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"A Perfect Day in the Pheasant Fields", photo by Tom Berg



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President's Message

by John Maxwell

2011 HOW Annual Meeting - Covered Bridges, Canyons and Smallies -

Hey HOW, how about an annual conference at Turkey Run State Park in scenic Parke County this upcoming April 15, 16 and 17?

Parke County and environs are famous for their beautiful rolling forests and picturesque farms. A liberal helping of 31 historic covered bridges makes Parke County the Covered Bridge Capital of the World, while new conservation efforts and public access sites along Sugar Creek have renewed Hoosier angler's interest in the rocky and winding river's smallmouth fishing.

In the woods during April, wood poppies, bloodroot, twinleaf, toothwort, Dutchman's breeches, anemone and trout lilies should be blooming. Mushrooms will be sprouting and wild turkeys gobbling. The hike across

the Sugar Creek suspension bridge through the hemlock-shrouded Rocky Hollow to the Devil's Punch Bowl is one of my all-time favorite nature hikes in Indiana.

If the weather is nice, we can canoe or kayak while we fish Sugar Creek. Sugar Creek, running between sandstone cliffs, hemlocks and blooming redbud trees, is traditionally known as one of Indiana's finest smallmouth streams. Plenty of forage and rocky hiding places means plenty of fish.

Indiana DNR surveyed 53 streams similar in size to Sugar Creek between 1991 and 1995. Of these streams, Sugar Creek ranked highest in species diversity, and contained one of the best Indiana smallmouth bass populations in terms of number and individual fish size.

The survey also found an average of 243 flathead catfish in every river mile near Turkey Run. Biologists found most of the large catfish in deep water around big boulders.

As an added HOW meeting "smallie fishing bonus", our scheduled main conference speaker will be internationally-known smallmouth fishing expert, instructor and author, Tim Holschlag. Check out Tim's website at www.smallmouthflyangler.com. Holschlag is even planning to fish with us on Sunday and give us some valuable tips.

Hiking more of the park's trails and nature/covered bridge photography will also be great options for Sunday. HOW has reserved a block of rooms at the Turkey Run Inn for those who are planning to stay the night, and camping in the park is also available.

As usual, you do not need to attend the entire weekend if your schedule does not allow it. Come enjoy as many of the activities that we have planned as you can!

Hope to see you down the trail soon.

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
Gary Carden
Jim “Moose” Carden – President 1982/83
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John Case
Bill Church – President of HOW 1972
Jack “Big Jake” Cooper
Mark Cottingham
Jerry Criss
Dick Forbes
Tom Glancy – President of HOW 1977
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Fred Heckman
Jack Kerins
Mike Lyle – President of HOW 1981
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Brian Smith	2007
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Bryan Poynter	2009

Annual HOW Conference

Make Plans Now To Attend The Annual Conference!

HOW members should begin making plans to attend the upcoming 2011 Annual HOW Conference. Since it will be similar to the expanded 2010 conference, this is another one that you won't want to miss!

The conference will take place on the weekend of April 15-17 at Turkey Run State Park in Parke County. The main meeting will take place at the famous Turkey Run Inn. We realize some people may have a conflict with this weekend, but since we announced the



An evening view of Turkey Run Inn at Parke County's Turkey Run State Park. Photo courtesy of Indiana DNR.

date early this year we hope most members will be able to adjust their schedules so they can attend.

As most of you know, the annual HOW Conference was changed in 2010 to be a weekend event instead of a one day affair. It was very successful, and many of our attending members said it was the best conference ever. We plan to build on that success, and the 2011 meeting looks very promising!

Turkey Run State Park is an ideal location for our writers, photographers, broadcasters and other media professionals to meet. The natural beauty of the park is a sure draw, and there are so many things to do that are right on our doorstep. Hiking, bird-watching, fishing, canoeing, nature photography and general exploring are all things that will entice our members to get outdoors and experience the park. It should be fun!

The conference will start on Friday afternoon, April 15th with our annual Fun Shoot. The location will be announced later, but it's worth attending the shoot just to watch Dean Shadley try to outgun his son Ben! Later Friday evening, HOW members will be invited to gather at one of the park's shelters for a bonfire and some great camaraderie.

The main meeting will take place on Saturday, and we will have plenty of interesting seminars and speakers.



Suspension bridge over Sugar Creek leading to Rocky Hollow hiking trails. Photo courtesy of Indiana DNR.

We will also have a very special keynote speaker at this year's conference, Mr. Tim Holschlag from Minneapolis, Minnesota. Tim will talk about his favorite subject: smallmouth bass. Since Turkey Run Inn is located only a short distance from Sugar Creek's resident smallmouth bass population, Tim's words will be especially appropriate. He will also be available to fish Sugar Creek with all interested HOW members on Sunday, so plan on sticking around and learning a thing or two! This is a great opportunity for our members to learn from a well-respected and seasoned professional like Tim, and he is planning to bring one of his customized "Smallmouth Angler" fishing canoes for use on Sunday.

Tim is an internationally-known authority on smallmouth bass, and when the officers of the Indiana Smallmouth Alliance heard that he would be visiting Hoosierland, they quickly offered to sponsor his trip. HOW would like to thank the ISA for their generous support and for helping to bring Tim to our conference this year. Check out their website: www.indianasmallmouthalliance.org.

There will be other guest speakers and seminars at Saturday's meeting, and as the date gets closer and details are finalized we will be sure to pass along the information.

The famous HOW Raffle will also take place on Saturday afternoon. Everyone who attended the 2010 conference will remember the fantastic array of outdoor gear and interesting products donated by our loyal Supporting Members, so don't miss the raffle this year. We are planning to out-do ourselves once again! Last year we set a new record with 68 companies donating to the raffle, and this year our goal is 70!

HOW members who might be traveling longer distances to attend the conference will not need to drive all night to get back home, either. We have reserved a block of rooms at the Turkey Run Inn for those who are planning to stay the night, and camping is also available nearby. Details on costs and how to reserve your room will be forthcoming right after the first of the year.

