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The President's Notes

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The weather has cooled off and local fishing has slowed down a bit. It's time to spruce-up the fishing equipment, restock the vest, catch-up on fly tying and reminisce about the nice ones we caught and the bigger ones that got away. Some of us will journey to warmer climates to fish this winter, a few hardy souls will battle the winter elements in pursuit of the magnificent steelhead, and the rest of us will hibernate for the winter waiting for spring fishing to arrive.

Fortunately, not all is lost for those of us who hibernate as there are several fly fishing events coming up. Here is a partial list:

- 1). Advanced fly tying classes start Friday night, January 5th and run for several weeks. These will be held at the Springdale Community Center. Check with Ken West for details
- 2). The North Coast Fly Fishers are hosting the Cleveland Fly Tying Expo on Saturday, January 13. Buff will have a fly tying table at the event. Any BUFFers interested in tying for our club please contact me. For Expo details visit the North Coast Club website: www.expo2007.ncff.net.
- 3). The Derby City Fly Fishers are holding their 2nd annual Fly Fishing Show on Saturday, January 27, in Louisville. Our club will have a booth at their show. For details check the Derby City website: www.derbycityflyfishers.com
- 4). The BUFF Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show is schedule for February 10 at the Receptions Conference and Banquet Center in Fairfield. Details will be forthcoming. Our show coordinator, Mike Bryant, will need several volunteers to help during the show. Please sign-up to help Mike.
- 5). Our Cabin Relief Banquet is set for Saturday, March 3rd. This function is our primary fund raising event. Come and join the fun. Details later.
- 6). The BUFF Fly Fishing 101 Course for beginners and intermediate-skilled fishers will be held on Tuesday nights in March at the Springdale Community Center. Details will be provided at the February general meeting and in the BUFFER.

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January Meeting Program 2007 – The Year in Preview!!

2007 will be an incredible year for BUFF. The January meeting kicks off that year. Come see and hear about all the great trips and activities. Find out about all the fantastic education and outreach opportunities. Special attention will be given to our upcoming Banquet and "The Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show". Yes, and even get a sneak peek into the terrific line-up of this year's program speakers. Don't miss this parade of information, and what BUFF has planned for you in 2007.

Finally, just a few reminders:

Voting for the 2007 club officers and board members will be held at the January general meeting. The newly elected officers and board will serve from the March 3, 2007 banquet until the 2008 banquet.

Nominations are open until February 10 for “Fly Fisher of the Year”. Voting will take place at the February 14th general meeting. Please bring any additional nominations to the January meeting or mail to me. As of January 1, five members have been nominated. These include Roger Corrado, Bob Mackey, Dave French, Jon Kennard, and Dave Jones.

Remember to bring your banquet raffle gifts to the January or February meeting. Contact either Bob Miller or Jim Boude, our banquet coordinators, if you have questions regarding the banquet.

A Southwest Camping Trip In Search of Trout (Part I)

Bill Schroeder

This past fall, my wife Kathy and I packed our 19’ Airstream and headed out on a southwest loop that took us through Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Texas, New Mexico, and Colorado before heading back home across Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, and Indiana to our home in Maineville, Ohio. Our trip lasted five weeks in all, and included stops to visit family and friends in Texas, some sight seeing in New Mexico, a 10 day adventure babysitting grandkids in Denver. We were also able to plan a route that included stops at some great trout venues in Arkansas (Little Red River) New Mexico (San Juan River below Navajo Reservoir), and Colorado (the Arkansas River near Buena Vista and Clear Creek which flows through Golden Gate Canyon down into Golden, Colorado. These are great trout fishing places and each is a story in itself.

Arkansas was our first stop for a great trout fishing experience. On September 10th I again was privileged to fish the Little Red River on a guided float trip with guide Jamie Roush. This was a trip I had acquired at the Buff Banquet a year or so ago, but had not yet used. It was my fifth guided fishing day with Jamie, since I first met him at the Buff trip to the Little Red River in 2002. Jamie has been very generous with trip donations to Buff over the years and I regard him as my favorite fishing guide. If you enjoy pictures of big fish, check out Jamie’s web site at <http://www.jamierouse.net/>. Being it was early September, we were two or three weeks ahead of the great spawning migration of brown trout up the Little Red River toward the dam at Heber Springs that this river is famous for. So Jamie and I had to settle for a more ordinary trip in which I caught around 40 rainbows ranging from 14” to 18” in size. These fish are a little smaller than the huge browns that are caught later in the fall, but they are plentiful, and full of color and fight.

