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The President's Notes

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I had a great time at the Forks of the Elkhorn this year. The water was good, no foul weather, the boat still floats, and I caught some fish. I traveled down early and met up with George Fraley at the Cracker Barrel in Georgetown. Started the weekend off right with a hefty breakfast and headed to the campground. We borrowed Randy Clark's tent and popup fly. I have put them up before, but it sure seemed different without some adult supervision. We finally managed and started on the boats. I had to take mine all the way down for transportation and George had borrowed his. After a few minutes of pumping them up, I was ready for a cold one and some time on the river. The smallmouth bass were cooperative, and the pumpkinseeds seemed eager by the shores. My first fish surprised me by being a large mouth bass. Thursday was the hottest day, but thank goodness the weather and river got steadily better. The fishing has been better in the past, but I think everyone caught fish and enjoyed our time. Bob and Wendy Gustafson gave their new kayaks their maiden voyages. These are a great way to fish. They did quite well, along with Pete Moore, along the rock wall upstream from our campsite.

I want to thank Marty Foltz and Charlie Montgomery for their efforts in putting this trip together. The Saturday night spaghetti dinner was outstanding. The cherry cobbler dessert was excellent and I heard the other one was OK. It is going to take me some time to work off the fine dining of the extended weekend. In the past it was one of the best attended events we had. Several years of bad weather and floods have put it out of recent memory. I hope this year is a turning point for growth for next year.

Next month we are meeting with Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers for our July meeting. The date of the meeting is not our normal meeting night and not our normal meeting place. However the signup for the meeting will be done the same as always on the website. NKFF will be ordering the food for this event, and as normal for our summer meetings, if you sign up we expect that you will come and cover the costs. This is one of the first of joint meetings that we have had in a long time. It used to be more common. One of the

BUFF July 2011 Program

Picnic food and Swap Meet with Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers

advantages of this meeting, besides that we will be able to fish, is that we can swap some the fine fly fishing equipment we have that just might be extra, for something we cannot live without. There may also be some contests of skill (or not so much), so bring a rod and reel even if you don't plan on fishing. The new date and location for the meeting is July 7th at the Duck Creek Country Club. Please see the BUFFER and the Web site for more detailed information.

The August meeting is looking to be a float trip with personal pontoon boat, kayaks, canoes, rafts, or some other floating device you can cast from. If you have interest, please contact the program committee or their appointed leader. I hope to get that boat out again and try it on a little faster water.

Looking forward to the AuSable.

Jeff

BUFF – NKFF Combined Meeting and Swap Meet

Don't forget there's been a one time change in the time and location of the next club meeting. The meeting will be a joint outdoor meeting with Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers on Thursday, July 7, rain or shine.

NKFF meets at Duck Creek Country Club, 1942 Industrial Road in Cold Spring, Ky. 41076. It's near NKU's campus. Duck Creek is an old pay lake that's now a bar. It has a large outdoor patio, an air conditioned clubhouse with full bar, plus a fly fishing friendly lake.

The meeting starts around 5:30 and lasts until you're ready to go home. A lot is planned that night including casting games, fishing kayaks to try out and a swap meet... plus there's fishing and a great meal planned.

NKFF be grilling chicken, ribs & corn, plus serving a salad, sides and dessert all for the low, low price of \$ 10... All beverages are extra and you must make a reservation through the club's website.

If you plan to fish, a Kentucky license is highly suggested.

It's available on line at www.takemefishing.com for \$10 + a processing fee for a one day, non resident.

For directions to Duck Creek, goggle the address above or refer the club website for more information. Remember, you must make a reservation. Also, see directions on page 5.

Nantahala Trip Report

Gary Cummins

By all reports, the April 27th North Carolina Trout Quest trip was a success. Of the 31 participants, 9 stayed at a new spot, Settler's Mountain resort which is near the Smoky Mountain Retreat where the fall trip stays. Our numbers spilled over from what Smoky Mountain could accommodate. The new facility was a large beautiful lodge with a large deck overlooking a valley from one of the mountain tops. It is likely that it will be a preferred spot to stay on future trips as it also has additional cabins on its site. Settler's Mountain is about a half a mile from Smoky Mountain Retreat Cabins.

Although the North Carolina area did not have as much rain as Ohio, they did have enough to make the main rivers higher than usual. The Nantahala was about 18 inches higher than in past years, but fishable and the upside was that nearly everyone who fished, caught fish. The Tuckaseegee had even higher water levels, and to compound the problem, Duke Energy generated power, increasing the flow more, so it was fishable only a small portion of the trip.

