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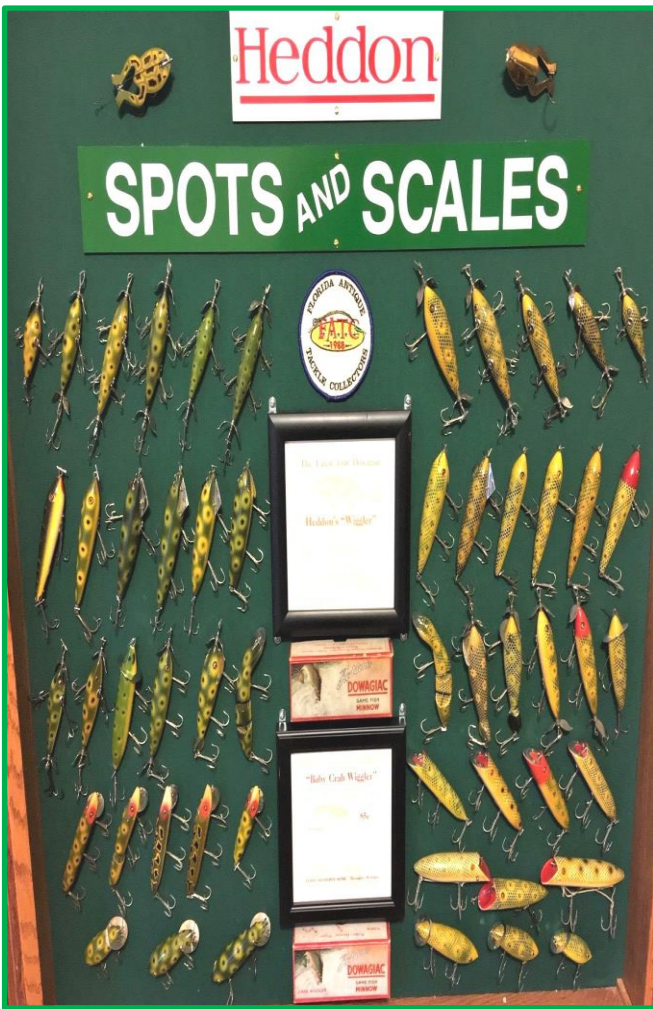
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a Huge Success!





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## President's Message

### Ed Bauries

Well, two years flew by in a flash. This marks my final president's message, as my two-year term has come to an end. A heartfelt thank you to everyone for giving me the pleasure of serving you during these past couple of years, but it's time for a new captain to take charge.

If you have an interest in holding an officer position with FATC, now's your moment! The election of a new president awaits at the St. Augustine show in 2024. So, if the idea of running for president excites you, step forward and reach out to a board member!

The board has decided it's time to bid farewell to hard copies of the FATC newsletter – we're embracing the digital age! We have also discussed exploring a digital directory for smoother updates and more seamless additions for the future. No more waiting until next year for the latest changes or updates.

The Savannah show was a blast. A big thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make it a fun and successful event. The contract for 2024 is signed so if you missed it this year, be sure to mark your calendar for the next. The joint show with FATC and CATC is gaining popularity and will only continue to get better each year. The St. Augustine show is gearing up to be spectacular. As of this newsletter, 225+ tables are already sold. We would like to host a high-quality auction for this show. If you have a small collection or a single quality item valued at least \$100 or more that you'd like to discuss consigning to the auction, please reach out. Let's bring back the legendary Saturday night auctions that the FATC was always known for!

All we can do is strive to improve upon what we've got. I hope I've served you well, and I'm confident that the next elected president will have the best intentions for this wonderful club. Stay happy and healthy, see you in St. Augustine. Until then, thanks again for letting me steer the ship for a little while.

*Ed Bauries*

It is with a heavy heart that I had to add an addendum to my president's message, as the FATC suffered an immense loss prior to the release of the latest newsletter - Jeff Windisman, who you all know had served the club in many ways, but most recently as the editor of our newsletter.

Jeff was a "Gentle Giant" who loved the FATC. He was always willing to help the club in any way that he could. He always greeted you with a smile and a firm handshake. Jeff informed the board that this was going to be his last newsletter as he needed to step away... not because he wanted to but because he had to due to medical reasons. I had planned on thanking him properly and recognizing Jeff for his dedicated service to the FATC at the St Augustine show. I am sorry that I did not do it sooner, as I will never have the chance to tell him in person how much I, the board and the members of the FATC appreciated him.

Let this be a reminder to all of us... Do not take each day for granted. Tell the ones in our lives how much they mean to us... love with all of our hearts... Don't wait for retirement to be happy... Take that trip, make that phone call, take that chance... live, laugh and love like tomorrow may never come. Jeff, if you can hear this, it was a pleasure to have known you. Thank you for all of our conversations. Thank you for your friendship. Thank you for your service and dedication to the club. You will not be forgotten. Rest in Peace my friend.