Having fished the Little Red twice during the famous fall brown trout migration, and also in February and September, I actually prefer the less crowded rainbow fishing that is available during the “off season” to the sometimes crowded fall brown extravaganza. That is because there are fewer fishermen overall, and most of the fly fishermen encountered are locals whom I have found to be good sportsmen and polite to visitors. True, you are less likely to tie into a 20” brown trout if you are not there during that October to December spawning time. But you are more likely to enjoy long, lovely stretches of the river to yourself.

For three nights we camped at the John F. Kennedy Park just below the dam that forms Greers Ferry Lake, near Heber Springs, Arkansas. There is also good fishing in the lake above the dam, for striped bass and other species. Jamie also offers guided fishing trips up on the lake, using a completely different boat and rigging, but I am so passionate about the trout fishing, I have never tried it. The Kennedy campground has excellent sites for RVs as well as tents, with level concrete pads, and clean rest rooms with hot showers. But like most Corps of Engineers facilities, it offers electric hook-ups, but no water or sewer at the sites. The best part though, proximity to the river which runs right by the campsites, and is full of trout. The dam is used to generate electricity, and the level of the river rises rapidly when they are doing so, usually once a day. But the periods of generation don’t usually last long, and as the river quickly recedes back to its normal level, the fishing can be resumed.

TO BE CONTINUED!!

Federation Of Fly Fishers

"Lefty's View"

Tim Findley

There has been much discussion lately on the value of the Buckeye United Fly Fishers being associated / members of the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF). I initially set out to write a short paragraph on the benefits of the FFF with respect to B.U.F.F.. As I started doing a little fact finding, I stumbled across the following article buried in the FFF Web-Site, written by Lefty Kreh. This article comes from one of the Masters in our sport, and it shows his deep passion for fly fishing and the FFF. I don't want this to sound like I am using the BUFFER as a FREE Advertisement Outlet for the FFF, rather I feel this may help answer common questions that come up frequently concerning the FFF.

"Dear Fellow Flyfisher:

Is flyfishing as important to you as it is to me?

I get alot of value out of my sport, perhaps because I see flyfishing as much more than a simple pastime. To me, it's a special way of looking at the world. In fact, flyfishing gives me a perspective on conservation and the environment unlike anything else. I believe it comes from the tradition and the commitment to beauty which are so much a part of the sport. That, in turn leads to a unique appreciation for the natural world. And that is why I flyfish. That also explains why I am a member of the Federation of Fly Fishers and why I am so eager for you to join me as a member of the only non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the sport of flyfishing. Now, you are quite correct if you say there are many other fine conservation groups you could join. But do they really believe in flyfishing? Or will you just be lumped in with all the spinning rods and baitcasting reels? When you join the FFF, the answer is always flyfishing. And that's important, if you take your sport as seriously as I do.

Let me give you just one example of why the Federation counts. In Oregon, public officials quietly decided it was time to open all that state's fly fishing waters to anglers with spinning and baitcasting rods. It was a decision which disregarded decades of special regulation and even threatened to allow salmon snagging on some of these prized lakes and streams.

And nobody cared! Nobody, that is except the Federation of Fly Fishers.

We argued that these historic set-asides were too valuable to lose, and we emphasized that the waters were special only because flyfishers had made them so. We stood alone, but we stood firm. And today, because of the Federation of Fly Fishers, those special regulation waters remain. Is Oregon the lone example? Not at all. The same thing happened in Michigan, where officials decided that waters made special by flyfishers should no longer be preserved for flyfishing. But once more, the Federation was there. And the world's only organized voice for fly fishing prevailed again in ensuring a future for special waters. Surely, it makes you wonder whether your waters are next. And if they are, to whom will you turn to for help if not to the FFF?

