

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

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- ◆ Nov 11th - YCA Youth Conserve Family Night
- ◆ Dec 14th - Chapter Meeting - "Home Brew" - Food Drive, & Lure Swap. Todd Berg on Delevan & Geneva
- ◆ Jan 12th - Chapter Meeting - featuring Pete Maina!!
- ◆ Feb 25th - FRV Fundraiser & Banquet



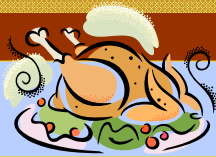
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# FRV News Cast



**NOVEMBER**



## From The Front Deck



Is it my imagination, or does it seem like the older we get; the more we start sounding like our parents? Lot's of the old clichés come to mind as I get older. "What comes around-goes around" or "the more things change, the more they stay the same". How about "Be careful what you wish for...." or "kids these days....none of 'em wanna work for anything....they want everything handed to them on a silver platter. Does any of this sound familiar? Sounds exactly like what we all heard growing up, except now these words are coming from our mouths. Scary stuff when you realize you've turned into your parents! What I'm getting at here, is that for all of us; the clock is ticking....ticking faster than ever. Time has taken on a mind of it's own and now travels at warp speeds. As a kid, summers lasted FOREVER and going back to school seemed like a million miles away when it was early June. Now it seems as though the summer

goes by in the blink of an eye. One minute it's Memorial Day, the next we're celebrating Labor Day. One day bleeds into the next and the seasons roll by like a slide show on high speed. Why is it the older we get the faster time marches on? Gone are the days of "whatcha gonna do today", replaced by deadlines, e-mails, conference calls, meetings and more meetings. Paychecks have taken priority over play-time! I guess that's what happens when we "mature". Seems like one helluva price to pay; maturity Vs. immaturity. Given a choice, I'll take the latter thank you very much! In a desperate attempt to "slow my roll" I'm making a concerted effort to "stop & smell the roses". I'm taking a "throwback" position to a time when my life seemed much slower paced, easier & simpler. It seems that I wasn't concerned so much with material things back then, as I am today. Maybe it's because I couldn't afford them back then! Raising a family in today's environment, it's impossible NOT to be pre-occupied with those material things; as someone always wants or needs something! Today's technology also comes with a price....24/7 access to everything; work, family, social media, you name it, it's right there on your phone; and I'm finding it more & more bothersome each day. Remember when you had to pull over to a pay phone just to get your voice messages? Now I'm dating myself!! I'm finding more joy in the simple pleasures, like sitting in a boat on a quiet lake, not focusing so much on my catching but rather on the moment itself. No phones, no texts or e-mails, just the solitude of the lake and the quiet company of my boat partner enjoying "being in the moment".. Actually I'm trying to incorporate "being in the moment" into the rest of my daily routines going forward. For years, I've watched my kids grow up right in front of me. It seems like "I saw the movie but missed the message". Was I so busy working and being a good provider, that I missed the really good stuff? Did I miss those "moments" because I was too busy looking ahead? Looking back at some of those important moments in my life, they seem fuzzy and unclear. I can't remember all of the details, or the true "meat" of the moment. I ask myself, was I really plugged in or was I just there physically? A few weeks ago fellow FRV member and friend Joe Tierno passed away suddenly. I remember my son getting the news in the form of a text message from Joe's daughter Julie. This could not be possible I said! Joe was here one moment, and gone the next. His untimely departure left a significant impact on the people he left behind. Even those of us who knew him casually were shocked by the news that something like this could happen without warning, without notice. To those who knew him well, they will undoubtedly say that Joe did "live in the moment". He cherished every moment with his family & friends. The digital pictures that scrolled on the TV screen at his wake were a testament of Joe's passion for the outdoors and his zest for life. His devotion to his family and his undying love for his friends and co-workers was evident in every photo. If I could take something positive away from this terrible tragedy, it was the fact that Joe did live in the moment. He was engaged in everything he did 100%. I believe we could all use a little more of that; being "engaged in the moment". We must savor the smaller insignificant morsels in life that make up the "whole picture". We all need to get off this crazy merry go round and relish the important things. We all need to spend less time working and more time playing! We need to figure out what matters most to us. We are all guilty of not spending enough quality time with our kids, our families and our friends. Too much other "stuff" always gets in the way. It's all a matter of making it a priority as Joe Tierno did. As they say, only the good die young.....RIP Joe, your memory and legacy will live on. You'll not be forgotten.

*Rich Gallagher*

**GENERAL MEETINGS**

7:00 PM **SCHAUMBURG GOLF CLUB/CHANDLER'S CHOPHOUSE**  
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**BOARD MEETINGS**

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

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Come early for Dinner before our November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Dinner starts at 6PM. Buy (1) Dinner and receive a chance for a \$25 gift certificate - good for Regular Dinner for Yourself & a companion. (2) Certificates good for any day of the week will be given away. To see Chandlers menu, go to: [www.chandlerschophouse.com](http://www.chandlerschophouse.com).



