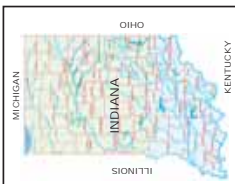


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Bottom Right: Dennis Dabney holding a 4 pound Smallmouth Bass he and his son, Derrick, age 8,

caught while fishing with Tag Nobbe on Brookville Lake in November. Dennis and Derrick live in Beavercreek, Ohio. Dennis is a active duty Air Force Officer stationed at Wright Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio. He told me via e-mail that they chose Tag to go fishing with because he (Tag) was very highly regarded on the on-line fishing forums that he followed. See more about Dennis and Derrick's day of fishing with Tag on page 4. See Tag's Article on Page 5 (**Tag Nobbe Photo**)

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The question has come up many times about when the next issue will be available for pickup. The third Monday of the month is the best bet. Some months it may be a day or two before or after, but those months are just a few. i.e. the January issue in my area will be out by December 12th, earlier this month due to Christmas. The other areas it will be delivered shortly thereafter.

OHIO FISHERMAN TELLS ABOUT HIS FISHING EXPERIENCE WITH TAG

I sent an e-mail to Dennis Dabney who fished with Tag Nobby in November, to find out more information about the photo (s) Tag had sent to me to use with his January column. I wanted to use the photo of Dennis holding the Smallmouth Bass on my cover. Dennis responded with the following e-mail which I think you will enjoy reading too.

Good morning Ray,

Thanks for the note. I am flattered about the cover photo opportunity and approve the use of the smallmouth photo. The correct names are: Dennis and Derrick Dabney. Derrick is 8 and we live in Beavercreek, OH. I am an active duty AF officer stationed at WPAFB. Derrick and I have been shore fishing together since he was very young, mostly in Northern VA. We fished saltwater for the first time during a year in Rhode Island and enjoyed the plentiful and diverse species, including large striped bass, in the waters there.

We moved to Ohio in 2009 and our family continues freshwater fishing in the base lake, local reservoirs and rivers in fact, my 6 yr old daughter joins us on occasion and caught her first bluegill at Spring Valley Lake this past summer. We took our first charter in Point Judith, RI this past summer and had a great time. I decided to go out with Tag before the season ended here because he was very highly regarded on the on-line fishing forums I follow. Tag is a tremendous resource and I learned volumes during our day on the water. He was very knowledgeable and ensured that we not only caught fish but also understood the lake features. Tag was especial-

ly patient with my son's curiosity and explained the electronics, tackle and fishing technique. We plan to go out with him again in the Spring.

Please give me a call if you need any additional information. We also plan to attend the outdoor shows in Cincy or Indy.

Dennis Dabney

Go to page 5 and see two photos of Dennis and Derrick Dabney in Tag's article. Besides the 4 pound Smallmouth Bass they also caught a 10 pound Striped Bass that day.

Tag's article is about the Brookville area and the lake of course.

TREASURES OF THE EARTH GEM & JEWELRY SHOW INDY MAR 23-25, 2012



Rose Wimmer with her Gem Trees. Her booth is called Treasures Of The Earth. Just like the show name.

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Brookville Reservoir has been re-stocked for a number of years with Walleye, Muskie and Striped Bass.

The walleye are stocked as fry. In 2003 there were 15,041,175 walleye fry stocked in Brookville lake and about 10,500,000 every year since. The Muskie stocking program is a surplus stocking style. In 2003 there were 20,273 Muskie stocked in Brookville lake at a size of 5 to 11 inches long. In 2008 there were another 20,000 Muskie stocked in Brookville lake at 5 to 10 inches, but the years between, there were only 700 hundred to 5000



Dennis Dabney holding a 10 lb. Striped Bass he caught while fishing on Brookville Lake with me. (Photo by Tag Nobbe)



Dennis at left and his son, Derrick Dabney at right with 4 lb. Smallmouth Bass they caught in Brookville Lake. (Photo by Tag Nobbe)

a year stocked. Last but not least the striped bass. These fish are stocked as fingerling, which is as it sounds, as long as your finger. In 2003 and 2004 there were no Striped bass stocked at all in Brookville lake. In 2005 there were 17,000 stocked. For the next two years in a row there were 52,000 stocked and in 2008 there were 32,000 stocked. The lake is also full of a number of a natural reproducing fresh water fish like large and small mouth bass, blue gill, crappie, catfish and more white bass then you can shake a stick at.

The tailwater area has also been stocked for a number of years. From 1976 to 1983 in the tail-water area was primarily a "put-and-take" fishery stocked with brown and rainbow trout. The brown trout were stocked with the intention that they would carry over from year to year and provide a higher quality fishery. With very little evidence of a carry over the brown trout stocking program was discontinued in 1984. From then on only the rainbow trout was stocked, the fish were called the London strain.

In 2001 to 2006 with the approval of the division of fish and wildlife the Central Indiana chapter of Trout Unlimited reintroduced the brown trout stocking program at the rate of 2000 brown trout per year.

Brown trout carry over was documented during the 2003 tail water survey, and in 2005 regulations were adopted to limit harvest of brown trout to one fish per day of at least 18 inches. Following the 2006 stocking, it was determined that Brookville tail water was eligible to receive federally funded fish since it is a federal flood control project. Since then the brown trout stockings jumped to 3000 and the rainbow stockings stayed at

1500. This stream also has a good population of walleye white bass small mouth bass and rock bass. It can be fished with a fly rod or small spinning tackle live bait or artificial.

If you are a hunter there are 16,445 acres around Brookville lake to hunt Deer, Turkey, rabbit, squirrel or coon and the lake is perfect for duck and goose hunting. There are also hiking trails from one end of the lake to the other just for getting in the outdoors and enjoying nature.

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News from the Indiana State Police



by Sergeant John D. Bowling
Public Information/Recruiting Officer

The Great Outdoors - Great Stress Relief

I've said it before that I think I have the greatest job in the world. One where you know when you go home at the end of the day you've made a difference. It may have been someone you pulled from a car crash, or maybe simply changing a tire for a mom and teenage son on their way to visit a college, either way you influenced someone's life. It is a great honor for me to serve you. Something I look forward to everyday.

That being said, this job can also be stressful. We see a lot of tragedy, senseless violence and death. We have to be counselors settling disputes amongst arguing neighbors and spouses; and we usually deal with people who don't want us there. Then there is the potential danger that goes with every traffic stop we do, not to mention the danger of getting run over or hit as we sit on the side of the road.

That's why it is important to have hobbies that get you away from it all, and I think that is why most of us hunt and fish. I can think of no better way than to get out in the deer woods, put the phone on silent and get away from it all.

Pendleton Trooper Tyler Painter had a very successful bow season, harvesting a very nice 14 pointer in Rush County on 11/1. Pendleton District Sergeant Jeff Zeiger and his daughter Katie harvested two nice bucks on 11/12, opening day of gun season. I hunted a very nice Indiana buck who will live another year, and was able to harvest a nice Missouri ten point.

I personally love being in the woods. Like my job, every time I go out I see something different. Along with hunting in our beautiful state, I've also been blessed to hunt in northeast Missouri with my childhood friend Pastor Dan Hite for the last eleven years.



Pendleton Trooper Tyler Painter took this 14 point Buck with a bow in Rush Co. 11-1-11 (Photo by Sgt. John Bowling)



Pendleton District Sgt. Jeff Zeiger and his daughter Katie harvested 2 nice bucks on 11-12-11, opening day of gun season. (Photo by Sgt. John Bowling)

Without a doubt there are more bucks, and more big bucks, in Missouri than any other state I've ever hunted in. They definitely have had deer management right there the past few years-The main reason why hunters like me come from all over the country pouring money into their economy just to hunt whitetails.

I've met hunters there from Texas, Tennessee, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and other states-spending money and enjoying some of the best, if not THE best deer hunting in the country. The small towns out there depend on the hunters for a large part of their economy each year. A waitress at one of the diners said she lives for this time of the year-it buys her family's Christmas. Hunters are an important part of the economy.

The deer were moving at night that opening week as the temperature was staying around 60 in the day. It finally got down to 24 degrees on my third morning, and I ambushed a nice two and half year old ten point. My friend Dan had harvested a nice eight point from the same hollow on opening Saturday earlier in the week.

I picked up my 160 class deer mount from last year at the taxidermist that lives around the corner from my friend Dan. Again he had a shop full of 150-160 class bucks. Five days into the season he already had 60 to mount-up from 45 from that time last year.

If you're a hunter, check out the Missouri Department of Conservation web site and see how they manage their deer. After eleven years I can tell you, if you ever get the chance to hunt there you won't be disappointed; you'll get your money's worth out of that \$250.00 out of state license.

A "Bad Day" Gets Worse-Slide off Turns into a Criminal Arrest

Wayne County – November 29th, during the snow storm around 8 p.m., Pendleton Trooper Scott McPheeters was patrolling on I-70 when he came upon a gold 2004 Chevrolet pickup stuck in the median east of the Centerville Road exit, the 145 mm. It seems the driver had been driving too fast for the existing snowy road conditions and had slid off the road.

McPheeters stopped to offer assistance, and when the driver rolled down his window, McPheeters could smell the odor of freshly burned marijuana. A little further investigation revealed the driver, Ryan J. Sears, 40, of West Lafayette, was not only in possession of Marijuana, but also had Heroin and narcotic pills.

Sears was transported to the Wayne County Jail and charged with Possession of a Schedule I Controlled substance, Class "D" Felony, Four Counts of Possession of Controlled Substance, Class "D" Felony, and One Count of Possession of Marijuana under 30 grams, Class "A" Misdemeanor.

I guess that's why he didn't seem to be too concerned about being stuck. Well, this ends another month's installment. I hope you and your family have a safe and merry Christmas, thanks for reading. I look forward to talking again next month.

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

A Hostel Environment

Many outdoor experiences are memorable. Some because the stars seem to have aligned just right to make everything go as well as one could hope while others you thank your lucky stars you didn't lose life or limb. This is a short tale of a recent one of mine that will remain memorable primarily due to the company kept. Names have not been changed as the innocent weren't involved.

For a few years now I have had the pleasure each fall of taking a pilgrimage of sorts to visit friends in St. Petersburg, Florida. Sure, the weather is usually intolerable with the sunshine and near constant warm salt breeze from the Gulf of Mexico and all, but I go to visit friends so I try to not complain about their fall weather. After all, I'm a visitor and it would not be good form. While there, I stay a bit off the grid at a hostel of sorts. Not one that you can find with a quick Google search, but one belonging to my great friends Captain Bubba and Miss Ann.

It's not important here how or when I first met Captain Bubba. I'll just tell you it was many years ago and leave it at that, and yes, Captain Bubba does own a seaworthy 23' Mako boat named the Big Mistaka. I've been on the Big Mistaka a number of times, sometimes for pleasure cruising and sometimes to fish in Tampa Bay or within the Intercoastal waterway.



Only the stone crab claws are eaten, once the claw is removed, the crab is returned to the ocean, it will re-grow a new set of claws. (Photo by ICO Gary Catron)

This past visit found us planning a trip out into the Gulf for a real treat for me; grouper fishing. I have to admit that the timing of my early November visit wasn't without any ulterior motive. In addition to grouper season still being open, stone crab season traditionally opens on October 15th, so fresh stone crab and fresh grouper can be had and nothing beats catching your own. Kind of like our bluegill and mushroom season is here; never enough time in the day and the days are limited. Unlike other crabs harvested, only the claws, of stone crabs are eaten. Claws are carefully removed by the crabber and the crab is returned to the ocean where they will re-grow their claws. Fresh is the only way to go. They are a bit on the pricey side but if your aim is to give yourself a treat they are worth it.

