



# C.A.T.C. NEWS

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THE CAROLINA ANTIQUE TACKLE COLLECTORS NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

Baby it's COLD outside !!! This Winter has been ruff.. ruff.. ruff.. for fellow anglers and collectors. Ice, snow, sleet, freezing rain, cold wind and no yards sales. BUT.. keep hope alive....daylight savings time has begun and Spring is here.

I got some catching up to do, I need my fix !!! Finally we can get outside and search for those one of kind baits and treasures that we all look for. Yard sales and flea markets make me happy... happy..happy! Next time we meet, I'll be driving a red Ford truck as my Toyota truck's tranny gave up the ghost ( must have been hauling too many fish in the coolers ). Exciting times are ahead this year, as the FLW Tour Bass Tournament was held March 6-9 at Lake Hartwell, Seneca SC. The Bassmasters is coming to a lake near you this year, Lake Guntersville, Birmingham Ala., Douglas Lake, Dandridge Tenn. In May, Chickamauga Lake, Dayton Tenn. In June and Lake Norman, Charlotte NC in Oct. ( T.D.'s family owns that lake ) just to name a few....also just announced that the Bassmaster Classic will be held at Hartwell Lake, Seneca, SC in 2015, can't wait.

The Spring Show In Savannah is just a few weeks away so make plans NOW to attend. May 16-18 are the dates. Contact Joe Yates for tables and info, as he is the show host. I want to say a sincere THANK YOU to Steve Barrow for his dedication and hard work in working with us to make CATC bigger ,better, and funner .. ( is "funner" a word ). Steve does an excellent job taking care of our finances and club rules so we always know up to date numbers and up to date club rules for the advancement of CATC. Thanks again Steve.

So... fellow CATC members, keep looking and keep trading, buying and selling.

What do you think about this idea ? Know Your Stuff !!! I don't think I've been to a tackle show that has not made an announcement that someone has found a lure that got hung on their clothes and don't have a clue who it belongs to. Or you have packed up and left something behind. Just a few weeks back at the NFLCC Pigeon Forge show, I'm packing up and found a case of lures on my table with a price marked \$750.00 for the entire case. (I would hate to lose that.) Everyone around me had already packed up and gone. I didn't have a clue who they belonged to, so I gave them to Gibby. My idea is when you get set up for a show. Take a picture of your table with your smart phone. With a smart phone the lures can be enlarged so they can be identified. If you don't have a smart phone, find me. I will be glad to take the picture with my phone... or if I'm busy, find T.D. and have him take the pictures for you. All he will be doing is setting there talking to Ricky Cox about the \$8.00 Ricky owes him. Anyway... y'all get the picture. So know your stuff.

Hack Hensley



## Savannah Odds & Ends

by Joe Yates

As most of you already know, the CATC Spring Show will be held in Savannah, GA on the weekend of May 16-18. Just down the road from the show's Holiday Inn Express location is Keller's Flea Market.

Elizabeth and I were driving home from the FATC Daytona Beach show on a Sunday morning many years ago and decided to stop at Keller's and look around. We had seen signs for the market many times before, but this was the first time we had ever stopped to check it out.

One of the vendors in the main building had a glass showcase with some old fishing lures. The one I can remember is the only one that we bought that day. It was a small wooden lure, painted red and white, with flowing lines and a rather pleasing shape.



It did not matter that neither of us knew who made the lure, as it was a good fit for Elizabeth's pier bait collection. It was quite some time later that we learned the lure was made right there in Savannah, Georgia. John L.

Wyatt received a patent for his design in 1939. The lure was known as Wyatt's Porpoise Minnow and was manufactured by Southern Bait Company of Savannah, of which Wyatt was President.

In the 1940's the lure was re-designed in plastic and manufactured in Coral Gables, Florida. It was then known as Tilton's Porpoise Minnow. Edwin J. Tilton was also a Savannah native, who, like Wyatt, retired to Florida.

We were able to acquire a Tilton box at the FATC Daytona show just a few weeks ago. This is a later model and it goes well with an earlier version of the Tilton box that we already owned.



Elizabeth and I spent a night in Savannah last Spring and stopped by Keller's Flea Market again on Sunday morning as we were leaving town. Much to our surprise, there was no one there at 8:00 in the morning. As we drove around scratching our heads wondering what was going on, a few people finally began to show up. Turns out that the market gets a late start and lasts well into the afternoon.

