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The President's Notes

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This has certainly been a hot and busy time of the year and it doesn't look to be slowing down anytime soon. We had a joint July meeting with NKFF hosting at Deer Creek Country Club. Thirty or so of our members were able to attend. Our hosts treated us very well. We had ribs and chicken, corn, salad, and veggies. There was a stage full of swap and sell items. Fishing for some of us was quite successful. They had a casting contest, in which I got rather lucky. I also had a chance to cast other rods, two of which were four foot fiberglass. It looks like something we should do again next year.

Donn Rubingh led a conservation effort on the Little Miami River. We managed to keep upright and pickup a lot of foreign materials off the shores and in the river. I didn't try to fish since if I have a rod in my hand; I have a very narrow focus and no sense of time. It was fun as well as worthwhile and I am looking forward to the next float. Besides that, it was excellent scouting for the future.

Tom Scheer and the Healing Water Group had an early outing at Parky's Farm pond. They made arrangements for the gates to be opened early to be able to get in before the heat. Several largemouth bass were caught and just a few trees. The fly of choice was a black wooly bugger. Many of the vets had tied their own. At the previous meeting, we worked on tying a deer hair Tap's bug. The plan is to work up to a Swimmin' Jimmy.

Mike McCracken and Lou Haynes with the help of Terry and Bob Mackey have put on the first Fly Fishing class for Greenacres in Loveland. They had eight youngsters take the class and spend some time on the water using what they learned fishing. The weather was hot, but some managed to catch fish and one young man caught his first fish after trying a number of other times before. They have another class coming up next month. Working with the kids is where the future of our rivers and sport comes.

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BUFF August 2011 Program

Day trip on Little Miami River on August 20 / No meeting at Raffel's in August

BUFF September 2011 Program

Ohio Department of Wildlife Speaker: Kip Brown (Biologist and fly fisherman)

How the department of wildlife is helping Ohio Fishing and where to fish in South-West Ohio

We are not having a BUFF meeting on August 10. Taking its place is a new adventure. I want to encourage anyone who has not tried fishing from some form of floating device going down a river to come and try it. A number of members have been working to bring this together and the plans look good. There is more information elsewhere in the BUFFER, (see page 5), so please take a look and join us.

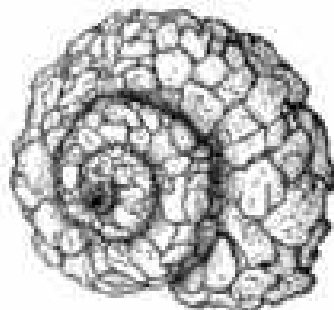
I would like to thank Dave Jones for the work he has done for the new members coming into the club. He has (with some excellent assistance) assembled booklets and flies to be given as he has them introduce themselves to the club. Dave LaDow has graciously accepted his position. There are other jobs we need members to step up to. Please share some of the fun and work that goes into making BUFF run.

In between all of that, Brookville is fishing well too. Now you do need to have a fine tippet and flies in the twenties, but they will come to the fly. I have had more refusals than hook ups and more hook ups than fish in hand, but that is the nature of small hooks. I would write more, but I have to tie some more for tomorrows fishing. We are going early to beat the heat. Hoping for Tight Lines - Jeff

The diversity among flies tied by anglers is no match for the diversity among live fresh water macro invertebrates.

The Caddis is closely related to butterflies and moths and like them the Caddis larvae have silk glands. They use this silk for many things one of which is to glue together a case for their dwelling. With approximately 1,400 described species and 26 families of Caddisflies in North America there is a huge variety of Caddis cases and although some species build similar cases, each specie constructs its own unique case out of the same material and follow the same sequence of steps during construction to produce the design specific to their specie. Perhaps the most unusual among these many and diverse cases is the one made by the Caddis known as the Snailcase Maker, (Helicopsychidae). Their helical case resembles a snail so much that it was originally described as a species of snail. They are not often found because they spend much of their time buried in a streambed among the loose stones and gravel and don't always come out during the day. In our area the only place where they have been reported is in the small spring fed streams within the Caldwell Nature Preserve.

Steve Lilly



Note: If anyone has an idea for a future article such as this one, or would like to submit one of their own, please contact Steve Lilly at sjlilly@fuse.net.

Beaver Island Fishing, 2011

Steve Walker

"Steve Walker, I hate to say this but you are going to have to change your shirt." Those were the first words I heard from our guide, Kevin Morlock of Indigo Guide Service, as Steve Horgan and I were picked up at our hotel to go carp fishing. He went on to say "if you have another color shirt you need to change because for some reason the fish don't bite when they see that color". So I went back to my room and changed out of my turquoise shirt into a bright yellow one. Who knew?

