

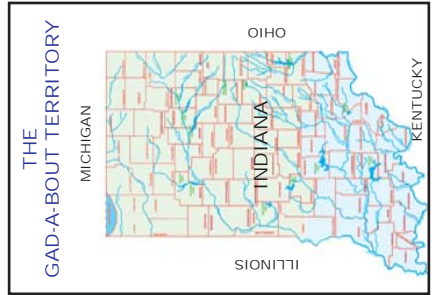
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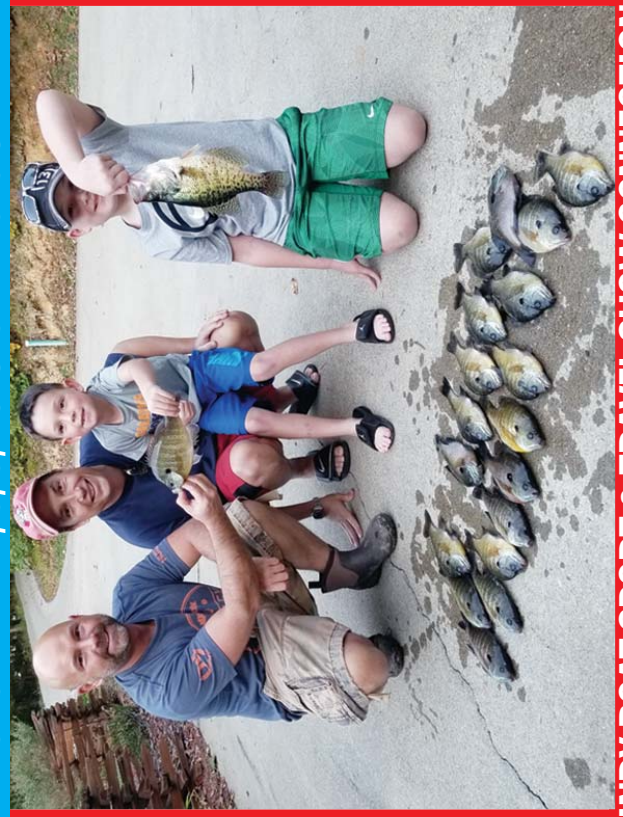
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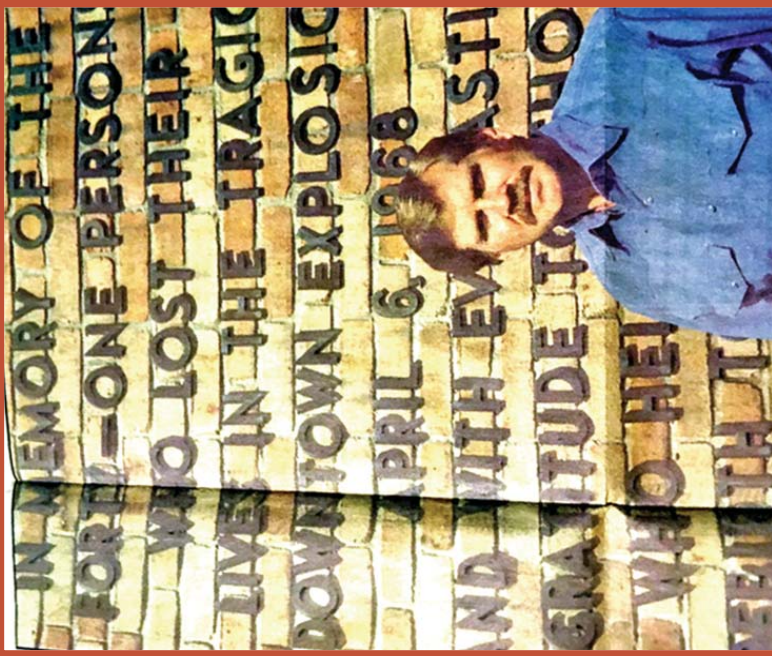
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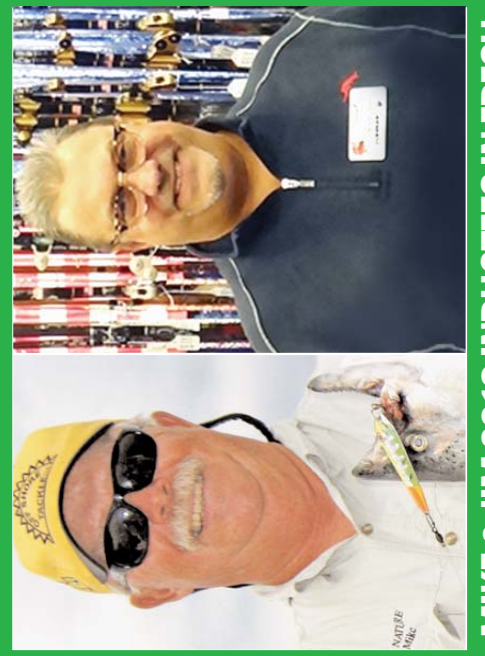
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**Top Left:** Fifty years ago this coming April 6, 2018, a Natural Gas explosion in Vigran's Variety Store triggered a second and larger black powder explosion in the basement of Marting Arms Sporting Goods store at south 6th and main street in downtown Richmond, IN. Jack Bales and his best friend Greg Oler entered Marting Arms seconds before the first explosion. Jack, the only one who survived the explosion in Marting Arms tells his story on pages 13 through 16. (Photo submitted by Jack Bales)

**Top Right:** Smokin' on the water BBQ Festival May 4-6, 2018 in Treaty Line Pioneer Village, Dunlapville, In. The Car Show is Sunday May 6th. Entrants attend from near and far. Registration ends at 12:30 p.m. and the judging begins soon after. At 3:00 p.m. the Awards Ceremony begins. Last year was one of the biggest turn outs I've saw in area. Don't miss this opportunity for a chance at one of the trophies. See Pages 8-9. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

**Bottom Left:** Mike Schoonveld and Jim Grandt will be inducted into the Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame on March 24 at 3 p.m. CST at the Arlington Heights Sportsman's Show. See Page 17. At left is photo of Mike Schoonveld (Photo submitted by Mike Schoonveld) and at right is Jim Grandt (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

**Bottom Right:** Olin Durbin stopped at my booth at the 2018 Renfro Boat Sport & Travel Show at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. We discussed my need for photos for my Gad's Corner. Olin sent three photos with message, "Ray, it was nice to meet you at the boat show last Saturday. As per your suggestion I am sending photos of my grandsons and sons. The fish were caught on a private pond west of Martinsville last October. (I encourage other readers to send their photos too.) The group photo from left to right is Kevin Durbin, Uncle-Tevis Durbin, Nash Durbin and Grant Durbin. See page 26. (Photo by Olin Durbin)

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# Roaming The Outdoors



by Ray Dickerson



CARROL RHODES

## LOSS OF A DEAR FRIEND CARROL RHODES 1921-2018

Carrol McConaha Rhodes, where do I start. She was the Heart of Centerville. After reading especially Janis Buhl-Macy's article it was like reading my own story of Carrol. In 1990 Carrol and Joel asked me if I wanted to buy The Crusader as they were wanting to retire from it. I wasn't ready to try publishing again. A short time later in April 1990 I began publishing The Gad-a-bout.

In 2001 I began The Centerville Truth and Carrol accepted my request that she write a column in my paper. When I saw I couldn't keep The Truth going without crippling The Gad-a-bout. I gave The Truth to Janis Buhl and all the writers appearing in it, kept on writing in the Western Wayne including Carrol and I.

I think one of the things I miss the most about Carrol is the notes she sent to me periodically thanking me for leaving The Gad-a-bout at her door and several other occasions. She was such a caring person.

Once when I was searching for clues of my father's time in the U.S. Navy Seabees. In the barn attic I found a Centerville Crusader that Carol wrote Dad's story. Detailing where he was in the South Pacific.

I remember when I hosted the 79th Navy Construction Battalion Reunion in Centerville/Richmond back in 2012. We had a get together in Maplewood Park, it was rather cold that day. I invited several Centerville friends to come. You probably guessed it Carrol came dressed in a warm coat, though a brisk wind was blowing rather hard from the north, she stayed put.

I'm almost sure the ones of us who had the privilege of knowing Carrol Rhodes will all receive messages every now and then from Heaven.

Carrol McConaha Rhodes was buried in Crown Hill Cemetery in Centerville on February 24, 2018 with her family and friends watching over her.



## LOSS OF A GOOD FRIEND RALPH A. KING 1936-2018

Ralph A. King went to Heaven where he will be the "Keeper of the Door" for his family and loved ones. He passed away on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at Zephyrhills Hospital in Zephyrhills, Florida following an apparent heart attack.

Ralph was born May 2, 1936 to Elijah H. and Datha M. Baldwin King, both who preceded him in death.

Ralph retired from GTE after 21 years of service.

Ralph A. King was a man of many talents. In 1975 I began working for General Telephone in Connersville, IN. After the blizzard of 1978 I transferred to Richmond, that's where I first met Ralph. We became good friends.

Ralph was a lover of bluegrass music and was very musically talented. He was known for being a skilled banjo player. In addition to being able to play the banjo, he could play the guitar, mandolin and dobro. He traveled most of his life playing bluegrass shows and on stage with many well known artists. He performed on the Grand Ole Opry show. He had been a part of several bluegrass groups including George Brock and the Traveling Crusaders, the Kentucky Gentlemen, Gary Strong and Hard Times and Sam Jones and Plumline. Over the years, he enjoyed singing and playing music in many many churches. More recently, he attended the Bible Baptist Church in Richmond, Indiana and the Blooming Grove Family Worship Center in Blooming Grove, Indiana. He loved jam sessions with his friends. In his retirement years, he loved serving and witnessing for the Lord. He loved to use his musical talents to witness and encourage people in the nursing homes and rehabilitation centers in Indiana and in Florida. He also loved to go fishing, play golf and spend time with his family.

He is greatly missed by family, friends and Sherry and I. While he was still working at GTE,

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# So You Wanna Catch More Fish



**by Tag Nobbe**  
 Professional Fishing Guide

week of May the white bass are spawning on the face of the dam. You guessed it, the water temperature at this point in the lake at the dam is 65 degrees.

Crappie is one of those fish that you can see staging in deep water getting ready to spawn. This is due to the sheer size of the school. As the surface temperature creeps into the sixties you can see crappie on your depth finder. What they will do is hold close to the 1st drop off ledge of the shore or school up along a deep tree line. As the water gets closer to 65-degree surface temperature they move closer and shallower to the shore, a fallen tree or a shallow hump. Then when the water temperature is perfect the entire school will move up to spawn. The crappie is a fish that will feed and spawn at the same time. They are usually bigger and hungrier, so the catching part is fast, furious and fun. There again though, the water temperature throughout the lake is different do to the influx of rain, sun, the river, and creeks. One thing to keep in mind the crappie in the lake are not stocked, they naturally reproduce in the lake with no help other than not over harvesting them. So, if you want to catch fish tomorrow you must leave some today.

As far as walleye goes, with in the lake they spawn at night and rest all day. The river system above and below the lake is a different story though. In the lake walleye will move up shallow around rocky areas. Usually 3 or 4 males will push a female up on the bank real shallow. Then they will kind of push her around to force the eggs out of her, so the eggs are deposited in the rocks. In the rivers above the and below the lake this same thing is done, but only in swift riffle areas. This is why I believe you can catch walleye during the spawning cycle during the day in the rivers, and not in the lake. In the lake you must wait till the spawning cycle is over to have the best luck catching walleye during the day.

Look for them in the warmer water areas feeding on the millions of eggs from all the other spawning fish.  
 Good luck Tag

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## Fishing Brookville in April

April is the month where the lake really starts to heat up, well maybe. I remember as a kid we used to say April showers bring May flowers. Now it's seems like February showers brings warm weather in March and back to cold in April and May is straight into summer.

The hard part is staying ahead of the game. To do this you have to have a lot of knowledge on your side. Catching fish is the easy part, knowing where they're going to be and why they're there is the hard part. Fish are controlled by 4 things spawning urges, food, water temperature, and dissolved oxygen. Almost all the fish in the lake spawn in May except walleye and catfish. The walleye spawn in the lake the last of March to the 1st of April and the catfish spawn in July. Really this is just a reference point though. The spawning cycles are mostly controlled by water temperature. Walleye spawn when the surface temperature in the lake is between 45 and 50 degrees. Catfish spawn when the surface temperature gets between 70 and 80 degrees. While everything else spawn when the water temperature gets between 60 and 70 degrees and this is in the month of May. Another good visual reference point to know is if the red bud trees are blooming, then the bass are on the banks spawning.

