

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ September 9th ~  
Chapter Mtg - Scott  
Birmingham
- ◆ September 26th ~  
"Operation Welcome  
Home" Outing
- ◆ October 14th ~ Chap-  
ter Mtg. - Adam  
Oberfoell
- ◆ October 24th ~ Fall  
**CHALLENGE** on the  
**CHAIN** Tourney
- ◆ November 11th ~  
Chapter Mtg. - Pool  
Demo

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# News Cast



SEPTEMBER 2009

## From The Front Deck



Welcome back everyone!! I hope you had a great summer and that you were able to "unplug" and take some time to vacation with your family!! Hopefully the weather was cooperative and the fishing was great! How about the wild weather we had this summer? Not much heat & lots of rain. The Midwest got pounded with severe weather, drenching downpours, high winds and lots of lightning! While the weather was bad, the good news is that the lake levels are up throughout the region and water temps for the summer were much cooler than normal. With the kids now back to school, boating pressure on our local lakes is significantly reduced. I couldn't think of a better time than right now to get out & chase some muskies! Our 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Bartlett Kids Fishing Derby was HUGE success with nearly 300 children from ages 2-16 attending this event! Our Youth Director Mike Zaborowski did a fantastic job getting a tremendous assortment of great prizes for everyone!! Thanks to all the FRV members who helped make this event possible!! Our monthly club meeting will be Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at Poplar Creek Country Club. Our September speaker will be the Scott Birmingham! Scott is a great musky fisherman & rod builder who will share his knowledge on musky fishing tactics and lures & how to work and modify them. His presentation will focus on fall live bait fishing and tactics on what to do when you are using live bait. This will be a can't miss seminar! Come early for the all you can eat buffet which opens at 6:00 PM prior to the meeting. Cost is \$12.00/adults and \$6.00/kids under 12. Check the FRV website ([www.frvmuskie.com](http://www.frvmuskie.com)) for more information. Our Fall "Challenge on the Chain" is right around the corner and will be held on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> and will be headquartered once again at the Thirsty Turtle on the south end of Channel Lake. Our M.C. is Chauncey Niziol from "Chauncey's Great Outdoors" on ESPN Radio Chicago! Cost to enter this one day event is \$200.00 per 2 man team and we are nearly 50% filled, so hurry up & get your entry fee in!! Our final club outing to Webster Lake in Indiana is scheduled for November 20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>. See our outings director "Jimmy Z" Ziebka for details or e-mail Jimmy at [muskie1211@aol.com](mailto:muskie1211@aol.com). We are actively taking applications for 2010 board positions. Applications & interviews will take place in October and nominations will be held in November. All new directors will be voted in at the December club meeting. If you are interested in joining the board, let me know at [rg3232@aol.com](mailto:rg3232@aol.com) and I'll get you an application ASAP. Finally, I am excited to welcome home the troops from the 333rd Military Police Company from their tour of duty in Afghanistan. Many of these brave soldiers are from our local area. We will be holding a one day musky outing honoring them on September 26th on the Fox Chain from 6AM till noon. FRV club members will be teamed up with a soldier(s) for a day of musky fishing. Following the fishing, we will all meet at the Thirsty Turtle for some eats & drinks. The Thirsty Turtle is waiving all boat launching costs for us in honor of these great vets + they are picking up their lunch costs at days end!! If you are interested in donating your boat & time to fish with these true heroes, please contact John Deutinger ASAP and get your name on the "guide list". This will be a honor NOT to be missed!!

Until next month....grab a tiger by the tail!

*Rich Gallagher*

**GENERAL MEETINGS**

**7:00 PM** Poplar Creek Country Club, 1400 Poplar Creek Drive, Hoffman Estates... near Barrington & Higgins (847) 884-0219.

**BOARD MEETINGS**

7:00 PM. Cabelas, on Monday following the General meeting. All members are welcome to attend.

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**SEPTEMBER MEETING**

Wednesday night, September ~ **Scott Birmingham** will be our featured guest on September 9th. Scott is a very successful musky fisherman, rod builder, has a vast knowledge tactics and lures, how to work and modify them. His presentation will be on fall live bait fishing and tactics on what to do when you are using live bait. With Scott's knowledge and enthusiasm he has for this sport, this will be a can't miss seminar!