Is the Federation's sole mission to protect flyfishing only rules? No, our vision is much broader than that. But FFF's philosophy of conserving, restoring and educating through flyfishing gives us a unique perspective that has proven important time after time. Few things demonstrate that point better than our commitment to catch-and-release. Other organizations may embrace catch-and-release, but FFF was the first to preach this essential philosophy for managing our fisheries. We also realized that its' importance went well beyond the trout stream, extending to all fish in all waters. And today catch-and-release is practiced throughout the world. Trout stream, bass lake, saltwater flat: Our leadership has influenced them all.

What more can I say to demonstrate the value of joining FFF? There is, in fact, so much more, from youth programs to local stream projects. From protecting fisheries to supporting efforts aimed at containing whirling disease on our western trout streams. And as an FFF member, you'll be kept up to date through the quarterly Flyfisher magazine.

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But the real key to understanding the Federation is the realization that we are the only flyfishing organization. We don't pay lip service to the image; flyfishing defines the Federation's very soul. And let me emphasize that point: Nobody else shares your flyfishing perspective. Nobody else represents your flyfishing interests. Nobody else cares about you as a flyfisher. Go ahead, look around. And if you find another national organization with FFF's dedication to flyfishing conservation and education, let me know, because I'll want to be a part of that group. Until then, the decision to become a Federation member is easy.

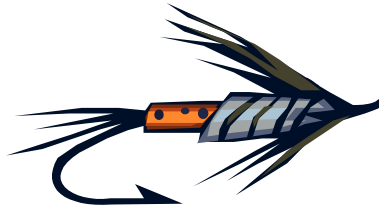
We may live in different part of the country, even different parts of the world. And there's a good chance we fish for different species. But we share a unique bond through flyfishing, you and I. And that's why I'm counting on you to send in your membership today to the world's only flyfishing organization. Just \$29 a year to join the only organization dedicated to conserving, restoring and educating through flyfishing. Trust me, it's where every flyfisher belongs.

Regards,

Bernard "Lefty" Kreh, Life Member, Federation of Fly Fishers"

"P.S. I mean it when I say the FFF is the world's only flyfishing organization. But if you show me any other national association whose primary mission is conserving, restoring and educating through flyfishing, we will refund your first year's dues in the FFF. That's more than a promise. It's my no risk guarantee to you as a new member in the Federation of Fly Fishers. "

Ref: Federation of Fly Fishers Web-Site www.fedflyfishers.org



T-SHIRTS

Several members have ordered the Official BUFF T-Shirt and have yet to pick them up. It would be appreciated by the Treasurer if you would plan to pick up your shirt at the January meeting.

For those members who have already paid for their shirts, if they are not picked up at the January meeting, they will be mailed to you and you will be invoiced for the cost of mailing.

For those shirts that have not as yet been paid for, if they are not picked up at the January meeting, they will be placed back in the general inventory and made available to club members.

Following are shirts that have been paid for:

Fred Bay Liam Dorward Roy Crook

Following are shirts ordered, but for which no payment has been received:

Jim Gessner Eric Marsh Bob Muro

The Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show™

Mike Bryant

Mark your calendars! **The Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show™ is coming on Saturday, February 10, 2007.** The Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show™ will continue its focus on providing both experienced and prospective new fly fishers timely information on the great sport of fly fishing. Our goal is to educate, inform and to have fun. During the Show, we hope to offer and familiarize attendees with available local, regional and national fly fishing resources. **Same great Show, same great low admission of only \$5.00 per person, and children 12 and under are still admitted free.** This year's presentations include searching for wild trout in the Smoky Mountains, discovering fly fishing opportunities in Chile's Patagonia region, and exploring the famous fly fishing streams of south central Pennsylvania. Included with your admission is attendance to all three presentations, both exhibitor halls, the fly tying island, fly tying demonstrations, and a chance to win some door prizes!! Make sure you bring your friends, family members, and especially kids to the Show. The Kid's Corner is being updated and expanded.