Within the lake the water temperatures are different. For example, in April the white bass are spawning in the river above Brookville lake but know where else. The reason for this is the water temperature. The river is a warmer shallow running body of water feeding into the lake. Along with the current this is what pulls the white bass out of the lake into the river. Again, the month is just a reference point. It's really the 65-degree water temperature of the river dumping into a 50-degree lake that's doing it. Then as the lake warms up, say about the second

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## News from the Indiana State Police



by **Sergeant John D. Bowling**  
Public Information/Recruiting Officer

### Bolt For The Heart Donates 90 Automatic External Defibrillator's To ISP

Last November I wrote a story about a 5K walk/run that's held every Thanksgiving in Carmel called the "Bolt for the Heart" 5K run. Each State Police District also holds a local event before Thanksgiving, and you can also go online to <https://boltfortheheart.com/> and sign up to do the virtual run or walk on your own, anytime and anyplace. Proceeds from signing up to do the "Bolt For The Heart" 5K walk/run goes to a worthy cause, as they have partnered with the Indiana State Police with the stated goal of raising funds to place an AED in all ISP patrol cars. The goal for 2017 was to raise \$300,000 to purchase 250 AED's.

The donation of the AED's to the state police was the result of an experience Pierre Twer, the President and founder of the foundation, had while running in the 2010 Boston Marathon. During that race Pierre witnessed another marathon runner suffer a cardiac arrest. That runner was saved by an AED.

This inspired Pierre to collaborate with Heart Reach Carmel and establish the Bolt for the Heart 5K Family Thanksgiving Run, of which 2017 was the sixth year for the run and the third consecutive year the Indiana State Police was the primary recipient of the AED's.

Since its beginning the 5K run has grown from 41 runners and walkers to the more than 2,800 that participated this past fall, in either the Thanksgiving Day's run or in the virtual run done at the location and time of your choice. I personally did the run with some Pendleton Troopers and our families on Saturday, November 4th at Baker Park in New Castle. It's a worthy cause, and a good excuse to get out and prove to yourself you can still run or walk a 5K.

*The information below was taken from a release done by PIO Sergeant Trent Smith on 2/13/2018.*

During the afternoon of February 13, 2018, the Bolt For The Heart (BFTH) foundation continued to deliver on the promise to equip Indiana State Police patrol vehicles with lifesaving Automatic External Defibrillator's (AED) with the gift of 90 additional AED's. This brings the total number of AEDs donated to the state police to 305 since the first Bolt For The Heart donation was made in 2014.

During the presentation that was held at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter thanked Pierre Twer, the President and founder of the foundation, for his consistent support and dedication to put life-saving AED devices in state police patrol cars.

Pierre was also presented with a Proclamation from Gov. Eric Holcomb which proclaimed February 13, 2018 as "Bolt For The Heart Day". The President of IU Health, Jon Goble also spoke and made a special presentation to Good Samaritan Bill Schiles and Carmel Police Officer Richard Lovitt, who shared their story of how they used CPR and an AED to save a person's life.



Indiana State Police District 51 AED Receipts-Lt. Delello, Troopers Hanna, Stephenson, Garcia and Dupart. (Author Photo)

In 2015, the Board of Directors of Bolt for the Heart identified the Indiana State Police as the recipient of AED's from funds raised in the 2015 Thanksgiving Day run, which ISP Supt. Carter was also a registered runner. In fact Supt. Carter ran the entire 5K run in full state police uniform!

At the conclusion of the press conference held on 2/13/18, the attending troopers were issued their AED's as well as a window sticker, to be placed on their patrol cars, to easily identify the police vehicle as being equipped with an AED.

#### History & Source of AED's Donated to ISP Through BFTH:

	AED'S
2014 = Bolt Donation Day	5
2015 = Bolt for the Heart Race, Presented in 2016	55
2016 = IU Health Donation Day	15
2016 = IU Health Additional Surprise	50
2016 = Indiana State Police Alliance	10
2016 = IU Health Community Engagement Dept	30
2016 = Bolt for the Heart Race	50
2017 = Bolt for the Heart Race, Presented in 2018	90
<b>Total</b>	<b>305</b>

For more information about Bolt for the Heart visit: <http://boltfortheheart.com/>

For more information about the Indiana State Police visit: <http://www.in.gov/isp/>

### ISP Increases Impaired Dangerous Driving Patrols for March Madness & St. Patrick's Day

Your Indiana State Police is joining law-enforcement agencies across Indiana this March to increase dangerous and impaired driving patrols for the NCAA Tournament and St. Patrick's Day.

Last year, the weekend beginning St. Patrick's Day had the highest number crashes involving impaired drivers. With March 17, 2018 falling on a Saturday, police are conducting random patrols, saturation patrols and sobriety checkpoints intended to make our roads safer.

"This is when we celebrate a time honored Hoosier tradition, March Madness and basketball," said Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter. "However if you drink, your plans should include a designated driver, ride sharing program, or taxi to get you home safely from your celebration. Troopers will be out looking for those drivers who fail to heed this advice and will provide another form of transportation to those drivers; but it won't be to their home."

The top causes of all Indiana traffic crashes are drivers following too closely and failing to yield the right of way. Aggressive, distracted and

impaired driving reduce reaction times to unexpected slowed traffic, bicycles and pedestrians.

### New Impaired-driving equipment

In every state, it is illegal to drive with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or higher. In Indiana, drivers under 21 with a BAC of .02 are subject to fines and a license suspension for up to 1 year.

Last year the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) and National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) purchased 1,759 new portable breath tests for Indiana law-enforcement agencies. An additional 836 devices will be purchased this year.

But unlike alcohol, there is no quick field test for the legal and illegal drugs that can impair drivers. ICJI and NHTSA are issuing Android tablets and apps to assist 185 highly-trained police officers in the recognition and enforcement of drug-impaired driving.

If you're taking a new drug or higher dose, talk with your doctor or don't drive until you know how it affects you. Even over-the-counter medication such as cold medicine or sleep aids may cause impairment, especially when combined with alcohol or a second drug.

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Recently as I was driving through a town late  
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# Indiana Department of Natural Resource News



by PIO Travis Stewart

## Gobblers in Spring

Spring is here, warm weather has come, and gobblers are making noise. This must mean that spring turkey season has arrived and shotguns are getting prepared to be used. I am excited about this season and have hopes of being able to not only harvest a turkey but just get in the woods for a chance myself.

Turkey hunting is one of my favorite hunting seasons. The past years I have only been able to hear the stories of others getting out or watching hunts online. A few years back I had the opportunity to get out and hunt some Federal property. I counted down the days to being able to hunt and had the opportunity to hunt with my dad.

The day of that hunt finally came, and the two hour trip was upon us to the hunting grounds. During that trip the weather looked terrible and rain was in the forecast. Once we arrived, the rain never let up and continued throughout the morning. In my mind through, I wanted to get into the woods and try my hand so we got set up under some overhanging branches. We tried every call we had, but the falling rain prevented our calls from extending beyond a few feet. After several hours of getting drenched, we packed up our equipment and called the hunt off. Now that was not the hunt I wanted, but persistence prevailed. I got out the following day when the rain had subsided and was able to harvest a tom early into the hunt.

I bring you that story because hunting is just that. It's a hunt where having the opportunity to harvest something is not a given. Even when the weather is perfect and the hunting "forecast" says it's the day to be out, wild animals are just that, wild and unpredictable. So if you find yourself in the same situation as I, don't give up and continue to be persistent and the day will come.

Now if you remember the issue last April, I spoke in depth about turkey hunting safety. I'm not going to regurgitate the same material, or just copy and paste a previously published article.

In turn I want to just point out a few safety tips, as

my job is to ensure hunters are safe and abiding by the law.

A spring gobbler is colorful this time of the year and boast his colors and fan for the wondering hen. Those colors can be a sight to see, but can also be a danger to those hunters who are mimicking him unintentionally. Just remember that red, blue, and white are not colors one should be wearing; so get rid of those whitey tidies and white tube socks.

There has been times I have seen a gobbler tromping through the woods with another beard hanger in tow. This can be exciting for the hunter but can also create a problem when looking down the barrel. Ensure that only one tom is down range when squeezing off the trigger, and if by chance two toms are shot and killed, contact a local Conservation Officer immediately on the problem at hand.

Turkey hunting is all about the "conversation" between the hunter and the hunted. This is one of the reasons I have enjoyed turkey hunting myself. Using calls is almost a given, but be sure that the other end of that conversation is a wild bird and not an unsuspecting hunter trying to get the "sneak" on you. Always ensure what your target is prior to pulling the trigger.

The last statement comes true with ensuring you know what is around you. I have heard stories and seen videos of hunters working a tom near a brush pile or downed tree. The tom eventually, if lucky, pops out from behind the pile for a kill shot. The problem I am eluding to is when the over-enthusiastic hunter takes that shot into the brush without knowing for sure what's behind there. Videos have depicted this very issue when a hunter shoots into that pile, and ultimately shoots someone either standing or sitting on the other side. Not only has someone just been shot, but the shooter now has to live with that for the remainder of their life.

## Wounded American Veteran Hunting Opportunity

I am pleased to say that some individuals in Fayette County are once again offering the chance for a wounded American Veteran to hunt turkey. These guys are great and offered this last year to a veteran. The hunt, if you remember from the article, did not produce a turkey. The hunter none the less enjoyed the hunt and was pleased to have the opportunity.

These guys have a trailer that is fully equipped for a wheel chair and offers the ability for those with movement difficulties in their arms or hands as well. The hunt will be conducted during the opening



A spring tom turkey. (Wildlife Photo reprinted here with permission of IDNR)

weekend of spring turkey season. Further information into the hunt will be published by myself. If you or someone you know would like to participate in the hunt, you only need to contact me via email at: [tstewart@dnr.in.gov](mailto:tstewart@dnr.in.gov).

If there are multiple individuals that request to hunt, the chosen will be made via draw of a hat; so no first come first serve type thing. All requesting individuals will have the same opportunity as the next.

## News From The Indiana State Police

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one afternoon, I saw a scene that helped to put the day into perspective for me. As I've said before, we deal with a lot of tragedy and sad events in this job, and like everyone else, we all have rough days and can't always be in great moods. So as I drove through a neighborhood, I watched up ahead of me as an old pickup pulled into the drive of a small house.

As I got closer, I saw a little girl come busting out the front door of the house, followed by an old hound, and watched as the two of them rushed to meet the man getting out of that truck. I watched as that little girl jumped up into her dad's arms, and the old dog jumped up on him, and I thought to myself "That fella may not know it, but he is rich. I hope he knows how important, and special moments like these are."

They walked into the house as I drove by, and suddenly I found myself smiling and thinking back to when my son was little. It just takes a little scene like this one to put the events of the day into perspective, and to make you remember the things in your life that are truly important, and make you let go of the things that aren't. Thanks for reading, stay safe and we'll talk again next month.

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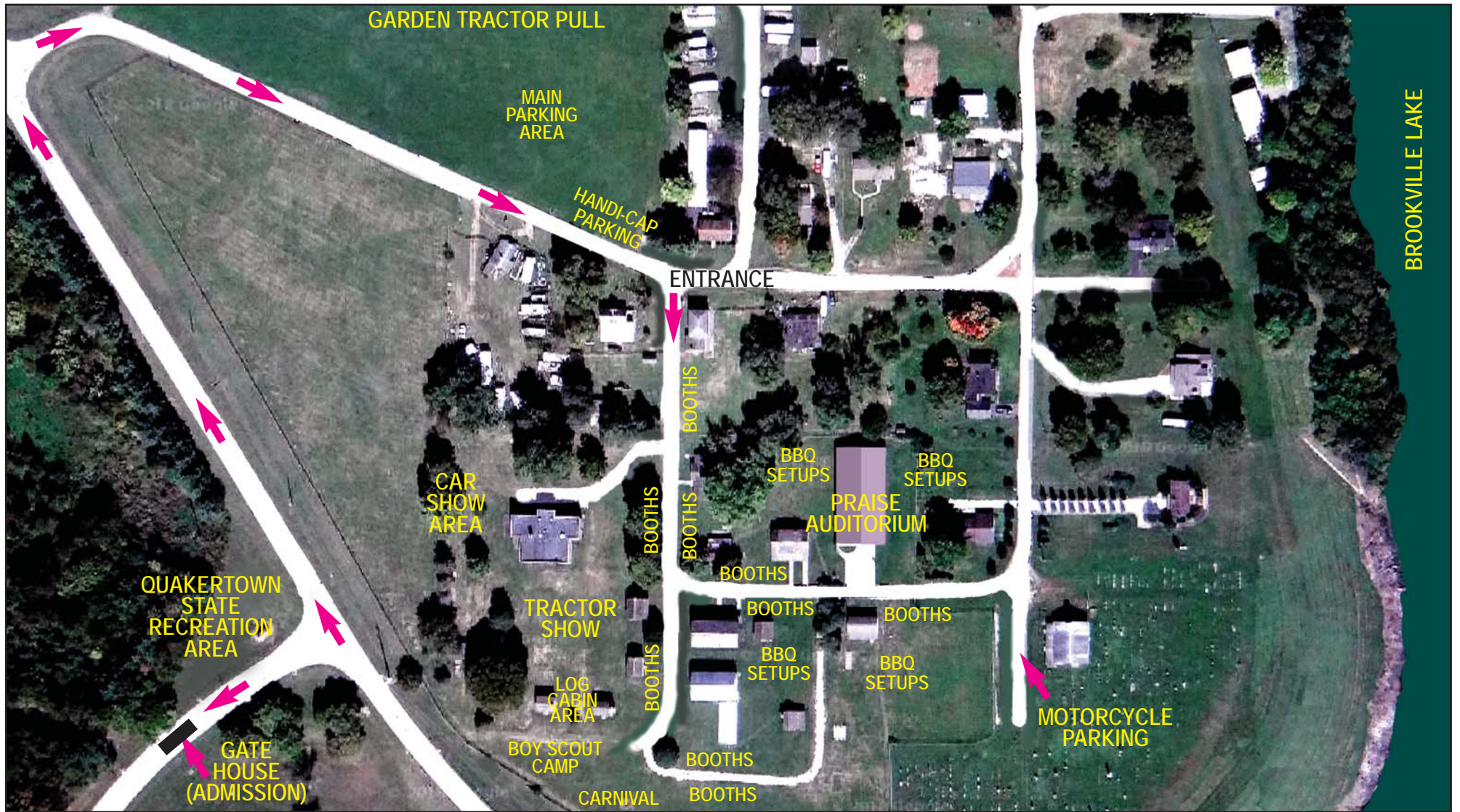
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Aerial photo of Treaty Line Pioneer Village. This gives you a graphic look of where the activities are taking place at the 2018 Smokin' on the Water BBQ Festival By The Lake.



