



# C.A.T.C. NEWS

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## President's Message

by Walt Maynard

Another great show in Greenville thanks to Hack and Sharon Hensley and T.D. Norman, with over a hundred tables. The Crown Plaza turned out to be a great facility for the show. The rooms were great, pricing was attractive and the Crown personnel were very supportive.

There was good participation by the Greenville community with a number of interesting items coming in off the street. A 6' mounted trophy Tarpon was auctioned off; a number of reels, rods and lures that surfaced, with a Creek Chub Rubber Pike sneaking in the auction. Auctioneer Mac McNulty pointed out to the *sleeping* bidders the rarity of the lure and the feeding frenzy began. This was truly a rare bait and the winner of the bidding has a unique prize.

### Awards for the Greenville show:

Best Lure Display	Joe Damron
Best Rod & Lure display	Hack Hensley
Best Historical/Company Display	Walt Maynard
Best Youth Display	Brody Trent
Best of Show	Bob Dennis

All of these can be viewed on the club web site as well as outstanding pictures of the show provided by Joe Yates.  
<http://www.CarolinaAntiqueTackleCollectors.com>

In these trying economic times it's frustrating to see our home values and investments along with antiques and collectibles get clobbered by the economy, but if you follow Tackle Collectibles on Joe's Site and Ebay it's interesting to see how quality Lures are faring. In many cases they are performing as well as high quality stocks or bonds. In both cases **Quality** may be the determining factor. Now I know many of our collectors do not consider their hobby as an investment, but as 'just a hobby', but I charge you to look at your collection. After years of collecting your hobby may have become an investment and as such may require a little planning on your part for your Spouse or family..

See Ya in Myrtle Beach...  
Walt

## Club bylaw changes were voted in by members at the Spring Show.

A business meeting was held at the CATC Spring Show in Greenville, SC to consider changes and clarifications to the club bylaws. A description of the changes and pro-

posed new language had previously been furnished to all members of record in the April newsletter. There was a discussion of the proposed changes, and questions from the floor were addressed by CATC officers. Following the discussion, a motion was made from the floor that the changes be accepted, and that motion was seconded. The proposal was put to a vote and unanimously approved by the members in attendance.

The changes and clarifications were as follows: (1) To state that the Board can and should meet and communicate as frequently during the year as is necessary to successfully perform their administrative responsibilities. A strict reading of the previous language could be interpreted to mean that these discussions could only occur at CATC shows; (2) To add three Directors to the CATC Board to assist the Officers in the execution of club duties and responsibilities; (3) To eliminate language that says CATC will "elect" a newsletter editor. Selection of one or more individuals to handle those duties in the future will be a responsibility of the Board.

Election of the three new Directors will take place at the Fall Show business meeting in Myrtle Beach on November 20. All club members who would like to volunteer to serve in Officer or Director positions should contact Walt Maynard, John Walker, or Steve Barrow.

## CATC Vice President and Directors to be elected at 2010 Fall Show.

The annual Fall Show business meeting will be held on Saturday, November 20 in Myrtle Beach. Included on the agenda will be the election of a club Vice President and three Directors for the two year terms of 2011 and 2012. John Walker has been our Vice President since his initial election in 2006, and was reelected at the 2008 Fall Show. The CATC Board would like to solicit nominations from the membership for VP and Directors. If you are interested in serving the club in one of these positions, or know someone who is, please contact Walt Maynard, John Walker, or Steve Barrow.

Three nominations for the Director positions have been received, as follows: for North Carolina Hoyt Royal from Winston-Salem; for South Carolina Jack Gallagher from Manning; and for the other states Harry Matthews from Hoschton, Georgia. The nomination process is not closed, and additional nominations are encouraged. Any active club member in good standing is eligible to hold office. The Board also anticipates that other matters requiring a vote by club members may be introduced at the Fall Show.

