



# OUTDOOR LORE

Newsletter of the Outdoor Writers of Ohio

August 2010

## President's Report

by Chip Hart – OWO President

It was great to see all the OWO members at the Governor's Fish Ohio Day! I could probably count on less than one hand those media people in attendance who weren't members. Without outdoors media people, there would likely be no reason for a Fish Ohio Day.

How about next year we do a grill out on Sunday night before the festivities? It would be nice to extend the trip and catch up with fellow members and perhaps meet new ones. I would probably fish another day to make my five hour trip more rewarding.

We are ever so lucky to be able to have a place where a hundred people can go fishing on the same lake, at the same time, in different directions, and for two-thirds of a day catch fish! Where else are you going to do that by casting? Some boats caught a lot of fish. Sure, we were out for walleye, but, quite frankly, if they aren't biting, I want to catch something. If kids don't care what they catch, as long as they catch something, why should I? We had two nice Fish Ohio drum on our boat among many others caught.

My motto is: Whatever bends the rod. I walleye fished a month or so back just inside Canada, and we got into the channel cats big time. What a hoot. I boated a 20 pound brute, and there were many in the 8-10 pound range. That was great since the walleye were less than cooperative. Guess my point is that meat for the table is

great but don't turn your nose up at a rod bending good time when it can be had.

Speaking of that, I had the pleasure of hooking up with Soc Clay and Ottie Snyder Sunday afternoon and into the wee hours of the night. How could Ottie and Soc have so many stories, ordeals, outright incredulous life experiences is beyond me. I do not know if they find them or they go looking for them. Either way, there are not enough hours in an evening (or multiple evenings) to even scratch the surface. Crazy thing is every year brings new stories nobody has ever heard before.



I hope you are enjoying your summer!

## 2009 Awards Presented at 2010 Conference

There is not enough room to list everyone who received recognition at the Geneva On The Lake Conference, but we will give recognition to those who came out on top in different categories. One category did not have a winner, and that was the best humorous article. It surely was not because humorous things did not happen, because undoubtedly every person who attended could reminisce about one funny situation. They just did not write about it.

Winners of the 2009 Craft Awards were:

- BEST NEWSPAPER COLUMN – **Art Weber**
- BEST NEWSPAPER ARTICLE – **Celeste Baumgartner**
- BEST MAGAZINE COLUMN – **Jeff Frischkorn**
- BEST MAGAZINE ARTICLE – **Hazel Freeman**
- BEST TRAVEL ARTICLE co-winners – **Celeste Baumgartner**  
**Thomas J. O'Toole**
- BEST HOW-TO ARTICLE – **Charlie Harder**
- ATZENHOEFER AWARD for Environmental Writing –  
**Jeff Frischkorn**

- BEST INTERNET ARTICLE – **Hazel Freeman**
- BEST BLACK AND WHITE PHOTO – **Art Weber**
- BEST BLACK AND WHITE NATURE PHOTO – **Art Weber**
- BEST COLOR PHOTO – **Mike Mainhart Jr.**
- KARL MASLOWSKI AWARD for Best Color Nature –  
**Mike Mainhart Jr.**
- BEST GROUP OR SERIES OF PHOTOS – **Art Weber**
- BEN DOEPPEL MEMORIAL CONTEST, photo appeared on  
new Directory, taken by **Celeste Baumgartner**
- BEST TV SHOW OR VIDEO PROJECT – **Scott Carpenter**

We will stretch our first place winners a little here as Supporting Members are our lifeline, and First and Third Place Winner in the Achievement Award was Howard Communications with "Go Online in 2009," and Second and Fourth Place went to the Adams County Travel & Visitors Bureau with Adams County Visitors Guide and Adams County Website.

*Pictures from the 2010 Conference are on page 4 of this issue.*

## OUTDOOR WRITERS OF OHIO

We foster the highest standards of journalistic skill and integrity among members, promote the wise use of natural resources, defend the environment against abuse, recognize the media as a public trust and dedicate ourselves to truth and conservation without regard for personal gain.

