

December Meeting Minutes

by Lloyd Colbert

Meeting called to order at 10:05 AM by President Gary Neely. Officer Hammond read selected parts of a recent memo from MI regarding the club's bylaws.

Secretary's Report: no report available. Report accepted.

St Louis Report: nothing to report. Upcoming Sports shows: January 7-11 Kansas City, February 6-8 Columbia, February 11-15 St Louis. The club needs volunteers to man the booths for these events.

Kansas City Report: nothing to report. We have been talking with the Wehrli handed out YTD balance sheets as well as a (14) year summary of income and expenses. After some discussion of our revenue and expenses for the period, the report was accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Officer Wehrli handed out YTD balance sheets as well as a (14) year summary of income and expenses. After some discussion of our revenue and expenses for the period, the report was accepted.

Membership Report: Things are pretty quiet at this time of year but we have some interest already for next year. Currently our club has 180 members. The club has had an inquiry from a company regarding placing advertising in our newsletter

After some discussion we decided that we would pursue this matter. The club is in the process of relocating our storage shed from its current location to the property of the Masonic Lodge where we now hold our meetings. The meeting broke for lunch from 10:45 to 11:15 AM. President Neely stated that all the clubs offices for the upcoming year were filled except that of president and vice president. He then asked for volunteers to fill these two positions. Wayne Humphrey graciously volunteered to be vice president and Roger Reetz volunteered to fill the office of president. The rest of the meeting was spent finalizing next year's club event calendar. A copy of that calendar can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Officer Hammond stated that the muskie release chairman for next year is Jon Hunt. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.

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Earle Hammond, Editor
Gary Neely, Editor



MoMuskie News

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Thank You!!!!



After 3 years of being the Chapter President, Gary Neely, has stepped aside for the new President Roger Reetz. Words cannot express the feelings that everyone feels for Gary and the great job he did while he led this organization. Gary brought about a lot of change, maintained a high degree of leadership and moved this Chapter to a higher level. There were times when he rubbed the leadership of MI a little raw but it was all done to better MI and the Pomme de Terre Chapter.

Once again **THANK YOU** Gary for a job well done.

Welcome New Chapter President Roger Reetz

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from The Hammond's and The Neely's

Somehow, we think Claude got confused when he heard us talking about hunting Muskies.....



Deer-car accident patterns offer safety insights

Collisions with deer aren't entirely random.

By Jim Low MDC

JEFFERSON CITY — Deer running in front of vehicles seems random, but statistics from the Missouri Highway Patrol offer insights that can prevent property damage and save lives.

The Highway Patrol recorded 3,419 deer-vehicle accidents in 2007, or about 2.1 percent of all recorded traffic accidents in the state last year. Although deer-vehicle collisions make up only a small part of traffic accidents, the cost is high. People suffered injuries in 276 of deer-car crashes, and five people died. Understanding when, where and how these crashes occurred could help drivers avoid future crashes.

More than half of last year's deer-vehicle accidents occurred from September through December. November was the most dangerous month, with 22.8 percent of the years' deer-car collisions.

Time of day is an important factor, too. Nearly one in five deer-vehicle crashes occurred between 5 and 8 a.m., and another 54.7 percent happened between 5 p.m. and midnight.

Only 12 percent of deer-car accidents happened on interstate highways. Sixteen percent happened on state lettered highways. The majority – 51.5 percent – took place on numbered state highways or U.S. highways other than interstates.

An amazing 82.3 percent of deer-car crashes – including all five of last year's fatalities – occurred on wet pavement. All five fatalities also occurred on straight stretches of rural roads. Three took place on hills.

Male drivers accounted for 61 percent of deer-car crashes, females for 39 percent. Drivers' ages did not seem to make much difference in the frequency of deer-car accidents.

The top 10 counties for deer-vehicle accidents were ones with large human populations: Jackson, 333; Platte, 204; Clay, 193; St. Louis, 165; Jefferson, 164; Franklin, 113; St. Charles, 110; Johnson, 103; Boone, 99; and Phelps, 79. Counties with the lowest incidence of deer-vehicle accidents included some with large numbers of deer, as evidenced by deer-harvest statistics.

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Editors Note: I received this information in an email and thought it was an excellent article. I asked for and received permission to put it in the newsletter. Thanks to Jim Low of the MDC.

