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"Alaska's Snow-Capped Mountains" by HOW Member Tom Berg



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President's Message

by Brent Wheat

Well, the bulk of the hunting seasons are over and we are locked in the icy grasp of winter. These are also my final frigid moments at the helm of the Hoosier Outdoor Writers.

Looking back, there is always the disappointment felt for opportunities lost to the mists time, yet I also feel like we have moved significantly forward in some regards.



Most importantly, we are in the process of filling the Executive Director position with the capable hands of Tom Berg. He has done an outstanding job of keeping the business of HOW rolling along during the last couple of years and I look forward to even greater progress now that Tom can justify his time with a paycheck. I think we haven't begun to yet realize how important this move will be towards the future vitality of HOW.

On a personal level, assuming that I retain a leadership position within HOW during 2009, there is one major objective I plan to pursue: An expanded annual meeting. Though there will undoubtedly be those who disagree, past surveys have indicated that the majority of HOW members would embrace an annual conference held during a different part of the year. There are several advantages to doing so.

First and foremost, we want the annual conference to offer opportunities not only for fellowship and learning but also hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. This goal is tough to achieve with a February conference.

While it will undoubtedly cause a few 'growing pains', many of us want an annual conference that encompasses a full weekend of business, social activities and outdoor opportunities, ideally sponsored by various tourism bureaus, outdoor businesses and groups around the state. Moreover, while Indianapolis is centrally-located, it would be advantageous and perhaps more fair to rotate the conference to various sites around the state. Though you might have to drive three hours to attend one year, perhaps it would be a five minute drive the next year.

Having a mid-year conference would also enable HOW to have at least two meetings per year (assuming we continue an annual meeting in February). Having our group meet at least twice a year would certainly go a long way towards encouraging participation by the membership and help foster a higher level of *esprit de corps*.

Ultimately, such a meeting would give the members a better "value" for their dues, a constant topic of discussion among the officers for several years. Along with enhancing the regional and national reputation of HOW, one of the primary goals of the current leadership is to nurture the belief among the membership that "HOW is an important part of my career (and life)."

I don't feel we've reached that point – yet. However, I have confidence that the future of HOW is indeed bright. I look forward to seeing the fruit of our labors as we strive to make this an active, vital and important organization to the members, the sportsmen/women of Indiana and ultimately, the outdoor resources we love.

Reaching such a point of relevancy takes time, energy and often happens in fits-and-starts within a volunteer organization. However, I have every confidence that the collective energy of this group can be further harnessed and directed into something powerful.

In closing, I want to express appreciation for support given to me during my term as President of HOW. It is truly an honor to serve as the figurehead of such a distinguished group of outdoor communicators. I will close with my hope that you find everything that you seek in the outdoors during 2009. See you at the annual conference!

The Hoosier Outdoor Writers

New Members, Past Presidents & Memorial Section

**HOW extends a warm welcome
to our growing ranks of
outdoor communicators.**

Memorial to Deceased HOW Members

Those Who Have Gone Before Us

Jack Alkire – President of HOW 1979
Bill Beeman – Executive Director
Ed Blann
Charlie Brown
Jim “Moose” Carden – President 1982/83
Gary Carden
George Carey
John Case
Bill Church – President of HOW 1972
Jack “Big Jake” Cooper
Mark Cottingham
Dick Forbes
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Mike Lyle – President of HOW 1981
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George Seketa
Al Spiers
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Robert “Doc” Stunkard
Joe West