Kid's Corner

This year we are adding some additional interactive fun for the kids in the Kids Corner. Kids 12 and under are going to have their own fly tying contest, also a few new ways to win some great kids prizes. Of course we will once again have the Blue Ribbon Bug collection from Ethan Echstein.

Be sure to stop by and cast your vote for the best kid's fly.

The Show will be held at the Receptions Conference Center, located off of Route 4 in Fairfield (only minutes from I-275). This is the same facility we used last year.

Location:

Receptions Conference Center, Fairfield, OH (northern Cincinnati suburb)

Date: Saturday, February 10, 2007

Time: 9:00a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

In addition to the presentations and the fly tying activities, there will be numerous exhibits that include fly shops, guides, outfitters, clubs, state and local resources, and much more. We plan to have new exhibitors as well as old favorites.

There's something for everyone. Check out B.U.F.F.'s website (www.buckeyeflyfishers.com) for more information. So mark your calendars, and we will see you at the **Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show™ on Saturday, February 10, 2007.**



2007 BUFF Calendar

(January thru June 10)

JANUARY

- Jan 4** **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly
Tying and story telling Bass Pro Outdoor
- Jan 5** **Advanced Fly Tying Techniques**
Springdale Community Center 6:30 –8:30 pm
- Jan 10** **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
Social Hour 6 pm
- Jan 12** **Advanced Fly Tying Techniques**
Springdale Community Center 6:30 –8:30 pm
- Jan 13** **Cleveland Tying Expo.**
- Jan 17** **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran
Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH
- Jan 18** **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly
tying and story telling. Buffalo Mt. Coffee
Shop, Dillonvale
- Jan 19** **Advanced Fly Tying Techniques**
Springdale Community Center 6:30 –8:30 pm
- Jan 26** **Advanced Fly Tying Techniques**
Springdale Community Center 6:30 –8:30 pm
- Jan 27** **Derby City Fly Fishing Show** Louisville

FEBRUARY

- Feb 1** **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly
Tying and story telling Bass Pro Outdoor
- Feb 2** **Advanced Fly Tying Techniques**
Springdale Community Center 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- Feb 10** **Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show**
Receptions on Rt. 4, 9 am –4:30 pm
- Feb 14** **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
Social Hour 6 pm
- Feb 21** **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran
Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH
- Feb 22** **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly
tying and story telling. Buffalo Mt. Coffee
Shop, Dillonvale
- Feb 24** **Net Building** Paul Feldman
- Feb TBD** **Rod Building** John Doscher

MARCH

- Mar 1** **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly
Tying and story telling Bass Pro Outdoor
- Mar 3** **Net Building** Paul Feldman
- Mar 3** **Cabin Fever Relief Banquet** Receptions
- Mar 6** **Fly Fishing 101** 7-9 pm Springdale Community
Center
- Mar 13** **Fly Fishing 101** 7-9 pm Springdale Community
Center
- Mar 14** **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
Social Hour 6 pm
- Mar 20** **Fly Fishing 101** 7-9 pm Springdale Community
Center
- Mar 21** **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran
Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH

- Mar 22** **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly
tying and story telling. Buffalo Mt. Coffee
Shop, Dillonvale
- Mar 27** **Fly Fishing 101** 7-9 pm Springdale Community
Center
- Mar 28-31** **Northern Ohio Steelhead Trip**
- Mar 28** **Spring Casting Tune-Up** Springdale Community
Center – 7 – 9 pm
- Mar TBD** **Rod Building** John Doscher

APRIL

- Apr 5** **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly
Tying and story telling Bass Pro Outdoor
- Apr 11** **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
Social Hour 6 pm
- Apr 13** **Parky's Farm** 10 am-2 pm
- Apr 18** **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran
Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH
- Apr 19** **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly
tying and story telling. Buffalo Mt. Coffee
Shop, Dillonvale
- Apr 20** **Parky's Farm** 10 am – 2 pm
- Apr 26-29** **Nantahala Spring Trip**
- Apr 27** **Parky's Farm** 10 am – 2 pm
- Apr TBD** **Day Trip**
- Apr TBD** **Indian Hill Fly Tying & Casting**

