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The President's Notes

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IT'S PICNIC TIME! The club family picnic is scheduled for Saturday, August 18th at the Little Miami Canoe Rental Campground in Morrow. **Note:** this event takes place of our regular Wednesday meeting in August. We will return to Raffels' in September for our general meetings.

The campground site is a great place to pitch a tent if you would like to camp out the weekend of the picnic; if so, contact the Little Miami Canoe Livery to reserve a camp site. Last year several members took a float trip on the river prior to the picnic and had a great time. If you don't have a float boat, consider renting a canoe from the livery. They will take you up-river and drop you off. You can float down to the livery and you're at the picnic site. Gary Begley and Tom Sheer will set-up a casting accuracy course and provide help with casting techniques, so bring your rods if you are interested. Another option to consider is to jump in the river at the campground for some smallmouth fishing. Last year several smallmouth were caught just up from the pavilion. Sue and Joe Bloemer and I will bring corn-hole and ladder golf for those who would like to partake in some friendly competition. Come and enjoy the fun!

The picnic meal will be catered through Raffels' again this year. The food will be a grill-out style meal, i.e., brats, metts, hotdogs and burgers, along with all the trimmings. Soft drinks and bottled water will be supplied. **Remember to reserve your picnic meal (\$10/person)!** We will eat at 5 PM. There are grills at the site for those of you who would like to cook-out yourselves. You will need to bring all your supplies if you chose to cook-out on your own.

If you weren't at the July Swap Meet you missed out on a great time. Beth and Andy Statt organized an accuracy casting competition; 26 members competed for the prizes. Tony Kalbli won the men's division with Jim LeBlond and Steve Walker tying for second place. Steve nosed out Jim in a cast-off to get the second place prize. Lane Stocker won the women's division with Chris Turnwald taking second and Carol Barton third place. Everyone there thought the casting event was great and there was a lot of encouragement to have it again next year or sooner!

Pat Hider has resigned as our club secretary for personal reasons. Sue Bloemer kindly agreed to finish out Pats' term and was voted in as the new club secretary at the July BOD meeting.

August Meeting Program
Annual BUFF Family Picnic
Little Miami Canoe Rental Campground in Morrow
Lots of fun, food, and fellowship

You'll Never Know Unless You Try.....

Lane Stocker

I was looking forward to the July meeting; the swap meet is always a good place to find a bargain you just can't pass up and the casting accuracy competition was an unexpected bonus. I planned on watching the expert casters impress us with their skill handling a fly rod. I was not planning on participating until Lou Haynes "suggested" I did. Well, little did I know his "suggestion" would have the impact it did.

I didn't bring my rod (remember I didn't plan on participating) so I borrowed one from Randy Clark and practiced casting to my soda bottle. I watched the demonstration of the dry fly accuracy game. There are 5 rings spaced out in distances ranging from 20 to 50 feet. You cast to each ring in a clockwise fashion in 2 rounds for a total of 10 rings. Points are deducted (up to 5) for each foot you are away from the target. 100 is a perfect score. I also got to watch other people take their turn and I saw that this is not an easy game. Some very good fisherman struggled with this game.

My name was called after dinner and I stepped up to the line with my borrowed fly rod. I threw a bunch of false casts to the first ring and finally laid the fly down. "Perfect!" Wow, I thought to myself; I actually got the fly in the ring. Nine more rings completed the game and I finished with 6 perfects and a total score of 92 points out of 100 (and that was with a 4 on one of the longer targets). I found out during the awards that I not only won the woman's division, but I won over all. I was completely surprised. That night I received countless words of congratulations and very kind comments on my casting. I talked with Beth Statt of the Cincinnati Casting Club to get a little more information about their group. I thought it might be fun to join and learn more about casting. This is where my experience took off in a direction I wasn't quite expecting.....