## Remembering Jeff Windisman

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Recently, our club lost one of its own. Friend and longtime member Jeff Windisman passed on December 20<sup>th</sup>, after a lengthy illness. He was 66 years old.

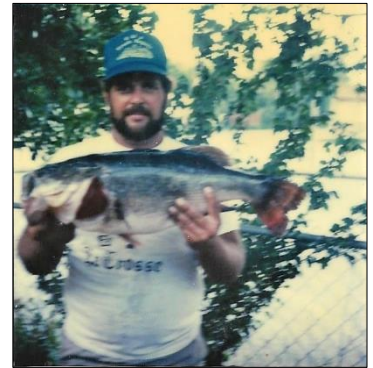
As most of you know, Jeff served as editor to the F.A.T.C. News for several years. He also authored the book, *Days of the Dalton* — a comprehensive reference on the history of Porter Dalton and his lures.

He co-authored *The Pflueger Book* with close friend Dale Van De Voort, and it remains the single best reference on the history of Enterprise Manufacturing Company, Pflueger and Bulldog Brand lures.

What many may not know about Jeff is that he was a highly skilled football player. Throughout his high school years, he played as a lineman for the Auburndale Bloodhounds — oftentimes on both sides of the ball. According to his head coach, Joe Parrish, Jeff was the best lineman he had ever coached. And that talent earned him a full scholarship to play for the Cowboys at the University of Wyoming, where he studied Wildlife Management.

After years of working in electrical maintenance, he retired in 2001 and opened his own taxidermy studio.

Jeff was an avid bass fisherman. He competed in state-level tournaments and even designed his own soft-plastic lures. He was the man behind Jethro Baits, LLC.



Dale Van De Voort said, “Jeff was a genuinely good guy, honest and sincere. He was more like a brother than a friend, and his passing has left a huge void in my life.”

Most of us will remember Jeff for his good nature and friendly smile. He was generous with his time and always willing to help. If the phrase “never met a stranger” describes anyone in our club, it would be Jeff Windisman.

The son of Stephen and Emma Jean Windisman, he is survived by his mother, daughters Misty Lyn and Christy Ann, and six grandchildren.

Rest in Peace, old friend. You will be missed.

## Remembering Paul Snider

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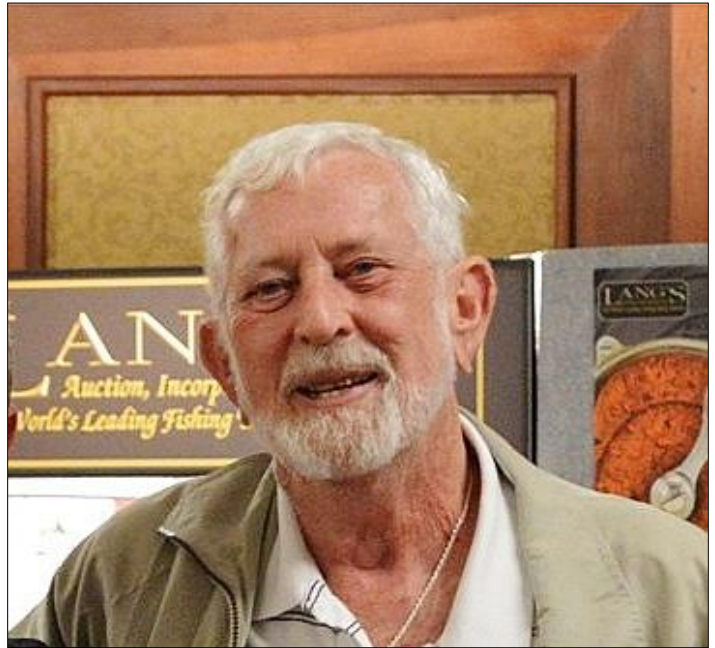
Sadly, we report the loss of another valued member of our club. Paul Snider passed away on December 20, 2023, after battling a lengthy illness.

Paul was born in Covington, Kentucky on July 23, 1944. After high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and completed Air Traffic Control School at Naval Air Station Glynco, near Brunswick, Georgia. Upon graduation, he was assigned to Pensacola Naval Air Station.

Later, he joined the Federal Aviation Administration and was assigned to the Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC) in Miami, Florida. Afterward, he transferred to the Atlanta ARTCC where he served as First Line Supervisor.

Following his retirement, Paul settled in Pensacola, Florida and became more involved with the F.A.T.C. — serving loyally on our Board of Directors, for years. He also served a term as Club Treasurer and could always be found helping with auctions at club shows. His collecting focus was Heddon Crazy Crawlers, for which he won several awards.

