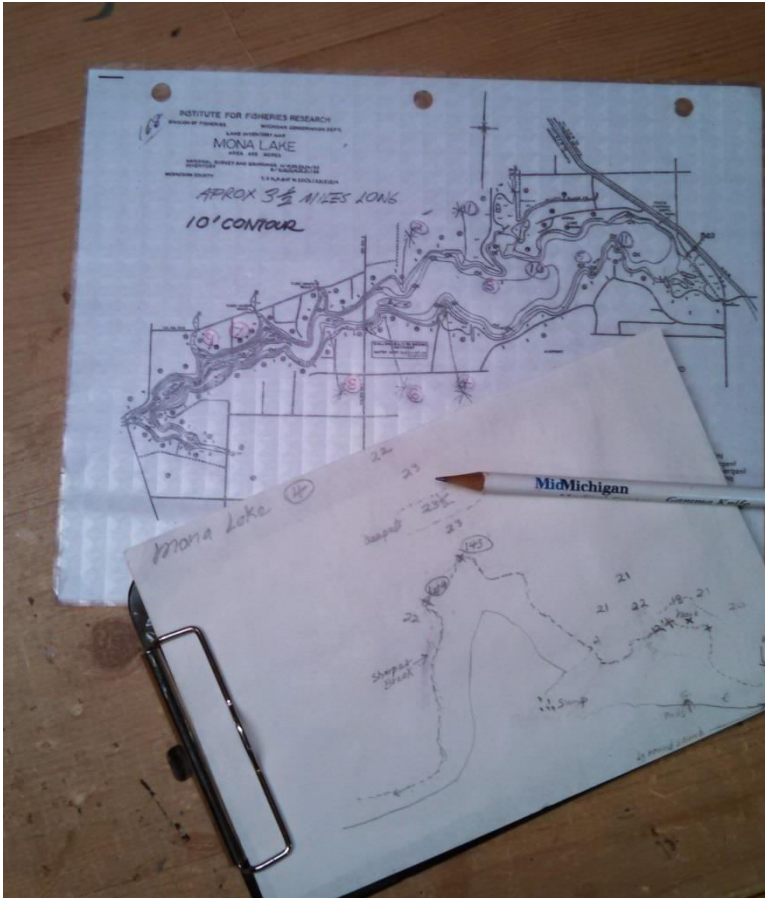


SPOONPLUGGING STUDY GROUP JUNE 16, 2005

“MAPPING PROGRAM”



Contour Map, Pencil, and Paper

The program subject was the **mapping of structure**. Don Stephens read some entries from the **web forum: Spoonpluggers.net**. He highly recommends that we check it out regularly since several top Spoonpluggers comment and answer questions there. It was also mentioned that **Spoonplugging equipment** and lures can be **purchased** from Bucks' Baits website: **BuckPerry.com**. In town they are available from Terry Velting. **Original map drawings** by **Don Dixon and Terry O'Malley** of specific structures were passed around to be examined. It was noted that **we don't have to be that neat or precise**. You draw maps **for your own benefit**, not to show to others. The **video** was a portion of one titled "**Buck Talks Mapping**" from Bucks Baits. It stated that **mapping is the key to interpretation** (determining where on a structure the fish will contact and be located). **Natural lakes are relatively easy to map** and interpret. **Reservoirs are the "teacher"** because they have such a **diversity of structure** types available to the fish. It is important to **put it on paper—to draw**. Interpretation **starts in deep water**, the channel or home of the fish. **Good water color is the #1 factor to look for**. Mapping tools include **trolling rod reel and line, boat, motor, markers, lures, and pencil and paper**. Contour maps and depth sounder are **helpful aids**. Roger, Chase, and Terry got up and **drew structures on the dry-erase board to show how it is done**. No one else volunteered to get up and draw. The question was asked: "**How many routinely draw maps of the structures they fish?**" and no one raised their hand. **Where the fish are is more important than anything else**, and structure is our guide. We are **missing a great opportunity to get better in our fishing if we don't draw**.

Chase Klinesteker