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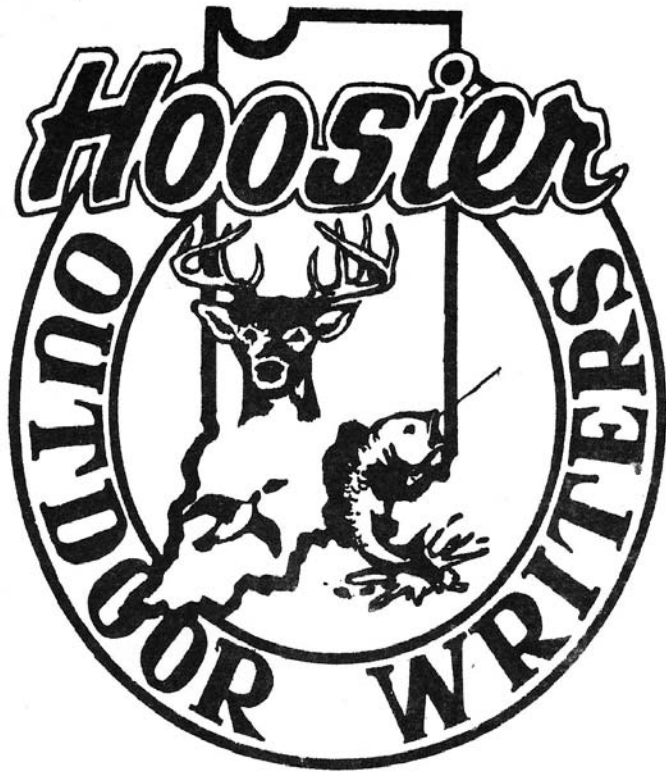
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"Timber Rattlesnake Ready For Action", photo by Tom Berg





# Hoosier Outdoor Writers

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**On the cover:** Timber rattlesnakes are one of Indiana's state-endangered species. They are native to Brown County State Park, which is where the 2016 HOW Conference will be held. Tom Berg photo.



# President's Message

by Alan Garbers

## Think About Outdoors Safety

As you head out into the woods this season and onto the lake next summer, I want you to do one thing. Remember Charlie.

Charlie Morecraft didn't think safety was important. I know many of you just tuned out. That's because, just like Charlie, you have a filing cabinet of reasons to not always be 100-percent safe. Safety is just too uncomfortable, too inconvenient, not stylish, or takes too long.

Charlie thought all of those things many years ago.

Charlie had a wife, two young girls, and a mother and father that loved and cared for him. Charlie was also a refinery worker. He spent every day surrounded by dangerous chemicals.

Charlie was supposed to wear safety glasses. He didn't because they didn't look stylish.

Charlie was supposed to wear flame retardant long-sleeve shirts that buttoned up to his neck. He cut the sleeves off and never buttoned them properly because he wanted to look cool.

Charlie drove a truck around the refinery while on duty. He was supposed to turn the truck off when he stepped out of it. He left it running because it was somehow more convenient.

Charlie was supposed to follow set processes to ensure safe operation of valves and plugging procedures. He didn't because doing so meant working hours, and just getting the job done and relaxing in the control room was easier.

Charlie had done his job without incident thousands of times, except the last time. Charlie was working one last shift before heading to a beach-front cottage for vacation. His wife and children were already there. It was going to be a vacation of no phones, no worries, and all fun.

That night Charlie had to go out and change the arrangement on some valves and plugs that were notorious for leaking. The procedure was supposed to take hours but Charlie knew if he took short cuts, he could get it done in just a few minutes.

Charlie pulled up to the valve station and jumped out of the truck. Against safety policy, he left it running, because he would only be gone a few minutes.

As Charlie was doing the operation, the valves started leaking worse than he had ever seen. He even stopped and questioned his actions, but then pushed on. Then it happened.

In a moment the highly flammable liquid shot out and hit him in the eyes and soaked his skin and clothing. If he had been wearing his safety glasses, he might have been able to see to run to the eye-wash station a short distance away. He couldn't because he was blinded by the stinging liquid. In the moments it took to clear his eyes, the liquid flowed out past him and towards the running truck.

Even as Charlie started running, he knew it was too late. The truck exploded and the area became a raging inferno, including Charlie. He was on fire. The skin that wasn't protected by the flame-retardant shirt was burning.

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Still, Charlie tried to make it to the eye-wash station and to the safety of water. He thought about the adage to stop, drop, and roll, but the area was covered with large rock and he thought it would be too coarse to smother the flames. Finally, Charlie spotted what he prayed was a water puddle and dropped into it. The flames on his body were out, but they still raged around him.

The rescue crew finally came and got Charlie into the ambulance. The female ambulance driver was a friend of Charlie. When she saw him, she started sobbing. It was then that Charlie looked at his arms. They looked like charred meat on a grill.

At the hospital they gave Charlie every pain killer known to man, and it wasn't enough.

Once they finally got ahold of Charlie's family, they rushed to his side. His mother was relieved. She just knew the disfigured man lying in the bed before her was not her son.

When he was strong enough, they started dipping Charlie in a bath so that they could peel the dead skin away. His screaming never stopped. At the end of each day, he knew he had to do it all over again the next.

After they topped fifty, Charlie lost count of how many reconstructive operations he went through.

But, the pain wasn't just his.

As the shock of the accident wore on his family, Charlie's father had a heart attack and a stroke that killed him.

The stress destroyed Charlie's marriage as well.

His oldest daughter went from being a straight-A student to failing every class. As time went on, she even tried to commit suicide.

Charlie assumed his youngest daughter was immune to the terror of that time because she had been too young to understand. Then he found out that even as an adult, she was still going through therapy.

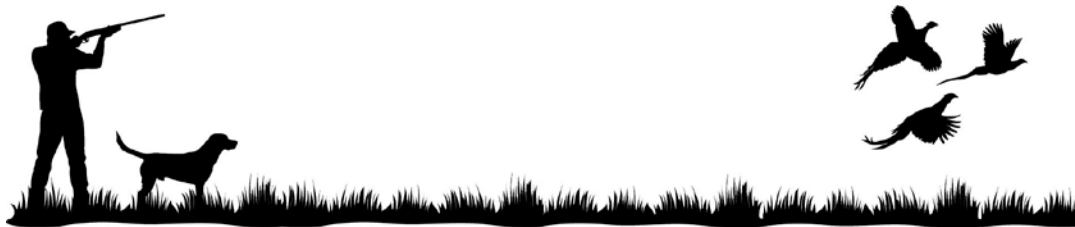
The next time you climb into a tree stand, cross a fence, or climb in a boat, stop and think. Is there a better way? What might happen if you're not safe? Whose lives will you be ruining if there is an accident?

Think of how it might impact your retirement plans, your dream vacation, your children's future, your grandkids' happiness. If you died falling out of a tree stand, how would it change deer hunting for them the rest of their lives? If you accidentally shot and killed yourself while duck, squirrel, or grouse hunting, think of the impact it could have on future generations of your family. What if you fell out of a boat and drowned while fishing? How could your family ever cast a line again without remembering the tragedy that took you away, put you in a wheelchair, or made you bed-ridden in a nursing home?

We all want to leave an outdoor-loving legacy for our family, but everything that you love and care about could potentially end in one careless moment.

Don't think it will happen to you? I beg of you to remember Charlie.

Alan



# The Hoosier Outdoor Writers

New Members, Past Presidents & Memorial Section

**HOW extends a warm  
welcome to our growing  
ranks of outdoor  
communicators**

**See Member News Section  
starting on page 16.**

## Memorial to Deceased HOW Members

**Those Who Have Gone Before Us:**

Jack Alkire – HOW President 1979  
Bill Beeman – Executive Director  
Don Bickel  
Ed Blann  
Charlie Brown  
Gary Carden  
Jim “Moose” Carden – HOW President 1982/83  
George Carey  
John Case  
Bill Church – HOW President 1972  
Jack “Big Jake” Cooper  
Mark Cottingham  
Jerry Criss  
Gary “Dox” Doxtater  
Dick Forbes  
Tom Glancy – HOW President 1977  
Dale Griffith  
Fred Heckman  
Jack Kerins  
Mike Lyle – HOW President 1981  
Ralph “Cork” McHargue – HOW President 1976  
Dick Mercier  
Bob Nesbit  
Hellen Ochs  
Jack Parry  
Harry Renfro  
“Bayou” Bill Scifres – HOW President – **6 Terms**  
George Seketa  
Hal Shymkus  
Al Spiers  
Robert “Doc” Stunkard  
Butch Tackett  
John Trout, Jr.  
Joe West

