



# OUTDOOR LORE

Newsletter of the Outdoor Writers of Ohio

May 2009

## Presidential Meanderings

by Celeste Baumgartner – OWO President

I remember reading Scott Carpenter's president's message in the spring 2007 *LORE* when he noted that that President's Message would be his last. It hit me like ice water on a hot day. I would be writing the next one. Two years later I can't believe my turn is up. Chip Hart – get ready.

I'm glad that I took my turn. It provided great opportunities in many different directions. I got to know more about individual OWO members, what they were involved in, what kind of writing they did, what they liked and didn't like about OWO and other topics. Being president took up some time but not a lot. Having a good board of trustees, secretary/treasurer, newsletter editor, conference and other committee chairs, and others to help as needed really made the job easy. I would like to thank those people and everyone else who I called on during my tenure. I hope that I have done my bit to keep the organization moving along.

I have benefitted from being president. I believe that to profit from membership in any group you have to contribute. I encourage all members to get involved at some level. Let Nomination Chair Melissa Hathaway or any board member know if you're interested in running for a trustee position or an office. Something may not happen right away, but it will happen.

In thinking about this message and my time as president, I have also considered how lucky I am to be a writer. I genuinely like what I do and can't imagine not writing. Admittedly, as a part-time freelancer, I don't have to worry about health insurance and retirement; I am not subject to the same stresses as full-time writers. Also, being a freelancer I can, to some degree, choose topics that interest me. I have had opportunities to go birding, stargazing, biking, hiking and more with people and in places that I would not have had otherwise. I have met fascinating people and, because I was a writer, was given insight into their lives. I have interviewed both sides of the mega farm issue and have sympathy for all involved. I wrote stories about organic farmers, Karner blue butterflies and saw-whet owls; I spoke with a mother whose son was killed in a grain bin accident; I have interviewed the kids who showed Grand Champion animals at the county and state fairs. After

my first Fish Ohio Day, I sold a story about a Lake Erie charter captain. I know all of you have had the same kinds of opportunities and more. I like being a writer, and I can't imagine not writing.

Being a member of OWO has increased my level of professionalism, enabled me to network, to find solutions and meet the people I need to complete a story. Someone in the group had already been there and done that and was happy to talk to me about it. What a great camaraderie we share. Thank you for the opportunity to serve this fine organization.



Most of you know that Mike Moore, editor of *Ohio Outdoor News*, was seriously injured recently. Thankfully, Mike is making progress. You can send cards to: Mike Moore, 212 Hearthstone Drive, Delaware, OH 43015.

### Looking for Work?

Environmental Education and Training Partnership (EETAP) is seeking freelance writers with environmental education experiences to write magazine style articles for publication on its website. Each article will highlight an important area of EETAP's work and extend the storyline to similar efforts by other programs.

The intent of the articles is to inform about trends in environmental education and their significance for the field and its practitioners. The audience for the articles are formal and non-formal educators who are working to improve learning and increase the environmental literacy of their students and program participants.

For further information, contact Sharon Courtney at [Sharon.Courtney@uwsp.edu](mailto:Sharon.Courtney@uwsp.edu).

## 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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Celeste Baumgartner

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### EDITOR OF THE LORE

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## Keep in mind

When you receive a new directory it is for your personal benefit, whether you are an individual or a sponsor.

We have been receiving sales info from persons who dropped their sponsorship several years ago, but apparently are still using the information from the directory.

We still keep our old directories "just in case" we are looking for an individual, but not to try to sell them something.

I keep the renewal or new membership information for a year but shred all past forms trying to keep your personal information from going to a wrong person or persons.

J.

## New Member

Welcome to our newest member, **Bob Russ** – 8699 Fairpark Ave. N.W., Canal Fulton, OH 44614, home and work phone – 330-854-0140.

Bob loves the fishing world, makes lures, presents seminars and a radio show, Fishing Around the Firelands, WLKR FM. He wrote for the Canton *Repository* for over 10 years until they decided to downsize the outdoors news, now becoming a freelance writer to go along with his other endeavors.

