

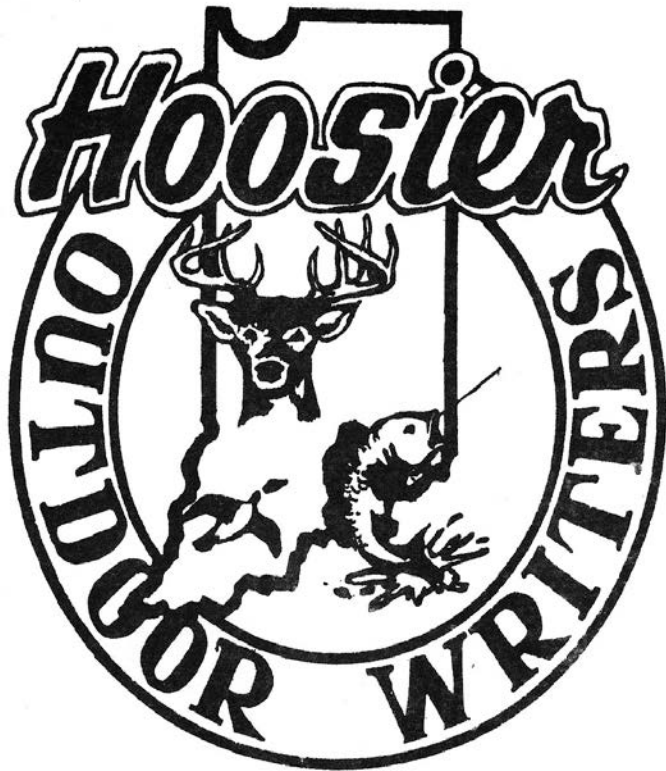
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"Black-Crowned Night Heron at the Marsh", photo by Tom Berg



# Hoosier Outdoor Writers

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.

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**On the cover:** An adult black-crowned night heron stands as still as a statue on a floating log as it watches for fish, frogs and other tasty prey. Its bright red eye and long white head plume are very distinctive, making it pretty easy to identify for anyone lucky enough to see it. Photo by Tom Berg.



# President's Message

by Kenny Bayless (The Redneck Quaker)

There are more and more people realizing how great the outdoors can be, especially after we have been social distancing these last few months. One great way to enjoy the outdoors is with a kayak.

My wife, Jerrilynn, loves the outdoors and swimming open water for fun and competition. She often swims for miles at a time. She recently prompted a group of friends to take an adventure down the Wabash River in kayaks. This was their third trip on the river and she's hoping they can one day swim it. It has taken some convincing that the river is cleaner than some of the lakes they've swam and she's almost there.

Lisa Phillips, Greg Sloan, Nicole Moyer, Katherine McLean, Audrey Harbison and Cristina Elliott jumped at the chance to spend the day on the water. Fairbanks Park in Terre Haute was the starting point. At 6:19am, all paddles were in the water with the sun just starting to peek over the horizon and making a beautiful reflection on the water. The river was in a lazy mode, the depth averaged six to seven feet and it was clear of any logjams or debris of any kind.

There were only two places that they saw anyone on shore and no one was on the water for the 24 miles and eight hours they spent kayaking. They put out at Darwin, Illinois where there was a concrete ramp as a final destination.

In one area, a hoard of mussel shells was spotted on the bank where an otter had been feeding. At the end of the day I met them with my truck and trailer. As I drove up they all threw their arms up, expressing how much they loved their outdoor experience and asked if I would be a delivery boy again. It didn't take a million dollars for these folks to act this way, just a wonderful day in the outdoors. Jerrilynn said that all day long, big sighs could be heard all around the group as everyone was able to relax and get relief from the everyday stress.

I also want to talk about one of the most dedicated conservation-minded groups you will ever see: the Wabash Valley Quail Forever Chapter. They not only hold events to generate money for conservation, they also donate seed for food plots and take their own equipment out to till the soil and plant the seed!

Paul Bridgewater is one of the past presidents and he loves to take his vintage Ford tractor to till the soil. There are six different food plots they cater to. Steve Brewer is the secretary/treasurer and he donates the use of 37 acres for a food plot. If you would like to help with food plots in any way, call Steve at 765-505-0190 or Paul at 812-251-3636. You can also call the current president of the chapter, John Bunch 812-249-7425.

They mix corn and soybeans in with the Covey Rise Mix that's purchased for \$70 per bag. You can go to a local Rural King store in Terre Haute to purchase a blend of fertilizer and lime, called 12-12-12. There are five different types of seed mix for food plots and different plant life will mature at different times of year to accommodate different species like deer, turkey and upland birds.

The best time of year to plant is May and June. Paul said the chapter's reward will be folks like you attending their banquets to support them while having a wonderful time helping raise money for conservation.

Words of wisdom: When someone says "That was close", remember: ***close only counts with horseshoes and hand grenades!***



# The Hoosier Outdoor Writers

New Members, Past Presidents and Memorial Section

## HOW Extends a Warm Welcome to our Growing Ranks of Outdoor Communicators:

Dana Neer (Active)  
Culver, IN  
Sponsor: Tom Berg

Ben Shadley (Associate)  
Noblesville, IN  
Sponsor: Tom Berg

WildIndiana Magazine (Supporting)  
Noblesville, IN  
Sponsor: Tom Berg

## 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  
Marty Jaranowski – HOW President 1996  
Jack Kerins  
Mike Lyle – HOW President 1981  
Ralph “Cork” McHargue – HOW President 1976  
Dick Mercier  
Bob Nesbit  
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Hal Shymkus  
Al Spiers  
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Butch Tackett  
John Trout, Jr.  
Joe West

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Mike Lyle	1981
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John Davis	1984
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John Rawlings	1994
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John Maxwell	2010
Brandon Butler	2011
Josh Lantz	2012
Ben Shadley	2013
Bob Sawtelle	2014
Alan Garbers	2015
Ken McBroom	2016
Don Cranfill	2017
Troy McCormick	2018
Mike Schoonveld	2019

# HOW Awards-In-Craft Winner

2nd Place in the Writing Contest (Fishing category) – Under 1000 Words

## “Looking Back, How Did We Survive Childhood?”

by John Martino

“Need some hand sanitizer,” asked my friend after spending an evening wading Wildcat Creek. We had just put our rods in the bed of my truck for the short drive home when he asked the question. “I’m ok,” I replied. That got me thinking about how times have changed from my own childhood years wading that same creek.

If you spent your most impressionable years prior to the 1980’s, have you ever stopped to think how fortunate you are to still be around? The world we currently live in never fails to raise a collective eyebrow.

When you look at how we now raise our own kids, two things come to mind. We either surmise how we survived our own childhood or we wonder just how out of control today’s world has become.

For example, back in the day every kid had a bicycle. After all, it was our primary means of transportation. But bicycle helmets or elbow pads were not even thought of, let alone worn, and I would hate to think of the ridicule heaped upon the poor soul who did.

My generation also never wore seatbelts. Car seats for tots were not invented, or at least I never remember them. Kids enjoyed travelling with their parents. It was fun looking out the window at the passing landscape and in the event a seatbelt was needed, our mom or dad’s extended arm seemed to work just fine.

Back then everything was covered with lead-based paints. It’s hard to imagine how many paint chips were actually ingested. Speaking of lead, who needed needle nose pliers when fishing? We would crimp lead split shot sinkers with our teeth.

We ate delicious sandwiches, our hands encrusted in dirt or in some cases we would rinse them in the creek, and if fishing turned slow, we swam. It’s hard to think of the amount of creek water that passed through and over our little bodies. That was also during the peak of the industrial revolution when the discharge of pollutants was not regulated or monitored to the degree they are today.

Fishing as a kid was also different. Tackle boxes holding back dozens of lures were too big to carry on our bikes. Empty plastic .22 boxes were all you needed to carry a few hooks, sinkers and a bobber or two. A small rope stringer fit perfectly in your back pocket. If you forgot something you improvised.

When we went hunting, wearing hunter orange was not a requirement. Back then true hunting clothes sported dull red and black squares called “buffalo plaid.”