Elizabeth and I had the pleasure of attending the FATC show held in St. Augustine, Florida last month. We have always enjoyed St. Augustine and decided to spend a week of vacation along the Northern Florida coast before ending up at the tackle show. The best part of every show we go to is the people we get to see. This show was no exception. It was good to see a number of Carolina friends who made the drive to St. Augustine to support the FATC event. There were quite a few Floridians whose faces are often seen at CATC shows. Old friends, new friends, lots of fine tackle, great food and drink, fabulous scenery, and history on every street corner—that's what the show was for us. I encourage you to support the FATC and make an effort to attend one of their four annual shows if you get the chance. A splendid time is virtually guaranteed! - Joe Yates



The St. Augustine lighthouse at Anastasia

## June 1, 2010 CATC Financial Statement

Beginning Balance January 1, 2010... \$7,926.95

### Receipts

Spring Show Auctions	\$165.00
Spring Show Tables	\$990.00
Spring Show Registrations	\$440.00
Spring Show Dues	\$480.00
Spring Show Raffle	\$306.00
Spring Show Non-Member Fees/Other	\$193.00
Fall Show Registrations	\$590.00
Dues	\$1,260.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$4,424.00</b>

### Expenses

Spring Show Awards	\$82.19
Spring Show Advertising	\$611.74
Spring Show Raffle	\$200.00
Spring Show Food	\$909.96
Spring Show Meeting Room and Tables	\$800.00
Spring Show Taxes and Service Charges	\$338.53
Spring Show Materials	\$39.52
Office Supplies	\$140.16
Directories	\$49.97
Fall Show Deposit	\$500.00
Newsletters	\$316.08
Website Fees	\$69.65
Postage	\$96.34
<b>Total Expenses (See Note 1)</b>	<b>\$4,154.14</b>

**Net 2010 Receipts and Expenses** **\$269.86**

Ending Balance June 1, 2010... \$8,196.81

Note 1: Some 2010 Spring Expenses were paid in 2009

## CATC Member Directory to be issued soon.

### Are Your 2010 Dues Paid?

It's easy to tell whether or not your 2010 dues have been paid. Just look at the area near the mailing label on this newsletter. If your dues have not been paid there will 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.

Member dues must be paid in order to participate in our upcoming CATC Fall Show in Myrtle Beach, SC, and to be included in the club directory which will be distributed in July.

If you have any recent changes to your home address, telephone numbers, email address, collecting interests, etc., please call or email so our club records can be updated. That will ensure that the CATC directory will contain the correct information.

If you need an additional copy of the directory, or have any questions about your dues or directory information, contact Steve at [stb647@embarqmail.com](mailto:stb647@embarqmail.com), or home phone 252-492-7356 or cell 919-612-9750.

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Scenes from the CATC Spring 2010 Show held in Greenville, SC



## Reuniting US Navy Knife with WWII Sailor's Next of Kin

By Steve Barrow and Stan Galik

As an avid tackle collector and member of the NFLCC and CATC, I try to attend as many club sponsored events as possible each year. In addition to our CATC shows, one of my favorites is the NFLCC Region 3 Winterfest held annually in January in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. At the 2008 Winterfest I was approached by fellow tackle collector Gene McIntyre with a knife that he thought I might be interested in. Gene and his wife Suzann are members of the NFLCC and CATC, and reside in Wilmington, NC. The knife had been found in a tackle box, and Gene offered it to me for the nominal price of \$5.00, and I quickly accepted. I recognized the knife and leather sheath as being of World War II Navy vintage. It closely resembled another knife and sheath I had previously seen which had been issued to a World War II Naval aviator from the Pacific Theater. Upon closer examination I saw that the front of the sheath carried the etched initials "G.E.M." below a "USN", and on the back was the name "George E. MacNeal".



*The US Navy Knife that was issued to George E. MacNeal*

As an amateur historian, this generated a host of questions in my mind: Had George survived the war? Where had he served? Was he still alive? Could he be located? I decided to attempt to answer these questions, and if possible to return the knife to him, or to his family. I started the quest for George E. MacNeal with a Google search on the internet, which I thought would be a 'long shot', and fully expected it to have no favorable results. But to my amazement there was a hit!! The website was [www.galik.com/stanleygalik1922](http://www.galik.com/stanleygalik1922), concerning US Navy LCI (Landing Craft Infantry) ships. There I learned that a "George Elmer MacNeal" had served during World War II on the USS LCI 35. George and his shipmates were in combat at the Allied invasions of North Africa, Italy, and Normandy. And better yet, there were pictures of George!

