



# C.A.T.C. NEWS

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Have you had a hot summer ? I sure have. BUT, fall is in the air and cooler weather is coming.

I was unable to attend the Nationals, but I'm sure if you attended, you had a great time and some good stuff was found, bought, and traded for. Also, lots of tuff baits are always at the Nationals.

November is fast approaching and I'm excited about our CATC show in Myrtle Beach. Gene & Suzann McIntyre always does an outstanding job as host of this event. Don't forget the pier fishing tournament hosted by Gene as well, with cash prizes, so bring your lucky rod & reel. Make sure that you contact Gene to reserve your tables and contact the motel to reserve your room for this show. This is the year of our vice president election. There will be voting ballots in your packet so start thinking of who would make a good vice president for our club.

Membership continues to be a concern of our club. As we meet at our various shows it becomes obvious that most of us are getting more & more grey hair (or no hair). Therefore to keep our club active and strong, we need to continue to take every opportunity to find and get new members involved. You don't have to have a high dollar collection, as there are numerous manufactures of lures. Please remember to invite any collecting fishing buddies or whomever to come to our shows.

Last month, we lost a most treasured life member of our club. Mr. Bob Dennis. Bob passed on September 3, 2016. Bob was a faithful member for many years joining our club in the early 70's, with a collection of Creek Chub baits that was superb. Bob was a major collector of NC & SC baits. Also, Bob had a large collection of Buck Perry Spoons. Pro fisherman, Guy Eaker, is overseeing Bob's Buck Perry Spoon collection to be placed in the Bass Pro Fisherman's Hall of Fame. Bob and his wife Sue were married for 58 years. Bob was 84 years old.

We are all blessed for having Bob Dennis cross our paths.

Hack Hensley



As previously mentioned about the death of Mr. Bob Dennis, we thought you might enjoy reading a past article that was written by him:

## CAROLINA LURE COLLECTING - THE EARLY YEARS

Submitted by Rev. Bob Dennis

Nearly thirty years ago, a number of collectors from North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia were meeting and having organized lure swap meets. Let me tell you about those early years.

The National Fishing Lure Collectors Club was established in 1976. I became a member around 1977 or 1978, and also others across the country including some from North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. I went to my first National meeting and show in Paris, Kentucky in 1980.

Two brothers, Keith and Kent Brewer, joined the NFLCC and they sent lists of lures for sale to a few collectors. Through these lists John Garner of Seven Lakes became acquainted with them and went to their home to talk lures and swap or buy. A few others were invited and before the year 1984 at least two sort of unofficial lure swaps were held at the Brewers' home in Maxton. Then John Garner suggested it would be good to have some organized swap meets and invite others. Keith picked up on this suggestion and sent out invitations to collectors in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. We were invited to attend a Carolina Swap Meet at the Rescue Squad building in Pinehurst, NC. This show took place on Saturday, October 13, 1984 with Keith Brewer and Ernest Yarborough as hosts. It was fairly well attended. Bodie McDowell, outdoors writer for the Greensboro News and Record, came and he had a good article with picture about our swap meet the next day which was Sunday. Jim Dean, Editor of Wildlife in North Carolina magazine, was there as well as at other of our shows. We believe this 1984 show was the first organized lure swap and meet held in North Carolina.

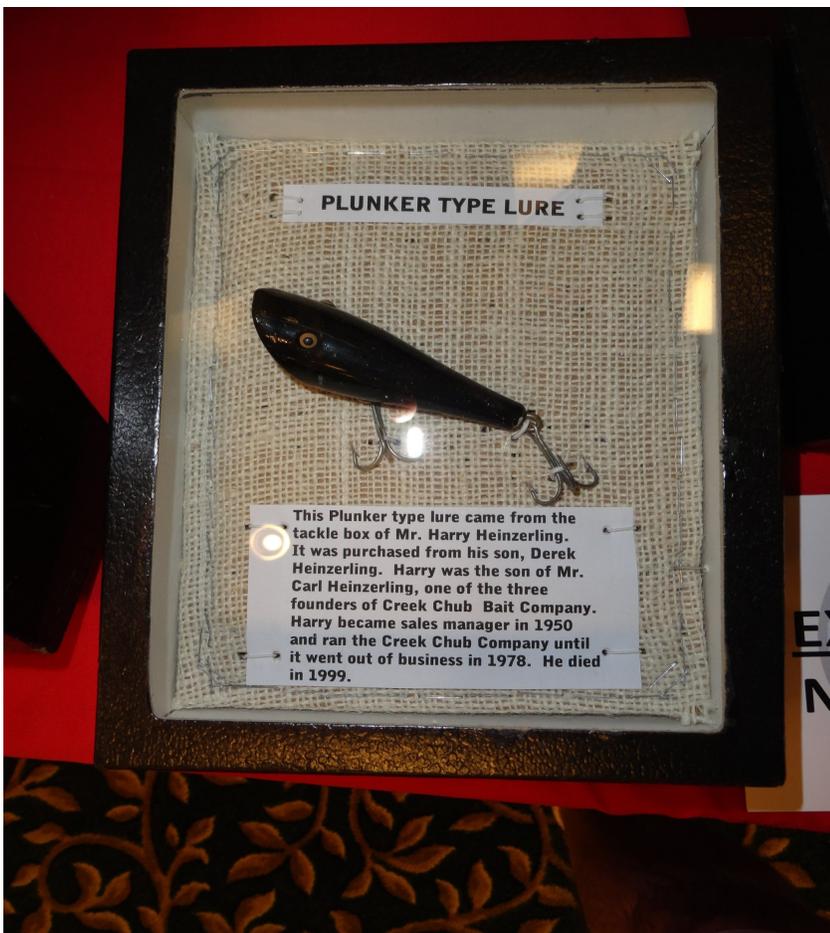
Invitations went out again and the second of these swap meets was held in the spring of 1985 in Pinehurst, and the third was October 12, 1985. These two-a-year shows continued over a period of time. I have lost some of the invitations, but I do have the one that says the 7th Biannual Carolina Swap Meet would be October 3, 1987. Keith Brewer and Ernest Yarborough were listed as hosts for all these meets with good help from John Garner and Frank White.

