IN 47362. You may express condolences or share a memory of Rheta at [www.hinsey-brown.com](http://www.hinsey-brown.com).

**THE GAD-A-BOU'S TRAVEL EAST TO PENNSYLVANIA AND MASSACHUSETTS**

Sherry and I visited Lenore and Fred Hummel in Ephrata, PA, our daughter Amy, granddaughter Breanna and grandson Dylan in Worcester, MA at the end of July. I planned on writing about it in this issue, but even with adding 8 pages I still didn't have enough room to do the article justice. So I will tell you all about the trip in the October issue.

I know, I have a lot of editorial items that took much of my extra room in this issue, but time wise, I feel that it is most important to air these matters in this issue, than our travels. Probably the most important election will be taking place in November 2012 in my life time. If I'm right all of us need to put our country ahead of other things.

**THE GAD-A-BOUT, MODERN ELECTRONICS AND COMMUNICATION**

While visiting my daughter, Amy, in Massachusetts I told her of my problems with Facebook. I have a Gad-a-bout Facebook page and a Ray Dickerson Facebook page, my biggest problem is when I open the page I go blank. Amy has helped me twice, both times when I'm in her presence. The problem is when I'm here at home and open the page (s) I go blank on what to do. I even bought a book several months ago, but to no avail.

I think I finally realized the problem, I don't want to use Facebook, even though everyone is telling me how great it is, I saw a few things on it though that didn't make me think it was too great.

While we were going to a State Park in Massachusetts Amy took out her Iphone and somehow brought up a map and she told me where to turn, distance and where we were at the time.

Again, though I have no desire to go out and buy an Iphone or a Ipad or any other gizmo.

It all boils down to I guess I'm a relic who likes the old ways. I stood in line this afternoon waiting impatiently to buy my medicine at Kmart. There was about 7 people in line, it took close to 30 minutes for me to reach the front and buy my medicine. Back when I worked at Ford's Grocery, Mrs. Adams could have rung up 4 times that many customers in less time. But that was back when we all paid cash. Today the electronic gizmo's instead of speeding up our lives they have slowed us down to a crawl. And woe to us when the computers stop working. I've been in line at a zoo, at a department store and a grocery store when it happened. We were the next in line to enter a zoo in Massachusetts, a few years ago, when all three computer registers quit working. After standing there for quite a long time, I asked the girl at the register, you don't by any chance have a cigar box under the counter there that would have change in it would you? That was what we had at the second register at Ford's Grocery to make change. Ahhh, the good ole' days!

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**INDIANA VENISON WORKSHOPS IN SEPT**

A venison workshop series in September will teach deer skinning, butchering and preparation.

Participants can taste the venison prepared in a variety of ways. The workshops will also feature food safety and handling procedures and an update on deer health issues.

The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife and Purdue Cooperative Extension Service are sponsoring the workshops.

Adult admission is \$15; children 17 and younger are free. The workshops at Bass Pro Shops on Sept. 7 and at Hoosier Outdoor Experience on Sept. 15 are free to all. Register by calling the appropriate number below:

**Sept. 6** - Warrick County Fairgrounds, Boonville, 6-9 p.m., (812) 897-6101

**Sept. 7** - Bass Pro Shops, Clarksville, 6-9 p.m., (812) 218-5500

**Sept. 12** - LaGrange County Fairgrounds, LaGrange, 6-9 p.m., (260) 499-6334

**Sept. 13** - Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds, Lafayette, 6-9 p.m., (765) 474-0793

**Sept. 15** - Fort Harrison State Park, Indianapolis, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. - No registration required; details are online at: [hoosieroutdoorexperience.IN.gov](http://hoosieroutdoorexperience.IN.gov).

For more information, call Jonathan Ferris, Purdue Extension Office in Fayette County, (765) 825-8502.

**NEW WATERFOWL HUNTING ZONES**

The first changes in Indiana's waterfowl hunting zones in more than 25 years will be in effect for the start of the regular waterfowl seasons this fall.

There still will be three zones, but they will be renamed as North, Central and South. The South Zone will represent a significant geographic expansion and replace the previous Ohio River Zone.

Changes to the zone boundaries are designed to improve hunting opportunities by better relating duck migration, and therefore season timing, to the geography of the state, said DNR waterfowl biologist Adam Phelps.

The North Zone boundary is essentially unchanged, with the exception of moving Roush Fish & Wildlife Area into the North. The North Zone boundary segregates the natural lakes and wetlands part of the state into its own zone.

The North Zone boundary follows a line extending east from the Illinois border along State Road 18 to U.S. 31; north along U.S. 31 to U.S. 24; east along U.S. 24 to Huntington; southeast along U.S. 224; south along S.R. 5; and east along S.R. 124 to the Ohio border.

The Central Zone is that part of Indiana south of the North Zone boundary and north of the South Zone boundary.

The South Zone boundary follows a line extending east from the Illinois border along U.S. 40; south along U.S. 41; east along S.R.58; south along S.R. 37 to Bedford; and east along U.S. 50 to the Ohio border.

The South Zone extends north to Terre Haute and includes all or parts of 29 counties. It takes in DNR-managed properties such as Fairbanks Landing, Glendale, Sugar Ridge and Wabashiki FWAs; and Hardy and Patoka lakes.

"Changing zone lines in southern Indiana will allow us to capture a fundamental geographic split by bunching the lower Wabash River, as well as much of the White and Muscatatuck rivers, with the Ohio River in the southernmost zone," Phelps said.

The new zones were derived by looking at not only geography, but also at climate patterns and, most importantly, long-term waterfowl migration data.

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Montana Davis caught this Red he caught in the Gulf of Mexico off of Matlacha Island with his dad on 6-5-12, Paul Davis & grandpa George Davis. (George Davis Photo)



Joseph Valencia caught this largemouth bass at Lake Holiday Hideaway. (Jordan's Bait Shop & Auction House Photo, Yeddo, Indiana)



George Valencia caught this largemouth bass at Lake Holiday Hideaway. (Jordan's Bait Shop & Auction House Photo, Yeddo, Indiana)



Lori Wells took this 17.5 lb. turkey on 4-25-12, it had a 10" beard and 21mm spurs. (Red Barn Bait, Guns & Deli Photo, Salem, IN)



Colten Griffin, age 9, took this 6 point buck opening eve of 2011 deer season with a Savage 20 ga slug gun. First deer hunt, first deer. (Photo by Grandpa Rex Fox)

Submitted by Big Daddy's Guns, Hagerstown, IN



Dakota Harkness took this 23.5 lb. turkey on 4-29-12, it had a 11" & 9" beard and 18mm spurs. (Red Barn Bait, Guns & Deli Photo, Salem, IN)



Ten year old Gavin Ealey from Fort Wayne, IN caught these Bluegill in Brookville Lake. He says, "These are some of the best bluegill I've ever caught in the Brookville Reservoir on June 18, 2012. (Photo Submitted by Gavin Ealey)



Dan Sorrels, at right, caught these 2 flathead catfish in the White River on 7-7-12. One weighed 65 lbs, the other weighed 48 lbs. (Red Barn Bait, Guns & Deli Photo, Salem, IN)

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Waylen Case took this Kentucky long beard. (Country Mart Store)



Cody Case with two nice smallmouth bass he caught at his buddy Kevin's Creek. (Country Mart Store)



Tyler Hoke took this 25.5 lb. turkey, it had a 11" beard and 33mm spurs. (Red Barn Bait, Guns & Deli Photo, Salem, IN)



Jack Baker took this 185 lb. 9 point buck in Union County November 2011. (Dave's Triangle Inc. Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)

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