Because there were two Steves, which is a good thing no matter where you go, Kevin decided to always address me as Steve Walker and Steve Horgan as Steve Horgan, no matter if he was asking us something or telling us what to do. It was different but it kept down the confusion.

In any event, Steve Horgan and I had booked a two day fishing trip with Kevin to go fishing on June 14th and 15th for carp and smallmouth bass on Beaver Island, Michigan. The trip involved us driving to Charlevoix, Michigan and taking a two hour ferry boat ride to Beaver Island, which only runs twice a day. Both Steve Horgan and I had each caught carp before but the appeal for me was the stalking and targeting them in the flats. It sounded fairly easy. Steve Horgan was really more interested in the smallmouth so we had decided to fish one day for carp and one day for smallmouth.

After breakfast, we motored out in Kevin's' boat to Hog Island, just north of Beaver Island. As a grand total for both days we must have seen at least a thousand carp. There would be one by itself, or two or three together cruising around. Or there would be a school of fifty sunning themselves in a circle with some coming and going here and there. Or there would be a couple on the bottom "mudding" (rooting on the bottom for something to eat). Each of these situations calls for a different approach, but the result was usually the same - refusal. Actually it's more than refusal, you only get one shot at them because they spook. And, if they see you or see the boat you're done with that fish, find another. Kevin had advised that we bring 10 weight rods. Steve Horgan and I each already owned 9 weight rods so that's what we brought. I had never had an occasion before to fish mine. Kevin put a five foot leader on with a twelve pound tippet and we were ready for business.

The water was as clear as tap water with visibility to 30 feet. The boat had a casting platform in the front and only one person could fish at a time. Steve Horgan and I started taking turns fishing, each getting fifteen minutes before we switched or caught a fish, whichever came first. That kind of arrangement can work just fine as long as you both agree to it ahead of time. Kevin was in the back of the boat, sometimes on the polling platform, spotting fish for us.

We started fishing for carp and learning the different methods to fish each situation. At some point I watched about a three foot long carp, two feet down in four feet of water, inhale my fly and spit it out just as quick. I then set the hook. Oh well. By the way, the fish are bigger than they appear in two or three feet of water, so that three footer may have really been three and a half feet long once you got her to the boat. (The females are bigger than the males) Finally, just before noon, Steve Horgan hooked and landed the first carp. It was quite a battle and had me excited about my turn. After Kevin released the fish he tied up the boat in one foot of water and we stood there and had lunch.

After we finished lunch, Kevin decided we should fish there while wading, so I moved off to the right about thirty feet from the boat. As I was getting ready to fish there were three carp coming from my right, about twenty feet out, so I just made a nonchalant cast just to kind of irritate them. Fish on! I think I was as surprised as the fish. It must have been the Dijon Mustard off of my sandwich.

We went on to land five carp total for the day, two for Steve Horgan and three for me. I don't remember taping any of the fish but we sure took pictures. Kevin estimated a couple at twenty plus pounds. If you are going to fish for carp, do some research to learn something about them because they are different from any other fish I've tried to catch.

The next day the focus was on smallmouth. This took another boat ride, this time to Garden Island. We never did fish at Beaver Island. We went into a cove that was about three football fields in diameter and stayed there all day. Again taking turns on the casting platform, we had each caught about three fish when I lost my streamer trying to land my fish (I think my biggest of the day). At that point, because I needed a new fly anyway, Kevin said that we should try a popper even though he rarely fishes them and he wasn't sure how it was going to work.

Steve Horgan was up next, and after he caught his next fish, it was my turn again. We were casting to dark rock cropping anywhere from the size of a dinner plate to the size of a car. I cast my new popper to a dark spot and made two strips and my popper got slammed. Steve Horgan only had to see that once and he was tying on a popper, also. We got great action with the poppers. With the water being so clear and standing up high off of the water, we had a ball watching fish turn and run six to ten feet to go get that popper. Steve Horgan had one fish body slam his popper and miss it, wheel around and go for it again and miss, and then go for it a third time and somehow get off, all this in the span of five seconds. It was great fishing. The smallest smallmouth we caught was 15 inches long. The biggest for each of us didn't get taped because they got fumbled at the boat, but we did tape some at 20 inches. In all we caught 43 smallmouth that averaged about 18 inches. Steve Horgan said that he expected the smallmouth fishing to be good, but he didn't expect it to be as good as it was.

Kevin got us back to Beaver Island in time to catch the 5:30pm ferry back to Charlevoix where we spent the night before driving back home the next day. It was a long way to go from Cincinnati, but it was a great fishing adventure and I would happily do it again.



