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Pictured from left to right are: Jim Lindner; Ron Lindner;
Bill Gautsche (Hall Awards Committee chairman);
Al Lindner and Emmett Brown

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2007 Mega Boat Raffle

There is still time to get your tickets for this magnificent \$37K fishing boat. As a small departure from the past few years, we won't be drawing for it until December 24th.

If you need more tickets or if you have misplaced the ones we sent you, just call us at 715 634-4440.

You can also go to our website at
www.freshwater-fishing.org

and purchase them as well. Either way, please do it today. It's going to be a great Christmas Eve call for someone, it may as well be you!

Good luck and thank you.



Three Lindners in the Hall

On October 29th, a very unique ceremony took place at the Hall. Jim Lindner was inducted as a Legendary Communicator, Ron Lindner was elevated from Legendary Angler to Enshrinement status and Al Lindner's Enshrinement status was re-dedicated.

We have inducted husbands and wives and fathers and sons before, but never three members from the same family. As many of you probably know, Al and Ron are brothers and Jim is Ron's son.

The Lindners are certainly the first family of fresh water sportfishing in North America.

Congratulations to all three!!



On October 15th, Emmett Brown (left) accepts \$1,000 from Steve Hawthorn, President of the Hayward Lakes Chapter of Walleyes for Northwest Wisconsin, for the re-painting of the walleye. Thank you!

Awards are Presented

On August 20th, Awards Committee members (Bill Gautsche; Larry Colombo; Clem Dippel; Mike Dombeck; Elmer Guerri; Tim Lesmeister; Gil Radonski; Vin T. Sparano; Burt Steinberg; Wendy Williamson; Gregg Wollner and Forrest Wood) met in Hayward, Wisconsin and elected nine (9) persons and one (1) organization into our prestigious Hall of Fame.

The 2008 inductees are a stellar group. They represent fresh water sportfishing at its highest level. Results of their meeting will be released shortly after the new year. Please keep an eye out through your favorite outdoor columnist for the announcement. It will also be on our website during the first week of January as well.



Big Fish Hosts Wedding



On August 18th Clint and Gillian Cargile were married at the "Big Musky." Gillian remembers visiting the Hall on many occasions as a young girl. We are always happy to help our new and longtime friends whenever and however we can. Perhaps Clint and Gillian will renew their vows on their 50th anniversary here at the Hall!



Emmett Brown (left) presents Frank Suick's Legendary Angler plaque to Frank's son, John (middle) and his grandson, Steve this past October 2nd.



Emmett Brown (left) accepts another check from Rick and Liz Halajcsik from Hookstone Winery of Hayward. So far this year Rick and Liz have contributed over \$2,000 to the Hall from a portion of their wine sales. Thank you!

From the Director's Desk



by Emmett Brown

It's only been two days since our museum has closed for the year and I already miss the crowds. Yes it's a lot of work and yes it requires a lot of my attention. However, keeping alive the heritage of fresh water sportfishing is a very important part of what we do. In fact, it is job number one.

We had a very pleasant fall here in Hayward. The foot or so of rain we received from mid-September through mid-October was sorely needed. All the rain, falling when it did, seemed to allow our "color" to last for almost thirty days. In fact, there are still, as of November 2nd, pockets of color left!

Autumn is almost as much of a curse as it is a blessing to the well-rounded outdoor enthusiast. If he or she is a hunter, then the dilemma always persists as to what do I do today? Of course, I spend most of my time at the Hall. However, when I can "steal" a little time, I like to hunt ducks in the morning and fish for muskies in the afternoon. I can think of no finer way to whittle away a day in the Northwoods.

Of course, for me, the best part of duck hunting is watching the marsh come alive as the sun breaks the horizon. The best mornings always seem to be when the rising sun and the night fight for control of the new day.

This year has been especially enjoyable as I have been able to spend several mornings with my son. He has been discharged from four years in the Marines and he

is currently a student at UW-Stout.

Please be sure to read the account of Frank Rippinger's first musky on page 8. It captures nicely the essence of catching the first fish of a particular species. Frank is a friend and longtime supporter of the Hall. Please keep the stories coming in.

Thank you all for your support. Please have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Best regards,
Emmett A. Brown, Jr.
Executive Director

Come and See Us at the Boat/Sport Shows

If you have plans to be in Chicago, Illinois in mid-January or in the Twin Cities, Minnesota area in early April of next year, please mark your calendar to visit us at both of these fine shows.