In 1995 Keith Brewer published a great magazine called "The Lure Collector." It was of high quality and was very informative about many lures, contained articles written by famous persons in the lure collecting fraternity, and it was given favorable marks by well known and established lure collectors. It was a disappointment when Keith discontinued this magazine after only a few issues. While it was being published Keith could promote the dates of our Carolina shows as well as other lure meets.

John Garner did the groundwork for a show in Southern Pines that would be sanctioned by the National Fishing Lure Collectors Club. This show was held at the Holiday Inn April 27, 1991 with John as host before the date of the charter of the present CATC the same year. We sold patches, badges, and caps for the NFLCC. This show was tiny as compared to Pigeon Forge and other regionals of today, but was considered a success.

Through the years my memory has faded and I cannot recall a lot of details and cannot remember names of all collectors who participated in our swap meet, so I apologize for omissions and mistakes. We think the following from North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia attended one or more of these shows: Bob Dennis, John Garner, Keith Brewer, Kent Brewer, Ernest Yarborough, Phil Robbins, Jim Dean, Bodie McDowell, John Novobuski, Steve Scarborough, Bobby Wright, Rick Hutton, Joe Littell, Daniel Batten, Dave Gladwell, Bob Irving, Bobby Clark, Buzz Merritt, Philip Simmons, Andy Gray, Randy Williamson, Joe McIver, Frank White, Thomas McKinnon, Darryl Holder, Andy Vuncannon, and others. The late Fred Kerr of Florida attended one or more of these shows.

Perhaps all these collectors should be considered as pioneers. We have fond memories of meeting persons who became lifelong friends. We had the chance to see many fishing lures we had never seen before, and we learned lessons we had never learned before. Some of us put lures in our collections that remain to this day. It was good times and great fun. Those were the early days.



This was one of many items in Bob's collection.

The new name for the Springmaid Resort is Double Tree by Hilton. When making reservations, identify yourself as a CATC member with (code# 10E647). The room rate is \$79.00 plus tax and city fees. The phone number for making reservations is 866-764-8501.

Room trading will take place Wednesday to Friday. A fishing contest will take place on the pier Friday, Nov. 4th, 11-4pm. There will be cash prizes of \$50.00 for the largest fish in three categories plus a small trophy. Come to fish or sit and visit with old friends, or make new ones. If you have any questions, please contact your show host Gene McIntyre.

Are you still searching for that special, valuable, or rare find? They are still out there just waiting on you. The following pictures are an **Edward Vom Hofe #2 trout reel** recently found and purchased by Scott Owens. Don't forget that one man's junk could be another person's treasure.

If you have a treasure that you would like to share with the club, please send pictures and info so we can put it into a newsletter.



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**Registration: CATC 2016 Fall Show - Myrtle Beach, SC - November 4-6, 2016**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Total tables:

**Mail this portion & payment to:**

\_\_\_\_ (fill in #) 6' Aisle Tables @ \$20.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ (fill in #) 6' Wall Tables @ \$25.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Gene McIntyre  
320 Wimbledon Court  
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Show Registration: \$ 10.00

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

**Total amount enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**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**

October 13-15, 2016  
NFLCC Region II  
3rd Annual Hagerstown, Md.

Nov 4-6, 2016  
CATC  
8th annual Myrtle Beach, SC  
Antique Fishing Tackle Show

January 6-7, 2017  
Pigeon Forge, Tenn.  
NFLCC Region 3  
Winterfest 2017 Pigeon Forge



Young Ernest Hemingway fishing in Horton's Creek, near Walloon Lake, Michigan



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