I immediately went to the "contact us" portion of the website and sent the following email: *"Hello, I have found a US Navy knife from WWII vintage that has the name George E. MacNeal on the sheath. I believe that is George Elmer MacNeal that served on the LCI 35, and I would like to return the knife to him or his family. Can you help? Thanks..."*

Having previous experience attempting to contact website administrators I expected that it might be days or even weeks before I received a reply, but I was amazed again with a response the same night! The reply was from Stan Galik of Fredericksburg, Virginia, who maintains the website, and whose father had also served on the LCI 35. Stan was as excited about the knife as I was.

A few years earlier Stan had begun researching his deceased father's WWII Naval service. Stan studied his father's scrapbooks and records, spoke with several of his LCI shipmates, and became an Affiliate Member of the LCI National Association.

Stan wrote: *"The culmination of this research resulted in [www.galik.com/stanleygalik1922](http://www.galik.com/stanleygalik1922) which was launched in early 2003. This website, developed as a tribute to my father's memory also was intended to honor other LCI sailors, all military personnel and their families and the many others who made tremendous sacrifices both here and abroad during WWII. Since the launch of the website I have been simply overwhelmed and humbled by all the positive responses that it continues to receive. During the years since the site was developed, I have been contacted by archivists, historians, authors, LCI sailors, media representatives, and others with an interest in WWII. I have also received inquiries, comments and requests from children, grandchildren, and other relatives of individuals mentioned in the website. I am especially indebted to all these individuals for reaffirming my belief that the time-consuming work that is reflected in the site was worthwhile."*

### Pictures of George Elmer MacNeal from Stan's Website



George Elmer MacNeal USS LCI 35



George MacNeal in Radio Room of LCI 35

Stan offered me some leads for finding George MacNeal, including the possibility that he had lived in Littleton, CO, and at the same time Stan started his own search for the Navy veteran. I continued to seek information on the internet using various 'people finder' search facilities, but struck out with that and with the local newspaper in Littleton. Stan and I stayed in periodic contact, and it appeared at times as if our efforts would not be successful.

Then after several months of searching, Stan hit paydirt! He had received information that George MacNeal may have married the sister of one of his LCI 35 shipmates, Clarence Robins. Stan used Ancestry.com to see if he could identify any connection between the MacNeal and Robins families, and there was one hit. It revealed a MacNeal/Robins family tie that provided the information that led him to George MacNeal's daughter. Her name is Pamela. Blyth, and she lives in Plantersville, Mississippi. Stan spoke with her by telephone, and she very much wanted her father's knife.

Stan contacted me with the good news, and I called Pamela the next evening. She filled me in on her father and her family. George Elmer MacNeal had died in Littleton, Colorado in 1997. Pamela explained that George's grandson, who is a World War II buff and lives in Colorado, would be the family caretaker for the knife. The next day I happily mailed the knife and sheath to Pamela. A few days later Pamela sent this email message: *"The knife arrived today. I can't thank you enough. I'll always treasure it... I really appreciate all the trouble both you and Stan went to in tracking me down."*

One of the things I find most interesting about the knife is that it had stayed with its original sheath for all these years. In my search for vintage tackle I frequently find old knives, but they oftentimes are not with their original sheaths. In this case, finding only the knife would have been of no value. It was the leather sheath on which George MacNeal had etched his name 68 years ago that enabled these items to be returned to his family. Stan and I believe we owe a huge debt of gratitude to our veterans of all generations, and are both very pleased that the knife and sheath are now with the family of the sailor who used them.

I also find it interesting that the return of these items to George's family in Mississippi and Colorado all began with a deal between two CATC friends from North Carolina, at a lure show in Tennessee, and could not have been accomplished without the efforts of a new found friend in Virginia.



Make your plans now to attend the 2nd Annual Myrtle Beach Antique Fishing Tackle Show hosted by Carolina Antique Tackle Collectors. The show will be held at the Springmaid Resort and Conference Center in Myrtle Beach, SC on November 19-21, 2010.