The Hall and the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) have joined forces to showcase the Hall and the celebration of fresh water sportfishing.

We will have a prominent display of fresh water sportfishing artifacts at both venues. We will be very easy to find at both events. What a great way to meet one another and promote fresh water sportfishing all at the same time.

The show dates are: Chicago Boat Show (McCormick Place) January 16 – 20, 2008 and the Northwest Sport Show (Minneapolis Convention Center) April 2 – 6, 2008.

See you there!

Take a child fishing!

What Are We Worth?

(By Jim Shepherd)

On September 26th in Washington a coalition of key outdoor figures will be revealing the results of the latest Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation summary of the financial influence of hunting and fishing on the United States economy. The session will also roll out Candidates on Demand, a collaborative effort between the CSF and VERSUS television where the various presidential candidates will comment on issues that are key to hunters and anglers. We can see their answers streamed from the VERSUS website.

Personally, I'm getting a little tired of being portrayed as the "shrinking community of American hunters and anglers" or the increasingly smaller number of anglers. Point of fact, the thirty million American anglers represent a very significant portion of the American economy.

For example, a quick question from the survey: Guess what American anglers spent \$1.1 billion on last year?

Not equipment (\$5.3 billion)

Not food (\$4.3 billion)

Not lodging (\$2 billion)

Anglers spent \$1.1 billion (that's \$1,100,000,000) on – bait. Yep bait.

Anglers spend \$378 million dollars on ice.

In other words, we represent some revenues that don't always get their "props" in the everyday marketplace.

The sportfishing industry supports more than 1 million jobs – the US Postal Service supports 803,000.

More Americans go fishing every year than visit the world's number one resort destination – Disney World. When you outrank Disney in that category, you're a player.

Without fishing, boating would be missing eleven billion dollars of income – and hurting.

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World Angling Records Granted

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NOTE: World angling records are updated quarterly and the ultimate synthesis is published annually in book form each April, distributed free to members, media, manufacturers and world fisheries as a public service.

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“KEPT FISH” WORLD RECORDS

-DIVISION #1 - ROD/REEL-

Fish	Line Class	Lbs. Ozs.	Angler	Where Caught	Date
SALMON/ Kokanee	14 lb.	4-0	Ray Johnson	Flaming Gorge Res., Wyoming, USA	7/23/07
	15 lb.	5-10	Ray Johnson	Flaming Gorge Res., Wyoming, USA	7/20/07
	20 lb.	5-1	Ron Carey	Flaming Gorge Res., Wyoming, USA	5/17/07

-DIVISION #2 - FLY FISHING-

Fish	Line Class	Lbs. Ozs.	Angler	Where Caught	Date
BASS/ Rock	6 lb. tippet	1-2	Dan McGuire	Rainy River, Minnesota, USA	8/2/07
SALMON/ Chum	15 lb. tippet	14-8	Donald R. Crawford	Kennedy Creek, Washington, USA	10/25/07
TROUT/ Dolly Varden	8 lb. tippet	4-8	Bill Flader	Kanektok River, Alaska, USA	8/13/07

FOREIGN CAUGHT RECORDS

-DIVISION #1 - ROD/REEL-

Line Fish	Lbs. Class	Oz.	Where Angler	Caught	Date
CORVINA	All Tackle (only)	8-0	Leonard J. Kouba	Roosevelt River, Brazil, South America	8/17/07
JUNDIA	All Tackle (only)	14-8	Leonard J. Kouba	Roosevelt River, Brazil, South America	8/18/07
PIRANHA/ Black	Unltd.	4-8	Leonard J. Kouba	Roosevelt River, Brazil, South America	8/15/07

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Ron Carey, Kokanee Salmon, 5-1, Flaming Gorge Reservoir, Wyoming, USA, 5-17-07.

GO FISHING TODAY!

More than a quarter of all fishing costs, in fact, are boat-related (at this point, its appropriate to recall that “hole in the water where you pour all your money” comments from a neighbor and laugh – ruefully).

In other words, anglers are not a minority, or disenfranchised group of wackos – we are a vital piece of the fabric of this nation. And despite the protestations of more radical elements of our society (PETA’s Fish Empathy Project pops to mind), we are not unpopular with the American public. Ninety five percent of Americans support legal fishing – only three percent think fishing should be eliminated. The poll being released today shows clearly the positive attitudes toward hunting and fishing.