Until then, be sure to mark your calendar and plan on attending the 2011 HOW Conference!

Here's the tentative conference schedule:

Friday - April 15, 2011: Afternoon Fun Shoot and evening bonfire get-together.

Saturday - April 16, 2011: Main Conference/Annual Meeting. We may organize a late-afternoon canyon hiking trip or local photography tour if there is enough interest.

Sunday - April 17, 2011: Sugar Creek fishing, canoeing, hiking activities (weather permitting).



Report Card On America

Story and photos by Jack Spaulding

My wife, Chris, and I recently returned from traveling the Northwest and the Old West, passing through a total of 16 states. From the familiar corn fields of Indiana to the rugged coast of Washington State, we saw a lot of America, and saw America at its best.

After a good soak in the hot springs at Thermopolis, Wyoming, we headed to Cody to tour the Buffalo Bill Historic Center complex, and then, on to Yellowstone and the North Loop.

Mule deer, herds of bison and pronghorn in Yellowstone were a reminder of the wildlife diversity in America. Touring the “land that quakes,” we met a travel wise, old herd bull meandering down the Loop Road. Traffic was lined up behind the bull buffalo for a quarter mile, but the bull knew he had the right-of-way. As he approached, I stopped, put the truck in park and shut the engine off. No way was I going to make a move he would see as aggressive. A ton of buffalo could do a world of damage to a pickup truck, and I didn’t want him to experiment with mine. The great bull passed so closely, I could have reached out and scratched his back as he passed. We spent the larger part of the afternoon watching herds of bison, but none came quite as close as the bull on the road. Chris said my eyes have never been bigger, and the look on my face was priceless.



Just before exiting Yellowstone, the town of Gardener at the north end of the park was hosting a large herd of elk. Rangers were on hand to keep tourists at a safe distance from the 40 or 50 elk scattered throughout the small community. Nestled under the shade trees and nibbling on the fresh grass, the herd looked like king-size lawn ornaments.

Next on our list... Glacier National Park and the world famous “Going to the Sun” highway. Road construction and some entertaining single lane traffic made the trip through the park more than just a memorable passing. It was a humbling experience to see the mountains towering three thousand feet above while looking down a thousand feet to Glacier Lake. Far above the tree line against the bare gray rock just below the snow pack, we could see tiny white dots of a resting herd of mountain goats.

The spectacular mountains of northern Idaho and Washington held our attention until we headed south to the Columbia River Gorge. Coming off Washington 395 and traveling the length of the gorge, the terrain changed from the dry grass of high mountain desert to a lush mountain rain forest of ferns and moss-covered pine trees.

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Running down the Oregon coast, we came to the famed sea lion cave at Florence. Earlier in the day, I spoke with a very refined lady who gave the sea lion cave a less-than stellar review. She said, “You travel down in an elevator over 200 feet to the world’s largest sea cave. The cave is full of noisy sea lions and I found it rather smelly.” As the lady left, Chris looked at me knowingly and said, “We’re going?” I replied, “You betcha!! Didn’t you hear? She said it’s a cave full of smelly sea lions.” As anticipated, the cave was great and well worth the \$12 entrance fee.

It was the anniversary of 9-11 when we passed through Florence, Oregon. The whole town appeared to be celebrating our nation’s resolve. In one location, there were 30 or 40 people gathered together waving American flags of all shapes and sizes. Main Street was lined for over a mile on each side with American flags.



The most humbling experience came when we entered the redwood forest along California 101. Trying to describe the redwoods without using superlatives is impossible. Traveling the 101 spur known as the Avenue of Giants, I couldn’t help but marvel at the natural cathedral God created with the massive trees. Even though it was a bright blue-bird-sky day, among the giant trees, it was shadowed and dark as dusk. The forest was eerily quiet and blanketed with huge ferns with only the sound of the wind blowing through the tree tops 300 feet over our heads. The prehistoric look of the forest was undeniable as we were in the same area where the movie, *Jurassic Park* was filmed.

Around home, we trim and shape the trees according to the power lines. In the redwood forest, the power lines are located according to the trees. The forest soil is shallow and the electric company ingeniously uses flexible straps and braces from the giant trees as supports for the power poles.



On our way through the Wind River valley at the beginning of our vacation, we had stopped at a rest stop and met a young man and his family returning from their vacation. It’s a small world, as they had been to the Creation Museum near Cincinnati. I told the young man, he and his family had passed within a few miles of our home when they were in Indiana. He told us we were going to pass within sight of the open pit mine where he works as a coal miner in Wyoming. With pride he said the coal mining region loads 9,100 rail cars every day or the equivalent of more than 36,000 semi truck loads of coal for generating electrical power.

Everywhere we traveled, we found the most beautiful portions of our country preserved for future generations, and our natural resources wisely managed. All along the way, we met people with positive attitudes, guarded optimism, and displaying unconquerable American “exceptionalism”.

If I was filling out a report card, I would give America an “A!”

The 2011 HOW Awards-In-Craft Contest

HOW CRAFTS AWARD CONTEST RULES

The contest year will be for material published or aired from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010. All submissions, including photography, must have been printed, aired, published or electronically posted during the contest year. **There are some big changes to the contest this year – they are shown in RED.**

The author, photographer or broadcaster must be an Active or Associate member of HOW.

The author, photographer or broadcaster must have been paid a standard rate for any work entered in the contest. Photos or articles published on a private Website or a not-for-hire Website will not be accepted. Photos/articles that are published, or radio/TV programs that are broadcast in trade for advertising or other non-monetary remuneration or for gratuitous fees (such as \$1) are not permitted.

At this time, blogs will not be accepted as an article. Photo essays (where the only writing is in the captions) will also not be accepted as an article. These types of entries will be disqualified.

This year, we have changed the contest rules to allow electronic submissions only. We will no longer accept paper entries. This will result in much less work for entrants, contest coordinators and judges. It will also conserve valuable natural resources, which is something we can all be proud of. Entries must be submitted via email or filed on CD/DVD and mailed. The only exception is the broadcast division, where tapes are also allowed. See the rules below for additional details.