Presidents of HOW

Bill Scifres	1969
Bill Scifres	1970
Bill Scifres	1971
Bill Church	1972
Rick Bramwell	1973
Jack Ennis	1974
Phil Junker	1975
Ralph McHargue	1976
Tom Glancy	1977
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Jack Alkire	1979
Louie Stout	1980
Mike Lyle	1981
Jim “Moose” Carden	1982
Jim “Moose” Carden	1983
John Davis	1984
John Davis	1985
Ray Harper	1986
Ray Harper	1987
Ray Dickerson	1988
“Bayou” Bill Scifres	1989
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Jack Spaulding	1992
Jack Spaulding	1993
John Rawlings	1994
Phil Bloom	1995
Martin (Marty) Jaranowski	1996
John Martino	1997
Mike Schoonveld	1998
Jack Spaulding	1999
Jack Spaulding	2000
Sharon Wiggins	2001
Phil Junker	2002
Larry Crecelius	2003
Bryan Poynter	2004
Phil Bloom	2005
Brian Smith	2006
Brian Smith	2007
Brent Wheat	2008

2009 HOW Conference Preview

The 2009 HOW Conference is scheduled for Saturday, February 21st, and it should be another good one. It will again be held at the same place as last year, The Garrison at Fort Harrison State Park on the east side of Indianapolis. There is a map and directions in this issue, along with a registration form. Be sure to register in advance!

This conference will mark the 40th gathering of Indiana's best outdoor writers, photographers, broadcasters and other media professionals. It is amazing that 40 years have passed since the founding of this group, and it is heartening to know that we still have some members in our ranks that were among the original founding fathers. Hopefully they will be able to attend the meeting this year!

Dean Shadley and Bryan Poynter have been working hard to recruit speakers for the breakout sessions, and they have lined-up a great slate for us. Gene Hopkins, the past-President of the Indiana Bowhunters Association will discuss traditional archery, Mark Reiter from the DNR will talk about black powder cartridge guns and a representative from Wildcat Creek Fly Fishing shop will give a presentation on flyfishing and flyfishing gear. Be sure to read the bio information on these speakers elsewhere in this newsletter.

The annual conference has traditionally been a time to renew old friendships and make new ones, but it is also a time to honor the achievements of our members with the annual HOW Awards-In-Craft contest. Besides our usual writing, photography and broadcast contests, this year we are having a "Best Book" contest for all members who have authored a book. We have had several entries, so it will be interesting to see who wins!

HOW RAFFLE

The annual HOW Raffle is shaping-up to be another great one, too. Last year we had a near-record number of companies (45 in total) that contributed products or services to the raffle. This year we have already received donations from more than 30 contributing companies and quite a few more have indicated that they will still be sending outdoors-related products. Since there is still more than three weeks to go before the conference, the number of contributing companies will be sure to grow.

For those who can't wait for the big day to hear what we will be raffling off, here is a partial list to whet your appetite: There will be fishing rods, fishing reels, hunting calls, icefishing rod/reel combos, fishing lures, hunting gear, icefishing gear, a blackpowder muzzleloader, hiking boots, shooting supplies, waterproof binoculars, laser-grips for handguns, knives, coolers, an electronic dog training system and a Marlin 30-06 rifle (complete with ammunition). And that's just a sample!

So make sure you attend this year's conference and buy plenty of raffle tickets. Jack Spaulding has agreed to be the "Chief Ticket Puller" for the HOW Raffle once again, and he will only be happy when his roll of tickets is completely gone.

You can't win if you don't play, and winners must be present! Good luck!

HOW Sporting Clays/Skeet Shoot

It has been a tradition for quite a few years now that the annual HOW conference actually starts on Friday – with a fun shoot at the Indianapolis Gun Club. This year the shoot will be on the morning of Friday, February 20th. It's a great chance to get together and renew old friendships, while spending time outside at the shooting range. We often shoot a round of sporting clays, but we do shoot skeet on occasion just to mix it up a bit.

Linda Powell from Remington Arms has graciously offered to supply the ammunition for the shoot once again, so HOW members who are interested in shooting will only need to pay for the cost of the sporting clays round at the club (about \$25). Thanks again, Linda!

You may bring your own gun or borrow one of the loaner shotguns that are on display at the gun club. Be careful, though – if you shoot really well with one of the loaner guns you may be tempted to buy it!

