



MoMuskie News January 2010

Reetz's Pieces

*By President
Roger Reetz*



At the Board Meeting and lunch that was earlier in December, we discussed that we are sitting reasonably well financially, however there is always the need to continue to make efforts to have our Guide for a day even more successful..

Having said that, we have canceled one of the Guides for a day sessions, due to lack of participation. We are putting all our effort in to just one. This coming year we will be trying to recruit more people to participate in Guide for a day. Our other fund raiser is Musky Mayhem for new members.

We have honored a request from "GO FISH" a St. Louis organization. GO FISH teaches children to fish over a six week period of the summer. Chapter 5 has donated \$1000.00 to Go Fish, furthering our commitment to youth. The board is also considering the purchase of bird netting to cover one of the rearing pens at the Muskie hatchery.

There was a lot of talk at the meeting regarding the Chapter Challenge, March 20, 2010 at Lake Kincaid, Ill. This challenge is put to us, Chapter 5 by The Shawnee Musky Hunters of southern Illinois. Excitement is high,

motels are being blocked out. Experienced Kincaid fishermen will give us a full how to briefing at Friday night supper. To increase our chances of catching some really big Muskies and going home with the trophy.

We had a great lunch of chili and tamales. With bellies full we cleaned up and left, so much for the important items. Let it never be said you will go away from a Chapter 5 meeting hungry.

Rosalie and I wish you and your family the most joyous celebration of the birth of Christ. Roger

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TIME IS COMING AND YOUR
ASSISTANCE WOULD REALLY BE
APPRECIATED. FOR THE KC
SHOW CALL JOHN DUPUIS AT
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NEW LAKE SAFETY LAW TAKES EFFECT JANUARY 1st

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On January 1, 2010, a new state law takes effect, requiring dock owners on Missouri lakes to post the closest emergency address for their dock. The goal is faster response times by emergency services to incidents on the water. Emergency address postings on docks will also aid in non-emergency calls for services for lost or disabled boaters.

The new law affects docks on Lake of the Ozarks and all Missouri lakes managed by the United States Army Corps of Engineers. The law states that "the appropriate '911' address or in the absence of a '911' system, the physical address nearest to the dock by land," must be posted. It is suggested that the sign be posted so that it is visible when looking at the dock from the water. The Missouri State Water Patrol recommends a minimum of three inch letters be used when posting addresses on docks. For maximum visibility, the address should be in a color that contrasts with the backing. Reflective paint or material is preferred for the lettering.

If you are unsure of the closest emergency or 911 address for your dock, please contact your local emergency services office or sheriff's department. Many local sign shops are now printing dock signs that conform to the new law. Owners who wish to make their own signs can purchase reflective lettering at most hardware stores. The Water Patrol suggests that the posted address include the street number and street name and the zip code, or 911 address and zip code. For convenience, the dock permit number, which in most instances must already be displayed, can be posted alongside the emergency address.

Dock owners should also be aware of additional requirements for the posting of dock information from the agency that permits docks on their lake.

Docks on Lake of the Ozarks are permitted by Ameren UE. More information and examples for posting requirements at Lake of the Ozarks can be found at the Ameren UE website:

http://www.ameren.com/LakeOzarks/ADC_911Posting.asp .

Posting requirements for docks on lakes controlled by the United States Army Corps of Engineers are determined by the lake project office. For a listing of United States Army Corps of Engineers project offices see the following site: <http://www.usace.army.mil/about/Pages/Locations.aspx> .

The posting of emergency addresses on docks will enhance safety on Missouri's lakes. You can call the Missouri State Water Patrol with any questions regarding the new law at 573-751-3333.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM

THE POMME DE TERRE

CHAPTER OF MUSKIES, INC.

Merry Christmas From

Earle & Mary Hammond &

Gary & Audrey Neely

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December Meeting Minutes

By Gary Neely

Meeting called to order by Roger Reetz at 10:00 am

There was no guest speaker.

RVP report - Earle Hammond: A report on the Regional meeting held in Springfield, Ill. - a vote on an executive director for MI was defeated by the RVP's in attendance. A discussion was held regarding paying \$100.00 into a fund to offset the expenses of those attending future meetings - it was approved pending the approval by the other chapters in our region.

St. Louis report by Wayne Humphrey - a rather complete report on the "Go Fish" program that is being run by the Dept. Of Conservation - as a 7 step program benefiting many central city youths. A motion was made for our club to donate \$1,000.00 to this program and was passed unanimously. Wayne will see to it that there is appropriate publicity on this funding donation.

It was decided that our club will participate with the Chamber of Commerce and the Corp or Engineers at Pomme de Terre with their Kids Day to be held on June 5th - further details will follow, this will be a volunteer participation with no funds allocated for this participation.

Treasures report - received and approved.

Balance of the meeting was held regarding the 2010 calendar of events and all items were decided and chair people determined.

Lunch was served and prepared by Roger Reetz - meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Submitted by:

Gary Neely

By Earle Hammond - When I receive the minutes of the Regional Meeting I will make sure that everyone gets a chance to read them

I will put them in the newsletter and I will also email everyone on the email list for the newsletter their own copy. As of yet the minutes have not been transcribed and sent to me but as soon as I get them so will you.