Paul is survived by his wife, Jill and son, Wesley.



### FATC 2024 Dues Notice

Club dues are payable on March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Now is the time to renew your FATC Membership.

For your convenience, FATC can accept online payment for membership. Payment can be made with PayPal or credit card. You can pay online at the FATC website using this link:

<https://fatc.net/Membership.htm>.

You can also mail your check for \$35 to our Secretary, Grace Chlastawa. Her address is:

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Please remember that you must be an active paid member to register or have a table at FATC shows. Your membership also must be current in order for your information to appear in the FATC Membership Directory. We expect to distribute the Directory in April 2024. If you are not paid by March 31<sup>st</sup> your information will not be listed and you will not receive a copy of the Directory.





## Savannah Southern Classic a Huge Success!

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This past November, our Club joined forces with the Carolina Antique Tackle Collectors for a second straight year, to host the Savannah Southern Classic Antique Tackle Show. And what an event it was!

At more than 125 tables, the show was a complete sellout. People from around the country gathered at the Embassy Suites & Conference Center, on the outskirts of Savannah, Ga., to participate in what is becoming one of the best run shows in the South. Among the many fine displays were rare and unusual lures, rods, reels, creels, minnow buckets, ephemera ... you name it.



The award for Best Historical Display went to Rick Samuels and his incredible Heddon 1600 collection.



The Best of Show award went to Arthur and Karen Edwards for their outstanding Vann-Clay collection.



After the awards presentation, the raffle results were shared. Then the auction was held with more than 200 items on offer. Using his British flair and unique sense of humor, head-auctioneer Richard Hart kept the crowd fully engaged and entertained.

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An embroidered patch featuring a colorful Vann Clay Red Head lure was available at the show. T-shirts featuring the same artwork were also available. Contact Harry Matthews if you are interested in buying either. His email address is:

[luredog@bellsouth.net](mailto:luredog@bellsouth.net)

Harry will have Savannah patches and T-shirts at the upcoming FATC show in St. Augustine, Florida on the weekend of March 1-3, 2024.



Thanks to the hosts and many volunteers who made the Savannah Southern Classic a huge success.

This year's show is scheduled for November 7-10, at the Embassy Suites & Conference Center, Savannah, Ga. More information will soon be available at [www.fatc.net](http://www.fatc.net) or [www.carolinaantiquetacklecollectors.com](http://www.carolinaantiquetacklecollectors.com)

## Announcing the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual SAVANNAH SOUTHERN CLASSIC Antique Tackle Show



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## The Barnhill Mermaids

by Joe Yates



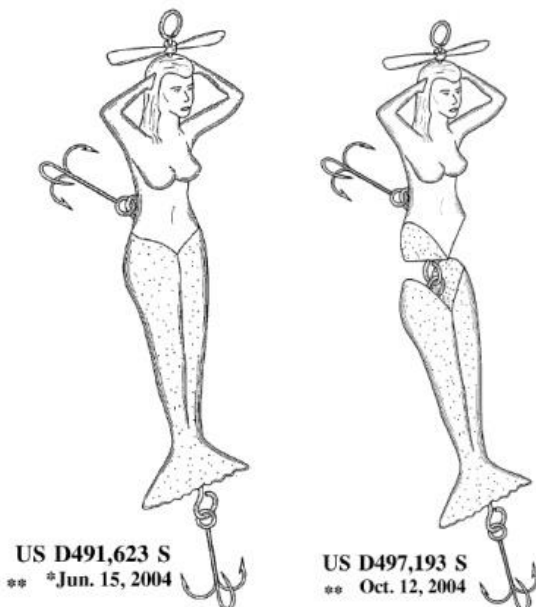
In the early 1950s, a tourist attraction and historical treasure house was located two miles north of Boca Raton, Florida on highway U.S. 1. The site was known as *Ancient America* and was founded by famous Florida photographer Esmond Gemard “Jack” Barnhill. He operated the attraction with his son, Esmond Clayton Barnhill. In 1955 father and son officially registered with Palm Beach County, Florida to engage in business under the name *The Lost City – Ancient America*.

The twenty-four-acre property was located at the site of an ancient Native American village and burial mound. E.G. Barnhill discovered the mound, which became known as The Barnhill Mound. He was the first to excavate the property before eventually financing professional archaeologists to excavate and document the historic site. Their research over a four-week period uncovered three separate burial mounds. The first dated from 400 – 600 A.D., the second from 800 – 1300 and the third mound dated to around the year 1450.