AUGUST 20TH DAY TRIP ON LITTLE MIAMI RIVER

KEN SPEICHER, BOB GUSTFSON, BILL SCHROEDER, AND PETE MOORE HAVE devised the perfect plan for a new **LITTLE MIAMI RIVER BUFF DAY TRIP** that starts at 8:00 a.m. Saturday August 20th at the Little Miami Canoe Rental in Morrow.

This plan provides alternatives for everyone. Those who wish to use their own canoe or kayak can get transportation for themselves, their boats, gear etc. to a launch point up river at Fort Ancient or Oregonia (\$10 per boat), then float or paddle the river back to the livery. Alternatively, they can start at the livery and paddle down to South Lebanon, and get picked up and brought back to the livery (free if you rent from them, \$10 if you do not). Those who prefer to wade and fish can do so in the Little Miami River up or down from the livery, or try their luck in nearby Todd's Fork, which flows into the LMR at Morrow.

All end up back at the livery for lunch around 12:30 pm at the Flat Rock Tavern in Morrow where fries and cheeseburgers are hot, and the longnecks are cold.

Canoe rental pricing for those who want to rent is about \$15 per person (2 per canoe). Transportation of your own boat and you is \$10. Don't forget your sunscreen and drinking water.

Please email Ken Speicher at kspeicher@cinci.rr.com; phone 513-398-2680 to sign up and join this group for a fine day trip on the water. Participants need to state whether they are bringing their own boat or plan on renting, the type of boat they will be using, whether they are doing the upper or lower trip, and the number of people in their group. If renting from the livery, please make a reservation directly with the livery (Morrow, Ohio Base Rt. 22 & 3 and Rte. 123 (At the bridge) Telephone (513) 899-3616 \; 1-800-634-4277).

Note: *This outing takes the place of the monthly BUFF meeting at Raffel's. There will be NO meeting at Raffel's in August. The next scheduled meeting at Raffel's will be September 14.*

Volunteers Needed at Parky's Farm

Please let me know if you would like to help with the Parky's Farm Childrens Fishing Program this Fall. The Fall program begins September 9th and runs for 6 straight Fridays. Fishing hours for the children are from 10 a.m to 2 p.m. We will provide all the equipment and bait needed so all you have to do is show up, help bait some hooks and take off the fish. Also, if you want a great place to fish before and after the activities, bring your rod and flies. Located in Winton Woods County Park, it is open from dawn until dusk.

Directions

Follow I-275 to Exit 39, the Winton Rd. exit. Take Winton Rd. south approximately 3.5 miles. After crossing the lake, at the first street light turn right onto Southshore Dr., which dead-ends at the Parky's Farm entrance.

OR

Traveling east on the Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway take the Winton Road exit (Traveling west, take the Galbraith Rd. exit and turn right onto Winton Rd. Follow Winton Rd. north for approximately 3 miles. Turn left onto Southshore Dr., which dead-ends at the Parky's Farm entrance.

Thanks for your help!

Steve Horgan
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BUFF 2011 Calendar

Please note that this calendar is only current as of the latest Buffer, and is accurate based on inputs from BUFF oprs. Efforts are made to ensure accuracy, but be sure to verify dates and times of those events that interest you. Ed.

August 2011

- Aug 2 **Youth Fly Fishing Lessons**, Greenacres River Lab, Loveland
- Aug 10 **NO BUFF Monthly Meeting**
- Aug 17 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
- Aug 20 **Little Miami River Day Trip** (see article)
- Aug 31 – Sep 3 **Au Sable River Trip**, Steve Bailey, Dolph Greenberg

September 2011

- Sep 9 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- Sep 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Road
- Sep 14 **Little Miami River Clean Up Float Trip**, Steve Lilly
- Sep 16 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- Sep 18-23 **Pere Marquette River Fall Salmon Trip**, Joe Guenther
- Sep 19 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm
- Sep 21 **BUFF Board Meeting** To Be Determined
- Sep 23 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- Sep 27 **Healing Waters**, Tom Scheer, 10:30 am – 4 pm, Outing, Parky's Farm
- Sep 30 – Oct 2 **Sunny Brook Trout Club Trip**, Ken Dixon
- Sep 30 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm

October 2011

- Oct 7 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- Oct 5 – 9 **Smoky Mt. Trout Trip**, Jerry Schatzman
- Oct 9 **Hazel Creek Pre-Trip Meeting**, 1 pm,
- Oct 11 **Healing Waters**, Tom Scheer, 10:30 am – 4 pm, Outing, Parky's Farm
- Oct 12 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Road
- Oct 14 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- Oct 18 **Beginners Fly Tying Class**, 6 pm – 7:30 pm Springdale Community Center
- Oct 19 **BUFF Board Meeting** To Be Determined
- Oct 20-23 **Hazel Creek Fall Brown Trout Trip**
- Oct 25 **Beginners Fly Tying Class**, 6 pm – 7:30 pm Springdale Community Center

November 2011

- Nov 1 **Healing Waters**, Tom Scheer, 10:30 am – 4 pm, Outing, Parky's Farm
- Nov 1 **Beginners Fly Tying Class**, 6 pm – 7:30 pm Springdale Community Center
- Nov 4 – 6 **Fall Steelhead Trip**, Tom Herr
- Nov 9 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm
- Nov 10 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm
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- Nov 15 **Beginners Fly Tying Class**, 6 pm – 7:30 pm Springdale Community Center
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- Nov 16 **BUFF Board Meeting** To Be Determined
- Nov 22 **Beginners Fly Tying Class**, 6 pm – 7:30 pm Springdale Community Center
- Nov 29 **Beginners Fly Tying Class**, 6 pm – 7:30 pm Springdale Community Center

December 2011

- Dec 1 **Healing Waters** Tom Scheer, 3-5 pm, VA Auditorium
- Dec 6 **Beginners Fly Tying Class**, 6 pm – 7:30 pm Springdale Community Center
- Dec 13 **Beginners Fly Tying Class**, 6 pm – 7:30 pm Springdale Community Center
- Dec 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Road
- Dec 21 **BUFF Board Meeting** To Be Determined

August Menu

No Dinner Meeting

See article on page 5

Please note that the officers/board of directors/key positions page was omitted from this month's Buffer. (It'll be back next month, most likely) There was just too much good, timely stuff that needed to be included this month!! (The kind of problem that the editor likes!!!!)

The Total Sweep Report

Donn Rubingh

Two bicycles, and old wash machine, 11 tires, a great many pop and beer cans, and bags of hard to define plastic items were part of what the BUFF group hauled out of the Little Miami River on July 9. We were part of a broader effort that weekend which worked to clean up the Little Miami River from John Bryan Park near Yellow Springs Ohio to the Ohio River. We took the stretch from Morrow down to Roger's Ball Park in South Lebanon.

Sixteen of us got on the river at Morrow at about 8 am in the morning. It was cool and pleasant starting out but the day promised to turn warm as we made our way down the river. We had 13 people in canoes. Jim Terlinden and Jeff McElravy, Jim Boude and his grandson Joshua, Bob and Sue Bohn, Bryan Tudor and Mark Washick, myself and Roger Corrado, and Tom Lord and Cecil Osborn. In my canoe I sprang out (perhaps a slight exaggeration) for the junk while Roger maintained the canoe in the current (he is a better paddler than me) and took pictures. You can see those on the web site.

We also had three people in kayaks-Paul Feldman, Bruce Miller, and Jon Kennard. Jon also has posted some pictures of the event on the website. By noon the kayaks and canoes met up at the Roger's Ball Park take out site with an impressive pile of trash from the river. Andrew and Misty Duff from Rivers Unlimited were there with a trailer that Andrew had made which we loaded up to be hauled away. After a few cold ones on the bank we took off. Most of those who I talked to had a good time-some good enough to ask to be included in the next cleanup effort.

As an organizer of the small piece from Morrow to South Lebanon I came to appreciate the help from those who were concerned about the broader effort. Bill Schroeder, a member of BUFF, was a key coordinator in the broader effort. I benefited from the encouragement and help from Nate Holscher program director of River Unlimited, and Andrew and Misty who brought the canoe volunteers to Morrow and hauled away the trash we had picked up when we were done. Finally, if it had not been for Mark Bersani of Loveland Canoe we would have been walking rather than canoeing down the river. From what I have heard this sort of cooperation was key to the success of the over 400 volunteers who participated that weekend in the total sweep effort. I am glad we at BUFF could be a part.

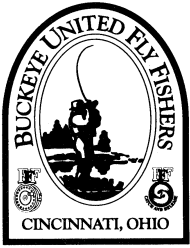
HAZEL CREEK IS VENUE FOR TWO NEW BUFF TROUT TRIPS

October 20-25th 2011 is set for the first ever Buff Hazel Creek Fall Brown Trout trip in Smoky Mountain National Park. A Spring Trip is also planned for May 17-20, 2012. Both trips will be previewed October 9th (Sunday) at 1:00 pm at a special informational and planning meeting at Bill's law office conference room (directions to be provided later) with guide, Steve Claxton, who will be in Cincinnati to discuss the Hazel Creek Trout Trips and answer questions from those going on the fall trip and others interested in future Hazel Creek Buff trips. The Oct. 9th meeting is open to all members of the club who want to meet Steve and find out more about these trips.