## Lost a Member

Celeste wrote that **Frank Snare** passed on to his rewards March 10. He had been her mentor and was the one who encouraged her to join OWO.

It was written that Frank never met a stranger, or a kid he wouldn't take fishing. At the end of countless days a stream Frank's tackle boxes were all but empty because he had given lures and advice to every fellow fisherman he met. A consummate ultra light tackle devotee, Frank excelled at landing big smallmouth bass on gossamer (1 or 2 pound test) line. He loved wading Ohio's small creeks and rivers.

Perhaps he is still doing a catch and release behind the Golden Arches.

## Not a Member but a Friend

Jamey Graham forwarded the following about Laura Jones. Laura worked for ODNR Communications then took over supervision of the *Wild Ohio* TV show. Her husband died suddenly of a heart attack. Those who may have been in contact and would like to send a card, the address is 3495 Wenwood Dr., Hilliard, OH 43026.

## From the Editor

Taking care of *LORE* and the directory have been interesting over the past three years, but will it continue will be up to the new President and his board members. If they choose another, this could be my last "From the Editor."

I really want to say thank you for all of the help that I have received. It made me feel good when recently I could introduce myself to one of our supporting members, including representatives of the Sportsman Channel at the Cleveland Sports Show and Mike Ferrell of Ithaca Gun Company at the Deer and Turkey Expo in Columbus, and state that I was the editor of the *OWO LORE*.

Sooo, I can only say if you want me to continue to be the Editor of *LORE*, mention it to the incoming President and board members. They have the final say.

Again, my thanks,

Joanne



**Don't forget to vote May 5 –  
or don't complain**

# ON TO MARIETTA!

## A Plea for your presence at the OWO Spring Conference

by Chip Hart

*THIS IS THE YEAR NOT TO MISS THE EXCITEMENT ...*

The Outdoor Writers of Ohio Conference is scheduled for May 14-17, 2009, at the LaFayette Hotel in Marietta, Ohio. Rather than give you the customary reasons why you should attend, besides the strength of the program, I felt excuses might be more appropriate (since those who don't show up always have them).

**So now we have the TOP 11 excuses why you should attend:**

**Number 1** – I got married and need some consoling from my peers. HELP!

**Number 2** – Supporting Members will be setting up displays, and I really want to meet them.

**Number 3** – Four hours is normally too far to drive for an OWO conference even though I would drive 20 to go fishing or hunting. But I will make an exception of OWO.

**Number 4** – A Paddleboat boat ride and a wildlife refuge tour, count me in!

**Number 5** – Since I will be well dined and wined (whined), I am seriously considering attending.

**Number 6** – The OWO conference and the ideas I come back with allow me to reduce the number of jobs I hold from 6 to 5.

**Number 7** – The hotel rooms were too expensive until OWO decided to provide a room rebate if I registered by April 6th. This is another \$50 bucks in my pocket!

**Number 8** – Turkey Season is not open so nothing will interfere with the conference this year, and I have sent my spouse and kids to the in-laws so I can go.

**Number 9** – The hospitality room is less than 100 ft. from my room, and there will be no risk of attack by rabid raccoons or herds of deer.

**Number 10** – There is a greyhound drop off in Marietta, Ohio, and Tom Cross has agreed to pick me up and deliver me to the conference.

**Number 11** – We will publish your name and excuse in our next newsletter if you don't attend.

*I could list 20 but why bother!!*

## OWO Conference

Can it really be the 70th Annual OWO Conference? Good gosh, some of our members weren't even born yet!!

Those who, for one reason or another, will not be attending will certainly miss a great conference. We lost several of our regular sponsors and gained new ones, so please take time to make all of them feel welcome, give them some print space where possible so they will feel they definitely want to remain a part of our OWO family. We need them as much as they need us. After all, who better to tell the good happenings of the products that conservationists like, whether for hiking, bird watching or hunting and fishing, than outdoor writers.

There is so much to see in Marietta and nearby areas that those who can spare the time should arrive a day early to take advantage. We are.

If you have not yet made your arrangements, it is not too late – but hurry! And don't forget your pajamas for the PJ party. You know, the one hosted by Steve Pollick on Friday evening.