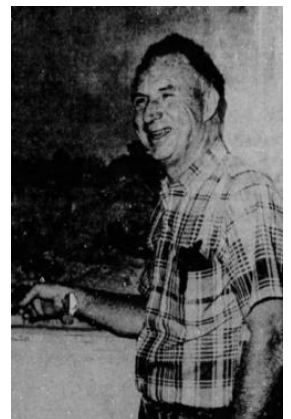
Several Indian tribes, including The Calusa Confederation, the Tequesta and the Jeaga occupied Palm Beach County 1,000 – 2,000 years earlier. It is not altogether clear which of these tribes used the three mounds because no identifying tools or pottery were found.

A descendent of the owner of a nearby tourist attraction known as Africa USA described Ancient America: “the Boca Raton attraction featured a tour of the large Indian burial mound, which was tunneled through. Inside the tunnel, windows were set into the soil to allow the visitor to peer into the burial sites. He also had many items from the Spanish conquest of Florida, including ship cannons and anchors.”

The Ancient America attraction was only open for five years, from 1953 until 1958. Tourist traffic on U.S. 1 declined dramatically when the Florida Turnpike was opened in January 1957. The property was eventually sold and developed as the Boca Marine Yacht Club.



Esmond Clayton Barnhill was pictured in a story in the January 24, 1967 edition of *The Palm Beach Post* that told some of the history of Ancient America and revealed the sale of the property. Esmond Clayton Barnhill and his wife Margaret lived in Stuart, Florida years later when they applied for patents on two fishing lure designs. They received patent number D491,623 on June 15, 2004 and patent number D497,194 on October 12, 2004.



Illustrations from both patents are shown here. The second design is an articulated version of the first. Unlike other mermaid lures in the marketplace, both of the Barnhill designs feature a spinner attached to the top of the mermaid’s head. Neither of the Barnhill mermaid lure designs is known to have been manufactured commercially.

Esmond Clayton Barnhill passed away in Florida in 2010 at the age of 94. His wife passed away in Florida in 2012 at the age of 97.

## Dennis L. Goddard - A Saltwater Fly Tyer

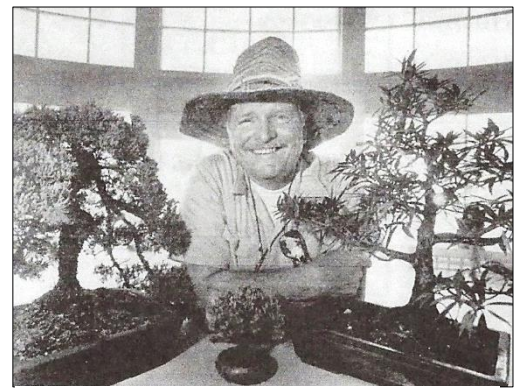
By Ralph J. Hecht

Many times, when you research and write about a Florida lure maker, you find out they began making lures up North and then relocated to Florida where they continued their lure making. One exception to this is Dennis L. Goddard.

Dennis was born in New Jersey on October 1, 1940. After attending high school in New Jersey, he enlisted in the Coast Guard and was stationed in Miami Beach, Florida. After leaving the Coast Guard he became a resident of Miami Beach. In 1963 he joined the Miami Beach police department and in five years was promoted to Sergeant. He continued to rise quickly in the force with promotion to Lieutenant in 1977 and finally to Captain in 1987. He worked in all aspect of law enforcement in these positions including being an undercover detective. In 1987 he became the project coordinator for the expansion of the Miami Beach convention center.

At some time early in Miami he took up salt water fly fishing and started tying his own saltwater flies and even became a part time fishing guide in the Florida Keys. He fished in the Florida Keys with most of the noted saltwater fly rod anglers of that time including: Lefty Kreh, Flipp Pallot, and Stu Apte. Lefty Kreh, an author, accomplished angler and fly tyer, was a nearby neighbor and a very close friend of his.

Concurrent with his hobby of saltwater fly fishing and tying flies, he took up the hobby of raising Japanese Bonsai trees, becoming one of the country's foremost authorities in caring for these trees. He commercially sold Bonsai trees at his residence, with over 2,200 trees in inventory at one time. A photo of Dennis with some his Bonsai trees was published in an article in the February 5, 1987 issue of *The Miami Herald* newspaper.



Dennis Goddard with some of his Bonsai trees published in February 5, 1987 of issue of *The Miami Herald*



Figure 2. Photo of some of Dennis Goddard's flies and lures he made early in Florida. (lures provided by Joe Vitale)

While in Florida he did not market or commercially sell his lures...he just used them himself and gave them to his fishing buddies. We are fortunate that information and some of his flies from this time period were provided for this article by Joe Vitale and by Jeff Goddard, Dennis's son. Some the lures he made early in Florida are shown in Figure 2. One of Dennis's innovatively designed lures is an epoxy type fly using gold or silver woven mesh on its sides with a flashy Mylar tail and bead eyes (Figure 3). They are truly unique and beautiful lures. These lures were included in the timeline display of Florida fly rod lure makers presented in honor of Frank Carter at the 2023 St. Augustine FATC show.



