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The President's Notes

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Well, it is officially Summer and it is in the 90s all week. It is hard to get out of the air-conditioning this week – (maybe I'm getting too old and/or lazy). However, I found that going to Brookville, not the tailwater - but the Lake, and searching for the freshwater bone fish (carp) is a way to enjoy fishing and then taking a cooling dip in the lake. So I guess there are alternatives. Another suggestion someone gave me this weekend it to spend the really hot days inside tying the flies for the trips you are planning in the future.

Another suggestion is to keep cool is to try Brookville Tailwaters and “wet-wade.” Standing in a cool/cold stream in shorts is doable, especially when it is so hot outside. Additionally, head for the Red River Gorge area. I hear they just stocked trout about two weeks ago.

We have a great event coming up on July 17th. It is our first (annual) picnic/swap meet. We are lucky enough to have access to the the Cincinnati Central Turners Club's facility. They have a 3.5acre lake with not only fishing for the bass and bluegill (catch and release), but casting targets so we all can improve our casting accuracy. Some of our casting instructors will be there to help you. They also have a club house and picnic area. A picnic meal will be served between 4:30 and 5:00pm. Cost will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Soft drinks are included and beer will be on sale by the Casting Club. The picnic starts at 1:00 PM and will run till dark. If you have some new or gently used items you would like to try to sell or trade bring them to this event. You would be surprised at some of the equipment and supplies that are laying around your house that someone else would be willing to pay for.

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BUFF July 2010 Program

Our first (annual) picnic/swap meet at
Cincinnati Central Turners Club's facility

Details will be provided at the next meeting and will be posted on the web-site about the August Outing. I say "outing" because we are not having an official meeting on August 11th - the 2nd Wednesday of the month. This year we are having a fishing outing. Everyone is invited but it is just an evening out – no business meeting. We are going to fish the Tailwaters of East Fork (Harsha) Lake in Clermont County. (We have had meetings at this location in the past) The Tailwater Shelter has been reserved for our use. Directions will be included in the August edition of the Buffer. Just two rules are of note: NO alcohol, and the area closes at 10:30 pm. You are on your own for food and drink -- stop and pick something up on your way or pack your own picnic supper. I was told the fishing was good here and the company will even be better.

Other events coming up in July include VA Fly Tying on July 12 from 6:30 to 8:30pm at the VA Hospital. We have also scheduled a Little Miami Clean-up Float Trip on July 14. Both of these events can use (and need) our support. These are some of the ways we can give back to our community and have a real positive impact.

Unfortunately, I am going to miss most of the July events and some of the August events. I am going on a 6 or 7 week trip starting July 5th. Lane Stocker, our vice president is going to fill in – Thanks Lane! Check the website and BUFFER for any schedule changes.

On a sad note, we have had a couple of our members pass away in the last month or so. Charlie Svarda, Phil O'Herron, and Jim Boude's wife. They will be sorely missed by all. Keep their families in your prayers! This just is a reminder for some of us older members to get out and do the things we really want to do while we are able.

Get out to fish and volunteer,
Roger

BUFF Picnic/Swap Meet July 17 at Central Turners Lake

This year the board has decided to combine the Club picnic and the Swap meet. The picnic will be held on July 17, at The Cincinnati Central Turners Club. There is 3.5 acre lake with club house and picnic area. This facility is also the home of the Cincinnati Casting Club with casting targets to test your skills and the lake is stocked with bluegill and bass (catch and release). The picnic starts at 1:00 PM and will run till dark. A picnic meal will be served between 4:30 and 5:00 PM. Cost will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12.

The park is located on 2200 Pinney Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio 45231.

Direction: I-275 (Cincinnati North side of loop) Exit Mt. Healthy – Fairfield. South on Hamilton Avenue, approx. 2 miles; right on Pinney Lane. Pinney Lane runs dead into the park.

Adopt-a-Stream (Lessons in Patience)

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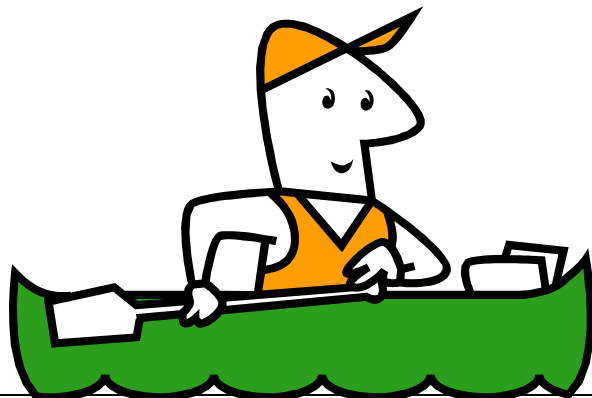
It seemed so easy. Get a group of people together arrange some transportation and canoes and float down a stretch of the Little Miami River picking up trash and catching fish. We would do it three times a year. My trip would be in the Spring.

