



# OUTDOOR LORE

Newsletter of the Outdoor Writers of Ohio

December 2010

## President's Message

The only reason I am glad my term as President of OWO expires with our spring conference is that one runs out of material to write about for this column (especially if you are not a writer). Since this position, and therefore column, has to remain apolitical, that further reduces the things there are to write about that would interest the entire membership. I would like to publicly state my position on politicians, political issues, ODNR (and Division of Wildlife) actions, and other such matters we are all interested in, but it would not be appropriate in this capacity. A great deal, but not everything (that goes on around us), just make me fume sometimes.

I save and leave the grandstanding for radio ... and you can get away with a lot on the airwaves nowadays. I do have a few tongue-in-cheek opinions which will likely not meet with a great deal of fanfare.

I think I have decided that there are enough people in the woods and on the water in Ohio. It has become way too crowded for the resources and access we have available. People who hunt but don't own property will tell you that (at least on weekends). I can't get a room or cabin at a state park lodge unless I book 6-8 months in advance. It takes two hours to launch a boat on Friday, Saturday or Sunday (except at 4:00 a.m.) and a three-hour wait to put it on a trailer.

I figured out that all the fish in Ohio (except in Lake Erie and maybe the Ohio River) have seen at least 12 dozen different lures flash by their face over the summer, and the only fish that will bite were just born or are 6" long. Or of course, the smell of something rotten overcame their sensibilities and they hooked themselves. Fish are expressing a new learned behavior.

*by Chip Hart – OWO President*

I have also decided that I don't want to share my woods with a kid who self-illuminates with all the rings in skin flaps and tattoos that would scare off a wild boar. It's like a bad dream and you are deep in some jungle where you've crossed paths with the local tribe sporting the latest in ceremonial gear.



The way kids wear their pants down around their thighs, they would have a heck of a time hunting rabbits, wading the local stream, or trying to get in a deer stand. They certainly couldn't outrun the local game officer, either – ask your local cops ... It would be fun watching them slug through a briar patch though! Geez, imagine a bear getting a hold of a pants leg!

I have decided that a lot of these kids belong to a "me/us" generation of sorts. They expect to be given everything without working for it. They expect the government to support them and provide jobs and security. They are loaded with the latest electronic gadgets and walk and run into things using the stuff. In fact, it is an entirely different social structure what with Facebook and Twitter fully occupying their entire waking day. They talk to their friends, admirers and strangers constantly electronically. We now have real stupid poachers (and criminals) posting their exploits on Facebook only to be nabbed!

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season!

P.S. – Get your member renewal in early!

### It's a fact ...

This is the issue of LORE that reminds our members that **YOUR DUES FOR 2011 ARE DUE.**

If you now receive your LORE by email, why not take a minute now and print out a copy of the membership dues form. Even better – why not print it out, complete the information, write your check and mail it to Guy Denny at 6021 Mt. Gilead Rd, Fredericktown, OH 43019-9513. Supporting members should send their renewal dues to Vicki Hart at Hart Productions Inc., 2234 Bauer Rd., Suite B, Batavia, OH 45103.

Please be sure to check your listing in the directory to see if there are any changes that need to be made, so the information in the next directory will be correct and up-to-date. Last year when I sent copy of how names and businesses would be listed, it was absolutely amazing how many small changes were needed such as emails, websites and personnel to contact. For those who receive the LORE by mail there will be a yellow dues form included.



## 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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## REMINDER

There are OWO patches, decals you can stick to a window in your vehicle or on a notebook and the OWO pin for your hat or lapel that tells the world you are a writer from the state of Ohio.

Guy Denny has the supply and would be glad to send you one if you need a new one as members should get free ones when they become a member.

Need one? Call Guy.

Congressmen who willfully take action during wartime that damage morale and undermine the military are saboteurs and should be arrested, exiled or hanged.

—Abraham Lincoln

## Welcome to a New Member...

Chip Gross has sponsored our newest member. She is Gina D. Andrea, and she is a new children's outdoor book author. Please add her information to your OWO Directory. Her home address is 16526 South Butternut Rd., Nelsonville, OH 45764; phone 740-590-3987; email [tonygina@nelsonvilletv.com](mailto:tonygina@nelsonvilletv.com).

I am sure she would be glad to hear from any of our members who may want to learn more about her recent book. It may make a good Christmas gift!

## News from Supporting Members...

After talking with Ed Piaskowski of the **Ohio Taxidermy Association**, he is asking for our help to do some promoting for his group.

