



# C.A.T.C. NEWS

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THE CAROLINA ANTIQUE TACKLE COLLECTORS NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

Just got back from the ORCA National in Frankfort Kentucky. As you know Frankfort was the home of the Meek Kentucky reels so it was a natural for the ORCA convention. Headquarters for the show was the Capital Plaza Hotel and also the show site. The show hosts did a great job organizing side tours for the family as well as presentations by the Kentucky Historical Society, a historian on early Kentucky silversmiths and their role in the development in the Kentucky reel, members of the Milam and Gayle families and experts in the Meek reels.



Not only were the collections of the families and the Kentucky History Center noteworthy but the collections and exhibits by the members were outstanding. I've never seen so many great reels in one place. It would be hard to pick the most impressive display with so many valuable reels on display. Several members of the CATC were present and it offered an opportunity to promote our Myrtle Beach show.

The great thing about the trip was the opportunity to take side trips to see the attractions in central Kentucky. Frankfort is between Lexington and Louisville and right in the middle of the Bluegrass Country, so my wife Bobbie and I had a chance to visit the horse farms in the area visit Keenland and Churchill Downs as well as visit the Bourbon Trail. Also in the area is Shaker Village, Ft Knox and many other attractions.

Coming up in November is our own show in Myrtle Beach which also offers many opportunities for the family in the area. Of course the beach, fishing, golf, outlet malls, professional entertainment at several sites; Alabama, Dixie Stampede, The Palace Theater and many others. In addition there are numerous great restaurants of any taste. If you haven't visited Murrell's Inlet it's just a few miles south of the Resort.

At this show we'll elect a new President and Secretary Treasurer. Steve Barrow has agreed to run for another term and I want to tell you he's done a great job. Thank you for the opportunity of serving of President for the past four years but it's time to get some new blood in the office, if you would like to run or would like to nominate someone let an officer or Board member know.

See ya in Myrtle Beach - Walt Maynard

## Message From the Secretary/Treasurer

by Steve Barrow

Lunch at Myrtle Beach Show: In an effort to control costs and maintain CATC dues and table rates at current levels, we will not be providing lunch this year to attendees at the Myrtle Beach show.

CATC Directory: The club directory was distributed in August (purple 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 me at [stb647@embarqmail.com](mailto:stb647@embarqmail.com) if you have any changes or corrections.

Elections at 2013 Fall Show: Our Fall Show in Myrtle Beach will take place November 22-24, and the business meeting will include elections for the positions of CATC President and Secretary/Treasurer. Walt Maynard has served as our President for four years, and has decided not to run for reelection. I have been our Secretary/Treasurer for eight years, and am willing to serve another term if reelected. Nominations for these officer positions can be made to any board member.

The CATC Newsletter Needs Your Help!! – 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!



Advertisement from Field & Stream—July 1911

**Ladies Ladies Ladies**  
**Fall CATC Show**  
**Myrtle Beach, SC**  
**November 22-24, 2013**

I want to invite all ladies coming to the show to bring your collections of fishing tackle or related items for display. It doesn't matter how large or small the display, only that it is something you enjoy. Everyone would enjoy seeing your collection.

Also, there is a Fishing Tournament on November 22, 2013, 11:00 am until 4:00 pm - please bring your favorite rod and reel for fishing. There will be a cash prize (\$50.00) and a trophy for the largest fish caught by an adult female.

The camaraderie is great – ladies get your bait in the water and have a fun day of fishing. **You** might be the **lucky** one to have an **extra \$50.00** for shopping on Saturday and your very own trophy.

See You On The Pier On  
 Friday, NOVEMBER 22, 2013  
 - Suzann McIntyre -

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**Carolina Antique Tackle Collectors**  
**MYRTLE BEACH**  
**Antique Fishing Tackle Show**  
**November 22-24, 2013**

**5th Annual**

**SHOW TIMES & EVENTS**

Friday, Nov. 22  
 11-4 pm Fishing Pier Tournament

Saturday, Nov. 23  
 7-9 am Set-up  
 10-5 pm Open/Public  
 6 pm Show Closes

Sunday, Nov 24  
 8-12 Noon Open/Members Only

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Suzann did not mention it, but the ladies have done a fantastic job of displaying their collections at CATC shows recently. Elizabeth Yates won the Best of Show award for her AI. Foss display at Myrtle Beach last Fall. Gail Jenkins won the Best Lure Display this Spring in Greenville for her display of orange baits. There have been numerous other wonderful displays. The ladies have been setting a high bar and there is surely much more to come!



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## There's Gold in Them Thar Hills by Joe Yates

Every year the Labor Day weekend brings hundreds of thousands of people to the hills of southern Virginia. Most of them travel to Hillsville in search of treasure.