Many Americans probably wouldn’t be able to state it very

clearly, but they realize anglers and hunters serve multiple needs – sustenance, recreation and conservation. Having been part of the fabric of this nation since before the United States even was a nation – so deeply ingrains you in the psyche of the nation that you are, most often, taken for granted rather than appreciated for your contributions.

It’s also fitting and proper to remind politicians that anglers and hunters as a bloc represent

nearly a third of the total voting population of the United States. And we are one of the groups that turns out to vote – sometimes even on a single topic that impacts our recreational interests.

The point? We should realize that anglers are an invaluable and important piece of American society. To allow fringe groups to portray us otherwise is a disservice to the conservation movement of the United States – and patently dishonest.

Watch for us on Television

During the week of October 15th, Jason Davis of KSTP-TV in Minneapolis was at the Hall filming for his program, “On the Road with Jason Davis.” Jason spent an entire day with us.

We’re told it will air on Sunday, November 18th at 10:35 pm on channel 5 KSTP-Minneapolis and again on November 24th at 11:05 pm on channel 10 WDIO-Duluth. If you are able to receive either stations, you can always visit us that way.

CATCH & RELEASE

-DIVISION #1 - ROD/REEL-

Fish	Line Class	Lgth.	Angler	Where Caught	Date
BASS/ Smallmouth	All Tackle	24"	David Mohler	Bass Lake, Ontario, Canada	9/22/07
	14 lb.	24"	David Mohler	Bass Lake, Ontario, Canada	9/22/07
BOWFIN or DOGFISH	All Tackle	37"	Brian D. Ridley	Black Lake, New York, USA	5/26/07
	4 lb.	37"	Brian D. Ridley	Black Lake, New York, USA	5/26/07
CATFISH/ Channel	10 lb.	37"	Jeff Schober	Victoria Lake, Illinois, USA	9/22/07
MUSKELLUNGE/ Hybrid or Tiger	2 lb.	28"	Doug Cavin	Blue Water Reservoir, New Mexico, USA	8/22/07
SALMON/ Kokanee	10 lb.	24"	Russ Faught	Flaming Gorge Res., Wyoming, USA	9/5/07
SALMON/ Sockeye (Red)	20 lb.	28"	Rod Bates	Kenai River, Alaska, USA	7/21/07

-DIVISION #2 - FLY FISHING-

Fish	Line Class	Lgth.	Angler	Where Caught	Date
MUSKELLUNGE/ Hybrid or Tiger	20 lb. tippet	31"	Doug Cavin	Bluewater Reservoir, New Mexico, USA	10/12/07
SALMON/ Chum	2 lb. tippet	27"	Bill Flader	Kanektok River, Alaska, USA	8/12/07
	4 lb. tippet	28"	Bill Flader	Kanektok River, Alaska, USA	8/11/07
SALMON/ Coho (Silver) (Sea-Run)	14 lb.	28"	Bill Flader	Kanektok River, Alaska, USA	8/11/07
TROUT/ Brook	4 lb. tippet	18"	Devan Enee	Conejos River, Colorado, USA	7/31/07
TROUT/ Dolly Varden	2 lb. tippet	17"	Bill Flader	Kanektok River, Alaska, USA	8/13/07
	4 lb. tippet	21"	Bill Flader	Kanektok River, Alaska, USA	8/13/07
TROUT/ Dolly Varden	12 lb. tippet	23"	Bill Flader	Kanektok River, Alaska, USA	8/13/07
	14 lb. tippet	18"	Bill Flader	Kanektok River, Alaska, USA	8/13/07

FOREIGN CAUGHT RECORDS

-DIVISION #1 - ROD/REEL-

Fish	Line Class	Lgth.	Angler	Where Caught	Date
BICUDA	All Tackle (only)	27"	Leonard J. Kouba	Roosevelt River, Brazil, South America	8/16/07
CORVINA	All Tackle (only)	25"	Leonard J. Kouba	Roosevelt River, Brazil, South America	8/15/07
JUNDIA	All Tackle (only)	35"	Leonard J. Kouba	Roosevelt River, Brazil, South America	8/18/07
PIAU/ Three Spot	All Tackle (only)	13"	Leonard J. Kouba	Roosevelt River, Brazil, South America	8/17/07
RAYADO/ Cachara	All Tackle (only)	40"	Leonard J. Kouba	Roosevelt River, Brazil, South America	8/13/07

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Ron Bates, Sockeye Salmon, 28", Kenai River, Alaska, USA, 7-21-07.