## Smokin' on the Water BBQ Festival By The Lake May 4,5,6, 2018

Article & Photos by Ray Dickerson

The Smokin' on the Water BBQ Festival By The Lake will be held on May 4,5,6, 2018. The barbecue contests are open to all who want to participate. Everything you need to know about participating can be found on the Liberty Lions Club website, whether you want to enter barbecue contests, set up a vendor booth, volunteer to help during the festival or just attend as a spectator. Parking is free and there is no admission to attend the event. There is handicapped parking near the front gate.

The website is [www.libertyindianalions.com](http://www.libertyindianalions.com). You can link onto their website by clicking on the above website with your computer mouse. Their website is up to date and ready for you to log on. The 2017 data is up to date also. When the website opens there you can view the Schedule of Events on the

opening page.

### DAILY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS MAY 4-6, 2018

#### Thursday May 3, 2018

**10:00 am** Set up of BBQ and Vendor booths Begin, Set up of Tractor Show Begins  
**8:00 pm** Set up of booths Ends for the Day  
**Attention:** Set up of booths will resume at 7:00 am on Friday & at 7:00 am on Saturday. Set up of booths will close at Noon on Friday and at 9:00 am Saturday. All set up activities should be completed prior to the opening of the festival each day.  
**NOTE:** No in and out traffic of trucks and other automobiles during the open hours of the show. Also, no early departures / booth closings without the express approval of the organizer. (These would only occur for emergencies, or for special circumstances that have been cleared prior to the event.)

#### Friday May 4, 2018

**Noon** BBQ Festival Opens; Flag Raising Ceremony Begins; Antique Tractor Show Opens; Food Booths Open; Craft Fair Opens; Merchandise Vendors Open, Carnival Opens  
**9:00 pm** Flag Lowering Ceremony Begins; Festival Closes for the Evening

#### Saturday May 5, 2018

**9:00 am** BBQ Festival Opens; Flag Raising Ceremony Begins; Antique Tractor Show Opens; Food Booths Open; Craft Fair Opens; Merchandise Vendors Open; Carnival Opens; Garden Tractor Weigh Ins Begin; KCBS Meat Inspections for Sunday's BBQ Contest Begins  
**10:00 am** Garden Tractor Pulling Begins; KCBS Cooks' Meeting Sunday Contest Begins - in Praise Auditorium.

**11:00 am - 12 Noon** Live Music Joy River Band  
**5:00 pm - 6:00 pm** - Live Music Joy River Band  
**5:00 pm** Flag Retirement Ceremony Begins - Troop 40 - in the area between the cabins and the school  
**9:00 pm** Flag Lowering Ceremony Begins  
 Festival Closes for the Evening

#### Sunday May 6, 2018

**9:00 am** BBQ Festival Opens; Flag Raising Ceremony Begins; Antique Tractor Show Opens; Food Booths Open; Craft Fair Opens; Merchandise Vendors Open; Car/Truck/Bike Show Registration Opens  
**9:30 am** Church Services Begin in the Yellow Meeting House  
**10:30 am** KCBS Judges Registration Begins - in Praise Auditorium  
**11:00 am** Live Music Begins - David Wayne (Nashville Recording Artist) - In front of the Store, and near the Outdoor Stage  
**12:00 pm (Noon)** KCBS BBQ Contest Judging Begins  
**12:00 pm** - Chicken  
**12:30 pm** - Pork Ribs  
**01:00 pm** - Pork  
**01:30 pm** - Beef Brisket  
**02:00 pm** - BBQ Sauce  
**02:30 pm** - Anything Butt  
**03:00 pm** - OBR Mystery Meat  
**04:00 pm** - Awards Ceremony  
**12:30 pm** Car Show Registration Ends; Car Show Judging Begins  
**03:00 pm** Car Show Awards Ceremony Begins; BBQ Judging Concludes  
**04:00 pm** BBQ Contest Awards for the Sunday Contest are Presented (In Praise Auditorium)

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Left : One of the many BBQ cooking equipment setups waiting for results of their contest.



Right: Liberty Lion Carl Sharp's BBQ setup, note State Farm on canopy, Carl's my agent too.



Left : One of the many booth setups at Smokin' On The Water BBQ Festival.



Right: Lots of eating places throughout Smokin' on the water BBQ Festival.



Left : This Smokin' On The Water BBQ Festival auto show was to huge to get it all in photo.



Right: Tractors show overlooking Treaty Line Pioneer Historic Village.

**5:00 pm** Festival Closes

*(All times and events subject to change.)*

Above the Schedule of Events is a list of the Lions Club activities, click on "Smoke on the water" and the following items appear: *Event Photos, Barbecue Cooker Reg. Form, BBQ Judge Application Form, KCBS BBQ Rules, BBQ Prize Money & Trophies, KCBS BBQ Contest Results, BBQ Festival General Info, BBQ Judges Expected, BBQ Teams Expected, Vendor Registration Form, Antique Tractor Show Reg. Form, Car Show Registration Form, Garden Tractor Pulling, Crafts, Vendors, Etc., Live Music, Sponsorship Opportunities, Sponsors, Civil War Re-enactment Unit.* Each year, our BBQ contestants cook a lot of meat. To produce a box with 6 perfect ribs to be judged, they often will cook 2-8 racks of ribs. Needless to say, there are always leftovers for each meat category. We ask each team to consider our local food pantry rather than discarding this extra meat. Some of them cook extra to take home for themselves or their neighbors, or in some cases they will plan to sell their leftovers. I always tell them that we don't want any meat for which they already have plans; however, any extra meat we will arrange for the local food pantry to collect and distribute to needy families. It is not at all unusual for us to receive several hundred pounds of cooked BBQ for our local food pantry.

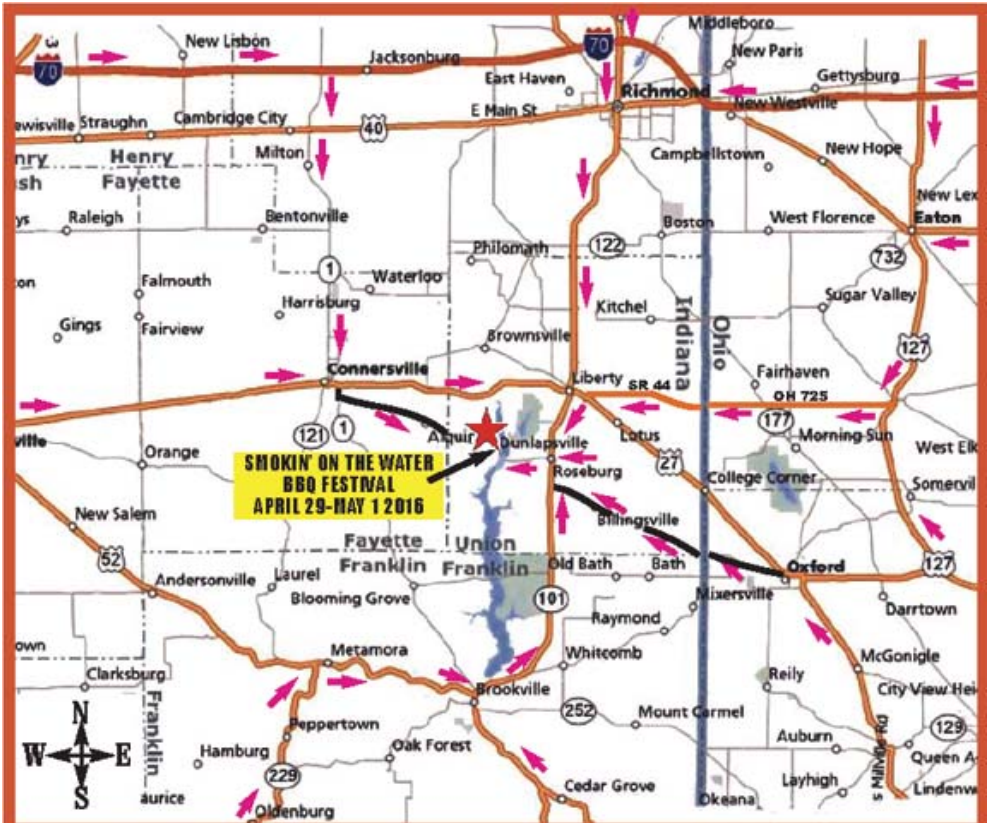
The KCBS style of barbecued meat is recognized around the world.

So if you have an inkling to try your luck at barbecuing meat at Smokin' on the Water BBQ Festival, why wait. Sign up, you don't need any fancy equipment to begin with. As you work your way into the winning category, you will naturally learn better ways to cook and compete.

Everything you need to know can be found at [www.libertyindianalions.com](http://www.libertyindianalions.com). If not, you can also call Carl Sharps Cell: 765-580-0215 or e-mail him at [carl.sharp.c9mm@statefarm.com](mailto:carl.sharp.c9mm@statefarm.com).

Good Luck!

**DIRECTIONS TO SMOKIN' ON THE WATER FESTIVAL**





# Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

## LENGTHEN YOUR SPRING TURKEY SEASON THIS YEAR

*Sometimes you have to stray from home for more hunting*

Turkey season; It's just not long enough. If you love turkey hunting and find yourself wishing you could just do more of it; you can. Here in Indiana, our spring turkey season is only open for two-and-half weeks, and that is simply not enough for me. Opening in late April and closing in mid-May with a bag limit of one bird just doesn't do it for me anymore. I enjoy turkey hunting too much to only spend a couple of weeks out of the year doing it.

Luckily I found a remedy for my turkey hunting addiction, and so can you; hunting in multiple states. It's easier than you think - and well within your reach - unlike a lot of big game hunts.

Case in point; I did some research when I initially began planning my first out-of-state turkey hunts. Missouri, for instance, has a spring season that pretty much overlaps with ours outside of a few days in the beginning or on the end, and tags are pricey at \$190 for one bird. Illinois is not much different and you must be drawn for a spring turkey permit, which cost \$125 apiece. These are good bets for taking your child on a youth hunt, however. Dirt-cheap licenses and earlier youth seasons make them hard to beat.

Kentucky is a bargain at \$60 for the license and the opportunity to kill two gobblers, but here again, not a whole lot of opportunity to extend your season here. Their season does open a few days ahead of ours, but not a lot, so it's a good go-to if you tag-out early here.

Then I noticed Tennessee and Michigan. Tennessee's spring turkey season begins at the end of March. Their licenses can be pricey at about \$275, but you can kill up to four gobblers for that price. My son and I took advantage of Tennessee's southern hospitality on turkey tags a few years ago during spring break. We went as a family with a simple plan. My son and I would hunt in the mornings and by the time we returned to our cabin, my wife would be up and ready to do family things the rest of the day. Our plan could not have gone more perfectly. On the very first morning of our hunt, my son Nicholas, ten years old at the time, smashed his very first southern longbeard.

Plenty of public land that is loaded with birds abounds in the Volunteer State.

What makes Michigan great is that their season does not go out until May 31st, which is pretty unique in these parts. I can also be at the state line in less than two hours. It also means that I can hunt spring gobblers for at least two weeks longer than I can in Indiana, whenever time permits. And at \$69 bucks for a permit, it doesn't break the bank either. So, even if I only make it to Michigan for a day or two each spring, it's worth it to me.

My first Michigan hunt started with me leaving my house at 3:15 in the morning and driving to a public hunting area that I had never set foot on. Sounds a little crazy, but what did I have to lose? Our season had already ended, so at the very least I was going to take in some nice scenery.