RULES FOR SUBMISSION

- 1) Contest entries must be **in an electronic form. Entries must be emailed (or postmarked if mailing a CD or DVD) no later than February 28, 2011.** Entries emailed or postmarked after that date will be disqualified. Send all entries to the proper contest coordinator.
- 2) An official HOW contest entry form must accompany each entry. **The entry form must also be sent electronically (after typing the entry details into the form).**
- 3) Send no material that needs to be returned. No original material is required. **As mentioned above, print contest entries and photo contest entries must be sent in an electronic form.** In the broadcast contest, tapes, recordings and DVDs are welcome.
- 4) All submissions of print entries (either from traditional paper or electronic media) must consist of **one electronic copy of each article with bylines removed. This file must be text only – do not scan tearsheets or newspaper/magazine pages. This electronic copy must be saved as a PDF file (.pdf) or a Microsoft Word 97-2003 Document (.doc).** Entries not following these rules will be disqualified. **As mentioned above, print entry files must be emailed or filed on a CD or DVD and mailed by the deadline.**
- 5) Entries into the broadcast category require only one tape or recording and may be by tape cassette, CD, VHS or DVD formats. Radio and television entries may carry the broadcast station's name and call letters if they are on "as aired" dubbed tapes. TV entries should be dubbed minus commercials if possible to facilitate judging.
- 6) Entries in the photography division must **consist of one electronic (digital) copy of each photo. This electronic copy must be saved as a JPEG file (.jpg or .jpeg).** Prints, slides and paper copies of photos **will not be accepted.** Please include a title for each photo entry.
- 7) An individual article, photo or broadcast may only be entered in one category/division. Entering the same piece in multiple categories/divisions will result in the disqualification of duplicate entries.
- 8) There is a limit of two entries per category.

For all Article entries, send submissions to the Writing Contest Coordinator:

Coordinator to be announced ASAP.

For all Photography entries, send submissions to the Photo Contest Coordinator:

John Martino
12825 W 100 N
Kokomo, IN 46901

For all Broadcast entries, send submissions to the Broadcast Contest Coordinator:

Tom Berg
2142 Nondorf Street
Dyer, IN 46311

CONTEST DIVISIONS

- 1) Writing articles published as 1,000 words or less (Magazine, Newspaper, E-zine).
- 2) Writing articles published as more than 1,000 words (Magazine, Newspaper, E-zine).
- 3) Photography
- 4) Broadcast (Radio-TV-Video)

WRITING ARTICLE CATEGORIES

- 1) Hunting/Trapping
- 2) Fishing
- 3) Conservation
- 4) General Outdoors (other than hunting, fishing, trapping)

BROADCAST CATEGORIES

- 9) Best Radio Broadcast
- 10) Best TV Broadcast
- 11) Best Video

PHOTOGRAPHY CATEGORIES

- 5) Hunting/Trapping
- 6) Fishing
- 7) Outdoor Scenic
- 8) Outdoor Recreation (other than hunting, fishing, trapping)

2011 HOW AWARDS-IN-CRAFT CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Category _____ Division _____

Title: _____

Where published/aired: _____

Publication/air date: _____

Entries and forms must be emailed or postmarked no later than February 28, 2011

HOW Awards-In-Craft Winner

(1st Place in the Writing – Fishing category)

“Champion Bass Angler Makes Time For Youngster” by Brandon Butler

When Eric Johnson was a boy growing up in Columbus, Indiana, his dream was different than most of his friends. It wasn't gridiron glory or Hoosier hysteria that gripped him, it was bass fishing. Johnson's dream was to become a professional fisherman.

Now, years later, with some high profile bass tournament wins under his belt, including a \$50,000 first place payoff in a Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (B.A.S.S.) regional and the 2008 Hoosier Open at Lake Monroe, Johnson is making a name for himself as an angler who regularly contends for the top of the leader board.

“I am living my dream,” Johnson said.

When he's not on the water, Johnson can be found at Big River Tackle and Timber in Nashville, Indiana. He serves as store manager. A perfect job for him, because his duties allow him to talk fishing all day. His whole world revolves around catching bass, so he enjoys his duty of conversing with many fishermen a day. And after meeting so many anglers, for a

particular person to stand out is rare. Yet, that's exactly what happened when Johnson met John Weddle.

Weddle, an 11-year-old young man, also from Columbus, approached Johnson after Sunday service at the Community Church of Columbus.

“He (Weddle) came right up to me and told me he was a bass fisherman,” Johnson said. “He asked if we could maybe fish together sometime. It meant a lot to me. Not too long ago, I was just a kid trying to get started in the sport.”

Johnson invited Weddle to join him in his brand new Nitro bass boat for a day on Lake Monroe.

“It was great to see his face when he got in my boat. You could tell he loved it,” Johnson said. “I gave him control of the back of the boat, just minutes later, he was up front fishing right beside me.”

Perhaps Weddle's confidence is rooted in being an accomplished angler himself. He finished second in an Indiana Bass Federation kids'



casting competition at the Indianapolis Boat, Sport and Travel Show this past year.

Johnson took Weddle to one of his favorite places on Monroe; Pine Grove. They fished pre-spawn bass. Throwing jigs into flooded buck brush.

“I learned quite a bit about where to fish and what baits to use at certain times of the year,” Weddle said.

“The kid can flat fish,” Johnson said.

The first bass of the day went to Weddle. He pulled a hefty fish out of the brush after precisely flipping his jig right where Johnson said to put it. The pair went on to secure a limit, an important accomplishment in tournament fishing. This day was just for fun though, and all the fish were safely returned to the lake.

“I have never fished with a kid who pays greater attention to detail. He was like a sponge soaking up everything I told him. There is no doubt in my mind, this kid has a future in bass fishing,” Johnson said.

Although Johnson may be living his dream, he has yet to achieve all of his goals. “I want to be the best. Every time I fish a tournament, I fish to win. I enjoy the competition,” Johnson said.

“Eric is a heck of a fisherman. We’ve fished together a few times. He knows his stuff,” said Steve Hanson, a Bloomington based tournament angler.

