

March 2010 E-Newsletter

After a brutal practice at the Red River, and some persuading by the anglers, FLW deemed conditions too dangerous for competition. I agreed 100%, especially after hitting a submerged marker buoy that mangled my prop - it could have easily taken out my lower unit. The river was extremely high, the water was very cold, and the current was really running. Tons of submerged items were not visible. Mix it all up and you have a recipe for disaster. FLW decided not to reschedule the tournament, so we now have a 5 tournament series.

I'm currently on Table Rock Missouri, which was our 2nd Tour stop, and now is now our 1st. Table Rock is a great lake that has historically been very kind to me. Last year I made a "Top 10" on the Rock, but this year we are several weeks early, and the water temperature is a lot colder. It will be a whole new ball game for all of us. Practice went well enough, but it's going to be a tough tournament.

After Table Rock its home for a few weeks then on to Lake Norman, North Carolina. Unfortunately I've taken a whooping from this lake on several occasions. Norman is a great lake for catching numbers, but it's really hard to located sizable bass. I'm hoping for a little Lake Normal retribution this year. Again, we will be in the area about a month earlier than normal. In past years the fish were on the beds and spawning. This year I'm hoping it will be more of a pre spawn pattern.

The Bassmaster Classic Expo was a total blowout. People traveled from all over to attend the event, and Alabama fishing fanatics came out in droves. For me it was an awesome opportunity to reconnect with fans, enthusiasts, and spend time representing my sponsors. Phoenix announced their new 618 Pro, an 18-foot boat at the Classic - log on and check it out www.phoenixbassboats.com. Fishouflage also made their first Classic appearance, so I was really busy in both booths. You can checkout one of my Fishouflage Classic video at <http://vimeo.com/9643444>.

Log on and listen to my Podcast on www.bassedget.com. Aaron and I discussed combating cold water situations – right on queue for Table Rock. Also a good interview at <http://upload.outdoorsfirst.com/watch.asp?id=2242>

Download my new trading card www.chadmorgenthaler.com. My Facebook accounts are also up – Chad Morgenthaler and ChadMorgenthaler.com

Congratulations to US Reel's new SuperCaster 1000 for winning Field and Stream's 2010 best new Bait Casting Reel. You can check out their great video about the reel on www.usreel.com as well as a short clip on my site.

Congratulations to Brian from Dale, Indiana - March's Fan Club Winner.

Doing a little product design:

I thought I would give my fan club members some insider information. I've been working with Lunker Lure over the past several months designing the new Limit Series Jigs. They are currently in production and receiving some cool packaging. They should be available mid March. I'll have a short video clip up on my website in the next few weeks for their debut.

Bass wishes,
Chad