When we went out to play, we were out all day. There were no cell phones. The only requirement was to be home for supper. If we messed up we got spanked. The only “time-outs” were

reserved for athletics.

We would accidently cut ourselves, sometimes requiring a few stitches. There were occasions when we would break a bone or chip teeth. When we did get hurt there were no attorneys involved and no lawsuits to contend with. We learned our lessons, got healed up then moved on to the next adventure just a little bit wiser.

We ate delicious food fried in animal fat, spread real butter on our bread and gorged ourselves on candy and pop when mom wasn’t looking. But obesity was never a problem because we played outside. We never sat in front of a video game or computer. Even if they were invented it would not have been near the fun as hanging out with your friends doing something really exciting.

We didn’t know it back then but we were creating memories we would later cherish for the rest of our lives. No computer could ever do that!

When we were young, laws were made by the majority, that’s what made our country so special. Now it seems as if the masses must conform to a vocal minority and our civil liberties become continually restricted.

The world we live in has seen considerable change, some for the better, some not. Regardless, I still have my hunting and fishing. Yes that too has seen significant change. Now I have boats and trailers to maintain, large tackle bags to organize, electronics to update and the list goes on. But one thing you won’t find in any of my tackle is hand sanitizer!

Every once in a while I still sneak away, alone, to try and fool a few fish with just a handful of lures while standing waist deep in one of my childhood streams. I still see the same sloping bank where my brothers and I built campfires as we caught goggle-eyes in the familiar creek.

Even in today’s modern world fishing does not have to be about the kind of high-tech gear you own or the high-class fish you target.

Some things will and should never change. Like enjoying a personal connection with our natural world, while at the same time strengthening our relationships with family and friends. It’s about growing.

For kids and adults the simple act of fishing is about learning life’s lessons in a realistic, wholesome kind of way. So buckle up the kids, grab some hand sanitizer and make the time to take them while they are still young. If they are at that right age and already have a safe place to fish, give them a cell phone and tell them “good-luck” and be careful. Just make sure they are home for supper.

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## **Gov. Holcomb names Dan Bortner as the New Director of the Department of Natural Resources**

Governor Eric J. Holcomb today announced that he has selected Dan Bortner to serve as the director of the Department of Natural Resources.

“Dan’s longtime experience and passionate commitment to our state’s great outdoor assets will continue to serve Hoosiers well,” Gov. Holcomb said. “I’m confident his leadership and customer centric focus will take our treasured state parks and recreation areas to the next level so Hoosiers can visit and make incredible memories for generations long to come.”

Bortner has served as DNR’s director of Indiana State Parks since 2005 and is currently the third longest serving state parks director in the nation. As director of the state parks, Bortner took the division from preparing to close facilities to consistently operating in the black with 98 percent of guests saying they would recommend our parks to others. Infrastructure updated under Bortner’s leadership has led to improved campgrounds that are typically full each weekend, and our state park inns have the highest occupancy rate of any state park inn system in the country.

Bortner increased public lands across the state park system, including the Trine State Recreation Area in Steuben County and the state’s only underwater nature preserve in Lake Michigan. Additionally, he oversaw the purchase of the Fort Harrison State Park Inn in Indianapolis.

Bortner earned a degree in public affairs from Indiana University. He serves as the president of the National Association of State Park Directors.

The Department of Natural Resources’ state parks, reservoirs and nature preserves host tens of millions of guests each year. The agency is also charged with regulatory responsibility for wildlife, and our land and water resources.

Former Director Cam Clark retired in July. Bortner will begin his new position on Monday, August 3.



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## Chain O'Lakes unveils new 9 Lake Challenge

Chain O'Lakes State Park has created the sixth challenge at Indiana State Parks and the first that is water-based.

The park's 9 Lake Challenge tests paddlers by having them cross the park's nine connected kettle lakes, a feat that covers a total of 5 miles. Those who complete the challenge will get a free sticker that says "I paddled the chain!" and can purchase a challenge T-shirt at the park office.

The 9 Lake Challenge consists of paddling from Sucker Lake to Miller Lake, either all at one time or in sections. Paddle trail maps can be picked up at the park's boat rental or headquarters. The challenge usually takes two to three hours to complete. Paddlers must take nine photos, one at each lake, and show them to park staff to prove they completed the challenge.

The nine photos are:

- Sucker Lake: Photo with Paddle Trail Mile 0 sign
- Long Lake: Photo of Wagon Wheel at ramp
- Dock Lake: Photo of park headquarters on the hill
- Bowen Lake: Selfie on the lake
- Sand Lake: Photo of the beach or evidence of beavers
- Weber Lake: Channel selfie going into Weber Lake
- Mud Lake: Photo of Canoe Camp bridge
- Rivir Lake: Landscape photo
- Miller Lake: Completion photo



Chain's challenge joins challenges at five other state parks:

3 Dune Challenge at Indiana Dunes, 4 Falls Challenge at Clifty Falls, 5 Mile Challenge at Turkey Run, 6 Ravine Challenge at Shades and Hell's Point Challenge, which covers 8 miles, at Pokagon.

For more information about each of these challenges see [dnr.IN.gov/healthy](https://dnr.IN.gov/healthy).

Chain O'Lakes State Park ([on.IN.gov/chainolakespp](https://on.IN.gov/chainolakespp)) is at 2355 E. 75 South, Albion, 46701.

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## Interesting Bird Sightings in the Great Outdoors



We have been asking 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. All photos on these pages were submitted by those reporting.

We hope this page will not only interest bird enthusiasts, but all HOW members who enjoy spending time in the great outdoors (i.e. everybody). You may just learn something new, too!

### Report from Tom Berg:

HOW Executive Director Tom Berg is always looking for new and interesting birds to photograph, but his subjects are not always exotic specimens. Recently he was cutting the grass at his parent's house and he saw an interesting sight at one of their bird feeders when he stopped for a cool drink. There was a small yellow bird at one of those clear tube-style feeders, and it immediately caught his eye.

"The bird feeder was filled with thistle seeds," he said, "and the bird was a **Goldfinch** (*Spinus tristis*). One of the favorite foods of goldfinches is thistle seeds, so I wasn't surprised to see the bright yellow bird snacking on them. The surprising part was how he was doing it. The feeder was almost empty, and the only way the small bird could get at the remaining seeds was to hang upside-down from one of the perches. It looked so amazing (and comical, at least to me) that I had to snap a couple photos. That goldfinch reminded me of a trapeze artist as he very nonchalantly hung upside-down. He certainly had a good grip on the perch with those little feet, and he really made it look easy!"



**Did you take a cool bird photo while exploring afield recently?  
Did you see the bird at home? While traveling? In a local park?**

HOW members are encouraged to send their interesting bird photos to newsletter editor and bird enthusiast Tom Berg ([thomas.berg@comcast.net](mailto:thomas.berg@comcast.net)) for use in future editions of the "Interesting Bird Sightings" page. Don't worry, it does not need to be a rare bird. Your fellow HOW members would love to see your bird pictures.



# Snipe or Woodcock? The Stripes Tell the Story

by Mike Schoonveld



HOW Executive Director Tom Berg recently took an afternoon drive through Kankakee Sands with his wife and camera. As an amateur birder, he was on the lookout for whatever sort of winged friends he could spot, point out to his wife and photograph with his camera.

In a post-excursion conversation, he told me he'd seen (and photographed) an American woodcock. However, later, he sent me an email with the photo of the bird attached and was asking my expert opinion about the true identity of the bird he'd spotted. "I'm not sure if it's really a woodcock or perhaps a Wilson's snipe," Berg wrote.

