



Bill Jarboe – Honorary NFLCC Member (2018/2019)

Attending the *International Convention of Allied Sportfishing Trades* (better known as ICAST) each year not only introduces us to new products but we meet pioneering people who made fishing tackle many years ago. Fishing historians like Ken Duke, editor of *Fishing Tackle Retailer*, have been most helpful introducing many makers of fishing lures for many years that deserve to be Honorary Members of the NFLCC.

It was a pleasure to nominate and to have unanimous approval of Bill Jarboe at our annual meeting. Bill was highly recommended by people in the fishing industry and here's why.

In 1970, Bill was working in Wichita, Kansas in the aircraft industry which was in a recession. Many were leaving this line of work when Bill received a call from Bill Pinkerton of Rebel lures. Founder George Perin was looking for a lure designer who had knowledge of hydro dynamics.

Jarboe declares that aerodynamics and hydrodynamics the sciences concerned with forces acting on or exerted by a wide range factors in air or fluids are very similar. Being an avid angler, he was happy to move to Ft. Smith, Arkansas to work in a field he loved.

Joining the local BASS club, he soon began fishing in club and local tournaments. In his current job, he frequently gets to field test lures with some of the top pro anglers.

Factors including depth, vibration, sound, reaction to contact with cover, and fish-catching ability are tested and refined. On a recent test, 20 different paddles (diving lips) were tested.

Some of the baits he designed, in alphabetical order, include the Arbogast Buzz Plug, Bomber Square A's, Saltwater Badonk-a-donks, Super pony, CD25, CD30, and Who Dat's. Also Booyah One Knocker, Hard Knocker, Boss Pop, Prank, Poppin Pad Crasher, ToadRunner, Streak and Booyah's first crank bait, Flex II.

He also designed the Creek Chub Chug-A-Lug, Pin Popper's, Knuckle-Heads, and Surfsters, Heddon Chug'n Spook, One Knocker Spook, and Rattlin Spook. Lindy Glow Spoons and Wally Demons were his babies as were Rebel Bluegill, Micro Critters, From Pop, and F68 Crawfish.

The Smithwick Perfect 10 Rogue, Elite 8 Rogue, Top 20 Rogue were his babies as were the Yum Flash Mob and Junior, Crawbug, Tip Toad and Bassin Grub.

It was a pleasure to introduce Bill to our board of directors, annual meeting and members throughout our meeting. He was most gracious and interested in examining our lures and telling how he designed lures from the era of carving with a knife and turning lures on a lathe to the modern computer design, 3D printed models and modern methods of coloring them.

To see Bill at his desk talk about lures, go to YouTube and search for "The People of PRADCO Bill Jarboe".