The primary charter of the OTA is to promote better taxidermy in Ohio. Better taxidermy does not just happen. It requires education, training, craftsmanship, artistic ability, experience and applying the latest technology. The OTA provided this and much more, primarily through its annual show, competition and convention. The OTA shows have been slowly growing in recent years, and the 2010 show held last March in Mansfield was a resounding success with 304 pieces entered.

Among OWO'ers who attended the show were D'Arcy Egan, W. H. "Chip" Gross and Richard Martin. D'Arcy even chronicled the event on one of the OHIO Outdoors TV Shows which aired several times on STO, and Richard promoted it in local newspaper outdoor columns. All were amazed at the quality of the exhibits. Ohio Valley Outdoors, Ohio Outdoor News and Country Anglin' Outdoor Guide ran articles and/or ads announcing the event, all of which helped in making the 2010 show a success.

The Ohio Taxidermy Association wants to thank the OWO for its support, and we look forward to furthering this relationship with its members to reach out to all areas of Ohio and surrounding states. Our goal is to reach all Ohio taxidermists, including professionals, beginners and those just having an interest in taxidermy, familiarizing them with the OTA and the advantages of being a member and attending the show.

The next Show and Competition will be held March 25, 26 and 27, 2011, again in Mansfield. The OTA will issue a press release in early January to give taxidermists time to prepare their mounts and another in mid-March to remind both taxidermists and the general public regarding details of the event. I again look forward to support from OWO members.

For additional information contact Ed at 330-833-3349 or 330-904-4683. Email [piaskows@aol.com](mailto:piaskows@aol.com) or [otapress@aol.com](mailto:otapress@aol.com).

**Ohio Huskie Muskie Club, Inc.** – Fred Lederer, President of one of our Supporting Members, the Ohio Huskie Muskie Club, Inc., has asked for our help.

The Ohio Huskie Muskie Club will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2011. The celebration will start with the Annual Awards Banquet to be held on March 19 at Cherry Valley Lodge in Newark, Ohio.

Anyone is welcome to attend the event, and they would really like to have an OWO member at the event to help publicize the club's 50 years of existence and the impact it has had in Muskie conservation and education.

One thing the members are trying to do is to have a walk down memory lane with photos and items from throughout the club's 50 years. They are trying to obtain any photos that anyone may have for use in this display. The more items/photos/articles, the better. Any old photos of Muskie fishing in Ohio or the Muskie Hatcheries is their focus.

He also asked if there was a chance the club would be considered for the Bruce Dawson Award, but that deadline for this year may have passed unless Jim Morris knows something we do not know. He stated the deadline would be around the end of the year, and we're almost there.

Tickets were \$30 last year but that could change. For more information check your directory, call Fred at 419-874-4929 or visit [www.ohmci.org](http://www.ohmci.org).

## From the Editor...

The year has almost come to an end, and it has been much better for us this year than the year before. Ed's health has improved so much he actually enjoyed deer camp this year and brought down a nice big doe. He does not hunt for antlers, there isn't any more room on the walls and the kids have come to the point when we go to a banquet they say, "Remember, no more prints." It's kind of the same for antlers. They may look good on a wall but make terrible stew!

None of our members sent me any deer tales but maybe for the next *LORE*. Share your fun with others, or not so much fun like the guy who shot the black bear. I'm sure there will be some questions about that one.

Hope you all are looking forward to the next conference and have been saving that change at the end of each day. By now you may have saved enough to pay the conference registration fee.

We plan to spend Christmas in Georgia this year as we alternate between Toledo and Georgia every other year. At least that is the plan today.

Will close out wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and looking forward to seeing you all this spring at the conference.

'Til next time,

J.

## The Legislative Report

by Ed Moody, Legislation Coordinator

Although it's expected that extremely little legislation action on proposals will take place until the new administration takes office in January, there are two proposals being pushed by Rep. Danny Bulp of West Union.

The first is Senate Bill 239 which will allow CCW guns to be carried in bars and restaurants that serve alcohol. It's reported that the Governor indicated he would sign the bill into law if it reached his desk.

The second is Senate Bill 247 which will permit individuals with certain misdemeanor drug convictions to carry firearms.