With the help of his major sponsors - Bass Pro Shops, Nitro Boats, War Eagle Spinnerbaits, Ardent Reels, and Big River Tackle and Timber, Johnson will be fishing every B.A.S.S., Bass Fishing League (B.F.L), and Professional Angler Association (P.A.A.) tournament he can squeeze in this season. Four P.A.A. tournaments he’s fishing this year are scheduled to air on the Versus channel sometime in 2010.

For a tournament fisherman, time is of the essence. When not on the clock at a tournament

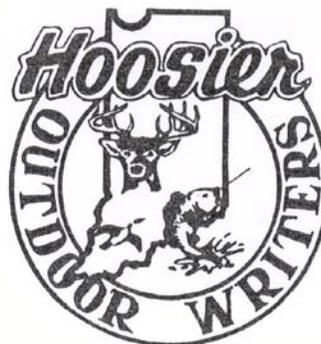
or at work, these guys are practicing as often as they can. To give up valuable time to take a kid he barely knows out on the water for a day of fishing, says a lot about the kind of individual Johnson is. And in the bigger picture, the kind of individuals participating in the outdoor sports of fishing and hunting.

“He’s a really nice guy, and he knows a lot. I appreciate him taking me fishing,” Weddle said.

I’ve known Johnson for a few years now, and it’s been enjoyable watching him chase his dream. To witness another succeed at attaining their heart’s desire is exciting, as well as encouraging.

Kids thrive on energy. Not only their energy, but the energy of the adults around them. You put a kid in an enjoyable situation, under the tutelage of an impassioned mentor and they will come alive. Showing emotion; positive emotion – excitement, determination, eagerness – makes the event much more enjoyable for anyone, let alone young folks. Johnson wears his love of bass fishing on his sleeve. Weddle sees it, and feeds off it.

Certain members of society harbor a misconception concerning the type people who take to the woods and water. We, as sportsmen, can only hope more people like Johnson step to the plate and do their part in securing the future of our traditions through proper influence of the next generation.



HOW Member News

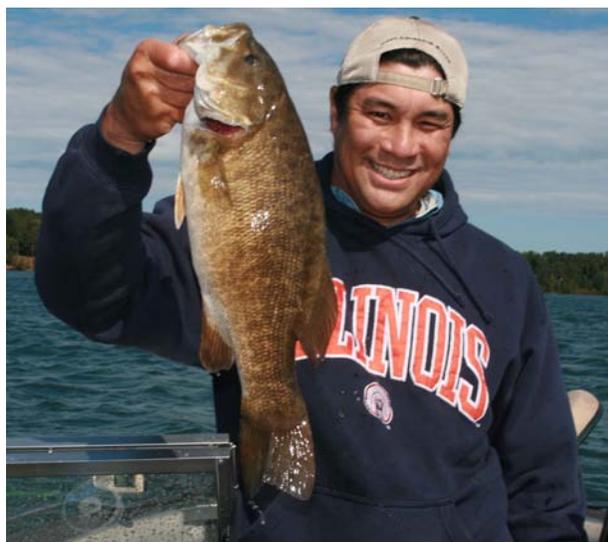
Poynter Stretches His Legs In The Grand Canyon

Board Chairman Bryan Poynter recently returned from a memorable trip out west where he did some very serious hiking. He hiked some of the Grand Canyon's most demanding trails, and for those of us who have experienced hiking in the canyon, we know it's no small feat.

"In September, I completed a rim-to-rim-to-rim hike of the Grand Canyon covering 46 miles and over 20,000 feet of elevation change in 2½ days," said Poynter. "It was a supreme challenge and the adventure of a lifetime! We started on the south rim and hiked to the north rim and then back along the South Kaibab, North Kaibab and Bright Angel Trails. It was truly awe-inspiring to experience two billion years of geology and all of the diverse conditions present throughout the canyon."



Way to go, Bryan!



P.J. Perea Lands Multiple Trophy-Sized Smallmouth Bass in the Land of Cheese

Back in September, P.J. Perea spent some time fishing for Lake Superior smallmouth bass while attending the AGLOW conference in Ashland, WI. We'd say he did pretty well!

He caught smallies up to 20 inches and 5¼ lbs under the expert supervision of local fishing guide Craig Putschat from Outdoor Allure Guide Service (www.outdoorallure.com).

"I caught four smallmouth bass between 4½ and 5¼ pounds on Lake Superior's Chequamegon Bay," said Perea. "We were drift-fishing using live suckers on Lindy Rigs in 14-16 feet of water on rock piles." It sounds like it was a great trip!

Young Nicholas Martino Scores Great First Buck

“My 9 year old Nicholas son is at it again,” said Joe Martino. “He took his first buck during Indiana's youth deer hunting weekend! Thanks to the new rule which allows kids to shoot a buck during the youth season, he was able to do so. Last year they were not allowed to shoot bucks during the youth season and he had to pass up a nice 8-pointer and then a beautiful 135" 10-pointer at 5 yards! It was awful having to tell my son that he couldn't shoot a trophy buck.”



“But anyway, as was the case with his doe last year, we couldn't have pulled it off without our Double Bull blind. They are simply amazing. The advantages to the Double Bulls, in my mind, are too numerous to mention. Put it this way, I let two of my buddies borrow it this year as well, and their boys each took a deer out of it on their first hunt.”

Nicholas made a 50 yard shot on his buck with his .20-gauge Mossberg 500 Super bantam youth combo. Joe likes his son's gun so much that he ended with this statement: “Let's put it this way. When he isn't hunting with me, I'll be using his gun this slug season. Mine can stay in the gun safe!”



Gary Redmon Continues Lucky Streak With Ontario Bruins

In the last issue of The Blade, Gary Redmon mentioned a recent (and successful) Canadian bear hunt. We asked for a few details, and here is what he had to say:

“I've hunted eight consecutive years with outfitter Rick Dickson's Bear Hunts in Wawa, Ontario (www.nlmotel.com/dicksonsbear.htm) and bagged six above-average black bear. This year was no exception, with nice a 390 pounder – and believe me, there are larger ones out there.”

