



C.A.T.C. NEWS

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President's Message

Wow.. what a cold , cold winter, But.. Spring is here so let's go fishing!

If you don't have your tables for the CATC Spring Show please check with Hack or Sharon Hensley as only a few tables are left. Show dates are April 17th - 19th at the Phoenix Inn, Greenville SC. It's been since November of last year that we were together as the CATC family. It will be good to see everyone in a few weeks at the first show of 2015.

This year has started out on a fast pace, with the NFLCC Winter Fest Show in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., then the Bassmaster Classic on Lake Hartwell, Anderson SC. Vendors, spectators, and the pros were at the T.D. Convention Center while the weigh in was held at the Bon Secours Wellness Arena here in Greenville SC, with over 103,000 folks in attendance for the classic. Local Boy does good!! Casey Ashley from Donald's/ Anderson SC fishing on his home turf at Lake Hartwell. Casey won with a lure similar to a blade runner bait which his Dad made with a promise that this lure will win you the classic.. Sure enough.. it did ! To a tune of over \$300,000 in winnings.

Check out the photo of the first boat used in the Bassmaster Classic back in 1971. Look how far we have come with our boats and equipment used to catch a fish. I know you folks have had time to seek out some new additions to your collections and maybe found some things that you'll bring to the Greenville Show. Feel free to bring a friend to the show as we are trying to attract new members to help grow our club. 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 time that has become a fact and

it's comforting to know that the value of our hobby is holding its own. So keep on looking for those reels and baits. Safe Travels and we'll see you in Greenville SC come April.



Hack Hensley



1971 model



2012 model

Carolina Antique Tackle Collectors Current Events

By Steve Barrow

CATC has a NEW Newsletter Editor!! – Zandra Huffman of Greenville, SC is the new editor for the club newsletter. She will be at our Spring Show, so please stop by and welcome her to the club.

And speaking of the newsletter, you will recall that last year we made bylaw changes that may affect the number of newsletters, and the timing of their distribution. Also, our future newsletters may be any number of pages from three to eight, depending upon the amount of information to be communicated to members. If eight pages, they will be folded, taped, and mailed as in the past. If less than eight pages they may arrive in standard business envelopes.

Clarification on PICO Lures Fundraiser – In the January 2015 newsletter there was an excellent article about the club fundraiser conducted by member Bill Bailey, in conjunction with PICO Lures, both from the great state of Texas. The article in part stated “Three of the lures were given to CATC officers.” The Board just wants membership to know those were not gifts, the officers paid the same price for these baits as did other CATC members who bought them online from Bill, with the proceeds donated to the club.

Member “No Shows” Can Cause Problems for Show Hosts – There have been some situations recently in which members have reserved tables for shows, without prepayment, and then not showed up without notifying the show host. There are other clubs that will not allow show preregistration without accompanying payment, but the CATC does not desire to implement that policy unless it becomes necessary.

Whenever a member has prepaid, and then has to cancel for personal reasons, the club in most cases is able to refund their show payment, and strives to do so. I mailed several show refund checks to members in 2014, and we certainly don't mind doing that. Life and family is obviously more important than any hobby, and there are many valid reasons for not being able to attend a show after preregistering. But what we are asking is when this situation occurs that you notify the show host and make them aware that you will not attend.

Our show hosts invest much of their time and energy, and we should make it as easy on them as possible. The host needs to know how many tables and which ones are available for other members to use, including new and existing members who want to register and reserve tables the morning of the show. Tables they are holding are not available to be assigned to other members. In summary, we hope all who preregister will be able to attend the show. If not, please notify the show hosts as soon as possible, even if it is after the show starts.

Submit a Newsletter Article, Earn \$50!! – Beginning in 2015, CATC members can earn \$50 by submitting tackle related newsletter articles that are chosen for publication. Each article must be at least two pages long, including any pictures that are incorporated. Articles should be submitted electronically to Steve Barrow at stb647@embarqmail.com. 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. The article 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.”

2015 Spring Show in Greenville, SC – Hack Hensley is doing double duty as both CATC President and primary host for our Spring Show in Greenville. The majority of tables for the show are already reserved, and we expect it will be a sellout. See the show flyer in another section of this newsletter for complete details, and please share the info with your fishing buddies who are not members.