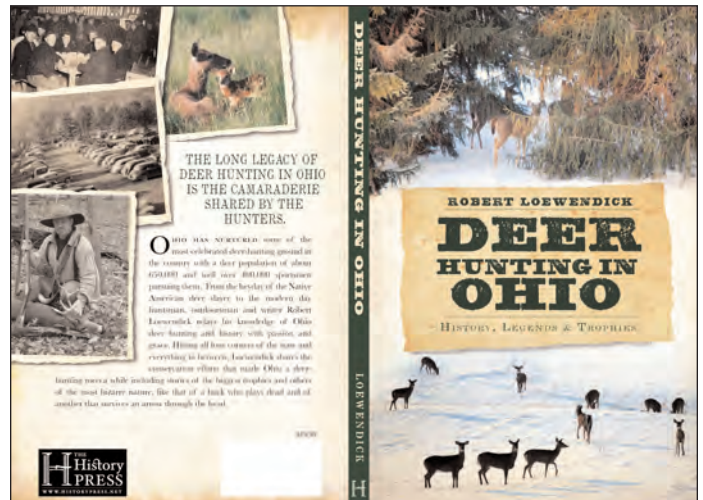
Both proposals passed through the Senate last May.

Legislation removing the Division of Wildlife from authority governing deer farms, deer propagators and deer hunting facilities appears to be stalled until 2011.



*Larry Moore (center) received two awards at the Geneva on the Lake Conference. He is shown with OWO President Chip Hart (right) and Vice President Tim Snyder (left).*

## Another Book Author...



Well known OWO member Bob Loewendick recently had his new book published, entitled *Deer Hunting in Ohio: History, Legends and Trophies*.

It showcases all four corners of Ohio's great outdoors and everything in between. It is a paperback and the cost is \$19.95.

Want to give Bob some publicity? His contact information is in the directory or give him a call at 740-454-3379 or check the web page [www.robertoutdoors.com](http://www.robertoutdoors.com).



*Bob Loewendick and his wife Linda are pictured at the Geneva on the Lake Conference.*

## Perhaps Another Christmas Gift...

While patiently waiting for Ed to gather material for another feature at a local sporting goods store I saw the name of one of our OWO member, Jack Kiser, on a display flyer. Recognizing the name, I proceeded to check further and liked what I saw.

The flyer showed the Buckeye Angler name with Jack Kiser and told of his TV show on Saturday mornings, but what caught my eye was the catchy cover of the CD. As I started to read about the contents, I quickly asked Ed to give me a piece of paper from his notebook, after all I was not on assignment, he was.

The information stating that the CD was designed to inspire and motivate fishing novices of all ages from the soccer mom concerned with kids' increasingly sedentary lifestyle, to the recent retiree, to youngsters in search of a new and challenging activity and the information would tell how it will improve the odds of success. This may be just the stocking stuffer needed for a youngster who is leaning towards fishing but does not have that mentor to help lead the way.

We have a friend who is a judge and has stated it is a rare day he finds a kid in his courtroom who has a fishing license, perhaps more kids need to learn to fish.

# Newly elected Governor John Kasich facing a challenge within ODNR

Opinion by Chip Hart, OWO member

I have said before that I am not a writer so don't hold me to the laws of grammar, sentence structure and all that jazz. Since this newsletter hits the streets before Governor-elect Kasich takes office, I wanted to throw in my 2 cents on the challenge he faces besides the economy (which is actually the most important challenge).

Governor Kasich will select, as have all prior new Governors, new department directors. OWO has had a good relationship with ODNR over the years and this appointment will be most critical because that person will need superior legislative skills as well as a working knowledge about and the importance of our natural resources. This person will also have to have the skill to craft alliances and generate bipartisan support.

For this new director, the Division of Parks should be on top of the list of must-fixes. They are not self supporting and therefore lodges aren't receiving the much needed renovations, the number of park rangers policing and keeping the park system safe needs to be increased, and the overall maintenance operations are in need of a permanent and annual infusion of cash. The park system is seeing near record use with people looking for short, affordable getaways, and the system is under funded and overtaxed. It's time for a usage fee to be implemented to fund the state park systems needs.

There is nothing wrong with a usage fee for a permit, paid annually by users, that is good at every park across the state. It is fairly applied to consumptive and non consumptive users.

The ODNR director should also back licensing and regulation of deer and turkey hunting outfitter operations. I managed to find no less than 75 of them on the internet. Western states license outfitters as does Kentucky. It is a matter of insuring safe, ethical, and legal hunting practices, the tracking of "for profit" operations hunting the state of Ohio's wild game, and tracking income, harvest and land lease information. This is commercial hunting folks just like the charter fishing business.