In the predawn at the hostel with fishing gear already loaded and coffee doing a temporary disappearing act, Captain Bubba and myself were joined by our friend Rob. With GPS coordinates included in our float plan and left with family members we made our way to the marina. While readying the Big Mistaka the final member of our miniature fishing expedition arrived: Davy Jones complete with a single braid extending from his bearded chin (hey, I'm not making this up)! I had met Davy a few years back but hadn't the opportunity to get to speak with him at length about our common interest of fishing or much anything else. Davy actually has quite a bit

of experience with grouper fishing, both in the traditional aspect and spearfishing. He has compiled a personal list of numbers (semi-secret GPS coordinates) of favored grouper fishing spots. While final preparations and system checks were being made, Davy and I made a bait-run to the bait store at the other end of the marina. I've fished with a pretty wide range of baits but this day we would be fishing with 10-12 inch squid and sardines, a first for me.

With Davy at the controls and the GPS pointing the way we crossed the last barrier island of the Intercoastal and into the Gulf; the morning sky began to hit our backs. I was told that we were a little late in our departure for a grouper outing. The wind wasn't terrible but with a watercraft of this size you have to pay close attention to the weather, tides, wind speed and direction if you get very far offshore at all. But there were wind and waves. All that was encountered could be attentively negotiated safely enough but it was rough enough to have moments of discomfort. I kept listening for the propeller to come out of the water but was relieved it never did. I was also thankful that when things were a bit rough Davy didn't bring up the subject of his locker even though the thought was crossing my mind.

After about 45 minutes we reached our first destination at about 95 feet of water with no land in sight, which really put the enormity of it all into perspective, the phrase 'lost at sea' now made much more sense. Rigged with a half-pound of sinkers and with a squid and large sardine on a single hook and sea anchor employed we began our drift bottom bouncing our baits for grouper. I don't recall if it was our second or third drift through 'the spot' but we all had pretty hard bites with the 80 pound monofilament being quickly shredded. Sharks! Time wasn't wasted here any longer. Catching sharks would have been entertaining but grouper was the target. We moved about 23 miles south to the next spot. This time I caught my first, a red grouper about two feet long. It's a handful to reel in/up a half pound of sinker with the two large baits from nearly 100 feet deep now add a ten pound grouper and you've pure fun. I can only imagine what a 30 or 50 pounder would be like.

A few other known grouper haunts were exploited with the bite being "not what it was last week" according to the others, but fish were caught and fun

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1962 Indiana State Trappers Association Convention. The Association was formed in 1961, so this may be the first convention held at Mill Pond Park, Howe, IN. (Dr. Philips Photo)

ISTA 50th Convention & Rendezvous Union Mills, IN September 16-17, 2011 by Dr. Fred Philips, DVM

The Indiana State Trappers Association held its 50th Convention and Rendezvous this past September 16 & 17, 2011 at Mill Pond Park, 100 Mill Pond Rd., 400 W., Union Mills, Indiana. (www.indianatrappers.org) A larger than normal crowd turned out to watch the demonstrations, attend the membership meeting, and visit with the vendors, both inside and along tailgate row.

President Ron Elliott especially wanted to thank Amos Malstaff and Kenny Peregrine, the Union Mills Lions Club, which did the breakfasts, and the Union Mills Conservation Club, Keith Swanson, and all the others (names he misplaced), who got the

building set up for our use. Ron also wants to really thank his wife, for many, many, things. "Thank you to everyone."

Vendors and tailgate's were allowed to get set up Thursday night, September 15, 2011. Many of these vendors made donations for the fundraising auction held Friday night. The ISTA would like to thank the following vendors, in no particular order, for their presence and contributions, at our 50th Convention and Rendezvous: Grand River Fur Exchange, NAP's Trapping Supply, Trapper Corky Klausing, Trapper's World magazine, P.D.K., Murray's Furs & Supply, I.V. Shorts (Phil), Appalachia Mountain Pure, Miami Valley Supply, Bower Built, Wayne Spatz, Welch's Lure, Epler Fur Co., Hair of the Bear, Northern Sport Co., Alert A.D.C., Dennis W. Cobb, P.A. Spring & Bait, Wilbur Cook, Tom Butz, The Ohio Trappers, Wolf Creek Pro., Joe Goodman, Buckeye Trap Supply, Phoenix Composite Solutions, Williams Trap Co., Hoosier Trapping Supply, FTA Chapter 7F, Jerry Schilling, Sterling Fur Co., Mark

Never the less, THANK YOU, thank you all for coming to the ISTA 50th Convention and Rendezvous and helping to make it such a rousing success.

Demonstrations were put on Friday, September 16th, 2011, by Jeff Robinson (canines), Tom Larson (canines), Jerry Schilling (turtles), Ron Elliott (skinning), Amos Malstaff (muskrats), Mark June (canines), Kenny Peregrine (beaver) and John Allen (raccoons). Demonstrations Saturday, September 17, 2011 included Jeff Robinson (canines), Jerry Schilling (turtles), Amos Malstaff (beaver), Mark June (canines), Robert Waddell, Tim Julian and Gary Jepson, and Ron Leggett (fox and coyote). Several impromptu demonstrations were given one on one around the Park. Again, if I missed anyone, or got a name wrong, my apologies. I still want to thank everyone who took the time to come to the ISTA 50th Convention and Rendezvous and put on these demonstrations.

The Fundraising Auction, held Friday night was well attended. Don Neihl purchased the Henry Golden Boy #2 Rifle for \$725. As Fred Philips, DVM, owner of the Animal Hospital of Rushville, PC had donated \$300 toward this project, the #2

John Lures, and JR and Sons. I did my best to get all the names, but I have possibly missed a few.



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At the Saturday Board Meeting, the Hall of Fame Award was given to Keith Winkler of Sterling Fur Company. Terry Manley, of the NAFA, gave a great preview of the season to come. Finally, Amos Malstaf was presented with the Pioneer's Award for

Saturday afternoon the games began with the hay scramble. Along with the candy and some money, ISTA tokens were mixed into the hay. The tokens represented 50 cents that the Dealers would honor

By Saturday afternoon, the Convention was winding down when several instructors and participants from the nearby, just ended, FTA Fur Takers College stopped in and visited with those trappers still remaining on site. As vendors packed up, and visitors purchased their final items, the ISTA 50th Convention and Rendezvous was deemed a complete success.

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LEGEND BASS BOATS

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After being released from a many year sponsorship with Skeeter boats last year, I was looking for a new boat sponsor in very short order. I had remembered a representative from Legend Boats (Wayne Diederichs) that I had met a couple years ago at the Indianapolis Boat, Sport and Travel Show. He had told me, if something ever changed with Skeeter boats to please give him a call, so I did. He was very happy that I called and before you know it, I was on my way to the factory in Midway Ark. to meet the owners and test drive one of their boats. There is no way that I can support a boat sponsor before first test driving their boat.

After a five hour drive we were there Midway, Ark. They put my wife and I up at Gaston's lodge, which is on the White River, that is near the dam of Bull Shoals Reservoir.

The next morning we were to have a meeting with one of the owners, Dean Smith. We went to the factory where Dean gave us a tour of the factory. We also met some of the employees, that build the boats. Like most boat manufactures there are different stages of building a boat, from the hulls being sprayed to the final inspection line. When we were there they had five boats that were being readied for customers. So we looked them over, we were shocked at the detail that these boats were given. If there was ever a perfect boat, these were it, we said to one another. I have owned many boats over the years, Procraft, Ranger, Skeeters, Shadow, Stratos. But none could hold a candle to these boats. After spending nearly an hour looking these boats over from top to bottom we couldn't find a flaw in one of the five that were there! Then Dean Smith informed us that two of these boats were last years models and were in there for repair from damage the owners had

accrued. I couldn't tell the difference from the new ones to the one year old boats.

Then for the ride! It was cold that day but I had to see for myself what the ruckus was over the ride of these boats. So I put on my coveralls, gloves, hat etc. and went to a ramp with Dean Smith. This was just after Thanksgiving in which Dean had been playing football with some younger family members and dislocated his shoulder. I told Dean that I could take the boat out by myself and he agreed to sit in my suburban with my wife, while I took it for a spin.

Bull Shoals is a very large reservoir, that runs east and west, and before you know it, your going north and south. The wind that day was forecast for winds up to 30 mph. I had put in by the ramp, by the Dam. The water was slick as glass so I was thinking, this doesn't look so bad. Dean put me in the water and off I went, in their new Alpha 211.

In a matter of seconds I was doing 71 m.p.h. The boat was powered by a 250 h.p. motor. All of a sudden I rounded a corner and I was in 3 to 4 foot rollers. I slowed down abruptly to about 50 m.p.h., then I was thinking, this is a pretty good ride in this kind of water speed. In other words, I

wasn't jarring my guts out. So like any other bass fishermen I sped it up, just to see what it's limits were. Before you know it I was doing 68 m.p.h. again and the ride was still amazing. I was amazed and cold, it was only 38 degrees out there. So I headed back to the ramp, I had seen what I had went there for. All I can say is what an unbelievable riding boat!

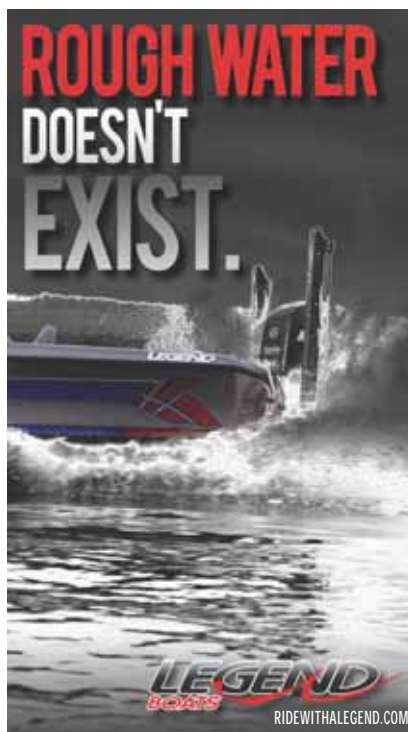
We got off the water and went back to Deans



This is my Legend boat. (Photo by Bill Embry)



This is my 250 Evinrude E-Tech motor. (Photo by Bill Embry)



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home to drop off the boat. We went to lunch and met for most of the day. We struck up a deal that we both could live with and now Legend Boats is the Boat sponsor for Got 2 Love it Bass Tournaments, Inc. in 2011. We came home and couldn't believe that Dean Smith and his employees were so good to us while we were there. They made us feel like one of the family.

Well after about a month or so, I couldn't stand it. I had to have one of their boats. So after many days and hours of deliberation with my wife. I called Dean Smith to order a boat. Dean was ecstatic that I was going to buy a new boat. So we worked the details out. The day after the last day of the Indianapolis Boat Show I asked a very good friend of mine, Eldon Crabtree, (former Indiana Bass Federation President) if he would like to go with me to Midway, Ark. to pick up my boat. This way I would get another opinion about what he thought of Legend boats. After all, Eldon has been around this business a little longer than I, and besides he was going to be fishing with me in some tournaments and thought he would enjoy the trip.

(Note: Please take a moment to read what he has to say about his experience with Legend Boats at the end.)

Upon arriving at the factory at about 5:30 p.m. there was only one person there Dina. She let us in to see my new rig. I was beside myself. They had it by the door waiting for me. It was to late to do

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Talking Leaves



by Golden Eagle

Time Flies.....

The older I get the faster time seems to fly. Here it is another new year and the twelfth year in this decade. I find myself looking back more than I look forward, but that's not unusual for me.

I remember writing an article about the Greek god Janus. He had two faces and could look back and forward at the same time. I don't think I would like the ability of seeing the future. Some have predicted that there will be a major catastrophe in 2012. Perhaps the end of the world. I know that some of the signs supposedly forecasting this event have appeared over the past two years. However, men have predicted and then prepared for the world to end only to have the date go by and found themselves in an embarrassing situation of having given away all their possessions. For me 2012 could be my last year alive, but I am going ahead and plan and schedule things as always.