## Past Presidents of HOW

“Bayou” Bill Scifres	1969
“Bayou” Bill Scifres	1970
“Bayou” Bill Scifres	1971
Bill Church	1972
Rick Bramwell	1973
Jack Ennis	1974
Phil Junker	1975
Ralph McHargue	1976
Tom Glancy	1977
Bob Rubin	1978
Jack Alkire	1979
Louie Stout	1980
Mike Lyle	1981
Jim “Moose” Carden	1982
Jim “Moose” Carden	1983
John Davis	1984
John Davis	1985
Ray Harper	1986
Ray Harper	1987
Ray Dickerson	1988
“Bayou” Bill Scifres	1989
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“Bayou” Bill Scifres	1991
Jack Spaulding	1992
Jack Spaulding	1993
John Rawlings	1994
Phil Bloom	1995
Marty Jaranowski	1996
John Martino	1997
Mike Schoonveld	1998
Jack Spaulding	1999
Jack Spaulding	2000
Sharon Wiggins	2001
Phil Junker	2002
Larry Crecelius	2003
Bryan Poynter	2004
Phil Bloom	2005
Brian Smith	2006
Brian Smith	2007
Brent Wheat	2008
Bryan Poynter	2009
John Maxwell	2010
Brandon Butler	2011
Josh Lantz	2012
Ben Shadley	2013
Bob Sawtelle	2014

# HOW Awards-In-Craft Winner

Writing Contest (Hunting/Trapping category, 1st Place) – Under 1000 Words

## “The Antler Whisperer”

by Mike Schoonveld

Jeremy Moore has two passions in life. He likes to hunt and he likes dogs. His version of heaven is being in a duck blind with his Labrador retriever. He’s hunting and his dog is in on the hunt. When duck season ends, he switches to other game, usually Wisconsin’s whitetail deer. But you don’t hunt deer with dogs (in Wisconsin) so it’s not the same. But you can hunt deer antlers with dogs.

Most people are aware that whitetail bucks shed their antlers in midwinter and grow a new set of tines before the next fall’s breeding season. As America’s whitetail herd expanded across the eastern part of the country, it started a whole new sport. Deer hunters and even some who don’t hunt the whole animal, take to the wilds early each spring in hunt of the cast-off antlers, called sheds.

It’s not an easy sport. I’ve found a few, mostly on accident. People actively looking for sheds find a few more. But the shed-hunters with “shed-dogs” expect to find one or more each time they hunt.

An accomplished dog trainer, Moore put two and two together and came up with the idea of training his Labrador retriever to hunt for shed deer antlers in late winter and early spring. It wasn’t a novel idea. Other trainers and dog owners have headed down this path with degrees of success.

Some dogs just do it on their own. Anyone who owns a Labrador or other of the retrieving breeds understands the instinct to pick something up and carry it around runs deep in their psyche. As playful pups, barely weaned, a romp in the yard will have them carrying sticks, rocks, almost anything that catches their attention.

Even older dogs are disposed to pick up and carry things, though random sticks and rocks don’t hold much interest. But something with an interesting smell just might get enough attention for them to seek it out and latch onto - something such as the shed antler of a deer. That could be an accident and the dog might pass on the next antler it encounters. But can the dog be trained to pick up each antler it may find? Can it be trained to actually hunt for deer antlers?

Moore knew the answer was yes to both questions.

Though there are dozens of books and videos available for training dogs to sit, stay, fetch, hunt game or do all sorts of other chores, the available school of knowledge regarding the training antler dogs was scant. So he relied on his knowledge of dog training in general, common sense, as well as trial and error. His success has gained him a reputation as the “Antler Whisperer.” Antlers? I don’t know. He’s definitely a “dog whisperer.”

Success didn’t come quickly. The first dog he trained to find shed antlers, an eight-year-old lab, ended up with a lifetime score of finding 15 sheds. The last dog he trained, after developing a three step progression in training using his now patented set of training aids found 75 sheds its first year in the field.

Step one is sight recognition. Dogs hunt using both their eyes and sense of smell. Initially, Moore thought just starting a dog off doing yard training with a real antler would do the trick. But a real antler would retain its unique odor. He wanted the antler to be scent-free.

Plastic or resin “fake” antlers can be purchased, mostly used by hunters to clack together to simulate rutting bucks sparring for dominance. Those would work, but Moore knew if a dog bit one wrong or picked it up and got poked by a sharp tine, it might be reluctant to mouth it the next time. So he invented artificial antlers made from soft, flexible material. He starts out with easy to see white ones, then switches to brown, harder-to-spot fakes as the training progresses.

For the next phase of training Moore developed a bottled deer scent product to apply to the fake antlers, now being hidden in areas one would expect to find shed antlers. The dogs quickly learn to use both their eyes and nose.

The final phase is switching to real antlers doused with the bottled scent and finally to real antlers with nothing more than their natural smell. Each dog responds to training differently and the amount of time needed to become a good shed hunter varies. Any breed of dog can be trained.

Go to [www.DogBoneHunter.com](http://www.DogBoneHunter.com) for more details.





## Interesting Bird Sightings in the Great Outdoors



We recently asked HOW members to submit photos and reports about interesting or unusual birds that they have seen during their outdoor adventures. The sightings do not have to take place in Indiana; anywhere in the world is fair game!

We hope this page will not only interest bird enthusiasts, but all HOW members who enjoy the outdoors (i.e. everybody)!

### Report from Teena Ligman:

“I don’t really have much of a story, but this barred owl has been hanging out on my farm lately. I’ve seen him/her many times and he doesn’t seem very worried about me. Lets me get really close and doesn’t fly. I can take pictures of him and stand and stare, and it just pivots its head and watches me and the dog.”

“I’m just pretty intrigued by him. Once it was down in the creek getting a drink and even then, it didn’t seem very nervous. It just sat and watched me.”



### Report from Dean Shadley:

“These photos (below) were taken in the Key Deer Wildlife Refuge on Big Pine Island in the Florida Keys. The bird on the left is a yellow-crowned night heron and the bird on the right is a white ibis.”



Dean spends time fishing and relaxing in Florida during the cold weather months, but his recreation time is not limited to fishing. He is also interested in birding and wildlife photography, as you can see above.

### Report from Mike Schoonveld:

“My wife Peggy and I usually have happy hour each late afternoon on our sun porch and watch the bird feeder to see who’s visiting. Yesterday was pretty spectacular! Very little at the feeder, but I saw a yellow breasted chat, two wild turkeys and a coopers hawk which swooped through and set up a watching post in one of our large trees. Watch out, Mr. Chat! Coopers hawks are bird eaters!”

Thanks to all of the HOW members who submitted a bird report (bird photos provided by those who submitted each entry).



## Interesting Bird Sightings in the Great Outdoors



### Report from John Maxwell:

"I was in Shawnee Bottoms Nature Preserve taking some photos in mid-October along a Wabash River cut-off lake near Fountain, Indiana. I hiked out onto a large boulder, and noticed a lot of white-wash bird droppings coating the boulder, and thought hmmm – I tilted my head back and saw this young eagle perched directly overhead. It was minutes before sunset, so the bird was bathed in orange light."



"I took a couple photos and then moved a bit. It's good that I did."

### Report from Mike Schoonveld:

"When birds 'not' of a feather flock together, strange things can happen. Like a mallard duck mating with a pintail duck, creating a mallard/pintail hybrid."



"I saw this bird on a drainage ditch a couple years ago while tending my coyote traps in Newton County. It didn't flush when I drove by so I grabbed my camera and belly-crawled back to where it was sitting. I peeked through the weeds and was able to snap a couple of pics before it flew off. I've heard of mallard/pintail crosses but this was the only live one I ever spotted."

### Report from Jack Spaulding:

"I don't have a good photo, but under my bird feeder I have a guinea fowl and a bantam rooster. They hang out together and terrorize the bugs and stray bird seed here in Moscow. My wife hates them (bad chicken experience as a child) but I, on the other hand, find them quite endearing. You can add them to your list of oddities at the bird feeder!"

### Report from Tom Berg:

"While visiting southwest Florida this summer, I did a fair amount of birding when I wasn't fishing. Two of the interesting birds I saw included the ruddy turnstone (below left) and the American oystercatcher (below right). Both bird species are wading birds, often found on beaches searching for insects, worms, gastropods and crustaceans. As the name implies, oystercatchers love to eat oysters and other mollusks."



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# ★ Monroe Lake Cleanup ★

## HOW Members Help Bail Out Event

by Teena Ligman

After a busy summer, Monroe Lake is ready for a cleanup. So, for the last three years just after Labor Day, a group of agencies have worked together to clean up some of the trash that has accumulated in Indiana's largest lake. A call for volunteers goes out, a free cookout is offered as an enticement, and we gather the trash bags, gloves, and supplies needed to pull off the cleanup. In order to canvas the shorelines of the large lake, area marinas have generously given us discounts on pontoon boats to ferry the volunteers to different sites to collect the trash.