Mike Schoonveld is the event organizer, so contact him to let him know that you plan to attend. He will need to know whether you will be shooting a 12GA or a 20GA shotgun so that he can order the proper shells. Call him at 219-285-2123 or send him an email at capmike@hughes.net. He can also give you additional details like start time and directions.

Keep in mind that we will be shooting at the gun club on Friday morning regardless of the weather. Rain, sleet, snow – even sub-zero temperatures won't stop us. So once you sign up, make sure you show up!



HOW fun shoot organizer Mike Schoonveld prepares for the next shot at last year's event. Photo by Tom Berg.

Hoosier Outdoor Writers Annual Conference Registration



**The Garrison, Fort Harrison State Park, Indianapolis Feb 21, 2009
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Information to appear on badge:

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Title: _____

Affiliation: _____

Contact information:

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Are you:

_____ **First time conference attendee?**

_____ **New member of HOW since Feb 2008?**

Please print this application and mail it along with \$25 for each person attending by check payable to "Hoosier Outdoor Writers" and send to:

**Tom Berg
HOW Conference
2142 Nondorf Street
Dyer, Indiana 46311-1829**

Conference Breakout Sessions

There will be three breakout sessions at this year's Conference, featuring speakers who are well-versed in Indiana's out-of-doors. Read on to discover some of their background information and what they will be discussing at the meeting.

Session #1: Mark Reiter and Black Powder Cartridge Guns

Mark Reiter is the Public Lands Program Manager for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. He is a Purdue graduate and has been employed by the DNR for 30 years except for a 3 year hitch as an NRA regional director. Mark is a lifelong shooter and has been involved in competitive shooting for the past 10 years. He competes in NRA high power, long range, small bore, air gun, muzzle loading and black powder cartridge rifle matches.

Session #2: Gene Hopkins and Traditional Archery

Gene Hopkins will discuss traditional archery. Bowhunting is definitely a passion for him. Having taken more than 100 big game animals in his 40 years of hunting, Gene also believes strongly in giving back to the sport that has been his lifelong obsession. His accomplishments include Past-President of the Indiana Bowhunters Association, past member of the Board of Directors for the National Bowhunter Education Foundation, Regular Member of Pope & Young, Historian for the Archery Hall of Fame, and a Master Instructor for the NBEF here in Indiana for over 22 years.

Gene has bowhunted extensively in his lifetime. He has taken moose, elk, black bear, cougar, pronghorn, Sitka blacktail deer, mule deer and whitetail deer – all with his bow. His journeys have included several hunts in Alaska, the Northwest Territories, Alberta, Ontario, Idaho, Oklahoma, Ohio, Missouri, and Michigan.

Gene also has one of the most extensive collections of archery equipment and memorabilia in existence.

Session #3: Wildcat Creek Fly Fishing Shop

Wildcat Creek Outfitters is the premier fly fishing shop in Indiana. It offers expert instruction in fly casting and fly tying. The shop has a complete line of flyfishing equipment and clothing. Wildcat Creek specializes in local guide service as well as fly fishing trips to many destinations around the world. A representative from the shop will give a presentation on flyfishing and flyfishing gear that we might use right here on our local waters.

HOOSIER OUTDOOR WRITERS

Annual Meeting on February 21, 2009
The Garrison - Fort Benjamin Harrison State Park
Indianapolis, Indiana

8:00am

Doors open.

8:00-9:00am

Registration, continental breakfast, social hour.

9:00-9:15am

Opening remarks and briefing about the day's meeting.

9:15-9:45am

Seminar speaker: Mark Reiter with black powder cartridge guns.

9:45-10:00am

Break.

10:00-10:30am

Seminar speaker: Gene Hopkins on traditional archery.

10:30-11:00am

Seminar speaker: Wildcat Creek Outfitters discuss fly fishing and proper fly fishing gear.

11:00-11:15am

Break.

11:15-12:00pm

Awards-In-Craft presentation.

12:00-1:30pm

Luncheon and social time for members.

1:30-2:00pm

Business meeting - Treasurer's report - New slate of officers.