I now have twelve great-grandchildren. I know that I will not be around to see them grow, although one is in his teens. I do know that they all have parents, who brought them up right and believe they in turn will bring their children up 'right'. Of course, that doesn't mean that one or more of them won't take off on their own for good or bad. That's why the Great Spirit gave us a 'will of our own'.

I attended the regular meeting of the Sun Watch Village Indian Advisory committee last month and I renewed acquaintance with running Bear. My senses

Bass Fishing Techniques Continue Here

any kind of business until morning. I didn't sleep a lot that night. The next morning Randy Qualls, the other Legend owner, had called and asked Eldon and myself if we would like to have breakfast with him at the Gaston's restaurant on the White River. So we went to breakfast with him and got to know him a little before going back to the factory to get my boat.

Randy is very particular about the boats that go out the door. It looked like a bee hive around my boat. It was ready to ship wrapped in protective wrapping. They removed it all so we could put it in the water. After making sure everything was ready, we headed to the lake.

Once in the water we were shown what the boat could do. We went through turns, slow and fast speeds, all at the same time. I was never scared, but I was very impressed of the maneuverability of the boat. Those folks were just like my family now. To sum it up all in one word, Unbelievable.

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tell me that he has a sincere interest in the village and helping our people alive and dead. A topic was discussed at the meeting which is very close to my heart, the reburial of native remains. I learned that we cannot just return the Sun Watch people to their graves, that we have to find modern day descendants and get their permission. I also learned that when the remains were removed for archaeological research that a study of their DNA was made. We now hope to use this study to discover which contemporary nation descended from the Sun Watch People. Since my vision, the spirits of the Sun Watch people, have visited me in my dreams. They want to be returned to Mother Earth. I hope we can do that in 2012.

The seers and pundits predict that the year 2012 holds many bad things for us, including the end of our world as we know it. Personally, I believe that we will continue much as we are, which in itself might be a bad thing considering both the natural and man-made disasters we have witnessed over the last decade. Our lack of morality, especially among the young certainly heralds a decline in civilized life. Since I may journey into the mist this year, I fear for my grandchildren and great grandchildren. I thing the members of my own family will continue on the Red Road, however I fear peer pressure will make theirs a challenging journey.

OLD CHIEF SAYS: "I'm more interested in what I discover than what I invent."

I wish you and yours all a Happy and Prosperous 2012. May the Great Spirit Bless You.

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Fishing Lake Michigan



by Capt. Mike Schoonveld

Are Charter Fishermen Commercial Fishermen?

We all know what a commercial fisherman is. It's a person who catches fish in the most efficient method allowed by law and sells the catch to earn money.

We all know what a sport fisherman is. This is a person who tries to catch fish using equipment designed to make the activity fun, but not necessarily efficient. The catch is sometimes brought home to be eaten by the fisherman, friends and family, but is often simply released back into the water from which it was caught.

So what is a charter fisherman? According to an article written for Field and Stream magazine, charter fishermen are commercial fishermen, as well. His premise is the pros earn money from the resource, catch more than their share of the fish and interfere with the fishing activities of legitimate sport fishers.

Granted, charter skippers run their businesses in an attempt to earn money. Some hope to make enough income to earn a living. Others hope only to earn enough by chartering to cover the expense of owning, maintaining and operating a boat. No doubt, most charter captains love fishing, love taking people out fishing and helping them have a good time, but they are doing it for cash. Does that make him (or her--there are lady charter captains) a commercial fisherman?

The article states, "Charter, guide and outfitting services are impacting ordinary anglers in a growing number of ways." Then using Michael Moore type logic he states, "Texas guides are taking 40 percent of the spotted sea trout catch when their numbers are only 800 compared to 700,000 coastal recreational anglers."

No mention that these 800 guides take out many thousands of fishermen and no mention that included the 700,000 coastal anglers are thou-



Becoming a licensed captain is still tough, but it's getting easier. (Photo by Capt. Mike Schoonveld)

sands of people who don't fish for spotted sea trout. Proof that writers can make statistics work in many ways.

There was also no mention that guide, charter and outfitting services are a "platform" for recreational anglers. There are many reasons why anglers choose to fish on recreational, for-hire, boats and use professional charter captains. Not all recreational anglers have the financial ability to own their own boat. Many people who charter on the Great Lakes live a good distance from Lake Michigan. Bringing their own boat would make little sense or be impossible. Even if they did, would it be properly set up with Great Lakes trolling gear? Or should the resource be allotted only to well-to-do, local people?

There's no doubt many, if not most, charter captains are better fishermen than the average person. People who golf 4 or 5 times per week are usually better than weekend duffers. A charter skipper is expected to be a proficient catcher of fish and expected to have top quality gear, lures and tackle, as well. That doesn't make them a commercial fisherman as much as it does a person who has invested time and money into the sport. Anyone could do it, if they wish. Charter skippers and their customers have to conform to the same rules, laws, seasons, limits and licensing as any other sport fisherman.

I take exception to the implied notion that there

is friction between recreational fishermen and the charter fishing industry. Though the Great Lakes are large, the fish are often concentrated and packs of fishermen are often plying the same waters. Guessing where the other guy is going to go is always a part of the game and both experienced captains and new-to-the sport guys guess wrong from time to time. There are no special rights given charter skippers and most don't take any.

Charter skippers have lead the way in developing tackle and techniques which regularly take fish from Great Lakes waters. There are few secrets. News of a new spot, a hot lure, a special rig that salmon just love travels fast and soon week-ender's and charter captains, alike, are sharing the wealth.

The article was wrong. Charters are commercial only in the sense that recreational anglers pay to be taken on angling adventures. It's a valuable service thousands of people use each year to enjoy the fun of fishing.

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South Bay

Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

Hunting Full Circle

As the 2011 firearms deer season approached, I was seeing a good number of mature bucks as they stepped up their efforts of searching for receptive does during the rut. This would be the first year that my ten year-old son Nicholas would be hunting on opening day. Nicholas had hunted with me before during the youth season, and had taken a couple of deer, but this year would be our first opening day of the firearms season together. It was special. I informed him that with the amount of big bucks I had seen that if he was patient, he should at least get a glimpse of one. He was excited and couldn't wait for the big day to arrive. Truth be told, I think I may have been more excited than he was. After all, this would be my first opportunity to pass down the tradition -to share an opening day with my son. I considered it an honor.

My hopes were high as we climbed into our stand in the pre-dawn darkness. I had every right to feel optimistic about the morning's hunt. But, as luck would have, the morning passed without a single deer sighting until 10:25 a.m. when a lone yearling doe scampered under our stand. Nicholas had made it clear before the season that he wanted to try to wait on a bigger buck than the one he shot last year, a goal I personally feel might be too lofty for a young or new hunter, but I certainly wasn't going to make his decision for him. He would pull the trigger on what-

ever deer made him happy, if given the chance.

I have to give Nicholas credit. For his age he has a lot of patience in a blind or treestand - more than I did even when I was in my twenties! I have seen a big difference in his patience and aptitude in the last year or two. He has learned a lot in the few short years he has taken to the woods. It's almost as though I am no longer taking my son hunting, but rather that I am hunting with my son.

We kept our heads up as we made our way out of the stand slightly before 11:00 a.m., and had our hopes up for an exciting afternoon hunt. But at that moment, a little breakfast was in order!

We decided to stick with the same stand for the afternoon hunt. The wind was still good for it and I figured that the deer would travel through the area sooner or later.

It wasn't too long after getting settled in that a couple of does appeared at the far edge of the clearing, within range but a little further than I really wanted Nicholas to shoot. I asked him if he wanted to attempt to take one of them if they came closer and presented a shot, but he said that it was early and he wanted to wait to see what else might show up.

It wasn't long after that that I got enthralled in a game of Words with Friends on my phone, or maybe I was texting somebody, I don't remember. Either way, probably not the best thing to do when you are supposed to remain alert for any signs of movement while on the lookout for approaching deer. It was during this time that Nicholas whispered, "Dad, there's a deer! It's a huge buck!" As I looked up and he explained where the deer was, we readied for the shot. The buck was walking directly towards us.

The deer came to within about twenty yards, and offered Nicholas a few shot opportunities, but being a child, Nicholas just had trouble getting on the buck for a shot. The deer was in thick cover and trying to find him through the scope as he maneuvered between trees and brush made it tough.

As the deer entered a thicket, making it impossible to shoot, I instructed Nicholas to turn and get into position for a shot where the buck would emerge. Just as Nicholas did so, the huge buck exited the thicket and was standing broadside a mere thirty-five yards away. But, Nicholas was still having trouble getting on the deer. Just as I would tell him to shoot,

the deer would turn, or Nicholas would struggle to hold his gun up, etc. The buck then began walking towards us and as he was within twenty



My son, Nicholas with his huge buck, taken on opening day of the gun season. (Photo by Joe Martino, "Proud Dad")

five yards, turned broadside. Nicholas said he was on him and I told him to shoot. Once the gun went off, I saw the impact on the buck and knew we would have a short track job. Our emotions ran high as we impatiently waited a few moments before taking up the trail. We were both on cloud nine, and actually may have even cried a little - both out of sheer excitement and joy, and out of respect for such a wonderful game animal.

Well, the rest of the story is that we, indeed, did have a short track job. The double-lung hit deer ran a short distance before expiring and Nicholas and I are still walking on air over what he accomplished. I sincerely hope that Nicholas truly understands just exactly what he has accomplished, and that most adults can go a lifetime without an opportunity at such a deer. I think he really does understand this, and if not fully now, I am sure he will as he ages.

As I pen this column, I have yet to even kill a deer this season, but all of a sudden, just don't feel the need to either. I don't want to be greedy, and I mean, how could my season possibly get any better? ■

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Ray Dickerson, The Gad-a-bout, will be set up in Tackle Town at the Indianapolis Sport, Boat & Travel Show at booth space #346 from February 17-26, 2012. The above setup was set up at the sport show in 2010 by Tag Nobbe and Ray. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



The Brookville Tourism & Chamber of Commerce booth will be set up in the Pepsi Coliseum at the Indianapolis Sport, Boat & Travel Show also from February 17-26, 2012. The above setup was at the sport show in 2010, Tag Nobbe & Ray set it up back then too. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

Outdoors



With Rich Creason

Two Great Sport Shows Coming Soon

When mid-January arrives and snow, wind, and single digit temperatures are with us, you can warm up at the **Cincinnati Travel, Sports & Boat Show**. Beginning **January 20, 2012**, **Duke Energy Cincinnati Convention Center** will offer 250,000 square feet of space filled with 400 plus companies and over 700 displays and exhibits for your enjoyment. Hart Productions will put on the 54th consecutive year of this outstanding show.

This eight day show has a slightly different schedule than most. The first weekend, Friday, **January 20 thru Sunday the 22nd**, admission to the main show includes free entry to the **Cincinnati Golf Show** with professional instruction, equipment for sale, club fittings, seminars and more. Plus all the boats, sports, travel, and big boy toys for which the show is famous.

Then, the show closes for two days, Monday and Tuesday, reopening on Wednesday, **January 25 thru Sunday the 29th**. On the next five days, from Wednesday thru Sunday, all the exhibits displays, seminars and other attractions are again available, plus you get free admission to the **Cincinnati Hunting and Fishing Show**. The name speaks for itself. Listen to seminars from fishing greats Keith Johnson, Nick Leonard and Kevin Van Dam. Talk to dozens of exhibitors and

then try to decide where you want to book a fishing charter. Or maybe you want to lean the other direction and get information from various hunting outfitters to arrange your dream hunt. You can do all this in one building.

Times for the Show are Friday, 1/20/12 from 5PM to 9:30, Saturday the 21st from 10AM to 9:30PM, and Sunday the 22nd, 11-5. Wednesday the 25th the show opens at 5PM until 9:30, Thursday, 5-9:30, Friday the 27th hours are 2PM-9:30, Saturday the 28th, 10-9:30, and the final Sunday is 11AM to 5PM. Cost for adults is \$11, while kids 13 and under are free.