Since both birds sport a brown-on-brown-on-tan camouflage feathering and each has a pronounced and elongated beak for probing into soft soil for worms or other food, I could understand his confusion. I looked at the photo and offered my expertise. Here's what I wrote to him:

*I was once an avid hunter of both Wilson's snipe and American woodcock. Because of this, most of the snipe and woodcock I've seen over the years have been during the open hunting season with shotgun in hand. When hunting it's important to be able to differentiate between the two since they have different open seasons and daily bag limits.*

*Based on my experience, I'm happy to examine the photo, render a conclusion and put to rest your confusion.*

*First, let me say woodcock are much easier targets than snipe. Though they are not speedy fliers, woodcock are tricky, since they are usually found in woodlands (thus their name) and flitter through the trees requiring them to dodge or dart as they fly to avoid hitting tree trunks and branches. Even if a hunter shoots and misses, woodcock seldom fly far so the hunter can often flush them a second time and expend more shotshells in the quest to harvest a bird or two for a woodcock dinner.*

*Snipe are birds found in open lands with nothing between hunter and quarry but air. This might seem as though they would thus present an easier target to a competent gunner. If this seems right to you, consider this: Upon taking flight, snipe seem to flap one wing perhaps six times then the alternate wing about eight times and seldom do they fly with both wings flapping at the same time or speed. The result is rapid and abrupt zigs and zags almost certain to fool the aim of the most seasoned scattergunner.*

*Additionally, once a snipe takes flight and the two or three shotshells in the gun have been exhausted, snipe will continue flying until they become nearly invisible specks departing into the autumn sky.*

*Once you've harvested a few of either or both and have prepared them pan-seared with butter and garlic, a rich fruity sauce will highlight the flavor of either bird. Some say the woodcock has a stronger flavor. I say they are quite similar in flavor.*

*So, if you can remember the flight pattern exhibited when the bird you photographed took flight, that should be a solid clue as to whether your subject was a snipe or woodcock.*

*Other than that, the easiest way to determine the difference is to look at stripes on their head. The woodcock's head stripes run across the top of their head – ear to ear, so to speak – and a snipe's head-stripes run lengthwise. Ergo, you have now added the sighting of a Wilson's snipe to your collection.*



**Top:** A Wilson's snipe at Kankakee Sands (photo by Tom Berg). **Above:** An American woodcock (photo provided).

## Check Out the New Column for *The Blade*: Ask the Experts!

Greetings again, fellow HOW members! Long-time HOW member (and past president) Jack Spaulding created a new segment for the last newsletter called “Ask the Experts!” On this page, HOW members can ask a question about any outdoors topic. Hopefully, one of the experts within HOW will have the answer. Our members are a wealth of knowledge of all things outdoors, and if we added-up all the years of outdoor wisdom contained in our group, the number would certainly be over 1000 years-worth of knowledge! That’s pretty impressive.

So, do you want to know how to build a nest box to attract screech owls? Or maybe you are looking for the best way to store juicy nightcrawlers for your next fishing trip which is still a month away. Are you curious about how to draw monarch butterflies to your garden for viewing and photography? What about the finer points of cooking and eating groundhogs? The list of possible topics is almost endless.

We didn’t have any experts step up to the plate to answer the “Ask the Experts” question from the last issue, so we will try again with this issue. Jack Spaulding has once again submitted a question for our experts to contemplate, and the question this time is about concealed carry permits:

Dear concealed carry firearms experts (i.e. Brent Wheat, Mike Schoonveld, Alan Garbers, Bill Keaton, and others):

I have a lifetime Indiana concealed carry license. What states honor my CCL and allow me to conceal carry within their boundaries? What states honor my license but only allow open carry? Where can this information be found? What states allow me to have my loaded handgun in my car?

The response could give a lot of writers the legal basics (or guidelines) they need to write on this subject.

Signed... Stumped in the sticks! LOL.

Jack Spaulding

So all of you firearms experts out there with concealed carry permits: Can you answer these questions about reciprocal agreements between Indiana and other states for concealed carry? If so, pass along the info to HOW Newsletter Editor Tom Berg at [thomas.berg@comcast.net](mailto:thomas.berg@comcast.net). We will print the answer in the next issue.

In the meantime, please think of other questions you would like to “Ask the Experts”. If we get a good response we will choose one question and print it in the next issue as well.





## Test Drive a Ram Truck

by Mike Schoonveld

Ram Trucks has been a corporate member of the Hoosier Outdoor Writers for many years. This isn't only because the corporation has an appreciation for the work of outdoor communicators. It's also because they want to sell Ram trucks to outdoor-oriented truck buyers. They know there's no better way than to introduce their products to us content producers so we can pass on personal experiences with their products to our readers, viewers or listeners.



From the communicator's point of view it's fun, easy and lucrative. What's better than a hunting, fishing, camping or other trip with a goal of producing the "story?" To me, it's heading out on the excursion driving a brand new vehicle to make it either a part of the story, or a story in and of itself.

I've done this many times with big trucks, small trucks, SUVs both sporty and luxury as well as cross-over vehicles. I've sold the stories to hunting, fishing and trapping magazines as well as featured them in my newspaper columns.

How easy is it? Easy! Just get in touch with Kelley Enright, our contact for Ram Trucks via email at [Kelly.Enright@fcagroup.com](mailto:Kelly.Enright@fcagroup.com). FCA Group stands for Fiat Chrysler Automobile Group which includes Jeep, Dodge, Ram and other brands. Let her know what you would like to test drive, what sort of story and media outlet it's intended for, and the dates you need the vehicle. Chances are, a day or so before your adventure starts the vehicle will be delivered to your home, shiny, polished and with a full tank of gas. A week and up to 500 miles later, someone will come pick it up, no matter if there's dirt on the tires or deer blood in the truck bed.

You don't have to be a "gear-head" to write a vehicle review unless you are doing a piece for Road and Track magazine. You are writing about your use of the vehicle, your experience and why it worked for the special situations outdoor people need, whether that's towing power for boats, cargo space for campers or off road capability to get back to where that big buck went down.



Last spring I had a week's worth of fun-work in a Jeep Gladiator pick-up. The trip I planned for it was covid-cancelled, but my wife and I put it to the test on more local "social distanced" excursions. In the end, I got my story.

Recently, I borrowed a truck for a review scheduled to appear in a future issue of Great Lakes Angler magazine. I titled the review, "plush power." We pulled my boat to Ludington, Michigan for a week with a bright red Ram 2500 Laramie 4X4. With a towing capacity of over 19,000 pounds I had to keep my eye on the speedometer. Other than peeking in the rear

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view mirrors, I wouldn't have remembered there was a boat being towed along behind me at all. Riding in it was reminiscent of driving one of the luxury car "road-boats" I remember from long ago – but taller.



The Laramie model comes with an impressive array of features including leather upholstery and steering wheel, a huge display screen for exterior cameras and navigation, and an extra large center console to store useful items and to serve as a cushioned armrest while driving. The optional equipment package on the test vehicle added even more innovative features.

So consider doing a review on a Ram truck. It's your job to inform our readers, viewers and listeners about all aspects of the outdoors – and getting there is an important aspect.

It's Kelley's job to get you to include Ram Trucks or other vehicles in your stories. The more you do your job, the more you help Kelley do hers, and the more important it is for Ram Trucks to continue supporting the Hoosier Outdoor Writers.

It's win-win-win for all of us.

**Above:** The interior of the Ram Laramie is loaded with high-tech features. **Right:** Schoonveld tested the Jeep Gladiator earlier this year and it had plenty of towing power. All photos here by/courtesy of Mike Schoonveld.



**Left:** Mike Schoonveld is shown with another Ram truck that he reviewed a few years ago. It was a Ram 2500 Super Duty that he used on his fall trapline while trapping coyotes. With a little thought and advanced planning, other HOW members should be able to do their own review.

# RV Camping is Great Fun with Added Convenience

by Brandon Butler

My greatest purchase of all time was a 1972 Scotty Sportsman 16-foot travel trailer. My cousin and I picked it up out of a farmer's yard for \$500 bucks. We were in college at the time and this sweet piece of Americana became our hunting camp. We called her Delilah Jones.

I don't remember life without a camper. In fact, a story my parents tell that I have no recollection of, is how when I was just three years old a neighbor kid and I hid in my parent's small camper. While the adults frantically looked for us, we kept quiet causing the sort of emotional stir I can now only imagine as a parent myself.

As long as I can remember, we were campers and we always had an RV. Increasing in size and comfort with time. The Indiana State Parks System was the extent of our travel. Potato Creek, Raccoon Lake, Tippecanoe, Pokagon, the Dunes and Turkey Run were our top choices. It was in these parks where my love and dedication for wildlife and wild places was forged.

