



# C.A.T.C. NEWS

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THE CAROLINA ANTIQUE TACKLE COLLECTORS NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

Well, March Madness is behind us and at the time of writing this message the National championship is still wide open. Duke, Carolina, Miami, Louisville, Gonzaga? By the time of printing this newsletter the National Champion will be decided. April madness is now upon us and the CATC show will be in Greenville, SC on April 26 – 28. The location will be at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Contact show hosts Hack and Sharon Hensley or TD Norman for more information. A show flyer is available on the club website or [Joe's Old Lures](#).



For those who have not been to the Greenville show, the facilities are excellent: rooms, show hall and even a Ruth Chris steakhouse. We have had good luck with tackle showing up off the street and public auctions. Also, the Greenville area offers many attractions for the family after the show.

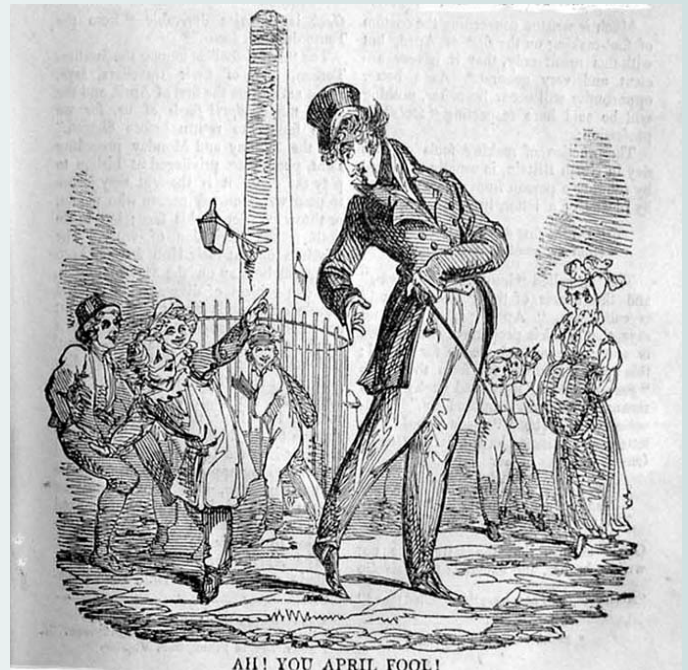
I have been in contact with Springmaid Beach in Myrtle Beach for our Fall show and that contract is being finalized. Dates for that show will be November 22 – 23. Format for the show will be the same as last year and I'm assured by the Resort that pricing will remain the same. Show hosts will be Gene and Suzann McIntyre, Hack and Sharon Hensley and TD Norman. Table reservations will be accepted at the Greenville show.

Election for President and Secretary/Treasurer will be held at our Fall show. Steve Barrow has agreed to run again for Secretary/Treasurer and has been providing an outstanding service to the club. I thank you for allowing me to serve two terms as President, but feel it's time to step aside and get some new blood into the club, therefore we will need to elect a new President in November.

See ya in Greenville!  
Walt Maynard

## April Fish Back Atcha!

For many merry pranksters the 1st of April is a time for practical jokes. Did you know that much April foolery involves fish? For hundreds of years children in France and several other European countries have taped paper fish on the backs of unsuspecting friends and shouted "Poisson d'Avril!" or "April fish!" In addition to a good laugh, the kid will usually receive a chocolate fish candy in return for their prank.



Even longer ago, one joke involved sending someone on a fool's errand to the market for "April fish", though the season for fresh fish ended in March.

The Norman Rockwell illustration on the outside of this newsletter appeared on the cover of Saturday Evening Post in 1945 and is known as "April Fool: Fishing." As many as fifty one different jokes or mistakes have been spotted in the drawing. Can you see them all? I'll help you get started by pointing out that the sinker should be below the float. Good luck!

A bright note to remember as you're trying to get that fish off your back is that the 1st of April often brings the first dogwood blossoms, and there is no better time to go fishing.....

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# PLEASE READ!! - Lunches Provided by CATC at Spring & Fall Shows

By Steve Barrow

The CATC has provided lunch for our members and their guest at many shows over the years. The purpose of this is to allow members to remain at their tables or on the show floor (if they desire to do so) instead of having to leave the area. These lunches have taken many forms: there have been tall stacks of pizza boxes at Hendersonville and other locations, sandwich buffets at Southern Pines, and box lunches at Greenville and Myrtle Beach.

Regretfully, cost increases in recent years have driven this to become one of the largest expenditures that our club makes. During 2012 we spent over \$2,200 on lunch at the two shows combined, in spite of cutting back to a "half sandwich" at Myrtle Beach. After the 2013 Spring Show in Greenville we will determine if it has become cost prohibitive.