Make sure these dates are marked on your 2012 calendar. For lots more information, exhibitor lists, seminar times, etc. go to www.hartproductions.com.

About three weeks after the end of the Cincinnati Show, the **Ford 58th Annual Indianapolis Boat, Sport, & Travel Show** returns to the Indiana State Fairgrounds from **February 17th thru 26th, 2012**. Once again, this 10 day event will bring a taste of what we can enjoy outside after winter is over, or maybe even before then. Six buildings with over 600 exhibitors from over 22 states and Canadian provinces will be waiting to entice you into the Great Outdoors.

I imagine there are a few readers out there who have been to more of the Indy shows than I have, but not many. I have only missed two or three of the past 57. I know some of you have been to several or maybe only one of the Renfro Sport Shows. You are not the ones for whom I am writing this article. I know anyone who has been to this Show will not have to be persuaded to return. You are already "hooked". This is for those who have not yet attended this outstanding event.

The name—Boat, Sport & Travel Show—does not tell it all. True, there is one huge building full of almost any kind of boat imaginable, from canoes and kayaks to nearly house size cruisers. Amazingly, this is in the **Boat Pavilion**. And granted, four of the other buildings contain outdoor sports of all

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Here Tag is working on the Brookville booth at the Indianapolis Sport, Boat & Travel Show in 2010. Tag and Ray have been setting up the Brookville Chamber booth at Cincinnati since first going there with Dick Johnson, years ago. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

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At the other end of the complex, in the **Expo Hall**, the **15th Annual Deer, Turkey & Waterfowl Expo** will show its wares on the first three days (Feb. 17-19) of the Sports Show. Seminars and clinics featuring nationally renowned bowhunters, waterfowl experts, and gun dog demonstrations will entertain and educate show goers. An indoor archery range, 3-D Bowhunter Challenge, the Indiana Waterfowl Calling Championship, deer rack scoring, and the Legends of Indiana Wall of Bucks are perennial favorites located in this building.

In this same Expo Hall, the last three days of the Show (Feb. 24-26) will highlight the **21st Annual Motorcycle Exposition**. On display at center stage here will be some of the most beautiful motorcycles, both new and old, you have ever

seen. On the runway will be the fashion show of a wide variety of motorcycle apparel worn by some beautiful models. Then visit the **Tiny Tots Test Track** as the youngsters try their skills with miniature motorcycles (with training wheels).

If your interest is boats, go to the **West (Boat) Pavilion**. There are so many boats on display they spill over into the **South (RV) Pavilion**. Continue through the boats until you enter the camping venue where dozens of pop-up campers, fifth wheels, travel trailers and Class C recreational vehicles are available for your viewing.

I left the best (my opinion) until last. The **Pepsi Coliseum** is home to most of the travel and vacation exhibitors at the show. State Travel Divisions, Tourism Associations, Convention & Visitors Bureaus, hunting and fishing outfitters and independent resorts and lodges across the U.S. and Canada are located in this building. My first of many trips to Canada was booked in 1970 in this building. (My brother ended up buying the camp we went to!)

From talking with the exhibitors at the wide variety of booths here, we have taken numerous trips to North Alabama, Virginia, West Virginia, Florida, Missouri, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Kentucky, Tennessee, Illinois, and several other states. (The North Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourism booth, Cabins on the Ohio, and Blue Bank Resort on Reelfoot Lake are three of those exhibits we visit first in this building. We have gone fishing, hunting, camping, canoeing, horseback riding, hiking, caving, and just relaxing on close to 10 trips a year just from information acquired mostly in this building. If you are one of my regular readers, you have already read about many of these trips in the Gad-A-Bout.

If I haven't touched on anything of interest to you yet, you're probably reading the wrong magazine. If I did get you a little excited, mark your calendar for February 17-26, 2012. The Show is open on Friday the 17th from 3-9, both Saturdays from 10-9, both Sundays 10-5; Monday the 20th is 1-9, Tuesday thru the second Friday, 3-9. Bring your kids anytime, but the second Saturday is Kid's Day. It's not confirmed yet, but usually, the first 500 kids through the doors will receive a rod and reel. Cost is \$13 for adults, \$11 for seniors (60 and over), \$8 for kids 6-8, and free for everyone else. A two-day ticket can be purchased for \$22. Advance sale tickets \$2 off go on sale at Marsh starting 1/23/12.

Since I obviously wasn't able to tell you everything about the Show in this small space, go to the website at www.renfroproductions.com which is being continuously upgraded, or call 1-877-892-1723 for more information and answers to all your questions.

Come visit me at the Gad-A-Bout booth in Tackle Town. For twice our regular price (FREE) I will even autograph your magazine!

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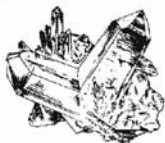


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At left, Matthew "Matt" McGraw (Owner) and at right, Dan Scott (Shop Manager). Laying on the counter in front of them is a 50 Caliber Rifle that Matt built for long distance shooting competition. The rifle weighs 65 pounds, it is fired in the position you see here with the forearm resting on a bench rest.

Matt McGraw, Farmer & Gun Enthusiast

Article & Photos by Ray Dickerson

What's in a name, a lot!

When you see Matt's Custom Guns advertised in this or any other form of advertising format you know immediately that the word "Custom" means one thing, if you can't find the gun in his shop that you like, he can build you a new rifle or customize one to fit your individual need (s) or other purpose. It also means in Matt's case, he can customize cartridges too.

Right now Matt is taking orders for the .358 WSM Cartridge size for the 2012 Deer Season. Matt designed the cartridge and had it made to the specifications needed. He also makes the rifles to shoot the new .358 WSM size.

This is all new to me, I never did any reloading, but Matt and Dan specialize in reloading

techniques and will help you determine, not only what you need, but assist you in getting exactly what load you need to maximize your effectiveness in the field.

Matt is married to Stephanie, they have a son named Jordan. Both Stephanie and Jordan are gun shooters too. Matt and his family live on a farm in Fayette County, when he isn't farming he's working in his gun shop.

Helping Matt run the gun shop is Dan Scott, a long time friend and hunting buddy. Dan is married to Rhonda, they have two sons, C.J. and Ryan.

I asked Matt when he began competition shooting. He replied, "I shot on the Pro Circuit as a Junior when I was nine. I Shot full time age 15-22 through the Purdue and U.S. Shooting Team, kind'a quit about after college."

Matt graduated from Purdue with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, a degree in Agriculture/Economics and a degree in Accounting.

His father,Gary, took him hunting and to competition Skeet and Trap shoots all over the

United States and Europe, especially Holland and Germany.

The 50 caliber rifle resting on the counter in his shop above, Matt built in 2002. It is one of six that he has. It weighs 65 pounds, one of the others weighs 110 pounds, it hardly moves when shot. The lighter ones, 65 lb., kick a little when fired.

I asked him how far will it shoot? Straight out he said, "probably around seven to ten miles."

I asked what about competition shooting?

He told me they can shoot at targets 2500 yards away keeping the group at 17 to 20 inches, that's a mile and a half. He said the world record is a mile shooting ten shots and keeping the shots in a 5-6 inch group. He said, "I can shoot 3-4 inch groups in a thousand yards, but the pro's can do better than that. It all depends on the weather and conditions."

Of course it takes a lot of calculations to do so, figuring in wind (s), atmosphere, heat, rotation of the earth, bullet drop, etc.

He told me that you have to wear double ear protection when shooting this competition gun, both plugs and muffs.

I asked him where he shot the big gun, he said down in Lafayette, Louisiana. The last time he was going down there for the competition shoot, Hurricane Katrina got there first and he hasn't fired it since.

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Hueston Woods State Park offers a beautiful big A-frame lodge, with 94 guest rooms and conference center. (Photo by Paul McCloud)



Hueston Woods State Park offers guest cabins that overlook Acton Lake. Here the sun sets with a golden hue on this late fall day. (Photo by Paul McCloud)

Looking Downstream



by Paul McCloud

Ohio's Hueston Woods State Park

The people of Southwestern Ohio, and Southeastern Indiana are blessed with several really nice state parks and other recreational destinations within an hour or less drive of home. This month we're taking a look at a place near and dear to my heart, Ohio's Hueston Woods State Park.

In 1797 Matthew Hueston, a former soldier serving under General "Mad" Anthony Wayne at the Battle of the Fallen Timbers, purchased a large tract of land covering thousands of acres in the area that became Preble and Butler counties. Over many decades descendants of Hueston cleared thousands of acres of this land for farming. A particular 200-acre section along the banks of Four Mile Creek was never touched, either because it was too rough and hilly for farming or that the many majestic sugar maples provided a much desired and valuable commodity. This parcel of virgin forest remained untouched when the last of the Hueston family passed away in 1935.

The "Big Woods" as it had come to be called was sold to Morris Taylor, a conservationist from Hamilton who recognized it's educational and scien-

tific value and protected it in trust until 1941 when Preble County legislator Cloyd Acton convinced the State Legislature to buy the land and hold it as a state forest. In 1945 monies were appropriated to purchase additional land of some 3,300 acres. In 1952 the Oxford Honor camp was established and operated there by the Ohio Board of Corrections. Honor inmates performed much of the preliminary work of land clearing, road construction and building duties. The Honor Camp was in operation from 1952 to 1964. The park office and adjacent buildings used today were built and used by the prisoners. A 1200-foot long earthen filled dam was built across Four Mile Creek in the summer of 1956 and the following year 625-acre Acton Lake was impounded. Hueston Woods State Park was officially dedicated the next year.

All through the 1960's development continued with campgrounds, rental cabins, a beautiful big A-frame lodge with 94 guest rooms and conference center. The lodge also has an indoor and outdoor pool, and large game room. The park, the lodge operators and a local radio station put on a big fireworks show every year during the Independence Day celebration. A large 1,500 foot beach with bathhouses and concessions, a marina with boat docks and ramps. A professional series, 18-hole par 72 golf course was opened in 1969.

Hueston Woods is also one of a handful of state parks with a year round seven day a week nature center, with many species of local wildlife on permanent display. Some of the featured animals are a mountain lion, a bobcat, and a pair of large timber rattlesnakes. The nature center is also a raptor rehab aviary caring for numerous injured wild birds with over a fifty percent recovery ratio. There are commonly around a dozen predatory birds in various stages of rehab on display, some permanently, due to disabilities. The nature center also operates the parks annual Maple Sugar Festival the first and second weekends of March. Visitors enjoy a hayride to the parks sugar camp where 200 Sugar Maples are tapped and the sap is boiled down to syrup which visitors can sample and purchase.

The Oxford Museum Association operates and staffs the Hueston Woods Pioneer Farm and Museum

on Brown Road on the South side of the golf course. Specially planned events throughout the year brings history to life for modern day visitors with delightfully old-fashioned experiences.

More recent additions also include improved mountain biking trails totaling 12 miles of easy to hard riding. More hiking trails (12) totaling 16.6 miles. More bridal trails totaling 18 miles of moderate riding. An outdoor paint ball facility was added just off the lodge parking lot. A major \$1.8 million dollar renovation of the marina and boat docks was completed in 1999-2000. This gives the marina 132 docks, a fleet of rental boats from kayaks to pontoons, and a new fuel station. There is a 10 hp limit on private watercraft on Acton Lake. A 36 hole Frisbee golf course was opened in 2010 in the woods around the lodge. A large field archery range with furnished targets was added off the parking lot on the Southwest side of the dam.