The life-size bear mount of this trophy will be displayed by Kevin McGrotty of Brownsburg

Taxidermy at the Association of Indiana Taxidermists annual convention in Columbus, Indiana next February. Go check it out!

Schoonveld Encounters The Three Stooges On His Coyote Trapline

Editor's note: Mike Schoonveld wrote this note to newsletter editor Tom Berg after a recent morning when the two of them ran Mike's trapline together. HOW members might get a chuckle out of it! Tom Berg photo.

“One of the new traps we put out on Monday is running a perfect score, so far. Remember the last one we set where the trucks were hauling the piles of cow manure and I made a rather inconspicuous set on the south side of the culvert? It caught a raccoon on the first night and a coyote yesterday. It's not very inconspicuous anymore.”

“But the real mystery isn't as much a puzzle as a funny happenstance. Remember the ‘cow bone’ set? I caught a coyote in that set yesterday and another in the one just around the corner from it. Good deal, a double! I wasn't that surprised about the double, thinking the first coyote probably got caught in the dirt hole set, its partner hung around in the area, reluctant to leave – and found the cow bone set and then got caught there.”



“But what happened to the huge bone? That sucker was the size of a T-Rex bone and it's gone. All I can surmise is there was yet a third coyote in the pack and once Moe and Larry were tied up, Curly headed off with the prize! Wouldn't be quite so surprising except the cow bone was about 20 years old and probably closer to being a fossil than a gnaw bone. Other than the fox pee and coyote lure I smeared on the fibia, there wasn't anything on it even close to being edible.”

“It'll be interesting to see if I catch Curly this season--and if he's still toting around his prize!”

Membership Changes and New Email Addresses

The following HOW individual members have reported a change in email addresses or postal addresses. Please make a note of them:

Bud Fields: New email address: budfields@frontier.com

Bob Jennings: No email service. New Post Office mailing address: 3302 N 190 W, Switz City, IN 47465). You can also contact him by phone (Home: 812-875-2801, Cell: 812-798-0783).

Dean Shadley: New email address: shadleyds@frontier.com

If your email address or other contact information changes, please notify HOW Executive Director Tom Berg at director@hoosieroutdoorwriters.org or by mail at 2142 Nondorf Street, Dyer, IN 46311 as soon as possible. You won't receive important HOW updates if we don't have your current contact info!



HOW Members Harvest Trophy Deer Throughout the State

HOW members have been very busy during this hunting season, as shown by these nice photos. Joe Martino from Kokomo (upper left) poses with a great buck that he took during archery season.

Ranger Bob Sawtelle from Corydon (lower left) weighs his deer at a Harrison County check station. Sawtelle took some time off from his bush-hogging duties to take this beautiful buck right before sundown using his locally-famous 50 caliber rifle, “Old Blackie”.



Bill Keaton from Rushville was also successful. “My buck management practices seem to be paying dividends,” said Keaton. “I have seen at least 5 different big bucks on my 2 trail cameras.” Bill shot the big deer at right with his

crossbow the day before gun season opened. “It’s pretty hard to pass up a nice buck for another ghost in the woods,” he quipped. Who can argue with that?!



Schoonveld Fishes the Gulf During Autumn

In early November, Mike Schoonveld accepted an invitation to Franklin County, Florida (Apalachicola, St. George Island, Carrabelle) to sample the fishing and atmosphere in this unspoiled region. “The difference between this part of Florida and other locations I’ve been farther south, is in Franklin County you have to look to find recent development. In other areas, you have to look to find what Florida was like before the building boom turned fishing villages into condo-towns,” said Schoonveld. “I stayed at the Gibson Inn in Apalachicola which, though now upgraded to modern standards, dates back to 1907.”

The Gulf oil spill didn’t reach any of the shorelines in this area, nor did it affect the local fishery – other than scaring away plenty of vacationers during the summer. Fish managers kept the red snapper season open much longer than usual because of the light sport harvest during the scheduled season.

Schoonveld managed to angle some snappers up to the boat (a new species for this life-long fisherman), and he added several greater amberjack to his life list – as well as boating his first king mackerel. “The kingfish was fun,” Schoonie said, “but the amberjack gives a new meaning to the word 'pull!'” The Franklin County Tourism Development Council is very welcoming to visiting outdoor and travel writers. Contact them at: www.anaturalescape.com.



HOW Members Attend More Outdoor Writer Conferences



In the last issue of *The Blade*, we mentioned the fact that several HOW members attended the recent AGLOW and POMA conferences in an effort to improve their craft and network with their peers. Add another conference to the list: the annual SEOPA conference.

The Southeastern Outdoor Press Association's annual conference was held from October 6th to 9th in Huntsville, Alabama. Attending members were treated to an exciting opening night ceremony at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, where they dined in the shadow of a rocket longer than a football field.

Two members of the Hoosier Outdoor Writers were in attendance: Rich Creason and Brandon Butler. Creason took his time traveling through the south and discovered many exciting story ideas. Look for an upcoming piece from Rich on a prestigious resting place for coon dogs.

When the winners of the SEOPA Excellence-in-Craft contests were announced, two HOW members (Brandon Butler and PJ Perea) were among those honored for their work. See the details below. For more information about SEOPA, see check out their website at www.seopa.org.

HOW Members Honored In Recent SEOPA Excellence-In-Craft Competition

Best Video Program - Sponsored by SEOPA

P.J. Perea, 1st Place tie, for "The Educational Box Call" video, *NWTF Education package* at www.nwtf.org (Fall 2009).

P.J. Perea, 1st Place tie, for "King Strut" on "Get in the Game" television show, *The Outdoor Channel* (Fall 2009).

Magazine Short Story - Sponsored by SEOPA

P.J. Perea, 1st Place, for "How to Make PVC Fishing Jugs", *Turkey Country* (May 2010).

Magazine Story - Sponsored by Realtree Camouflage

Brandon Butler, 2nd Place, for "Bowhunter Magazine", *Outdoor Indiana* (September/October 2009).

Conference Reminder: NEW DATES!