Brian D. Ridley, Bowfin, All-Tackle, 37", Black Lake, New York, USA, 5-26-07.



Bill Flader, Chum Salmon, 28", Kanektok River, Alaska, USA, 8-11-07.



Doug Cavin, Hybrid Muskellunge, 31", Blue-water Reservoir, New Mexico, USA, 10-12-07.



Leonard J. Kouba, Jundia, All-Tackle, 35", Roosevelt River, Brazil, SA, 8-18-07.



Jeff Schober, Channel Catfish, 37", Victoria Lake, Illinois, USA, 9-22-07.



Bill Flader, Chum Salmon, 27", Kanektok River, Alaska, USA, 8-12-07.



Leonard J. Kouba, Cachara Rayado, All Tackle, 40", Roosevelt River, Brazil, SA, 8-13-07.

**Hall memberships
make great gifts!**

Common and Varied Geographical Nicknames for Fresh Water Fish

BASS, Largemouth: Blackie, Lineside, Bucketmouth, Bull, Bigmouth, Hawg, Charlie, Yawner, Greenback, Homer, Widemouth, Jaws

BASS, Smallmouth: Bronzeback, Redeye, Smallie, Brownie, Greenback, Gold Striper

BASS, Redeye: Shoal Bass, Coosa Bass

BASS, Rock: Redeye, Spongegill, Rocky, Goggleye

BASS, Striped: Rockfish, Ole Rock, Striper

BASS, Whiterock/Hybrid: Rockfish, Hybrid Bass (cross between a Striped Bass and White Bass), Rockfish Hybrid, Wiper

BASS, Yellow: Yellow Striper, Gold Sides

BLUEGILL: Sunfish, Gill, Brim, Bream, Sunny, Bluetab, Slab, Blue Ear, Watchfob

BOWFIN: Dogfish, Mudfish, Grindle, Mudpuppy

BUFFALO, Bigmouth or Smallmouth: Carp, Blowfish, Bellyfish, Buglemouth

BULLHEAD, Black, Brown or Yellow: Cat, Mudcat, Bull, Bullies, Yellowbellies, Brownies, Blackhead, Whiskers, Prongfish, Horned Pout, Prairie Trout

BURBOT: Ling Cod, Cusk, Eelpout, Lawyer, Poor Man's Lobster

CARP: Mule, Goldfish, Mississippi Trout, Scalesides, Whiskers, Buglemouth, Prairie Salmon

CARPSUCKER: Quillback, Rooster Head, Combback, Plumeback, Porcupine Fish

CATFISH, Blue: Blue Cat, Purplesides

CATFISH, Channel: Channels, Cat, Kitties, Grey Cat

CATFISH, Flathead: Flat, Cat, Mud Cat, Broadhead, Shovelhead

CRAPPIE, Black: Specks, Speckled Perch, Papermouth, Calico Bass, Slabsides, Crappy

CRAPPIE, White: White Papermouth, White Calico, Slabsides, Crappy

DRUM, Freshwater: Sheepshead, Creaker, Stonefish, Rattlehead, Pergies, White Perch

EEL, American: Snake, Black-

belt

GAR: Crock, Flatbill, Maneater, Sunshine Gar, Needlenose, Armorback, Armorfish

GRAYLING: Sail Perch, Arctic Perch

HERRING, River: Skipjack, Picklers

HERRING, Lake Cisco: Blind Robin, Chub, Smoker, Tullibeas

GOLDEYE, Mooneye: Goldies, Moonies

MUSKELLUNGE: Note: There have been no less than dozens of spellings and pronunciations through the historical writings of the Muskellunge. That list and the following list of nicknames could be endless:

Muskie, Musky, Lunge, Esox, Striper, Leopard, Spotted, Silver, Barred, Great Lakes, Mud Muskie, Pickerel, Redfin, Jack, Grass Pike, Ditch Pike, Maneater, Kentucky Pike, Chautauqua, Allegheny Pike, Duckbill, Great Pike

MUSKELLUNGE, Hybrid: Tiger, Hybrid, Hookjaw, Hooklip

PADDLEFISH: Spoonbill Cat

PERCH, Yellow: Yellow Belly, Lake Perch, Striped Perch, Rainbow

PICKEREL: Grass Pike, Chains, Mottled Pike

PIKE, Northern: Northern, Snake, Hammerhandle, Great Northern, Lucius

SUCKERS and REDHORSE: Peamouth, Mullet, Hognose, Silvers, Reds, Bonefish, Bottomfish, Mud Salmon, Flannelmouth

