

“TEACH WHAT YOU KNOW“



Brent Robbins sharing about boat control at Muskegon Outing 2006

Buck Perry has always recommended that **Spoonpluggers teach others** what they know because one **learns more and faster by teaching than by any other way**. It also **helps others** by increasing their knowledge about fishing and **aiding them in catching more and larger fish**. The body of knowledge that is **Spoonplugging** should be **carried forward by those who have benefited** from it. Much of the fishing world benefits by selling lures and gadgets, and their “**educational material**” **often centers around selling** those items for a profit. **Spoonplugging** is the body of knowledge discovered and developed by Mr Perry about the behavior of fish, how they relate to their environment, and how we best can catch them. This **body of knowledge is mainly what we have to “sell”**, since the Spoonplug lure itself is not much better than any other lure without that knowledge. Yet most **fishermen are reluctant to pay for true fishing knowledge** because there is so much else out there competing. **Only those who understand the true value of this knowledge** (Spoonpluggers) **are able to best convey it to others**. That is why we must teach others about **Spoonplugging**.

Many have said “**I am only a beginning or intermediate Spoonplugger and feel very uncomfortable teaching the material**”. Mr Perry said that **Spoonplugging is a lifetime learning experience** and that once you stop learning and think you have learned it all is when your fishing success begins going downhill. **Even Certified Spoonplugging Instructors are learning more on a daily basis**. **One does not have to be a top Spoonplugger to teach others what you have learned**. If you have studied the “**Green Book**” and are trying to follow its’ guidelines, **you already know more about fish and fishing than the average fisherman**. **We all have been helped to some extent by others**, and **it is our responsibility** to introduce Spoonplugging to others **if we want the concepts and Bucks’ Baits to continue**. The “**Green Book**” and study material alone are not enough. To keep things going **requires those who have benefited from this knowledge to pass it on**. The job of Bucks’ Baits is mainly to supply us with quality tools and study materials. Coordination and cooperation between Bucks’ Baits, NSOA newsletter, and all Spoonpluggers is essential to keep moving forward. One top way we **teach each other** is at the **Spoonplugger outings**.

Teaching others **can range from** showing fish **pictures and** describing your **procedures to a friend**, taking someone **out on the water** to show them how you fish, **or giving a class or lecture**. Do what you **feel comfortable with, but try to challenge yourself**. **That is where most learning takes place**. Remember: the more you do, the faster you will learn and the more people you will help. **The reward of bringing joy to others' lives by helping them catch their largest fish ever is unforgettable!**

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