2:00pm

HOW raffle.

3:00pm

Meeting adjourns.

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Directions to the HOW Conference at the Garrison in the Fort Harrison State Park

Coming from the South on I-65

Take Interstate 65 South toward Indianapolis to Interstate 465 East. Follow 465 East to the 56th Street Exit (Exit 40) and turn left (East) onto 56th Street. Turn left (North) on Post Road and follow until the road ends at 59th Street, turn right (East) onto 59th Street. The entrance drive to the golf course, conference center, and lodging is on the North (left-hand) side of the road about one and a half blocks East of Post Road.

Coming From the West on I-74

Take Interstate 74 West toward Indianapolis to Interstate 465 North. Follow 465 North to the 56th Street Exit (Exit 40) and turn right (East) onto 56th Street. Turn left (North) on Post Road and follow until the road ends at 59th Street, turn right (East) onto 59th Street. The entrance drive to the golf course, conference center, and lodging is on the North (left-hand) side of the road about one and a half blocks East of Post Road.

Coming from the West on I-70

Take Interstate 70 West toward Indianapolis to the Post Road Exit (Exit 91). Follow the right fork of the exit and head North on Post Road and follow until the road ends at 59th Street, turn right (East) onto 59th Street. The entrance drive to the golf course, conference center, and lodging is on the North (left-hand) side of the road about one and a half blocks East of Post Road.

Coming from the East on I-70

Follow the Airport Expressway to Interstate 70 East toward Indianapolis to Interstate 465 North. Follow 465 North to the 56th Street Exit (Exit 40) and turn right (East) onto 56th Street. Turn left (North) on Post Road and follow until the road ends at 59th Street, turn right (East) onto 59th Street. The entrance drive to the golf course, conference center, and lodging is on the North (left-hand) side of the road about one and a half blocks East of Post Road.

Coming from the South on I-69

Take Interstate 69 South toward Indianapolis to Interstate 465 South. Follow 465 South to the 56th Street Exit (Exit 40) and turn left (East) onto 56th Street. Turn left (North) on Post Road and follow until the road ends at 59th Street, turn right (East) onto 59th Street. The entrance drive to the golf course, conference center, and lodging is on the North (left-hand) side of the road about one and a half blocks East of Post Road.

Coming from the North on I-65

Take Interstate 65 North toward Indianapolis to Interstate 465 East. Follow 465 East to the 56th Street Exit (Exit 40) and turn right (East) onto 56th Street. Turn left (North) on Post Road and follow until the road ends at 59th Street, turn right (East) onto 59th Street. The entrance drive to the golf course, conference center, and lodging is on the North (left-hand) side of the road about one and a half blocks East of Post Road.

THE FOUR FISHERMEN OF HOOSIERDOM

By Hal Shymkus

At the time I wondered why they asked me to join them for a five-day fishing trip to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, a trip that would launch a deep and genuine friendship lasting over a quarter of a century.

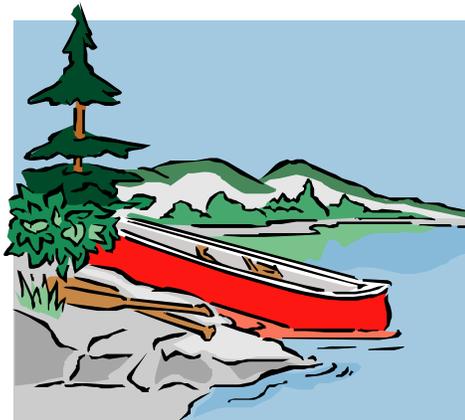
We would be a diverse group comprised of a farmer, an insurance agent, an automobile dealer and myself – an advertising copywriter. All were senior citizens except for me. We were not complete strangers and had more than a casual relationship through living in a small town in Indiana. But for me to join such legendary veterans was quite an honor.

After accepting their invitation I began to be apprehensive. How would I handle myself? How would I fit in? What would be my role? You don't just ask anyone to become part of a group of long-standing friends, especially to go fishing. Nothing can put a damper on a fishing trip like the newcomer who turns out to be a real bummer.