I work for the Hoosier National Forest and had volunteered my agency to supply boat operators to drive the pontoon boats. In 2015, with wildfires at catastrophic levels in the west, the Forest Service staff was down to bare bones with people out on fires. In a panic with how to find boat drivers, I thought of my colleagues with the Hoosier Outdoor Writers, knowing most of them would be competent outdoorsmen who could surely pilot a boat. I contacted Alan Garbers and asked if he thought HOW would help. Alan sent out a message saying he planned to captain a boat himself and we could use a few more people to drive boats. Within a couple weeks we had four men who had signed on. Most of them brought their wives or families as well to help with the cleanup and stayed for the cookout.



Above: HOW members who helped with the Monroe Lake cleanup included (left to right): Alan Garbers, Don Cranfill, Scott Weaver and Brent Wheat. Other HOW members who were present and provided valuable help were Dianna Garbers and Teena Ligman. Top photo by Don Cranfill, above photo by Teena Ligman.

I think we often take the organizations we are involved in for granted. I personally have not been active in HOW for several years; other projects and priorities have taken precedence. This event reminded me of the value of staying connected to groups such as HOW. It's about more than the tradecraft and sharing the best lures to use and places to fish. Organizations like HOW are about networking with people who share your love for the outdoors, and having people to call on when you need them.

I hope to reciprocate the favor if any of you need help, and plan to ask for boat drivers again next year for our Monroe Lake Cleanup. The benefit of

involving HOW was soon apparent with the great stories and publicity we got from having outdoor writers involved to convey the message of how important it is to keep trash out of our watersheds. Thank you HOW!

# ★ Monroe Lake Cleanup ★

## Who Forgot Their Mattress?

by Brent Wheat

Who throws a mattress overboard?

That was only one of the odd, unusual and downright strange items that were picked up on Sunday, September 13, 2015 at the 3rd Annual Lake Monroe Cleanup. A group of 40 volunteers met on the Sunday afternoon at Salt Creek State Recreation Area to scour the lake and remove the accumulation of shoreline trash, some of which has been sitting near or in the water for 20 years.

The cleanup is a multi-agency effort spearheaded by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, with assistance from the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Monroe County Solid Waste District and the Monroe County Highway Department.



Pontoon boats filled with clean volunteers for the Monroe Lake cleanup. They won't be clean for long! Photos by Don Cranfill.

The idea for the cleanup originally started with the Highway Department according to DNR Interpretive Naturalist Jill Vance, the coordinator for the event. “(Prior to the first cleanup) The Highway Department actually approached me and had some money for educational and outreach purposes, so we decided that cleaning up the trash at Monroe would be a good project,” Vance said.

The Highway Department funds the boats necessary to transport volunteers out to collection sites, then haul people

and trash back to the docks. The department also pays for dumpsters and food for a cookout for volunteers after the cleanup.

Six boats were used for the event, with four of them piloted by members of the Hoosier Outdoor Writers. Part of the HOW captain's group included WildIndiana Field Editor Don Cranfill and Publisher Brent Wheat. “I had a fun day on the water,” Wheat said. “I met some great people, got dirty and wet, watched the eagles soaring and we helped keep the lake looking good. I'm ready for next year!”

This year the cleanup focused on the mid-lake areas centered on Hardin Ridge Recreation Area. With the high water this year (the lake was 10-12 feet above normal for much of the summer) volunteers had to clamber up from the shoreline to find cans and bottles deposited by the water.

The going was quite rugged for the crews. With shorelines ranging from deep mud to steep, rocky banks, the intrepid trash pickers combed through downed trees, under rocks and even cut down fishing line from high above the water.



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This year's haul appeared to fill at least one dumpster with small trash, a large trailer with items such as tires and dock pieces, and a full trailer for bottles and cans. Not only did volunteers have to find trash, they kept recyclable materials in separate bags to reduce the amount of solid waste going to the landfill. The haul this year included a compact refrigerator, many lawn chairs and tires, a rusted truck rim, pool floats, fishing lures and the aforementioned mattress.



Large bags of trash filled pontoon boats by the end of the day. Recyclable items were kept in separate bags. Photos by Don Cranfill.

participant noted that the beer list runs towards the low-end varieties. It would seem that either litterbugs don't drink expensive beer or those with more refined palates are smart enough not to toss their empties overboard.

While some of the junk collected was from damaged docks or other inadvertent sources, the majority of the trash was left behind by thoughtless individuals who seem to think the outdoors is simply a big wastebasket. This makes trash collection a never-ending battle.

When asked about plans for next year, Vance quickly noted her number one goal: "We need more volunteers. Our goal is to get 100 people every year. The more people, the more trash we can get and the cleaner we can keep the place. The 2015 Lake Monroe cleanup volunteers worked hard, got dirty and wet but certainly did their part to keep the place clean.

**TO VOLUNTEER:** There are plans for a Lake Monroe cleanup in 2016. Keep an eye on [WildIndiana.com](http://WildIndiana.com) and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources website [www.in.gov/dnr](http://www.in.gov/dnr). Vance noted that there are currently a few slots open for volunteers to pick up trash year-around at several of Lake Monroe's State Recreation Areas.

For more information, contact Jill Vance at: [jvance@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:jvance@dnr.IN.gov).

However, things are sometimes more interesting. "We get all kinds of stuff," Vance said. "There are whole sets of furniture, lots of dock pieces and other stuff that makes you shake your head. Last year we found a grenade. That one we didn't move," Vance laughed.

The possible explosive was left in place and marked for the proper authorities to secure and remove. Other hazardous materials such as needles and discarded methamphetamine labs are occasionally found. But mostly, it is common junk.

Some of the most widespread items are beer cans. Throwing another muddy, can-filled bag on onto the boat, one



Muddy tracks in the pontoon boat mark the end of a successful cleanup day!



Antelope jackrabbit. Photo by Randy Babb.

## Jacks are Wild!

by Phil T. Seng

On a recent trip to Tucson, Arizona, to attend the annual meeting of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, I was privileged to go on a most unique and unusual hunt for the antelope jackrabbit.

Like most of you, I love traveling around this great country, checking out the amazing diversity of habitats and critters that reside in North America. I love all manner of different habitats and eco-regions. All have their appeal. But few things fascinate me as much as the desert. When many people think of the desert, they think of giant sand dunes, with no plants and few animals. There are deserts that fit this description, but most desert areas (especially in North America) are actually teeming with plant and animal life, and all these living things are highly specialized for life in areas where fewer than ten inches of rain falls in an average year.

Doug Burt, the hunting and shooting sports program manager for the Arizona Game and Fish Department, set up a couple colleagues and me on a hunt for the elusive antelope jackrabbit. If you have never seen an antelope jackrabbit, please check out the attached photos. These are some large rabbits! Well, actually they are hares, but either way they are huge. They are much larger than the more common black-tailed jackrabbit, growing over two feet in length and up to 12 pounds! Like their cousins, they have huge ears, which not only help them hear predators on the approach, but also help them stay cool when the mercury hits triple digits. Tiny blood vessels run throughout the thin skin of the ear, and the jacks can shunt blood into the ears when their core temperature gets too high. Like the tiny tubes that run back and forth through your car's radiator, these capillaries dump heat to the surrounding air, cooling the core.

My hosts in Arizona showed me another interesting feature of the antelope jack: a unique patch of white fur very low on the rump. When resting and undisturbed, the white is not visible. But when alarmed, these critters are able to raise this patch of white so it is highly visible to others of their kind (and everything else they leave in their dust) as they go tearing off across the landscape.

When you bump one from its "perch", usually a shady spot with a good view of the surrounding countryside, you'd swear you jumped a white-tailed deer. You see the white before you see or hear anything else as the jack goes sailing off across the desert, white "tail" taunting you at high speed. Yes, I have seen that a few times while deer hunting, much as I hate to admit it.

At 96 degrees, it was an unseasonably "cool" day in late September for our hunt down near the Mexican border. The strategy for hunting these jacks is to walk slowly through the desert with a scoped .22 rifle, scanning the shrubby, prickly and thorny vegetation for silent sentinels sitting in the shade. Like all hares, antelope jacks don't use burrows, but rely on speed and agility to escape danger. I saw nearly ten antelope jackrabbits in the three hours we hunted, mostly bounding away at high speed. Unfortunately, I did not harvest any during my day in the desert. Only one of our trio scored this day. But I was thrilled to learn more about the plants and animals of the desert southwest and to come face to face with this most unusual and impressive beast. I will be back to do that again!



Phil Seng displays the big-eared antelope jackrabbit harvested by one of his hunting partners. Photo courtesy of Phil T. Seng.



# Missouri River Fishing: Driving Fast and Fishing Slow

by John Maxwell

Ranger Bob Sawtelle and I drove to the Missouri Ozarks to fish with an old Indiana DNR buddy, Paul Ehret and his brother Mark during September.