MAY

- May 3** **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly
Tying and story telling Bass Pro Outdoor
- May 4** **Parky's Farm** 10 am – 2 pm
- May 4 -6** **Rockwell Springs Trip**
- May 9** **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
Social Hour 6 pm
- May 11** **Parky's Farm** 10 am – 2 pm
- May 16** **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran
Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH
- May 17** **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly
tying and story telling. Buffalo Mt. Coffee
Shop, Dillonvale
- May 18** **Parky's Farm** 10 am – 2 pm
- May 20** **Beginning Casting Class** Cottell Park
- May 25** **Parky's Farm** 10 am – 2 pm
- May TBD** **Day Trip**
- May TBD** **Springdale Community Center
Fly Tying & Casting Class**

JUNE

- Jun 2** **Kids' All American Fishing Derby** Middletown
- Jun 2-3** **Fishing Has No Boundaries** Cowan Lake
- Jun 3** **Beginning Casting Class** Cottell Park
- Jun 7** **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly
Tying and story telling Bass Pro Outdoor
- Jun 7-10** **Elkhorn Fishing Trip** – Don Hogue
- Jun 9** **Ladies Only Fly Fishing Class**
- Jun 10** **Beginning Casting Class** Cottell Park

2006 B.U.F.F Officers/Board of Directors/Key Positions

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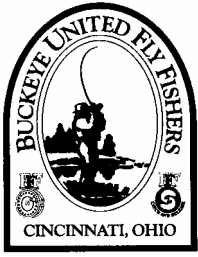
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January Menu
NEW PRICE \$11.00
Roast Turkey & Dressing
Baked Glazed Ham w/pineapples
Candied Sweet Potatoes
Succotash
Cranberry Relish
Rolls and Butter
Pumpkin & Mince Meat Pies



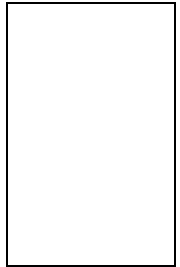


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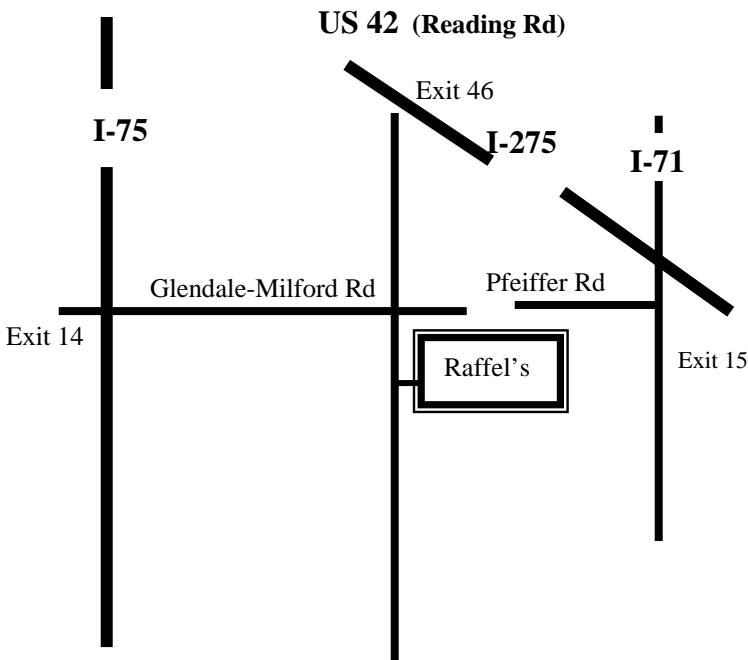
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NOTICE: Please check dues expiration date on lower right corner of mailing label. If dues have expired, please remit \$25.00 for an Individual Membership or \$30.00 for a Family Membership to B. U.F.F., P.O. Box 42614, Cincinnati, OH 45242

Mailing Address

Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday – January 10

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 \$11.00/PERSON FOR A CATERED MEAL. DOORS OPEN FOR SOCIAL HOUR AT 6 PM – DINNER SERVED AT 7 PM. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED – DON'T WAIT – CALL NOW! (SEE THE MENU ON PAGE 7)



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.