Figure 3. Epoxy filled Dennis Goddard designed and Florida made lures displayed at the 2023 St. Augustine FATC show.

Dennis retired in 1990 after a long and distinguished 27-year career with the Miami Beach police force. After retiring he moved to Bloomfield near Easton, Maryland. Here he continued his fly tying and even teaching classes and clinics on fly tying and fly casting. His passion was still Florida saltwater fly fishing and he published several articles in the Florida Sportsman on the subject. He even gave special classes on how to saltwater fly fish in Florida to anglers who were planning to visit or move to Florida.

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At some time in the early 1990s, while living in Maryland, he began commercially selling his flies under the name D.L. Goddard. He became a supplier of salt water flies to Orvis and Sandy Moret's Outfitters in Islamorada in the Florida Keys, as well as becoming a saltwater fly designer for Umpqua Feather Merchants of Glide, Oregon. The flies he tied from this time period are hard to find since they were not sold on cards or in boxes. Many were sold by companies selling on the internet. However, the ability to purchase them today has long since disappeared.

Dennis made and sold several DVDs describing how to tie over 20 of his saltwater patterns. The covers show pictures of the lure patterns covered in each DVD and are the best source for showing what Dennis sold commercially. One DVD, entitled *Saltwater Flies The Beginning*, gives the steps to his The Thing, Big-eye Smelt, Redbone Fluff, Snapping Shrimp and Winged Snapping Shrimp patterns (Figure 4). A second DVD, entitled *Designing and Tying Saltwater Flies*, describes how to tie his Mantis Fly, Pulsator, Glass Minnow, Mylar Minnow and Firecracker patterns (Figure 5). A third DVD, entitled *Tying Saltwater Flies*, provides the instructions to tie his Green Hornet, Silverado, Bay Anchovie, Grass Shrimp, Yarn Shrimp, No Foul Rabbit Eel, Stealth Fly, Key's Style Tarpon Fly, Slider and "X" Fly patterns (Figure 6). His DVDs can still be purchased on the internet and are available to be viewed on line thru YouTube. There are other commercial patterns Dennis developed and tied that were not available to photograph.

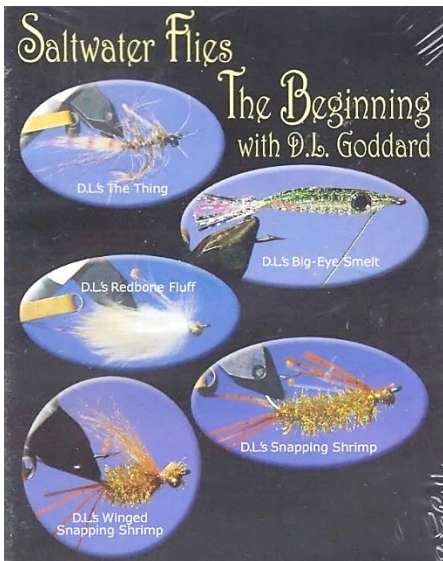


Figure 4. Dennis Goddard's DVD entitled "Saltwater Flies The Beginning"

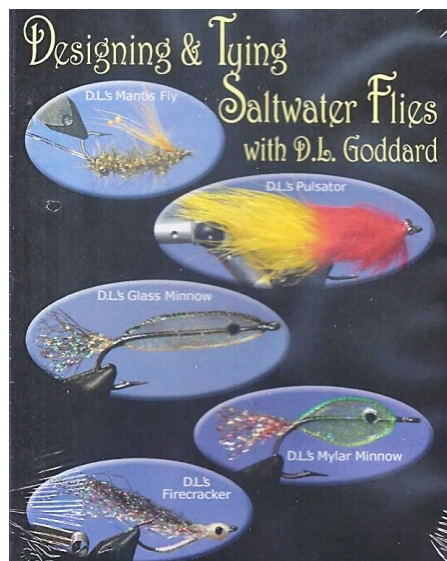


Figure 5. Dennis Goddard's DVD entitled "Designing and Tying Saltwater Flies"