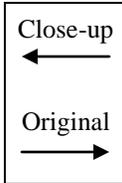
Don't forget to mark your calendars for the 2011 HOW conference. The dates will be April 15-17, 2011 (Friday-Sunday), with the main meeting taking place on Saturday, as usual. You may attend the Saturday meeting only, the entire weekend or any portion of the weekend. It's up to you!

Unusual Nature Photos From The Hoosier Outdoors Sponsored by Shimano

Close-up Photo of Dragonfly Face is Strange Indeed!



The “What is it?” question from the last newsletter must have been just as hard as the previous sturgeon barbel question, because almost every HOW member was stumped again. Once again, however, John Maxwell guessed the right answer and he was the only HOW member to do so. As you can see below, the mystery creature was a dragonfly.



The reflection in the eyes in the close-up photo above was unusual, but it was entirely natural.

Since participation has been somewhat lacking with the “What is it” questions lately, we have decided to make it a **CONTEST** and add some incentive for HOW members to strain their brains. Our friend John Mazurkiewicz from Catalyst Marketing has agreed to have one of his clients (Shimano American Corporation) provide a very nice prize package (valued at \$200) to the HOW member that guesses the right answer to this issue’s “What Is It?” question. See additional details below.

Berg Poses Another Tough “What Is It?” Question



Here’s another Nature Photo mystery. The photo shown above is a close-up of the natural color pattern of a common creature that lives right here in Indiana (perhaps right in your own back yard). Have you ever seen it?

Do you know of any Hoosier creatures that are bright red and blue? Take a guess! If you think you know, send the answer to me via email at thomas.berg@comcast.net. If you’re right, you will be in the running for the Shimano prize package. For everyone who doesn’t know, you’ll just have to wait for the next issue of The Blade to find out!
Hint: This creature is very small.

As mentioned above, Shimano will be donating a very nice rod & reel combo as a prize for the HOW member who guesses the right answer to this issue’s “What Is It?”

question. The prize package includes a Shimano Compre medium-action 6’6” spinning rod, a Shimano Symetre 1000 reel and a spool of PowerPro line. If more than one person guesses the right answer, we will draw one winner at random from the group of correct entries. Good luck, and don’t let President John Maxwell walk away with the prize unchallenged!





THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

Maxine June Renfro – Age 83
February 11, 1927 – October 30, 2010

Fishers, Indiana – Maxine June Renfro, 83, of Fishers, passed from this life and went to be with our Lord on October 30, 2010. She was born on February 11, 1927 in Grand Rapids, Michigan to the late Archie and Gertrude Dennis. Maxine grew up in Traverse City, MI and was a competitive skater in her teens. In 1948, she married Robert Kaley (deceased), and in 1959 she married Harry Renfro who preceded her in death in 1986. She was a lifetime member of the Fishers United Methodist Church and an active member of United Methodist Women (UMW).

Maxine was best known by the general public as the first lady of the Indianapolis Boat, Sport & Travel Show. She and her late husband Harry acquired the sport show in 1963. Together, they brought the show to national prominence as a hallmark and the standard for the industry. Untold thousands of people remember Maxine's beaming smile, her kindness, and her attention to detail. Upon Harry Renfro's death in 1986, Maxine continued to manage the show with her four sons until her retirement.

Maxine is survived by her sons and their families; Mark Kaley and his wife Gayle, Dan Renfro, Todd Renfro, and Kevin Renfro and his wife, Joanne; 11 grandchildren, Alyssa Kaley, Emily Kaley, Josie Gingrich, Cory Renfro, Jeremy Renfro, Cooper Renfro, Colton Renfro, Rachael Renfro, Mitchell Renfro, Bailee Renfro and Sophia Renfro; and by two brothers, Glen Dennis, his wife Margaret (deceased), and Eugene Dennis.

Maxine loved to meet new people and see new places, and traveled all over the globe. She was instantly recognizable by her boisterous laugh and always displayed a wonderful, ironic sense of humor. Her greatest accomplishments she considered to be her children and her wonderful grandchildren who she loved and adored.

Visitation was held Wednesday, November 3, 2010 from 3:00pm until 6:00pm at Fishers United Methodist Church, 9690 E. 116th St., with funeral services afterwards.

Renfro Productions has been a Supporting Member of the Hoosier Outdoor Writers for many years, and the Renfro family remains a steadfast friend of HOW. In the words of HOW Past-President Brian Smith: "We all knew her as a very kind and loving person, full of life, who loved to laugh and did not know any stranger. We also knew her as a very strong woman who, together with her late husband Harry, made the IBS&T Show a true success. Maxine did this while raising four boys: Mark, Dan, Todd and Kevin... knowing those boys... they would not argue that this was also a true testament to her character - not to mention her patience, willpower and grace."

"We know she will be missed dearly and never be forgotten, as she will live on in the hearts of those who knew her, and she will remain an active part of her family's daily life. Please keep the entire Renfro family in your thoughts and in your prayers during this time of loss."

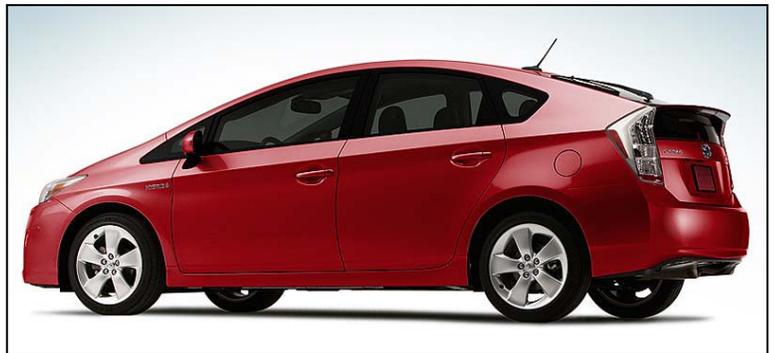
HOW Supporting Member News

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.