## Food for thought for the General Membership Meeting

A "Life Member" proposal/decision will undoubtedly surface at the general membership meeting, and these are things to perhaps think about prior to the meeting.

A member in good standing will be considered for Life Membership in the OWO if he/she has been a past OWO president or Lou Klewer Award winner and has been a member of OWO for at least 30 years.

The 30 years and a past president or Klewer Award winner shows long time involvement/activity in the organization to help keep the Life Membership rare.

Life Members no longer pay dues which could create a drain if many were awarded at the same time.

Give it some thought ... just in case.

## Scholarship Fund

If you cannot attend the conference and would like to help support the scholarship fund, just send a check to Guy Denny stating same.

Try to bring one or more items for the auctions that will benefit the scholarship funds and then try to keep in mind youngsters who are college bound and who may need some financial help, no longer for this year but next year.

# All Communicators Are Urged To Investigate HB 85 And Inform The Public

—Ed Moody, Legislative Coordinator

State Representatives Boyd Williams, Michael Skindell, Michael DeBose, Marion Harris, Dale Mallory and Mike Foley recently introduced House Bill 85 into the legislative hopper.

If enacted, House Bill 85 will amend sections 2151.022, 2152.02 and 2923.19, and enact section 2923.212 of the Revised Code to prohibit any person under twenty-one years of age from possessing a firearm, subject to specified exceptions; to expand the offense of failure to secure dangerous ordnance so that it also prohibits a failure to secure a firearm and increase the penalty for the offense; and to declare an emergency.

Section 2923.212 of the proposed Bill states: (A) No person under eighteen years of age shall knowingly possess a firearm. (B) No person eighteen years of age or older and under twenty-one years of age shall knowingly possess a firearm.

Section 4 states: This act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety.

## FYI

**Craig Springer** sent word the USFMS-Fisheries is on Facebook. Readers will find story leads, contacts and photos (on a link to Flickr) in the public domain.

**Jack Kiser** sent word that after three initial years on PBS, the “Buckeye Angler” TV series has been renewed for a second season of local outdoors angling shows on “The Cat” TV-35 in Cleveland, TV-29 in Akron (Time Warner 14). The new slate for 2009 premieres on Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m., the show’s regular weekly slot. Additional news is that the series will be aired twice weekly in the new season, with Thursday evening’s episodes repeated the following Saturday mornings at 6:00 a.m. For those who do not know Jack, he is the host of the show, and Outdoors Columnist for the *Record-Courier* and Ohio Editor of *Midwest Outdoors* magazine. Various locales, species and angling methods relevant to Ohio anglers will be featured for 2009 on a show that again promises to both entertain and inform. Further information and previews available at [www.buckeyeangler.com](http://www.buckeyeangler.com).

**Ohio Valley Outdoor Times** will make its debut on May 15. This goes along with the *Ohio Valley Outdoors Magazine* but will be more frequently published and will be a FREE publication in Trumbull, Mahoning and Columbiana counties in Ohio and Hancock County in West Virginia. **Larry Claypool** is the one also in charge of that publication.

## Moving

Don’t forget to notify us along with others so *LORE* moves with you.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** This proposal was introduced for the Ohio Revised Code, while the Ohio Division of Wildlife is administered and governed under the Ohio Administrative Code. Enactment of this proposal may cause legal confusion between the laws of the ORC and the laws and regulations of the Division of Wildlife under the OAC.

Rules of the Ohio Division of Wildlife permit those under the age of 18 and with valid licenses and permits to hunt and possess firearms.

The question that comes to mind is: Will HB 85 supersede rules already in place and working well under the OAC, or is this an attempt by a few legislators to undermine the Ohio Administrative Code when it addresses hunting and firearms?