Having comfortable beds and private toilet didn't keep me from developing a desire to explore and seek solitude deep in wilderness areas. I have taken solo trips in the Rockies and spent many nights in tents far from civilization. But I still love camping in recreational vehicles (RV) in parks where others have gathered to celebrate being outdoors, even if they still have internet and satellite television.

People tell me regularly that they wish they spent more time outside, but don't have the skills necessary to participate. To which I always reply, you're overthinking this. You don't have to be Daniel Boone to go to the woods. You can bring your food in a refrigerator. You just need a RV. If you can hook a truck to a trailer and back the trailer into a spot, you can go camping with air conditioning.

When we would arrive at the parks, Dad would have to stop at the gatehouse to check in. That's when my brother and I, and friends if they were with us, would drag our bikes out of the camper and take off. We'd wave bye to Mom and find the campsite later. Sometimes hours later. It was an incredible sense of freedom for us boys to be off on what felt like a grand adventure, even if it was really a tightly controlled environment of less than a couple of thousand acres.

Thor Industries is the parent company of many leading RV brands, including Airstream, Dutchmen, Jayco, Keystone and Starcraft. They are a major player in the recreational vehicle market. The company recently released "The 2020 THOR North American RV Consumer Survey Report." It includes responses from owners of all types of RVs, as well as prospective owners, across Canada and the United States.

A couple of interesting takeaways from the report are that 94 percent of consumers surveyed still plan to vacation in 2020 and 50 percent of those with vacation plans indicate that a vacation will occur in October. This potentially extends the traditional camping season.

"Our research supports that consumers understand that the RV lifestyle is a great way to social distance, create unforgettable family experiences, and get away and recharge. We believe the best way to get outside for some enjoyment and adventure in a safe way is in an RV. The data shows that consumers agree," said Thor President and CEO Bob Martin.

Spending time outdoors doesn't have to be a wilderness survival trip. You can take all the comforts of home with you in an RV. They range in size from small pop-ups that could be towed by a car, to much larger with bedrooms and bathtubs. You can buy new or take advantage of a fairly robust used market. Even with the luxuries of an RV, you're still exposed to nature.





# Fishing the East Branch of the Little Calumet River

by Bryan McFadden

Lately, I have been experiencing many things of new in my life, some voluntary and some not. It makes me wonder about change and how people react to it, deal with it and embrace it. For me, I have embraced it mostly, but think it is about each individual person's traits, situation, and fortitude. Trying something new can be challenging, difficult and disruptive for us but this is where the rubber meets the road in the journey of life.

Technology in general has been my nemesis in the last 25 years. The outdoorsmen that I grew up with were rugged, wrinkled and worn. They did not use things like iphones, GPS, and blogging; nor have I until recently. Sometimes you just must accept the way it is and join the majority or fade like a sunset. Therefore, in the spirit of accepting change, I aim to try something new in the outdoors that I have never done. Fish a new species, walk a new trail, try a new cooking technique, or visit a new wilderness area; the new is where adventure gets interesting and it fits my personality anyway!



The first new experience this year was fishing the east branch of the Little Calumet River in Northwest Indiana. River fishing is fairly new to me but river fishing for salmon in a flowing body of water only fifteen to twenty feet wide was brand new. The east branch of the Little Calumet River flows to Lake Michigan and the salmon will come into the tributaries in spring towards the warmer water. In the fall, they come to spawn. The pools are noticeable when the water is down, and the river flows aggressively when the rain has come. Most of any luck I had was at the lower water levels, trapping some fish in pools. There were several properties open to the public for fishing. The Heron Rookery (Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore) and Shirley Heinze Land Trust (Keith Richard Walner property) were the properties I chose to fish.

Since this style of fishing was new to me, I had to put in some research. I printed some maps and researched the species online. Visiting the local outdoor store was a must. I bought some spinners from 1/32oz to 1/8oz and a variety of colors, white and pink worked best. In Indiana, you need a fishing license and a salmon stamp to fish for trout and salmon. With my tackle ready and my boots eager to get muddy, I grabbed my Shimano reel with 8lb line mounted to a medium Ugly Stick and off I went.

The scenery and habitat at these locations are top notch. I ran into many birders, fishermen and hikers. The river is cut into the land deep with wetland surrounding the outside banks. The Shirley Heinze property has a boat launch for canoes or kayaks, on which I caught many small fish. Deer and even a coyote traveled the same paths running along the river that I fished quietly. The smell of the fresh springtime woods and the sound of the flowing water was very peaceful and welcome after being cooped up since deer hunting season.

The fishing was fruitful for the little steelhead but no luck on any lunkers. The Shirley Heinze property had a railroad overpass bridge near a warm water discharge outlet for the water treatment plant and deep holes on either side of the bridge. I was able to wade to the middle of the river at the bridge and view a couple large rainbow trout (steelhead) within five feet of me but they had no interest in my lures. The water was lower at this time and they would chase each other from pool to pool, skimming over the shallows upstream sometimes with their backs exposed. This up close and personal interaction made me enjoy it greatly. I look forward to trying again in the fall. Imagining catching a lunker like that in a small pool is what will keep me coming back.





## Reviews on Great Outdoor Books

Everyone likes to read new books, whether it is strictly for pleasure or to learn something new. HOW members are no exception! Some of our favorites are outdoor guide books and identification books. But we also love outdoor adventure and recreation books, and books that simply entertain. The book below from Sporting Classics is filled with tales of skill, adventure, danger, exploration, and often great risk of life and limb. It is very entertaining and is one that you should add to your library and introduce to your readers as well:

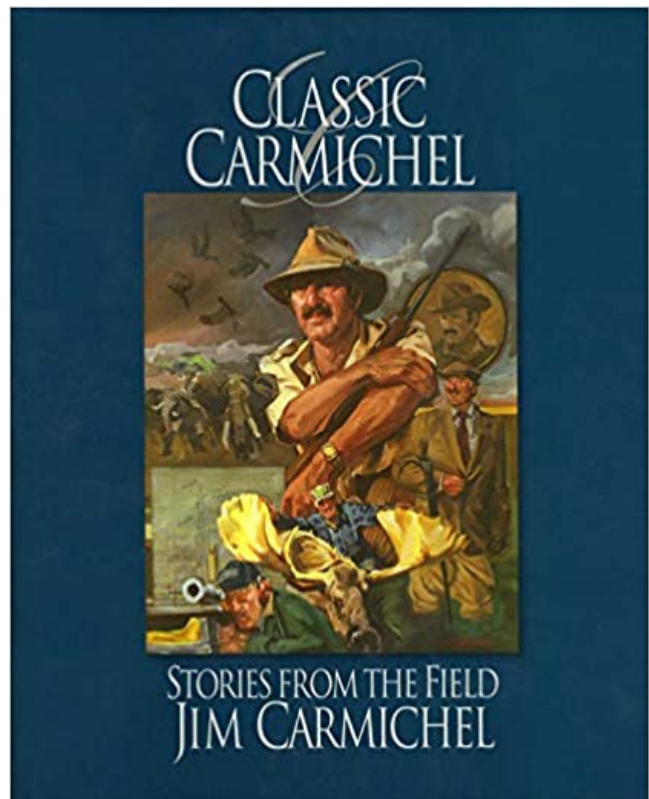
***Classic Carmichel – Stories from the Field***, by Jim Carmichel.

Book review by Tom Berg:

Sporting Classics has been publishing some of the best outdoor adventure books on the market for many years, and one that deserves recognition is the beautiful hardcover, ***Classic Carmichel – Stories from the Field***, by Jim Carmichel. For those who don't know him, Jim Carmichel was the shooting editor of ***Outdoor Life*** magazine for 38 years. During that time, he traveled and hunted extensively in exotic locations all around the world, creating a lifetime of memories and sharing them with his readers.