The club will offer a box lunch and drink again this year to registered members and a guest on Saturday at the Spring Show. In order to partially offset the cost of lunch there will be two specific fund raisers.

A lunch cash bucket will be placed near the registration table for anyone who desires to throw in some change or a few bucks. This is strictly voluntary!!

Also, there will be a special auction in which members can offer items for sale, with the proceeds going to the club and earmarked to help defray lunch costs. Again, this is voluntary and may give members the opportunity to get rid of some tackle box grunge or lesser baits you have taken to shows for years, and don't want to place into the regular members auction. . This does not replace the regular members auction, where you can continue to sell your items with no buyers or sellers premiums, just as we have in the past.

The CATC tries to operate as efficiently as possible to hold down the costs of your membership. As you know, there have been no increases to our regular fee structures in spite of rising costs for club essentials like postage and paper. Our dues and show fees compare very favorably with those charged by other collector organizations and privately conducted events.

After the 2013 Spring Show the CATC Board will reexamine the lunch issue and make a decision concerning future shows. If any members would like to express their opinions on this subject, feel free to contact me at 919-612-9750 or [stb647@embarqmail.com](mailto:stb647@embarqmail.com) and I will compile a summary of input to share with the rest of the Board. Thanks!

## **The CATC Newsletter Needs Your Help!!**

CATC publishes an eight page newsletter quarterly, and **the club needs your input for articles and other items of interest.** Our club has about 150 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!

## ***Are Your 2013 CATC Dues Paid?***

It's easy to tell whether or not your 2013 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!

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# The First Float Tube / Belly Boat??

by Bill Holbein

In tackle collecting, nothing is more fascinating to me than finding something I've never seen before and researching it. The subject of this quest came about through the purchase of a little four page booklet entitled "The Layman Pneumatic Boat". The booklet is reproduced herein. The indispensable Google patent search then provided me with the patent for Mr. Layman's marvelous invention. Noteworthy in the patent drawings is the illustration of the three man model (or in this case, one man and two women). I can only picture my lovely wife and a companion on a Sunday outing with me on the Pamlico River. Usually the icing on the cake for such a search is finding the object in the original box. This has happened to me on many occasions, but considering the state of rubber technology in 1895, I probably will have to be happy with cake sans icing----unless Steve Barrow finds it on one of his famous antique shop tours.

**THE Layman  
Pneumatic Boat**

(Patented,



**H. D. LAYMAN,**  
30 West Twenty-ninth Street,  
Corner Broadway,  
NEW YORK CITY.

**PRICE LIST.**

**Pneumatic Sporting Boats.**

**STYLE A.** Plain Boat, all black rubber; weight 18 lbs.; extreme sizes, length 45 in., breadth 32 in.; floating capacity 350 lbs., - - - - - **\$35.00**

**STYLE B.** Mackintosh, dead grass color above and black rubber below water line, otherwise same as Style A, - - - - - **\$42.00**

**STYLE AA.** All black rubber, in seams reinforced; weight 20 lbs.; extreme sizes, length 48 in., width 36 in.; floating capacity 700 lbs., - - - - - **\$40.00**

**STYLE BB.** Mackintosh, dead grass color above and black rubber below water line, otherwise same as Style AA, - - - - - **\$47.00**

**Pneumatic Wading Pants.**

**STYLE C.** All Mackintosh, dead grass color, - **\$45.00**

We furnish with each outfit a repair kit for making repairs of any nature, also full instructions as to care and inflation of boats.

**Inflators.**

**No. 1—Large Rubber Inflator, \$1.00**

**No. 3—Brass Inflator, cylinder 1½ x 12 inches. A durable and efficient pump. - - - - - \$1.50**





**No. 3—BRASS.**

Canvas Carryall Bags for Pneumatic Boats or Wading Pants. - - - - - Each, **\$2.50**

**RUBBER INFLATOR.**

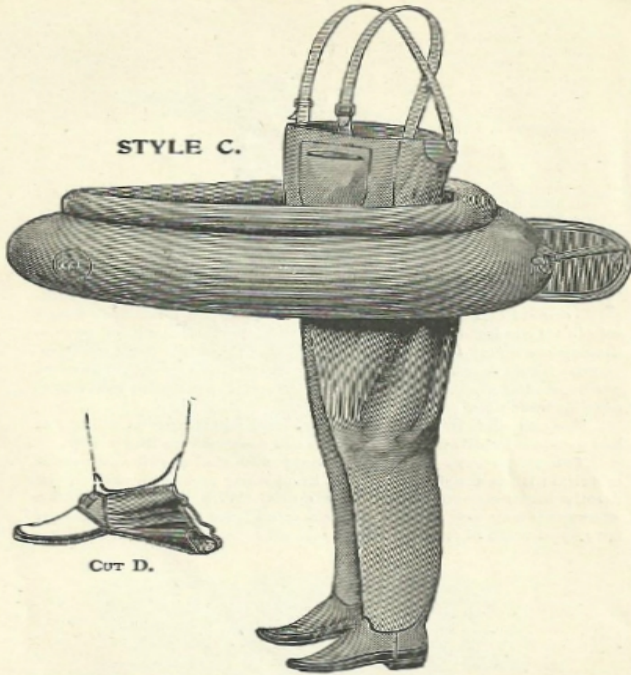
Leather Shoulder Straps, with swivel snaps, for Pneumatic Boats. Each, **50c.**