The first place I pulled into had a truck in the lot, but I didn't know where the hunter was - until I heard a shot a little ways into the section. I got back in my truck and drove to another spot where I did manage to strike a gobbler. The only problem was that bird was a half-mile away and never did close the distance. So, back to the truck I went, and as I was tooling down a gravel road, I saw a field strutter with a couple of hens. A quick check of the map proved the birds were still on public land so I pulled over the hill, snuck out of the truck, grabbed my gear and crawled a couple of hundred yards along the edge of the timber to try to get in the best position I could.

I got as close to the birds as I felt I could, but a hill in the field kept me from being able to lay eyes on them. After an hour-long game of cat-and-mouse with me calling and the gobbler sometimes responding, I decided to rise up just a bit to try to catch a glimpse of the birds. As luck would have it, just as I rose up, I saw his bright red head pop up over the hill a mere twenty yards away. As quickly as he appeared, he disappeared. Still, a pretty successful first-ever Michigan turkey hunt in my mind. I beat that bird. The only problem is that I also beat myself by getting a bit too anxious. Just a few minutes likely would have changed the outcome considerably, but how was I supposed to know?

So, if you love turkey hunting as much as I do



Opportunities exist in other states for die-hard turkey hunters. If you just can't get enough of the spring action, look across state-lines for added opportunities. (Author Photo)

and just cannot get enough of it, think about hunting other states to lengthen your season. I mean, can you really eat too much wild turkey breast? ■

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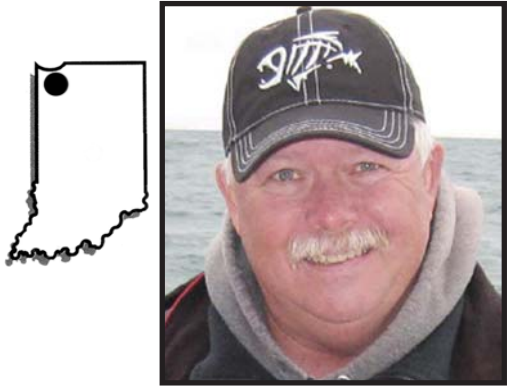
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# Fishing Lake Michigan



by Capt. Mike Schoonveld

## CHARTERS ARE CHEAP

There's no set rule about how many people have to be in a group to go on a charter boat other than most charter boats have a maximum load of 6 people, (not including the captain and perhaps a deck hand.) The 6-person limit has to do with the type of boat and license of the captain. A few charter operators run smaller-sized boats and limit



Don Howard saves money by fishing with me several times each year. (Author Photo)

their load based on roominess, rather than legal requirements. But even on the biggest boats, having a full compliment of passengers isn't a hard and fast rule.

Sometimes the group consists of a family, say mom, dad and a couple of youngsters. Often it's grandpa, dad and a couple of boys. The make-up of the group can be anything. Only occasionally on my boat and on the boats of the other skippers I know does one individual charter the boat all by himself.

It happens with me 2 or 3 times per year. Most often, it's a business man coming to the area from some other part of the country, an avid fisherman back home and he wants to sample Great Lakes fishing as long as he's here.

One fellow, however, is a regular customer of mine and his story makes perfect sense. He loves to fish, he's got a busy career and makes a decent living. He could certainly afford to own a boat of his own. So why doesn't he just buy a boat, gear it up and head for the lake? Economics.

"Forget the initial investment," Don told me. "If you add that in and tried to make sense of it no one would own a boat. Just look at the annual expense of owning a boat. Three or four hundred

dollars per year just for insurance. Don't forget the annual dues you pay the state for the boat registration and another fee to the state for the trailer plates. If I had a boat I'd need to have a bigger vehicle—don't figure the cost of the SUV or truck into the equation, just add 30 or 40 percent to the cost of running the vehicle because it would only get 18 or 20 miles per gallon as opposed to the 26 or 30 I get in my current ride."

"How much do you suppose I would have to pay each season for new lures and other tackle?" he asked.

"The sky is the limit," I told him. "You could easily figure a couple hundred bucks just to keep fresh line on the reels, replace snap swivels, hooks, trolling sinkers and to keep your tackle box stocked with the basics. Add some wear and tear on rods, reels, the need to have the new, hot lure or hot color of lures and that figure can double."

"I'll either have to get a winter storage cover or pay someone to keep the boat in a barn or shed, he said.

"And don't forget the winterizing process. You can do it yourself or haul it to a dealer to make sure it's done correctly. There's more expense," I said.

"A few bucks each day for launching, a little here, a little there and the biggest question," Don continued,

"Just how often would I really use the boat? Every weekend during the season? I doubt it. A couple times a month? Maybe. If I'm lucky, if the weather is right and there's an even bigger question—how many fish am I going to catch?"

I won't pretend I could be able to come out here and catch as many fish on my own boat as I will on yours. You and the other captains and guides I fish with each year are better fishermen. You are out frequently and know what's biting, where they are biting and what they are biting.

When it's all said and done, I go on 8 to 12 fishing trips each year—here on Lake Michigan, over at Lake Erie, on inland lakes, lots of places. I always hire a guide or captain to take me out. I almost always make a good catch of fish—at least as good or better than most of the self-guided boat owners are doing. I'm using the best tackle, the best lures and can fish the best places at the time of the year when the best action is occurring."

"All, that," he continued, and at the end of the year, I don't have much more of a fishing bill than if I'd owned, maintained and operated my own boat."

Don is already booked for a late May outing.

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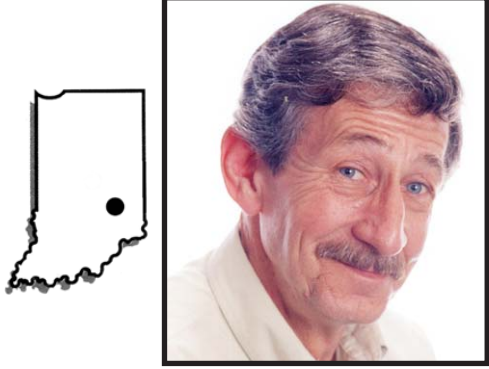
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# Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

## SAILING ON THE OPEN ---- POND

*(Seems like some people get a kick out of copying big things by making little things that look and work like big things. If so, when is someone going to turn that around make a size 18 fishing hook with an eye big enough to thread a line through?)*

During most of the last century the goal was to create everything - cars, buildings, airplanes, boats - as large and as fast as technology would permit. It was gigantic this and titanic that, and the only limit seemed to be the amount of money spent and the size of the garage, hangar, or boat slip. Then, enterprising souls began to wonder if they could build a miniature version of that car, airplane or boat and make it perform more or less like the full sized versions by the use of radio signals to control it.

One thing led to another and soon the world was filled with little machines that buzz around parking lots, whine through the air and kick up tiny rooster tails on lakes and ponds. Personally, I'm fascinated by these scaled-down versions of the real thing and a little jealous of the skills it takes to operate them. I've watched small perfect replicas of airplanes dart through aerial maneuvers and whining little cars zip around race courses and sometimes observed the costly results of mistakes made by the person in control.

One evening I was drawn to a local practice football field by the sound of a small engine as a model airplane swooped and dove overhead. After a number of loops and rolls the operator started to bring it in for a landing. At just the wrong moment, a slight mis-calculation caused it to barrel into the cross bar of an end zone goal post. As a shower of broken wings, fuselage, propeller, and the remains of the engine rained down, I asked the guy flying it:

"Uh, did you intend to do that?"

"Nooo," he answered. "I was trying to get to the other end of the field for a touchdown. This is the other team's end zone."

Shortly after that I had the opportunity to observe and even try my hand at another form of miniaturization that is less noisy and perhaps not quite as thrilling as destroying a costly model but still requires practice and skill. With this model, to get the effect of controlling the full size version, one would have to have a leg amputated and fit with a peg leg, start wearing a black patch over one eye and buy a parrot with the vocabulary of (what else) a drunken

sailor. Radio controlled sailing vessels.

When I arrived at the dock, my friend was placing batteries in four sleek, one meter long boats sitting in cradles. Each had a center keel filled with seven pounds of shot and epoxy for the stability needed to keep the boats from tipping completely over when sailing across the wind, or in nautical terms, tacking. Fluttering in the breeze were a mainsail and a smaller sail called the jib attached to a three foot tall mast. A hatch cover opened to reveal the radio controlled servos and batteries that power the rudder and the sails. The "captain" operates the vessel with a control box containing two joy sticks, one for the rudder and the other for sail positioning. Lowering the boat into the water he demonstrated maneuvering around marker buoys while explaining the nautical terms normally used for such maneuvers. The he handed the accursed thing to me.

"Try to round each marker without touching it" he said.

"How?" I replied.

"Beat to windward with a series of starboard and port tacks."

"Can you speak English? I bet your mother doesn't know you talk like that."

Patience, he explained that starboard is right and port is left and the boat will run into the wind by zig-zagging through right and left turns.

"Yeh, but why is the thing heading for that bunch of cattails over there?"

"Because you have to set your sails and tack to port."

"Now, why is it just sitting there?" I asked.

"You're in irons. That means you've got the bow pointed directly into the wind and the sails can't pick up any force to move the boat. They're fluttering".

I offered to take a small skiff tied to the dock, row out and turn it around, but he skillfully worked the controls and soon had the little demon "beam reaching" for the next marker. After roaming out of control over the bigger part of the pond, John showed up and graciously relieved me of command. Another boat was loaded into the water and I was back at the helm, only this time there was more to worry about than markers. Another vessel was out there and in imminent danger of being rammed and sunk, even though I was assured that the possibility was very slim.

"Oh, yeh?" I replied. "If that were a real sailing vessel and I was its captain, I'd be giving the order to abandon ship right now." John managed to avoid me except for one small incident. I "luffed" when I should have been "broad reaching" and slightly scraped the hulls. I thought I heard John mutter something about ten acres of water and I couldn't avoid running into something only three feet long in the middle of it. OK, so I make a few mistakes once in a while. I shouldn't have mentioned cracking up a full sized airplane when there were thousands of square miles of airspace available. No one's perfect.

Overall, I was impressed with the skill an experienced operator can use to "luff", "beam reach", and "tack". However, it was understandable that my friend was pretty good at it. He owned a twenty seven foot version of the small ones and after a few trips on the Brookville reservoir with him and having given me a few turns at the tiller, he must have realized that I would be best sticking to motorcycles. ■

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Jack's best friend, Greg Oler. Jack and Greg entered Marting Arms at 1:45 p.m. to pick up arrows. At 1:47 p.m. a second horrific natural gas explosion killed Greg.



Wayne County Deputy Sheriff Jack Bales in 1970, the only person who went into Marting Arms Sporting Goods on April 6, 1968 and survived the deadly explosion.



Jack Bales today in Texas Jack's Lock, Stock & Barrel Western and General Store he owns in Fountain City. Fifty years ago this April 6, 2018 he narrowly escaped death.

## My Conversation With Jack Bales The Only Survivor Who Came Out of Marting Arms Alive April 6, 1968

by Ray Dickerson

The idea for this story being in my April Gad-a-bout occurred to me when some one reminded me that April 6, 2018 would be the 50th year since April 6, 1968 when the natural gas explosion devastated downtown Richmond, Indiana.

At the time of the explosion I worked at Penn Central Railroad in Richmond and Jack was working at Dana in Hagerstown.

April 6, 1968 was a beautiful sunny Saturday. I had promised the Wendel brothers I would try to shoot the groundhogs that were getting into their mom's garden on that Saturday. I grabbed my Marlin lever-action rifle, got in my car and drove to Richmond. I needed to buy some .22 Mini-Mags at Marting Arms Sporting Goods Store at the corner of South Sixth and main. I got there at about 11:30 a.m. I parked on South 6th street. When I entered I noticed both the front and back doors were propped open again with the smell of natural gas in the air. It had been like that for some time and no one seemed too worried about it. I bought the mini-mags and headed for the Wendel's farm southwest of Centerville.

Once there I positioned myself at the southeast corner of their house, a good vantage spot with a full view of Matilda's garden, several groundhog holes and a large wood pile near them. Dad and I had shot several ground hogs near or in that wood pile.

We hunted all kind of game on Wendel's farm in return for the privilege to hunt on their farm. we shared the game we killed and also kept the groundhog population in check as much as possible. In the Spring we shared the mushrooms we found and all the puff balls we found in their woods; neither of us cared for puff balls.

Later that day, after lunch time, best friends Jack Bales and Greg Oler, parked on South 6th street, near the Bonanza Steak House. Greg had ordered some arrows, the week before, at Marting Arms Sporting Goods Store and they returned Saturday to pick them up. The archery equipment was in the back of Marting Arms. Both got out of the car, entered Marting Arms side door on sixth street. It was about 1:45 p.m. EST when they went inside the South 6th street entrance.