I never asked to go fishing with them and never pushed the subject. After all, fishing is such a personal activity encompassing a wide variety of aberrations beyond baiting a hook and wetting a line.

“We're going to make a float trip down the Driftwood this Saturday. How about joining us?” I jumped at the opportunity since this would probably be my initiation. I assumed they would be checking me to the nth degree. Not so, nothing close to this happened.

I brought my tackle, expecting to get in some fishing, but noticed they weren't prepared to fish. “Leave your stuff in the truck. You won't need it 'cause this is our annual 'enjoy the outdoors trip'. We'll pull up to a sandbar, have some hot dogs and beer, shoot the breeze, and soak up the environment.”



And that's what we did for a half day. I heard story after story about the good old days – about Jack the Bum and his fishing shack, about getting the plow stuck in the river bottom, about traveling cross country in a Model T, about old girl friends, just about every humorous and heartfelt memory these men shared.

We covered the same subjects on the fishing trip to the Upper Peninsula and all the other trips we made. I began to realize fishing begets a lifetime of innermost memories that are timeworn at any other occasion.

The four of us fished together for over 20 years throughout the Midwest and Canada.

We had experiences only friends would appreciate, but as one of them used to say, “Good times don’t last forever.” Our farmer friend succumbed to cancer. We tried to carry on without him but it was not the same. Then another member died of a heart attack. We were now down to two and only on rare occasions did we fish together – a farm pond at most, but still rehashing the memories.



Shortly, the last of the original threesome developed Alzheimer’s disease. It wasn’t long before he failed to recognize me, let alone remember the other two fishing friends.

What always impressed me during our fishing association was that was it never about the biggest or most but about our hopes and dreams and family values.

Three down and one to go and that can be scary. Yet, as a fisherman those genuine memories we had together will be enough to keep me going for a lifetime.

The HOW Trip Exchange Board

By Tom Berg

Two years ago, HOW member Brent Wheat launched the idea of a “Trip Exchange” between HOW members. It was a great idea then, and it still is. It offers HOW members the opportunity to exchange free trips with each other and promote camaraderie among the membership.

Although in last year’s Pre-Conference newsletter Brent Wheat discussed sample trips involving smallmouth bass fishing and goose hunting, nearly any type of outdoors trip is eligible for the trip exchange. It doesn’t have to be a hunting or fishing trip. A canoeing trip might be just what one member is looking for, while another might be interested in doing some bird-watching (sandhill cranes, bald eagles, etc). If you have an idea for a trip, jot it down and be ready to post it on the Trip Exchange Board at the conference!

Of course, fishing and hunting trips are always popular and they make great story fodder. Hopefully some (or all) of the trips will result in sales to magazines and newspapers, adding to the value of the trip.

HOW member Gene Clifford and I are taking advantage of the trip exchange. Last year Gene posted a card offering winter rabbit hunting with beagles in the snow. In exchange, he was interested in fishing for crappies on Patoka Lake. Well, I had never hunted rabbits, but was eager to try it. And since I make a couple of trips to Patoka Lake every year in pursuit of crappies, I figured this was the perfect match. Last weekend Gene took me rabbit hunting and we had a great time. We may even go once more before the season ends. In a few months, Gene will be accompanying me on a trip down to Patoka!



HOW Trip exchange – Beagles on the bunny trail. Photo by Tom Berg.

HOW Member News

Joe Martino Bags Another Nice Buck During Archery Season

“I shot this buck with a bow on November 1st. He scores in the 130's but he field dressed at 235lbs. I killed him with a Mathews DXT bow,” said Kokomo resident Joe Martino.

Martino reported that he shot the deer at around 9:30 in the morning, after calling him in with a Primos Buck Roar call. “He initially came in following a doe and I had him at less than 10 yards, but then the doe went the other way. He followed her before I had a shot. Once he got about seventy yards out, I used the Buck Roar to grunt and snort-wheeze at him. He then proceeded to rub some nearby trees before turning around to head my way again. I shot him at about 25 yards.”