We canoed, kayaked and fished central Missouri's Bourbeuse and Big Piney Rivers, and had some trouble keeping up with Paul on the backroads speeding to the fishing spots. Luckily, the brothers slowed down a lot on the rivers.

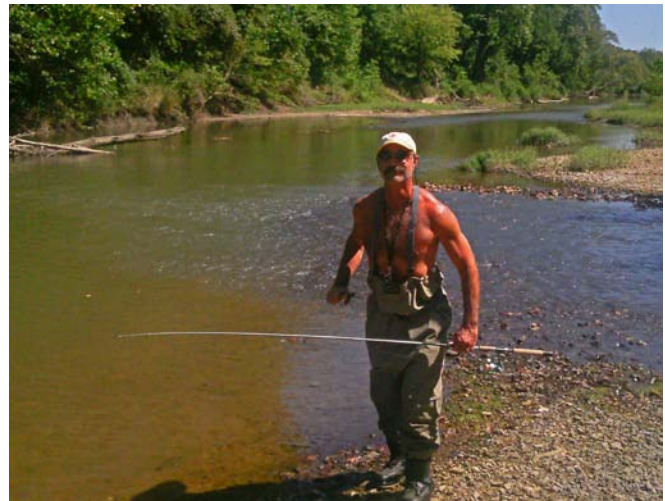
Sawtelle mostly fly-fished with a catalpa-fly dropper under a popper fly, while Maxwell mostly spin-cast the tried-and-true Rebel crawfish plug. These worked well, but the Ehret brothers boated the biggest fish by slow-jigging soft plastic lures.

On the clear, ripple-and-pool Ozark rivers, the Ehret brothers slipped quietly down river in kayaks painted in German Kriegsmarine Bismarck camo. Like a U-boat wolf pack, they would surround a stump or boulder or rocky ledge. One angler would flank the structure casting Texas-rigged soft plastic crayfish, while the other commenced a full frontal assault, lobbing in salvos of Senko worm baits until the boulder or stump surrendered its fish.

Slow and stealthy they paddled, relentless and focused, they cast and retrieved baits. The fish were doomed. We caught largemouth, spotted and smallmouth bass, goggle eyes, long-eared sunfish, bluegill and warmouth, and best of all, in three days of river fishing we rarely saw another person except ourselves. It was three beautiful days fishing in Missouri.



HOW Board Chairman Bob Sawtelle fly casts his catalpa dropper fly while wading the Big Piney River, with the canoe conveniently tethered to his waist.



**Above:** HOW past-president John Maxwell getting some sunshine and fishing rehab on a beautiful Missouri river with buddies -- wading and spin-casting crawfish lures along a nice stretch of the Bourbeuse River.

**Left:** Bob Sawtelle (L) and the Ehret brothers ready the fishing fleet for deployment into the Big Piney River near Boiling Springs, MO. Photos provided by John Maxwell.



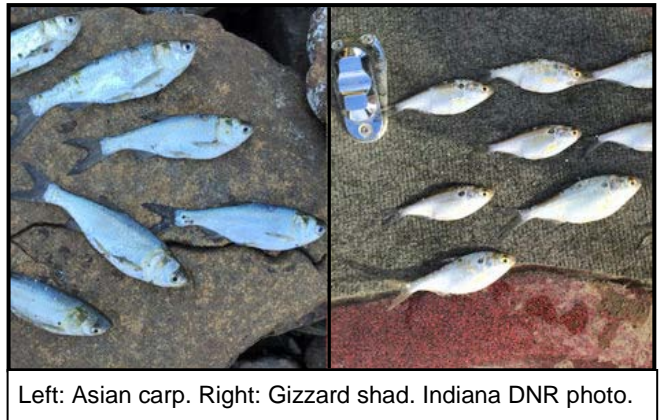
# DNR News

## Division of Fish & Wildlife

Indiana Department of Natural Resources  
402 W. Washington St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2748

**For immediate release**

## Monroe Lake Anglers Must Take Precautions Against Asian Carp



Invasive Asian carp are knocking on Monroe Lake's door, and DNR officials are warning anglers not to let them in.

Silver and bighead carp (collectively referred to as Asian carp) have been found in Salt Creek, directly below the Monroe Lake dam. The dam prevents the carp from entering the lake.

But fisheries biologists with the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife are concerned that anglers collecting baitfish from Salt Creek might mistake juvenile Asian carp for gizzard shad and introduce the carp into Monroe Lake.

Using live gizzard shad is a common way to fish for hybrid striped bass at Monroe Lake. The method is legal at Monroe Lake as long as the fish were collected in the lake.

Collecting live gizzard shad in Salt Creek and using them at Monroe Lake is against the law. It is also difficult to distinguish gizzard shad from juvenile Asian carp.

In early September, DNR researchers cast a net in Salt Creek below the dam to determine the prevalence of Asian carp and how easy it would be to catch them while targeting gizzard shad. In just six casts, they caught 52 juvenile Asian carp.

Anglers fishing Monroe Lake are reminded to collect their bait fish in Monroe Lake only. Do not transport fish from one body of water to another.

Anglers also should dispose of all unused baitfish, including fish parts, on shore, in a trash can. Never release bait into the water.

Asian carp can cause enormous damage to native species by outcompeting existing fish for food, specifically plankton. By consuming so much plankton, the carp affect the entire aquatic food chain, including sport fish that feed on plankton-eating fish.

To view all DNR news releases, please see [www.dnr.IN.gov](http://www.dnr.IN.gov).

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# DNR News

## Division of Nature Preserves

Indiana Department of Natural Resources  
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**For immediate release**

## Explore Indiana Shipwrecks via Website or Underwater

Indiana's historic shipwrecks can now be explored by land or sea. Viewing a newly designed website provides virtual looks at what only divers used to be able to access.

The website, [IndianaShipwrecks.org](http://IndianaShipwrecks.org), which is part of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources website ([dnr.IN.gov](http://dnr.IN.gov)), features the J.D. Marshall and the Muskegon, as well as Car Ferry #2, and Material Service Barge. Each vessel rests under the Indiana waters of Lake Michigan.

Two years ago, the J.D. Marshall became the first underwater preserve site in the state. The preserve is in Porter County, just off the shores of Indiana Dunes State Park.

Data for the website's four virtual 3-D models of the shipwrecks were gathered using detailed mobile multi-sector sonar scans. "We hope this information will attract more underwater tourists and get people who don't dive more interested in Indiana's fascinating but somewhat unknown maritime history," said Mike Molnar, manager of the DNR's Indiana Lake Michigan Coastal Program (LMCP).

The J.D. Marshall sank during a storm on June 11, 1911. Four crew members died. The preserve includes 100 acres surrounding that ship's ruins and three mooring buoys. The buoys are for dive and fishing boats to use in lieu of anchors, which could damage the historic remains.

Complete information about diving on the shipwrecks, fishing near the site, and the history of the ships is included on the website. The LMCP and its partners have been working on the preserve project since 2008. The website launch completes the preserve project.

"The State holds underwater archaeological resources in the public trust for current and future generations and has an obligation to properly manage the resources," Molnar said.

The project required updating information gathered during the 1980s on known and suspected shipwreck sites in Indiana. Molnar said the preserve may be included on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) roster of Marine Protected Areas in the near future.

Funding for site assessments, management plan development, J.D. Marshall site access improvements and interpretive materials were made possible with financial assistance to the Indiana LMCP provided by the Section 306A and Section 309 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, administered by the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOAA.

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# HOW Member News

## Two HOW Members Win Special AGLOW Photo Contest

Many HOW members are not only members of their local state writers group (see next page!), they are also involved with regional groups such as the Association of Great Lakes Outdoor Writers (AGLOW). Here is some info about HOW members and their exploits at the recent AGLOW conference:

Chevy Trucks and Hobie Kayaks are both long time corporate members of the Association of Great Lakes Outdoor Writers. In late September the two corporate members teamed up to sponsor a fun photo contest during the annual AGLOW conference in Minnesota.

They mounted a Hobie fishing kayak on top of a Chevy Colorado pick-up truck. The truck/kayak was driven to all the events of the conference and both were available for test drives/rides as well as photo sessions during the week. AGLOW members were encouraged to photograph the truck and kayak, post their best photo or photos on the AGLOW Facebook page and at the end of the conference a team of judges from Chevy and Hobie would decide which photos of their products was best.

Two HOW members placed first and second in the contest. P.J. Perea took first place with a collage of shots pasted together, and Mike Schoonveld placed second with a low angle shot that highlighted both truck and kayak.

Each winner was awarded a handsome backpack loaded with Chevy and Hobie bling and paraphernalia, almost as valuable as the prestige garnered by finishing at or near the top in the contest. Congrats to the winners!