Vigran's Variety Store was across from Marting Arms Sporting Goods Store also on South Sixth street. The smell of natural gas was in their store too. Allegedly an employee in Vigran's had been warned not to go to the basement and smoke.

At 1:47 p.m. EST the first explosion occurred from the direction of Vigran's Variety Store.

Jack Bales and Greg Oler were inside Marting Arms Sporting Goods Store, when the first explosion occurred, followed immediately by the second explosion, which ignited the black powder in the basement of Marting Arms. Jack said the explosions were "Boom-Boom," a heart beat between them.

I hadn't been waiting too long for one of the groundhogs to appear, when all of a sudden Bruce Wendel came running around the corner of his house yelling something. Catching his breath he told me there had been a terrible explosion in downtown Richmond. Startled, I thought of my wife, Sherry, who

worked at Dee's Beauty Shop off South 9th and B Street. Immediately I got in my car and headed for Richmond. I got on I-70 thinking it would be less crowded then the side roads. We lived on Waterfall Road back then, I stopped there first to call Sherry. I got her; she was okay! I asked if she wanted me to pick her up. She told me Dee had run up town. Her two sons were at the State Theater a few doors east of Marting Arms Sporting Goods Store. Playing at the State Theater was Elvis Presley's "Stay Away Joe." She told me she could drive home the back way.

I turned on WKBV radio station which was telling everyone to stay off the roads, to stay away from down town, leave it open for emergency vehicles, the National Guard, emergency crews were coming from distant communities to assist local units. They said Reid Hospital was overwhelmed and needed blood.

I stayed put, I needed to be there anyway in case Sherry called, we didn't have cell phones like now.

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The afternoon of April 6, 1968. Two natural gas explosions level Vigran's Variety Store and Marting Arms Sporting Goods Store, fire consumes adjoining buildings in downtown Richmond, Indiana. Forty-one dead and 150 injured. (File Photo)



Fire Fighters battle an additional fire that broke out on north side of Main Street between Fifth and Sixth street. Behind them the explosion fires continue to burn also. (Palladium-Itemclipping submitted by Jack Bales)

about it.  
 Jack and I have been friends since we both worked at GTE. I worked inside and he work outside.  
 I asked him if I could write a story about his experience sometime. He told me yes.

(Interview with Jack Bales March 1, 2018)  
 Ray: The first explosion happened at 1:47 EST?  
 Jack: Yes, it did, they made a movie that was titled, 1:47.  
 Ray: No kidding.  
 Jack: The documentary was about an hour long.  
 Ray: Who did that?  
 Jack: A professor at I.U. East Jean Harper, also writer director, Rob Quigg, producer Zach Parker, producer.  
 Ray: I would like to see that some time.  
 Jack: At 1:47 p.m. EST the first explosion occurred from the direction of Vigran's Variety Store.  
 Ray: Do you know what time you went in Marting Arms?  
 Jack: About 1:45. We were only in there for about a minute or two.  
 Ray: You were inside the store?  
 Jack: We were inside the store, probably about ten feet inside.  
 Ray: Were there two doors, one inside and one outside?  
 Jack: Right!  
 Ray: And another door that went into the basement, right in that same spot?  
 Jack: Yes. You could enter the store off main street or the door off sixth street. We parked on sixth street down near the old Bonanza and we walked to Marting Arms from there.  
 Ray: Well I was in Marting Arms at around

11:30 a.m. I entered in the front door off Main. The front door and back door were propped open. Was it propped open when you went in?  
 Jack: No, we opened the door.  
 Ray: Hmmm, boy it stunk in there, that rotten egg smell.  
 Jack: I wasn't in there that long, but I know they had several reports that week of gas leaks.  
 Ray: I don't remember who it was who told me, but they said there were gas leaks all the way up to ninth street for years.  
 Jack: Yes for years. The gas company had an old Suburban that had tubes coming down from the front bumper. Then it had like cones. It was a sniffer. You would see it all the time down on main.  
 Ray: There were a lot of theories where the problem was, but nothing conclusive.  
 Jack: It started in Vigran's.  
 Ray: It was in the basement. That's what I always thought all along.  
 Jack: They had a stock boy who they'd warned several times about smoking in the basement of Vigran's. The Investigators theorized he went to the basement, lit a cigarette, igniting the gas. It shot through the sewers into Marting Arms and into all that gun powder. It was the gun powder that did all the damage.  
 Ray: So it was the way I theorized, that Vigran's explosion was followed immediately by Marting Arms' explosion. I've written about it happening that way several times since 1968 in newspaper columns and The Gad-a-bout.  
 Jack: It was just boom-boom. It was that quick. The first one came in on us, which was coming from Vigran's and then the sec-

ond one was right underneath us.  
 Ray: It's amazing you got out alive.  
 Jack: Yes, amazing!  
 Ray: Was that whole sidewalk gone after the explosion?  
 Jack: Oh, everything, when I came to, I was on top of a bunch of brick and had a beam out of the ceiling laying across me. Everything around me was burning; gas fires were everywhere!  
 Ray: How did you get out?  
 Jack: Crawled out.  
 Ray: You crawled out?  
 Jack: Yes, I pushed out with my legs because I couldn't use my arms.  
 Ray: Nobody helped you?  
 Jack: Not till I crawled to the alley.  
 Ray: Now, you were in the alley when you were found.  
 Jack: They were two guys from Wayne Dairy. Of course at that time Wayne Dairy was at the corner of south sixth and "A" street. They came and set me up there in the alley.  
 Ray: You told me earlier that they pulled an arrow out that had pierced your back, through to your breast bone.  
 Jack: Yes.  
 Ray: Did it have a blade in it?  
 Jack: No, it couldn't have, it had to be just a target arrow. When I got to the hospital in Winchester there was enough of it that it pulled the skin out to where they thought I had been shot. You know how a bullet wound blows back out.  
 Ray: Well wasn't there a chance that pulling that arrow out could cause you to bleed to death?  
 Jack: Oh, sure! But evidently they thought it would be better to get it out at that time.



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Richmond Fire fighters in middle of Main Street in front of Marting Arms Sporting Goods Store. Behind them is a car that was thrown into front window of Bartel's Department Store by the second explosion. (Palladium-Itemclipping submitted by Jack Bales)



Jim Mills a friend of Jack visiting him in the Randolph County Hospital in Winchester. Jack was listed in good condition. Jim was a close friend of Bales and Greg Oler, Greg was killed in the explosion. (Palladium-Itemclipping submitted by Jack Bales)

Later at the hospital in Winchester they could see on the x-ray where the arrow penetrated my breast bone from the back underneath the right shoulder blade.

Ray: First though you went to Reid hospital in Richmond and they patched you up and sent you on your way.

Jack: The two Wayne Dairy men flagged down an old Ford Station Wagon on 7th Street, there at the alley. We went straight out of the alley and they laid me in the back of it. The driver took me to Reid hospital and there was just chaos there. It was unbelievable. I walked into the the emergency room.

Ray: You walked in!

Jack: Yes they looked at me and the Doctor examined me in the waiting room.

Ray: Were the two men still with you?

Jack: Nope, just me and the old guy that drove the station wagon.

Ray: Did you get his name?

Jack: I never did get his name, I don't even know if I ever talked to him. The back seats were down in that old station wagon and I just laid there.

Ray: Were you laying on your belly?

Jack: Yes.

Ray: So is there still anything in you, left from the arrow?

Jack: No, I still have a lot of plate glass, that still works out fifty years later, because we were standing in front of that big plate glass in Marting Arms and so that still works out, every once in a while and I still have a lot of the brick dust and that in my lungs, encapsulated, but the arrow, no. But when I got to the hospital I walked into the emergency room. I sat down there for a minute. They came out and looked at me. They treated me in the waiting room and didn't even take me back.

Ray: Did you show them the wound?

Jack: Yes they put gauze and some tape over it. I couldn't even move my arms because the collar-bones were broken.

Ray: Did they know that?

Jack: They didn't say anything about the burns. They said we have a lot of people worse then you. You need to go home. There was a pay phone there as you go out of the emergency room. But I couldn't even call my folks in Fountain City because I couldn't get my arms up far enough to dial the phone. A friend of mine who was a nurse and I went to school with, had been called in to work. She called my folks. Then I walked out to the parking lot and there was an old white Oldsmobile I remember seeing.

Ray: You had two broken collar-bones!

Jack: All my ribs were broken.

Ray: All your ribs were broken!

Jack: Two vertebra in my back and broken ear drums.

Ray: They said at Reid there were people worse off than you!

Jack: Severe burns on my back.

Ray: How much of your body was burnt?

Jack: On my back the flash from the gas came in and then the gun powder came up and I remember bending over and it ran up under my coat and the force took my t-shirt and shirt off of me and left the jacket on me. My sleeves were still buttoned at the wrists, but about this much of the sleeve and that was it underneath the coat (he showed me where the sleeve ended). So any way I went out in the parking lot and I laid on the hood of this car. My mom, was just in here last Friday and was talking about she remembered coming. She and my dad were driving around and didn't know how they would find

me in all that chaos at Reid Hospital. Mom said, "Well look at that guy on that car." Dad said, well that was Jack." They stopped and they got me in the car. So they took me to Winchester Hospital. They treated my collar-bones and ribs. At first they thought I was shot, but they couldn't find the bullet in the x-ray. They never x-rayed my lower back so they didn't see my two vertebra's that were broken. They didn't find that until six weeks later. They treated the burns and I laid there for six days, then checked myself out and went to Greg's funeral in Economy.

Ray: Did you know Greg was gone when you were in the alley?

Jack: No, I had no idea. I couldn't find him and what they said at the Bureau of Mines investigation that I was standing on the exact spot that blew up in Martings and it pushed me up and sucked him down and we were standing shoulder to shoulder. So....

Ray: How old was Greg?

Jack: He was 20. He was two years older then I was at the time. He was going to Purdue studying to be a Veterinarian. That's the reason we were down there, he was on the Archery Team at Purdue. We were down there two weeks before and we had to order some arrows so we went down to pick them up. When we got there we just walked in the place and it exploded.

Ray: Did you hear the explosion?

Jack: Oh yeah. It broke both of my ear drums.

Ray: Did you have any good parts?

Jack: (Broke out in laughter. The levity broke the solemn state of mind that had come over Jack thinking about the loss of his best friend Greg Oler, a twist of fate 50 years ago

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would have hurt.

Jack: Yeah broke both ear drums, blood was running out of my ears and that was from the second one, the first one sounded more like a sonic boom.

Ray: That was the one that leveled Vigran's.

Jack: The second one was so loud you just heard it for an instant and then it was gone.

Ray: You were the only person who came out of there alive.

Jack: Yes, out of that whole area.

Ray: How long do you think it was from when you were blown in the alley till you got to Reid?

Jack: It's hard to say. Twenty to thirty minutes. Maybe less.

Ray: Did you get the names of those guys in the alley?

Jack: (He thought a moment) One was Gene Berry.....Bill Little was the other. They both worked at Wayne Dairy.

Ray: They still living?

Jack: Bill's not. He lived in Whitewater. Gene is living at Friends Fellowship.

Ray: I think I may have known Bill Little.

Jack: Real nice guy.

Ray: After Winchester and Greg's funeral, you went to see a chiropractor?

Jack: No I didn't see anybody, just healed up and went back to work after about 7 weeks. I went back to Dana and couldn't stand the pain in my right leg, ended up going to see Dr. Howard Sweet in the Medical Arts Building. He x-rayed me and found the two vertebra that were broken by the explosion. He put me in traction. He had 25 pounds on each ankle over pulleys and then he had 25 pounds and a big collar around my neck and a rope pulling that way and I laid, I think 18 weeks out at Reid.

Ray: Eighteen weeks at Reid, the same place they sent you home April 6th.

Jack: After I got out of there I wore a back brace almost a year. I still had some pain for probably five years.

Ray: It's been almost fifty years, will be on April 6, 2018. Do you have any lingering effects from that horrible day?

Jack: Physically I've been able to do just about everything I've wanted to do.

Ray: Is it a bad memory?

Jack: Oh yes, very bad, I lost my best friend. If I get sick or very tired, then the nightmares will start, I'm in the building that's burning over and over again.

Ray: Thanks Jack. You've had quite a life. Did the explosion keep you from doing anything you wanted to do since then?

Jack: No, I've been very blessed.

**Only Marting's Store Survivor Describes Miraculous Escape**

by Don Compton,

Monday, April 8, 1968, The Palladium-Item and Sun-Telegram, Richmond, Ind.

Winchester - "It's sort of like an angel rides on that boy's shoulder," said Mrs. Miriam Bales, mother of Jack Bales, only known survivor of those who were in Marting Arms Sporting Goods Store in Richmond, during

Saturday afternoon explosions.

Bales, R.R.1, Fountain City, and a friend, Greg Oler, had been in the store less than five minutes when "the first blast triggered a more intense one."

The second explosion, the one heard from every corner of the city, left the 19-year-old Bales pinned under a beam on top of a pile of debris and buried his 21-year-old companion to his death less than 50 feet away.