The next Saturday, I helped with "Women in the Outdoors" where BUFF was teaching casting and fly tying. Lou Haynes, Bill Huber, and Roger Corrado were very happy to point out to the women they were teaching that I just won a fly casting competition (and beat all the men). I'm not accustomed to this type of praise and it made me reexamine what I accomplished. I've never thought very highly of my casting and was constantly seeking ways to improve it. I want to put a fly exactly where I want it anytime I'm fishing. Everyone really encouraged me to branch out and try competitive casting. So, I contacted Beth and she told me there was a casting event in Chicago that weekend and asked if I wanted to go. I checked my schedule, saw I was free, and said "Why not, I'll go and try". I had nothing to lose and only experience to gain. Beth and Andy Statt met me Friday night to practice and teach me the rest of the casting games. In just a few hours, I learned a ton about casting! I was shocked how much my roll casting and distant casting improved. (It made me think that I should have signed up for some of the BUFF casting lessons sooner.) We set off for Chicago the next day to see the distance casting practice. Experienced Casters were throwing fly line between 150-200 feet. I found out how impressive this is because I tried it myself and I was just able to hit 100 feet using the exact same equipment. I met quite a few people from all over the country; all were competing that weekend, getting ready for the Nationals and International competition. John Seroczynski and his wife Marti hosted a cook-out at their house. He introduced me to Pam Peters and asked Pam to work with me to learn the rules of the games (they can all run together at first, but they are not really that hard to grasp) and work on my technique. I found out that Pam has been casting for over 22 years, has competed all over the world and is on the US casting team. Every one I met was just great, very friendly and willing to share their knowledge with people willing to learn.

The accuracy competition on Sunday was held in the Lincoln Park area in Chicago at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum. Casting competitions have been held at this location since the World's Fair in 1893. The area was great; a beautiful dock and water area filled with bluegills, turtles, ducks and even a heron with skyscrapers in the background. The casters are divided into 3 classes based on scores. I was in the middle grouping which had 4 competitors. I was super nervous during my first game, but I did alright. There was a little bit of wind that tested everyone's technique. I participated in all the accuracy games; dry fly, trout fly and bass bug. I placed second in the trout fly and bass bug and third in the dry fly games.

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I have been practicing last week and I am planning to participate in the National competition this week. Wish me luck. What I've gained out of this experience is that the old adage is so true, "try it, you might like it!" Thanks Lou for your "suggestion"!

Tie and Lie Notes

A&N Outfitters in Old Milford is hosting **BUFF East Tie and Lies** on the **4th Wednesday of each month**. We will start about 6:30 PM. This month will be our special tying instructor and he will show us one of his special warm water flies. As a service to the club member he will sell materials for this fly at a discount, so you can continue tying them at home. Looking forward to seeing you.

Batavia Tie and Lie will **not be meeting** this month due to vacations. Join us in September (third Tuesday of the month) for fun and lots of "tall stories".

Flies for New Members

Dave Jones

BUFF gives new members two gifts at the dinner meetings. One of the gifts is a packet of flies donated by the members. I have a good supply of small files; however, I am in desperate need of some large and medium sized flies to make up these packets. Small ones will be accepted also.

I will have a box labeled "New Member Flies" at the dinner meetings for you to donate flies. The box will begin at the September meeting and all following meets.

I thank you and as well as the new members in advance.

Fishing Report – Neshannock Creek, Mercer County, PA

Dick Naber

Just got back from fishing the **Neshannock Creek near Volant in Mercer County, Pa.** with my step-son John.

Water lever was extremely low and water was clear. John said in 19 years he has never seen the water as low.

Fishing was hard, but caught a lot of rainbow in the 12-16 range and I caught the only brownie 17 1/2. John was very surprised and pleased we did as well as we did.

Area we fished was all catch and release until July and then you can keep 3 per day.

Salmon Fish Stories

Dave Traut

Let me first preface this by telling you that I have been going up to fish the Pere Marquette for salmon with Dave and Russ Loesch for 20 plus years. During that time we have had more than our fair share of weird happenings and while I am not a writer, I will attempt to tell these tales as they actually occurred.

Not Miss Net

Dave Loesch had come across a rather large net sitting on the shore along the Grand River that summer. He left it there as he went up stream, figuring that the owner would come back and retrieve it. After he came back downstream as darkness approached, he saw that the net was still there, so not one to leave such a fine piece of fishing equipment go to waste, he picked it up and brought it up to Michigan for our Salmon trip. It was huge, so big in fact that we (Dave and I) felt that even Dave's dad, Russ would be able to land a fish for us.