Fall is a wonderful time to visit the Carolina Coast. The weather is mild, the crowds are gone, and the costs are low. Plan on bringing the family and making a mini vacation around this fun event.

Contact either of our hosts to register for the show:

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## Fishing Tackle Storage

Walt Maynard, CATC/NFLCC

A major problem I've observed in attending shows over the years is bulk lure storage. You see collectors bringing in old tackle boxes, shoe boxes, lures on styrofoam and anything else they can use for this purpose. This would be in addition to lures stored in permanent display cases for show or sale. What's needed is an economical way to protect, store, transport and then show large groups of lures. By trial and error I've happened on the following system that is cheap, efficient and can be fabricated in a short period of time. Required:

1. Storage boxes such as Office Depot file boxes, letter or legal size.
2. Flat cardboard, could be cut from old boxes.
3. ½" foam can be obtained in fabric shops.
4. Can of Elmer's spray on contact cement
5. Sharp Utility knife.

**1st:** Locate a group of storage boxes. I've found the storage boxes available in Office Supply stores work well. The tops are easily removable the boxes sturdy and they come with hand inserts for carrying. These are available in standard letter size or the larger legal size. They could also be picked up used depending on availability.



**2nd:** Obtain some flat cardboard either new or used.



**3rd:** Cut out cardboard rectangles so that they fit loosely into the box. These of course all should be identical in size. Insure rectangles are rigid and not creased or damaged.



**4th:** Locate ½' foam and layout on flat surface. Lay cardboard rectangles on foam and arrange for best utilization of space. Using Elmer's contact cement spray back of rectangles and press into foam, allow drying at least an hour. Using utility Knife cut away excess foam.



**5th:** Now you should have a number of foam covered cardboard rectangles laying out on a table. Arrange your spare stock and traders on the foam and attach the hooks into the foam. Depending on the size of the lures you should be able to get 20/25 lures per foam board and 6 or more boards per box. Therefore, 120/150 lures can be stored per box. Of course this could be increased by use of the legal size boxes or any other large storage box.



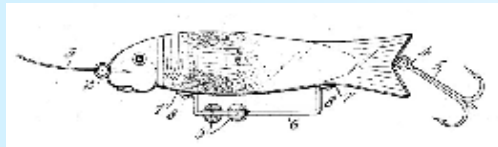
With a half dozen boxes you can store over a thousand lures. These can then be stored, or transported easily and with minimal effort displayed at a show. Some type of perpetual inventory should be maintained on the ends of the boxes for locating individual items.



I have heard some reports of foam causing damage on the paint of lures but in over 5 years of using this system have not had a problem. Once you put together a box it appears there is adequate air flow through the system.

### *The Carolina Corner* Joe Yates

One of our Tennessee members sent me a picture of a lure a couple of years ago. At the time I had only seen the bait in an early patent illustration.



Frederick C. Cameron of Lumberton, NC applied for an artificial fish bait patent on December 30, 1929. Patent 1,857,939 was granted on May 10, 1932. The patent application described a longitudinally curved wooden lure with a metal wire containing two or more spherical weights. The weights would shift back or forth as the fishermen jerked on the lure, causing the body of the bait to tilt up or down in the water resembling the actions of a feeding fish.



I recently received an email from someone asking me if I had any information about a lure he had found at a garage sale in Pennsylvania. The picture shown here was attached to the email. Now that two examples of the bait have turned up, it is clear that this lure was manufactured commercially. I do not know who the maker was or where or when the lure was produced. I believe that this is the oldest patented NC lure ever to be manufactured. I am aware of one other NC lure patent that is older, but that was for a lure that is not known to have ever been manufactured commercially. Keep your eyes open for the Frederick C. Cameron bait, as it is clearly a very important part of our Carolina fishing lure heritage.

## Upcoming Shows of Regional Interest

July 8-10, 2010  
NFLCC National Show  
Knoxville, Tennessee

August 6-8, 2010  
FATC Summer Show  
St. Pete Beach, Florida

September 24-25, 2010  
NFLCC Region #3 Fall Show  
Decatur, Alabama

October 22-23, 2010  
FATC Fall Show  
Tallahassee, Florida

November 19-21, 2010  
CATC Fall Show  
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina



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