**NOV 2011 MEETING -  
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**Wednesday, Nov 9th - 7:00 pm.**

*Pro Guide Spence Berman will be sharing his guiding tips derived from all of his home waters. He offers a fresh new perspective in Musky Hunting. Check out the Short Musky Video on his website & get an idea of his tremendous dedication & passion to our sport (Musky - Must See)*

**Quip from Tony Grant on Spence Berman:**

"Over the past few years the musky world has been introduced to a number of new faces. However, very few have the complete devotion needed to be a successful guide for the elusive fish we chase. Years ago I met a very knowledgeable and excited red haired kid working with Musky Innovations that stood out among the new crop of muskie guides."

**Quip from Brad Rue -****President of Musky Innovations Tackle:**

"Spencer is an up and coming young gun in the musky fishing industry. He is one of those guides who always seems to get the job done even when the fishing is tough."

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**The December 14th Chapter Meeting will be FRV Muskie's "Home Brew" Night: Food Drive, Annual Lure Swap, & FRV's own "Preacher" Todd Berg, who will cover Lakes Geneva & Delevan.**



- Bring your Christmas Food Pantry Donations to the December Chapter Meeting.
- Bring your wallet & any Musky Angling Merchandise for our Annual FRV Lure Swap.
- Stay for FRV's own "Preacher" Todd Berg, who will offer his sermon on Lakes Geneva & Delevan.

## 16th Annual Fall Challenge on the Chain Tournament - October 22nd, 2011 is in the Books...

### Recap:

A beautiful fall day, with some very uncooperative fish.  
Total of (3) fish caught, but a few boats moved fish...

1st Place - Russ Schaller/Chris Schaller - 34.5 inch on Fox Lake & 34.5 inch fish on Lake Petite.  
Big fish of the tournament  
Russ's strategy was to find Green Weeds in shallow water.  
Fish were caught on a Drop Belly Glider, & a Twitch Bait.

2nd Place Dan Rogman/Rick Miscinski - 31.0 inch fish on Lake Marie  
Fish was caught by trolling a Depth Raider

3rd thru 10th places were assigned by both a drawing of boat Numbers - & being judged by M.C. Chauncey Niziol for Best Fish Story.



Spring & Fall Combined Tournament Winners:

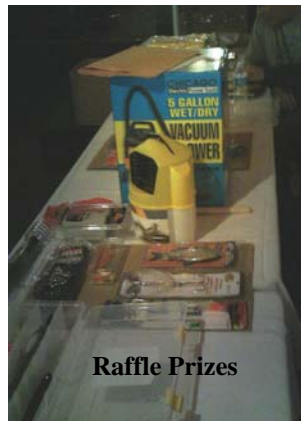
Nick Cammarata/Scott Urquhart - 34.25 & 45.5 inch fish. Big fish of combined tournaments

1st Place - Fall

2nd Place - Fall



1st Place - Spring & Fall Combined



Raffle Prizes



Fish Stories - for some, an Art

Dan & Ken's Prize Winning Fish Story, (This happened on the Day of Tournament): Folding Lawn Chairs are aggressive & will hit like a ton of bricks when trolling... Lawn Chairs are also known to really bend a musky rod, as they battle like a 50+ incher.... Available in paperback, soon...

## FRV Muskies 30th Anniversary Decals

"30th Anniversary Decals"

\$3.50 each or (3) for \$10

Only 80 remain!!!

Please see Jim "Jimmy Z" Ziebka at the raffle table at meetings.



## FRV "CAN'T MISS" DATES FOR 2012

### - Chapter Meeting - Thursday Jan 12:

The night before the Chicago Muskie Show at Harper College, FRV present *Pete Maina* as our Club Speaker!! Pete requires no introduction in the musky fishing circles, & he will certainly draw a big crowd the night before the show. If your interested, ticket will go on sale in advance for \$10. Limited seating will be available so check the FRV Website for more details...



### - 2012 FRV Banquet & Fundraiser - Sat. Feb 25th:

It is Saturday in the end of February... What else could you possibly have going that would trump this?? Open your schedule, your planner, your calendar, & whatever hand-held device you use to keep your dates straight... & write this one in for Saturday, Feb 25th... We are telling you three months in advance - so there shouldn't be any excuses!



Over \$20,000 in Auction & Raffle Prizes

This is *the* primary fundraiser for Chapter 39. Proceeds from this event allow us to pursue our mission of Youth, Fisheries, & Research... On top of that, the banquet has been a fantastic time for everyone!! Based on the success and size of the event last year, we should expect anywhere between 230 & 275 attendees, a great family style dinner, and over \$20,000 worth of prizes and items to auction/raffle off to the crowd! So please keep your eyes on the website for upcoming details on ticket prices & the growing prize list. We will see all of you there!!

## RECAP—FRV “Last Fling” Outing North Webster Lake, Indiana - Sep 30th - Oct 2

Personally I'd like thank Ryan/Kevin Underwood, Chris/Russ Schaller, Ken Sponseller, Tim Crews, Frank Lucido, Mike 'Zabo'rowski, Steve Crook and Todd Minor for making the trek to the windiest "Last Fling" Outing in North Webster we have ever had... Dealing with a cold front and 25+mph winds all 3 days, (especially on Friday where gusts 50+ mph), made it impossible to use trolling motors efficiently. Thank God it was in the 50's and not 20's...