We set the first one up for Saturday May 15. I arranged with Nate Holscher of River Unlimited to get some onion bags, shovels, gloves for the trash pick up and with Mark Bersani of Loveland Canoe rental for people transportation, and Annie Kivett from the Izaak Walton League for canoe transportation. We had about 14 people and we set to go-until the rains came. On Wednesday night the Little Miami was running at better than 1000 cubic feet/ second at Milford. After consulting with Mark, Bill Schroeder and a few other experts on the Little Miami we decided to cancel. I was bummed a bit, as maybe were some of our volunteers, but this is Spring and this happens.

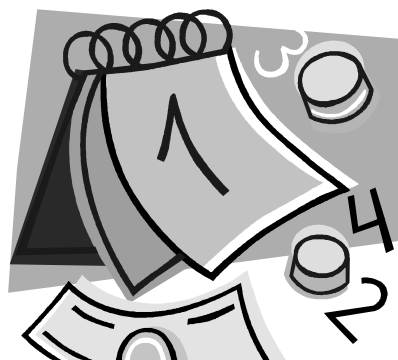
It was the backup trip that really got to me. The first time I could do it was June 5. I sent out a note to all interested people and got a few responses. After a second note and a glowing report of the river conditions I managed to get a crew of about 12 (thanks to all of you). I also got some “grabbers” from Nate so we wouldn’t have to always jump out of the canoes for trash. We were ready! Then the thunderstorms came on Wednesday, and Thursday and the river flow jumped from 463 to 781 cubic feet/sec. Friday morning I drove to Isabella Park and took a look-even did a bit of fishing. It was a bit high, but I could see about a foot in the water and it didn’t look that treacherous for canoeing so I sent a note to participant that it was a go and left messages with Mark and Annie we were planning to go ahead.

The river continued rise-it was over 800 by mid-afternoon-and about 4 p.m. Mark called saying he would not recommend going because the banks would be muddy and treacherous. What to do? Reluctantly I agreed to call the event, which of course meant calling everyone else. Jerry Schatzman, who has fished quite a bit on the Little Miami, was my first call and helped me think through whether this was a good decision. What really got to me this time though was the uncertainty. Did I make the right call? It’s enough to drive a man to dr... fishing.

For this year at least the Spring trip won’t happen. We’ll pick up in July when river conditions are more stable. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help and also to Mark Bersani and Annie Kivett. They seem willing to help in the future despite our stuttering start. Meanwhile I have a few ideas for backup for next Spring’s trip which I will bounce off of you at a later time.



BUFF 2010 Calendar



July 2010

- Jul 1 **Tie & Lie**, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
- Jul 11 **BUFF Casting Class** Cottell Park, 1-4 pm Gary Begley
- Jul 12 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm
- Jul 14 **Little Miami Clean-Up Float Trip**, Izaak Walton, L. Haynes
- Jul 16 **Tie & Lie**, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
- Jul 17 **BUFF Picnic and Swap Meet**, 2200 Pinney Lane, Mt. Healthy 45231
- Jul 18 **BUFF Casting Class** Cottell Park, 1-4 pm Gary Begley
- Jul 21 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
- Jul 25 **BUFF Casting Class** Cottell Park, 1-4 pm Gary Begley

August 2010

- Aug 5 **Tie & Lie**, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
- Aug 10 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 930 am
- Aug 11 **Fishing Outing – East Fork Lake - No Monthly Meeting or dinner**
- Aug 18 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
- Aug 19-22 **Cumberland River Trip**, Jamestown, KY, B. Mackey & D. Jones
- Aug 20 **Tie & Lie**, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
- Aug TBD **Fishing Outing in lieu of Monthly Meeting** TBD

September 2010

- Sep 1-4 **Au Sable River Trip**, Grayling, MI, S. Bailey
- Sep 2 **Tie & Lie**, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
- Sep 8 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Raffel's on Reading Road
- Sep 10 **Parky's Farm**, 10-2 pm
- Sep 12-17 **Pere Marquette River Fall Salmon Trip** J. Guenther
- Sep 15 **Little Miami Clean-Up Float Trip**, Izaak Walton, S. Lilly
- Sep 15 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
- Sep 17 **Parky's Farm**, 10-2 pm
- Sep 17 **Tie & Lie**, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
- Sep 23 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm
- Sep 24 **Parky's Farm**, 10-2 pm

October 2010

- Oct 1 **Parky's Farm**, 10-2 pm
- Oct 7-10 **Ladies Trout Trip**, Sharon Bailey
- Oct 7 **Tie & Lie**, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
- Oct 8 **Parky's Farm**, 10-2 pm
- Oct 8-12 **Smoky Mts. Trout Trip**, Jerry Schatzman

- Oct 13 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Raffel's on Reading Road
- Oct 15 **Parky's Farm**, 10-2 pm
- Oct 15 **Tie & Lie**, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
- Oct 20 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
- Oct 22 **Parky's Farm**, 10-2 pm
- Oct 29 **Parky's Farm**, 10-2 pm

November 2010

- Nov 4 **Tie & Lie**, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
- Nov 10 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Raffel's on Reading Road
- Nov 17 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
- Nov 18-21 **Fall Steelhead Trip**, Chagrin Falls, OH Tom Herr
- Nov 19 **Tie & Lie**, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
- Nov 23 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm

December 2010

- Dec 2 **Tie & Lie**, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
- Dec 8 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Raffel's on Reading Road
- Dec 15 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
- Dec 17 **Tie & Lie**, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm

**July Menu
Price
\$10 Adults
\$5 Children**

Be sure to make your reservation!!