SALMON, Chinook: King Salmon (usually sea-run)

SALMON, Chum: Dog Salmon, White Salmon, Dogs

SALMON, Coho: Silvers, Silver-side, Jacks

SALMON, Kokanee: Locked Sockeye

SALMON, Sockeye: Reds, Red Salmon

SALMON, Pink: Humpback, Humpies

SHAD, Gizzard: Gizzards, Alewife

INCONNU: Sheefish

STURGEON: Cows, Caviar, Cow, Plungermouth, Shadows

SUNFISH, Redear: Shellcrackers

SUNFISH, Pumpkinseed: Redbellies, Punkies

TROUT, Brook: Brookies, Brook, Speckled Trout

TROUT, Brown: Browns, German Trout, Footballs

TROUT, Lake: Laker, Mackinaw, Togue

TROUT, Rainbow: Steelhead (sea-run), Kamloops (Western landlocked)

WALLEYE: Walleye Pike, Pike Perch, Jack Pike, Sand Pike, Google Eyes, Grass Eyes, Jackfish, Cigars (small walleyes), Marble Eyes

WARMOUTH: Warmouth Bass, Google Eyes, Mushmouth, Mud Gill, Mud Brim

WHITFISH: Liverfish, Bonneville, Cisco, Mulies

FOOTNOTE: We thank the many Hall members all over the world for contributing fish nicknames as species are sometimes referred to or known in their area. Further contributions are always welcomed.

Membership Renewals

About a year and one half ago, our membership cycle went from an annual calendar plan to twelve consecutive months. Each twelve-month period commences with the date we receive the renewal. This had to be done in order to computerize our membership process. We apologize for any inconvenience or misunderstanding this transition may have caused.

This transition, however, did not result in any loss of membership benefit to anyone. This change was strictly for our internal administration only. Certainly, if you ever have any questions at all we are always available. Just phone or email us.

Thank you all for your continued support. We look forward to many more years of association.

Fishing Stories



-From Our Membership

My fishing partner Paul Wasser and I were on a two-week muskie fishing trip to our friend "Russ Treests' Muskie Camp" on the Pike Lake Chain, east of Fifield, Wisconsin. It was the last two weeks of July, 1979 and the weather had been hot and bright since we arrived.

After fishing the five-lake chain for several days with limited success, (none for muskie), we decided we should take a day trip over to Oxbo, Wisconsin to fish for smallmouth bass on the north fork of the Flambeau River.

The following morning started out just like the previous ones, sunny and hot. So we weren't sure if traveling all the way over to Oxbo was such a good idea, as we were likely to get over there and not do any better. Still, we decided to have breakfast and think it over. After coffee we both decided that a change in scenery might do us good; besides, it's always fun to fish new waters too. So we packed up the car with our gear, food for dinner and headed out.

We arrived at the river around 8:30 a.m. I had a good feeling right away as I noticed the Flambeau looked perfect for wading and casting, something I had been doing for many years. It was July 26th and we pulled the car up to the Oxbo Resort to check in with the owners to see if it was O.K. to park along the road and go wade the river. They said we could and to come in for a cold one when we were done. From there we went to enjoy the fishing day long to be remembered.

I myself, started fishing by the new Hwy. 70 bridge, working upstream. My buddy decided to

start up by the old Hwy. 70 bridge, just upstream from me. At that time you could still drive on the old Hwy. 70 bridge, and we did. Although we could see each other, it was hard to tell if either of us were catching any fish.

I connected almost right away with my gold Mepps spinner, landing a nice 2-1/2 pound smallmouth bass, which was nearly as dark as the tea-colored water it came from. Soon after that, my buddy yelled down that he had caught a nice legal sized walleye of 13-inches, (which was the minimum size in Sawyer Co. at the time). I waved my approval and kept casting around the boulders along the western shore of the river.

Suddenly, I got a hard strike and thought I had hooked a big smallmouth. At that same time, a couple of guys in a yellow canoe were coming by and noticed I had a fish on and were yelling, "Don't lose him, you've got a muskie!" I could see that they were right and kept pressure on the fish with my 6-lb. golden Stren line, thinking all the while that I would get cut off.