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Tips for avoiding collisions with deer include:

- Watch for deer along roadways, especially between dusk and dawn.
 - Reduce speed when driving in wet weather, because wet pavement is associated with a higher incidence of deer-car accidents.
 - Use high-beam headlights, which reflect in deer eyes, making them easier to see.
 - Be particularly alert when passing streams or wooded valleys that tend to funnel deer traffic across roadways.
 - Slow down immediately if you see a deer, even if it is not in the roadway. It could run into your path unexpectedly.
 - Sound your horn to warn standing deer of your approach.
 - Be extra alert, and slow down if a deer crosses the road ahead. Deer often travel in groups, and others could follow the first one.
 - Brake firmly when you see a deer in or near the roadway.
 - Do not swerve. This can confuse the deer about where to run. It can also cause you to lose control of your vehicle.
 - Always wear your seat belt. Most people injured in deer-vehicle crashes are not wearing seat belts.
- If you strike a deer with your car, get your vehicle off the road, and call the police. Don't approach an injured animal. It could hurt you. Report any injury or damage to your insurance company to ensure coverage.

POMME DE TERRE CHAPTER OF MUSKIES, INC MEMBERSHIP FORM - Chapter #5

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Make checks payable to **Muskies, Inc.** and then send to:
Muskies, Inc C/O Gary Neely P.O. Box 99 Pittsburg, Mo. 65724
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FROM Pomme de Terre Chapter of MI
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TO:

I believe that a special thanks should go out to everyone involved with all the functions that we have had this year and if I miss someone I am sorry. Mary Hammond, Audrey Neely, Gary Neely, Denis Ledgerwood, for assisting with the meals. I cannot even start to name all the people involved with the tournament, Muskie Mayhem, Guide For A Day, Pomme de Tour and the Seminars. Those that provided coverage at the many sport shows and all our other functions. We have a great Chapter and lets improve and make it better and with your help we can do it.

Congratulations is in order for Sherry Hunt

Since Sherry has been doing the cartoons for our newsletter and doing an excellent job of it, she has been asked by Kevin Richards, (editor of the Muskies, Inc. monthly magazine) to do the cartoons for that publication.

Early Fall Tournament Entries

Want to reserve an early start number for the fall musky tournament?

**Mail a check for \$50 made out to Pomme de Terre Chapter,
Muskies Inc and mail to:
Wayne Humphrey
768 Country manor Lane
St Louis, MO 63141**

You will be assigned a starting number and you can mail the remainder of the entry fee when tournament fliers are available.

Please Read

**As of 1-1-09 Jon Hunt will be the
Chapter's Release Chairman**

Please send all release forms to him at

58 Tagg Road

Silex, Mo. 63377

email Jon at Jon@missourimuskie.org Phone 636-544-0622

Reetz' Pieces

By President Roger Reetz

Greetings! Rosalie and I hope you have had a joyous and Happy Christmas Season.

Please observe some of the winter like photos in Muskie, Inc. or the Muskie Magazine. These pictures show people with stocking caps, heavy hooded sweatshirts, storm coats, one glove with no fingers, and even snow along the edges of the boat ramp. These hearties' are muskie fishermen.

The muskies are out there in water cold enough to freeze in you line guides of a rod. Ready to hit you with a shot of adrenalin tail walkin' in the attempt to throw the

new bucktail which was a gift from the grand kids for Papa's Christmas.

How long did you expect to keep that lure anyway? Come on! Throw it out there! Get it wet! Give it some experience. You could catch a muskie! Then release it. Good Luck!

Please review the Muskies, Inc. calendar with ours as there are some differences in the Muskies, Inc. version.

After some years of gripin', growlin' & whining about the tournament format, the situation and concerns are being addressed. Whether some changes will be made, no one knows yet.

Our new home base, re: a roof over our head is through the kindness of the Masonic Lodge on Highway 254 south of Hermitage, Mo.

We wish you a Happy New Year and a new personal record Muskie.

Roger Reetz



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Chapter Activities For 2009

January 7-11 Kansas City Sport Show

February 6-8 Columbia Sport Show Meeting

February 11-15 St. Louis Sport Show

March 7 Chapter Challenge, Meeting, Dinner at Pomme

March 21 Chapter Challenge backup date

April 4 Crappie Outing with shore lunch & meeting

May 2 Muskie Mayhem, meeting & meal

May 16 Trolling Party

June 6 Prime Time Tournament, lunch & meeting

July 18 Pomme de Tour on Lindley Arm

July 25 Kids Day – State Park Marina meal & meeting

August 15 Pomme de Tour Pomme Arm

August 23-29 Chapter Challenge – Leech Lake

September 19 Guide For A Day, meal & meeting

October 2-4 Fall Tournament

October 17 Guide For A Day, meal & meeting

November 7 White Bass Outing, meal & meeting

December 5 Planning Meeting 10 AM meal

For further information on these activities please check the website. For those who do not have access to the web please call either Gary 417-852-7126 or Earle 417-993-0035 and we will send you a copy of the activities fully explained. **Please keep this page for reference.**