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THE CAROLINA ANTIQUE TACKLE COLLECTORS NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Wow... Don't look now, but October is here...the weather is getting cooler and the leaves are falling. The CATC Myrtle Beach show will be here in a few weeks (Nov. 21-23) and I can't wait. Be sure that you have your tables for this show, as they go pretty fast. Contact Gene McIntyre for tables @ 910-395-4424. Also, contact Springmaid Resort and Conference Center for room reservations.

Membership is always a concern and let me speak just for a minute on growing our membership. All of us know a youth or even have a member of our family that could be a club member. We're all getting just a little older and our membership is aging, and we need some younger folks to take interest in CATC collecting. So... let's all think about who we can invite or even bring to the next couple of shows to help us grow our wonderful club and not let it die on the vine. Not to be negative, our membership is good right now and we are thankful for that, but we need to always be inviting new folks, older or younger to be a part of the CATC.

Good lures are still out there to be found and could be a good investment for a young person. I know that most of our collectors do not look on our hobby as an investment, but over a period of time that becomes a fact and its comforting to know that the value of our hobby is holding its own. So, look for those baits and reels



Recently, I found a Creek Chub Flip Flap, which is a fairly tuff bait, in a tuff color. Folks, they are still out there!



P.S.- Ricky Cox still owes T.D. \$8.85 including interest.

Hack Hensley



Myrtle Beach Update

The Myrtle Beach show is coming together. There are only 3 wall tables left. Also, the aisle tables are going fast. I had calls and sold 6 aisle tables yesterday. I'm hoping to sell out the show this year. There will be free lanyards to everyone taking one or more tables. The lanyards are supplied at no cost to the club.

This year the club is getting free editorial space in the Waccamaw Outdoors Paper. The editorial tells the history of the CATC, which will be great exposure. We will also be advertising in the Waccamaw Outdoors for the months of October and November. This paper is free, with distribu-

tion of 30,000 copies per month. The paper is distributed at Quick

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Stop type gas stations and restaurants all over South Carolina.

I will be attending a veterans dinner at the Tabor City gun range again this year. This event is sponsored in part by the Waccamaw Outdoors paper. I will be setting up part of my Bomber collection and eating great barbeque. November 11 is Veterans Day. Please thank a veteran for their service to this great country!! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the veterans in the CATC for their service. Thanks also to brother-in-law, Dave Boyer, (CATC member) for your service in Vietnam. Last year at this veterans function, I got to shoot a 50 caliber gun. WOW, what power!!!

Just a reminder, don't forget about the fishing contest on the Springmaid pier, Friday November 21 from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm. Bring your favorite rod and reel set up and catch the biggest fish.

I will be setting up my entire Bomber lure display this year at the show. I hope others will bring their displays. Thank you to all who come and make the Myrtle Beach show such a great success.

C. Morgan "Red" Billet

Most of you know or have meet this club member better known as "Red" of York, Pennsylvania. We send out deepest sympathy to the family and friends on his passing August 25, 2014.

Red was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during the Vietnam War on the U.S.S. Forrestal. In 1969, he began working as a welder at the former Borg-Warner and retired from York International/ Johnson Controls as a Production Supervisor in 2009. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends. His passion for fishing, antiques, and hiking kept him busy in retirement. Red was an avid collector of old fishing gear, York County memorabilia, and Wallace Nutting prints. He traveled near and far to auctions and sales year round. His summers were spent mostly in Canada on his boat and hiking the trails.



Red was an avid collector. He always found the most desirable and hard to find items and shared them with us at our shows. He will be missed greatly.

September 1, 2014 CATC Financial Statement

Beginning Balance January 1, 2014...

\$3,982.83

Receipts				
2014 Spring Show (Notes 1 & 2)	\$2,775.00			
Dues	\$1,640.00			
Donation	\$500.00			
2014 Fall Show (Note 1)	\$725.00			
Total Receipts	\$5,640.00			
Expenses				
2014 Spring Show	\$1,792.69			
Website Fees	\$130.99			
Materials & Supplies	\$127.15			
2014 Fall Show	\$235.00			
Newsletters	\$640.31			
Postage	\$397.24			

Net YTD 2014 Receipts and Expenses \$1,999.43

Ending Balance September, 1 2014...

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Total Expenses

\$5,982.26

\$317.19

\$3,640.57

Note 1: Show receipts include dues paid with registration. Note 2: Some Show receipts and expenses were booked in 2013.

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Message From the Secretary / Treasurer Steve Barrow

<u>CATC Directory:</u> The club directory was distributed in late August (green cover this year), and each member should have received a copy in US mail. The directory includes an alphabetical listing of members showing their contact information and collecting interests, an additional listing of members by state and city, contact information for club officers and directors, along with copies of the CATC mission statement, bylaws, and exhibit policies. Please examine your personal information in the directory and contact Steve Barrow at stb647@embarqmail.com if you have any changes or corrections.