It sounds like it was a great hunt. Can you guess Martino’s response?

“It was awesome!”

We couldn’t agree more!



Brandon Butler Joins Indiana Department of Natural Resources

Brandon Butler has joined the Indiana Department of Natural Resources - Communications Division. In his new role as Public Affairs Specialist, Brandon will be writing for Outdoor Indiana Magazine, crafting press releases, and working on many other tasks as assigned.

Brandon says, "I am very proud of the opportunity to join DNR. My grandfather was a conservation officer back in the late 50's and early 60's, and even though I never really knew him, I feel like I'm following in a family tradition. Indiana means so much to me, and to now be part of the team dedicated to preserving our state's natural resources is a dream come true."

It was probably a tough decision for Butler to leave the glamorous and high-paying job of a freelance outdoor writer, but fame and fortune isn't everything! We wish him good luck in his new job.

HOW Members Work Their Booths at Multiple Winter Outdoors Shows

Don Mulligan

“I will have a booth and be on stage every day at the **Chicago Outdoors Show**,” said Mulligan. “The Chicago show runs from January 21-25, and will be held at the Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, IL. I will also have a booth and do a daily stage show at the **Indianapolis Deer and Turkey Expo**, which runs from February 20-22. At both shows I will be selling and signing my Alaska hunt planning calendar.”

At each show Mulligan’s presentation is called: “Alone in Alaska: Solo hunting, fishing and surviving the last frontier.” The photo at right shows Mulligan with a “Do-It-Yourself” 63 inch moose taken in Alaska.



Garry Burch

One of the booths at the **Northwest Indiana Steelheaders “Spring Fever” Show** will be manned by Garry Burch. He will be helping with the booth for the Hunt of a Lifetime group. This show will be at the Porter County Fairgrounds Expo Center in Valparaiso from February 28-March 1st.

Mike Schoonveld

Local Lake Michigan charterboat operator and HOW member Mike Schoonveld will also have a booth at the **Northwest Indiana Steelheaders “Spring Fever” Show**, but he won’t be sitting around the whole time. Besides running his fishing booth he will also be presenting a seminar on trapping titled “Trapline Tactics”.

Kreig Adkins

Schoonveld and Burch will not be the only HOW members at the **Northwest Indiana Steelheaders “Spring Fever” Show**. Kreig Adkins will also be presenting a seminar on fishing titled “The Underwater Realm”.

Brian Smith’s Ice Men Series Continues

HOW Chairman of the Board Brian Smith reports that there are two new episodes of his Ice Men TV series available for viewing online....

“You can click on the links below or simply copy and paste them into your web browser,” said Smith. “Please let us know what you think of this new show.... we’d love to hear the feedback.”

“ENJOY!!”

Ice Men Episode 103 - <http://homepage.mac.com/boutdoors/iMovieTheater72.html>

Ice Men Episode 104 - <http://homepage.mac.com/boutdoors/iMovieTheater73.html>



McCune Youngsters Become Hoosier Deer Hunting Trainees

This photo shows two of Ray McCune's young grandsons – in the woods and on the lookout for a big buck. Well, some are more “on the lookout” than others.

Left to Right - Cole Patrick McCune (we bet he scores soon!) and Jack Ryan McCune (resting after an early morning awakening).

As Ray McCune said after sending this priceless photo: “Take a kid hunting, fishing, canoeing or camping – and get them out of the Malls.”

Berg Spreads the Wealth: Feeds Hawks on the Trapline

The photo to the right shows an adult red-tailed hawk at one of Tom Berg’s trapping sites. Berg targets raccoons on his suburban/rural trapline in the fall and early winter, but he also catches a few unintended critters, as well. Possums, squirrels and skunks are also caught and harvested at times (nothing on a trapline goes to waste!).