Make your plans to attend the CATC Savannah show. It's a great town with plenty to see and do. You never know what you might find there.

# Special Savannah Show Announcement

For medical reasons it has become necessary to change show host for the upcoming show in Savannah, GA. We wish Walt Maynard a speedy recovery as he undergoes treatment and we hope to see him at the show in May.

Please disregard any previous Savannah show flyer you have received and use the updated one in the back of this newsletter. The new show host will be Joe Yates and he would appreciate it very much if you would make your plans as soon as possible. Thanks!

## *Are Your 2014 CATC Dues Paid?*

It's easy to tell whether or not your 2014 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!

## March 15, 2014 CATC Financial Statement

Beginning Balance January 1, 2014... **\$3,982.83**

### Receipts

2014 Spring Show (Notes 1 & 2)	\$210.00
Dues	\$1,160.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$1,370.00</b>

### Expenses

Website Fees	\$71.29
Materials & Supplies	\$20.79
January Newsletter	\$113.16
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$205.24</b>

**Net YTD 2014 Receipts and Expenses** **\$1,164.76**

Ending Balance March 15, 2014... **\$5,147.59**

Note 1: Show receipts include dues paid with registration.  
Note 2: Some Show receipts and expenses were booked in 2013.

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## It Has Been a Good Run

by Bob Dennis

Because there was no mention of it in either of the last two Gazettes since the national show in Kansas City, multitudes of collectors do not know that I was honored with a special made lure at the national in July 2013. It is a beautiful lure - a five hooker in the red horse sucker color pattern. There were only 75 made, and it is named Dennis Minnow. They wanted me to be at the national, but health-wise I felt I could not make it so my copy of the lure was mailed to me. I cherish it and am thankful to one and all who had anything to do with honoring me.

I joined the NFLCC about 1977 and attended my first national show in 1980 and was able to attend many shows after that. Time has passed and age and health issues have caught up with me. In January 2014 I will be 82 and up to the time of this writing I have experienced six light strokes.

I have many fond memories of my association with the NFLCC. One thing I enjoyed was putting together displays. We dragged displays to the shows for twenty years and no awards were given for twenty years. Then, in 1996, Pradco sponsored a trophy for the best Creek Chub and best Heddon displays. Don Conn of Texas won for his fabulous Heddon display and I was fortunate to win for Creek Chub. After this, the club started giving several awards at each show. Our very fine president, Doc Herr, appointed me Chaplain of the club. I had the good fortune of serving as chaplain of the NFLCC for about ten years. One of the things I did was to send an official sympathy card to the families of deceased members. It was a very rewarding and blessed experience for me to serve as chaplain - many thanks to all who helped me know about deceased members.



Through my relationship with the Carolina Antique Tackle Collectors Club, the Florida Antique Tackle Collectors Club, and the National Fishing Lure Collectors Club, I have met hundreds of people in the USA and foreign countries. I would have never met them without lure collecting. It became apparent to me that friendship and fellowship with other persons are more important than any fishing lure.

Some of you have talked to me about the disposal of my Creek Chub collection. I sold a few at reasonable prices. I put together two large suitcase-type cases loaded with Creek Chub lures. I gave one to my son and his wife and one to my daughter and her husband plus they received other lures. I fixed some smaller cases for each of my grandchildren. I met a thirteen-year-old boy who got hooked on fishing lure collecting and gave him Creek Chub lures plus other lures and collectable stuff. As this young man builds up a mature collection maybe I will be remembered through him.

I have donated some nice cases of Creek Chub lures to the Bass Fishing Hall of Fame in Alabama. Some of you know I was pleased and fortunate to build a large collection of Buck Spoonplugs and related items. It took six tables to display. I am glad that I had the opportunity to donate this entire collection to the Bass Fishing Hall of Fame in honor and memory of Mr. Buck Perry, the daddy of structure fishing. This collection is now in storage until it is needed for the new building in Cullman, Alabama.

As we collect lures we may get the idea that it will last forever but age and time finally win out and we have to make adjustments; and the reality hits that there are things more important than fishing lures. We must be certain that our relationship with God is woven into our life's display.