The Hillsville Labor Day Gun Show and Flea Market dates to 1967. It started as a VFW gun show to raise run money for operating expenses and a new building. It has since grown to the point that it stretches from one end of town to the other. Most of the yards and fields in between are filled with vendors from all over the east coast and beyond.

The main area for the market is still the VFW field. A corner of the field is shown here looking down from the hill above. The VFW building itself is a focal point for buyers and sellers of guns and accessories, though at least one fishing tackle vendor was located inside this year.



The market is open to the public from 8:00 AM on the Friday before Labor Day through 4:00 PM on Labor Day Monday.

Not long after sunrise on Friday the town quickly turns into a mass of humanity. Tents fill with shoppers hunting for bargains or things they just can't live without. Traffic on the two lane road through Hillsville slows to a crawl as cars and trucks are forced to share space with pedestrians. As many as a half million people attend the Hillsville market over the four day Labor Day weekend.

A common sight everywhere in town is someone carrying a rifle on their shoulder. There is no mistake that this is, after all, still a gun show as much as anything else.

Like many other such markets, Hillsville has gotten smaller over time. I have gone off and on for twenty years and estimate that the show is about a third smaller than it once was. The large field above the VFW that was once filled with vendors is now mostly empty. The Hundley field across the road once had vendors packed on its hills and all the way around its small lake. Most of that space is now used for parking cars. A decline can be seen in several other areas as well.

I don't know for sure why the show has gotten smaller. It is easy to imagine that a slow economy, internet sales, and fuel prices have kept some of the vendors away. Regardless, the show is still large and it would be hard to tell that anything has changed at all judging by the number of people in attendance. The crowds are as big as they ever were, or maybe it just seems that way since I don't really like crowds very much.

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Many people go to Hillsville looking for fishing tackle and there is quite a lot to be found there. Several vendors sell nothing but fishing tackle. Others might have a single lure, reel, or miscellaneous piece of tackle tucked in the corner of a display case filled with other non-related items.

I am the kind of shopper that is likely to miss out on many of the pieces of fishing tackle that are hidden in tents filled with dishes, jewelry, linens, or the like. A tent either has "the look" or it doesn't. Most don't and I rush on to the next one. After all, I don't have time to look at every single thing in every display case without spending days in Hillsville. Also, I don't have the patience to deal with the crowd of people trying to do the same thing that I am doing.

Thankfully, many tents do have "the look" and I trip all over myself in the rush to see what is inside.

This particular tent was stacked with tackleboxes filled with what had to be thousands of lures. It also had tables filled with dozens of old and new reels. Hundreds of rods were scattered about. I bought a Shimano rod from this same fellow last year and have actually used it on the lake a time or two. I wasn't looking at rods this time though, as they usually end up just gathering dust in my garage.



I glanced quickly through dozens of the plastic boxes of baits. Alas, they looked great for fishing, but not so great for collecting. You could have done very well in Hillsville this year if you were looking for things to actually fish with. Not so well if you were looking for collectible fishing tackle.



Still, there was plenty of collectible tackle to be had. I saw things like a Creek Chub Beetle, Heddon Zaragoza, a South Bend Whirl-Oreno, underwater minnows, plenty of Punkinseeds, and a Meek reel for sale. There was plenty more. Unfortunately, a lot of things were overpriced and some were just not in very good condition.

There were a lot of people looking for old fishing tackle. As usual, I ran into a number of collector friends, including several CATC members. No one had any great success stories to share, but it sounded like everyone was having fun.

Is there really gold in the hills of Virginia? There was not much fishing tackle treasure this year, at least not much that I can attest to. I found a couple of Florida baits, some pretty decent empty boxes, a couple of reels, and some low end "stuff". I even found a few Carolina lures, including the pair shown here. This show was a lot better than a few I have attended in the past when all I have bought was a smoked turkey leg for lunch. It was fun and traipsing through the hills was good exercise. I am already looking forward to next time!



## These Are Not Jimmy D's FishCakes by Joe Yates

There was a story earlier this year in the Florida Antique Tackle Collector's News titled *Cooking With Jim*. It was a nice piece written by my good buddy Jimmy Duncan. He shared several of his favorite seafood recipes, including one that he called *Seafood Cakes by Jim*. It sounded pretty good except for the mayonnaise, which is something that I don't much care for. You need some sort of binding agent when you're building fish cakes, and I guess you can go with mayo if you want to.

I always enjoy visiting with Jim and his charming wife Stephanie. Beyond a love of old fishing lures, we are bound by shared passions for fishing, seafood, and cooking. Of course, we don't see eye to eye on everything. I love bluefish. Jim does not. We seldom get together when bluefish does not come up in conversation. Blame that on me, as I enjoy picking on Jim.

Bluefish are plentiful along the Carolina coast. In fact, the world record was caught at Hatteras, NC in 1972. James Hussey is shown here with his record 31 pound 12 ounce fish.