The 625-acre Acton Lake enjoys a long-standing reputation for nice strings of Crappies, Channel Cats, Bluegill and Largemouth Bass. When the lake was first impounded the native Rock Bass in Four Mile Creek thrived on the abundant supply of food in the lake. My father and I caught dozens big slab-sided Rock Bass the first two years after the lake was



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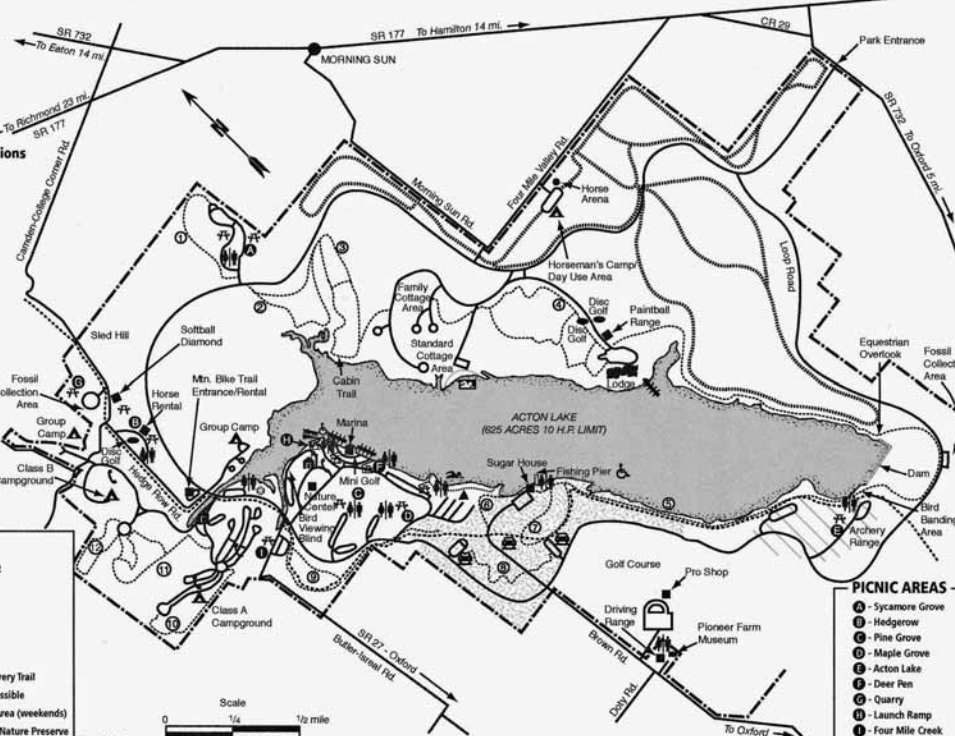


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1 - Cedar Falls	7 - Blue Heron
2 - Sycamore	8 - Big Woods
3 - Pine Loop/Cabin	9 - Hedge Apple
4 - Mud Lick	10 - Indian Mound
5 - West Shore	11 - Gallion Run
6 - Sugar Bush	12 - Equisetum Loop

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- 1 - Sycamore Grove
- 2 - Hedgerow
- 3 - Pine Grove
- 4 - Maple Grove
- 5 - Acton Lake
- 6 - Deer Pen
- 7 - Quarry
- 8 - Launch Ramp
- 9 - Four Mile Creek

opened but by the third year it appeared the Rock Bass were all gone. Seems although the existing fish had grown big in the lake, they did poorly reproducing in a lake environment. By the early sixties the stocked Crappies were reaching good numbers in the 8 to 10 inch range and the lake became very popular with the Crappie crowd, of which my family were very active. The lake was stocked with Muskies in the early 70s with some monster fish taken through the early 80s. The very aggressive Tiger Muskies, a hybrid derived from Northern Pike and Muskies were introduced in the mid 70s. Saugeye were recently

introduced and appear to be doing well as test nettings have shown. I personally have enjoyed some of the best fishing trips of my life not only on the lake, but also along the banks of Four Mile Creek near the mouth of the lake. My parents, grandfather and I sat many an evening before we owned a boat, sitting along Four Mile, filling our wire basket creels with Black Crappies in the nine inch range. During my Bassin' days in the mid 70s, I enjoyed an outing with a co-worker where we both caught our limit of 8 fish each of Bignmouths, every fish over two pounds with the biggest right at five pounds, and yes I have pho-

tographic proof!

Deer & raccoon hunting with bow or muzzle loader are now allowed in the park in designated areas. This whole area has a good population of big, corn fed, whitetail deer and local hunters are making the most of the opportunity to hunt in the "Big Woods".

With so many year round activities to enjoy, Hueston Woods has something for everyone and is always a fun filled destination.

I welcome all comments. E-mail: passports@ydial.net.

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Hueston Woods Lodge as seen from Acton Lake. (Photo by Paul McCloud)

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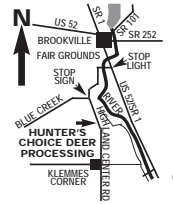
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Outdoors Tales



by Phil Junker

Sandhill Cranes starting south early

In the fall, sandhill cranes gather in their northern summer grounds and start southward. Many traditionally make a rest stop in northern Indiana, and then in early December as weather worsens, they start the trek on to their winter homes in Georgia and Florida.

Sometime they make a brief stop coming or going in the Ohio River bottoms. In Perry, Spencer, Posey counties, or in Central Kentucky.

One of the first stops for the sandhills, which have a seven-foot wingspan, is in and around the Jasper-Pulaski Wildlife Refuge (J-P) in northwestern Indiana. They usually spend several weeks there gleaning the surrounding farm fields before heading on south. Anywhere from 10,000 to 30,000 of the big birds frequent Jasper Pulaski.

Hundreds and maybe thousands of people also flock to JPL to view and listen to the birds. Viewing stands have been constructed over the years to watch the fall gathering.

For some reason, this year the cranes are more widespread and seem to be heading south earlier. The weather shouldn't have been a factor. It has been relatively mild so far.

Do the birds know something is different? Highly unlikely. However, this year Kentucky will have its first sandhill crane hunting season. While the big birds are currently hunted in 13 others states, three Canadian provinces, and Mexico, Kentucky is the first state east of the Mississippi River to offer a season.

Sandhills have been hunted in modern times for more than 50 years, and their numbers continue to grow. The North American population is estimated at about 700,000 birds and the Eastern population, which includes Indiana and Kentucky, is believed to be somewhere between 60,000 and 100,000 birds.

Indiana currently has no plans to offer a hunt for sandhills, at least as far as I have heard.

Kentucky's peak number of sandhills is estimated to approach 20,000 birds, primarily in the Barren River Lake area.

The Kentucky hunting season for sandhill cranes will continue through Jan. 15, 2012, or until hunters take 400 cranes, whichever comes first. It is possible many of the birds normally passing through Kentucky will have completed their crossing by mid-December. Smart birds? Probably just some unusual circumstances pushing some birds to migrate earlier.

Kentucky hunters were required to apply for the hunt.

Successful applicants must complete and pass an online identification exam before receiving a permit. Each permitted hunter may take up to two sandhill



Sandhill cranes in the wild are very wary of humans, however in Florida where they winter they can become a nuisance, pecking and damaging automobile mirrors and screen doors. (Photo by Phil Junker)

cranes. Hunters must use the department's Telecheck system to register each crane on the day the bird is taken.

Hunters will also be required to monitor the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website daily for notices of season closure and notifications of the presence of whooping cranes in Kentucky.

The Kentucky hunt is part of a three-year trial, and according to the Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources has been crafted to have no impact on the Eastern population, have as small an impact on nature watching as possible, protect the experimental eastern population of whooping cranes, and provide hunting opportunities for those who want to hunt cranes.

The big birds reportedly are good eating, and no they don't taste like chicken. Some say they taste more like steak. Fact is, they probably taste like sandhill cranes and much depends on how the cook prepares them. Numerous recipes can be found on the internet.

Sandhills adapt. They are very shy when they migrate. A few years ago a friend called me to see a large flock in the Ohio River bottoms near Grandview. I couldn't get close enough to get a decent photo. However, where I stay in Florida during the coldest winter months, the cranes become a nuisance. You don't dare feed them, or you can't get rid of them.

Whether you want to hunt them, watch them, or photograph them, they are a beautiful bird to enjoy.

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PHOTO TIPS -- Indiana's outstanding DNR photographer John Maxwell offers tips on how to obtain pictures of the sandhills.

According to John, photographers should be able to get their best sandhill crane shots at J-P's Goose Pasture Viewing Area around sunrise and sunset, when flocks of cranes fly in and out of the pasture. Cranes are extremely skittish birds, and will usually fly at any hint of human presence. However, cranes seem comfortable at Goose Pasture with people nearby.

"If you have a 35 mm SLR camera, try a 300 mm lens for colorful silhouette photos of flying cranes at dusk or dawn. The sun is behind photographers at sunrise -- giving good light for detailed specimen photos. Focus on the crane's eyes, hold your breath and squeeze the shutter. Or pan the camera with flying birds and silhouette the flock against pink western clouds.

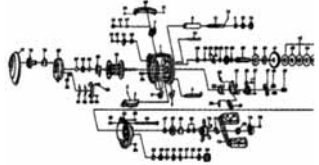
Goose Pasture photographers are looking into the

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by Dan Graves

**Winter Doldrums -
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Last week I sat staring out the patio door, wearing my shawl, listening to the creaking of my rocking chair, slowly singing "Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me hooome", and hoping a squirrel would make another try at the bird feeder so I would have an excuse to use the trusty BB gun lying across my lap. The winter doldrums are already setting in and I'm getting desperate for something to occupy my time.

For some odd reason the local squirrels don't seem to be interested in the bird feeder this year. Since bird seed is getting expensive I've been emptying old items from the refrigerator and putting them in the feeder. What squirrel wouldn't like dried out chili soup with only traces of mold or last weeks left over pork chops basted in habanero sauce? Stop to think about it, the birds spend most of their time sitting on the patio railing staring at the feeder. I think I'll try a mixture of old oatmeal and flat Pepsi to see if that will spark their interest.

In the meantime I decided that now would be a good time to check out the firearms and get them ready for another winter of non-use. I spread a few out on the floor of the den and was contemplating which one to start on when Judy walked in.

"What's going on, Ramar Of The Jungle? You getting ready to attack a small country?"

Visions of my face on Sylvester Stallone's body, sporting a Kevlar vest with bando's of .30 caliber ammo strung across my magnificent torso and an M60 cradled under my arm flashed across my mind.

"Not unless it's a country with palm trees, exotic birds and a nude beach that has never seen snow" I replied.

"If that's your plan, give me one of those things and I'll be the only one on the nude beach, you pervert," she snarled. I'll give her the Garcia Constable that blew its extractor last year.

This summer my brother gave me a Phoenix Arms HP-22 that he had been using as a dust magnet in his sock drawer. Relatively well constructed its finished in dull chrome and heavy for its size. He purchased it new in 1989 for \$89.95 which should speak for its quality. I had bought one at the same

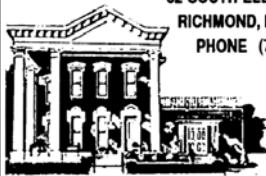
time and it performed fairly well on the few times I fired it, but I had unloaded it (no pun intended) on a former friend a few years ago. Apparently he has never fired it so I'm safe for a while. Meanwhile, I decided to try the thing and drove to a country road a few miles from the lake. It stacked the first round and after clearing it and chambering another, it did the same thing. Close inspection showed the extractor finger spring to be very weak which allowed the extractor finger to slip over the rim on a fired round leaving it half way out of the breach and jamming the next round. I lightly honed the breach entrance and polished the feed ramp to hopefully help the extractor do its job. It didn't work.

I'm not a gunsmith and without the proper tools to dis-assemble the extractor and fit a stronger spring I had few options. One is to drill out the extractor hinge pin, drill and ream a hole large enough to drive in a quarter inch diameter hardened dowel pin, and put a die spring in place. This would be necessary because one quarter inch is the smallest drill bit I have. The gun isn't worth the cost of a gun smith, so I'm using it as a dust magnet in my sock drawer.