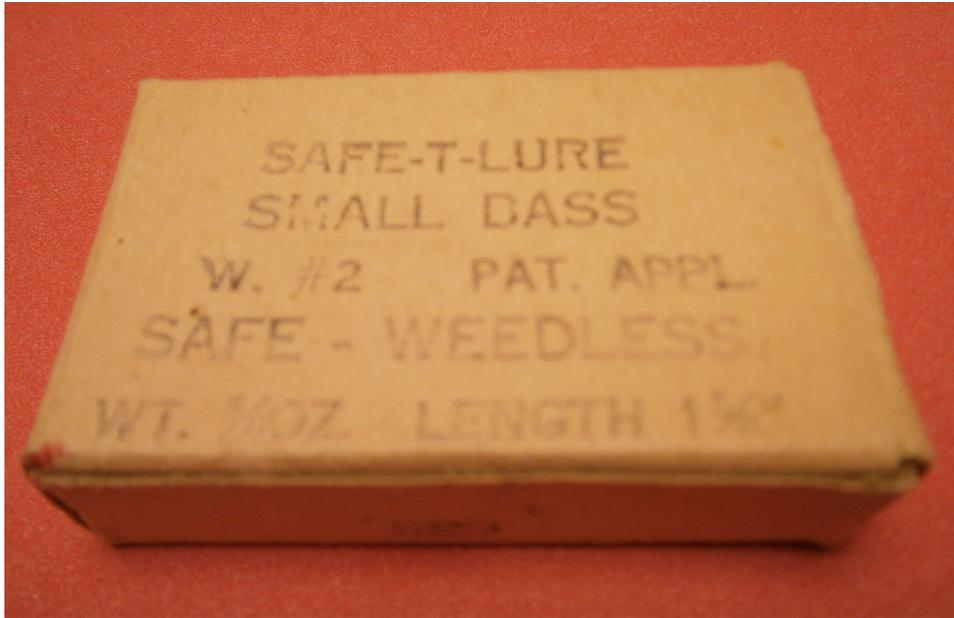
I am no longer a collector and cannot put together a lure display. I probably will not be able to attend another NFLCC show, but I have fond memories of lure shows of the past. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of the National Fishing Lure Club. It has been fun. Indeed, it has been a good run!

## The "Other" Safety Lure

by Jack Gallagher

We have all been familiar with the Glenwillow Safety Lures which were made in Ohio. I have had a collection of these for years since originally being a "Buckeye" I felt something from Ohio should be in my collections.

To my surprise, several years ago at a show I picked up a small box marked Safe-T-Lure and inside the box was a strange metal bait which looked like a grasshopper and had a retractable hook. Naturally I had to have this bait and after a very expensive trade it was mine.



In the box was also a paper insert which called this lure the Safe-T-Lure sure-catch "grasshopper". The paper says the bait measured 2" (the box says 1 5/8") and weighed 5/8 oz. It came in gold, chrome, red and natural grasshopper. I now have the red and a silver grasshopper in my collection. The silver version has a gut line attached to the hook and the red version has a metal snap.



The paper also states there was a "deep sea" version available. I have been chasing this version for several years and finally was able to secure one at our most recent CATC Myrtle beach show.



Nowhere on the box, lure or paper insert does it state the name of the company that made these lures. In the October 1952 Popular Mechanics magazine an ad appeared by Huntington Products ( a distributor) announcing a new line of lures available called Safe-T-Lures which fit the description of these lures. Also in Hardware Age, Volume 172, 1953 a listing appeared for the Safe-T-Lure Inc. company, located at 1216 Morris Park Ave, Bronx, NY. (Thanks to Joe Yates for these two references).

I would love to hear from anyone having additional information on these lures.



## Proposed Changes to CATC Bylaws

We have a set of bylaws that are used for guidance in managing the club's affairs and events. Each current member receives a copy in the CATC Directory that is distributed annually in August. Each new member receives a copy of the bylaws with their welcome packet of CATC information soon after joining the club. In order to modify the bylaws, proposals have to be approved by the Board of Directors, and then receive a favorable two-thirds majority of votes by members in attendance at the next business meeting. Our next meeting will be at the 2014 Spring Show in Savannah, Georgia on May 16-18.

Set out below are some proposed adjustments to the CATC bylaws, please read them over and be prepared to vote for or against them in Savannah. None of them are major changes; they are just intended to give the club more flexibility, clean up some language that is not currently being used, and to possibly help reduce expenses. Feel free to contact a Board member if you have any questions or would like to discuss them.

