



# *The Angler's Journal*

## *March/April 2008*

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### PlanerBoard by Colleen Clayton Gaines

There are times that I am just plain proud to be a member of the MWA and not to mention to hold this office. I felt this way, most recently, as I spent time in the booth at the Valparaiso Sportsman's and Outdoor Show and the Lunker's Extravaganza. It seems the more I talked to folks about the wonderful things this organization does in the community, the more heartfelt my pride became. And watching so many members working hard in the booths and selling tickets and conducting seminars and directing the ballet in the parking lot, just added to my good mood.

We truly have much to be proud of and much to share with the community. The up coming Open House will give even more people the opportunity to speak about the parts of the MWA that they most appreciate. Because, on March 29 and 30, our friends neighbors and new acquaintances are coming to our house. Our guests will see the excellent facility and grounds our club offers but what will really impress them will be the pride we have in the numerous accomplishments and contributions the Michiana Walleye Association makes each year to our local fisheries and communities.

### Presidents Corner

I would like to start by saying thank you to all who made the Ladies Valentine Brunch a success without you it wouldn't be possible.

Also thanks to everyone who worked at the Valpo show this years attendance was down but we still were able to get the word out about the MWA .

Now on a happier note this years Lunkers Extravaganza was a huge success. This was our 4<sup>th</sup> and best ever. Many cudos to you all. It was a total MWA team effort.

As spring rapidly approaches we start to think about the 2008 fishing season. I would like to invite everyone to Michiana Walleye Associations 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Open House that's open to the public.

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## About Us

The Michiana Walleye Association was founded in 1993 to enhance the St. Joseph River and its surrounding waters in northern Indiana and southern Michigan. We currently have near 200 members dedicated to walleye fishing, preservation, and conservation. We support the Indiana Wildlife Federation, helping to protect our land, air, and waters. MWA is non-profit organization, continually looking for members and sponsors who share our beliefs. MWA also supports the IDNR and its stocking program combined with the cooperation of the state of Michigan DNR. Education of the youth and preservation of the future is our primary goal.

Monthly meetings are held the first Saturday of each month at 6:30 pm on our public grounds. All members and non-members are welcome to attend. 13040 Day Road - Mishawaka, IN. 46545

Please help us with our costs !!!!!

If you have an internet connection and can receive your newsletter by email, please email us at [support@michianawalleye.org](mailto:support@michianawalleye.org) and ask to be put on the newsletter email list.

Thank you for your support.....

**2008 Newsletter deadline**

<b><u>Publication</u></b>	<b><u>Deadline</u></b>
<b>March/April</b>	<b>March 14th</b>
<b>May/June</b>	<b>April 29th</b>
<b>July/August</b>	<b>June 24th</b>
<b>Sept/October</b>	<b>August 26th</b>
<b>Nov/December</b>	<b>October 28th</b>

If you have anything for the future newsletters, please submit them by the above dates.

**2008 MWA dues**

**Please remember now is the time to send in your 2008 membership dues. Memberships run from April 1st to April 1st.**

**Single—\$25.00**  
**Family—\$40.00**

**Wanted Aluminum**

The club is looking for aluminum. If you have any unwanted aluminum that you would like to donate to the club, please drop it off at the club grounds after 5pm on any Tuesday. This money is used to help support our walleye stocking efforts.

**2008 MWA**

**Meeting Schedule:**

- January 6<sup>th</sup>
- February 2<sup>rd</sup>
- March 1<sup>st</sup>**
- April 5<sup>th</sup>**
- May 3<sup>rd</sup>
- June 7<sup>th</sup>
- July 12<sup>th</sup>
- August 2<sup>nd</sup>
- September 6<sup>th</sup>
- October 4<sup>th</sup>
- November 1st
- December 6th

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### Upcoming Events

- March 29 --- MWA Open House
- March 30th--- MWA Open House
- April 5--- Nelson porta pit chicken sale @ Cira's
- April 5--- Open meeting
- April 12&13th—Detroit river fun tournament
- April 20th—Lake of the Woods MWA/Cabela's tournament
- April 21st—Board meeting
- April 29th—Newsletter deadline
- May 3rd—Open meeting
- May 17th—Winona lake MWA tournament
- May 19th—Board meeting
- June 7th—Open meeting
- June 16th—Board meeting
- June 24th—Newsletter deadline
- June 29th—St Joe Benton Harbor MWA/Cabela's tournament

Make sure you come out to the club and enjoy the grounds this year!!!!

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### Tournament Update.

Just a Quick Tournament update, The MWA tournament season is starting to shape up quite nicely. There are still several openings in the Cabela's NTC tournaments, so don't delay, grab a partner and get signed up. If you have logged on to our web site and signed up for our new message board, you have probably noticed there's an energetic buzz going on about the upcoming club outing to the Detroit River on the 12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> of April. This should be a grand time, with the chance to catch that fish of a lifetime.

Now, for those that would like to fish a tournament and don't have a partner there's a sign up sheet on the back bulletin board at the club. This is a great way to find a tournament partner if you don't already have one. If you have any questions feel free to drop me an email at [jusjign@comcast.net](mailto:jusjign@comcast.net) or call, 574-291-7922.