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Fred Snyder (2012)  
Vicki Hart (2011)  
Vicki Ervin (2011)  
Jamie Kochensparger (2011)

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Celeste Baumgartner

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## Keep in mind

A local bar in our area calls it Christmas in July and holds fundraisers for different organizations all the month of July. Well, perhaps this could be called a fundraiser, but it is really an offer to help some of our writers.

Christmas will be here before we know it. And this is the time I usually toss out the suggestion that if any of our writers have books or other items that may make a nice gift for that person who has everything, let me know and we will try to make a note of it in the next issue of *LORE*.

Christmas will be here before you know it – four and a half months!

## FOR YOUR DIRECTORY

### New Member

Welcome to the newest OWO member, Mark Layman, who just happens to be the husband of a newer member, Brenda Layman. She qualifies as a writer, and he qualifies as a photographer. Please add Mark to your Directory with the address 8801 Terrace Ridge Lane, Pickerington, OH 43147 with phone number 614-866-4385 and email [m Layman@insight.rr.com](mailto:m Layman@insight.rr.com).

### New Supporting Member

HeritagePA, Jane Sheffield, President; 1421 Twelfth Avenue, P.O. Box 348, Altoona, PA 16603; phone 814-940-1922; FAX 814-940-1423; email [JSheffield@alleghenyridge.org](mailto:JSheffield@alleghenyridge.org); website [www.heritagepa.net](http://www.heritagepa.net).

HeritagePA is a resource for professional leadership, experience, coordination and advocacy within the Heritage Area community within Pennsylvania, and to further the Heritage Areas' shared missions of developing tourism, preserving history and providing public education. Their theme is "Honor Our Past – Build Our Future." Presently, HeritagePA is comprised of the 12 officially designated Heritage Areas, which cultivate community and economic development, encourage tourism, and develop recreational and cultural activities that enhance the quality of life for residents and provide memorable experiences for visitors.

### Directory Changes

ADAMS COUNTY TRAVEL & VISITORS BUREAU, P.O. Box 577, 509 E. Main St., West Union, OH 45693.

HAMILTON COUNTY PARK DISTRICT – Jim Rahtz retired, and the new person to contact is Joy Landry, Communications Manager. Same address, same phone number, but add her extension 242, and change email to [jlandry@greatparks.org](mailto:jlandry@greatparks.org).

Received a note from D'Arcy Egan advising that we do not have his name correct in the Directory. I looked back for at least five years, and 2001 was the last one I could find where it was spelled correctly. He just found time to check his new Directory and sent a note to correct for next year, but I hope you all will correct your new Drectory, and we will try to get it right next year. He paid his dues for two years, so he must plan on sticking around with us for at least another year. This is why it is important to check the Directory to make changes when your dues are paid, so it will be correct for the current year.

D'Arcy (capital A in D'Arcy) is the correct way to spell his name. He tells me it is an Irish family name. The name of his TV show on the Cleveland Indians' Sports Time Ohio network is "Outdoors Ohio with D'Arcy Egan." He does not have a radio show now, and his website is [www.outdoorsohio.com](http://www.outdoorsohio.com) and email is [darcyegan@roadrunner.com](mailto:darcyegan@roadrunner.com).

**Deadline for the next issue is  
October 1, 2010**

# Governor's Fish Ohio Day

The day was hot and sunny, but the fish continued to bite for the 17 ODNR/OWO members who showed up for the 31st Annual Lake Erie Governor's Fish Ohio Day.

Steve Pollick was on board with Governor Ted Strickland and watched as the Governor put out his first cast to catch the first fish on their boat. The Governor's wife fished on board the boat captained by Peggy VanVleet, along with several other female members, and they out-fished other male members. It was the first time a Governor and his wife ever fished the Fish Ohio Day on the same day. She caught more fish than he did, but he always states she is the better fisherman (or should we say fisherlady).