**PCCC MENU:**

Salad Bar & Assorted Salad Condiments  
Grilled Chicken Strips  
Roasted Red Potatoes  
Dinner Rolls and Butter  
Chocolate Cake for desert

Cost is \$12.00 per adult includes soft drink. Children under 12 are \$6.00/each. If you plan on joining us for dinner, please RSVP on the September Meeting post on the website... or email Rich Gallagher at RG3232@aol.com by next Wednesday night before the meeting.

**WE NEED YOU AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING!** If the usual stuff doesn't get you there, show up for a good cause. John Deutinger will be on vacation for the September meeting...but he'd **really** appreciate EVERYONE there signing the "**Welcome Home**" FRV banner that he made up celebrating his son Johnny's safe return from Afghanistan.

He'll be presenting the banner to his son at the September 26 outing (*see details on the following page*).

***What's on tap for October?***

Adam Oberfoell talks Madison Chain muskies at our Wednesday, **October 14th** monthly FRV Chapter meeting at PCCC!

Owner and operator of the ***Get the Net, LLC Guide Service***, Adam is a licensed fishing guide, tournament angler, outdoor writer and public speaker.

If you want to know more about Adam, please visit his website at **[www.getthenetmuskyguide.com](http://www.getthenetmuskyguide.com)**.

**SEE YOU IN OCTOBER!**



THE FOX RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER OF MUSKIES INC. IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE  
\*\*OPERATION "WELCOME HOME"\*\*\*

TO WELCOME HOME THE 333<sup>rd</sup> MILITARY POLICE COMPANY

Our club membership would like to take some of our soldiers out for a day of Musky Fishing on the Fox Chain of Lakes in Northern Illinois.

There will be no cost to our soldiers as our membership will be donating their time & boats to this event. Lunch will be provided after the day of fishing.

**WHAT:** A day of muskie fishing on the Fox Chain of Lakes

**WHERE:** Thirsty Turtle Marina  
42273 N Woodbine Ave  
Antioch, IL 60002-7312  
(847) 395-4704

**WHEN:** SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>.

**TIME:** 6:00 am thru NOON. Lunch will be provided after the day of fishing.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Dress for the weather. If you have your own muskie gear feel free to bring it. Otherwise, your guide for the day will have gear for you to use.

**FISHING LICENSE:** Be sure to bring your military ID with you. If not, you will need a valid Illinois fishing license.

If you plan on participating, please respond to [frv39@comcast.net](mailto:frv39@comcast.net) with your name & rank. (This is for our newsletter and to ensure we have enough guides available)

**QUESTIONS?** Please e-mail me at [frv39@comcast.net](mailto:frv39@comcast.net) or feel free to visit our website at [www.frvmuskies.com](http://www.frvmuskies.com).

Thank you for your service... and Welcome Home!

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## BUSY SUMMER FOR THE FRV YOUTH PROGRAM!

So did all of you have a good summer? I'm sure most of you spent at least a little time traveling around the Midwest... or even ventured up across the border into Canada if you were lucky. Maybe you were fishing, maybe you were just enjoying time with your family. Seems like summer is the time where most of our club members kind of go their separate ways for a while. But then summer winds down and the kids go back to school. And now most of us are starting to think of fall fishing opportunities, club meetings, and even the outdoor shows don't seem so far off now.

But this summer we were actually VERY busy as a club. Many of you seasoned FRV members are familiar with our annual **Bartlett Kids Fishing Derby**. And on queue, on August 8th, HUNDREDS of kids enjoyed doing battle with the masses of hungry fish in Beaver Pond in Bartlett. Many FRV members and volunteers helped set up, register fish as they were being caught, and helped hand out the *huge* collection of prizes accumulated by our club. Event organizer Mike Zaborowski had his hands full, but somehow... it all went as planned. Another great event for the books.

But there was still much more to be done! August was a busy month for us! FRV Chapter-39 completed two *major* fishing events with the McGraw Wildlife Foundation in Dundee Illinois. First, on August 10th, we had a youth muskie hunt where 12 kids caught 8 tiger muskies. The winners were Eddie Foulk (age 12) who caught a 37-inch tiger, and Trevor Bushnick (age 12) who landed a 36-inch hybrid.



Pictured at **left** is Eddie Foulk with his first place 37 inch tiger muskie. Club VP Dan Koniewicz is assisting with the hold.

Pictured at **right** is young Trevor Bushnick. Trevor's second place beauty measured at 36 inches.

Thanks to the McGraw Wildlife Foundation and specifically the Director of Education Michelle Groves, a key part of this event was to give kids a real chance at catching a muskie for the first time ever. During our McGraw youth muskie hunt in August, 8 muskies were caught... in one day!