Toyota Announces Complimentary Maintenance Plans For New Vehicles

Torrance, CA: As an added value for customers, Toyota recently announced that new Toyota and Scion vehicles will now come standard with Toyota Care and Scion Service Boost. These two new plans offer complimentary normal factory-scheduled maintenance and 24-hour roadside assistance for two years or 25,000 miles, whichever comes first.

The two maintenance plans, which went into effect in early October, make Toyota the first full-line brand to offer a complimentary maintenance plan standard on new Toyota vehicles within its line-up. The brand began offering complimentary maintenance plans this spring as part of its seasonal sales programs. Due to the favorable response from customers, including 73-percent who said it improved their confidence in Toyota,



both plans are now standard on new-vehicle purchases across the Toyota and Scion line-up.

“The two complimentary maintenance plans were developed to help improve overall cost of ownership and provide invaluable peace of mind for our customers,” said Bob Carter, Toyota Division group vice president and general manager. “The new programs were inspired by owner feedback and once again reflect how Toyota listens to its customers.”

Both maintenance plans cover all normal factory-recommended maintenance services outlined in each vehicle’s owner’s manual, which includes oil and filter changes, tire rotations, lubrication of key chassis parts/components, a 19-point inspection and 24-hour roadside assistance (lockout protection, flat tires, towing, jump starts, etc.). Additional details will be available through Toyota & Scion dealers.

See plan for complete coverage details. Contact Toyota’s Midwest Public Relations Manager Curt McAllister for program details (curt_mcallister@toyota.com or 313-259-4598) or visit a participating Toyota dealer. You may also find additional information on Toyota’s media website: www.toyotaneewsroom.com.



HOW Supporting Member News

Otis Technology Launches Re-Designed Website

Lyons Falls, NY: Otis Technology is known for being on the cutting edge of technology when it comes to its automated facility, lean manufacturing processes, and superior quality products. Otis cleaning systems are the most advanced gun care systems in the World. Even so, Otis Technology's online presence didn't portray that, until now.



Included in the re-design are new website features, instructional videos, an in-depth dealer page, and a "cleaning system selector". These are just a few of the many improvements made to the site. The System Selector Application will allow users to input the caliber/gauge/mm of firearms they own to receive a populated list of Otis systems that will clean their different firearms.

"Otis Technology needs a website that showcases Otis' excellence. From the cutting edge technology of our products to our roots within our community and industry involvement," says Doreen Garrett, President and CEO of Otis. "There is not a better time to launch a new website then during our 25th year in business. It's the perfect time to re-establish our online identity."

To compliment the re-designed site, Otis is continuously developing its social media presence. A Facebook fan page, tweets via Twitter, and instructional videos on YouTube are just a sampling of how Otis continues to increase its online presence. "The web and social media are important to the continued growth of any company," said Denise Miller, President of Sales and Marketing. "In order to have 25 more successful years this step was necessary. It will also be easier for our customers and vendors to stay in touch with Otis. Social Media builds relationships with so many people and is a great asset."

Visit the new Otis Technology website at www.otistec.com. Check out the latest Otis news, the newest Otis products and get to know the Otis Pro Staff. For more information, please contact Marketing Coordinator Cara Peebles by phone at 315-348-4300 ext. 2449 or email her at cara@otistec.com.



B'n'M SlabMaster Makes Crappie Handling Easy

West Point, MS: Tired of your crappie not fitting into your checker? Have you ever wondered the age of your crappie? How much does it weigh? Whether you are a tournament fisherman or casual fisherman, this crappie checker is for you. After years of exhaustive research and record-keeping, B'n'M and Ronnie Capps have designed the ultimate checker that will be the last crappie checker you will ever need.

Oversized Design: Current crappie checkers on the market have one major flaw: they simply aren't big enough! Our oversized checker allows measurement up to 16 inches and it is made of extremely durable ABS plastic.

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Air Bladder Deflation Guide: Keeping your fish alive until tournament weigh in is a challenge. Your best bet is to deflate the air bladder. But, where is the air bladder? Easy: Simply place your crappie into the Slabmaster Crappie Saver, and measure the length. Keeping the fish properly aligned in the checker, take your length measurement and correspond it to the ADG. Insert a needle (at a 45 degree angle), and press. The air bladder is deflated, and the fish wins you that coveted championship.

Estimated Weight: Beside your length measurement you will find the approximate weight of your fish.
Estimated Age: Estimate the age of your fish based on years of exhaustive research. You might be surprised at how long it takes a crappie to reach 3 pounds!

This product just became available in November, 2010. For more information, check out the B'n'M website (www.bnmpoles.com) or contact Jack Wells at jack@bnmpoles.com.

Buck ErgoHunter Knives Now Available As Folders



Post Falls, ID: When Buck Knives introduced their innovative new ErgoHunter fixed-blade skinners a year ago, they were an instant hit with hunters. Inevitably, it led to the cry, “When will there be a folding knife version?” Many outdoorsmen simply prefer folders these days.

Typical of their reaction to the market, Buck unveiled three Folding ErgoHunters at the SHOT Show. In keeping with their good-better-best pricing, there are three models. All three have a 3” skinning blade, hollow ground and heat treated by Paul Bos for peak performance. Handles feature ergonomic contouring for maximum comfort and reduced hand fatigue. Raised, machine-cut checkering provides a secure grip.

The Folding ErgoHunters provide ambidextrous one-hand opening, and have extra-thick locking liners made of 410 HC stainless steel. Heavy-duty construction ensures reliable performance. Conveniently sized, they are smaller than the fixed-blade for easier carry and weigh just 4.5 oz.



Top of the line is the Model 598 Folding ErgoHunter Pro, with a handle made of handsome Rosewood Dymondwood® inlaid into black rubber for a comfortable, sure grip. The blade is the finest quality S30V stainless steel for ultimate sharpness, superior edge retention,

toughness and corrosion-resistance. It comes with a genuine leather sheath. Model 597 Folding ErgoHunter Avid has a 12C27 Mod Sandvik steel blade, and the Model 595 Select has a blade made of Buck's reliable 420HC stainless steel. These two come with a heavy-duty nylon sheath.