Since none of the other pieces had anything worse than loose front sights and trigger pulls equivalent to the weight of a concrete block, I decided to work on a couple of fishing rods that had developed some nasty habits this past summer. One, a closed face spinner had broadened my already extensive vocabulary on numerous occasions. On every other cast the line pickup pins on the spool would fail to retract and not let the line feed off the spool. The result was a whip of the rod, a shower of water as the lure smacked the water beside the boat and a stream of profanity followed by a look of pity from Rollin, my fishing buddy, and a suggestion from him to fix the thing or use another rig. Through clenched teeth I would explain that when it worked it was very smooth. He then explained that the reason he catches fifty percent more fish than I do is because he's in the water fifty percent more often than me. I would then explain that he has only fifty percent of my vocabulary because he never has any reason to practice.

After removing the cap from the reel I pushed the release button at least fifty times and the pins retracted every time. Banging it on the work bench I hissed a few prime expletives, pulled the retainer nut off the top of the spool, removed the spool cover and watched as twenty yards of line spewed out onto the garage floor. It looked like someone had given a rap singer a permanent curly perm. Replacing the cap and trying to rewind the line didn't work. The @#\$% rewind pins wouldn't extend. Unfortunately, it was raining like crazy outside and I couldn't get to the lake to throw the thing in without catching pneumonia.

It's back to the rocking chair, shawl, and BB gun. Maybe I'll have better luck this time. I loaded the bird feeder with corn muffins soaked in hard cider. It shouldn't be too hard to hit a wobbly squirrel in the buns at this distance. The only problem, Judy has bought me an instruction book on crocheting and made an appointment with a local psychologist. If that doesn't work she has a divorce attorney on standby. ■

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Camping Here & Beyond



by John and El McCorry

Beyond the USA A Summer in Europe - Years Ago

We'd just been married a few months (November, 1965) and wanderlust called during the winter of 1965-66. El and I threw ideas back and forth about spending the next summer camping the continent of Europe. She had studied European history and I, the physical geography of Europe (and had been teaching it for seven years). The faculties in the schools in which we taught thought we were crazy, but being young and uninhibited, we went on with the plans. We purchased Fodor's book on travel in Europe, joined a camping club and bought a large book with thousands of campgrounds from which to choose. Plans were to order a VW Campmobile adorned with bed, stove, sink, ice box and ample storage space. We compared companies on the east coast and chose one with the most reasonable price, including shipping it back to the United States after we'd returned. We were to pick up the camper van at Otto Glockler's VW in Frankfurt, Germany on June 12. At nearly the same time I saw a notice on the bulletin board at IPFW in Ft. Wayne telling of plans for two plane loads of faculty and associate faculty to fly to London in June and back in early September. I checked with the head of the geo-science department to see if I qualified. By just teaching one class a week at IPFW I qualified. A trip to the travel agency in Bloomington that was handling the trip with a note from geoscience in Ft. Wayne got us tickets. One plane load was just for Slavic speaking faculty and the one we chose was for the rest of us.

It was then we had to hustle. Since camper van pick up date was June 12 we needed to have proof of insurance for 3 months, make plans to ship the VW back home in September, check bed and breakfasts in the British Isles for about two weeks before van pickup since the plane was leaving Indianapolis at the end of May. Fodor's book actually paid for itself by just having the bed and breakfast facilities we needed in England, Scotland and Wales. We also needed to develop our map route of the continent so we could stay 4 or 5 days in some localities and in some areas of our own interests which weren't on the regular touristy routes.

Fodor also had a general plan of monetary exchange for all the countries with the U.S. dollar. The mapping took all of fifteen minutes but deciding where to stay and what to see in those five day cities like Rome, Paris, Athens, etc., took longer. Another situation (before cell phones), was how people back home could contact us if an emergency occurred. We gave a few people the addresses of major city post offices (poste restante) and when we planned to be in that territory. By stopping there for just a few minutes when close by we could find out if we had any mail or phone calls. By developing a driving route from Germany to Portugal, to Italy, a ferry to Greece, up through what was then Yugoslavia, and into the other countries of Europe we could see the touristy places as well as what we wanted to see and what the local people said we should definitely visit.

Our flight to London (Heathrow) was on TWA (long since out of business). 600 miles out over the Atlantic the navigator came on over the public address system and said we were headed back to New York, that we were jettisoning fuel into the

ocean to maintain altitude, and that we had just lost an engine. El and I looked out our window and one engine was smoking. After complete repairs had been accomplished we were on our way across the Atlantic. I had taken air sickness pills but El wanted to stay awake and see the water and clouds the whole way across. This was the first flight either of us had ever taken.

Our first bed and breakfast evening in London was at Mary MacGrail's home. The breakfast consisted of what we could call raw bacon, runny eggs and the first and best orange marmalade we've ever had. Welcome to England. By taking the underground (subway), double decked buses, and the Flying Scot (passenger train) we packed in the sites of the British Isles such as Big Ben, 10 Downing Street, the world's largest food (from most countries of the world) fair, St. Paul Cathedral, and changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace. Climbing up to the castle above Princess Street Gardens in Edinburgh, Scotland was a thrill as we arrived just in time to see a very youthful bagpipe band beating the retreat (lowering the flag of Scotland). Hundreds of people gather each evening to see the ceremony performed by various schools bagpipe and drum bands chosen from around the area.

In Liverpool our bed and breakfast was in the same neighborhood where the Beatles had had their start. Our third story room looked out on the railroad yard and by reading a local news-paper we found there had been a couple of murders close by our b and b within the last week. We tilted our dresser up under the doorknob of our unlockable door and pushed the bed and chairs against the dresser. Sleeping with eyes open we recovered and were quickly on our way next morning after another hearty breakfast. At dinner one evening we were seated next to a lady Realtor from California and her escort, a Polish Count. We asked what would be a good Scotch dish to enjoy. Their choice for me was haggis, a Scotch dish made in a sheep's stomach, of the heart, lungs, and liver of the animal minced with suet, onions, oatmeal and seasoned with salt and pepper. El wasn't as brave and opted out of my choice and had steak. Later, back in London, before we took the ferry across the English Channel from Dover to Ostend, Belgium, she had steak and kidney pie and I believe blood pudding. Welcome to local fare.

Our twelve days in the England, Scotland, and Wales set the stage for many experiences to come the next 77 days while camping the continent of Europe. We had become so accustomed to certain food in the United States and to the same type of money all the time that changes from one country to the next and keeping up with how Fodor explained the exchanged rates, became rather easy after a while. We made sure all the money from one country was spent before going across the next border. Usually we spent the last amount on snacks, etc. Being Scots-Irish and El being part Irish we just had to see Ireland so we went back several years later to spend 15 days with a wonderful tour group including my brother Dick and his wife, Mary Ann. We just had to and did kiss the Blarney Stone. We've been lucky ever since being endowed with extreme skill in the use of flattery, excessive complementary language and smooth, deceitful talk. That's what Blarney does to you, they say.

Shopping usually was no problem after we decided what we wanted for meals, how much storage, and especially paying attention to the exchange rates in all those countries. Most of the time we cooked over canisters of gas which unfolded so we could set the pan on top to cook the meal. It took very little space and seemingly lasted a long time before being replaced.

Since our Indiana University plane flight didn't leave London until September 7 we had to keep a tight schedule. We didn't see any of the other passengers on the I.U. faculty plane the whole summer as they had their own agendas, such as lecturing about their own disciplines at various universities, research, studies, and a few, just vacationing.

Next month we'll start our camping adventure from Germany. If you have anything about camping you would like us to discuss, call us at 260-637-3524 or email at: jmacnut@yahoo.com.

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and that's the news from West Central Indiana



by Don Bickel, Forester

Hit'll sur be a shame when I hav to tell em hit's ma deer

Here in West Central Indiana, where the Wabash River takes a kink to the south and begins to head for the Illinois border, deer season was in full swing. Archery season, at least the early stick and string time, was past and now the gunpowder was being burnt.

My friend, Hal Bench had set on the back side of his property in a tree stand he had built. He left his house shortly before daylight and walked back to the stand. It's definitely an advantage when you can walk out the back door and practically see where you'll be sitting to watch the sun come up.

I, on the other hand, had told Hal, I would hunt with him on this morning, but for various reasons - all good - I didn't get up in time. Maybe the alarm didn't go off, maybe I didn't have everything laid out or maybe - whatever, I was going to be late.

When I turned off the paved road onto the gravel and headed for Hal's lane, the sun was adding light to the dark sky. When I turned down the lane, headed for Hal's house back on the bank of Sugar Creek, it was definitely daylight. So, I was late and Hal wouldn't let me get by with some lame excuse, but maybe I could slip into the other stand back in the woods.

When the pickup door opened, I knew my hunting day was about to become a work day. The sound of Hal's Remington 870 12 gauge boomed sharply in the morning air. No doubt in my mind - Hal had just killed a deer. His stand overlooked a crossing riffle on Sugar Creek and deer would be crossing from the corn field to a thicket on Hal's side.

I quickly buckled on the fanny pack, which contained among a myriad of other necessities - a Buck knife and a pair of plastic gloves. My own 870 would go along, don't take it and there'll be a shot opportunity for sure.

"Donald, I figured you'd get here in time to help with the field dressin'. Wuz it the alarm clock this time? I got tired of waitin'."

Hal had taken a very nice sized doe and the deer fell on the gravel bar on Hal's side of Sugar Creek. We pulled her up to a small patch of short weeds and grass - too much sand close to the creek.

"Donald, I believe I see'd this deer before. She had 2 yearlin's with her jist lik when they wuz on the back side of the garden. This mornin' they come out of the bresh on the other side and she let them two yearlin's cross first. When I saw her, I knowed thet wuz my meat deer."

"Hal, this doe is probably going to field dress at 120 pounds or so. I'll help you drag her to where we can get the pickup and then I'll go with you to check her in. Maybe I'll hunt from this stand this evening."

Two sets of hands make a field dressing chore move along at a good clip. The remaining gut pile would be quickly found by coyotes that seemed to patrol the creek each night and Nature's food chain would begin to become full circle.

With the deer in Hal's pickup, we headed for the Bal Hinch Country Store and as we approached, we could see there were a few hunters ahead of us waiting to weigh their deer. Hal had determined he wouldn't weigh the doe, just do the paperwork and get the legal tag.

"Donald, if I didn't hav to check in this here deer, I'd turn around rite now. You see thet feller standin' over by thet old blue pickup? The't Home Gantree and I ain't seen him fer sum time. Now, I tell you whut, if you talk to him, you better take ever thing he says with a bag of salt."

"You mean a pinch of salt."

"Naw, I mean a bag of salt. Thet man don't have any idee whut the unvarnished truth is. It's a fact, he kin stretch it so thin, you could use it fer 4-pound fishing line."

Now, I has seen Homer on occasion, but had never talked to him. He wasn't a man given to mixing with crowds or even mixing with a few people. He had apparently been deer hunting and although his attire was not of camouflage, the clothes would have blended into the woodland scene quite well. A washing machine does destroy the possibilities of perfectly good camouflage, you just have to let the layers build up.

I edged closer to the man, figuring this was a good time to talk to him. I could tell Homer did not use any of the various scents and potions used by deer hunters to cover their presence in the woods. I would say the aroma was a cross between rotten log and locker room. The combination would put buck urine to shame and any deer catching a whiff on the breeze would think, "Now, I've got to see what the heck that is."

"Mr Gantree, I'm Don Bickel. Hal Bench told me to talk to you should I ever met you."

"Say, I know you. I seed yur pictur' in th' paper. I get the paper from the recycle place and use it whenever the need arises. I read it whilst I'm settin' there. Jist call me Homer, Mr Gantree wuz my paw."

"Well, I, Homer, did you check in a deer? There's sure a lot of them being brought in."

"Say now, I'm jist waitin' fer somebody to bring it in. So far, they's jist been lettles ones. It'll weigh about 250 pounds and have 14 points on its rack."

"Well, why didn't you bring it in?"

