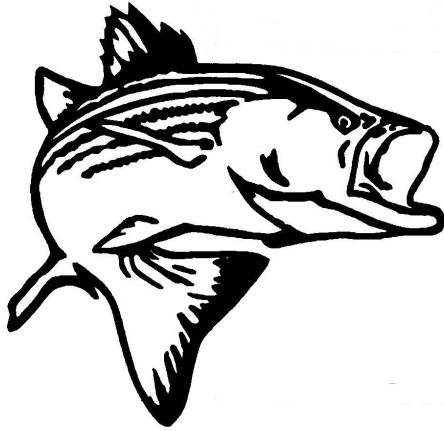


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Cooper, son of member Nathan Bailey, lands his first striper using some live bait techniques his Dad picked up while fishing with Doug Steffe and Bud White last month. See related story on page 10.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello Everyone,

I would like to start off by thanking Dean Russell and the crew at The Flatwater Grill for another great dinner they provided for us at our last meeting. If you haven't had a chance to attend one of our meetings at this location yet, you are missing out on some excellent food and a great atmosphere. I hope to see you there in October!

On a more serious note, I have heard some sad stories lately about vehicles being broken into in parking lots while the owners are out fishing. I have heard first hand accounts and read many stories on different fishing sites concerning this. There doesn't seem to be a pattern as to where this is happening. I have seen reports from Boone Lake, Cherokee, Melton Hill, below Melton Hill and Norris. Most people are reporting that their windows are being busted and some valuables stolen. It makes sense to double check before you leave the house to make sure EVERYTHING is out of your vehicle. Some people have suggested that they will take everything out of their vehicle and leave the windows down to prevent any damage. I don't know the answer, but do know that I will be more aware of where I leave my truck and what I leave in it and hope you will too. Also be on the lookout for suspicious behavior while you are at the ramp and report anything out of the ordinary to the police.

Don't forget about the fish fry at the end of this month, it will be held at Grainger County Park on Cherokee Lake. There is plenty of room for the kids to run around and a playground for them as well. We will have the cast net contest again so be ready to test your skills or learn how to throw one from the experts. Also, we will have the old fishing equipment swap again this year. If you have anything you want to get rid of, bring it to sell it or trade for something else.

I am looking forward to the great camaraderie and excellent food again. I hope to see everyone there!

Tight lines and see you on the water!

— *Erik Engebretsen*



Everyone seemed happy with the buffet.

ATTENTION: September Meeting

TSBA Annual Fish Fry and Reunion

The annual fish fry will be on Saturday, September 25, 2010. This event will replace the regular monthly meeting held at The Flatwater Grill.

Bring a covered dish to share along with lawn chairs to the Grainger County Park on Cherokee Lake. Families are invited to attend.

The tackle swap will start at 2 p.m. with dinner to follow starting at 4 p.m.

Minutes of the TSBA

TSBA's monthly meeting was held for the second time at The Flatwater Grill in Oak Ridge. We were treated to a wonderful buffet at a reasonable cost that was served in a banquet room with a view of the lake.

Our presentations were enhanced with a sound system and a large projection screen. Our hosts striper fisherman Dean Russell and wife Lynn Randolph joined the Club that evening.

Our first speaker was TWRA reservoir fisheries biologist Jim Negus. Jim discussed the upcoming re-evaluation of the closed



Erik Engebretsen, speaker Jim Negus, Jerry Skelly, and speaker Mike Maddelena (left to right) enjoying their meal before the meeting.

fishing zone at Cherokee Dam. Jim presented a layout of the oxygen diffusers and bottom contours located in front of the dam. TSBA has been asked to participate in a TWRA sanctioned angling study to evaluate if stripers are still utilizing the no-fishing zone as summer refuge habitat. The TWRA Commissioners have requested the evaluation after prompting by public comments from local businesses and individuals. Data on catch numbers, survival rates, fish lengths and weights, and catch locations will be collected during the study. The fish harvested will be donated to the Knox Area Rescue Ministries.