Oler's body was found in the basement of a beauty shop next door to Marting Arms. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Oler, R.R. 1, Fountain City.

Young Bales is listed in good condition here at the Randolph County Hospital with cuts and bruises. "He should be released in a day or so if he does as well as we hope," said attending physician Dr. C.R. Slick, Winchester.

Bales harrowing story of events which took place from the time of the first explosion until he woke up in an alley between Main and South A Streets.

(The above News clipping was sent to me by Jack Bales, written by Don Compton, Palladium-Item, April 8, 1968)

In Memory of those who died April 6, 1968

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# Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame Inductees

Captain Mike Schoonveld and Jim Grandt will be inducted into the Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame at 3 p.m. CST, at the Arlington Heights Sportsman's Show on March 24, 2018.

## CAPTAIN MIKE SCHOONVELD

The Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame recently announced its latest class of inductees. Included in this elite group is Hoosier Outdoor Writers' past president and current board of directors member, Captain Mike Schoonveld.

The Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame is the international headquarters for education, recognition and promotion of fresh water sportfishing. Based in Hayward, WI in its famous four-story tall musky-shaped museum, the FWFHOF annually selects for enshrinement persons, organizations and institutions who have made significant and lasting contributions to the sport and heritage of fresh water fishing.

Schoonveld, who has lived most of his life in rural northwest Indiana, is a life-long fisherman. In his younger years, nothing was as important to Schoonveld as fishing and the outdoors, so he attended Purdue University to study Wildlife Science. This led to a thirty-eight year career with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Captain Mike Schoonveld debuted on Page 6 of my January 2005 Gad-a-bout.....Mike is one of the most active outdoor writers in Indiana for the last 15 years.....Mike covers the many topics about hunting, fishing and trapping but does put a special emphasis on Lake Michigan fishing. He continues to appear in The Gad-a-bout for which I am thankful.

Mike is kind of like "John Wayne," bigger than life, friendly and very sure of himself.

Congratulations Mike, you certainly deserve being inducted in the Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame.

## JIM GRANDT

2018 Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame Inductee. More than 35 years supporting the Outdoor Industry.

Jim's accomplishments include the following: Established Grandt Industries in 1983; Grandt Industries, Inc. President; 2016 Illinois Outdoors Hall of Fame; 2015 Illinois Youth Conservation Award; Chairman of Outdoor Sports Group New York, NY; 2015 Pinnacle Award Renfro Productions Inc; Gold Key presented to Jim Grandt - Hoffman Estates, IL and Evinrude ETEC/BRP National Pro Staff / Executive.

It is with pride and friendship that I can count among my many friends a Professional Fishing Rod maker who excells not only in his business, but also as a man of tremendous qualities. The man I'm speaking of is none other than Jim Grandt. Jim and his wife Jacqueline Grandt are owners of Grandt Industries, Inc. in Arlington Heights, Illinois. I can't tell you the first time I met Jim, but I know it was at Renfro's Boat, Sport & Travel Show in Indianapolis quite a few years ago. I have met many, many business owners

since I began writing in 1972, but Jim Grandt and his wife Jacqueline are always smiling and friendly when I stop at their booth.

It is an honor for me to tell you that Jim Grandt is being inducted into the Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame. I received the following e-mail from Jim Grandt February 17.

Hi Ray,

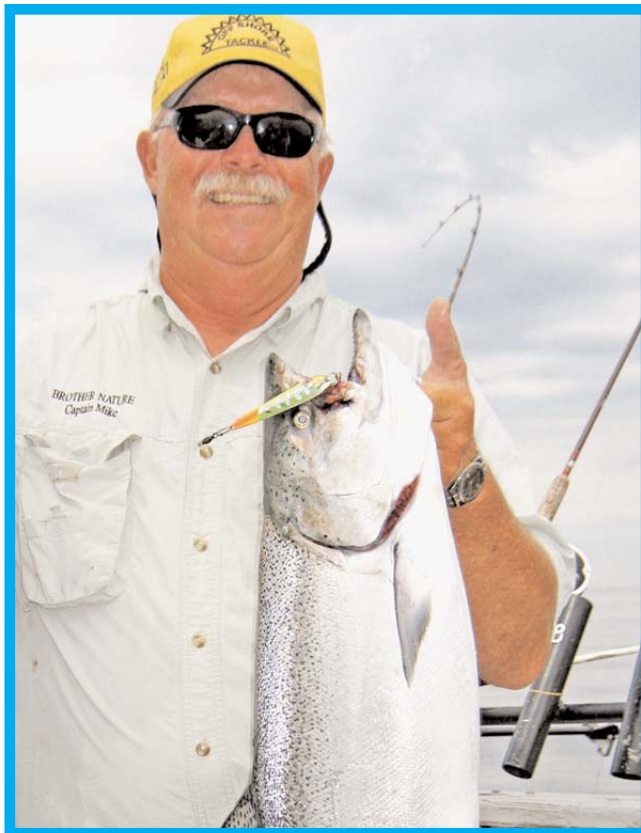
Below is the press release we talked about at the Indy Show. Thank you.

Jim Grandt  
Grandt Industries, Inc.

## Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame Inductees

by Tim Lesmeister

One of the many programs of the Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame, based in Hayward, Wisconsin, consists of recognizing individuals, organizations and institutions who have made significant and lasting contributions to the sport and heritage of freshwater fishing. The Hall of Fame Awards Committee meets annually in August to make their selections for the following year and after much deliberation there were 12 individuals and one organization inducted into the Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame's 2018 year class.



CAPTAIN MIKE SCHOONVELD

Mike Schoonveld was more than just a little bit interested when salmon were first stocked in Lake Michigan (near his home state of Indiana) in the late 1960's, so he learned everything he could about salmon fishing and bought a Great Lakes boat. In 1986 he started his freelance outdoor writing career and wrote for Great Lakes Fisherman, Midwest Outdoors, Great Lakes Angler, Outdoor Notebook and many more. Over the years

Schoonveld has had credits in over 40 publications and has written thousands of articles that have helped millions of readers discover their own love of fishing. In 1998 Schoonveld became a licensed charter boat captain and started Brother Nature Fishing Adventures, guiding hundreds of anglers on Lake Michigan to some of the finest fishing they have ever experienced. Schoonveld has been active as a board member of the Association of Great Lakes Outdoor Writers and has been President and Chairman of the Board of that organization.



JIM GRANDT

Jim Grandt has served as president of Grandt Industries, an Illinois-based outdoors equipment manufacturing, engineering and marketing firm, for 34 years. The company is best known for its American-made custom fishing rods and golf clubs. Grandt is also a supporter of countless conservation causes, including Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, Trout Unlimited, Salmon Unlimited, the Illinois Conservation Foundation, and Safari Club International, with an emphasis on programs for promoting youth involvement in conservation and the outdoors. Grandt was honored with admission to the Illinois Conservation Hall of Fame in 2016 and the Illinois Conservation Foundation presented Grandt with their Youth Conservation Award in 2015 as recognition for his leadership in youth activities.

### OTHER 2018 INDUCTEES

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On behalf of the Eastern Indiana Gem & Geological Society, club member John LaMont presents the 2018 Charlene Reidenbach STEM Scholarships to Noah Hancock (Lincoln HS) and Chloe Anderson (National Trail HS). (EIGGS Photo)



Left to Right - EIGGS Scholarship Winners and their Families: Frank Hancock, Kelley, Noah Hancock, John Lamont, Chloe Anderson, Dale Anderson and Douglas Anderson. (EIGGS Photo)



In honor of the late Charlene Reidenbach the STEM scholarship is now called the Charlene Reidenbach STEM scholarship. Everyone misses Charlene Reidenbach, she worked tirelessly making the STEM scholarship happen. Sherry and I enjoyed visiting with her and John Lamont here in Richmond and also when they set up in Indianapolis too.

## Eastern Indiana Gem & Geological Society Annual Richmond Gem & Mineral Show

by Ray Dickerson

Sherry and I attended the Eastern Indiana Gem & Geological Society's annual Richmond Gem & Mineral Show on Saturday March 3rd.

I couldn't believe the crowd that was in attendance that day. It was busier than I have ever seen it before. We've been attending it for years. It was hard finding a parking place when we arrived.

I took lots of photos as always. We visited with John Lamont and Dave Straw at John's booth. It was strange not seeing Charlene Reidenbach in John's booth, but she passed away shortly after the 2017 EIGGS Spring show.

## Two Area Seniors Earn Local STEM Scholarships

**Lisa Morris EIGGS Press Release:** Local seniors Chloe Anderson and Noah Hancock are the recipients of the 2018 Charlene Reidenbach STEM scholarships presented by the Eastern Indiana Gem and Geological Society of Richmond, IN. The awards were presented at the annual Richmond Gem and Mineral Show, Sunday, March 4, 2018.

This annual award, now in its 14th year, is open to seniors at all Wayne County high schools, as well as National Trail High School, who plan to pursue careers in the STEM fields of science, technology, engineering or math. Due to an outstanding pool of applicants this year, the group offered two scholarships instead of just one. Students must have GPAs of 3.0 or higher and a strong record of extracurricular involvement and community service. Information on this scholarship is available at <http://eiggs.weebly.com/scholarship-application.html>.

Chloe Anderson is a senior at National Trail High School in New Paris (OH). She is the daughter of Douglas and Dale Anderson. She plans to use the \$500 scholarship to pay for expenses at Indiana University East where she will study human life sciences in order to become a physical therapist. "[Science classes] made me realize what I would love to do for the rest of my life..., allowed me to find my passion,... and made it easier for me to pursue my dream. I would have never realized what career I wanted to choose for the rest of my life if it were not for earth sciences," Anderson said.

Besides pursuing academics in high school, Anderson has also been active in sports and extracurricular activities. She was captain of the girls soccer team and competed in cross-country, where she earned All-Conference academic honors. She is the vice president of her senior class and is a member of FFA, Student Council, National Honor Society and the Renaissance Club. Additionally, she served as New Paris Applefest Queen and volunteers in the Youth SAY Soccer Program, at Vancrest Nursing Home in Eaton, at the Preble County Pork Festival, and at the food bank in New Paris.

Noah Hancock is the son of Frank and Kelley Hancock. He is a senior at Lincoln High School in

Cambridge City (IN), and plans to attend Purdue Polytechnic Institute, where he will study engineering technology in order to become a process engineer.

During high school he was a four-time mental attitude sports award recipient, a scholar athlete award recipient, wrestling captain, FFA Sentinel for two years and current FFA Vice President. He made it to the finals at the BPA nationals and placed sixth in parliamentary procedures. He is also a National Honor Society member and served as President of his 4-H chapter.

He also coached youth wrestling. "This experience allowed me to further my leadership skills... I learned the importance of giving [children] someone to look up to. [It] taught me the importance of being a leader and not a boss, and I tried to be influential for the children in the program so that they strived to be positive and work hard. I hope that I helped them develop a work ethic that will allow them to give back to the community through academics and athletics," Hancock said.

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Did you know Historic Metamora purchased the property where the Opry Barn is located last fall? We're excited to be able to improve the buildings and other more activities in our community. Right now we're getting the stone building ready to use for workshops during the Mandolin Gathering, and probably will use it for some other things this spring. Our biggest project will be installing air conditioning in the Opry Barn, and we're going to need help from everyone to get that done.

**Roaming The Outdoors**

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

Watch for fundraising efforts this year, starting with a one day Bluegrass Festival on May 5th.

**IT'S MARCH - March 17th  
Miller's Folly Bluegrass Band**

Bluegrass Nights are starting up again on March 17th. Come out to the MPA Opry Barn and enjoy Miller's Folly from Louisville, KY. Doors will open at 5:30, house band at 6, Miller's Folly at 7. Food available for purchase on site. \$8 at the door.

**5th Metamora Mandolin  
March 24th**

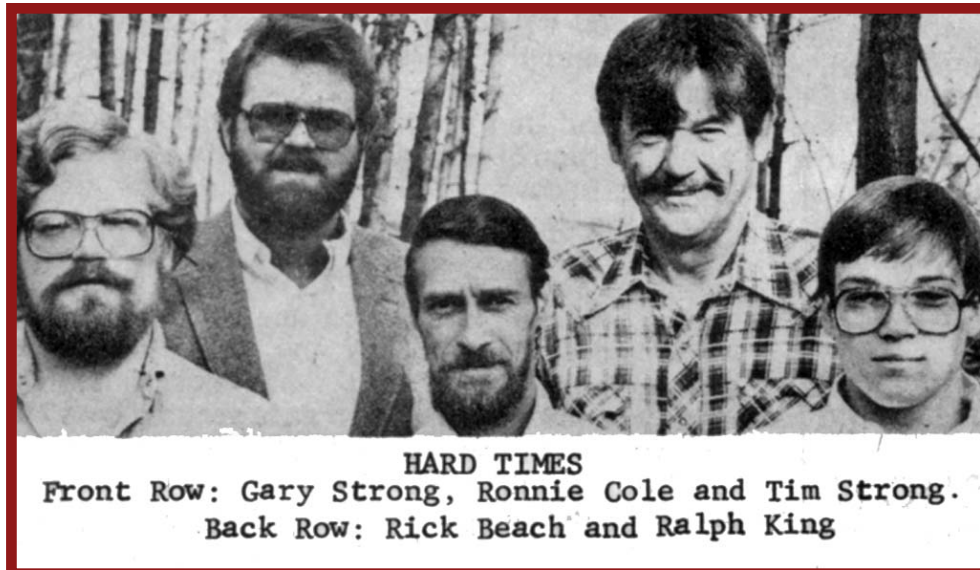
A day of workshops and jams ending with an

evening show featuring many of the instructors and Circle City Bluegrass Band Workshops are \$35 each, or \$125 for four. Beginner Session \$15. Jams are free, one in morning and afternoon. Evening Show \$8, Food available on site all day.