Here are the two winning shots from the special AGLOW photo contest that took place during the recent AGLOW conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota. P.J. Perea's black & white photo collage won first place honors, while Mike Schoonveld's truck/boat photo won second place. Photos by Perea and Schoonveld.





## Ken Barnes Signs Books At Local Author Fair

HOW member Ken Barnes from Bristow, IN attended the recent Author's Fair at the Lincoln Heritage Public Library in Dale, IN. Barnes was among several local authors who were available to talk with their readers, sign books and talk about what inspires them to write. Each author also had books available for purchase.

Barnes and several additional authors will be back on Saturday, November 14th from 10:00-12:00 p.m. for a special Author-Reader Roundup. Readers who missed their favorite author at the last fair will have another chance!

## Creason Wins Prize in AGLOW Writing Contest

During the recent AGLOW conference at the Brooklyn Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the winners of the 2015 AGLOW/Chevy Trucks Awards-In-Craft Competition were recognized. First through third places were awarded in a variety of media divisions and topical categories. Plaques, certificates and cash awards were made possible through sole sponsorship of the competition by Chevy Trucks.

Long-time HOW member Rich Creason was among the winners, taking second place in the *Best of Magazine Writing – Hunting Division*. His article titled "Savage .410 Ready for Fourth Generation" was deemed to be among the best of all the articles submitted for this category.

Congratulations, Rich!

## Heartfelt Condolences To HOW Members

The following HOW members/family members have recently suffered the loss of a loved one. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers:

**Amanda Clifford**, age 78, passed away Sept. 29, 2015. She was the wife of HOW member Gene Clifford, and they celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary last April.

## Membership Reminders:

### Conference

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the 2016 HOW conference at Brown County State Park. The dates will be April 22-24, 2016 (Friday-Sunday), with the main meeting taking place on Saturday, as usual. You may attend the Saturday meeting only, the entire weekend or any portion of the weekend. It's up to you!

### Website

Remember to check out and use the HOW website. The web address is: [www.HoosierOutdoorWriters.org](http://www.HoosierOutdoorWriters.org) (not case-sensitive).

## Keaton Keeps A Sharp Eye On 'Waters Of The U.S.'

In an effort to keep HOW members informed, here is an update on the challenge to the EPA Water Rights grab from HOW Legal Counsel Bill Keaton:

October, 2015

A U.S. appeals court has put on hold new federal environmental regulations governing American water bodies while it reviews a legal challenge from 18 states.

The ruling Friday by a divided three-judge panel in Cincinnati is the latest development in a series of skirmishes between President Barack Obama's administration and states over the expansion of executive-branch regulatory powers.

Published in June, the water regulations – which apply to dry creek beds, prairie wetlands and other areas not previously subject to federal control – were immediately denounced as overreaching by the states and a raft of business and trade groups.

“A stay temporarily silences the whirlwind of confusion that springs from uncertainty about the requirements of the new rule and whether they will survive legal testing,” U.S. Circuit Judge David McKeague, who was appointed by Republican President George W. Bush, wrote for the two-judge majority.

The third judge on the tribunal, Damon Keith, who was appointed by Democratic President Jimmy Carter, called his colleagues' decision premature because it was still unclear whether the court had jurisdiction over the dispute. The case is *In Re: Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Defense Final Rule*, 15-3799, 15-3822, 15-3853 and 15-3887, U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit (Cincinnati).

### Schoonveld Taps BoatUS For Toddlers

HOW past-president Mike Schoonveld runs a salmon fishing charterboat on Lake Michigan from spring through fall. Earlier this year he got an unusual charter request:

“It started with a message on my answering machine,” said Schoonveld. “Hi, I'm Drew. My wife and I along with my three year old and one and a half year old are coming up to the Indiana Dunes for a few days next week and we'd like to go on a fishing charter. With the little ones on board, I'm sure we won't be able to do a full-length five or six hour trip. Can we go out for an hour or hour and a half?”



“My first thought was to just call him back and tell him to forget it. Even if he offered to pay for a full length trip and then only fished for a short time, I'd feel bad about doing that to him. Then I came up with a plan that worked out just fine. I was scheduled for a morning charter on Monday, the trip running 5AM to 11AM. Since I'd already have the boat in the water, another hour or two after the first charter wouldn't make much difference to me and it would give Drew and his family another adventure on their trip to Northwest Indiana.”

“I called Drew and set our departure for noon. We agreed on a pro-rated price for a short trip and all was set. Except for lifejackets! I carry lifejackets suitable for kids up to 90 pounds, but not for toddlers. Then I remembered the Portage Public Marina is one of almost 600 marinas around the country signed onto the BoatUS Foundation's Life Jacket Loaner Program. One of the program's goals is to educate boaters on the significance of wearing the appropriate size and type of life jacket while boating. Another is to make sure a day of boating isn't spoiled just because a family forgot a life jacket at home. And finally, the most important goal: simply to keep kids safe out on the water!”

“When Drew and Susan arrived, I directed them to the marina office and in a few minutes both Will and Evelyn were decked out in appropriately-sized PFDs. No charge. The program is funded by donations from the more than half a million members of BoatUS and the general public. We hit the water and had a fun trip!”



## HOW Members Invited To Join AGLOW

Attention HOW members! Many of us are not only members of HOW, we are also members of one or more national writer's organizations like OWAA, POMA or others. Some of us are also members of regional groups such as AGLOW, SEOPA, etc. Here is your chance to expand your horizons and join one of those other groups. Josh Lantz from the Association of Great Lakes Outdoor Writers is inviting HOW members to join AGLOW:

Dear HOW Members,

Are you looking to expand your network of editors and publishers while making new relationships with outdoor companies and destinations who can help support your communications work? If so, AGLOW is the place for you.

Established in 1956, AGLOW is one of the oldest and largest outdoor communicators' groups in the nation. Our very first annual conference was in Monticello, Indiana in 1956. Since then, AGLOW has grown to include nearly 200 media members and over 200 corporate members. Among those corporate members are small mom and pops, industry giants like General Motors and Mercury Marine and companies of all sizes in between. We also have about 60 tourism members from around the country who are interested in hosting you on your next story-generating fishing or hunting trip.

AGLOW's annual membership dues are a very reasonable \$75. Our annual conference is a great value as well, never failing to deliver ample doses of craft improvement, outdoor opportunities in the field, and networking opportunities that are second to none. AGLOW's 60th Annual Conference will take place at Chautauqua Lake, NY (the very western tip of New York), September 12-15, 2016. A \$100 conference registration fee covers all meals and cocktail receptions from lunch on Monday through dinner on Thursday. Complimentary pre- and post-conference trips are also available to AGLOW members.

Membership application is easy. Simply visit [www.aglowinfo.com](http://www.aglowinfo.com) and click "Join AGLOW" at the top of the home page. When you become a member, you will receive a receipt, a printed membership directory, and you will begin receiving our E-Magazine, Horizons, which will keep you up-to-date on AGLOW's events and everything else happening within the organization.

Of course, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information (email: [aglowoutdoors@gmail.com](mailto:aglowoutdoors@gmail.com), phone: 877-472-4569).

Josh Lantz  
Executive Director, AGLOW



AGLOW is a great organization and many HOW members are also AGLOW members. You won't know what you're missing until you join. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Josh Lantz ([aglowoutdoors@gmail.com](mailto:aglowoutdoors@gmail.com)) or Tom Berg ([director@hoosieroutdoorwriters.org](mailto:director@hoosieroutdoorwriters.org)). Both are members of HOW and AGLOW.

## HOW Members Invited To Join SEOPA

Attention HOW members! Here is another opportunity to expand your professional horizons. As mentioned on the previous page, HOW members would do well to belong to more than one professional writer's organizations. The Southeastern Outdoor Press Association (SEOPA) is another regional writers group which can open new doors for you. Here's your chance to join:

My name is Jim Spencer and I'm SEOPA's current membership chair. I'd like to invite the members of the Hoosier Outdoor Writers to consider also becoming members of SEOPA, since we're so close geographically and many of our conference sites are within reasonable striking distance of HOW members. For example, this year's conference was in Eufaula, Alabama. Next year we're in Lakeland, Florida – a little farther away, but you gotta admit it's a great place for a fall conference. Other recent conferences have been in Johnson City, TN and Fontana Village, NC.

SEOPA has a strong, tightly-knit member base on both media and supporting member sides of the aisle, and it is truly a family. Like many families, we squabble among ourselves sometimes, but we support each other and we're always looking for new members to expand the family.

Please check out our website ([www.seopa.org](http://www.seopa.org)) or contact our Executive Director Lisa Snuggs ([lisa@seopa.org](mailto:lisa@seopa.org) or 704-984-4700) and consider joining us as well as HOW.

Thanks much for your consideration. I think both groups would benefit from the closer association that would result from joint memberships.