<u>The CATC Newsletter Needs Your Help!!</u> – We publish an eight page newsletter quarterly, and **need your input for articles and other items of interest**. Our club has about 160 members, all of whom have collections, knowledge, stories, and pictures that would be entertaining and informative to the other members. Please consider sharing these by submitting information to Joe Yates, Newsletter Editor. It could be of a historical nature, favorite or recent field finds, experiences using old tackle, or any other subject relating to CATC's Mission: "Enhance and promote the collection and preservation of antique fishing tackle and memorabilia." All submissions will be considered!

<u>Elections at the 2014 Fall Show</u>: Elections for the club Vice President and three Directors will be taking place in November at the Myrtle Beach show. The current VP is Elizabeth Yates. There will be one Director each elected for North Carolina and South Carolina, and one Director for the other states combined. Jack Gallagher and Harry Matthews are the current respective Directors for South Carolina and the at-large states, and Bill Holbein is the North Carolina Director.

Nominations for these positions are still open. If you would like to serve the CATC, or nominate another member, please contact one of the club officers. They are listed on the inside cover of the CATC Directory you received a few weeks ago, and are also shown elsewhere in this newsletter. The CATC board believes the club would benefit from a greater level of participation in club affairs by members, including holding office, volunteering to host and co-host shows, providing content for the newsletter, and so forth. Please consider helping your club by volunteering your services!



Is Carolina Antique Tackle Collectors going out with the trash? Nope, it appears there is another CATC! Steve Barrow snapped this picture a couple years ago while on a surf fishing vacation at Buxton, NC. In this case CATC stands for Cottages At The Cape, in reference to Cape Hatteras, whose famous light house is within sight of where the picture was taken. The property where these cottages stand is now privately owned, but previously had a long and storied history of government service. In the past it was a US Navy radio station, and after that a US Coast Guard facility. But a coastal storm all but wiped it out a few years ago, and the land was sold for commercial development. Several single and duplex cottages were built, and today CATC is a popular Hatteras Island destination!

Vacations and Old Fishing Tackle Joe Yates

We are sometimes fortunate to come upon old fishing tackle and treasures as we travel on vacation. Such was my luck just this past weekend.

Elizabeth and I were ending a week of vacation in Buxton Village on Hatteras Island and learned that there was going to be an estate sale with fishing tackle on Saturday morning. That was the day we were scheduled to pack the Jeep to leave for home and I chose not to be there when the sale started at 8:00 am.

It was obvious when we got there around 8:30 that this was an old house. It was only later that I learned that the house was built in 1910 and had been in the same family for the last 96 years. It was an historic Buxton home.

I also learned that people had stopped the night before to view some of the fishing tackle on the front porch. Some of them were among the first in line when the sale started the next morning.



I was excited to see classic surf fishing rods and reels along the porch rail when I got there. It is only a mild exaggeration to say that I salivate at the sight of old honey colored Lamiglas surf rods. I drool when I see as many as were grouped there on the porch. These old rods are hard to find and you don't often see them for sale.

The Lamiglas Rod Company got its start in 1949 in the back of a sporting goods store in Kent, Washington. In 1950 they were the first company to manufacture fiberglass fishing rod blanks. The honey colored glass blank was introduced in the 1960's and they are still popular among many surf fishermen, particularly along the east coast. There is almost a cult following of surf casters who want to throw an old honey Lami. Lamiglas still makes glass rod blanks, though most of their rods are now made with modern graphite fibers.

My excitement quickly turned to disappointment when I saw that the tags on the rods had already been pulled indicating that someone had gotten there before me. Gone too were the tags on some early Penn spinning reels and an old boat rod with a reel more than half as big as your head. The treasure was gone. It was not to be mine. I had no one to blame but myself, as I was the one who made the choice to pack instead of arrive early.

I fumbled through a pile of tackle boxes stacked neatly at the end of the front porch. Alas, they were either empty or contained nothing of interest. Thinking I had blown my chance of finding any old fishing tackle, I made my way into the house.



The house was filled with people searching through piles of boxes, furniture, pottery, glassware, clothing and such. The place was packed and the quality of the merchandise was quite nice.

In the dining room there was a small collection of decoys for sale. Some of the ducks were wood, including some by Carolina carvers, and there were also several canvasback decoys.





As I made my way through the crowd, I saw there was a large porch adjacent to the kitchen at the rear of the house. I was shocked to see another large group of honey colored Lamiglas surf rods

leaning against the porch rail. I was even more shocked to find that all of them were all still available for sale.