"I ain't seed thet deer since I shot it. I been lookin' fer him the last two years and jist this mawnin', I spotted him standin' there acrost two bean fields. I figur'd a little short of a quarter mile between us and I didn't feel up to short'n the distance since he wuz already so close."

"I wet ma finger and wiped off the front bead on Ol; Ticklikker and raised her to ma shoulder. Thet buck jist stood there, he know'd his time wuz up cause he could see me acrost them two bean-fields. I held about 2 foot over his shoulder and tetch'd her off."

"Say, when thet punkin-ball hit him, he didn't know whether to fall in his tracks or not, so he jist run into the woods. They wuz sum guys huntin' in thet woods and I heerd em' shoot. Hit's a shame to shoot a dead deer, and since ma knees hav' been givin' me sum trouble, I figur'd I'd jist let them brag him in fer me."

"Now, look over there. Thet pickup thet jist pulled in has got a big deer in the back. I'd best go and check it out. Hit'll sur be a shame when I hav to tell em hit's ma deer."



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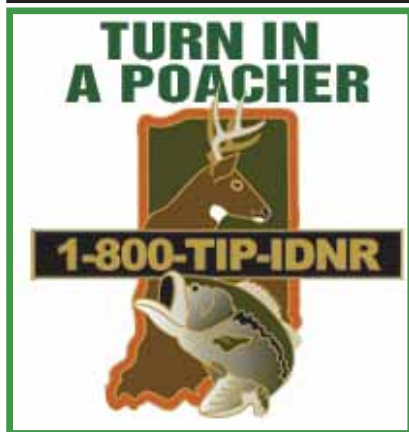
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was had. For whatever reason no black or gag groupers were boated; only red grouper were caught. I was anxious to also see the gag and black grouper species up close but that would have to wait until another time.

With the afternoon pointing towards evening the grouper fishing had come to an end. We still had many miles of now somewhat calmed open water to cover to get back near the Intercoastal and a float plan to try to adhere to. Once in the Intercoastal waterway care had to be taken to avoid any of the hundreds of floating stone crab trap marker buoys that seemed to be everywhere as were schools of Spanish mackerel breaking the surface. Seeing the latter had the four of us looking at our watches in attempts to talk ourselves into being able squeeze out a few more hours but we all knew we would have to pass on 'chasing the macks' for the time being. There were still the tasks of stowing equipment and filleting fish to be done once back at the Captain Bubba and Miss Ann hostel and of course, time set aside for planned relaxation. We couldn't have been expected to treat that day like it was all work could we? After all, there would be grouper fillets and stone crab claws waiting to be cracked. ■



Dr. Fred Philips

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We look forward to seeing everyone back next year for the ISTA 51st Convention and Rendezvous, to be held at the Tipton County Fairgrounds, 1200 S. Main St. (SR 19), Tipton, IN., Sept. 23 & 24, 2012. Setup will be the Thursday before. Costs for tables, camping, etc. are all to be determined. Tom Morelock has agreed to chair this event. We will get further information out in the near future. If you have a question that just cannot wait, please feel free to contact me, Fred Philips, at 765.938.1806. Please leave a message if I do not pick up immediately.

As a point of interest, our next Convention will be Sept. 21 & 22, 2012 at the Tipton County Fairgrounds, Tipton, IN. ■

Outdoors Tales

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sun at sunset.

"Again, try silhouette shots against colored clouds. Be careful panning across a clear evening sky having a sun unfiltered by clouds. A flash of full sun-light through a telephoto lens can wreck an eyeball."

"Photographers with shorter lenses can also get good pictures of crane flocks on the ground socializing in Goose Pasture, or get artsy and try some half-second exposures on a tripod. Deer and coyotes can often be "spotted ambling across Goose Pasture during dawn and dusk."

"Greater sandhill cranes are often seen feeding and dancing in harvested farm fields near Jasper-Pulaski FWA during the day. Sandhill cranes outside of Goose Pasture are wary. Opening car doors will scare birds close enough to be photographed. Try finding a safe place to pull off the road and take photos from inside the car. Cranes outside of the fish and

wildlife area are on private land.

"Crane roosting marshes within the fish and wildlife area are closed so migrating cranes can rest without human harassment," writes John.

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Contact writer Phil Junker by email at: outdoorscribe@yahoo.com

For more outdoors with Phil Junker, contact his blog at: outdoorscribe.blogspot.com ■

Bass Fishing Technics

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I will be with them at the Indianapolis Boat Sport and Travel Show on February 17th thru 26th in Tackle town. So be sure to stop by and say hello and take a look at the New 2012 Alpha 211. You won't be disappointed!

See you at the Boat Show

Bill Embry, G2loveitbasstour@aol.com

Comments on Legend Boats by Eldon Crabtree

Early this year I had the pleasure of going to Midway Arkansas, home of Legend Boats, with Bill Embry to pick up his new Legend Boat. We arrived in the early afternoon and they where just putting the finishing touches on Bill's new boat. I met the workers and Mr. Dean Smith, partner in Legend Boats, they treated me as if I was a long lost cousin. They had made lodging arrangements for us and it was at the worlds famous Gaston's Lodge on the banks of the also famous White River known for fabulous trout fishing. That evening we had a meal that was truly outstanding as was all the meals we had while on our trip. The next morning we went back to the factory picked up the boat and launched it in Bull Shoals Lake for a shake down run. The rep. for Legend Boats put the boat thru some very impressive maneuvers. That afternoon they put the boat back in the factory to put a protective white covering on the boat and trailer for towing home. That was where I met Randy Qualls, president of Legend Boats, he was no different than his staff and workers, just a plain down home guy. The next morning Bill and I went to the lodge to check out and was told that we had no bill, that Legend Boats had paid for everything, lodging and meals. We went back to the factory to pick up the boat, I was given hats and a very nice sweatshirt and the whole three days was treated like I had just purchased a new boat, GREAT FOLKS.

I have fished out of this boat in the Seniors Tournaments as well as many practice days and it is a bass fisherman's dream. The boat has a fast hole shot, smooth ride and is very comfortable in rough water, even at fairly high speeds. BUT what I like best, being a non-boater, is the detail they put in the boat for the co-angler and the comfort you have in this boat verses other brands. If I was to purchase a new boat today or in the future it would be a LEGEND BOAT.

I have visited several boats factories and I saw first hand that these people take pride in everything that is done to these boats, they truly are built one at a time with southern pride.

PS: At my age I am not easily impressed, but this boat impresses me. ■

Roaming The Outdoors

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More dates next month or check their website.

SOME CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

The new column on Veterans has been postponed for a while, I will keep you posted.

Ray McCune has retired and is working on a new

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release of his very popular book "How to Eat a Wild Green Pancake and Other Humorous Tales!"

If any of you readers want to contact Ray McCune you may e-mail me and I will pass them onto him.

79th SEABEE REUNION UPDATE

I sent an e-mail to the Seabee Museum in California asking if they might have a listing of the members of CBMU 624 who was the outfit my father served with on Okinawa in April of 1945. Recently I received the Muster List for CBMU 624 from them. They also sent me the e-mail address for the Seabee Historical Foundation located in Gulfport, MS saying the Foundation might be able to help me too. I sent an e-mail to them and got an e-mail back with several lists of Seabees, some addresses and a short list of men who served with CBMU 624.

Now I have about all the information available to locate 79th Construction Battalion Seabees and CBMU 624 in the United States, now all I have to do is find the ones who are still living and see if I can get them to come to the 67th 79th NCB Reunion in Richmond, IN next September. The Seabee Historical Foundation is listing our reunion in their newsletter too. Wish me luck. ■

On The Cutting Edge My Opinion (s)

Starts Here - Hold On To Your Seat!

Letter or E-mail To The Editor

I received the following letter from Blair, OK.

Dear Editor:

Please print this letter in your publication as soon as possible:

WHAT EUROPE AND AMERICA HAVE IN COMMON

Europe and the USA have many things in common, one of which noted currently is the massive debt crisis both are experiencing because of politicians who fail to learn from history. George Santayana noted that those who fail to learn from the mistakes of the past are doomed to repeat them. In both Europe and the United States, power-hungry politicians have been trying to buy votes with money we don't have, taxing not only this generation but every generation in the future, guaranteeing a lower standard of living for our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. These short-sighted politicians, thinking only of the present, seem to think they can go on forever, steadily increasing the public debt, by just printing more and more money without an equal increase in goods and services, hoping to find someone to buy our consequently less and less valuable bonds. As history has repeatedly shown us, this does not work. Every society that has tried this has collapsed. A prime example is the Soviet Union. If socialism were a better system, we would all be speaking Russian. Previously democratic civilizations and nations that have tried this have collapsed into dictatorship. Some noteworthy examples are the Greeks, the Romans, and the post-World War I Weimar Republic of Germany, the latter printing so much money that its currency became virtually worthless, bankrupting the country, and resulting in the establishment of Hitler's Nazi (National Socialist) party dictatorship that brought on the horrors of World War II.

It is time to rid ourselves of such history-ignoring, out-of-touch-with-reality, power-mad politicians, ousting them from power, and never let them in office again.

Harold Bob Jones
Blair, Oklahoma

Editor's Note: I talked to Harold Jones on the telephone the other day, he is a man about the same age as I am and we both think along the same lines. But words in the newspaper can only do so much. It takes action in the voting booth and seeing to it that free thinking, God fearing Americans are sent to Washington to represent us, not politicians!

THE CANADIAN KEYSTONE PIPELINE AND OTHER RELATED TOPICS

Past presidents, diplomats and billion dollar business owners have kept us embroiled in the Middle East for more than a century. It is time that we get un-embroiled.

One word, Oil, has been at the heart of this problem.

I am not in favor of us even using oil for power, haven't been since the mid 2000's when it was clear that to save this planet we needed to use 100% Celulosic Ethanol, not E-85 Ethanol. The country of Brazil effectively manufactured 100% Celulosic Ethanol in the 90's, but the United States and other countries will not embrace its use and continue embracing fossil fuels, which pollute the planet as we speak.

Since Oil seems to be our salvation and we can't operate our society, presently without it, then why the heck can't we see the forest for the trees or maybe its we can't see the trees for the forest, whichever the case may be. The Canadians, our friendly neighbors just north of the United States, have found billions of barrels of oil in their oil-rich sands and are biting at the bit to build a pipeline (Keystone Pipeline) that will fill our refineries with enough oil so that we don't have to import oil from the Middle East to do so. Two years ago, I think that's how long its been, a huge pipeline was built through Indiana from out west to the east coast or somewhere in that proximity. I don't remember hearing about a hassle to build it. I do remember how it upset the apple cart for a lot of Hoosiers, there businesses, their private property, etc.

Are we so blind that we can't see an opportunity here that will relieve us of most of our problems with having enough oil to power our country?

What I said just a while ago, we need to send free thinking Americans to Washington to govern us.

President Obama, a 100% politician, has decided to shelve the Keystone Pipeline until after the 2012 Presidential election.

Several years ago all the talk was an oil company wanting to build a pipeline from oil-rich Alaska to the United States to solve all of our problems getting oil to America. The environmentalists were against it and we know how powerful they are. If you don't think they are powerful, talk to the people of Tennessee who needed a dam to provide power for their area and the dam was canceled due to a very small rare minnow.

Well after a battle of wits and boon-dogging the pipeline was built. All the oil that was going to solve America's oil shortage problem now goes to the Far East. America doesn't get a drop, according to reports that I have heard and read.

Today, again, we really do have a chance to solve our oil shortage problems. Canada really wants to build their Keystone Pipeline and bring their oil into the United States for us to use. Of course if we look a gift horse in the mouth and leave the future of this country in the hands of politicians who so far couldn't lead a horse to water, without a ton of legislation to get it there, we deserve it, because we put those politicians into office repeatedly, term after term, after term. President Obama is the exception to this case, so far we haven't put him back in office, if we do, we deserve what we get, four more years further away from America's prosperity.