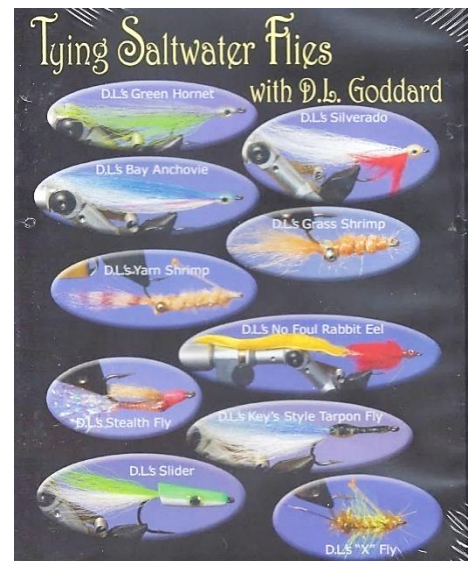


Figure 6. Dennis Goddard's DVD entitled "Tying Salt Water Flies"

Sadly, Dennis Goddard died at age 76 on January 4, 2016 after a full life as a police officer, Bonsai tree expert, saltwater angler, fishing guide, author, fly designer and tyer. Hopefully more information about him and his flies will surface from this article so we can better understand his accomplishments and enjoy the variety of flies and lures he made.

(The author wants to thank Jeff Goddard and Joe Vitale for the information and flies they provided for this article.)

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## Harry Finkelstein's Lure

by Joe Yates

The lure shown here was sold in the sporting goods department of Harry Finkelstein's Store in Jacksonville, Florida. The store was located at the corner of Bay and Jefferson Streets in downtown Jacksonville and was chartered by the State of Florida in 1932.



Lithuania was still a part of Russia when Harry Finkelstein was born there in 1870. He migrated to America in 1886 and worked as a pawnbroker prior to opening the large general merchandise store with his wife, Sophia.

We do not know who actually made the lure that was sold at Finkelstein's. We know that Harry Finkelstein was not a lure maker. It might have been made by someone in Florida or it might have come from somewhere else.



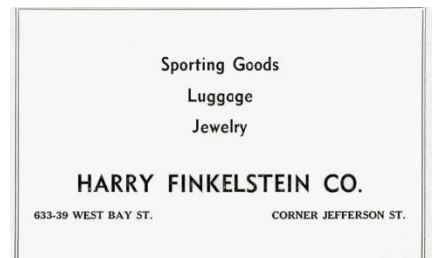
The lure itself is made of wood and measures 3 ¼" in length. It weighs ½ ounce and has cup rig hardware on the belly and a screw eye hanger at the tail.

The two-piece cardboard box measures 5 ½" by 2". The top of the box reads as follows:

HARRY FINKELSTEIN'S  
SPORTING GOODS DEPT  
BAY CORNER JEFFERSON  
JACKSONVILLE, FLA

We do not know exactly when this lure was sold at Finkelstein's store. Harry Finkelstein passed away in 1940, but the store continued operating through the 1950s.

Who was the maker of Harry Finkelstein's lure? Where and when was it made? Please let us know if you have any information about this old lure.



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**Registration is \$15. Tables are \$40 each until July 30<sup>th</sup>, then \$45. Membership is \$35.**

**To register, go to [www.FATC.net](http://www.FATC.net) or contact show hosts**

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# A Message from the Show Hosts

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Greetings All:

As your show hosts, we are proud to announce the second edition of the Florida International Antique Tackle Show, hosted by the Florida Antique Collectors (FATC) and World Golf Village in beautiful St. Augustine Florida — America's Oldest City.

The event will take place at the Renaissance Hotel, Resort & Conference Center at World Golf Village, March 1, 2 & 3, 2024 — with a Friday setup, Sunday breakdown.

Table prices are set at \$40.00 each until July 30th, \$45 after. Wall tables are first come, first served. So, we ask that you get your reservations in as early as possible. Once those tables fill, all following requests will be assigned aisle tables.

We will offer early registration on Thursday evening, February 28th, from 6pm to 7pm. Registration is \$15 per exhibitor (current membership required). Easy drive-up access to the showroom is available at the loading zone, located at the rear of the conference center. You can also cart your items from your hotel room.

For hotel reservations, we negotiated a group rate of \$150 per night, and the rooms are nice. We advise you book early, as it is a busy time of year for Florida tourism.

In closing, we would like to remind you that our organization's future depends on strong, steady recruitment. So please do your part and encourage others to attend this important show.

Looking forward to seeing each of you in March, if not sooner. Until then...

All the best,

Larry Lucas & Chris Smith





## Giant Display Lures

### Gary Simpson

Spending 48 years in the fishing tackle world showed me a few unique things in the way of lures, including some great big ones.

There are plenty of huge display lures around today. PRADCO has offered giant versions of several all-time favorites including Zara Spook and the Torpedo. Giant Rapalas are abundant now, and an overseas outfit, River's Edge, mass produces generic 'man cave' giants. But it's the older, impossibly-rare display pieces made primarily for tackle shops that have intrigued me.