Well as luck would have it, I was the first one to hook up that year and it was a rather nice 40+” salmon. Dave was downstream, so Russ grabbed the net and after allowing me to play the fish for an appropriate amount of time, got into the river. Pulling back, I raised the fishes head a bit and Russ positioned the net behind him and as I eased the tension, the fish turned and darted right into... and through the net. That's right, it swam right through what we quickly realized was the rotten mess of the net.

Not to be discouraged, (heck you don't get a lot of 40+” salmon) I told Russ to lift what was left of the net out of the water and proceeded to run the rod through the hole that the salmon had made. With the rod and line free of the no miss net, I proceeded to get the fish back under control. By this time Dave had seen the commotion and came up and tailed the fish for me.

We still use that net, but needless to say it has new netting.

Fly Fishing America

There use to be a show on ESPN called Fly Fishing America and Jim and Kathy ----- I forget their last name were the hosts. Well one year I had gone downstream about ¼ mile from Dave and Russ and was fishing a rather deep hole. Seeing a pair of drift boats coming down stream, I took a couple of steps further out into the river to give them room to pass behind me and made another cast.

The hookup was rather spectacular, the salmon making a number of huge leaps before settling down for a good honest fight. I don't know how long I had actually fought the fish in that hole, but he decided (and he was large enough to make that decision) that it was time to head upstream. Just like that my line screamed through the water and headed up towards where Dave and Russ were. I never made it up there. As I turned to follow the fish I was rather startled to find the lens of a camera was all but sitting on my shoulder.

Well once my surprise was over, I got back to playing the fish and with their help landed the fish. They introduced themselves and commented that they had a lot of good footage that they could use on their show. Needless to say I waited rather impatiently for that episode to air... I made the cutting room floor, but I think my fish was on.

The Big One...

When I tell people about salmon fishing I usually start by telling them that there are three kind of salmon (and I am not talking species) and you can generally tell what kind you have at the hookup. The first is the little screamer, and they will usually shoot downstream as fast as they can once they are hooked. The second is somewhat larger and they will usually run upstream. The third kind are the largest salmon in the river, well over 40” and more times than not when you hook one of them, they will just kind of sit there and stare at you as if thinking... ok now what are you going to do

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One of my first experiences with this kind of fish occurred when I was again downstream from Dave and Russ. I had found a deep red and had noticed a rather large male sitting right behind the red, jealously guarding it from other much smaller suitors. Anyone who has fished salmon on a red before knows what I am saying... trying to fish to a single fish out of the bunch can be tricky. You have a tendency to run your line through them, over their backs and can end up with a number of foul hooks, and a foul hooked large salmon is almost impossible to control.

Well I got lucky. After not too many casts, this brute swung over and snatched the little brown caddis that I was floating through. Then he went right back to where he had been, even though I was hauling back on the rod until I was afraid that I bust the tippet. For the longest time he just sat there, staring at me. Deciding to shorten the line, I walked out towards him until I was within maybe 10'-15', still nothing. Heck I don't even think he knew he was hooked.

If you've ever had a fish like this on, you know just how helpless you feel. I tried going behind him and I tried going above him, still nothing. He just sat there, not wanting to leave his lady love. Now I was the one getting upset. Nothing that I did seemed to matter, this fish just wasn't going to move. Finally in desperation, I bent down and picked up a stone... well that got a reaction all right. He took off upstream like a rocket.

As we worked our way upstream, he somehow managed to evade the multitude of snags that line the river. Getting close to where I thought Dave and Russ were, I began yelling for Dave and the net, but there was no answer. All I could try to do is to keep the fish moving upstream and he obliged me. Finally Dave came running down the shore, carrying the no miss net. A few minutes later we landed what to date has been my largest salmon on the Pere Marquette, 47 3/4".

Just a note to end with. I don't know who was more tired... that fish or me. I found a rather shallow run and kneeled down in the river with that fish. I spend probably ten minutes like that until he finally had had enough of my company.