It's real simple; adopt Kentucky's requirements and assess a fee which each operation pays for the right to make a profit off Ohio's wildlife.

The fee is collected annually and the money is used to support the personnel required to monitor these operations. This makes it self supportive. I would suggest an annual fee of \$1000. This separates the fly by nights from the serious ops.

By the way, these operations are only going to grow and prosper. Easterners are clamoring for a shot at our trophy deer. Last time I checked prices the cost is upwards of \$1500-\$2500 per hunter for 5 days (lodging and meals included).

I have done my pot stirring for the day. Now it's your turn.

## Special Notice...

Our good friends and yours, Ottie and Debbie Snyder, are moving to Somerset, Kentucky. Once I have their new address, I will publish it. I think Ottie is freaking out, so I thought I would come up with the ten "upside" things for him to think about:

1. He is close to Cincinnati but still a 4 hour drive.
2. He can fish 365 days of the year and the waves only get 1' high.
3. Everyone where he is moving lives in a trailer.
4. Soc Clay lives in Kentucky.
5. He will have neighbors.
6. He only has to drive 30 minutes to buy beer (but across the state line in Tennessee).
7. He will have cell phone service.
8. Debbie will be closer to her home state of Georgia.
9. He will never have to take his boat out of the water.
10. They don't use night crawlers at Lake Cumberland.



*Ohio Governor-elect  
John Kasich*



# 2010 OWO AWARDS

## PLEASE NOTE NEW CHANGES

### Official Rules:

The OWO Awards will honor work by members of the Outdoor Writers of Ohio published or broadcast in calendar year 2010. (**Categories** are listed on page 11 in this issue.)

**Deadline:** Entries, accompanied by a check for the entry fee, must be received by midnight, **January 30, 2011**. Entries received after that date will be returned unopened along with the fee.

**Fees:** A one-time fee of **\$15** will be charged to all members entering the contest. There is no charge for entering the "Best Conference Photo" or the "Ben Doepel Memorial Contest" category. Make checks payable to: **Outdoor Writers of Ohio.**

**Awards:** Unless otherwise noted, first place winners will receive plaques; second and third place will receive certificates. Judges may elect not to give an award in any category or place, and may acknowledge honorable mentions. In all matters, decisions of contest chair are final.

**Entries:** Unless otherwise noted, members may submit up to three entries per category. **Categories receiving entries from fewer than three participants will not be judged. Author's names must be removed or blacked out on all entries submitted to the judges. NO RESULTS** will be given out before the Conference.

**Photo Entries:**

**Each entry** must be accompanied by an official entry form (below). Additional copies may be downloaded at [www.outdoorwritersofohio.org](http://www.outdoorwritersofohio.org).

**Mail entries with fee to:**

**Tim Snyder**  
**OWO Awards**  
**7371 Ballentine**  
**Springfield, OH 45502**

**Questions?** Contact Tim Snyder at 937-964-8205 or 937-408-6843; or [timothy.snyder@prodigy.net](mailto:timothy.snyder@prodigy.net)

*All submitted items may be picked up at the 2010 OWO Conference. **Materials not picked up at the spring conference will be returned by request only.***

### 2010 OWO Awards Entry Form

(Attach one form to each entry)

Category # \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Entry \_\_\_\_\_

Where/when was work published/broadcast (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

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# 2010 OWO AWARDS

Page 5 of this issue of the *LORE* contains the Official Rules and Information and the Entry Forms for entering the 2010 OWO Awards Program.

On page 7 is a listing of the Contest Categories.

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# 2010 OWO AWARD CATEGORIES

1. **Outstanding Media Achievement** is different from other categories. There are no first, second or third place winners. Awards are given for exemplary accomplishments in outdoor communications. All winners in this category will receive plaques (limit one award per person). Any work in the field of outdoors communication may be submitted, as long as it does not qualify for another category. Examples of eligible work include books, slide shows/PowerPoint presentations, exhibits, websites, etc. Questions regarding documentation of work should be directed to the contest chair.