**Acoustic Final Friday  
March 30th**

Sign up begins at 6:30, music begins at 7, come welcome our new host: Mike Durham sponsored by the Metamora Songfarmers.

**IT'S APRIL - P's in the Pod  
April 21**



**HARD TIMES**  
Front Row: Gary Strong, Ronnie Cole and Tim Strong.  
Back Row: Rick Beach and Ralph King

Hard Times Bluegrass singing group performed at my 1983 Mid-West Sport Show & Rendezvous. Members listed above. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



My only Bluegrass albums given to me by Ralph King. At left, The Kentucky Gentlemen and at right, Hard Times. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

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he and I spent quite a bit of time together.

As a writer in my off-time I went to some of his recording sessions, one in particular was a recording studio in Greenfield.

In 1983 I went out on a limb in putting on the Mid-West Sport Show and Rendezvous, using the entire Wayne County Fairgrounds April 21-24, 1983. I hired music performers.

On April 22 and 23 we had Blue Grass with Hard Times, two performances each night.

Photo top right, The Kentucky Gentlemen. After I heard that Ralph had passed in Florida I went on line and typed his name on the computer to see if he was listed anywhere. Up popped a Kentucky Bluegrass Radio Station with this list: The Kentucky Gentlemen: From Kentucky. Formed in 1973 by Marvin Davis (mandolin), Dennis Barret (guitar, lead vocal), Ralph King

(banjo), Avery Gabbard (bass) and Roger Smith (fiddle). Glenn Duncan also played fiddle with his band.

1974, released "Headin' South" album on Pine Tree Records.

1975, released "True Bluegrass" album on King Bluegrass Records.

1976, released "A Day in October" album on King Bluegrass Records.

1977, released "Kentucky Heritage" album on King Bluegrass Records.

1978, released "Most Requested" album on Old Homestead Records.

1982, released "New Time" album on Old Homestead Records.

1982, released "Who Will Open the Church Door" album on Old Homestead Records.

Ralph was a genuine Bluegrass performer in all sense of the word and a very good friend. I miss him!

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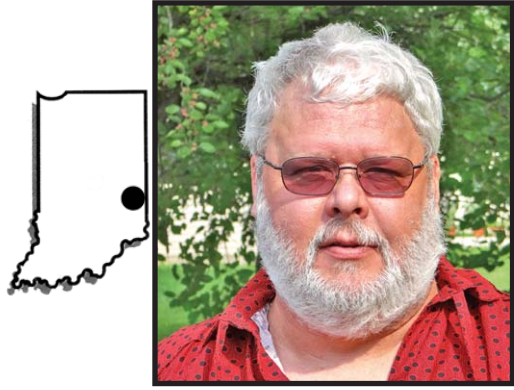


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by Dr. Fred Philips, DVM

# ISTA 2018 Fur Sale Results

THE ISTA held its fur sale FEBRUARY 10, 2018 at the Miami County 4-H Fairgrounds. Thirty-six (36) TRAPPERS sold 1997 skins for a total of \$12,523.85 to eight (8) BUYERS. Those buyers were Trevor Barnes, McBail Bonds, Ron Minnick, Maple Lane Fur, B&G Fur, Larry Wallman, Byron Tiede, and Don Miller. We, the ISTA, appreciate everyone's involvement in this event. While this sale was a long way from the sales of just a few years ago, it was an optimistic sale, that out-did last year's sale by 50%, as you can see from the table on this page.

If you watched your expenses closely, you may have been able to pay for the gas you used collecting your furs. See more pictures of the Fur Sale at our website, [www.indianatrappers.org](http://www.indianatrappers.org). Hopefully you have some cash and furs left over for a trip to one of the coming Conventions. The 57th ISTA Annual Convention and Rendezvous will be held September 14 & 15, 2018 at the Tipton County 4-H Fairgrounds in Tipton, IN. Watch the website for more information as it becomes available. See you there.

Watch your top knot. Keep your eyes along the skyline. Fred "DR" Philips, DVM



Top Photo: Fred Philips and fur sale staff working busily at check out. Bottom: Fur sale 1. (Author Photos)

## 2018 ISTA FUR SALE SUMMARY

Species	Number	Grade	Low	High	Average	Total
<b>Beaver</b>	5	Small/Damaged	\$2.25	\$2.25	\$2.25	\$11.25
	16	Medium/Large	\$4.00	\$5.50	\$6.34	\$101.44
	11	XL/XXL	\$9.50	\$12.00	\$10.63	\$116.93
	0	XXL/XXXL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	13	Green/grease	\$4.00	\$8.50	\$6.75	\$87.75
	3	Carcass	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$24.00
<b>Coon</b>	16	Small/Damaged	\$2.00	\$3.25	\$2.44	\$39.00
	27	Medium/Large	\$0.25	\$3.00	\$1.53	\$41.31
	262	XL/XXL	\$1.00	\$6.50	\$3.84	\$1,006.08
	196	XXL/XXXL	\$4.50	\$10.75	\$7.82	\$1,532.72
	203	Green/grease	\$2.00	\$5.00	\$3.06	\$621.18
	21	Carcass	\$1.00	\$3.00	\$1.56	\$32.76
	3	Unspecified	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$3.00
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	3	Red	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$10.50
	8	Rub	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$2.50	\$20.00
	9	Frozen	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$63.00
	15	Green/grease	\$1.00	\$15.50	\$8.00	\$120.00
	25	Carcass	\$1.00	\$15.00	\$6.19	\$154.75
	251	Unspecified	\$1.00	\$60.00	\$16.78	\$4,211.78
<b>Deer</b>	2	Hide	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$12.00
<b>Fox</b>	1	Small/Damaged	\$2.75	\$2.75	\$2.75	\$2.75
	28	Red	\$2.75	\$20.00	\$12.36	\$346.08
	3	Gray	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$54.00
	1	Carcass	\$17.50	\$17.50	\$17.50	\$17.50
<b>Mink</b>	1	Small/Damaged	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50
	9	Medium/Large	\$2.75	\$6.75	\$4.63	\$41.67
	16	XL/XXL	\$6.00	\$12.00	\$9.38	\$150.08
	1	Green/grease	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25
	1	Carcass	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00
<b>Muskrat</b>	5	Unspecified	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$25.00
	27	Small/Damaged	\$1.00	\$3.25	\$2.13	\$57.51
	58	Medium/Large	\$0.25	\$4.25	\$2.00	\$116.00
	578	XL/XXL	\$1.00	\$5.75	\$4.09	\$2,364.02
	51	XXL/XXXL	\$4.25	\$6.00	\$5.34	\$272.34
	9	Green/grease	\$4.50	\$4.25	\$4.25	\$38.25
<b>Otter</b>	65	Unspecified	\$1.25	\$4.00	\$2.37	\$154.05
	3	Green/grease	\$30.00	\$43.00	\$36.50	\$109.50
<b>Possum</b>	9	Unspecified	\$13.00	\$48.00	\$29.71	\$267.39
	27	Green/grease	\$0.25	\$0.85	\$0.45	\$12.15
<b>Possum</b>	11	Unspecified	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$2.75

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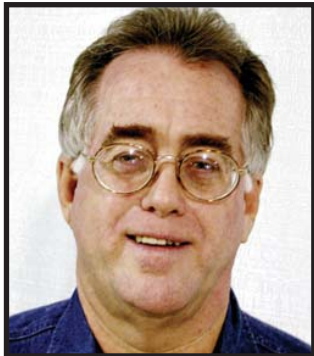



Salmon fishing on Lake Michigan used to be a yearly event. (Author Photo)



Grandson Benjamin with nice salmon taken on Lake Ontario. (Author Photo)

## Outdoors



With Rich Creason

### My Most Memorable Fishing Trips

I have only been fishing for about 60 of my 70 years, but in that time, I have had a few trips which stand out as special. From age 10 to 17, my fishing consisted of rowing my dad around a small lake while he cast a nightcrawler harness with a live worm for largemouth bass. While I didn't learn a lot about fishing, I did build up some big muscles.

The year I graduated from Purdue (1970), we went to a remote resort in northwest Ontario. There I learned about catching walleye, smallmouth, northern and musky from a guide. It was fun, but not necessarily memorable.

Then, I got married. Susie was a city girl, and had not fished much, so I took her back to the camp in Canada. The first day, she caught a mess of northern, all around two to three pounds in about 15 minutes. When she caught the first one, he had most of the hooks on the Rapala hooked in him somewhere. I unsnapped the lure, fastened a Mepp's spinner back on and she continued fishing while I untangled the first one. This continued until I had six flopping critters in the bottom of the boat and I told her to stop. I soon realized the fish weren't the only thing hooked that day. Susie was too! Now, when I mention fishing, she's sitting in the truck asking me what's taking me so long.

We continued going to Canada every year for the next three decades, but we also went other places, I took her to Florida for a deep sea trip. We

landed 44 fish that day, none under 10 pounds. I don't remember what kind of fish we caught, except the 25 pound wahoo Susie caught. She fought it for a long time and it took the line off the reel down to the backing. The captain had the boat in reverse chasing the fish to try to get line back on the reel.

Most years we would take a day on Lake Michigan for salmon. We would almost always get our limit, bring them home and either put them on the grill or in my smoker. Smoked salmon are great. On one trip to this Lake, she caught a 30 inch brown trout. It was so rough that day the boat couldn't go past the breakwater. Even then, the waves were so high she fought the fish while kneeling at the back of the boat to keep from falling. Another day we took our daughter, her new husband and our foreign exchange student fishing on Lake Michigan. It was on our 25th wedding anniversary.

Just so you know we don't always go for big fish, but sometimes for quantity, we go to Blue Bank Resort on Reelfoot Lake in Tennessee. They we get tired (well, almost) of catching crappie and huge bluegill. Some bass and catfish often appear on our hook just for variety. We have fished from this resort many times and I even hunted deer from here one year.

North Alabama is also popular with us. From east to west, across the top of the state, we have fished many lakes and boated bass, crappie, and huge catfish. We return to this area every couple of years to visit local attractions, dine on great food, and stock our freezer with fish.

But, back to the big fish. New York is one of our hot spots. The eastern end of Lake Erie, near Buffalo, is where we caught many smallmouth, all in the four to five pound range. While fishing Chautauqua Lake in western New York, I kept boating more huge smallmouth on light tackle. When I got a hit which must have been the largest bass in the lake, I soon found out it was a big musky. After bringing it to the boat seven times, and having it make another run, I finally brought it in. A 40 inch musky (my favorite fish!) had its picture taken and then swam away.

Moving just slightly further east, we have fished the lower Niagara River several times. This

is probably our favorite place to fish. Smallmouth, walleye, salmon, sturgeon, and who knows what else inhabit this rough stretch of water. The guide motors up the Canadian side, turns across the river and we fish while drifting down the rapids on the U.S. side. On one trip down, Susie had a fish off the front, I had another off one side, and another writer had a third on the opposite side. When we landed them, she had a 20 pound salmon, I had a 10 pound sturgeon, and the other guy had a 20 pound sturgeon. Fifty pounds of fish fighting at the same time and all released to fight again! On another trip on the lower Niagara, she brought in a nine pound walleye, which also went back in the water.

Another trip to New York found us on Lake Ontario. We had our daughter and grandson with us on this trip. Benjamin was around seven or eight years old. I was holding on to him while he brought in three salmon all from 12-15 pounds. He started on another when the Captain said to let someone else bring it in. It was a large fish and down deep. His mom took the rod and fought a 30 pound salmon into the boat. It is mounted on our wall now because she didn't have room in her house.

Last September was our third or fourth trip to Sportsman's Lodge on the Minnesota/Canada border at Baudette. After getting our limit in walleye and sauger, we had the guide take us to try for a sturgeon. Soon after, Susie landed a 30 inch fish. A big fish, but not a big sturgeon. Another writer in our boat landed a 48 inch one and an elderly lady in the next boat brought in a 54 incher. This was within sight of the lodge's dock. This was also near where Susie caught a 28 inch, nine pound walleye on a previous trip.