The Vote On The Executive Director was as follows

5 No
2 yes
2 abstained.

I was not aware that all the abstained votes go the Majority so the final tab is:

7 NO
2 YES

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Miscellaneous Information

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CHAPTER CHALLENGE

Chapter Challenge is coming on March 20th, 2010 be sure to start thinking about this event, we would like to have about 10-15 boats make the pilgrimage down to Kinkaid and keep the trophy. There will be more coming. The following is from an email that I received from Wayne Humphrey.

The challenge is March 20. We will be planning to meet for dinner on Friday night to discuss strategy and consume copious quantities of food and alcoholic beverages. I assume there will be a dinner on Saturday night. More information to come later.

Wayne

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Keeping Mice Out

Boats or campers put in storage over winter can become victimized by mice looking for cover and nesting material, meaning your upholstery and sometimes even to the point of eating insulation off wires! No one wants nesting mice in a boat or camper; it makes a horrible stink and just plain damages goods.

The solution?

Spearmint Oil !! Yes, spearmint oil, the kind candy makers use and often sold in pharmacies or by confectioner supply stores. This is an old farm trick to keep mice out of harvest machinery at the end of the season when it is covered with grain.

Into every compartment, put a couple of drops of spearmint oil on the floor or in an upside down plastic coffee can lid. This will keep mice away for one storage season and leave your rig smelling pretty good too !



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TIPS

Care of Rod Guides and Fishing Line

Rod Guides - The guides on your rods must be checked and kept free of any abrasive areas. Pull a strip of pantyhose (*Denis Ledgerwood has extras*) through the rod guides to check for snags, or a cotton tipped swab. Inspect them before and after each trip. When trolling, make sure the line is not wrapped around a guide.

Fishing Line - Always check the line for nicks or frizzles or areas of abrasion that will cause a weakness. After every fishing trip, or after playing out a nice fish, cut off approximately ten feet of line and retie, if you have reason to believe it may have been frayed. This is very important.

When fighting a decent fish, in fresh or saltwater, three things can happen: (1) the fish goes deep, pulling the line across rocks, logs or other hard objects, (2) the fish is big and the line will rub across its body or tail, and (3) other things, such as the boat, a jetty, surface objects or dock, or even other fish in the area, may bump into your line. All three factors will cause abrasion, eventually prompting the line to break. The easiest solution is to cut off the weak line and retie.

Bearing Buddy Tip

Make sure to properly fill your Bearing Buddies to help reduce the chance of problems during your next trip. Overfilling them can be as bad or worse than under filling them.

Overfilling them can cause more than just a mess on your rims. If enough grease is put into them, the rear wheel seal can blow out. This does two things; it lets grease out and lets water in. With grease being dumped out the back side, you may not notice a problem until you hear your bearings whining as you go down the road. By then it's too late.

Also, when it comes time to put the trailer in the water, the cold water on the hot bearings is a recipe to have water sucked into the bearings, again ruining the grease in the bearings just aggravating the problem. You should check your bearings a minimum of once a year, more often if you put a lot of miles on your trailer. If you see a milky color to the grease, pull the bearings and inspect them. Also replace the seal.

Tie Down Tip:

Most of us like to trailer our boats with the bow and transom tie-downs tightened firmly. I know I always do. However, once you have returned home and parked your rig, you should loosen all of your tie-downs in order to take the stress off of the rings in the boat and the tension off of the straps. Just think of the pressure on the boat if you leave the straps tightened all the way while your boat is parked for weeks or months at a time. Just remember to tighten them before you trailer again..

Keys

Either get another ignition key made or one of the extra ones that came with the boat, take a wire tie and look up under your console, find a place that is not visible easily (steering cable works well) and run the wire tie through the hole in the key and loop the wire tie around or through whatever it is you are going to tie to, and pull it tight enough to keep it from clanking around. Cut off the extra and bingo, you always have a spare around in case you leave home without it.

2010 Chapter Activities

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January 7-10 Kansas City Sport Show

January 8-10 Columbia Sport Show Meeting

February 10-14 St. Louis Sport Show

March 20 Chapter Challenge, Meeting, Dinner at Pomme

April 17 Members without boats

May 15 Muskie Mayhem, meeting & meal

June 5 - Kids day with Chamber of Commerce & Corps of Engineers.

June 12 Prime Time Outing, lunch & meeting

July 10 Pomme de Tour on Lindley Arm

July 17 Kids Day – State Park Marina meal & meeting

August 14 Pomme de Tour Pomme Arm

August 21-28 Chapter Challenge – Leech Lake

September 10-12 Fall Tournament

September 25 Guide For A Day, meal & meeting

October 2 Pick 3 outing

November 6 White Bass or other fishing Outing, meal & meeting

December 4 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.

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

Renewal MI # New Member JR. Member
Please Print

Name

Address

City State Zip

Home Phone Cell

Email

DOB (Required) Junior DOB

*Regular Membership \$35 1-Year, \$65 2-Years \$95 3-Years
Family Membership \$47.50 1-Year \$90 2-Years \$132 3-Years
Junior Membership (up to 18 years of age) \$20 per year*

To Qualify For Muskie Mayhem A 3 Year Membership Is Required

Make checks payable to **Muskies, Inc.** and then send to:
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