August 2010 Meeting

Jim's layout was used to discuss past striper holding areas and potential strategies and depths for locating the fish. The first of two angler survey days was set for the evening of Monday August 30. We thank Jim Negus for his presentation, coordination and efforts on this very important issue affecting the future of our Cherokee fishery.

Our feature speaker was club member Mike Maddalena, who spoke on Fishing Unfamiliar Lakes. Mike lives in Cumming Ga. and guides mostly on Lake Lanier, but fishes all over our multi state area. Topics covered included research, preparation and fishing tactics.

Mike believes that more productive trips usually occur in summer or winter when the fish are more predictable. Fall or spring can be more challenging to find the fish; he suggests avoiding waters that are turning over. Investigate the lake through maps, both paper and electronic. Use the car GPS for lodging, supply stores and launching sites. Contact friends or other local clubs by phone or on-line fishing forums. Find and use the lake's dam release or river flow websites. Determine your strategy for bait and look for sources or transport your own. When packing equipment, bring backups of high risk items like bait tank pumps, fuses, wiring and hardware. Don't forget special tackle for catching skipjacks, bream or trout. Mike suggests a thorough check of truck, trailer and boat for fluids, pressures and bearings. Once you're on the body of water, use your Intel on locations and combine with what has been working on



TWRA reservoir fisheries biologist Jim Negus reviews the strategy for implementing an evaluation of the "no fishing zone" at Cherokee Dam.

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Featured speaker Mike Maddalena, a fish guide based out of Cummins, GA, spoke to the club about fishing on unfamiliar lakes.

your lake and, in most cases, you should catch fish. A full outline of his presentation is posted on the TSBA website fishing forum under Newsletter. A big THANKS goes to Mike for coming up to K-Ville to deliver a great presentation.

It was announced that TSBA has teamed up with an on-line fishing line supplier ShopLongLines.com. They have a great selection and price on all types of fishing lines. They will be supplying the club gift certificates and member's only specials. They are also giving all our members FREE shipping on orders, all they ask is to combine fellow member's orders when possible. The code TSB2010, used when ordering, will deduct the shipping. Stay tuned to the Website Fishing Forum for future specials.

The Fish Fry was discussed with plans initiated. Volunteers are always needed and can contact Erik. No meeting next month, Fish Fry at Grainger Co Park, Saturday, September 25.

— Doug Steffe

August Question of the Month

What two locations are on your fishing "bucket list"?

Maybe you would rather just say what two (or more) locations are still left on your fishing "wish list". Either way tell us why, but just tell us where, you haven't fished yet.

I thought this would be an appropriate question to ask since our August speaker, Mike Maddalena, was going to speak on Fishing Unfamiliar Lakes. After reading the responses on our website I think the postings can be used as a tool to help club members connect with other members for information sharing and trip planning.

We had members that said they would like to fish local lakes such as Norris, Watts Bar, Boone and Tellico. Other members said they would like to fish in locations that I would call "when I win the lottery locations" such as the Great Barrier Reef off the coast of Australia, the Amazon River and Costa Rica.

The most desired locations to fish on our members' lists were the Cumberland River in middle TN and the Chesapeake Bay. I think these locations would be ideal for our members to pool their resources for the trip and hiring a guide for their first trip. I'm sure many of our members would agree that when fishing unfamiliar waters it is usually a good idea to hire a guide for at least the first trip and I don't think many of our members have boats that are suitable for the Chesapeake Bay on a windy day.

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Some other responses:

Ezell started with two good locations:

1. I have always wanted to fish Tellico and haven't, YET. I don't know why I want to or haven't yet except there were too many other places in front of it.
2. The other place is the Chesapeake Bay during the spawn. I have a friend that lives there and catches some large stripers in the spring.

Doug Steffe likes to think BIG:

Marlin fishing off the west coast of South/Central America like our Cal. Member John did in the following youtube video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zqkrmElv-yM>. Also, catching 60# stripers in salt water off the east coast.