As part of Buck's “American Commitment,” the new Folding ErgoHunters are made in the USA, and are backed by Buck's Forever Warranty. For more information, contact Chuck Buck at 800-326-2825 or chuckbuck@buckknives.com.

HOW's Supporting Member Websites

3M Scientific Anglers - www.scientificanglers.com
Acli-Mate Mountain Sports Drink - www.acli-mate.com
Alpen Optics - www.alpenoutdoor.com
B'n'M Pole Company - www.bnmpoles.com
Bass Pro Shops - www.basspro.com
Battenfeld Technologies - www.battenfeldtechnologies.com
Bill Lewis Lures - www.Rat-L-Trap.com
Birchwood Casey - www.birchwoodcasey.com
Blackpowder Products, Inc. - www.bpiguns.com
Brunton - www.brunton.com
Buck Knives - www.buckknives.com
Bundy Ducks - www.bundyducks.com
Cabela's, Inc. - www.cabelas.com
Camp Chef - www.campchef.com
Clam Corporation - www.clamcorp.com
Coleman Company - www.coleman.com
Columbia Sportswear - www.columbia.com
Creative Outdoor Products - www.hunterdan.com
Crimson Trace - www.crimsontrace.com
Crosman Corporation - www.crosman.com
CTI Industries - www.zipvac.com
Danner Boots - www.danner.com
DeLorme, Inc. - www.delorme.com
Eagle Claw - www.eagleclaw.com
Environ-Metal, Inc. - www.hevishot.com
Federal Premium Ammunition - www.federalpremium.com
Flambeau Products Corp. - www.flambeauoutdoors.com
Flatrock Hunting Preserve - www.flatrockhunting.com
Flying Fisherman - www.flyingfisherman.com
Frabill - www.frabill.com
Freedom Group Companies - www.freedom-group.com
G.Loomis - www.gloomis.com
Gerber Legendary Blades - www.gerbergear.com
Godfrey Marine - www.nauticglobalgroup.com
Hart Productions - www.hartproductions.com
Hoosier Trapper Supply - www.hoosiertrappersupply.com
Hoppe's - www.hoppes.com
HT Enterprises - www.icefish.com
Hunt's Photo & Video - www.huntsphotoandvideo.com
Hunter's Specialties - www.hunterspec.com
Indiana Conservation Officer Magazine - www.icoo.com
Indiana Outdoor News - www.indianaoutdoornews.net
Johnson Outdoors, Inc. - www.johnsonoutdoors.com
Kwikee Kwitter Co. - www.kwikeekwiver.com
L&S Bait Co. - www.mirrolure.com
LaCrosse Footwear - www.lacrossefootwear.com
Lamiglas - www.lamiglas.com
Leupold - www.leupold.com
Lightfield Ammunition - www.lightfieldslugs.com
Lodge Manufacturing - www.lodgemfg.com
Mathews - www.mathewsinc.com
Midway USA - www.midwayusa.com
Mossy Oak - www.mossyoak.com
Muzzy Products Corp. - www.muzzy.com
MyTopo - www.mytopo.com
Off Shore Tackle Co. - www.offshoretackle.com
Ono's Trading Co. - www.onostradingcompany.com
Optronics, Inc. - www.optronicsinc.com
Orange County CVB - www.historicsouthernindiana.com
Otis Technology - www.otisgun.com
Outdoor Promotions - www.crappieusa.com
Plano Molding Company - www.planomolding.com
Poor Boy's Baits/Lurecraft - www.lurecraft.com
Pradco Fishing - www.lurenet.com
Primos Hunting Calls - www.primos.com
Proline Fishing, Inc. - www.prolinefishing.com
Pure Fishing - www.purefishing.com
Quaker Boy, Inc. - www.quakerboygamecalls.com
Ranger Boat Company - www.rangerboats.com
Reef Runner Lures - www.reefrunner.com
Renfro Productions - www.renfroproductions.com
Rocky Brands - www.rockyboots.com
Savage Arms - www.savagearms.com
Sebile Lures - www.sebileusa.com
SHE Outdoor Apparel - www.shesafari.com
Shimano American Corp. - www.shimano.com
Snosuit - www.snosuit.com
South Shore CVA - www.southshorecva.com
Star Brite - www.starbrite.com
Strikemaster Corporation - www.strikemaster.com
Taylor Brands - www.taylorbrandsllc.com
ThermaCELL - www.thermacell.com
Tri-Tronics, Inc. - www.tritronics.com
TTI-Blakemore Fishing - www.ttblakemore.com
Vexilar, Inc. - www.vexilar.com
Vortex Optics - www.vortexoptics.com
W.R. Case & Sons Cutlery - www.wrcase.com
WaveSpin Reels - www.wavespinreel.com
West Marine - www.westmarine.com
White Flyer Targets - www.whiteflyer.com
Wildlife Research Center - www.wildlife.com

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 media 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 Awards-In-Craft Contest among its members. The award winners are announced each year at HOW's annual conference.

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, service providers, 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.

Calendar of Events

Cincinnati Travel, Sports & Boat Show: January 14-16 & 19-23, 2011
(www.hartproductions.com)
Cincinnati, OH

Indianapolis Boat, Sport & Travel Show: February 18-27, 2011
(www.renfroproductions.com)
Indianapolis, IN

HOW 2011 Annual Conference: April 15-17, 2011
(www.HoosierOutdoorWriters.org)
Turkey Run Inn, Turkey Run State Park
Parke County, IN

AGLOW 2011 Spring Cast & Blast Event: April 19-21, 2011
(<http://aglowinfo.org/>)
Lake Barkley, KY

NRA 2011 Annual Meeting: April 29-May 1, 2011
(www.nra.org)
Pittsburgh, PA

OWAA 2011 Annual Conference: July 9-11, 2011
(www.owaa.org)
Salt Lake City, UT

POMA 2011 Annual Conference: August 10-13, 2011
(www.professionalooutdoormedia.org)
Ogden, UT

HOW members may submit upcoming events, along with dates, locations and other details to the newsletter editor at: director@hoosieroutdoorwriters.org for possible inclusion in future issues of The Blade.