This year, we have another crappie/bluegill trip scheduled for Blue Bank Resort in Tennessee, one somewhere undecided in north Alabama, a striper trip to Norris Lake in Tennessee with Jay's Striper Guide Service, then back to Ontario for our first visit to Big North Lodge near Minaki, north of Kenora.

Perhaps, one of these trips will be added to my list of most memorable fishing trips.

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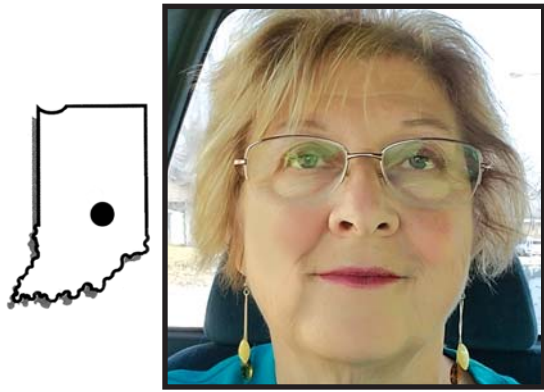
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# Outdoor Scenes & Verse



by Anita McFalls

## Dog Tails

Who can resist a cute, fuzzy puppy? Dogs are so much fun! Along with the fun of owning a puppy, comes responsibility and commitment. That sweet little ball of fur will need yearly vaccinations, flea protection, and heart worm protection, as well as patient training.

One mosquito bite can infect an unprotected dog, and results may be fatal. It's hard to say no to a child begging for a puppy, but it's harder to explain why you now must give that puppy up, or why it died. Do some research and be prepared financially, as well as mentally, before you bring this new family member home.

If you adopt your dog from a shelter or rescue, they usually require spaying and neutering as part of the ownership contract. If you acquire your pet by other means, please have them spayed or neutered! Many people think the cost is unreasonable, however, the consequences of ignoring this responsibility are heartbreaking, and result in too many abandoned, abused, and neglected animals in this world. I compel you, please don't add to them. I don't intend to quote the statistics, as they are readily accessible. The numbers are astounding and depressing, as well as heartbreaking and totally preventable!

Many shelters offer low cost clinics, and some have programs that are based on income, providing even lower costs if one qualifies. You need not be rich to adopt a pet, but you do need to be willing to love it unconditionally, and do all that you can to give it a healthy and happy life.

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 Greetings with a yip and spin  
Such a faithful, trusting friend  
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Begging for a table scrap  
Time to cuddle for a nap 

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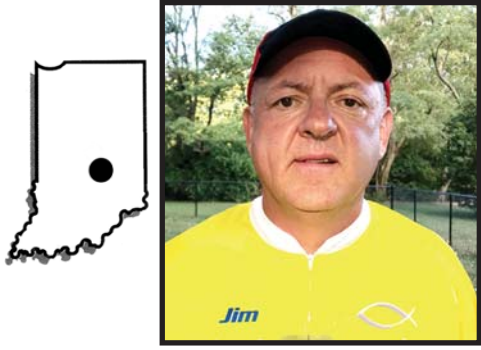

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# Indiana Slab Masters



by **Jim Raymer**

President & Founder of the Indiana Slabmasters

## Indiana Slab Masters Spring Update

With spring right around the corner, the Indiana Slab Masters kicks off its 8th season in existence with a tournament at Patoka Lake on March 31st. Since this is the April edition of this article, results for the March 31 tournament will be posted in the May edition.

As mentioned earlier, this is The Indiana Slab Masters 8th season and we're very excited about our upcoming tournament schedule. The schedule is as follows:

- Saturday March 31, 2018 - Patoka Lake
- Saturday April 21, 2018 - Cecil M Harden Lake (Locally known as Raccoon Lake)
- Saturday and Sunday May 5 & 6, 2018 - Mississinewa/Salamonie Super event
- Saturday June 2, 2018 - Lake Monroe
- Saturday June 23, 2018 -Tanners Creek/OH River
- Saturday September 8, 2018 Mississinewa/Salamonie/Roush (Choice of lake)
- Saturday September 22, 2018 - Brookville Lake
- Classic (Lake Shafer & Lake Freeman) will be Saturday and Sunday October 20 & 21, 2018 (Classic is for members who fish in at least 4 events)

The Indiana Slab Masters will roll out a new B'n'M points race for the upcoming 2018 season. The old points race system was a 30-point system with the winner being awarded 30 points, 2nd place 28 points, and it reduced in 1-point increments down to 15th place and every team that weighed fish received 15-points. The points race rules also allowed for 1-tournament per year being thrown out. This has been a successful points system, but not necessarily the most accurate way of determining a true points race finishes. In the past, teams could intentionally not fish in an event with the knowledge that they have a tournament to throw out, and some have successfully worked the

rules to their advantage. This allowed a team that fished in every event for the season and then had to throw out one of the tournaments points throughout the season to sometimes finish behind teams that fished in every event and was forced to throw out points. The new B'n'M points race will be figured on a 100-point system and doesn't allow for any of the tournaments points to be thrown out. This will make a far more accurate representation of the points race year end finish for the teams that are attending every event of the season. The way the new B'n'M Points system will work is the winners will receive 100-points, 2nd place will receive 98 points, 3rd will receive 97 points etc. down to the last team that weighs fish. The new points system will be based on a 100 point total (team finish plus points will equal 100). An example would be if a team finishes in 20 place and weigh fish, plus their points for the event will equal 100. This same team that finishes in 20th place will receive 80 points to equal 100. If a team is unable to weigh fish, 25-points will still be received for showing up to the event. The new 100-point system will make things interesting because teams that show to every event will now have a chance to break in to the top 10 and receive a year end B'n'M Points race plaque.

The Indiana Slab Masters is also happy to report that after 7 seasons we now have a complete set of bylaws. The new bylaws are located on our website under the about us tab. The bylaws were authored by 2 non-board members and 2 board members. I would like to thank all who were on this committee for the completed bylaws. The 4 men involved in the authoring of the bylaws were officers: Joe Rosinski and Luke Fishero and non-officers: Charlie Hildreth and Bruce Monroe. The new bylaws make official what has been taking place for most of the first 7 years of the club, but also adds some important items. We usually had a year-end meeting at the classic banquet every year, but the new year end meeting allows members to bring ideas to the floor and for the club officials to interact with the members to bring up ideas and also allows all members to vote for the club officials. This was long overdue and is very welcomed by the entire board. The Indiana Slab Masters officials are very excited about the upcoming 2018 season, and we have high hopes that this will be our very best year yet! I hope you all consider attending an Indiana Slab Masters even this season. Whether you are only able to fish in just one tournament, or you plan on making them all, we welcome all past members and potential new members! We hope see you at an event soon. until then tight lines to all!



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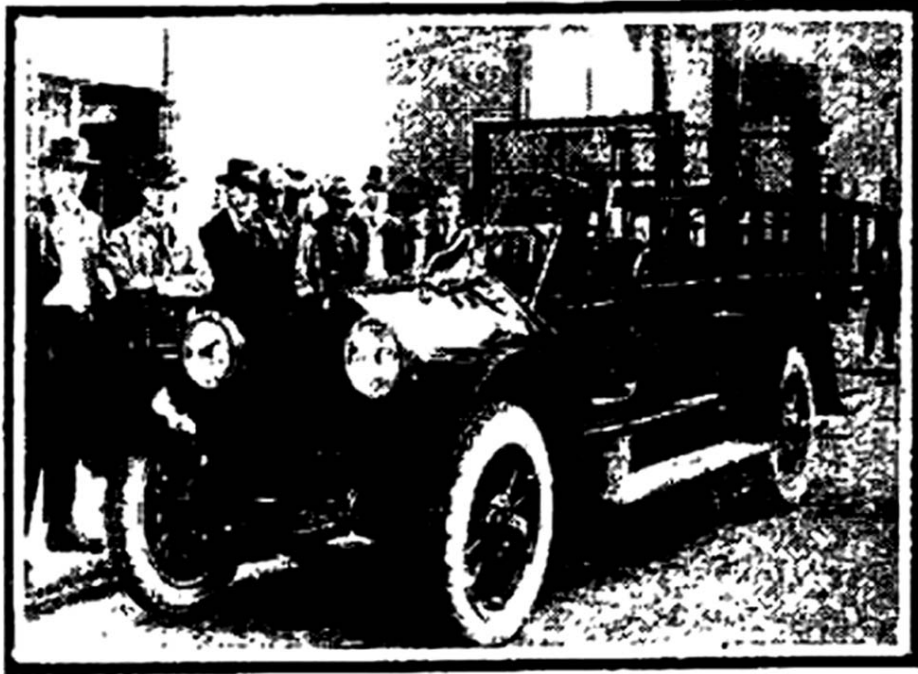
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## New Adventures In Old Places



by Donna Schroeder

### Remembering The McFarlans

The first Saturday of March was an exciting day for a local family and the members of Historic Connersville, Inc. Wade and Mary Rummel recently purchased the home built in 1864 by J.B. McFarlan. The home sits on the hill above Lincoln Avenue and boasts an impressive view of the city of Connersville.

The Rummels allowed members of Historic Connersville to offer tours of the mansion. Almost two hundred visitors toured the home, and all were impressed with the splendor of a time long past. The ceilings in the ten rooms are fourteen feet high. The massive double front doors are decorative and open into a beautiful foyer. The hall beyond has a graceful staircase. Many of the ornate details of the home have been left in place over the years. Some things have changed, especially the addition of several

baths when the house was a bed and breakfast. The Rummels plan to remove most of the changes and replace some of the details that have been lost over time. Unfortunately, the tower was removed in the early 1940's and would be impossible to replace. We all wish the Rummels the best as they undertake the task of reviving this hidden gem.

It's wonderful to see the community come out to appreciate the history of such a beautiful building. The most interesting thing, in my opinion, is the feeling that the house, as grand as it is, leaves you with the feeling that it's a real home. It's easy to imagine the family welcoming guests and living their day to day lives there.

J. B. McFarlan built a successful business as a carriage maker, as well as putting in place the first industrial park in the United States. A month before his death in 1909, his grandson Harry McFarlan announced that the family had progressed from horse drawn vehicles to motor cars.

The McFarlan Motor Company manufactured luxury cars that were driven by movie stars and other well known people. Among the "others" was Al Capone who ordered a special auto with bullet proof glass and steel plates in the sides. He requested a turret in the back for machine guns and another turret in the bottom that allowed nails and glass to be dropped in the path of anyone who was chasing him. The police cars that would chase him could only go sixty miles per hour, so he wanted a car that could go ninety. The car was built and delivered.

The company continued to flourish until it went into receivership in June of 1928. The reason given for the company's failure was the absence of Harry

McFarlan due to his having been ill for the past four years. Thus ended several decades of the family's contributions to transportation.

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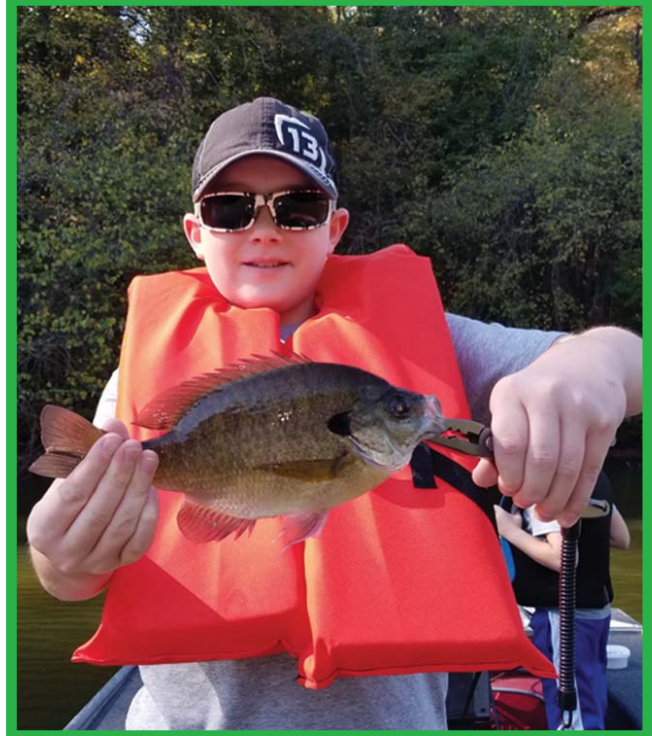
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From left to right is Kevin Durbin, Uncle-Tevis Durbin, Nash Durbin and Grant Durbin. (Photo by Olin Durbin)



Grant Durbin (with red vest) out fished all of us. (Submitted by Olin Durbin)



Nine year old Travis Hubbard took this his first deer, a 9 point, 175 lb. buck taken with a crossbow. (Frame's Outdoor Photo, Liberty, IN)



Grant at left, Nash Durbin caught this nice bluegill and Kevin Durbin holding pliers. (Photo by Olin Durbin)

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