Well, luck was on my side, and I managed to hand-land the dark greenish, bronze colored beauty without incident. I could see that this fish had some length to it, so I grabbed the tape measure out of my fishing vest and was thrilled to see that it measured slightly over 30-inches. My first legal-sized Wisconsin Muskie, and without even trying for it!

Although it was a beautiful fish, I quickly decided that it was too small to have mounted, and I didn't want to drag it around on a stringer either, due to the warm

water temperature, so I promptly released it. Only trouble is, in all the excitement I didn't think to get a photo of it.

But the two guys in the canoe had pulled up on the bank and were watching it all. I told them my buddy would never believe that I just caught my first legal muskie, especially since I didn't get a photo. They just laughed and said they'd be happy to verify the size of the fish and to have him come down.

They did just that and were on their way, but it wasn't necessary as it turned out. My buddy did believe me as he had caught a muskie of his own. Although it was an undersized 26-incher, he was as excited as I was and we decided to fish a little more in the deep pools by the old Hwy. 70 bridge to see if maybe a bigger muskie was lurking about. By the time we resumed our fishing, it was already about 90-degrees and the fishing had shut down. So we decided to go into the Oxbo Resort Tavern to have a cold Hamm's Beer to celebrate our special day on the Flambeau.

We enjoyed our beer and going over the details of our catches. We both thought it funny how we had been busting our tails trying to catch a muskie on the Pike Lake Chain and all we could catch were some small pike, walleyes and some small bass. Then we come over to the Flambeau, not really trying for muskies, and catch two of them!

Muskie fishing is funny that way. Sometimes you catch 'em when you least expect it.

*-Frank Rippinger,
Charter Member*

IF YOU HAVEN'T RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP, PLEASE DO SO TODAY.

THE HALL NEEDS YOU! *Thank you!*

Restoration Progress

If you haven't been to our museum since this past spring, you haven't seen the many upgrades and restorations that have taken place over the last few months. All eight of our garden fish sculptures (small musky, walleye, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, coho salmon, rainbow trout, bluegill and yellow perch) have been re-painted. We would like to thank Gino Marre, Jim Scheer, Ben Wold, Marketplace of Hayward, The Hayward Chamber of Commerce, Walleyes For Northwest Wisconsin, Walleyes U.S.A., and the many other Hall members who financially contributed to this important and costly project.

Additionally, we would like to thank all those members who made substantial contributions towards the restoration of the "Big Fish." So far we have raised a little over \$6K towards this project. The entire project will probably exceed \$50K. So we have a way to go, but we have a good start. This spring we made substantial cement repairs to the pond beneath our iconic musky. It looks really nice now.

As most of you know, last fall we replaced the roof on our 30 plus year old administration building. Just last month we replaced the entire roof on our museum complex. That roof was about 25 years old. We're sure glad all that is behind us!

We've also spruced up our entranceway and added quite a few informational signs around our grounds. All in all, it was a very constructive (no pun intended) summer.

Thank you again, for all of your generosity and support.

TAKE A BUDDY FISHING!

Five Things You Never Knew Your Cell Phone Could Do

(From Salmon Unlimited and Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council, Vol. 18, No. 6, June 2007)

There are a few things that can be done in times of grave emergencies. Your mobile phone can actually be a lifesaver or an emergency tool for survival. Check out the things that you can do with it.

Emergency. The Emergency Number worldwide for Mobile is 112. If you find yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile; network and there is an emergency, dial 112 and the mobile will search any existing network to establish the emergency number for you, and interestingly this number 112 can be dialed even if the keypad is locked. Try it.

Have you locked your keys in the car? Does your car have remote keyless entry? This may come in handy someday. Good reason to own a cell phone: If you lock your keys in the car and the spare keys are at home, call someone at home on their cell phone from your cell phone. Hold your cell phone about a foot from your car door and have the person at your home press the unlock button, holding it near the mobile phone on their end. Your car will unlock. Distance is no object. You could be hundreds of miles away, and if you can reach

someone who has the other "remote" for your car, you can unlock the doors (or the trunk).

Hidden Battery Power. Imagine your cell battery is very low. To activate, press the keys *3370*# your cell will restart with this reserve and the instrument will show a 50% increase in battery. This reserve will get charged when you charge your cell next time.

How to Disable a STOLEN mobile phone. To check your Mobile phone's serial number, key in the following digits on your phone: *06#. A 15-digit code will appear on the screen. This number is unique to your handset. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe. When your phone is stolen, you can phone your service provider and give them this code. They will then be able to block your handset so even if the thief changes the SIM card, your phone will be totally useless. You probably won't get your phone back, but at least you know that whoever stole it can't use/sell it either. If everybody does this, there would be no point in stealing mobile phones.