Are you interested in perilous tales from Africa, the dark continent? Stories about encounters with Cape buffalo, lions, leopards, elephants, crocodiles and other dangerous creatures? This book relates some of those hair-raising adventures. There are also fascinating stories about hunting in other far off places, like Russia, Peru, New Zealand and Persia (Iran). Of course, there are plenty of accounts of hunts that took place right here in the USA, and in other locations across North America, too.

Carmichel's accounts of his different adventures are indeed so exciting and riveting that they make you feel like you are right there with him. However, the actual hunts and harvesting of animals provides only part of the story. Just as interesting (sometimes even more interesting), are the tales of dealing with foreign guides, trackers, agents and other acquaintances. For example, dealing with people inside communist Russia while hunting Russian stags back in the day was almost a story in itself!



As stated on the Sporting Classics website, “Carmichel’s exploits and prowess had no equal during what is arguably the Golden Age of international hunting and shooting. These are not just stories by a well-traveled adventurer—they are pure literature, written with a style and eloquence that deserve inclusion in any collection of great outdoor books and writers.”

That is a fact. I recommend this book to anyone who loves hunting, shooting and high adventure. The book is available in the Sporting Classics store on their website ([www.sportingclassicsstore.com](http://www.sportingclassicsstore.com)). ISBN-13: 978-1935342120.

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## THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US



Robert “Bud” Dennemann – Age 79  
Friend of HOW and champion for the Hoosier sportsman

Robert “Bud” Dennemann, age 79, of New Palestine, passed away July 2, 2020. He was born April 21, 1941 to the late James Edward Dennemann and Helen Ramsey Dennemann. Bud was a graduate of Manual High School, Class of 1959. He married his lovely wife, Linda Baker, on May 1, 1965. Bud proudly served his country in the United States Army.

Bud is survived by his wife, Linda; daughters, Leigh A. Smith (Craig) and Michelle Willard (Justin); and grandchildren, Jake and Maddie Smith and Andrew and Morgan Willard. Bud was preceded in death by his sister, Patricia “Pat” Godwin; brother, Edward M. “Sonny” Dennemann; and brother-in-law, Enos Godwin.

Bud worked in sales and management for Sears Roebuck Company for over 30 years, retiring in 1995. Bud also worked part-time at the Orvis Store in Carmel for the last 15 years. He was a 30+ year member of the National Wild Turkey Federation; the Indianapolis Flycaster Association; the NRA; and TIP (Turn In a Poacher). Bud also performed hunter safety training for the State of Indiana.

Visitation was Monday, July 6, 2020 from 4:00pm – 8:00pm at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 East Washington Street, Indianapolis. A funeral service was held at the chapel on July 7.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Bud’s honor to the Heart Association or the National Wild Turkey Federation (Columbus, IN chapter).



### **Memories of Bud Dennemann**

by Indiana Conservation Officer Scott McDaniel

I didn’t get to know Bud until after I became an Indiana Conservation Officer. He very graciously donated his time over the last 25 years, helping me teach Hunter Education classes at Fort Harrison State Park and other venues. Bud taught the turkey hunting safety portion of our classroom discussion. He would always grin at me and keep talking as I would wave at him from the back of the room to wrap up his hour-long segment at 5 minute intervals (an hour and a half later).

My favorite memory out of all of our 70+ classes over the years was the time Bud brought Frank Wyant. Frank began heckling Bud from the back of the room and the two of them had the kids and adults in stitches with laughter. The banter couldn’t have been better had they rehearsed it.

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Bud was an avid fly fisherman, both fresh and saltwater, and he was also a waterfowl hunter. However, Bud's true passion was turkey hunting. He was hunting turkeys in West Virginia and Missouri well before Indiana ever had a season. Bud was an avid member and supporter of the Indiana National Wild Turkey Federation and worked many fundraising banquets. He also lobbied the legislature to benefit both the resource and Hoosier sportsmen for over 30 years.

In addition, Bud volunteered at the Indiana State Fair Wild Game feed and at the Go FishIN pond at the DNR building for many years.

Due to the pandemic and the risk to his health, Bud couldn't turkey hunt this spring. I saw him for the last time on Mother's Day morning. I stopped by his home in the late morning to share with him the turkey my son Trevor had harvested. Bud relived the hunt with me and admired the bird – slowly running his fingers through its feathers. As I was leaving, he shook my hand with a smile and a tear in his eye and thanked me for bringing the turkey by and sharing Trev's hunt.

I didn't know it at the time, but that would be the last turkey he held, and the last time I would talk to him. I am sitting here now with a smile and a tear in my eye. I should've thanked him and taken a picture with him. Thank you Linda, Leigh and Shelley for sharing your husband and father with so many people. I enjoyed his help in teaching hunter education, but most of all, I treasured his friendship.

## **More Memories of Bud Dennemann**

by HOW Past President John Maxwell

From my more than three-decades-worth of experience in DNR, and from hunting and fishing with folks, or teaching folks about the outdoors and natural resources, I can think of no other private citizen who has helped more with wild turkey restoration efforts in Indiana than Bud Dennemann.

I picture Bud in my mind during his tireless hours of carting around trapped-and-relocated wild turkeys, teaching Hoosiers how to fly cast in the fly shop, attending NRC meetings, teaching kids to fish with cane poles at our state fair Fishin' Pond, cooking wild turkey ka-bobs and creek-bank potatoes at the fair's Wild Game Cookout, teaching at the CO's Karl Kelly Camp, or at Hunter Education programs, and much more. He always had a smile.

I remember well with pride illustrating a cover of the Indiana Hunting and Trapping Guide with a photo of Bud and his grandson turkey hunting during the late 1990s.

Robert "Bud" Dennemann was the guy many of us depended on to build community support for the Hoosier version of the North American model of wildlife restoration.

Bud always showed up, and he will certainly be missed.



# HOW Member News

## Troy McCormick Endures Chilly Montana Lake Dunking

HOW Past President Troy McCormick made a trip out west earlier this summer to film some footage for his Bootprints.TV show. As everyone knows, even the best-laid plans sometimes go wrong. Here is what he had to say about one segment of his trip:

“Fortunately, I can laugh at myself,” said McCormick. “I can laugh because I know everyone else will laugh when they read my Montana lake dunking story.”

“When I arrived in Montana in early July, we were told that the eastern half of Glacier National Park had been closed again due to the Covid-19 pandemic. So we would not be able to fish for trophy northern pike as planned. Unfortunately we had no Plan B, but we did find a relative of my cameraman that lived an hour away, and he said he could take us fishing. The only catch was he had to locate a boat for us!”



“Well, he found a boat to take to the mountain lake he usually fished, but it was the smallest boat that I had ever seen. It fit in the back of the truck’s bed, with the tailgate closed! It was 8’ long and about 3’ wide. At least it floated, I thought.”

“After catching my first fish of the day, which was difficult for my cameraman to film because we were so close to each other on the boat, I released it with a smile. Then the unexpected happened. As I bent over to wash the fish slime off my hands, the little seat, in this little boat, popped out of its little plastic rails – and over the side I went! A perfect somersault into the lake!”

“I can only be thankful that we weren’t there a month earlier because the glacier-fed, cold water lake that I was hurled into would have been a whole lot colder! Unable to climb back in without flipping my cameraman in as well, I hung on to the side as he used the trolling motor to get us over to a submerged log near the cattail-covered shallows. Once there, I was able to carefully climb back aboard.”



“Thank goodness it was a warm, sunny day and I was able to mostly dry off, because the fish really started biting by late afternoon. What a memorable trip it turned out to be! The episode of Bootprints.TV that we filmed that day will air in the 4th quarter of this year, on The Hunt Channel (<http://huntchannel.tv>).

**Left:** Troy McCormick clings to the side of the boat after re-surfacing from his impromptu dunking! Photos courtesy of Troy McCormick.



## Alan Garbers Loves Those Southwestern Horned Toads

HOW Past President Alan Garbers is really enjoying the Arizona out-of-doors since his recent move back there. Seeing rattlesnakes, different species of cacti, lizards, scorpions (not so much) and other desert life really makes him happy. One of his favorites is horned toads. Here's what he had to say about the subject:

"I've got to admit it," he said. "I like horny toads. The proper name is horned toad, of course, and they range all over the west. Before our move to Indiana, I used to find them with regularity and it was always a thrill. While they are said to have the ability to squirt blood from their eyes as a defensive mechanism, I have never had that experience. Every horny toad I have found seems to accept my company."