Stepping down as Secretary/Treasurer at end of 2015 – At the Fall Show in 2015 there will be an election for CATC President, and for Secretary/Treasurer. By that time I will have been in this office for 10 years, and will not be up for re-election to an Officer or Director position. I’ve enjoyed serving the club, but in the future look forward to spending more time with my family, traveling, and pursuing other interests. I plan on continuing to be a CATC member and attending as many shows as possible.

I’d like to start the process now to identify replacement candidates. It’s not difficult work, but does require some time, a decent computer with Microsoft office software, and a basic knowledge of Word, Excel, and Publisher. Please contact me or any Officer/Director if you are interested or would like to recommend someone.

Greenville, SC, Site of CATC 2015 Spring Show

Highlighted in AAA Go Magazine

The American Automobile Association of the Carolinas publishes Go Magazine six times a year to highlight top destinations for travelers in North and South Carolina. The January/February 2015 issue included a three page article about Greenville, SC, the site of our CATC Spring Show. Here’s a little of what AAA had to say about Greenville...

“About 100 miles northwest of the state capital, Greenville, S.C. boasts one of the region’s most picturesque and lively downtowns, with an abundance of restaurants, shops and parks. As officials of this former mill town reinvigorated the Main Street corridor, they also developed the Swamp Rabbit Trail, a 14-mile greenway that runs along the Reedy River and connects many of the area’s top attractions. It’s a great resource for exploring this charming, fast-growing city that’s situated at the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. “

Come join us April 17 – 19 at the Phoenix Inn in Greenville, SC!!

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Nature's Fishermen (Part 1) by Steve Barrow

I'm pretty sure most of us lure collectors first got involved in this hobby as an extension of our love of fishing. That certainly was true in my case. Initially there was an attraction to lures in general, buying more at retail outlets than I could possibly ever use, and then taking notice of the vintage ones. That was followed by the mandatory visits to antique shops, flea markets, yard sales, and you all know the rest of that story having lived it yourselves.

Obviously antique tackle is the predominate subject of discussion at any CATC show, but I believe a close second would be fishing - the sharing of our recent activities and adventures. I always look forward to asking Joe Damron what he is currently using to catch stripers. And it's exciting to learn from Carl Quertermus (my fishing hero) and Jack Gallagher what their latest exotic fishing trips involved, which unlike my own trips often require the use of passports.

And over the past few years I have been thinking more about those other fishermen, the wild critters that also seek fish, which I will refer to here as "Nature's Fishermen". In some cases they can be hard to ignore, and may even impact our own fishing trips. Here's a recent example...



Julie and I like to do canoe float trips on small bodies of moving water, and one of our favorite destinations is Conodoguinet Creek, which flows into the Susquehanna River in Pennsylvania. It has lots of smallmouth bass and bream, with a few largemouth and spotted bass, and also a real fighter that the locals call "fall fish".

We typically do half day trips, stopping at a suitable location for a shore lunch. That was our plan one day last June, and we had just selected a flat rocky shoreline to pull the canoe up on. Soon after we landed, Julie exclaimed "There's a snake!!", which apparently had exactly the same idea as us. It was in the water swimming in our direction, and stopped a few feet away.

He (or she?) had also been fishing that morning, with great success, and was planning on having a shore lunch at exactly the same spot we had chosen.

We had arrived first, and having already claimed this spot, were not inclined to give it up, or even share it. The Northern Water Snake is not poisonous, but like many aquatic snakes they are aggressive and show little fear, and it seemed unimpressed that we had dibs on this spot.



There was a standoff for a considerable period, with us on the rocks and him in the shallow water a couple feet away, each waiting for the other to leave. I took that opportunity to snap several pictures, and he was definitely not camera shy. He stayed there so long a fly landed on his head, which you can see in the picture above. After a lengthy stalemate, he gave up on our location and slowly drifted downstream, continuing to keep a firm grasp on his catch of the day.

Finally Julie and I were able to eat lunch, but only while keeping a sharp lookout for anything swimming back upstream. This float trip took place on Friday, June 6, 2014, and according to our fishing log we caught 25 fish that day, which is about typical.