411/Information calls. Cell phone companies are charging \$1.00 to \$1.75 or more for 411 information calls when they don't have to. When you need to use the 411 information option, simply dial: 800-FREE 411, or 800/373-3411 without incurring any charge at all. Program this into your cell phone now.



On September 11th, Larry Colombo (right) presented John Burns, president of the Fort Benning, Georgia B.A.S.S. Club their plaque for their 2007 Special Recognition Award. September 11th certainly was an appropriate date for these patriots. Thank you!

Lure Company Angling For Success

(By Jim Shepherd)

When you go fishing with soft baits, there's one irrefutable fact you'd better resign yourself to: you will lose a goodly amount of them. Losing soft baits is a fact of life.

But a small company from Waunakee, Wisconsin is hoping they can stop the loss of soft baits, making it easier for anglers to carry fewer lures and simultaneously stop the loss of the tens of thousands of soft baits that annually find their ways to the bottom of lakes, streams and oceans.

During the week of October 18th in Little Rock, Arkansas, during the Southeastern Outdoor Press Association's 43rd annual conference, Lake Resources Group, Inc. is showing their Iron-Clad line of soft lures.

The IronClad concept, according to President and CEO Ben Hobbins is simple: "our lures are nearly indestructible. They use our patented LockOn technology to permanently attach to hooks and lure sets. They're just not going to rip off, giving an angler a longer-lasting lure that won't have to be replaced while you're fishing.

Simply stated, a tougher soft lure means more fishing time, more casts and the chance to cover more water. For a tournament angler, that translates into more fishing opportunities and the potential to catch more fish. More fish mean more money. For anglers like the rest of us, it means fewer lures in our tackle boxes and the knowledge we're no longer polluting the bottoms of our waters with broken plastic lures.

While our individual losses might not seem very significant when compared to the size of a lure in relation to a lake bottom, Hobbins points out that as an industry, fishing loses an estimated 25,000,000 of soft lures annually. Any way you calculate it, that's a lot of litter on the bottom. Iron-Clad, Hobbins says, can lead to

significant reduction in that litter – and simplify the fishing experience for everyone.

IronClads were first rolled out at this year's edition of ICAST – with a demonstration that certainly got the attention of passers-by. Immersed inside a clear acrylic column were a variety of IronClad lures, each with a ten pound weight through its tip.

Additionally, Hobbins took the polymer material from which the lures are formed and hooked a name-brand hook attached to a leader through each end. When the ends were pulled, the baits didn't pull free. In fact, the hook broke from the strain.

So what about the all-important action of the bait? "Not a problem," Hobbins eagerly explains, "our lures have all the action you'd want in a soft bait."

While many of the companies entering the fishing business come from the creative equivalent of a single person with a good idea, this venture represents a considerably larger and more collaborative undertaking.

Hobbins, for all his personable attributes, is no nervous first-timer to business. He's a trilingual businessman with an Executive MBA and international business experience. The technologies and products were co-developed with the University of Wisconsin Madison Polymer Engineering Center, the Weinert Center for Entrepreneurship and, importantly, anglers who understood that a technologically superior product that wouldn't lure fish was, well, worthless.

Will they succeed? Only time will tell.

But their willingness to jump into a highly competitive industry is more testimony to the passion that we all have for fishing. Their technologies have many other applications, but Hobbins, et al, say their goal was to make fishing more fun – the business aspects were, well, just business.

We'll keep you posted as we learn more. But you heard about it here first.

Get out there this weekend

Phillips Inducted Into Fishing Hall of Fame



Larry Colombo, who for the past 20 years has served on the induction committee for the Fishing Hall of Fame.

In making the presentation, Colombo said, "John is without question, Alabama's most popular as well as most prolific outdoor communicator. His knowledge of the Outdoors is unmatched by any writer. He will deal with any and all topics relating to the world of hunting, fishing, boating and camping. It is my pleasure to represent the Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame in making John's presentation.

The National Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame is proud to announce the induction of long-time outdoor writer, John Phillips into its Hall of Legendary Communicators. Phillips was honored on Sunday, September 23rd, at the new Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World in Prattville, Alabama. Phillips, who makes his home in Birmingham, received his induction plaque from Eufaula's

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