A unique feature about the Hazel Creek trips is they are camping trips on reserved "back country" campsites within the Smoky Mountain National Park, but all camping equipment, tents, food, cots, and even firewood are provided and set up on site by Steve Claxton's Smoky Mountain Adventure Guide Service. Only sleeping bags are not provided. These National Park Service back country campsites are by reservation only, and are limited to 10 per group. The first (fall) Buff trip is already full with a wait list of 5. There is also a list forming for the Spring Trip with "interested parties" being added in the order they are received... Reservations for all trips are on a "first come" basis.

Another unique feature of the trips is the history of Hazel Creek itself. There are three species of trout; rainbows, browns and the unique Eastern Mountain Speckled Trout, a native species whose ancestry on Hazel Creek dates back about 6,000 years. Also, communities and towns of mountain people living along Hazel Creek date back to 1830. Fish numbers of all three trout species are good, and do not require "catch and release only", making a fresh trout dinner a distinct possibility for campers...

More details on these trips can be seen on the Buff Web Page. If you would like to be added to the lists of any of the three events (Fall Brown [wait list only] – Spring Trip -- October 9th Cincinnati Meeting) please email Bill Schroeder at wschroeder@cinci.rr.com and designate which event you are interested in. The "I'm interested trips will become the "I'm going" lists in the date/time order emails are received.

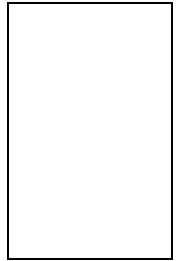


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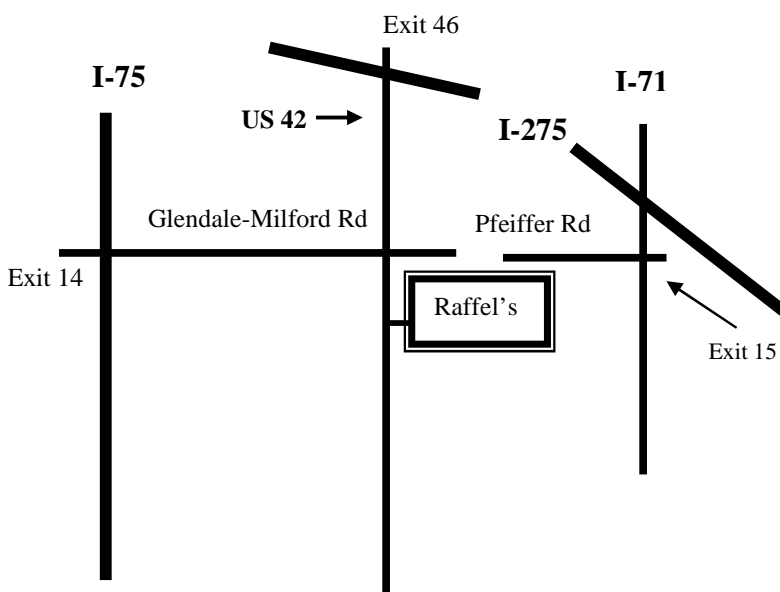
NOTICE: Dues are \$25 (Individual), \$30 (Family), with a one time \$5 Initiation Fee for new members. New members will pay a prorated membership amount according to month of initial membership for the first year. Annual dues are due January 1. Refer to BUFF website for further information. B.U.F.F., P.O. Box 42614, Cincinnati, OH 45242

Mailing Address

Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday September 14

CALL 513 683 0286 OR SIGN UP ON LINE AT WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT ON THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE MEETING. DINNERS ARE \$12.00/PERSON FOR A MEAL. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED – DON'T WAIT – CALL NOW!

There is NO dinner meeting in August.



Directions:

From I-275 – Take Exit 46, (US 42), south for three miles to Glendale-Milford Rd. -- Continue south and RAFFEL'S will be on the left approximately 3/10 mile.

From I-75 -- Take Exit 14, east, on Glendale-Milford Rd. until the intersection of US 42, (Reading Rd). Turn right (south) on US 42, and RAFFEL'S will be on the left approximately 3/10 mile.

From I-71 -- Take Exit 15, west, Pfeiffer Rd. & this becomes Glendale-Milford Rd.. At the intersection of US 42, (Reading Rd), turn left, (south) on US 42, and RAFFEL'S will be on the left approximately 3/10 mile.