Jeff Jolly also likes to think BIG:

Outside the US: Fresh Water - Amazon River; Salt Water - Great Barrier Reef, Australia

As I wrote last month I know that a lot of our members have already read this information on our website and I would like to thank our members for their excellent contributions. I just want to explain that we are currently mailing more than 140 printed issues of the Newsletter to members that have requested to receive a paper copy of each issue and these members may not have read the website information. Keep sending in your good comments and information.

— **Jim Blazier**

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October 2010 Expectations

Lake turnover takes place through the month of October in the reservoirs of Tennessee. As the lake is homogenized, stripes will be free to roam the waters top to bottom, bank to bank, and end to end. This sometimes makes stripers difficult to locate because you have to find them on a daily basis. Many times the best clue is to find the largest baitfish concentrations.

October is also the start of some surface feeding. Catch and release also becomes an option again.

The tailrace fishing and the river-run below them will still be at a premium as the reservoirs are being emptied to their winter levels. The scenery is wonderful on the water this month. The lack of storms, heat, humidity, ski boats, and jet skis is welcome.

—Ezell Cox



Ezell Cox holding a 28-pounder he caught on Norris Lake near the dam. This particular fish will be a guest of honor at the annual fish fry on September 25, 2010.

Teaching Children to Fish Could Help Them Land a College Scholarship

Giving your children and grandchildren an opportunity to fish may lead to landing something much bigger than a record-setting bass. Colleges across America are beginning to recognize the sport of fishing as a recruitment tool. There are over 220 colleges with bass fishing clubs in North America offering students a chance to participate in the growing trend of collegiate bass fishing tournaments. Check out the ESPN-sponsored website www.collegebass.com for details about college fishing clubs and competitive tournaments.



Mathew caught this striper over the 4th of July weekend on Norris Lake.

Bethel University, a private college in West Tennessee, made a big splash this year by becoming the first college in America to award athletic scholarships for competitive bass fishing. By teaching a youngster to fish you could be giving them not only the gift of a lifelong hobby but also a means for funding part of their college education.

Perhaps Matthew (pictured above), Cooper (pictured on the cover), or any of the kids benefitting from the TSBA outreach programs will someday take advantage of this opportunity.

— **Sherry Wehner, editor**

Outlook for Current Fishing Spots

Cherokee Lake: Fair

Early October will have some stripers that have not left the aeration near the dam. The best fishing will be from Point #14 upstream to Point #26. Baitfish on the surface will have some striper breaks at the right time of day.

Norris Lake: Fair

The stripers have scattered, and if you find them, the bite can be good on some days. The best fishing is from the forks of the river (Point #9) upstream about 10 miles (Point #24 on the Clinch and Point #14 on the Powell). The water quality was better than normal this summer, although the drought caused the lake draw-down to be early.

Tailrace and Downstream: Excellent

It is hard to fish wrong here with the bait and hungry fish plentiful.

— *Ezell Cox*

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Please join us at TSBA meetings and events. Unless otherwise noted, monthly meetings are held at The Flatwater Grill at 100 Melton Lake Peninsula in Oak Ridge, Tennessee (see the restaurant's web site at <http://theflatwatergrill.com>).

- Sept. 25 Annual Fish Fry and Reunion, Grainger County Park.
Tackle swap 2 p.m., dinner at 4 p.m. This event will take the place of the regular monthly meeting.
- Oct. 18 Monthly Meeting: dinner 6:30 p.m., meeting 7:15 p.m.
The Flatwater Grill in Oak Ridge.
- Nov. 15 Monthly Meeting: dinner 6:30 p.m., meeting 7:15 p.m.
The Flatwater Grill in Oak Ridge.

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- * You'll be able to attend monthly meetings with informative programs.
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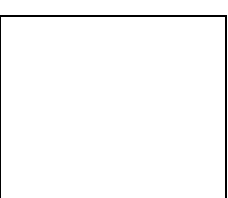
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