This year was a little different when all of the fish caught, weighing nearly 500 pounds, were donated to the local food bank.

Although catching fish was a priority, when the boats came back for lunch and the Governor had a chance to make comments, they were more about the possibility of the damage of

the invasion of Asian carp to Lake Erie. If a solution cannot be found quickly, and the Asian carp actually reach Lake Erie, the Great Lakes fishery, with a value of \$7 billion a year, could collapse. The Governors of Ohio and Michigan are trying to find federal help, because the Illinois Governor, along with Washington, D.C., apparently do not care what happens to Lake Erie and our fishing pleasure and industry.

Many thanks to the 15 Lake Erie Charter Boat Association members who donated their services for the day. They were Jerry Abele, Joe Karakul, Pete Scheid, Mike Matta, Steve Davis, Peggy VanVleet, Ron Eickholt, Kendall Parsley, John Tucholski, Dan Holan, Dan Welsh, Gary Mol, Paul Pacholski, Rick Unger and Jeff Kuelling.

Keep them in mind if you happen to be thinking about getting friends together for a charter trip. They would appreciate it, I am sure, as one captain stated they had lost half of their usual charters this year, several of them because businesses had stopped taking employees or prospective business clients out for trips.



*ODNR personnel Vicki Ervin and Melissa Hathaway welcome D'arcy Egan to the Fish Ohio Day.*



*Governor Ted Strickland states Lake Erie is a jewel for Ohio and needs to be protected from Asian Carp.*

**photos by Joanne Moody**

## From the Editor ...

There is much to tell this issue that I will keep this short.

We have been busy, we're on the right side of the grass, shortly we will be heading south for the Buckmaster outing in Montgomery, Alabama, and by the time we get home it will be our county fair time where we volunteer at different places.

That means August is almost over, and almost time for the next *LORE*. Boy, time does fly when you're having fun.

Til next time,  
J.

# Geneva on the Lake Conference Photos

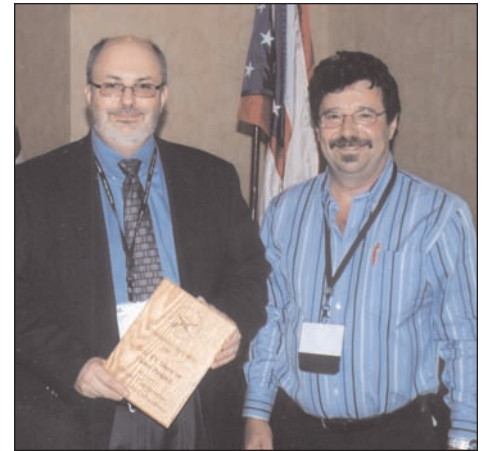
by Joanne and Ed Moody



*Celeste Baumgartner, Jeff Frischkorn.*



*Tim Snyder, Mike Mainhart Jr.*



*Scott Carpenter, Chip Hart.*



*Tim Snyder, Larry Moore, Hazel Freeman, Chip Hart.*

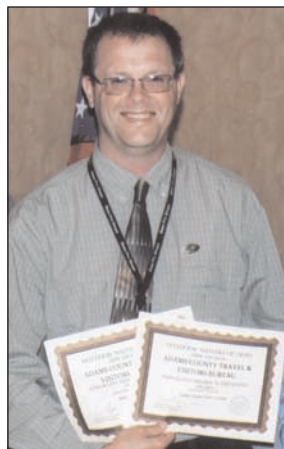


*John Hageman, Paul Liikala.*

*Jeff Huxmann for Adams County.*



*Thomas J. O'Toole, Chip Hart.*



*Mike Mainhart Jr. may be a good photographer, but look at the truck hood he painted for Ottie Snyder and presented one evening in the hospitality room.*