I picked each rod up, carefully checking its condition and testing its action. I finally decided on the one I wanted. It was a custom made rod and bore the name of one of the home owners. The rod is one piece and measures approximately 11.5'. There was a part of me that wanted to buy more than one, maybe buy them all, but I know that it is difficult to transport long one-piece rods. I already had a 10" honey Lami strapped to the roof of my Jeep. It is one that I found several years ago and re-worked. It has since become my favorite surf rod.

I did buy one other Lamiglas rod that morning. It is an 11' graphite rod of fairly recent manufacture. One old Lami and one new one made for a wonderful morning.

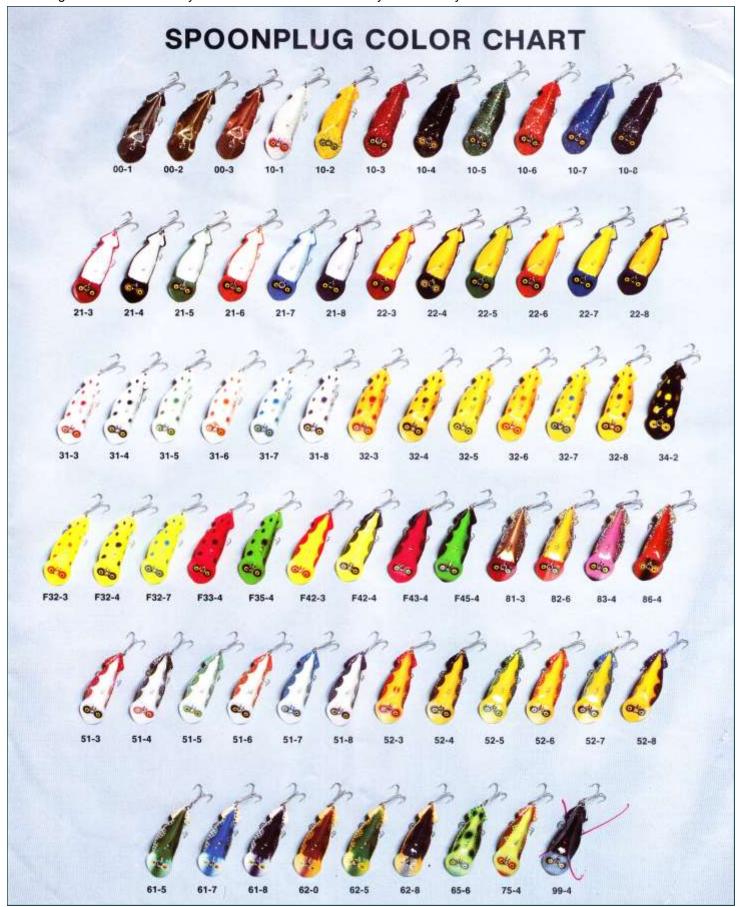
This is the Lami rod I bought. It will be used almost exclusively for surf fishing on the Outer Banks, and most of the fishing will done in the Village of Buxton. As I stand in the pounding surf dreaming



about a large red drum or bluefish picking up my bait for a long, hard fight, I will also be imagining the person who held this rod long before I ever saw it. I am certain that they held it while dreaming the very same dream as me. What stories might they have to tell about this long stick of glass? No doubt there were some nice fish caught with this rod and no doubt there were others lost before being dragged onto the sand. So it goes with surf fishing.

A daughter of the family whose estate was sold on Saturday said that she was pleased that many of her parent's belongings were being scattered among the people of the island they had lived and loved all of their lives. It is an island I have loved for a very long time as well. Thanks to Jack and Mary Gray, I am pleased to be able to carry a small piece of it with me.

Have you noticed by now that this newsletter comes to you in color? The generous support of one of our CATC Members has made this possible and it sure is a big improvement! What better way to demonstrate the value of color than by showing all the colors used by Carolina lure maker Buck Perry. He certainly understood the value of color.





Name(Name Badge Info)	"Nick Name"		
(Spouse/Additional Family Member Attending) Address			
City/ State/ Zip			
PhoneEmail_			
Collector's Interest* *Example: Heddon River Runts, Creek Chub Dingers (In	fo used for show roster)		
Total tables: 5 6' Aisle Tables @ \$20.00 each \$ 6' Wall Tables @ \$25.00 each \$ Show Registration Fee \$ 10.00 CATC Membership (\$20 if due)* \$ Total Amount Enclosed \$	Mail to: Gene McIntyre 320 Wimbledon Court Wilmington, NC 28412 Make check payable to "CATC"		

Upcoming Shows of Regional Interest

Oct 3 - Nov 2, 2014 FATC Fall Show Palatka, Florida

November 21 -23, 2014 CATC Fall Show Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

January 9 -10, 2015 NFLCC Region 3 Winterfest Pigeon Forge, Tennessee



Fishermen inspecting their lures - Orange Lake, Florida 1959 State Archives of Florida Florida Memory, http://floridamemory.com/items/show/76341