"Now, before you ask me about getting warts, let me say that the horned toad is actually a

lizard – not a toad. They seem to be happiest when they are patrolling the desert floor, eating ants. In many places, the horned toad has become pretty rare. Scientists say it's due to human encroachment, and the cats and dogs (predators) the humans bring with them."

"Also, as fire ants push their way north and west, they shove out other less aggressive species of ants. If you have ever dealt with fire ants, you know how aggressive and lethal they can be to other small critters. Luckily, fire ants don't seem to like the winters we have here in north-central Arizona, so I hope to see horny toads here forever."

"While the Hopi, Navaho, and Zuni tribes out here all have starring roles for the horned toad in their ancient stories, the locals also have a few tales that can bring a smile to your face. One is that horny toads bring good luck. Another is that they bring rain, which here in Arizona is better than luck."



"Anyone that has seen my collection of Zuni and Navajo artwork knows how much I like horny toads. My display cases highlight Zuni horned toad fetishes, and a few years ago I gave myself a present of a horned toad bolo tie made of silver and turquoise by a Navajo artist."

"Of course, Dianna and I have been jumping back into our old habits and hobbies so hunting rattlesnakes is now a weekly occurrence for us. While our last trip was a bust for snakes, we did find the most beautiful horny toad we have ever seen. Dianna was wanting to bring it home for our cacti garden, which has lots of ants. But we also have a roadrunner that frequents our wildlife watering station, and after filling its belly with H<sub>2</sub>O, it searches through the rock landscaping that serves as a cacti garden for lizards to eat. If I saw the roadrunner with our horny toad in its beak... well, let's just say it wouldn't be a pretty sight for anyone involved."

"In the end, the horny toad stayed right where we found him. Seeing a horny toad, so big and so beautiful, was like a big welcome home for us."



## Minnesota's Lake Vermillion Beckons To Bramwell Family and Friends

HOW Past President Rick Bramwell enjoys fishing new locations, and this year he headed north to discover one of the lakes in *The Land of 10,000 Lakes*.

"Lake Vermilion, Minnesota was my early June destination this year," stated Bramwell. "I was fishing with my son Greg and longtime friends Tom Morgan and Tim Parnell. According to Wikipedia, the Ojibwa originally called Lake Vermilion Nee-Man-Nee, which means *the evening sun tinting the water a reddish color*. French fur traders translated this to the Latin word Vermillion, which is a red pigment."

"This 40,000-acre lake is a great fishing destination for walleye, smallmouth bass, northern pike, perch, muskie, bluegill and crappie. We came for the smallmouth. This lake has some really nice smallmouth, too. In a recent Cabela's North American Bass Circuit tournament, a bag of five smallies weighing 20.11 pounds was brought to the scales."

"Tim and I began our first afternoon fishing an island shoreline. Smallmouths were in the shallows gorging themselves on crayfish. We quickly learned this because the fish would often regurgitate their recently acquired meal into our dip net. The crayfish here are orange and brown. I found the perfect lure in a tube bait made by my old friend Gary Hardwick. I dipped the tail of his brown tube in orange/garlic and the bass loved it."



**Above:** Greg Bramwell lifts a pair of beautiful smallmouth bass. **Below Left:** Rick Bramwell displays one of his own smallmouths. Photos courtesy of Rick Bramwell.



"We were staying at the Timbuktu Lodge. Tom has been coming to this lake for more than 25 years and considers this resort with cabins and a marina to be in the best section of the lake. He was our tour guide and kept me from getting lost."

"Greg and Tom fished another area and did quite well on white tandem spinnerbaits made by Hardwick. They attached a twin-tail grub as a trailer. "

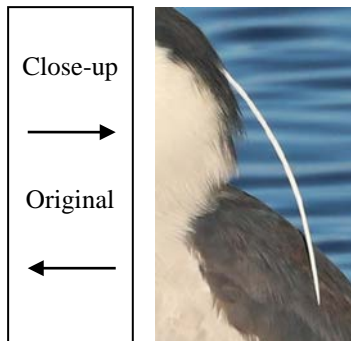
"The water is very clear, making it much easier to catch bass shallow with cloud cover and wind. I like to face the boat into the wind so I can move at my desired speed. It also gives me great control of the boat. The bass we caught were running from two to four pounds with a few small males thrown in. We also caught some of the largest rock bass I've ever seen."

"Matt Clines, the owner of Timbuktu, is an all-around fisherman who hails from Indianapolis. He is also a veteran bass tournament angler. Clines began coming to this northern Minnesota lake with his father. He liked the area so much that he bought this resort and moved here. His advice was to try Whopper Plopper lures early and on cloudy days. Conditions were right and the hits were explosive on these topwater baits."



## Unusual Nature Photos from the Hoosier Outdoors Sponsored by Dardevle by Eppinger

### The Black-Crowned Night Heron is a Nocturnal Feeder



The “What is it?” photo from the last issue was a little harder than usual, because it was only correctly identified by 7 HOW members. Mike Schoonveld, Phil Seng, Troy McCormick, Don Cranfill, Bill Keaton, Mike Lunsford and John Maxwell all identified it. When we drew a name at random for the NSSF Yeti tumbler and cash award, Bill Keaton was the winner.

Congrats, Bill! We’ll mail the prize to you.

As you can see in the photo to the left, the mystery creature for this issue was a black-crowned night heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*). These interesting birds spend most of their time in and around marshes, swamps, lakes, ponds and quiet waterways. They feed on a variety of aquatic creatures, but fish, crayfish, frogs and small turtles make up a large part of their diet. As their name implies, they do most of their feeding at night.

Adult black-crowned night herons are light gray in color, with a black back and black cap on their head. Their bright red eye is very distinctive, and their long white head plume is hard to forget. During nesting season, black-crowned night herons gather in groups and nest in colonies. These nesting colonies often include other

similar birds like great egrets, great blue herons and even the much smaller green herons.

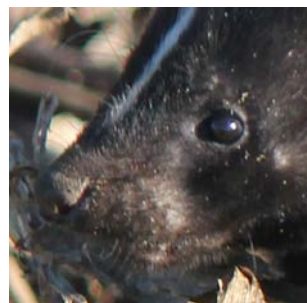


For this issue, our friends at **Dardevle by Eppinger** have donated a very nice prize for the HOW member who guesses the right answer to this issue’s “What Is It?” question. This time the prize will be three different Dardevle lure kits, a Dardevle T-shirt and two Dardevle hats. See below for more info on the prize and this issue’s nature question.

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

Tom Berg has posed another Nature Photo mystery. The photo shown at right is part of a close-up of a creature that lives right here in Indiana. It is found throughout the state, and you might even see it in your back yard. Does it look familiar?

This creature may be easy for some people to identify and harder for others, but we’ll see. Do you know of any Hoosier creatures that look like this? As usual, you will have to identify the exact species. If you think it’s a species of moth, for example, go ahead and guess “imperial moth” (of course, it’s not a moth). If you think you know the answer, send an email to [thomas.berg@comcast.net](mailto:thomas.berg@comcast.net). If you’re right, you will be entered in this issue’s prize drawing!



As mentioned, **Dardevle by Eppinger** ([www.dardevle.com](http://www.dardevle.com)) has donated some great Dardevle fishing lures for the HOW member who guesses the right answer to this issue’s “What Is It?” nature question. The winner gets a classic Dardevle Pike Kit, a Weedless Rex Spoon Kit and a trophy Bass Kit, along with a Dardevle T-shirt, wool stocking cap and baseball hat. If multiple people guess correctly, we’ll draw a winner at random from the correct entries. 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.