On Lake Tippecanoe, I saw this tree get uprooted & fall - not on top of, but nearby the house of the owner of liquor Store (Keg) in North Webster...

Chae Dolsen & Bill Bennett joined us on Friday evening at Ye Olde Pub, and Bill joined us at Barbee Motel, to share their experiences with us about the local lakes such as James, Tippy, Barbee Chain, etc.. I was with Chae Dolsen on Friday where I netted a 43" for him 20 minutes into the day. Had a few follows and a couple of 'swing & misses' on suckers but the 43 was the only fish boated. Suckers were extremely tough to get...



**41 incher - From the Hook of Steve Crook**

Ken Sponseller netted a 44", Steve Crook a 41", and Tim Crews had a 40"-that's it!! Ken & Tim get "atta boy awards" because they were fishing by themselves dealing with the winds, waves, and trying to negotiate the boat in high winds. Nice job guys! Congrats to Ken for his Big Fish Awards for his 44"er...



**The Musky Militia of FRV's "Last Fling" Webster Lake Club Outing**

All in all, another cold front zapped an FRV outing and the bad news of Joe Tierno passing made it an interesting/dismal trip. Let's all keep the Tierno family in our thoughts/Prayers...

*Jim 'Jimmy Z' Ziebka*

**FRV Muskies Outings Director**



**Ken Sponseller wins big fish award. This picture of his 44" incher was the best he could do, considering he was by himself, had to land the fish while battling 30-40mph winds. Ken will receive the NW perpetual plaque and pictorial photo frame of whatever he wants from the Trophy Shop-CONGRATS Ken!!**

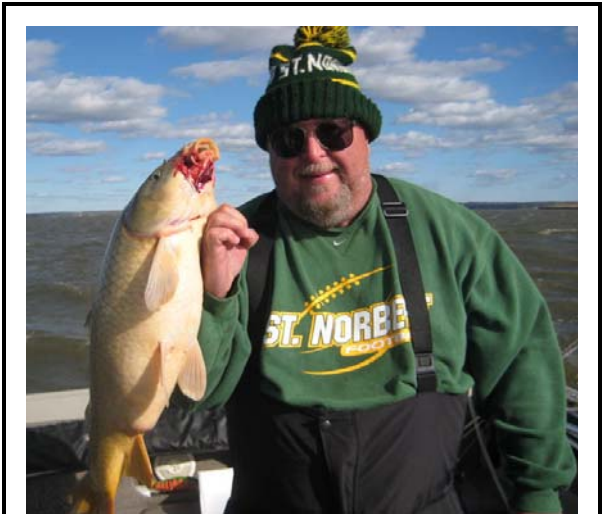




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## FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CORNER...

Our Chapter Membership now stands at 310. This puts FRV in third place in the Country. Guest Speakers cost the club \$200 to \$500 per meeting, so you can understand the need to keep the membership numbers high. We want to continue to provide interesting speakers and fun events. You can help by - **keeping up your membership!**

In an effort to make membership renewals painless and rewarding, stop by and see me at the membership table. I will process your application and you will receive a 2-Blade Spinner Bait handmade by FRV Club / Board Member Todd Minor.

Best Regards,

*Frank Lucido* / FRV Membership Director



### In Loving Memory - Joseph G. Tierno - 3/9/1962 - 10/1/2011

Joseph G. Tierno, age 49, of McHenry, died Saturday, October 1, 2011, at Centegra Hospital in McHenry.

He was born March 9, 1962 in Chicago to Joseph H. and Lucy A. (Cappiello) Tierno. On September 14, 1984, he married Susan M. Wood at St. Isadore Church in Bloomingdale. Formerly of Medinah and a graduate of Driscoll Catholic High School, Joseph was a resident of Johnsburg for the past 23 years.

Joe began his career with a 5-year apprenticeship program and was a pipe fitter for Local 597 for over 30 years. Joe was instrumental in the startup of Team Mechanical Inc.'s industrial and manufacturing divisions with Bob and John Doessel, his fellow Team co-founders. He was the Vice-President of Process and Industrial Sales for EMCOR Group, which acquired Team Mechanical Inc. in 2009.

Devoted to his family, Joe attended every sporting event of his four children and enjoyed taking them to all things sports. He was active with the Johnsburg Baseball League, where he also served as coach. He was an avid muskie fisherman and a member of F.R.V. A life-long Bears, Cubs and Bulls fan, he loved attending games with his family and friends. He also was known for his gardening and exceptional grilling talents.

He will be deeply missed by his family as well as his friends, especially for his compassion and heartfelt way of connecting to others on a one-to-one basis.

He is survived by his wife, Susan; four children, Jennifer, Joseph H., James, and Julie; his parents; two sisters, Mary (Norm) Cardilli and Elizabeth (Michael) Angel; and two sisters-in-law, Mary (Kerry) Caba and Kathleen Wood; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and godchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Jean and Ed Wood.

For those wishing to send an expression of condolence, memorials to the Tierno Children's Education Fund, P. O. Box 343, McHenry, IL 60051, would be most appreciated by his family.



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