**WRITERS MAY WANT TO RESEARCH HB 85 BEFORE INFORMING THEIR READERS ABOUT THE POSSIBLE EFFECTS PASSAGE OF HB 85 WILL HAVE ON YOUTHS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 WANTING TO POSSESS A FIREARM FOR NUMEROUS REASONS. STATE LEGISLATORS REPRESENTING THIS AREA OF OHIO HAVE ALREADY BEEN CONTACTED.**

*“Our country with its great institutions is safe so long as virtue resides in the home and patriotism abides in the hearts of the people.”*

—William McKinley

*Instruction is what we say, influence is what we do, image is what we are.*

—Anonymous

*“We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.”*

—Winston Churchill

*Leaders are chosen to serve. There is always trouble when the leader forgets this.*

—Anonymous

*“I do not prize the word ‘cheap.’ It is not a badge of honor, it is a symbol of despair. Cheap prices make for cheap goods; cheap goods make for cheap men; and cheap men make for a cheap country.”*

—William McKinley

## Science Teacher receives Grant from Toyota

Michael Sustin applied and received a \$10,000 grant from the Toyota TAPESTRY Program.

The West Geauga Local Schools science teacher received the grant money that encourages excellence and innovation in science education. The grant money will be used to support a study of bobcat and black bear populations in three north-eastern Ohio counties.

Michael Rouse, Toyota's vice president of philanthropy and community affairs, stated that supporting excellent teachers who can excite and energize their students is a great way to make an impact on future generations.

Sustin's plan for the grant, The Return of Apex Predators to Northeastern Ohio, proposes to research and document the permanent residency of bobcats and black bears and investigate methods of managing for them. It will offer students the opportunity to use real scientific inquiry skills and technology to make a difference in statewide management goals and strategies and to raise awareness and respect for successful conservation efforts.

In forwarding this information, Jamey Graham reported that this science teacher works closely with the District 3 Division of Wildlife.

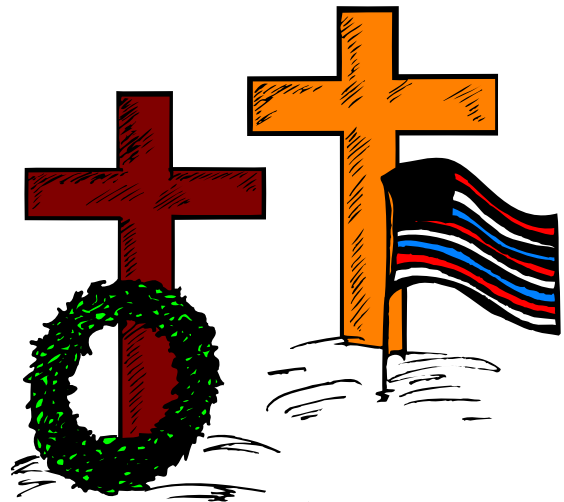
## Mike Moore



*Mike Moore and Ed Moody at the Deer and Turkey Expo in Columbus, convincing a visitor to subscribe to Ohio Outdoor News.*

Most of our members have probably learned that Mike Moore was in a serious accident. He had the surgery that he anticipated would keep him from the conference this year, but an accident was not in the plans.

Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. His wife asked that cards be sent to the home address of 212 Hearstone Dr., Delaware, OH 43015.



## Memorial Day

### New Patch and Pin

**Be sure to see Guy Denny if you have not received an OWO pin or patch – or if you would like to have another one.**

**One is free, more will require a “donation.”**

## Directories and Membership Cards

The 2009-2010 directories will be passed out at the conference along with new membership cards. Each directory will be in its own envelope, so be sure to check inside when you remove your directory to get the card.

Then take a moment to make sure the information has not changed since your dues were paid. If you have a fax, the information was sent to you to verify before it went to the printer. I tried to call those who do not have a fax.

J.

## Food for Thought

Have you personally thanked a farmer recently for his efforts “for the tillers of the soil are the true pioneers of the world” and the people in this country certainly like to eat.

Not only that, a farmer is probably the only worker who plants his crops at one price and has no idea of what the return will be at harvest time.



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# Calendar

**May 14-17, 2009**  
**OWO Conference**  
Marietta, Ohio

**May 13-16, 2010**  
**OWO Conference**  
Geneva on the Lake, Ohio

**FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2009**  
**TENTATIVE 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 ...