Fly Fishing is 1807 Years Old Today (more or less)

Taken from the Backcountry Fly Fishers Naples Newsletter (FFF Clubwire)

If there is any truth to the reports about the origins of fly fishing, 2007 will mark the 1,807th year of the sport. Apparently, somewhere in what is now northern Greece an enterprising fisherman noticed that fish would rise to the surface to gulp down a newly emerged fly. This man probably caught one of the flies and tied it on to a primitive hook. No such luck; the fly would wilt and fall off the hook. The ancient fisherman then fastened a piece of red wool around a hook, attached a couple of feathers and found success in attracting what were most likely trout. Thus the sport of fly fishing was borne in frustration and the natural human quest for a better way. Why he selected red wool when the natural flies were dark brown will never be known. The length of the rod, the makeup of the line and the reel, if there was one, are lost to history. But the almost 2,000 year development of fly fishing was born. It is probable that fly fishing migrated from Greece to Italy and then north to Germany and Britain. Records from medieval times in Germany mention catching trout on feathered hooks. Few details are known about the rods, reels and lines used in the sport. But it is known that rods were made from ash and hickory with bamboo eventually coming into use.

The real emergence of fly fishing owes much to the interest in Britain beginning around 1800. Bamboo rods in the lengths of 12 to 16 feet were commonly used. Then brass ferules were introduced that permitted long rods to be made in sections and more easily carried. Reels in this period resemble today's bait casting reels. They were positioned at the butt end and on top of the rod. Narrow and below-the-rod reels produced in America ultimately replaced the British designs. Lines presented the largest challenge. Made from a mix of horsehair and silk, they readily absorbed water and sank and wore out quickly. Casting into the wind proved impossible. The partial solution was the braided silk line. It enabled longer casts (18 to 23 yards with a 16 foot rod) and durability. Silkworm gut came into use for leaders and hooks and fly patterns were vastly improved.

Rapid industrialization and development of new materials as the world entered the first half of the 20th century gave rise to improvements in virtually every aspect of fly fishing. Availability of affordable equipment and transportation opened the sport to fishermen below the gentry set. A few of the developments were: Cork Handles, Standard reel seats, Fast-winding, single-action reels, Floating lines (at least for a few minutes,) Shorter rods, Ultra-light split cane rods, and better gut for leaders.

For comprehensive information on the history of fly fishing go to: www.flyfishinghistory.com or http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fly_fishing

2007 BUFF Calendar

AUGUST

- Aug 2 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly
Tying and story telling Bass Pro Outdoor
- Aug 11 **Women in the Outdoors** Eastern Hill Rod and Gun Club near Owensville
- Aug 5 **Intermediate Casting Class**
- Aug 12 **Intermediate Casting Class**
- Aug 15 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH
- Aug 18 **BUFF Annual Picnic** Little Miami Canoe Campground in Morrow
- Aug 19 **Intermediate Casting Class**

SEPTEMBER

- Sep 6 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly
Tying and story telling Bass Pro Outdoor
- Sep 7 **Parky's Farm** 10 am -2 pm
- Sep 8-9 **Casting For Recovery Event** – Indian Bear Lodge
- Sep 12 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
Social Hour 6 pm
- Sep 14 **Parky's Farm** 10 am -2 pm
- Sep 16-21 **PM Salmon Trip (Michigan)**
- Sep 19 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH
- Sep 20 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly
Tying and story telling. Buffalo Mt. Coffee Shop, Dillonvale
- Sep 21 **Parky's Farm** 10 am -2 pm
- Sep 23 **Great Miami Weekend**
- Sep 28 **Parky's Farm** 10 am -2 pm
- Sep 28-30 **Rockwell Springs Fall Trip**

OCTOBER

- Oct 3-6 **Smoky Mountains Trout Trip** Don Prince
- Oct 4 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly
Tying and story telling Bass Pro Outdoor
- Oct 5 **Beginning Fly Tying Class** 7 – 9 pm
- Oct 5 **Parky's Farm** 10 am – 2 pm
- Oct 10 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
Social Hour 6 pm
- Oct 12 **Beginning Fly Tying Class** 7 – 9 pm
- Oct 12 **Parky's Farm** 10 am – 2 pm
- Oct 17 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH
- Oct 19 **Parky's Farm** 10 am – 2 pm
- Oct 19 **Beginning Fly Tying Class** 7 – 9 pm
- Oct 26 **Beginning Fly Tying Class** 7 – 9 pm
- Oct 26 **Parky's Farm** 10 am –2 pm
- Oct TBD **Indian Hills Fly Tying & Casting**