### LaCrosse Expands Navigator Series for Fall 2020 with New Lodestar



**Portland, OR:** *Built for Navigating the Backcountry!* Meet the newest addition to LaCrosse's Navigator Series for Fall 2020, the Lodestar. Packed with premium components including a GORE-TEX® 100% waterproof breathable liner and exclusive Vibram® outsole with omni-directional lugs, the Lodestar aims to elevate your hunting experience. Serious stability and comfort are provided through a new lightweight, full length shank system, dispersing weight evenly underfoot and offering torsional rigidity to the boot for support on untamed terrain. A DuraFit rubber heel cup and HexGuard rubber toe ensure durability no matter the conditions you find yourself in. Feature rich and ready to hunt, the Lodestar is an ideal boot for navigating the backcountry.

- Nubuck leather with lightweight abrasion-resistant material upper for rugged durability
- GORE-TEX 100% waterproof breathable lining for protection from the elements
- DuraFit rubber heel cup locks heel in place for a secure fit and provides stability
- Exclusive Vibram® Lodestar outsole with omni-directional lugs provides superior traction in all conditions
- Oversized X-shank evenly distributes weight underfoot and offers stability for day-long comfort
- Lightweight EVA midsole delivers cushioning and shock absorption underfoot
- Molded PU footbed offers cushion and long-lasting shape
- Metal eyelet and open-hook lace hardware
- HexGuard rubber coated toe provides extreme abrasion resistance and added durability



Outsole: Vibram® Lodestar – Omni-directional lugs give this outsole superior traction in any condition.

Height: 7", Weight: 2.9 LBS

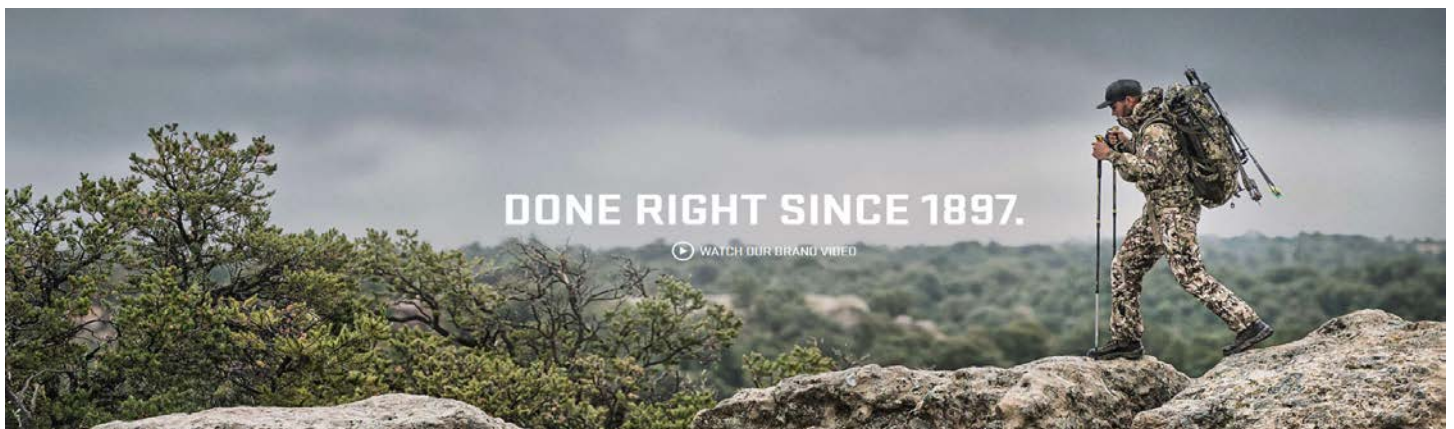
Waterproof: GORE-TEX®

Insulation: Non-insulated

Sizing: 8-12, 13, 14M; 9-12, 13W

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## HOW Supporting Member News

### Jackall Lures Introduces New Baits for 2020 at ICAST

Jackall Lures introduced several new fishing lures at this year's virtual ICAST media event, and all were well-received. Here are just a couple of those hot new lures. For more information on all of the new products, please visit: [www.jackall-lures.com](http://www.jackall-lures.com).

#### GARGLE Buzz/Spinner Bait

With bass-attracting sound from its blade and flexible wire construction design, the new Jackall Gargle is neither a true buzzbait nor spinnerbait, but an innovative new lure style that creates a definitive disturbance and bubble trail to create fish-catching topwater commotion.

Offered in six fish-attracting colors — Black Back Chartreuse, Chartreuse Back Pearl, Chartreuse Tail Gill, Hasu Silver, Killer White and Midnight Black, the Gargle weighs in at 3/8-ounces. Its flexible wire arm enhances casting distance to cover plenty of water and also contributes to increased hookup ratios. The free-swinging blade is modeled after a plover-style tail.



#### TN50 Lipless Crankbait

Expanding its TN lipless crankbait line-up, the new Jackall Lures TN/50 is sized for both bass anglers and the growing trend in using lipless cranks for ice fishing. Its 'Tungsten Mouth System' on the outside lip enables the TN/50 to swim level at the slowest retrieves when fishing pressure calls for a more finesse approach, and also stands straight up on the bottom. The body design combined with the tungsten mouth provide for long casts and the ability to cover more water quickly and efficiently.

The 2-inch TN/50 weighs in at 3/8-ounces, is offered in the same eight colors as the larger TN/60 and TN/70 lipless cranks – Purple Chartreuse, RT Holo Bluegill, RT Scale Minnow, RT Escape Craw, HL Black & Gold, SG Threadfin, Spawn Tiger and Black Chartreuse, along with TN/50-only colors including Pink Tiger, Static Shock, Sprinkle Wagasaki and Money.

The specific colors are primarily attractive for the ice-fishing market, where Shimano product managers collaborated with Jackall designers to offer them within its growing line-up of Shimano and G. Loomis ice rods and Shimano ice combos.

These lures will be available at tackle shops in late August '20. For more information, check-in with your local shop or visit [www.jackall-lures.com](http://www.jackall-lures.com).

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### HOW Supporting Members Win Awards at 2020 ICAST Show

**Online “Virtual Trade Show”:** The 2020 ICAST show (International Convention of Allied Sportfishing Trades) was held this year from July 14-17, but this year the event was completely online. The Covid-19 pandemic made the normal in-person event impossible, but the first-ever virtual show was still a great success. New products from many of the premier companies in the fishing tackle industry were shown in a great online forum. For ICAST 2020 Online, 434 new products were entered by more than 180 companies into 30 “Best of Show” categories in the New Product Showcase.

Just like last year, many of the top new product awards were won by our innovative **HOW Supporting Members**. Here is the list of *Best of Show* category winners from our corporate members:

#### ***Freshwater Rod***

**St. Croix**

Legend Xtreme Spinning Rod

Contact: [Josh Lantz](#)

#### ***Saltwater Rod***

**St. Croix**

Mojo Inshore Rod

Contact: [Josh Lantz](#)

#### ***Freshwater Reel***

**Shimano American Corporation**

Vanford 2500 Spinning Reel

Contact: [John Mazurkiewicz](#)

#### ***Saltwater Hard Lure***

**Shimano American Corporation**

SP-Orca 150 Flash Boost

Contact: [John Mazurkiewicz](#)

#### ***Eyewear***

**Costa Del Mar**

Ferg

Contact: [Marisa Weich](#)



**Best New Eyewear:**  
Costa Ferg Sunglasses



**Best New Freshwater Rod:**  
St. Croix Legend Xtreme Rod



**Best Freshwater Reel:**  
Shimano Vanford Reel

**Congratulations to all of the winners!**

For more info on ICAST, check their website: [www.icastfishing.org](http://www.icastfishing.org).

