

## **Jim's First Trip to the Lake**

"I'm pretty sure that it was within the first couple of years of when we met, that they asked me". Having started working for the client in 1969, a young accountant in Lacombe, Alberta had been invited by them to go on a fishing trip. "We camped down by the water, right near the store."

It was early in the 1970s and the clients were well known avid fisherman who made their own lures. The accountant was Jim Albach and this was his first trip to Fawcett Lake Resort. A few years later, he left public practice in accounting and found success in private business. Although he remembers that first fishing trip as not being very successful, it is certainly memorable. He later became an owner of that resort in 1979, and eventually developed it into a seasonal camping community.

He didn't have very much contact with his former clients through the years, but we know that their products are must have items for every tackle box that we see at the lake now. We like to think that Fawcett Lake Resort, and that fishing trip with its future developer, helped them to grow their company into a well known Canadian fishing icon.

The clients were Len Thompson and Cecil Pallister of Thompson-Pallister Bait Co. Among the many lures that they now produce, is the pictured Red & White spoon.