When I first reported for work at The Tackle Box at the age of nineteen, the iconic shop had already been the hub of North Florida angling for a couple of decades. It had a 'general store' feel, as I recall selling nails by the pound and stovepipe in the earliest days. Neither the store owner nor its employees were neat freaks, and tackle was everywhere within the ordered clutter. Two store decorations burned into my young memory were lures hanging from the ceiling above a display gondola. One was a South Bend Teaser with a blue back and black wavy line along the side. The other was a very-much-oversized Dalton Special in frogspot. The Dalton was nicely rendered, looking almost like a stock lure. It was accurately carved and painted, right down to the red belly dots. But instead of "DALTON SPECIAL TAMPA", the big lure's yellow belly read, "Jim" CARR SPECIAL".

As a Tackle Box employee, I would soon meet Mr. Jimmy Carr and be advised of his stellar bass-catching reputation. Carr was certainly one of the very best area anglers of the day.

Somewhere in the neighborhood of ten years later, the big Carr Dalton would go missing. Where to, nobody seemed to know.

After losing most of our retail parking due to the widening of streets on every side, the original Tackle Box was forced to move a few miles East in 2001, to a large building adjacent to Power's Park on Newnan's Lake. And that's where I would see another fabulous display lure.



An older customer aware of my affection for old lures pulled up one day with an amazing piece. I am ashamed to have forgotten this gentleman's name. He told me that he had lived in Jacksonville, FL in his younger days and that this display lure had "hung in the window of Elmo Paschal's Hardware Store in the 1950s". To this day, Paschal Brothers Hardware is billed as "Jacksonville's oldest hardware store, since 1924". As a family friend, he had eventually acquired the huge chunk of wood. It was an Eger Dillinger in the lure's most typical color. The gentleman believed that the Eger factory had made the display piece for Mr. Paschal. Although he declined to let me purchase it, the gentleman did gladly allow me to hold it for photos. One

side of the massive Dillinger was faded, as one would expect following years of Florida sun through a storefront window.

Though I really appreciated his bringing it by to show me, it stung when the gentleman drove away with his huge Eger display lure. I never saw it again.

John Clark, son of the original shop's owner, Charles, owned and ran our sister store, The Tackle Box of Palatka, through the 1980's. Of course, he was well acquainted with every tackle maker along the St. John's River. One that John counts as a friend is Jerry Arrington --- Palatka native, noted lure maker, and owner of the Lurecraft Company (see Volume V Page 1203 of *Florida Lure Makers and Their Lures* for more on Arrington and his company). In the early '90s, Arrington gave John an oversized lure to display in his shop. Recently, John passed it along to me. It's not quite deserving of the "giant" label, but it is certainly larger than any plug the company produced for the public. John believes the big spinnered floater to be a one-of-a-kind piece.



Then at the end of my time in tackle sales, The Tackle Box was in its third location and called "Gary's Tackle Box". Here, one last chapter would bring my experience with display lures to the final stroke of full circle.

In October of 2023, we announced that on Thanksgiving Day, Gainesville would no longer have some incarnation of The Tackle Box, following more than 70 years of business. Word got around quickly, as it certainly does these days, and we enjoyed an unimaginably sweet sendoff with hundreds of Facebook tributes and well-wishes. Anglers and old friends I had not seen many years traveled from all over Florida and beyond to visit us one last time and remind us of the Tackle Box memories they cherished. More than one grown man wept.



One of the old friends that came by was 'Bubba' Carr .... son of Dalton Special legend, Jimmy. And he brought with him one very special Dalton. For the first time in nearly four decades, I got to see the "Jim CARR Special" again. Apparently, the man himself had reclaimed his creation all those years earlier. Those bittersweet final days slid closer to the sweet end when Bubba Carr visited the shop with the big handmade fishing lure countless old-time anglers had long ago admired. Of them all, only I was able to hold it one more time.





## Crystal River, Florida

Plantation on Crystal River

9301 West Fort Island Trail, Crystal River, FL 34429

May 31-June 1, 2024



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Florida Antique Tackle Collectors 2024

Standard Room Rates \$129, Patio Water View Rooms, add \$30

Website: [www.PlantationonCrystalRiver.com](http://www.PlantationonCrystalRiver.com)

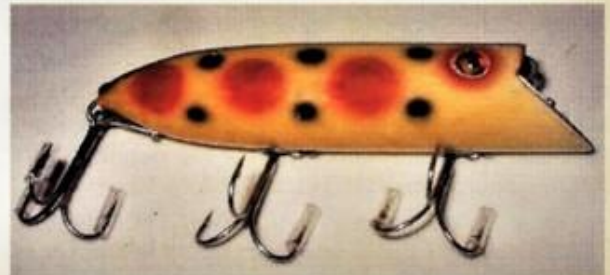
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Contact show host, Tom Wilkerson for additional information.

