

# Gearing Up

Have You Got the Right  
Gear in 2008?

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A look at the **HOTTEST** outdoor gear in 2008.

Throughout the year we will be testing and reviewing products that are new to the industry or have seemed to be overlooked. We will put these products to the test making sure they do their job, so you can do yours.

## 1 No More Dead Trolling Batteries!

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### Bass Maxx II

Since the invention of the electric trolling motor, anglers have sought out better, bigger batteries to prevent loss of power at the end of a day's fishing. The battery industry has improved immensely with large deep cycle units that have probably reached their maximum output and storage.

Jack Wells, owner of Wells Marine technology, has invented an onboard system that eliminates low batteries while fishing! The unit, called the Bass Maxx II, has the following features:

- One model works on 12, 24 or 36 Volt trolling motor setups.
- Totally automatic, no switches. Does NOT connect to Engine Ignition.
- A one bank battery charger is all that's needed to charge all batteries through BASS MAXX II.
- BASS MAXX will pass along a continuous charge (up to 70 amps) produced by the alternator.
- This system, as with all Wells' products, is made for the rugged marine environment.
- Emergency Start parallel switch.
- 3 year warranty.
- Patented. Designed & Built with Pride in America.

I have used the Bass Maxx II for the last 3 months in my Nitro Z9, equipped with the MotorGuide Digital 82 pound thrust trolling motor. The results have been dramatic as I have never noticed the slightest drop in thrust throughout the day! I even fished for 3 consecutive days without plugging in my Pro-Pak chargers and I didn't see any difference in the MotorGuides ability to pull the 21 foot Nitro!



Inventor Jack Wells explains all the technical information on his website at [www.wellsmarinetechnology.com](http://www.wellsmarinetechnology.com) and also provides detailed installation instructions that even the most electrically challenged angler can follow!

While I have used other similar systems, they cannot compare to the Bass Maxx II performance. This patented system uses a different wiring sequence that virtually recharges trolling motor batteries a lot quicker than the other systems that I have used. Another feature that I really liked is the emergency start switch, if the main starting battery should fail, you simply flip the provided switch and the unit automatically puts your trolling batteries on line to start your big outboard!

Arkansas pro angler and guide, Randy Plyler, has nothing but praise for his Bass Maxx II unit, Plyler states "it takes the worry out of battery failure!" The units are American made, come with a 3 year warranty and sell for about \$300.

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