*Judy Wells took the prize for her original outfit at the Geneva On The Lake conference.*



**Editors Note: Recently, Chip Hart sent an email to members and asked if there were more writers who would be just as satisfied to receive their *LORE* by email rather than snail mail. He and Brenda Layman were talking, and the following is an example of her feelings. When I asked her at the Fish Ohio Day if she preferred email, her response was “absolutely.” I’m from the old school and still like to receive mail that does not have a request for money attached to it!!!**

## Outdoors on the Internet

—Brenda Layman

As long as there has been language, there have been stories of hunting, fishing and life in the natural world. What could be more natural than for these tales to find a home on the internet? I write for both print and online publications. Similarities and differences exist between the two.

The biggest similarity is the subject matter. A lunger is still a lunger, and a trophy buck still inspires thrills from readers. People want to read about better ways to hunt and fish. They want to find out the best places to go and the newest equipment to take along. They love to while away those out-of-season hours with words that let them experience being out in the woods or on the water, even when they’re at home in their easy chairs. Outdoor writers, our topics are evergreen, and will ever be so.

Differences lie mostly in format and affinity. By that, I mean that internet articles have a different look to them. Long passages of prose seem unwieldy when viewed on a computer screen, so we break them down into shorter paragraphs that are easy on the eye. Subheadings make it easy for readers to scan a page and find the part that interests them most. Digital technology makes it a breeze to add photographs, and these lend more visual appeal to the page.

More and more frequently, people turn to the internet as their primary information and news source. Need an answer to a question? Google it. Away from your computer? No problem. Just use your phone to go online. Why wait to read yesterday’s news in the paper, when you can get it now? I can write a story for my online news magazine, click “publish now,” and see it

added to Google News faster than I can say, “Holy Moley, that was fast!”

Affinity is another matter. Many people still enjoy holding print material in their hands and reading it. They like having a physical copy to keep for future reference. They prefer the style of writing that takes its time to communicate important ideas, developing them at a slower pace and presenting them in a measured, thoughtful manner. I believe there is still a future for print media, although the way we purchase books and magazines may change. Curling up with a good book still seems a warmer and more intimate experience than curling up with an electronic reader, although the latter fits more easily into my purse.

Other folks, generally younger people who have grown up in an online world, never knowing card catalogs, typewriters, or sets of encyclopedia holding pride of place in the living room, simply do not relate much to print media. They don’t subscribe to newspapers, and they certainly don’t want a pile of magazines lying about. They text constantly, maintain several online social networking conversations at the same time, and download digital versions of their favorite tunes. Oh yes, many of them also hunt and fish.

If we are going to meet them where they are, we need to get on board with their preferred media. Outdoor stories will never go out of style, whether they are drawn on rock faces or sent around the world in a series of digitized impulses. As writers, we tell the stories, wherever and however they can be told.



**Labor**   
  
**Day**

# LEGISLATIVE REPORT

—Ed Moody, OWO Legislative Coordinator

## More on DNAP

Taking heart on what was written in the last issue of *LORE* concerning the demise of DNAP as we have come to know the division, a meeting with ODNR Deputy Director Tony Celebreeze was held in his office.

Mr. Celebreeze discussed in great detail explaining the actions he and ODNR Director Sean Logan deemed necessary to save the division while keeping its staff employed – although placed with other divisions within ODNR.

One critical point he did relay is that “preserve managers” do not sit behind a desk. They put on gloves and do the “dirty work” of extracting invasive species of flora, mowing grass and doing what needs to be done to maintain the preserves in excellent condition as time and present finances permits.

Because the fact-finding meeting was held three days before the deadline for *LORE*, a full study of the presentation was unable to be completed in depth – so look for the next *LORE* to contain more info on DNAP.

## Ohio EPA Director attends Fish Ohio Day



*According to Ohio EPA Director Chris Korleski, this is “the biggest fish I have ever caught in my life.” Director Korleski attended Fish Ohio for the first time on July 12.*

photo provided by Chip Hart

A point that is well-taken and acknowledged is that Ohio is in a serious financial bind.