NOVEMBER

- Nov 1 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly
Tying and story telling Bass Pro Outdoor
- Nov 2 **Beginning Fly Tying Class** 7 – 9 pm
- Nov 10-17 **Arkansas Little Red Trip**
- Nov 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
Social Hour 6 pm
- Nov 28 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH
- Nov TBD **Northern Ohio Steelhead Trip**

DECEMBER

- Dec 6 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly
Tying and story telling Bass Pro Outdoor
- Dec 12 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
Social Hour 6 pm
- Dec 19 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH

FFF Club Opportunity to Sign Up New FFF Members at Discounted Rate – Promotion runs July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 (from FFF Clubwire)

As all of you are aware, we need to increase our members to support the Federation's growing Conservation and Educational programs. One group that represents real potential is the members of our clubs who are not FFF members.

So, here is a great opportunity for those individuals to become Federators. From July 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007 club members may join the Federation at the special discounted price of \$15.00 for a regular one year individual membership. A creative club membership chairman could package the special price with his/her normal club price to bring new members to the club at the same time.

- These will qualify for credits towards Rod New Member Incentive Program during this promotion period.
- **Membership form must be signed by the club president** to certify that the applicant is a member of the affiliate club
- This is not for FFF membership renewals

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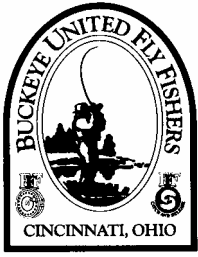
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August Menu
NEW PRICE FOR THIS MONTH \$10.00
Only

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Brats. Metts
And all the fixin's like
BBQ Beans
Fresh Fruit Salad
Creamy Cole Slaw
One soft drink
Bottled water



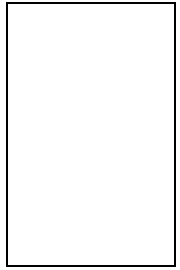


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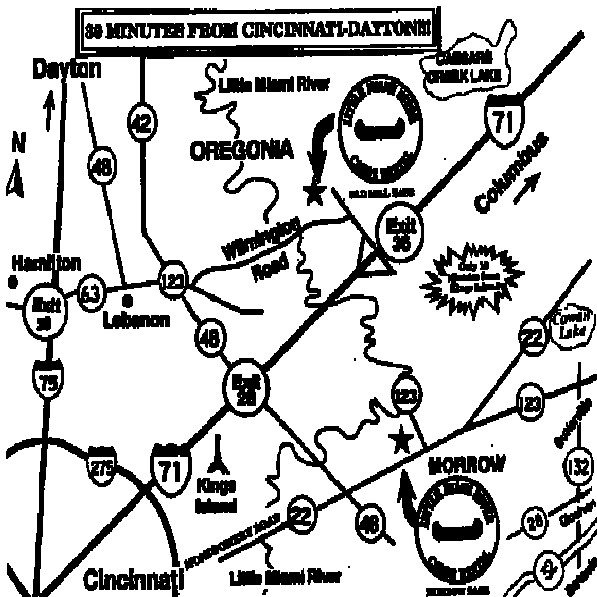
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Mailing Address

Next Monthly Meeting – Saturday – August 18

CALL 779-4489 OR SIGN UP ON LINE AT WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN 10 PM ON THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING. DINNERS ARE \$10.00/PERSON (This month only) FOR A CATERED MEAL. SOCIAL HOUR AT 6 PM – DINNER SERVED AT 7 PM. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED – DON'T WAIT – CALL NOW! (SEE THE MENU ON PAGE 7)



From Cincinnati: I-71 North to Exit 28 (Lebanon/South Lebanon Exit) Turn LEFT. Follow Rt. 48 to Third traffic light (Rt 22) Turn LEFT. Follow Rt 22 Montgomery Rd) to Morrow. In Morrow turn LEFT at second traffic light (St. Rt. 123). Drive one block and turn right before the bridge. Take gravel road to the left and follow the signs.

OR

From East Side (Clermont Co): Take I-275 to the Montgomery Rd Exit (Exit 50). Turn RIGHT off exit ramp and follow Montgomery Rd (Rt. 22) north to Morrow. In Morrow turn LEFT at second traffic light (Rt. 123). Drive one block and turn right before the bridge. Take gravel road to left.