Don’t worry, though, this hawk was not part of the unintentional bycatch. The sharp-eyed bird wasn’t caught in a trap at all – it was busy eating a gray squirrel that had gotten caught in the trap! The hawk spotted it while flying overhead!

Normally, hawks that cash-in on an easy meal along the trapline fly away at the first sign of the returning trapper. But this hawk was either extremely hungry or extremely brave. It continued to eat the squirrel while Berg checked and re-baited his nearby traps. It also allowed Berg to get within 8-10 feet of it (as long as he moved slowly and carefully) for some nice photos!



HOW Supporting Member News

These pages are devoted to the loyal supporting members of the Hoosier Outdoor Writers. Brief descriptions of new products, award-winning products and press releases are listed here. HOW members interested in reading more can visit the supporting member websites or call or email the company contact for more information.

Cabela's Wins "2008 Best of the Best" Award from Field & Stream Magazine

Legendary sporting names Cabela's, Gerber and Bell & Carlson teamed up to fuse their individual areas of expertise into a single knife designed to handle serious use and extreme conditions while maintaining peak performance. The result is the Cabela's-exclusive Gator Bell & Carlson series, winner of the 2008 Best of the Best Award from Field & Stream magazine. To create the high-grade Gator, Cabela's contacted Bell & Carlson, renowned for making nearly indestructible gun stocks, to craft glass-filled nylon handles that are impervious to the elements and ensure a sturdy grip in wet and messy field conditions. Additionally, the 4" fixed blades are constructed of exceptional CPM S30V stainless steel - the pinnacle of knife-making metals - that hold an edge up to 45% longer than knives made of conventional 440C stainless steel. For more information, contact David Draper at Cabela's. Email: david.draper@cabelas.com.



Coleman Introduces FS-3AAA Multi-Color LED Flashlight



Lightweight yet multi-functional, this small LED flashlight is designed for years of service in pursuit of great outdoors activities. Weighing in at only three-tenths of a pound, yes just 4.8 ounces, this little light uses the latest in LED technology to product 65 lumens of light. A simple twist of the front housing switches color options from the bright white light for general purposes, to a red light for enhanced night vision, to blue for map reading or following a blood trail. For more info, send email to newsroom@coleman.com or call (316) 219-7535.

Look for more Supporting Member news in the next issue of the Blade. We plan to make this a regular feature.

Supporting Members' Websites

3M Scientific Anglers - www.scientificanglers.com
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B&M Pole Company - www.bnmpoles.com
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Indiana Conservation Afield - www.ico.com/Conservation-Afield/order-form.html
Indiana Outdoor News - www.raghorn.com
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Lake County CVB - www.lakecountycvb.com
Leupold - www.leupold.com
Lightfield Ammunition Corp. - www.lightfieldslugs.com
Maptech - www.maptech.com
Midway USA - www.midwayusa.com
Muzzy Products Corp. - www.muzzy.com
Ninilchik Charters - www.ninilchik.com
Off Shore Tackle Co. - www.offshoretackle.com
Optronics, Inc. - www.optronicsinc.com
Orange County CVB - www.historicsouthernindiana.com
Outdoor Promotions - www.crappieusa.com and www.kingkatusa.com
Plano Molding Company - www.planomolding.com
Pure Fishing - www.purefishing.com
Quaker Boy, Inc. - www.quakerboygamecalls.com
Ranger Boat Company - www.rangerboats.com
Reef Runner Lures - www.reefrunner.com
Remington Arms - www.remington.com
Renfro Productions - www.renfroproductions.com
Shakespeare Fishing Tackle - www.shakespeare-fishing.com
Shimano American Corporation - www.shimano.com
ThermaCELL - www.thermacell.com
Tri-Tronics, Inc. - www.tritronics.com
WaveSpin Reels - www.wavespinreel.com
W.R. Case & Sons Cutlery - www.wrcase.com
Wright & McGill Co. - www.eagleclaw.com
U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance - www.ussportsmen.org

HOW members are encouraged to contact our supporting members' websites for general information and answers to product and service questions.