### **Section VII. Election of Officers and Directors and Term of Office**

This section deals with how elections are conducted. In regard to Directors, it says: *"Ballots will be distributed by mail to the eligible members in the appropriate states, with ballots returned to the Club Vice President for tabulation, and announcement in the subsequent newsletter."* The club has never actually conducted Director elections in this fashion due to the high costs of postage and mailings. The recommendation is that we delete that sentence and continue to elect officers the way we have been doing it, which is on even numbered years at our Fall Show, at the same time the VP is elected.

### **Section XII. Newsletter and Roster**

This section of the bylaws starts off by saying the club will publish a directory each year, and then states: *"The Organization will also publish a Newsletter on a quarterly basis."* The club has not always been able to publish four newsletters annually, but we have kept up that pace for the last few years. The proposal is to change that language to read as follows, and the intent is to potentially reduce our expenses: *"The Organization will also publish multiple Newsletters annually, the number and frequency to be determined by the Board based upon the financial condition of the Organization, and the amount and content of the information to be communicated to club members."* With this language we could do 2, 3, or 4 newsletters a year, depending upon how much information there was to communicate, our bank balance, and how much communication we were able to accomplish via the website and email.

### **Appendix I – Exhibit Policies**

In regard to auctions at our shows for items that come in "off the street", the current bylaw language says: *"Guests must agree to pay a 10% seller's premium to the Club for all items that are actually sold."* The Board believes the percentage should be increased, and that the new language should provide flexibility. This change would not affect member's auctions. The proposed language is: *"Guests must agree to pay a seller's premium to the Club for all items that are actually sold, the premium percentage to be determined by the Board prior to the semiannual collector exhibits. The Board may impose other restrictions and limitations on guest auctions as necessary to facilitate and control the process."*

We will be voting on the changes in Savannah. In the meantime let us know if you have any questions or comments. Thanks!

## CATC Needs Member Email Addresses

We do not have email addresses for about 20% of our members. If your name is listed below and you have an email address, please provide that information to Steve Barrow at [stb647@embarqmail.com](mailto:stb647@embarqmail.com) or P.O. Box 487, Kittrell, NC, 27544. Thanks!

Michael Brady  
Waymon Carter  
Randy Clonch  
Scott Crawford  
Charles Davis  
Ted Decker  
Lee Dievendorf  
Al Fisher  
Jim Goodman  
Stephen Goranson  
Kenny Hallman  
Robert Hook  
Todd Jacobs

Robert Johnson  
Brian Keyeck  
Charlie Kornsey  
John Laughter  
Robert LeBoeuf  
Joe Littell  
Darriel Love  
Ed Lyday  
Wayne Manning  
James Mills  
Marvin Mims  
Charlie Moss  
John Nash

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Walter Storm  
Robert Teague  
Allen Wardwell  
Wayne Willett



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## CATC Spring Show Savannah, Georgia May 16-18, 2014

### SHOW LOCATION:

**Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites  
Savannah South - I-95 Gateway  
17 Gateway Blvd East  
Savannah, Georgia 31419  
Front Desk Phone: 912-925-2700  
Exit 94 on I-95**

### Room Rates:

**\$89.00 per Night plus tax**

*You must make reservations before 04-30-14 to get this rate. Rates for reservations made after this date are subject to change. 24 hour cancellation notice is required or you will be charged for one night. Identify yourself as CATC Member when making reservations*

### Hotel Amenities:

Outdoor pool, business center, hot deluxe continental breakfast, free Wi-Fi throughout the hotel and free local telephone calls.

### SHOW TIMES & EVENTS:

#### Friday May 16

Evening Room Setup

#### Saturday May 17

8am-6pm Open To CATC Members  
9am-4pm Open to public

#### Sunday May 18

9am Show Opens  
12 Noon Show Closes

### Contact our show host for more information:

**Joe Yates**

**Email: [jyates@ix.netcom.com](mailto:jyates@ix.netcom.com)**

**Phone: (704) 364-4898**

### CATC Spring 2014 Antique Fishing Tackle Show - Savannah, Georgia - May 16-18, 2014

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:

**Joe Yates  
6807 Castlegate Drive  
Charlotte, NC 28226**

**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

May 16-18, 2014  
CATC Spring Show  
Savannah, Georgia

June 6-8, 2014  
FATC Summer Show  
Punta Gorda, Florida

July 10-12, 2014  
NFLCC National Show  
Fort Wayne, Indiana



Visions of big ones danced in their heads.  
Maybe it will be worth some money in a few years.



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