### 2008 MWA Tournament news

<u>April 12th &amp; 13th</u>	Detroit River Big Fish "FUN" Tournament.
<u>April 20th</u> (Bremen)	Lake Of The Woods (Cabela's Qualifier).
<u>May 17th</u> (Warsaw)	Winona (Club Point Event)
<u>June 29th</u> (Benton Harbor)	St Joe River, (Cabela's Qualifier).
<u>July 19th</u> (Niles)	St Joe River, (Club Point Event).
<u>Aug 24th</u> Warsaw	Winona (Cabela's Qualifier).
<u>Sept 6th</u> Warsaw	Pike (Family multi species WATCH FOR DETAILS"
<u>Sept. 13th</u>	Maxi ( Club Points Event).
Nov TBD	MWA Annual Tournament Awards Banquet

I decided the next day to try something else. We started back trolling at about .7 to .9 mph with crawler harnesses and we found fish everywhere seldom having to go more than five minutes without another walleye. We returned most of our fish to the lake as we had two nineteen year olds with us that we couldn't keep in check as they were not used to returning fish to the lake so we had to eat a lot of fish. We spend some time perch fishing as there is a small lake off the main lake that is full of perch and also has some nice Pike. We did portage over Hobson Falls one day and went down Cedar River a ways but did not get to



Wine Lake as it was getting to late I understand the fish are larger in Wine Lake and it also has some Lake Trout. The two boys with us did go back to Lost Lake one day and in some very windy weather and were able to boat a couple of very nice fish. Lost Lake is a catch and release lake, which goes to show that, catch and release works. So if you are considering Peffleys don't hesitate you won't regret it. All the boats are scrubbed and power washed before you get them the cab-

ins are very clean and the fish cleaning house does not smell and is cleaner then some kitchen's I've seen. If you are looking to bring enough fish back to pay for your trip go to Lake Erie. But if you are looking for a stress free week with some of the most beautiful scenery and wildlife you can watch Eagles, White Pelicans, Loons and if you are lucky you may see a bear or a wolf or maybe a moose keep your camera handy.



## PEFFLEY'S CANADIAN WILDERNESS CAMP



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## Michiana Walleye Associations 2nd annual Open House

As spring rapidly approaches we start to think about the 2008 fishing season. We would like to invite everyone to Michiana Walleye Associations 2nd annual Open House that's open to the public. Because last year was such a huge success we decided to make it a two day event.

It will be Sat. March 29th 10 am - 4 pm and Sun. March 30th 10 am - 2 pm

13040 Day Road, Mishawaka IN

<http://www.michianawalleye.org/>

There will be speakers and seminars covering walleye, smallmouth and perch fishing on Lake Erie, Detroit River, and other area waters. There will be tackle vendors, raffles, and much more. Food will be available.

Speakers:

### **Sat 29th:**

Aquatic biologist Len Kring will discuss the St Joe river fishery

2005 Cabela's National Championship 5th placed team of Randy Gaines and Mike Rhoades will have a question and answer session on walleye fishing.

Capt Rick Millete from Erie Quest Charters will hold a seminar on walleye, smallmouth and perch fishing on Lake Erie.

Randy Gaines and Mike Rhoades will do a session on Detroit river fishing.

Dave Peffley from Peffley's Canadian Wilderness Camp will have a presentation.

There will be an antique tackle appraiser on hand. ( Les Bontrager )

### **Sun 30th:**

Conservation Officer Mike Fox will discuss rules and regs

2005 Cabela's National Championship 5th placed team of Randy Gaines and Mike Rhoades will have a question and answer session on walleye fishing.

The South Bend Sail and Power Squadron will be conducting FREE Boat safety inspections on March 30th, 10am to 2pm. The inspections are US Coast Guard approved, you must have all safety equipment, ie. Personal floatation devices, fire extinguishers, etc. on board. Current registration for boat is required. RSVP for appt. or info to Elsa Hack @ ( 574 ) 340-8289. Appts aren't mandatory but guarantee you a specific time.

There will be an antique tackle appraiser on hand. ( Les Bontrager )

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**My trip to Peffley's Canadian Wilderness Camp at Perrault Falls, Ontario**

As we are having a raffle to supplement our Scholarship fund we will be raffling off a trip for two to Peffley's wilderness camp. Tickets are \$5.00 ea. With only 300 being sold .I was lucky enough to spend a week at the camp last August therefore I was asked to write a few words about my experience. Three of my friends from Grand Rapids and Curtis Michigan and myself made our way to Perrault Falls on the morning of August 4, 2007 where we met Dave Peffley with his 21 foot Crestliner where we loaded our gear and made our way the twelve miles to the camp. Arriving at camp our gear was unloaded and transported to the top of the hill where the cabins were located. After unpacking and admiring the beautiful scenery for a while we decided to go fishing. Armed with all the GPS coordinates for all the hotspots we took off to do some jig fishing as we were told that this was the way to go. After spending the day with very limited success. Page 7