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As hoped, the youth muskie hunt at McGraw did indeed provide at least one young angler with an opportunity to catch a “first fish.” Pictured at **right**, is Jessica Flack. This beautiful tiger muskie was her first muskie, and her dad Hugh was there to witness it all. From the photo, it’s hard to tell who was more happy about it. Congratulations Jessie! Now Hugh’s daughter probably understands why her dad is out pounding the water on the Chain all the time!



The second major youth event was another joint venture between FRV and McGraw Wildlife Foundation. This was a special needs kids fishing day/outing where the kid associated with FRV members paired up with the families of special needs children to assist them in fishing. Fortunately, it was another one of those days where the fishing was fast & furious; almost every kid caught fish. Without a doubt... this was one of our best outings. It was a great day for everyone there. Here are some pictures (below) of young muskie hunters Beau & Zachary fishing with their dads. The way it should be...



The McGraw Wildlife lake complex is one of the most impressive conservation & fisheries resources in the North Central United States and the people of this organization have been extremely supportive of Muskies Inc. and all our youth programs. For more information about this unique organization, please visit: ([www.mcgrawwildlife.org](http://www.mcgrawwildlife.org)).

Pictured at **right** are a few of the FRV Youth Outing “chaperones”. Standing from left to right, Rich Gallagher, Todd Berg, and Dave Van Doorn.





WHAT WE'RE CATCHING



**Above** - Steve Crook holding a healthy 47", 30 lb fish from Georgian Bay, Ontario.  
**Below** - Todd Minor with an equally healthy Green Bay fish!



It's not all about the muskies! **Above** - Here's Jimmy Ziebka with a 26 1/4 walleye from Fish Creek, WI.  
**Below** - John and Ryan Lamont show how it's done with a 19" largemouth caught locally.



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## OFFICIAL and UNOFFICIAL CLUB OUTINGS &amp; EVENTS

- ◆ LOTW - Grassy Narrows Sep. 12-19
- ◆ N. Webster, IN (Last Fling) Nov. 20 - 22

As always... for more details about FRV Outings, please visit our website and check out the "2009 *FRV Outings & Events*" forum.

The North Webster FRV sponsored outing will also follow the big fish plaque/traveling trophy format. Contact Jimmy Ziebka (Outings Director) if you have more specific questions.

**HOW'S THE REST OF THE YEAR LOOKING?**

FRV's very own Kevin Bushnick will be presenting at "Scouts Day" at Cabela's on September 12.

Here's all the things he will be talking about:

The 30 minute, 15-point Safety Class agenda including discussion points on Fishing Guides, Life Preservers & PFD's, Boat Lights, Fire Extinguishers & Emergency Flare Kits, Anchor's, Emergency Throw-lines & Ropes, Radios, First-Aid Kits & Other Key Emergency Equipment to have on your boat, and removing imbedded hooks (ouch)...

So stop by and see what he has to say... and be prepared to walk out of Cabelas lighter in the wallet!

**~ FRV and McGraw Wildlife Collaborate Again! ~**

**Saturday, October 3rd.** We're conducting a FRV Muskies/McGraw Wildlife "All Girls" day of conservation education & fishing. The event will run from 8:30am to 5:00pm. It will include a fisheries tour, pond research, fishing, a campfire lunch and more...

Watch the website for details.

***FALL CHALLENGE on the CHAIN TOURNAMENT***

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24..... THIRSTY TURTLE in Antioch..... \$200 per boat/team

Still openings. Almost half full. (full field of 100 teams). TONS of raffle prizes, items. Pay-outs to top 10 teams. Dinner and beverages included in the evening.  
What else are you waiting for?? JUST DO IT!!!

**DECEMBER 9th is FRV FAMILY NIGHT!**

Kevin Bushnick is putting together another unmatched multi-media, major picture and video presentation for our Club! He'll be featuring the music of Van Halen!

All adults are \$5. Kids 16 and under are free.

More details to follow in the next month...

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Coming Attractions...

- ◆ Sep. 9 ~ Speaker Scott Birmingham
- ◆ Oct. 14th ~ Speaker Adam Oberfoell
- ◆ Oct. 24 ~ Fall Challenge on the Chain Tournament



Interested in sponsorship for a tournament or advertising in a newsletter? Please contact board members Tony Hardin, Rich Gallagher, John Deutinger, or Mark Lamont for more information!