In the meanwhile, do your own research into this troubling situation.

## Sub. HB 410

Substitute House Bill 410, governing Ohio’s deer management, is stalled until legislators meet after the November election. Then the wagons will need to be re-circled with well-aimed volleys fired to defeat this legislation written by a legislator who, in his testimony introducing the bill, revealed a personal contempt for the Ohio Division of Wildlife.

Writers are encouraged to read the testimony that is available online.

## Communication from Hope Taft on Heritage Garden

It seems Guy Denny has been working on a Geoscience project with former Governor Bob Taft’s wife Hope Taft and others for a Heritage Garden at the Governor’s residence.

Plant people and geologists have been meeting to design a geologic time-line for Ohio for the front yard, and now they are at a point of searching for money to install it. Geologic periods will be shown with rocks and plants and sculpture to tell the story of what is beneath our feet and the migration of the land we call Ohio from 20 degrees south of the Equator to its present location and what difference it makes for Ohio citizens.

They are working on a grant for the National Science Foundation which they hope will enable them to do lots of distance learning to take the STEM learning potential of this project far beyond the gate at the Governor’s residence in Columbus.

Hope sent eight pages of information, but it was way too much to publish in the *LORE*.

If any of our writers or your readers would like to delve into this further, they can contact Hope at 2933 Lower Bellbrook Rd., Spring Valley, OH 45370-9001, [Ohiohoper@yahoo.com](mailto:Ohiohoper@yahoo.com), 937-848-2993 or contact Guy Denny.

# Lake County Fishing Trip

—Joanne Moody

It was a beautiful day for fishing, at least that is what I was told since I do not fish, but the water was calm after recent storms hit the Lake Erie area making for rough days.

OWO member Jeff Frischkorn and Bob Ulas of the Lake County Visitors Bureau planned and followed through with a great day of fishing. Of course Charter Captain Ron Johnson of the Thumper boat and First Mate Mike Langer kept Steve Pollick, Jeff, Ed Moody, Mike Tontimonia and Paul Liikala in line.

Ulas even treated for lunch at Brennan's Fish House, the same place the Moodys and Captain Johnson had dinner the evening before. The food is great and the portions are LARGE, so you better be hungry.

Ulas was also promoting the Lake County PerchFest to be held September 10-11-12, 2010, at Fairport Harbor. There is plenty of parking, so do not be afraid to give it a try. For further information, give Bob a call at 1-800-368-5253.

Leaving Brennan's and thanking Ulas, the writers all headed to the place where the fish had been cleaned to pick up their portion, then parted company heading for home, hoping next year Captain Ron Johnson will know the right place to fish, and Bob Ulas will again invite writers to a day on Lake Erie. Of course, writers can always call Captain Johnson at 440-639-0189 to book their own trip, or check out his website at [www.thumpercharter.com](http://www.thumpercharter.com).



*Left – Jeff Frischkorn had a great day, and this fish shows he is back in form from his back surgery.*

photos by Joanne Moody



*Above right – Lake County Visitors Bureau Director Bob Ulas (right) and Ed Moody show off a couple of fish they caught aboard Captain Ron Johnson's boat, the Thumper.*

*Below right – Steve Pollick, 1st Mate Mike Langer, Mike Tontimonia and Paul Liikala show off some more of the fish they caught aboard the Thumper.*





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# Calendar

**September 25, 2010**  
**U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance Banquet**  
Columbus, Ohio

**May 12-15, 2011**  
**OWO Conference**  
Mohican State Park

**OCTOBER 1, 2010 –**  
**DEADLINE FOR NEXT LORE**

## MOVING?

Do not forget us if for one reason or another you have a change of address, telephone number, etc., and we will run it in the newsletter to let your compatriots also know ...