Picnic Fare

An April day on the Watauga

Tom Scheer

Mike Adams made the trek to Louisville from East Tennessee for their fly show after an absence of occasional income producing winter trips. In these trying economic times he could only justify one trip from East Tennessee to promote his guide services during a slow winter, unusual since normally conditions in this area lure one or more fly fishers to brave less than 70 degree conditions to leave the confines of their home for a freedom float. Water temperatures in the Watauga and South Holston allow insects to proliferate even in winter.

He was enticed to donate a trip by our BUFF fund raiser who also went to Louisville.

Fritz Backscheider and I bid on and won it (under suspicious circumstances. Sorry Jerry). I called and spoke with the very friendly Mike Adams to schedule this trip in late March.

As the date approached the weather forecasters had the gall to suggest that the day we wished to fish would provide a high temperature of 46 degrees, constant precipitation, and wind. Mike totally understood when I asked him to consider my 80 year old fishing partner finds conditions such as this a bit compromising (good excuse for me!). Mike insisted we reschedule (guides hate it when their clients freeze).

Our trip was rescheduled for April 11, 2010. Driving that distance for one day of fishing seems a bit of a waste of fuel and opportunity, so we asked Mike if he had a day on either side, and he did. We floated the Watauga on the 10th, an example day of Spring that we dream about for so many winter months. Cloudless sky, morning jacket, perfect temperature as the day progressed, red buds blooming prolifically. And trout willing to eat a dead drifted nymph, a deep (250 gr 30 ft sink tip) presented heavily weighted size 10 streamer stripped over drop offs, and a dry dropper with the dropper dead drifted just above the bottom. Half way through the day when the fish's interest waned, we pulled over for a marinated grilled steak, a baked potato, and salad followed by a delicious cream pie served on a table cloth covered table under the blush of trees sprouting their leaves. Mike can cook! While he prepared, I reclined on a grass hillock, closed my eyes and enjoyed my daily nap.

We found more interest from the fish as the day progressed, with Mike wishing aloud that around the next corner the conditions would coalesce and the famed Watauga caddis hatches would begin. As it turns out, all the next corners were barren of caddis, but the catching was consistent enough to keep our interest all day.

The next day, again bright sun, the spectacular terrain awash with awakening trees and flowering woodland floor that framed the Watauga, a tailwater teeming with aquatic life, and rich in its voice, as it progresses from pool, to tail out, to riffle. The sensory input of the river and its surroundings coupled with a cloudless 70 degree day promoted occasionally forgoing pursuit of fish and simply absorbing the wonder of the moment.

Fritz and I found increasing success with our offerings, as we were able to digest and follow Mike's very excellent direction. Neither Fritz nor I "get" nymphing. Mike helped a great deal with his direction. His guidance in helping us attain better drifts through the art of mending, with the ideal being drag free, was patient and supportive. "Minding" ones line on the water through proper and well timed mending takes some time and repeated efforts to attain. Mike's examples appeared effortless, but when we tried it, it didn't look the same. The trout much preferred Mike's offerings, but we closed the gap some, and the trout responded.

If you get a chance, give Mike a call and visit the East Tennessee tailwaters. Mike is one of BUFF's supporting sponsors.

Monthly Program Speakers

The Program Committee is currently seeking people for future presentations at club meetings. If there is a topic that you would like to hear about or you know of someone who could be a speaker let us know. Or maybe you know of someone who could talk about a recent fly-fishing adventure.

Contact: Randy Clark – rclark3056@msn.com or 513-741-8273



Ohio Council Warm Water Conclave

The Ohio Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers is conducting the Warm Water Conclave on Saturday, July 17, 2010. The event will be held at the Penitentiary Glen Nature Preserve located at 8668 Kirtland-Chardon Road in Kirtland, Ohio 44094. Kirtland is located near Cleveland.

The Warm Water Conclave is dedicated to flyfishing of warm water fisheries so prevalent in our region.

The event will include fly tying, casting, vendors, displays and seminars. Hours are from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Admission is only \$6 / person or \$12 / family. So if you are looking for a weekend activity this summer, consider driving up north to the Warm Water Conclave.

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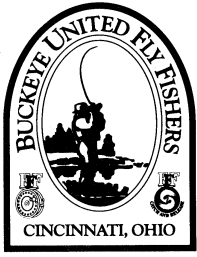
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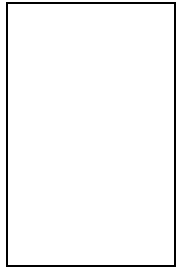


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Next Monthly Meeting –Saturday July 17

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