

## SPOONPLUGGING STUDY GROUP JUNE 17, 2004

### "SPEED CONTROL STORY"

Some of us remember when Don Dixon came to Grand Rapids in 1988 and gave a 2-day seminar on Structure Fishing based on the teachings of Buck Perry. A series of videos were made of a similar presentation that were seen by many.

The **program** subject was "**Speed Control**". We watched a portion of **Don Dixons' video about "Tools and Controls"** where he gave examples of how important it is to our fishing. One situation where he was **fishing with Buck Perry up north in early spring** demonstrated how precise it needs to be sometimes. After trolling Spoonplugs, casting both 1/4 ounce and 1/8 ounce jigs through a section of a river and **only** catching **one small fish, Buck still felt that the fish were there.** On the **next drift casting 1/8 ounce jigs, Buck began catching many fish** and **Don was still drawing a blank.** Buck finally disclosed to Don that **he was slowly swimming his jig rather than jumping it, a slight difference in speed.** That made **the difference between a few fish and hundreds** caught!\_ In the video Don also told about the **opposite extreme with very hot weather** and warm water. Minnows have been clocked at 35mph for short spurts and what adult fish can't catch a minnow? He described situations **where 10-13 mph trolling speeds was all that would get bass to strike. Casting baits** cranking as fast as possible **was not fast enough! If we don't check all speeds (as well as depths), we aren't fishing thoroughly.**

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