A big fish like that one is probably not going to taste very good. There are plenty of people, including Jim, who will tell you that there is not a bluefish of any size swimming anywhere that is worth eating. Some people just don't like them at all.

Like I said, I love bluefish. I love to catch them. I love to eat them. It is hard to beat a freshly caught tailor blue pan fried with some good hushpuppies on the side. That's about as good as it gets. Here's a pan full of freshly caught blues (and one whiting) that was fried up by Steve Barrow. Let me tell you that Steve knows how to catch bluefish and he knows how to cook them. This pan of filets was absolutely delicious!

Many people will tell you that you have to eat bluefish fresh because they don't freeze well. That is largely true, but it is not the gospel. Frozen bluefish tends to get soft and can be mushy. It can also develop a rather strong, fishy taste. I have found that you can satisfactorily freeze bluefish if you remove the skin and also remove the dark flesh along the lateral line. Vacuum packing makes for better frozen filets. Bluefish frozen this way make excellent fishcakes and this is the recipe that I use:

### **INGREDIENTS:**

*1 pound of Bluefish filets - cooked - shredded*

### **DRY INGREDIENTS:**

*1/2 cup of plain bread or cracker crumbs*

*1 tablespoon of Old Bay seasoning*

*1/4 teaspoon of freshly ground black pepper*

*1/2 teaspoon of baking powder*

*1 teaspoon dry mustard*

### **WET INGREDIENTS:**

*2 eggs beaten*

*1/4 cup mayo*

*2 teaspoons of Worcestershire*

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

*Mix dry ingredients then add Blue meat and blend gently so as not up meat lumps. Add wet ingredients and stir in gently*

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Form into 8 cakes.

Heat 2 tablespoons of butter or margarine in a frying pan and bring to a sizzle. Add cakes and reduce heat to medium (the butter or margarine should be bubbling at the base of the cakes). Cook on one side until golden brown then turn (add another tablespoon of butter or margarine if necessary). Again cook until golden brown.

Serve with saltines, mustard and ice cold beer or your other favorite beverage.

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Like I mentioned before, I don't care much for mayonnaise and I leave it out when I fix this recipe. I might add another egg if necessary to bind the cakes together well. Also, I prefer to use panko breadcrumbs, but you can use whatever you have on hand or just make your own. The final product should end up looking something like this:



Does that make your mouth water or what?

As I said, these are not Jimmy D's fishcakes. I'm sure that his are delicious and I look forward to trying them out. This is a recipe that I found on an Outer Banks website years ago. Now that I think about it, the title of the recipe was **JD'S BLUE CAKES**. It sort of makes wonder if my buddy Jim might just be picking on me?

## All CATC Members - Please Verify And Update Your Email Address!!

The CATC plans in the future to contact members more frequently via email, so we need to verify and update our records. Here is a list of current members and the email address currently on file. Please check your information, and contact Steve Barrow at [stb647@embarqmail.com](mailto:stb647@embarqmail.com) with additions and changes. Thanks!

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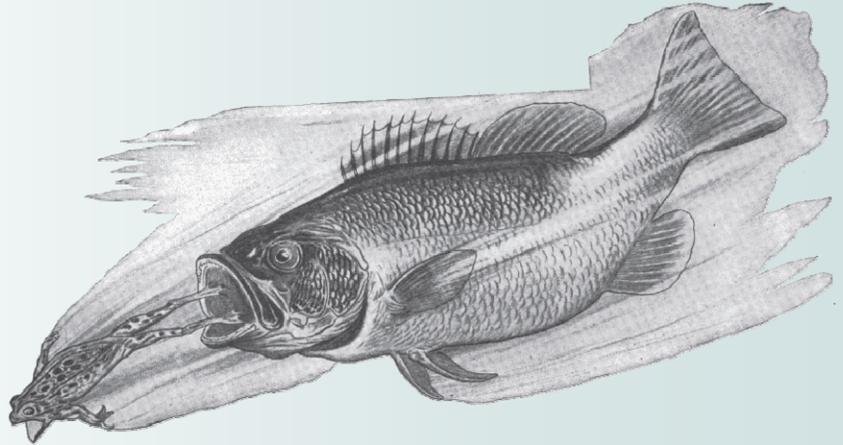
## Upcoming Shows of Regional Interest

October 31—November 2, 2013  
3rd Annual FATC Room Trading Show  
Crystal Cove Marina & Resort  
Palatka, Florida

November 22-23, 2013  
CATC Fall Show  
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

January 10-11, 2014  
NFLCC Region 3 Winterfest  
Pigeon Forge, Tennessee

February 28 - March 2, 2014  
The Florida International Tackle Show  
Daytona Beach, Florida



*The Bass Almost Invariably Takes The Frog From Behind*

Drawn For Forest and Stream by Louis Rhead

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