The log also reveals that on this trip I dropped overboard the favorite fishing pliers that we had used for many years, without realizing exactly when it happened. Luckily they have red handles, and the water was clear. We paddled back upstream to a previous fishing spot and saw them on the bottom in about three feet of water. Julie went overboard and retrieved them, which we considered to be a miraculous recovery of an important fishing heirloom. Also, Julie reported that stream water in Pennsylvania in early June is still pretty darn chilly.

In a future CATC newsletter we'll have Nature's Fishermen (Part 2), and I'll tell you about an osprey that stole Julie's fish while she was still reeling it in.

CATC needs a new **Secretary/Treasurer** beginning with the 2016 term.

Steve Barrow will be resigning from that position at the end of 2015.

Please contact any CATC officer with recommendations/nominations!

February 15, 2015 CATC Financial Statement

Beginning Balance January 1, 2015... **\$6,536.10**

Receipts

Dues	\$1,100.00
2015 Spring Show (Note 1)	\$80.00
Total Receipts	\$1,180.00

Expenses

2015 Spring Show (Note 2)	\$200.00
Website Fees	\$71.29
Materials & Supplies	\$82.97
Newsletters	\$100.00
Postage	\$105.32
Total Expenses	\$559.58

Net YTD 2015 Receipts and Expenses **\$620.42**

Ending Balance February 15, 2015... **\$7,156.52**

Note 1: Show receipts include dues paid with registration.

Note 2: Some Show receipts and expenses were booked in 2014.

Are Your 2015 CATC Dues Paid?

It's easy to tell whether or not your 2015 dues have been paid. Just look at the area above the mailing label on the outside of this newsletter. If your dues have not been paid there will be a small "\$20 DUE" stamped in red near your name and address. If you see the "\$20 Due" stamp, please send a check for \$20 (made out to CATC) to Steve Barrow, CATC Sec/Treas, P.O. Box 487, Kittrell, NC 27544. Thanks!



**Sponsored by the
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**CATC Spring Show
Greenville, South Carolina
April 17-19, 2015**

SHOW LOCATION:

Phoenix Inn
246 North Pleasantburg Drive
Greenville, S.C. 29607
(864) 233-4651
phoenixinnofgreenville@gmail.com

Hotel Web Site:
<http://www.phoenixgreenvillesinn.com/>

SHOW TIMES & EVENTS:

Friday April 17
Room Trading, evening table set up

Saturday April 18
7am Show opens for Members
9am -4pm Open to the Public
6pm - Show closes

Sunday April 19
8am - 1 pm Open to Members Only

Room Rates:
\$75.00 per Night + taxes

 2015 Greenville Flyer.pdf

**ONLY 70 TABLES
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED !**

Contact our show hosts for more information:

Hack & Sharon Hensley
Email: ctyhjy@gmail.com
Hack Cell (864)380-3129
Sharon Cell (864) 704-8371

T.D. Norman
Phone (864-323-5867)

CATC Spring 2015 Antique Fishing Tackle Show - Greenville, South Carolina - April 17-19, 2015

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: (____) _____ Email: _____

Total tables:

_____ (fill in #) 6' Aisle Tables @ \$20.00 each \$ _____

_____ (fill in #) 6' Wall Tables @ \$25.00 each \$ _____

Show Registration: \$ _____ 10.00

CATC Dues (\$20 if payable) \$ _____

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Mail this portion & payment to:

Hack Hensley
310 Hawkins Creek Road
Greenville, SC 29609

Make all checks to "CATC"

You must be a CATC member to have a table or register for the show. Annual CATC dues are \$20.

Upcoming Shows of Regional

Interest

April 17-19, 2015
CATC Spring Show
Greenville, S. C.

April 23-25, 2015
10th Annual NFLCC
Fishing Lure & Tackle Show
Temple, Texas

June 12-14, 2015
FATC Summer Antique
Tackle Show
St. Augustine Beach, Fla.

July 9-11, 2015
NFLCC National Show
Springfield, Missouri

Early Fishing Scene - From the Post Card Collection of Steve Barrow



This 'wishful thinking' card was postmarked August 27, 1910 at Providence, R.I. .



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