Jim Spencer  
SEOPA Membership Committee Chair



As an added incentive for HOW members, Jim Spencer has offered the following perks for anyone who joins SEOPA in the next couple of months: "I will give any HOW member who joins SEOPA a copy of both my turkey books (*Bad Birds* and *Turkey Hunting Digest*) and I'll even buy 'em a drink at the SEOPA conference in Lakeland, Florida next October." Contact Tom Berg for details. How's that for a good deal?!



### Schoonveld Likes The Hen of the Woods

"It's September 24th and I have picked my first Hen of the Woods, aka Maitaki, mushroom of the season," said HOW member Mike Schoonveld.

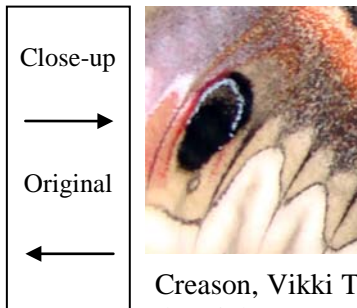
"With all the rain this summer, there should be a bumper crop. We will be eating them until the snow flies and there's none better. Whoo-wah!"

Fried mushrooms, steak and mushrooms, sautéed mushrooms, mushrooms and scrambled eggs, etc, etc...



## Unusual Nature Photos From The Hoosier Outdoors Sponsored by LaCrosse Footwear

### Cecropia Moths Are Among Indiana's Most Beautiful Moths



We thought the “What is it?” photo from the last issue was going to be difficult to guess, but a total of eight (8) HOW members correctly identified it. Mike Schoonveld, John Maxwell, Phil Seng, Brandon Butler, Dave Hoffman, Rich Creason, Vikki Trout and Jarrett Manek each had the right answer. When we drew a name at random for the **Danner** boots, Vikki Trout was the winner. Congrats, Vikki! We’ll mail your gift certificate.

As you can see in the photo above, the mystery creature for this issue was a cecropia moth (*Hyalophora cecropia*). Cecropia moths are large, colorful silk moths. As a matter of fact, the cecropia is North America’s largest native moth. Males and females of the species can be identified by their antennae; males have large feathery antennae while females have much smaller, thinner antennae. The beautiful moth pictured here is a male.

The adult cecropia moth emerges from its pupa in the summer, and after its wings are dry it starts looking for a mate. Males use their large antennae to detect and locate the pheromones emitted by a female. Cecropia moths do not eat at all; only the caterpillars eat before they transform into moths during metamorphosis. The adult moths live a very short life, just long enough to find a mate and reproduce. Within two weeks of metamorphosis, their lifespan is usually over.

For this issue, our friends at **LaCrosse Footwear** will be donating a great prize for the HOW member that guesses the right answer to this issue’s “What Is It?” question. This time the prize will be a gift certificate for a pair of premium LaCrosse boots of the winner’s choice from the LaCrosse website (valued up to \$250). See below for more info.



### Berg Poses Another Nature Photo “What Is It?” Question

Here’s another Nature Photo mystery, and this one may be easier than usual. The photo shown at right is a close-up of part of a creature that lives right here in Indiana. You won’t see it in your own back yard, but it is quite common. It is found throughout the state, but some areas definitely hold more of these creatures than others. Have you ever seen something that looks like this?



This creature should be pretty easy for some people to identify, but we’ll see. Do you know of any Hoosier creatures that look like this? This time you must identify the exact species. If you think it’s a particular species of hawk, for example, go ahead and guess “Cooper’s Hawk”. Of course, it’s not a hawk, but if you think you know what it is, send the answer via email to [thomas.berg@comcast.net](mailto:thomas.berg@comcast.net). If you’re right, you will be eligible for this issue’s prize.



As mentioned above, **LaCrosse Footwear** will be donating a gift certificate for a pair of LaCrosse boots as a prize for the HOW member who guesses the right answer to this issue’s “What Is It?” nature question. You will be able to choose from any of their top-of-the-line hunting or hiking boots, including specialized snake-proof hunting boots. Check the products out at [www.lacrossefootwear.com](http://www.lacrossefootwear.com). If multiple people guess the right answer, we will draw one winner at random from the group of correct entries. Good luck and have fun! All nature photos on this page by Tom Berg.

## HOW Supporting Member News

These pages are devoted to the loyal supporting members of the Hoosier Outdoor Writers. Brief descriptions of new products, award-winning products and press releases are listed here. HOW members interested in reading more can visit the supporting member websites or call or email the company contact for more information.

### Deer Dummy Helps Hunters Field Dress Their Deer

**Maple Lake, MN:** For hunters interested in becoming a pro at field dressing and butchering their deer, the Deer Dummy company has introduced several products to make the process easy and enjoyable. Some hunters are motivated by the desire to field dress their harvested deer properly; others are just tired of paying someone else to butcher their deer. Many people decide to start butchering their own deer to have more control over the meat – they know that the meat they process is their own, rather than wondering if theirs was mixed-in with someone else’s.



“The job of properly field dressing a deer just got a whole lot easier with a new downloadable mobile App from [deerdummy.com](http://deerdummy.com),” said Kerry Swendsen, owner of Deer Dummy. You now have the ability to field dress a deer correctly and quickly with the [deerdummy](http://deerdummy.com) mobile app at your fingertips while in the field.

“The mobile app was designed specifically for people looking to learn or perfect their field dressing technique. We bring over 30 years of experience in meat cutting to this field guide, which includes a video tutorial and step-by-step photos of how to correctly field dress your deer.”

Besides the mobile app, Deer Dummy also offers a quality-made DVD for hunters without smartphones. They sell special cutting boards that last a lifetime, too. These extra large, 27" x 40" flexible cutting boards are easy to use and store. They are made of HDPE-Polythylene, which is the same commercial grade used by restaurants and meat cutters. They will not dull your knives like a hard cutting board can, and they include micro-ban protection with built-in defense properties that inhibit the growth of stain and odor causing bacteria.

Other products include butchering knives, a deer butchering book and a fish cutting mat. For more information on Deer Dummy products, HOW members may contact Kerry Swendsen by email at [kerry@deerdummy.com](mailto:kerry@deerdummy.com) or call 763-639-5239. You may also visit [www.deerdummy.com](http://www.deerdummy.com).





## HOW Supporting Member News

### The Hooker Deer Drag Makes Transporting Deer Easier

**Sunman, IN:** The Hooker Deer Drag Company located right here in the Hoosier state provides high value, durable equipment to the hunting industry for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of harvesting and transporting wild game.

According to Steve Huster, founder and CEO of Hooker Deer Drag Co., “I have been hunting for over 25 years and have had to drag many deer over all types of terrain. I’ve used everything from my hands to ropes, and I’ve even taken off my belt and used it. There was no easy way to drag the dead weight. With age comes wisdom, and I came up with the idea of using a sturdy metal hook. After several design attempts, I came up with The Hooker Deer Drag®. The first time I used it to drag a deer, I knew I was on to something. My long-time hunting buddy said, ‘Why didn’t you think of this years ago!’”



This product is proudly made in the USA. For more information, please contact company founder Steve Huster by phone at 513-404-6207 or via email: [sjhuster@gmail.com](mailto:sjhuster@gmail.com).



### LIVETARGET Launches New Website

**Niagara-On-The-Lake, Ontario:** LIVETARGET Lures, formerly known as Koppers Fishing and Tackle, is a premiere fishing lure brand with headquarters in Ontario, Canada. Circulation is global throughout North America and other international markets.



LIVETARGET has launched a new website featuring all of its product offerings and highlighting all of the new fishing products for 2016 for writers to review ([www.livetargetlures.com](http://www.livetargetlures.com)). Articles mentioning these lures should refer to LIVETARGET (rather than Koppers).

LIVETARGET lures feature industry-leading designs in realism and workmanship; anatomically accurate life-like lures that “MATCH THE HATCH®” and prove ideal for targeting all varieties of game fish.

A significant factor in the creation of the LIVETARGET brand is the leadership and artistic interpretation by its founder Grant Koppers, a former fishing guide on the Great Lakes. His hands on experience identified market gaps that this development filled. Grant gathered a team of specialists around him with countless years of experience. For team LIVETARGET, fishing is not a hobby, it’s a passion!

For more information, HOW members should contact Tom Chopin from LIVETARGET Lures, phone: 888-231-4448, fax: 905-704-4445, email: [T.Chopin@livetargetlures.com](mailto:T.Chopin@livetargetlures.com) (general email box: [info@livetargetlures.com](mailto:info@livetargetlures.com)). Lure samples are available of the 2016 products for any HOW members wishing to write about them.