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# Thanks to all who helped with my collection!

~Chuck



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## Editor's Corner

Joe Yates

This is my first rodeo as *FATC News* Editor and I decided to save my little corner for last. I have always thought it best that editors stay out of the way as much as possible and I will try to do that going forward.

This issue of *FATC News* marks a number of important changes for our club. We have chosen to make the newsletter digital only in order to avoid the ever-increasing costs of printing and mailing. Our hope is that this will help to create a degree of financial flexibility that will allow the club better options for hosting shows. We will soon be making changes in leadership, as elections will be held in a couple weeks for the offices of President and Secretary. There will also be several new voices on our Board of Directors.

It is sad when change comes from losing the ones we care about. Jeff Windisman epitomized the best among us and it is heartbreaking that he has gone. I will do my best to fill his shoes, both with this newsletter as well as Membership Director.

I am thankful to those who have contributed to this edition of the *FATC News*. I am hopeful that many more will step forward and send a story about a piece of old fishing tackle, its maker, or anything that would be of interest to our readers. This publication is no more or less the sum of the participation of our members. Please participate here and anywhere else you can. Please send all contributions either by email to: [FATCnews@gmail.com](mailto:FATCnews@gmail.com) or you can use my postal address in the Directory.



Thanks,  
*Joe Yates*



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|---|----------|----|----------|----|
| Classified “Tackle Box” Ads {Black & White} | \$3.50   | 1x | \$10.00  | 3x |
| Classified “Tackle Box” Ads {Color}         | \$5.00   | 1x | \$12.50  | 3x |
| Business Card Ads {Black & White}           | \$10.00  | 1x | \$29.00  | 3x |
| Business Card Ads {Color}                   | \$15.00  | 1x | \$40.00  | 3x |
| 1/4 Page Ads {Black & White}                | \$50.00  | 1x | \$120.00 | 3x |
| 1/4 Page Ads {Color}                        | \$75.00  | 1x | \$200.00 | 3x |
| 1/2 Page Ads {Black & White} “Horizontal”   | \$200.00 | 1x | \$450.00 | 3x |
| 1/2 Page Ads {Color} “Horizontal”           | \$300.00 | 1x | \$679.00 | 3x |
| 1/2 Page Ads {Black & White} “Vertical”     | \$160.00 | 1x | \$380.00 | 3x |

**FLORIDA ANTIQUE TACKLE COLLECTORS INC.**

A NOT-FOR PROFIT EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION DEDICATED  
 TO THE PRESERVATION OF OUR ANGLING HERITAGE

Florida Antique Tackle Collectors Inc. [FATC] is a not-for-profit educational corporation in the state of Florida. The Purpose of the FATC is educational through the collection and distribution of historical and technical data regarding fishing equipment, its development, its inventors and manufacturers from the earliest times through present day and to assist other groups and individuals having a similar purpose. In order enhance the knowledge of these subjects, the collection and preservation of examples of fishing tackle is to be encouraged for the benefit of present and future generations.

FATC was founded in 1987, the founders felt that a statewide organization would provide additional opportunities for residents of Florida and others to learn about history of angling in Florida and elsewhere. FATC sponsors three exhibitions, open to the public, annually at different locations. At the exhibition members display their collections, interact with the public and engage in other activities in keeping with the purpose of the FATC. The FATC publishes a newsletter tri-annually and annual membership directory. FATC is not affiliated in any way with the National Fishing Lure Collectors Club [NFLCC] or the Old Reel Collectors Association Inc. [ORCA], but encourage FATC members to support those organizations.

FATC annual membership dues are \$35 Domestic, \$40 Canada, \$45 Foreign or \$700 Life Membership [Domestic], \$800 Life Membership [Canada], \$900 Life Membership [Foreign] 20x Annual dues. Please direct membership inquires or applications [with your dues] to the FATC Treasurer listed above. For membership applications, visit our website at: [www.fatc.net](http://www.fatc.net)



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March 1-3, 2024

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### Florida International Antique Tackle Show

March 1-3, 2024

WORLD GOLF VILLAGE – St. Augustine, Florida

Show Host: Larry Lucas, 386-527-4338, [theporterguy@gmail.com](mailto:theporterguy@gmail.com)

Show Host: Chris Smith, 904-315-3944, [chris@southernbreezeof.com](mailto:chris@southernbreezeof.com)

### Crystal River Show

May 31 – June 1, 2024

Plantation on Crystal River

Show Host: Tom Wilkerson, [oldstufflures@gmail.com](mailto:oldstufflures@gmail.com)

### Savannah Southern Classic

November 7-10, 2024

Embassy Suites by Hilton, Savannah Airport