



C.A.T.C. NEWS

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President's Message

It's a crappie time of year folks...!!! As you all probably know, it's time for crappie fishing.

The weather is getting warmer, water temps are on the rise and just look at the boats behind those trucks and cars headed to the lake. Spring is here !!! YEA !!!.. I hope all of you are doing fine and looking forward to the CATC spring show. One thing I would like to remind everyone is to be sure to invite someone or better yet, bring someone to the Greenville show. As I look back at our show attendance over the last few years, we need to make a better effort of adding new members. We would love to have a growth period of not only experienced collectors, but we need some younger folks to join up and get hooked on collecting antique tackle (male or female).We all want our collections to grow in value and become better investments, AND, it doesn't take a large amount of money to start collecting vintage tackle and soon become a pro at antique tackle for all to enjoy as well as buy, sell & trade.

If you have found something new for your collection, be sure to bring it to the Greenville show. Speaking of the Greenville show, we have advertised with over 1,000 brochures given out at local events such as the Boat Show, local tackle shops, flea markets, local gun/ knife shows, sportsman events and free air time on the local sportsman radio show. If everyone does what

they say, we should have a ton of tackle from the street. You don't want to miss the Greenville show. The room is filling up fast with only a few tables left.. so... if don't have your tables.. be sure to call Hack (864-380-3129) or Sharon at (864-704-8371) to reserve your tables TODAY ! Also if you haven't paid your dues, (\$20.00) please submit to CATC, 310 Hawkins Creek Rd, Greenville SC 29609. We're looking for a big crowd at this show so don't miss out on the action. Show dates are, set up on Friday April 15th, public comes in on Saturday April 16th, and Sunday April 17th. The show closes with awards around noon. Folks, if you need a room please contact the Phoenix Inn, 246 N. Pleasantburg Drive, Greenville SC 29607. Remember, Krispy Kreme Donuts is next door. See you in Greenville !!!

Hack Hensley



Did you know that James Heddon, a Michigan beekeeper and angler was regarded as the father of modern casting plug, also reported by Ryck Lydecker in BoatU.S The date the U.S. Patent Office awarded a patent for his invention to fool fish was on April fools day, April 1,1902.

Heddon started as he liked to whittle small fish shapes. Later he and his two sons went on to establish one of the largest manufacturers of artificial lures in the world under the family name. Heddon is still one of the largest American manufacturers of the 20th century

One of the rarest antique lures in existence today was hand-carved in 1897 by James Heddon. He gave this lure to honey distributors as an incentive for them to buy his honey. This Heddon Frog has a price tag of \$30,000.



Noted expert Karl White says an antique lure's value depends on a variety of factors, including the rarity, demand, age, beauty and condition of the lure. Sometimes a lure's box is often more valuable than the lure.

Rummaging through grandfather's attic, you find a box of old lures. You examine each bait, wondering, "What's it worth?" In most cases, the answer is "not much." But occasionally, someone uncovers a lure worth thousands of dollars. Will you be that lucky one? You never know.



This 1853 Giant Copper Haskell Minnow sold at Lang's Discovery Auction in 2003 for \$101,200. The six inch copper lure has a rotating fin with two upward hooks in its tail. Its so valuable because it is the only lure of its size and type in existence.

The Chautauqua Minnow is an incredible rare find for antique fishing lures collectors; only a handful were ever made. Produced by Krantz & Smith, it was advertised as America's first weedless lure. Its pretty, but it wasn't good at catching fish. That's why only a small batch of them were ever produced. These lures have sold for \$35,000 at auction before, but their estimated value is \$12,000.



The Heddon Night Radiant is second rarest vintage Heddon lure. The company released this topwater plug in 1912, but never listed in their catalogs.

The Heddon Night Radiant comes in two variations: a five-inch lure with four treble hooks and a four-inch edition with three treble hooks. Some were white with a painted black stripe down the back, and others were plain ivory color. The Heddon Night Radiant is worth around \$10,000



The Comstock Flying Hellgrammite is considered by some collectors to be the first wooden lure ever made. It's an imitation of a larvae-stage dobsonfly, also called Hellgrammites. This lure has a wooden body with beady red glass eyes and copper parts. Harry Comstock claimed to have the first Flying Hellgrammite lure design, so when rival lure maker Pflueger released their version, he took them to court and won. Pflueger released their own version of the Hellgrammite, which is also among the most sought after antique lures. Comstock's version is worth around \$12,000 while Plunger's knockoff, also called the Flying Hellgrammite, is worth around \$10,000.

Are Your 2016 CATC Dues Paid?

It's easy to tell whether or not your 2016 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 Sharon Hensley, CATC Sec/Treas., 310 Hawkins Creek Rd., Greenville, S.C. 29609. Thanks!

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Carolina Antique Tackle Collectors Current Events

It is with sadden hearts that we report the loss of a couple of members to death last year, Nelson "Mullet Head" Thomas and Russell Riddle. Both passed away in 2015. If there are other members that we are unaware of, please send that info and we will pass it to our club via the newsletter. Any other news that we need to pass to the club members would also be welcomed. If you have a rare find or something you would like to share with the club, please submit pictures and info and we will do our best to include it in a newsletter. In Fact:

Submit a Newsletter Article, Earn \$50!! – 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 Zandra Huffman at zandrahuffman@yahoo.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."

2016 Spring Show in Greenville, SC– Don't forget to make your plans and reservations now for this event. Time is running out to reserve a space to display all your treasures. Please remember that we do not require prepayment for the tables so make sure you show up or cancel so that others might have the opportunity to utilize the space..

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, but you must cancel prior to the show to receive the refund.

If you are looking for that rare find or just enjoy sharing, looking or listening to some "tall tales" about others' treasures, then plan on attending April 16-17, 2016.

Recently one of our members received a call from an older gentleman who had a lot of "old" stuff he wanted to send for the Greenville show and auction. David Lindsay was asked to go to Aiken to pick up the items. David commented "not really Aiken...somewhere south of and behind the boon-docks, down a 2 mile dirt road and on the edge of a swamp. GPS never heard of his address."

Anyway, he had a lot of "stuff" and I didn't see a rare treasure, but you know what they say about "one man's junk being another man's treasure". He had a big container with stuff already bagged that I will be bringing to Greenville. Who knows....there may be something of interest for you!!!!

Collecting antique American fishing tackle, nearly unheard of 20 years ago, has spawned something of a feeding frenzy across the country and abroad in the last decade as reported in an article written by Ryck Lydecker in BoatU.S.

A lot of stuff you see now, or at shows, is only valuable to its owner but sometimes there is a gem hiding in someone's collection.

Lures are not the only thing displayed during the show, rods, reels, and other items of interest are also displayed for all to see, sale, or trade.



CATC Spring Show
 Greenville, South Carolina
 April 16-17, 2016

**Sponsored by the
 Carolina Antique
 Tackle Collectors**

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>

Room Rates:
 \$75.pp per Night + taxes

SHOW TIMES & EVENTS:

Friday April 15
 Room Trading, evening table setup

Saturday April 16
 7am Show opens for Members

9am - 4pm Open to Public
 6pm Show closes

Sunday April 17
 8am - 1pm Open to Members Only

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

Contact our show hosts for more information:

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

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

Registration: CATC 2016 Spring Show - Greenville, SC - April 16-17, 2016

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 \$20.00

Upcoming Shows of Regional Interest

April 7-10, 2016
The Greatest Fishing Tackle
Flea Market in Ohio
Oberlin, Ohio

April 16-17, 2016
CATC Spring Show
Greenville, S. C.

August 26-28, 2016
FATC
Summer Show
St. Pete Beach, Fla.



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