## HOW Supporting Member News



### Swab-Its Changes The Way Shooters Clean Their .50 Caliber Firearms

**Springfield, MA:** After extensive research, development and testing, Super Brush LLC's Swab-its® announces their new .50 caliber Bore-tips®. This .50cal addition to the innovative American company's line of firearm cleaning and lubricating foam swabs extends the same lint-free, reusable, tight bore-fitting cleaning surface to muzzleloaders and other .50 caliber

firearms....and will do a great job on a 28 gauge shotgun, too. The new .50cal will be available early December at dealers and online at [www.swab-its.com](http://www.swab-its.com).

Swab-Its® line of Bore-tips® that improve barrel cleaning and lubrication now includes .22/5.56, .243cal, .30/7.62, .357cal/9mm, .40/10mm (works on .410 shotguns), .45/11.25, .50cal and 12ga, 28 ga. and 20ga.

Swab-its® has also added a 3" precision tip to their 9 piece Gun-tips® kit. Their Gun-tips® line offers four distinct sizes and lengths to ensure cleaning and lubricating of all parts of the firearm, while leaving no residue of lint.

Last year's Swab-its® innovations, the .22/5.56 and .177/.17 caliber Bore-Whips™ have proven to be very popular products. The Bore-Whips' pull-through design allows one to clean firearms and airguns that are traditionally difficult to access and clean in the correct direction and their bright colored handle acts as an Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI) for indicating the firearm is empty and safe, making them popular at ranges and among competitive shooters whose rules mandate ECI's.

All of Swab-its® lint-free foam swabs are reusable for multiple times, and easy to clean with soap and water or mineral spirits.

For more information on Swab-Its® or Bore-tips® products, HOW members may contact Pam Den Hartog at [pdenhartog@superbrush.com](mailto:pdenhartog@superbrush.com) or call 714-441-7144. You may also visit their websites [www.swabitsnews.com](http://www.swabitsnews.com) or [www.swab-its.com](http://www.swab-its.com).



# HOW's Supporting Member Websites

Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Assoc - [www.northalabama.org](http://www.northalabama.org)  
Alpen Optics - [www.alpenoutdoor.com](http://www.alpenoutdoor.com)  
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Environ-Metal, Inc. - [www.hevishot.com](http://www.hevishot.com)  
Eppinger Manufacturing - [www.eppinger.net](http://www.eppinger.net)  
E/T Lights - [www.triagelights.com](http://www.triagelights.com)  
Field & Stream Outdoor Life Deer & Turkey Expos - [www.deerinfo.com](http://www.deerinfo.com)  
Flying Fisherman - [www.flyingfisherman.com](http://www.flyingfisherman.com)  
FOXPRO - [www.gofoxpro.com](http://www.gofoxpro.com)  
Frabill - [www.frabill.com](http://www.frabill.com)  
Frogg Toggs - [www.froggtoggs.com](http://www.froggtoggs.com)  
G.Loomis - [www.gloomis.com](http://www.gloomis.com)  
Gamo USA - [www.gamoussa.com](http://www.gamoussa.com)  
Gerber Legendary Blades - [www.gerbergear.com](http://www.gerbergear.com)  
Gun Protect - [www.mygunprotect.com](http://www.mygunprotect.com)  
Hard & Soft Fishing - [www.unclejosh.com](http://www.unclejosh.com)  
Hart Productions - [www.hartproductions.com](http://www.hartproductions.com)  
Hawke Sport Optics - [www.hawkeoptics.com](http://www.hawkeoptics.com)  
Henry Repeating Arms Co. - [www.henryrepeating.com](http://www.henryrepeating.com)  
HHA Sports - [www.HHAsports.com](http://www.HHAsports.com)  
Hickory Glen Creations - [www.g-p-a-s.com](http://www.g-p-a-s.com)  
Hodgdon Powder Co. - [www.hodgdon.com](http://www.hodgdon.com)  
Hooker Deer Drag Co. - [www.hookerdeerdrag.com](http://www.hookerdeerdrag.com)  
Hoosier Trapper Supply - [www.hoosiertrappersupply.com](http://www.hoosiertrappersupply.com)  
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt - [www.hmhc.com](http://www.hmhc.com)  
Howard Communications - [www.howardcommunications.com](http://www.howardcommunications.com)  
HT Enterprises - [www.icefish.com](http://www.icefish.com)  
Hunter's Specialties - [www.hunterspec.com](http://www.hunterspec.com)  
Indiana Office of Tourism Development - [www.VisitIndiana.com](http://www.VisitIndiana.com)  
Indiana Outdoor News - [www.IndianaOutdoorNews.net](http://www.IndianaOutdoorNews.net)  
InterMedia Outdoors - [www.IMoutdoors.com](http://www.IMoutdoors.com)  
Irish Setter Boots - [www.irishsetterboots.com](http://www.irishsetterboots.com)  
JB Lures - [www.jblures.com](http://www.jblures.com)  
Kruger Optical - [www.krugeroptical.com](http://www.krugeroptical.com)  
LaCrosse Footwear - [www.lacrossefootwear.com](http://www.lacrossefootwear.com)  
LensPen - [www.lenspen.com](http://www.lenspen.com)  
Leupold - [www.leupold.com](http://www.leupold.com)  
LiveTarget Lures - [www.livetargetlures.com](http://www.livetargetlures.com)  
Lodge Manufacturing - [www.lodgemfg.com](http://www.lodgemfg.com)  
Lurecraft Industries - [www.lurecraft.com](http://www.lurecraft.com)  
Mack's Lure - [www.macks lure.com](http://www.macks lure.com)  
Mathews - [www.mathewsinc.com](http://www.mathewsinc.com)  
Mercury Marine - [www.mercurymarine.com](http://www.mercurymarine.com)  
Mossy Oak - [www.mossyoak.com](http://www.mossyoak.com)  
MyTopo - [www.mytopo.com](http://www.mytopo.com)  
National Muzzle Loading Rifle Assn - [www.nmlra.org](http://www.nmlra.org)  
National Shooting Sports Foundation - [www.nssf.org](http://www.nssf.org)  
National Wild Turkey Federation - [www.nwtf.org](http://www.nwtf.org)  
Nosler, Inc. - [www.nosler.com](http://www.nosler.com)  
O.F. Mossberg & Sons, Inc. - [www.mossberg.com](http://www.mossberg.com)  
Off Shore Tackle Co. - [www.offshoretackle.com](http://www.offshoretackle.com)  
Okuma Fishing Tackle - [www.okumafishing.com](http://www.okumafishing.com)  
Otis Technology - [www.otistec.com](http://www.otistec.com)  
Outdoor Promotions - [www.crappieusa.com](http://www.crappieusa.com)  
Pheasants Forever - [www.pheasantsforever.org](http://www.pheasantsforever.org)  
Plano Molding Company - [www.planomolding.com](http://www.planomolding.com)  
Princeton University Press - [www.press.princeton.edu](http://www.press.princeton.edu)  
Pro-Cure, Inc. - [www.pro-cure.com](http://www.pro-cure.com)  
Pure Fishing - [www.purefishing.com](http://www.purefishing.com)  
Quaker Boy, Inc. - [www.quakerboygamecalls.com](http://www.quakerboygamecalls.com)  
Reef Runner Lures - [www.reefrunner.com](http://www.reefrunner.com)  
Remington Outdoor Company - [www.remington.com](http://www.remington.com)  
Renfro Productions - [www.renfroproductions.com](http://www.renfroproductions.com)  
RIO Products - [www.rioproducts.com](http://www.rioproducts.com)  
Savage Arms - [www.savagearms.com](http://www.savagearms.com)  
Shimano American Corp. - [www.shimano.com](http://www.shimano.com)  
Shurhold Industries - [www.shurhold.com](http://www.shurhold.com)  
Snag Proof Manufacturing - [www.snagproof.com](http://www.snagproof.com)  
South Shore CVA - [www.southshorecva.com](http://www.southshorecva.com)  
SportDOG - [www.sportdog.com](http://www.sportdog.com)  
St. Croix Rods - [www.stcroixrods.com](http://www.stcroixrods.com)  
Streamlight - [www.streamlight.com](http://www.streamlight.com)  
Sturm, Ruger & Co. - [www.ruger.com](http://www.ruger.com)  
Super Brush LLC - [www.bore-tips.com](http://www.bore-tips.com)  
Tales End Tackle - [www.talesendtackle.com](http://www.talesendtackle.com)  
Tenzing - [www.tenzingoutdoors.com](http://www.tenzingoutdoors.com)  
ThermaCELL - [www.thermacell.com](http://www.thermacell.com)  
Tink's - [www.tinks.com](http://www.tinks.com)  
Toyota Motor Sales - [www.toyotanewsroom.com](http://www.toyotanewsroom.com)  
Trophy Anglers' Tackle - [www.trophyanglerstackle.com](http://www.trophyanglerstackle.com)  
TTI-Blakemore Fishing - [www.ttiblakemore.com](http://www.ttiblakemore.com)  
Umarex USA - [www.umarexUSA.com](http://www.umarexUSA.com)  
Vexilar, Inc. - [www.vexilar.com](http://www.vexilar.com)  
Visit Indy - [www.VisitIndy.com](http://www.VisitIndy.com)  
W.R. Case & Sons Cutlery - [www.wrcase.com](http://www.wrcase.com)  
WaveSpin Reels - [www.wavespinreel.com](http://www.wavespinreel.com)  
Weatherby - [www.weatherby.com](http://www.weatherby.com)  
White Flyer Targets - [www.whiteflyer.com](http://www.whiteflyer.com)  
Winchester Ammunition - [www.winchester.com](http://www.winchester.com)  
Wrangler Rugged Wear - [www.wrangleruggedwear.com](http://www.wrangleruggedwear.com)  
Xtreme Hardcore Gear - [www.extremehardcoregear.com](http://www.extremehardcoregear.com)  
Yakima Bait Co. - [www.yakimabait.com](http://www.yakimabait.com)  
Yamaha Marine Group - [www.yamahaoutboards.com](http://www.yamahaoutboards.com)  
Z-Man Fishing Products - [www.zmanfishing.com](http://www.zmanfishing.com)

HOW members are encouraged to check these websites for general info and answers to product and service questions.