## PRINT CATEGORIES

Tear sheets are preferred, but photo copies are acceptable. Articles may be entered in one category only. **Please black out or remove author's name on articles submitted for judging.**

2. **Best Newspaper Column**  
An entry consists of four columns to be judged as a body of work. (One award per person.)
3. **Best Newspaper Article**  
A single story about an outdoors topic.
4. **Best Newspaper Special Section or Series**  
Two or more stories about a single topic, published together as a package or as a scheduled series.
5. **Will Harbaum Award: Best Travel Article**  
A single newspaper or magazine story about a destination or travel-related topic.
6. **Best How-To Article**  
An article published in a newspaper, magazine, or on the internet that explains how to improve an outdoor skill.
7. **Atzenhoefer Award: Environmental Writing**  
For writing about an environmental topic in any medium (newspaper, magazine, online, broadcast script, etc.)

## INTERNET CATEGORIES

Internet categories refer to articles or columns written specifically for the Internet. Articles published in a newspaper or magazine and also posted on the publication's online version may be entered, but the same article cannot be entered in both the print and online categories. Submit printouts of articles and provide the Internet address (URL) as proof of distribution.

8. **Best Internet Article**  
A single article published on the internet.

## PHOTOGRAPHY CATEGORIES

**Entries must be in the form of an original unedited 5 X 7 or 8 X 10 glossy photograph and must be accompanied by tear sheets or other documentation of publication (except for "Best Conference Photo" – Ben Doepel Award category). Only the photographs will be submitted for judging.**

9. **Best Black and White Photo**  
Black and white photo depicting an outdoors topic.
10. **Best Color Photo**  
Color photo depicting an outdoors topic.
11. **Karl Maslowski Award: Best Color Nature Photo**  
Color photo in which nature is the subject.
12. **Best Group or Series of Photos**  
Two or more photos, color or black and white, published together and depicting an outdoors topic.
13. **Best Conference Photo – Color or Black and White**  
Open to any of the following: OWO members, **spouses** or Supporting Members. Contestants may submit as many photos as they wish. Photos must be of the previous year's conference. One (1) overall winner will be chosen, and will be presented with a voucher for a free OWO conference registration fee (excluding lodging) to the following year's conference. The voucher will be for a single registration. Honorable mentions may be awarded by the judge, but will receive recognition only. Entrants agree to have their submitted photos used by the editor of LORE for publication in the OWO newsletter and the OWO website.
14. **Ben Doepel Memorial Contest**  
Best vertical photo to be used for the **following year's** OWO Directory.

## BROADCAST CATEGORIES

15. **Best TV Show or Video Project**  
This category is open to television shows and other video work. Entries may consist of one complete show or a composite of best clips from several shows. Submissions **will be** accepted on VHS tape **or** DVD only.
16. **Best Radio Show**  
Entries may consist of one complete show or a composite of best clips from several shows. Submissions must be on cassette or CD only.

## SUPPORTING MEMBER CATEGORY

17. **Supporting Member Achievement Award for Best Press Release, Website, Video or Display Ad.**  
Submit hard copies (**VHS tape or DVD for video submissions**). **Entries are** limited to 2 pages. Need not be present to win.



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# Calendar

January 14-16 & January 19-23, 2011  
Cincinnati Travel, Sports & Boat Show

**JANUARY 11, 2011 –  
DEADLINE FOR NEXT LORE**

January 14-16, 2011  
Cincinnati Golf Show

January 19-23, 2011  
Cincinnati Hunting & Fishing Show

February 10-13, 2011  
Columbus Sports, Vacation & Boat Show

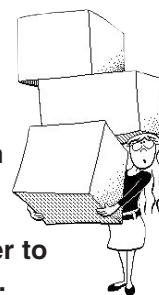
March 19, 2011  
Ohio Muskie Club Inc.  
50th Anniversary Awards Banquet

March 25, 26, 27, 2011  
Ohio Taxidermy Association Show  
and Competition – Mansfield

May 12-15, 2011  
OWO Conference  
Mohican State Park

## 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 ...



# Individual Membership Renewal and Information for Directory

## Outdoor Writers of Ohio

Annual Dues \$40.00

Grace Period January 1 to January 31: Late Dues \$50.00

Complete the form below and send with check payable to OWO.

Mail to Guy Denny, Sec.-Treas. – 6021 Mt. Gilead Rd. – Fredericktown, OH 43019

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address (H) \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (H) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (H) \_\_\_\_\_

Address (W) \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (W) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (W) \_\_\_\_\_

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Year Joined OWO \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Years as a Member \_\_\_\_\_

Status Active \_\_\_\_\_ Inactive \_\_\_\_\_ Continuing Active 15 Years \_\_\_\_\_ Life \_\_\_\_\_

The Current Information in the 2010 Directory is correct: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Add or Delete Current Information in the 2011 OWO Directory:

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