**No. 1. Storm Cape, black rubber, - - - - - \$3.50**

**No. 2. Storm Cape, mackintosh, - - - - - 5.00**

## The Pneumatic Wading Pants.

STYLE C.



OUR Wading Pants are the familiar Mackintosh Waders, with the addition of air chambers, as shown in cut, and will prove better adapted for shooting and fishing in some localities. We supply each pair with a pair of detachable paddles for propulsion in deep waters (SEE CUT D), which act on the same principles as the paddles on our Pneumatic Boats. They are quickly detached, occupy but little space when not in use, and do not interfere with wading or walking if occasion requires it. The Wading Pants are made entirely of Mackintosh, and when ordering, size of shoe usually worn must always be given.

## As Ordinary Waders.

WHEN the air chambers are not inflated, that portion lies perfectly flat around the body and is supported by straps over the shoulder, and in this condition may be used as the ordinary mackintosh waders. The many advantages of these air chambers will be quickly appreciated by all devoted to hunting and fishing, for by their use when inflated, the sportsman can go into deep water at pleasure or cross streams heretofore impassable without a boat.

The position in deep water is perfectly upright and propelled as described on preceding page.



## Novel Hunting Craft.



CUT B.—BLIND COMPLETE, \$5.00.

THE boat is provided with loops, carrying straps and rings inside and outside for all conveniences and emergencies. In the loops around the outer edges, wild rice or any other marine grain or plant may be placed so as to form a complete blind, which will enable the sportsman to float down to a flock of ducks without his presence even being suspected. We have arranged for this purpose a perfect blind, mounted on netting (SEE CUT B), with supports so arranged as to fit perfectly in the loops of boat; we make it in two sections, which completely envelops the boat (SEE CUT C), and roll, when not in use, into a very small compass. Price for blind, complete, \$5.00



CUT C.—THE BLIND IN POSITION.

Our Pneumatic Boats have been thoroughly tested in swamps and marshy grounds, and can be carried when inflated, through such grounds until water is reached sufficiently deep to float the boat. We provide a shoulder strap with swivel snaps at each end to facilitate carrying the boat in such emergencies and to allow free use of the arms. Price, 60c.



WADING THROUGH MARSHY GROUNDS.

## Safe in All Waters.



THE boats have been practically tested under all possible conditions, in lakes, rivers and the open sea, and have been found safe in all waters and in all sorts of weather. They have proven themselves equal to all emergencies, save speed, and we make no claims on this score. Under ordinary conditions two to three miles per hour can be comfortably covered. It is available for every purpose for which one goes into the water.

You can wade in shallow waters to any advantageous point. It has no equal in still waters and rides the ocean waves like a cork.

The storm cape is made of light and thoroughly waterproof material; it fits snugly around the breakwater and is fastened immediately under armpits with draw cords. With the addition of a waterproof coat you are entirely protected from the rain or from the spray and wash in rough waters.