# Hoosier Outdoor Writers

## Application For New Membership

(Check Desired Classification below)

- \$30 \_\_\_\_\_ Active
- \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ Associate
- \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ Supporting
- \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ Active Student
- \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ Associate Student

### Personal Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company (Supporting members only): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Professional Information:

Employer (if outdoor-related): \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Describe your work in the outdoor field: Full Time \_\_\_\_\_ Part Time \_\_\_\_\_

2. Check your field(s) of outdoor work:

_____ Newspapers	_____ Magazine	_____ Photography
_____ Books	_____ Radio	_____ Lectures
_____ Television	_____ Teaching	_____ Trade Journals
_____ Artist	_____ Public relations	_____ Government Info - Ed
_____ Other (Specify): _____		

3. Are you paid for your outdoor work? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

4. Your work is published or disseminated: Daily \_\_\_\_; Weekly \_\_\_\_; Monthly \_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_ times a year

Attach samples or other proof of your work in the outdoor field: newspaper clips, letters from station managers attesting to frequency of radio or TV broadcasts, lecture schedule or publicity clips, photo clips or artistic prints, title of latest book, masthead of trade journal showing your position, etc.

Send completed application and article copies to: **Tom Berg, 2142 Nondorf Street, Dyer, IN 46311.**

I have read the principles and membership requirements of the Hoosier Outdoor Writers and would like to enroll in the classification checked above.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

## Who We Are

The Hoosier Outdoor Writers was formed in 1969 and has brought together many diverse groups and individuals with shared interests. The Hoosier Outdoor Writers, known among its members as HOW, is a group of dedicated media professionals who are keenly interested in the wise use of natural resources in the Hoosier State.

## What We Do

These are the purposes of HOW:

1. To improve ourselves in the art, skill and effectiveness of our craft, and to increase knowledge and understanding of the whole state.
2. To help ensure the wisest and best conservation of Indiana's resources, and the most wide-spread fair use of Indiana's recreational potential.
3. To provide a vehicle for bringing together and joining in common cause all Hoosiers who by profession, hobby or interest are devoted to the outdoors.
4. Conduct an annual Awards-In-Craft Contest among its members. The award winners are announced each year at HOW's annual conference.

## What We Stand For

These are what we strive to accomplish:

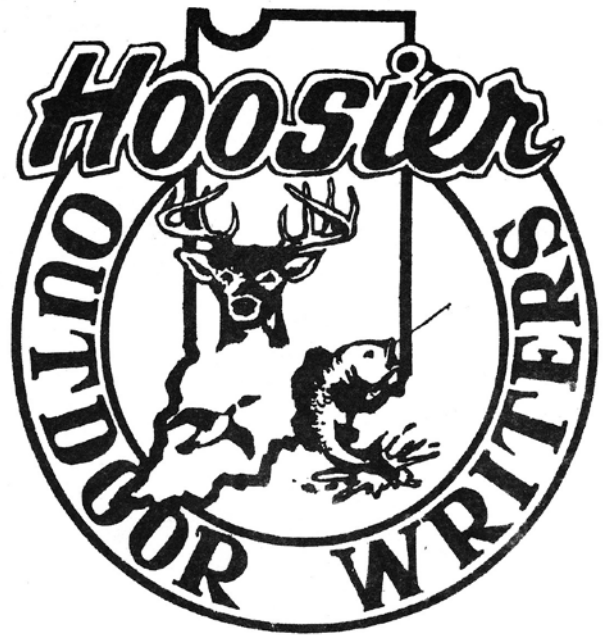
1. To give the profession of outdoor writing/reporting greater recognition and understanding, even higher standards and enlarged scope.
2. To encourage and enforce high standards of professional ethics.
3. To strive always for the truth, accuracy, clarity and completeness in the dissemination of outdoor information.
4. To help friends and fight the foes of wisely conserved Indiana resources.

## Membership Requirements

Membership is open to anyone who meets one of the following:

### 1. Active

Members are those regularly engaged in the paid dissemination of outdoor-oriented information via newspapers, radio, television, magazines, trade journals, books, photographs, art, lectures, or other fitting media. (Basic guidelines of "regularity" of dissemination are: 20 newspaper articles, photos or broadcasts a year; two national or four regional



magazines or specialty journal articles a year, or one book, 10 lectures, or 20 bona fide outdoor news releases a year.)

The legal advisor for the association shall be an active member without meeting the basic guidelines.

### 2. Associate

Members are those who have a strong direct interest in the outdoors, either professional or personal, such as conservationists of all kinds; public employees in outdoor fields; educators teaching related subjects; fishing guides and tournament anglers, sportsmen and retail-level dealers in outdoor goods, equipment or facilities.

### 3. Supporting

Members are those engaged in major commercial efforts directly related to the outdoors, such as manufacturers, distributors, service providers, manufacturers' representatives, or advertising agencies serving any of these.

### 4. Active Student

Members are those between the ages of 18 and 24 years who are bona fide college students with a major in journalism, communications, or natural resources sciences.

### 5. Associate Student

Members are those who are students who have an active interest in the outdoors in the areas of hunting, fishing, ecology, or in preserving the environment in general.

# Calendar of Events

<b>Indianapolis Fall Boat &amp; RV Show:</b> ( <a href="http://www.renfroproductions.com">www.renfroproductions.com</a> ) Indianapolis, IN	September 25-27, 2015
<b>AGLOW 2015 Annual Conference:</b> ( <a href="http://www.aglowinfo.org">www.aglowinfo.org</a> ) Minneapolis, MN	September 28-October 1, 2015
<b>SEOPA 2015 Annual Conference:</b> ( <a href="http://www.seopa.org">www.seopa.org</a> ) Eufaula, AL	October 14-17, 2015
<b>Cincinnati Travel, Sports &amp; Boat Show:</b> ( <a href="http://www.hartproductions.com">www.hartproductions.com</a> ) Cincinnati, OH	January 15-17 & 20-24, 2016
<b>SHOT Show 2016:</b> ( <a href="http://shotshow.org">http://shotshow.org</a> ) Las Vegas, NV	January 19-22, 2016
<b>Louisville Deer &amp; Turkey Expo:</b> ( <a href="http://www.deerinfo.com">www.deerinfo.com</a> ) Louisville, KY	January 29-31, 2016
<b>Indianapolis Boat, Sport &amp; Travel Show:</b> ( <a href="http://www.renfroproductions.com">www.renfroproductions.com</a> ) Indianapolis, IN	February 19-28, 2016
<b>HOW 2016 Annual Conference:</b> ( <a href="http://www.HoosierOutdoorWriters.org">www.HoosierOutdoorWriters.org</a> ) Abe Martin Lodge, Brown County State Park Nashville, IN	April 22-24, 2016
<b>AGLOW 2016 Cast &amp; Blast:</b> ( <a href="http://www.aglowinfo.org">www.aglowinfo.org</a> ) Mercer, WI	May 16-19, 2016
<b>POMA 2016 Annual Conference:</b> ( <a href="http://www.professionalooutdoormedia.org">www.professionalooutdoormedia.org</a> ) Kalispell, MT	June 15-18, 2016
<b>OWAA 2016 Annual Conference:</b> ( <a href="http://www.owaa.org">www.owaa.org</a> ) Billings, MT	July 16-18, 2016

HOW members may submit upcoming events, along with dates, locations and other details to the newsletter editor at: [director@hoosieroutdoorwriters.org](mailto:director@hoosieroutdoorwriters.org) for possible inclusion in future issues of The Blade.