# HOW's Supporting Member Websites

Aquateko International - [www.aquateko.com](http://www.aquateko.com)  
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Brella Rainwear - [www.brellabrella.com](http://www.brellabrella.com)  
Buck Knives - [www.buckknives.com](http://www.buckknives.com)  
Bucket Grip - [www.bucketgrip.com](http://www.bucketgrip.com)  
Celox Medical - [www.stopbleedingkits.org](http://www.stopbleedingkits.org)  
Church Tackle Company - [www.churchtackle.com](http://www.churchtackle.com)  
Cocoons Eyewear - [www.cocoonseyewear.com](http://www.cocoonseyewear.com)  
Costa Sunglasses - [www.costadelmar.com](http://www.costadelmar.com)  
Daisy Outdoor Products - [www.daisy.com](http://www.daisy.com)  
Danner Boots - [www.danner.com](http://www.danner.com)  
Dardevle by Eppinger - [www.dardevle.com](http://www.dardevle.com)  
DJ Illinois River Valley Calls - [www.djcalls.com](http://www.djcalls.com)  
Ducks Unlimited - [www.ducks.org](http://www.ducks.org)  
Egret Baits - [www.egretbaits.com](http://www.egretbaits.com)  
Environ-Metal, Inc. - [www.hevishot.com](http://www.hevishot.com)  
Falcon Guides - [www.falcon.com](http://www.falcon.com)  
Finn Tackle Company - [www.finnspoons.com](http://www.finnspoons.com)  
Fish Monkey Gloves - [www.fishmonkeygloves.com](http://www.fishmonkeygloves.com)  
Flying Fisherman - [www.flyingfisherman.com](http://www.flyingfisherman.com)  
G.Loomis - [www.gloomis.com](http://www.gloomis.com)  
Glacier Glove - [www.glacierglove.com](http://www.glacierglove.com)  
Grizzly Fishing - [www.grizzlyfishing.com](http://www.grizzlyfishing.com)  
Gun Protect - [www.mygunprotect.com](http://www.mygunprotect.com)  
Hawke Sport Optics - [www.hawkeoptics.com](http://www.hawkeoptics.com)  
Henry Repeating Arms Co. - [www.henryUSA.com](http://www.henryUSA.com)  
HHA Sports - [www.HHASports.com](http://www.HHASports.com)  
Hoosier Trapper Supply -  
[www.hoosiertrappersupply.com](http://www.hoosiertrappersupply.com)  
Howard Leight Shooting Sports -  
[www.howardleight.com](http://www.howardleight.com)  
HT Enterprises - [www.htent.com](http://www.htent.com)  
Indiana Office of Tourism Development -  
[www.visitindiana.com](http://www.visitindiana.com)  
Jackall Lures - [www.jackall-lures.com](http://www.jackall-lures.com)  
LaCrosse Footwear - [www.lacrossefootwear.com](http://www.lacrossefootwear.com)  
Lawrence County Tourism -  
[www.limestonecountry.com](http://www.limestonecountry.com)  
LensPen - [www.lenspen.com](http://www.lenspen.com)  
Lodge Manufacturing - [www.lodgemfg.com](http://www.lodgemfg.com)

Mathews Archery - [www.mathewsinc.com](http://www.mathewsinc.com)  
Mossy Oak - [www.mossyoak.com](http://www.mossyoak.com)  
National Shooting Sports Foundation - [www.nssf.org](http://www.nssf.org)  
National Wild Turkey Federation - [www.nwtf.org](http://www.nwtf.org)  
Norsemen Outdoors - [www.norsemenoutdoors.com](http://www.norsemenoutdoors.com)  
Nosler, Inc. - [www.nosler.com](http://www.nosler.com)  
Nothead Tackle - [www.notheadtackle.com](http://www.notheadtackle.com)  
O.F. Mossberg & Sons, Inc. - [www.mossberg.com](http://www.mossberg.com)  
Off Shore Tackle - [www.offshoretackle.com](http://www.offshoretackle.com)  
Otis Technology - [www.otistec.com](http://www.otistec.com)  
Outdoor Sportsman Group - [www.outdoorsg.com](http://www.outdoorsg.com)  
PowerPro Lines - [www.powerpro.com](http://www.powerpro.com)  
Princeton University Press - [www.press.princeton.edu](http://www.press.princeton.edu)  
Pro-Cure Bait Scents - [www.pro-cure.com](http://www.pro-cure.com)  
Quaker Boy Game Calls -  
[www.quakerboygamecalls.com](http://www.quakerboygamecalls.com)  
RAM Trucks - [www.ramtrucks.com](http://www.ramtrucks.com)  
Reef Runner Lures - [www.reefrunner.com](http://www.reefrunner.com)  
Renfro Productions - [www.renfroproductions.com](http://www.renfroproductions.com)  
RIO Products - [www.rioproducts.com](http://www.rioproducts.com)  
Roeslein Alternative Energy - [www.roeslein.com](http://www.roeslein.com)  
Seaguar Fishing Lines - [www.seaguar.com](http://www.seaguar.com)  
Shimano American Corp. - [www.shimano.com](http://www.shimano.com)  
Sierra Bullets - [www.sierrabullets.com](http://www.sierrabullets.com)  
Snag Proof Lures - [www.snagproof.com](http://www.snagproof.com)  
South Shore CVA - [www.southshorecva.com](http://www.southshorecva.com)  
Sporting Classics - [www.sportingclassics.com](http://www.sportingclassics.com)  
St. Croix Rods - [www.stcroixrods.com](http://www.stcroixrods.com)  
Sturm, Ruger & Co. - [www.ruger.com](http://www.ruger.com)  
Swab-Its - [www.swab-its.com](http://www.swab-its.com)  
Sweet Owen CVB - [www.sweetowencvb.org](http://www.sweetowencvb.org)  
Tales End Tackle - [www.talesendtackle.com](http://www.talesendtackle.com)  
Target Communications Outdoor Books -  
[www.targetcommbooks.com](http://www.targetcommbooks.com)  
Toyota Motor Sales - [www.toyotanewsroom.com](http://www.toyotanewsroom.com)  
Traditions Media - [www.traditionsmedia.com](http://www.traditionsmedia.com)  
TTI-Blakemore Fishing - [www.ttiblakemore.com](http://www.ttiblakemore.com)  
Van Vuuren African Safaris - [www.vvasafaris.com](http://www.vvasafaris.com)  
Vexilar, Inc. - [www.vexilar.com](http://www.vexilar.com)  
Whitetails Unlimited - [www.whitetailsunlimited.com](http://www.whitetailsunlimited.com)  
Widener's Reloading & Shooting Supply -  
[www.wideners.com](http://www.wideners.com)  
WildIndiana Magazine - [www.WildIndiana.com](http://www.WildIndiana.com)  
Winchester Ammunition - [www.winchester.com](http://www.winchester.com)  
W.R. Case - [www.wrcase.com](http://www.wrcase.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	_____ Radio	_____ Artist
_____ Books	_____ Photography	_____ Lectures	
_____ Television	_____ Teaching	_____ Trade Journals	
_____ Blog/Online Work	_____ 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, internet/online, 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; 20 online



articles, blogs, vlogs or podcasts 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; nature lovers; sportsmen; outdoorsmen; public employees in outdoor fields; educators teaching related subjects; fishing guides and tournament anglers, 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 fishing, hunting, boating, hiking, nature, ecology, or in preserving the environment in general.

# Calendar of Events

**ICAST 2020 Show:**

([www.ICASTfishing.org](http://www.ICASTfishing.org))

Online “Virtual Trade Show”

July 14-17, 2020

**Indianapolis Fall Boat & RV Show:**

([www.renfroproductions.com](http://www.renfroproductions.com))

Indianapolis, IN

September 25-27, 2020

**Fur Takers Chapter 7-B Fall Rendezvous:**

([www.hoosiertrappersupply.com](http://www.hoosiertrappersupply.com))

Held at Hoosier Trapper Supply

Greenwood, IN

September 26, 2020

**SEOPA 2020 Annual Conference:**

([www.seopa.org](http://www.seopa.org))

Resort at Glade Springs, WV

October 7-10, 2020

**SHOT Show 2021:**

(<http://shotshow.org>)

Las Vegas, NV

January 19-22, 2021

**POMA 2021 Annual Conference:**

([www.professionalooutdoormedia.org](http://www.professionalooutdoormedia.org))

Franklin, TN

February 1-3, 2021

**HOW 2021 Annual Conference:**

([www.HoosierOutdoorWriters.org](http://www.HoosierOutdoorWriters.org))

Turkey Run Inn, Turkey Run State Park

Parke County, IN

April 9-11, 2021

**NOTE:**

Because of Covid-19, all events are tentative. Please check with the websites and/or organizations listed as the dates get closer to make sure each event is still taking place.

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*.