Hoosier Outdoor Writers

Application For New Membership

(Check Desired Classification below)

- \$30 _____ Active
- \$25 _____ Associate
- \$50 _____ Supporting
- \$15 _____ Active Student
- \$10 _____ Associate Student

Personal Information:

Name: _____
Company (Supporting members only): _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Professional Information:

Employer (if outdoor-related): _____ Position: _____
Business Address: _____
Business Phone: _____

1. Describe your work in the outdoor field: Full Time _____ Part Time _____

2. Check your field(s) of outdoor work:

_____ Newspapers	_____ Magazine	_____ Photography
_____ Books	_____ Radio	_____ Lectures
_____ Television	_____ Teaching	_____ Trade Journals
_____ Artist	_____ Public relations	_____ Government Info - Ed
_____ Other (Specify): _____		

3. Are you paid for your outdoor work? Yes _____ No _____

4. Your work is published or disseminated: Daily _____; Weekly _____; Monthly _____; _____ times a year

Attach samples or other proof of your work in the outdoor field: newspaper clips, letters from station managers attesting to frequency of radio or TV broadcasts, lecture schedule or publicity clips, photo clips or artistic prints, title of latest book, masthead of trade journal showing your position, etc.

Send completed application and article copies to: **Tom Berg, 2142 Nondorf Street, Dyer, IN 46311.**

I have read the principles and membership requirements of the Hoosier Outdoor Writers and would like to enroll in the classification checked above.

Signature: _____

Sponsor: _____

Who We Are

The Hoosier Outdoor Writers was formed in 1969 and has brought together many diverse groups and individuals with shared interests. The Hoosier Outdoor Writers, known among its members as HOW, is a group of dedicated professionals who are keenly interested in the wise use of natural resources in the Hoosier State.

What We Do

These are the purposes of HOW:

1. To improve ourselves in the art, skill and effectiveness of our craft, and to increase knowledge and understanding of the whole State.
2. To help insure the wisest and best conservation of Indiana's resources, and the most wide-spread fair use of Indiana's recreational potential.
3. To provide a vehicle for bringing together and joining in common cause all Hoosiers who by profession, hobby or interest are devoted to the outdoors.
4. Conduct an annual Writing Contest among its members. The award winners are announced each year at HOW's annual meeting held in Indianapolis.

What We Stand For

These are what we strive to accomplish:

1. To give the profession of outdoor writing/reporting greater recognition and understanding, even higher standards and enlarged scope.
2. To encourage and enforce high standards of professional ethics.
3. To strive always for the truth, accuracy, clarity and completeness in the dissemination of outdoor information.
4. To help friends and fight the foes of wisely conserved Indiana resources.

Membership Requirements

Membership is open to anyone who meets one of the following:

1. Active

Members are those regularly engaged in the paid dissemination of outdoor-oriented information via newspapers, radio, television, magazines, trade journals, books, photographs, art, lectures, or other fitting media. (Basic guidelines of "regularity" of dissemination are: 20 newspaper articles, photos or broadcasts a year; two national or four regional



magazines or specialty journal articles a year, or one book, 10 lectures, or 20 bona fide outdoor news releases a year.)

The legal advisor for the association shall be an active member without meeting the basic guidelines.

2. Associate

Members are those who have a strong direct interest in the outdoors, either professional or personal, such as conservationists of all kinds; public employees in outdoor fields; educators teaching related subjects; certain sportsmen and retail-level dealers in outdoor goods, equipment or facilities.

3. Supporting

Members are those engaged in major commercial efforts directly related to the outdoors, such as manufacturers, distributors, manufacturers' representatives, or advertising agencies serving any of these.

4. Active Student

Members are those between the ages of 18 and 24 years who are bona fide college students with a major in journalism, communications, or natural resources sciences.

5. Associate Student

Members are those who are students who have an active interest in the outdoors in the areas of hunting, fishing, ecology, or in preserving the environment in general.