We don't need imported oil from the Middle East or any other country who would like to bury us.

I am so sick and tired of the inaction of the politicians in Washington and Indiana for that matter. In Indiana and many other states if the politicians don't like some legislation that is before them, they escape and go to Illinois and hide out for several weeks until the legislation they didn't want to do anything about is solved or the other party throws up its hands and gives into blackmail. The sickest part of this deal is that those same politicians will more than likely be re-elected come the next election.

We Americans live in the greatest country in the world, but many are so caught up in other things that they don't even go to the polls to vote, they let George do it. Let me tell you something, George isn't doing it anymore either.

I will say something here about some of those countries in the Middle East and other parts of the world where they don't enjoy our freedoms, we dismiss as unimportant, when it comes to their wanting a free vote or any kind of a vote, they will go to the polls in spite of threats to die, if they vote, and some die doing so.

This last November election, locally I think maybe 6% of the eligible voters, voted. Of course we didn't have to cross any firing lines to get there or be afraid for our lives, but we had more important things going on like a hair appointment or wanted to watch a movie, etc.

Back to the Canadian Keystone Pipeline, if President Obama lets this opportunity slip by because of political maneuvering he should be impeached. He has the ultimate responsibility to lead this country in a fashion that lives up to all those who led before him. He needs to be



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another Ronald Reagan, another Abraham Lincoln, or another George Washington.

Lead, Mr. President, Lead, get the United States of America back on track with our righteous path, as the leaders of the Free World that we earned with the blood of so many Americans and true leadership since 1776.

Our politicians in Washington seem to have lost all sight of our path, evidently, their personal goals outweigh their duty to our country, just like the soldiers who die for the cause of Freedom, they also have the same duty to their country, the path of the United States of America is in their hands and unfortunately they are on the wrong path.

We have time to change their path, the 2012 election could be a fresh start for this country or it can be reported as being the same ole' kinda election we are used to seeing - more of the same.

Term limits for elected officials could solve a lot of our problems. No American should be in a political office for as long as many of the politicians in Washington stay there, it is not a career job, it is not a job to retire from, it is a responsibility that is best resolved by a collection of ideas, not a sole idea, unmoving because of a sole power that doesn't consider their action to be over seen by anyone except their self.

Speaking about the election, the Republicans running, are more like performing on stage for the studio audience, isn't in my thinking the way our fore fathers thought about running for public office.

The national media loves it, it is filling their pockets with lots of cash.

I'm going to put in my two cents here, as if I haven't already!

The Republican Candidate that I would like to see being the candidate to run against President Barack Obama is Rick Perry.

Why, you might say. Unfortunately I haven't had the time to watch the debates, nor do I spend time on u-tube or whatever it is called, nor do I spend hours in front of the tv watching the cable news, nor do I read the Wall Street journal or pay much attention to Wall Street.

I base my opinion (and that is what it is an opinion), from reading about him, asking others about him and a stint he did with Dave Letterman, who I can't stand, but watch him just to see how far to the left he has wandered. Letterman is the poorest excuse for a TV Talk Show Host that I have ever watched. If I'm having a hard time getting to sleep I turn him on and in seconds I am sound asleep. His main theme since 2004 has been to bash republicans, especially former Vice President Dick Cheney and others.

I don't have time to watch much tv due to my being the sole employee of The Gad-a-bout.

Letterman likes to pounce on his guests, especially politicians, like he did with Republican candidate Herman Cain who followed Rick Perry a week or so later. Rick Perry, though, held his ground and demonstrated to me anyway, that he had the same, stick to the issues type of bull-doggedness of former President Ronald Reagan. I liked what Perry said too, within a year of being President of the United States he would have the border secure between the United States and Mexico, have people on the ground enforcing who comes and goes in America along that border. We could use another man like Reagan in the White House. I think we should give Rick Perry that opportunity.

After all we gave Senator Barack Obama an opportunity to be President of the United States, he wanted to CHANGE things, at least that is what he said when he was campaigning for the office. And as we can all see now, we have change! We used to have money, but now all we have is some change.

Hmmmmmm. Somewhere along the way I got way laid from the Canadian Keystone Pipeline. If we are going to continue to use fossil fuels as our source for energy, why not use a source as close as Canada. Why in heavens name do we want to continue buying oil from countries who want to bury us. It makes no sense to ship tons of oil over the oceans to this country when the oil can come here through a pipeline from Canada. And right now it is ours for the taking, but if we hem and hog around and wait until after the 2012 elections, there is a possibility that Canada will sell their oil to the Far East too.

I know the environmentalists are against the building the Keystone Pipeline, but their objections don't make any sense either. The pipeline will be built with current technology, stronger and safer than ever and it will add jobs to an economy that could use the boost, plus provide oil that will cost less than shipping it from foreign countries. Here too is another important factor when it

comes to the environment, Every ship that carries oil across the oceans is just a stone's throw away from being the next environmental disaster if it goes aground or sinks or collides with another ship. A pipeline is a much safer way and less costly way to ship oil.

My last opinion on this subject, "Bring our troops home from the Middle East."

Look where we are right now. In Afghanistan we are fighting on both sides of the border of Pakistan, who is friend and who is foe? Why are we there? In Iraq, why do we want to be there. They don't want us there, but yet we are still there. In Iran, they definitely don't want us there.

Yes, they all want us to keep sending aid money to them, but why do we when our own country is in dire straits at this very moment.

Let's get the heck out of there, then if we need to do something later we can do it from a far and not hurt any Americans in the process.

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Maybe we shouldn't be in such big hurry to forget the older more efficient methods of doing things like the Post Office, Cursive Writing, Railroads, Humans, etc.

Hunt Made To Stick by Charles R. Shumate

Even though it has been a week, I still think daily about the deer hunting trip with my grandson, Addi. It was an adventure that was made to stick. Just eleven years of age, a few months before the trip he scored ninety-four on the exam at the Indiana Hunter Safety Education Course. He was ready and raring to go. The hunt took us to the beautiful, almost heaven like wilderness of Land O Lakes, Wisconsin. My son-in-law, Phil came along as a hunting partner and Addi invited a friend from school who had never been on a hunt before.

We arrived in Northern Wisconsin late in the afternoon and scouted the woods we planned to hunt the next day. Our purpose was to harvest the exotic Sika deer on the sprawling farm of Lawyer Larry Litche. A few bucks were noticed a couple of hundred yards away right before dark. So, Addi, his Dad, Ben and I got a good night's sleep, anxious for the break of the new dawn. We awakened early the next morning to the smell of pumpkin pancakes that were so soft and delicious they melted in the mouth.

It was a cloudy day and a light rain as we headed for the woods. Not deterred with the weather, Addi quickly noticed a buck standing about a hundred yards away. It was a Sika. He was looking us right in the face. Addi quickly loaded his 44 Magnum single shot and moved quietly toward the Sika buck. He raised the gun to his shoulder with an aim that was sure. I could hear his heart beating...thump, thump, thump, five feet away. He took aim through the scope and fired. The buck fell right in his tracks with an excellent high shoulder lung shot. Wow! His first deer. Evidently the Remington 44 magnum hollow point bullet hit the high right shoulder and angled into the lung. What a shot! I looked at Addi and he was gleaming with a smile as big as a quarter moon.

What a moment of excitement with hand shaking and high fives. After pacing off seventy-five yards to the downed deer we realized it was an eight point buck. His first deer was a beautiful, exotic Sika buck, which is also known as the spotted deer. The Sika's color changes with the seasons as the color ranges from a light ash brown to black in the winter. When the Sika senses danger the hair on the rump is raised giving it a bustle, cotton tail look from the distance. Addi's buck had a giant cotton tail when he saw Addi.

The buck weighed in at one hundred and twenty pounds with a black heavy neck mane and a shapely eight point rack. His first deer at eleven years of age and all this happened within the first hour of our hunt. It was a hunt made to stick in the mind forever.

Gad's Corner



Mike Legear took this 10 point, 181 pound., Field Dressed Buck on 11-26-11 with a Shotgun in Wayne County, IN. (Mike Legear Photo)



Chris Hollen took his first deer this 15 point, 188 pound buck in Union County, IN on 11-23-11. (Photo submitted by good friend Mike McClellan)



Justin McClellan took this 9 point, 156 lb. buck on 11-19-11 in Union Co, IN. Justin saw it before his dad, Mike did! Justin shot and the deer went down. (Mike McClellan Photo)



Gary Hunter took this 10 point, 175 lb buck on the Salamonie Reservoir property in Wabash County, IN. (Bozarth Country Store Photo, Lagro, IN)



This is Alissa and Luke Pershing who helped assist their grandpa, Steve Pershing, get this 6 point buck in Wabash County, IN (Bozarth Country Store Photo, Lagro, IN)



Nick Butt took this buck during Bow Season. (52 Pickup Marathon Convenience Store Photo, Brookville, IN)



Craig McIntyre took this 12 point, 235 pound buck on 10-29-11. (Red Barn Bait, Guns & Deli Photo, Salem, IN)



Mike Miller took this 8 point, 202 pound buck. (Dave's Triangle Inc. Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)



Mark Johnson took this buck on 11-04-11. (Red Barn Bait, Guns & Deli Photo, Salem, IN)

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Dylan Lynn, age 12, of Connersville took this 11 point typical 170 pound buck in Fayette County while hunting with his dad Richard. It was Dylan's first ever deer. (Photo by Richard Lynn)



Joel Lapham of Connersville, IN took this 20 point non-typical, 227 pound buck. (Dave's Triangle Inc. Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)



Chase Enyeart took this 9 point, 197 pound buck in Wabash County, IN. (Bozarth Country Store Photo, Lagro, IN)



Mike Lemen, owner of C&T Cycles in Scottsburg, IN, took this 1,000 pound plus Moose Cow on 10-17-11 in British Columbia Canada with a 300 Winchester Mag. (Mike Lemen Photo)



Steve Brown of Liberty, IN took this 13 point, 230 pound buck in Logan County, Ohio with a bow. (Steve Brown Photo)



David Steinar took this 11 point, 185 pound buck on 11-12-11. (Frame's Outdoor Photo, Liberty, IN)



Paul Thomas took this 10 point 200 pound buck. (Red Barn Bait, Guns & Deli Photo, Salem, IN)

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Denny Reece took this 33.4 pound Coyote. (Dave's Triangle Inc. Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)



Thirteen year old Austin Blume took his first deer in Rush County on 11-19-11 with this 54 Cal. Muzzleloader. (Photo submitted by Mike Pearson, Greenfield, IN)



James Sparks caught this 8 pound, 1 ounce Walleye in November 2011. (Dave's Triangle Inc. Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)



Shane Mosely took this nice 150 pound doe in November 2011. (Dave's Triangle Inc. Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)



Brandon Prifogle took this buck during Gun Season. (52 Pickup Marathon Convenience Store Photo, Brookville, IN)



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Delbert Lewis took this 8 point, 215 pound buck on opening day of gun season. (Midlake Trading Post Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)



Kevin Miller of Shelbyville, IN took this 9 point buck with a bow near Egypt Hollow ramp on Brookville Lake 10-29-11. (Photo submitted by Michael & Rebecca DeVoe)



At left, Addi Lavelle of Anderson, IN and at right his friend Ben Gray. Addi, age 11, took this 8 point, 120 lb. Sika deer in northern Wisconsin. It was Addi's first deer. (Photo by Grandfather Charles R. Shumate) See additional story on page 27.



Hunter Buttery took this 9 point, 177 pound buck on 11-12-11 in Frankling County. (Frame's Outdoor Photo, Liberty, IN)



Randy Buttery took this 10 point, 167 pound buck in Union County. (Frame's Outdoor Photo, Liberty, IN)



Eleven year old Jason Bradburn took his first deer, a 10 point, 172 pound buck on 11-18-11 in Wayne County with a Muzzleloader. (Frame's Outdoor Photo, Liberty, IN)

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