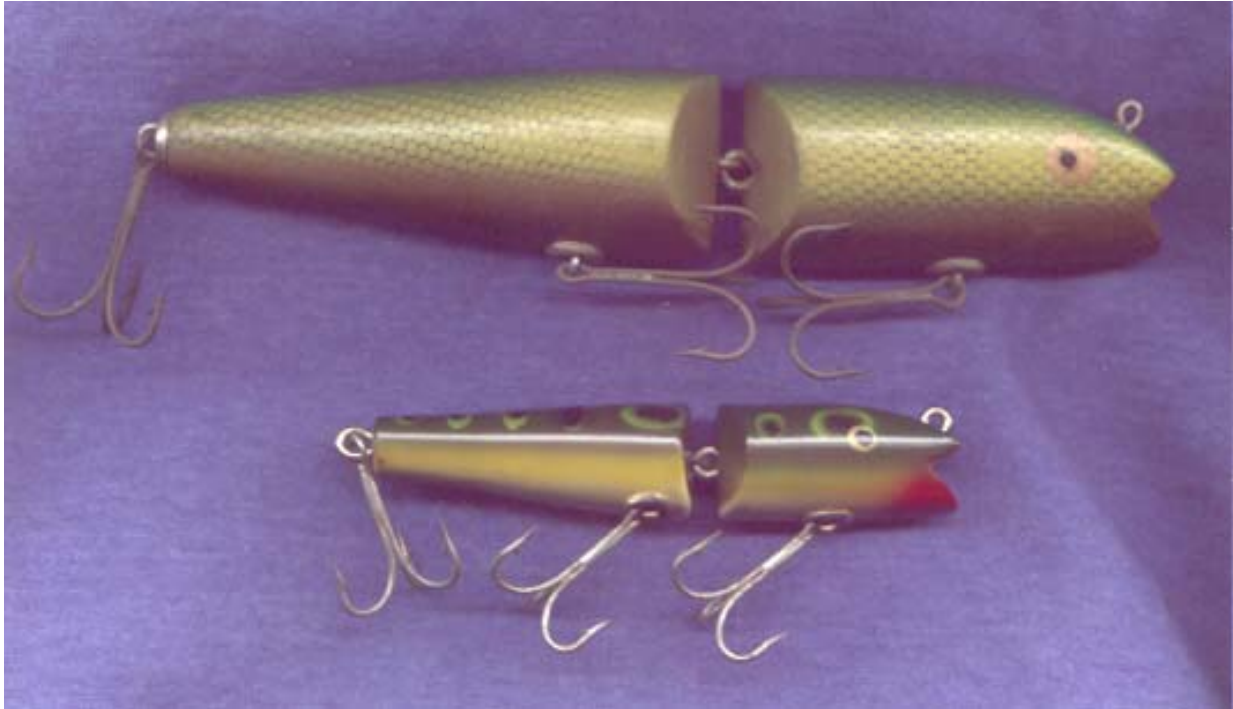




## UFO – Unidentified Fishing Object

Submitted by Steve Barrow

Here's a UFO I'd like to submit to the CATC membership for your help in identifying. I acquired it about 15 years ago on Ebay. The seller told me after the auction ended that he and his partners had acquired the contents of a sporting goods store in New Orleans that had been boarded up since 1957. This lure and lots of other cool items were inside, and they were trying to sell everything on the auction site. It sounded like a good story, and I fell for it. The big green and gold scale jointed darter is pictured below, along with a Creek Chub jointed darter in order to give some size perspective. The UFO is wood, has a total length of 7.25 inches, but is very light for this size weighing in at only two ounces.



If the seller's story is correct, the bait may have a Gulf Coast connection. If you have any information about the big jointed darter, please contact me at [stb647@embarqmail.com](mailto:stb647@embarqmail.com) and I'll share it with everyone in our next CATC newsletter.

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Here's another unknown. The colorful wooden lure measures approximately 3 1/2" and has a concave mouth. It is un-weighted and has simple screw eye hardware. Belly stencil is only partially legible and reads ?ENN KILLER





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Tackle Collectors***



**CATC Spring Show  
Greenville, South Carolina  
April 26-28, 2013**

**SHOW LOCATION:**

**Crowne Plaza Hotel**  
Greenville I-385 at Roper Mtn Road  
851 Congaree Road  
Greenville, SC 29607  
**Front Desk Phone: (864) 297-6300**  
Hotel Web Site:  
<http://www.crowneplaza.com/gsp-ropermt>

**Room Rates:**  
\$85.00 per Night

*You must make reservations before March 26 to get this rate. Rates for reservations made after this date are subject to change. 24hour cancellation notice is required or you will be charged for one night. Identify yourself as CATC Member when making reservations*

**Hotel Amenities:**

Fitness Center, Heated Indoor Pool, WiFi, Fine Dining, Lounge, Hotel Shops, Business Services  
The hotel has been recently renovated and is very nice.

**Contact our show hosts for more information:**

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

**SHOW TIMES & EVENTS:**

**Friday April 26**  
10am Set Up Begins

**Saturday April 27**  
8am-6pm Open To CATC Members  
9am-4pm Open to public

**Sunday April 28**  
9am Show Opens  
1pm Show Closes

**T.D. Norman**  
Phone (864) 230-9058

***CATC Spring 2013 Antique Fishing Tackle Show - Greenville, South Carolina - April 26-28, 2013***

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

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

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

**Total tables:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (fill in #) 6' Aisle Tables @ \$15.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (fill in #) 6' Wall Tables @ \$20.00 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 26-28, 2013  
CATC Spring Show  
Greenville, South Carolina

June 7-9, 2013  
FATC Summer Show  
St. Augustine Beach, Florida

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



"April Fool: Fishing," Norman Rockwell. 1945.  
Cover illustration for "The Saturday Evening Post," March 31, 1945.



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