There was a catered barbeque dinner on Saturday evening that received high marks. The enthusiasm for that may have been boosted by a wine tasting and appetizers beforehand that is becoming a tradition on this trip. Madelynn Jenior became our social coordinator for the wine tasting event. For most fellows, throwing some chips and pretzels on the table while opening their beer is enough social preparation. But the ladies made a lovely setup of crackers and cheeses. Thanks, ladies. That social hour may have also contributed to the laughter accompanying the stories for the awarding of prizes for largest, smallest, most fish, and funniest story of the trip. It seems that Ed Jones, after having an unexpected immersion, had an epiphany in finding a new freedom in casual apparel when he forgot, in his supply of dry clothes, to include dry undergarments. Ed also nailed the most fish caught and largest fish categories. I guess trout fishing for decades pays off in experience and cool, calm thinking.

This remains one of the club's most attended trips for it is one in which one can fish the pocket water mountain trout stream patterns of the Nantahala and the large wide river water of the Tuckaseegee. These two basic types are representative of trout waters one encounters all over the U.S. Fishing was not as good as we would have liked, but we had a number of new BUFF members on their first organized trip and several folks caught their first trout on a fly they tied themselves. I would like to persuade anyone who would like to learn the fundamentals of trout fishing to go on either the spring or fall trip to North Carolina. In the nearly ten years I have been a member, I still relish seeing the joy our members have in showing others how to fly fish. New participants should have no fear in lack of casting, fishing, or tying skills, for there are always a plentiful number of "old timers" who will help you. I brag of the gracious attitude BUFF members display when I talk of the club. I personally look forward to spending time with both old and new friends fishing, eating, (drinking), and sharing life experiences on these club trips. It's great also that couples, even if one member doesn't fish, seem to enjoy themselves.

Few fish were taken on dry flies during the day, but I'm noting this report for future trips, to get ahead of my Adult Onset Attention Deficit Disorder. I was told the following by a young man who works at the fly shop near Sylva called the Outpost. He fishes the Nantahala often, and at that time of the year, there are incredible sulfur hatches at 6:45 PM, and even close dry fly patterns will take fish when matching the hatch. So, we need to plan this into next year's outing. And ... Pete and I have discussed having the trip the first week of May next year to take advantage of the stockings by the state on the first of the month. So ... sign up early so Pete can build up his bank account and make reservations for next year. Please give us feedback for our planning.

Fly Fishing for Smallmouth Bass in North Carolina

Steve Horgan

On June 8th I floated the North Toe River with Scott Cunningham of Wilson Creek Outfitters, Morganton, North Carolina. It was a trip I had won in a silent auction at our Cabin Fever Banquet in March. Prior to fishing on June 8th we had talked about fishing for browns and rainbows in a select area called the trophy water. Water temperatures in the low 70s on that stream suggested it would really stress out any hooked trout so I elected to fish for smallmouth.

We put in at Jack's Creek on the North Toe River and floated about six miles to the takeout at Pigeon Roost Creek. Following a spring of very high water the river had been dropping a lot in the last week or so. Choice of a fly was easy for Scott – a size 6 chartreuse Shenandoah popper which was tied to a 2X leader. I would use it the entire float. We floated the river in Scott's 13 foot AIRE Super Puma raft, which Scott has fitted with custom seats. The elevated front seat provided an excellent vantage point for casting.

The game plan was to cast the foam and any pockets I could reach which generally were downstream of numerous granite boulders we passed along the way. Scott prefers to have the popper cast so that it hits the water with some force, allow it to sit until the rings have dissipated, then give it a chug. Using a 6 wt. rod with 6 wt. floating line it proved fairly easy to reach most of the spots that potentially held fish. During the float I cast about 25 feet where I hooked and landed a 15 inch smallie that put up quite a fight for its size. On the next cast to water about 15 feet closer to the bank I hooked up with a smallmouth weighing several pounds. It was only on for about 10 seconds before it broke the leader. Several seconds after that it jumped twice about 20 feet downstream, presumably trying to get rid of the popper. My first thought was about why I hadn't checked the leader after the previous fish. Perhaps there was a wear spot in it that caused the break. At 11 pound test the leader shouldn't have broken. On the day I finished with about 15 smallmouth and also added a new fish to my different species on a fly list – a longear sunfish. On two occasions rainbow trout flashed at but did not strike the popper. While I cast to a lot of mid river spots, none of them yielded a strike.

Scott was very knowledgeable and easy to spend a day with. He gave me several pointers on fish locations and also some helpful casting tips. If you are looking to lose weight you might consider rowing a raft down the North Toe at low water. We hung up on occasion and Scott frequently had to row hard across the river to get us in position to float through many of the areas we passed. Most of the scenery is nothing short of spectacular. Many sections of the river had a substantial vertical drop between heavily wooded hills. There was little evidence of civilization, only an occasional passing coal train.

Fishing options are numerous with Scott and Wilson Creek Outfitters. Trout options include delayed harvest water, trophy water and numerous mountain streams which can require considerable climbing on foot while casting to brook trout. There are many choices for smallmouth floats. And there are also several trout floats available on nearby Tennessee rivers.

Humans rely on the natural environment for food, water and about everything else, nature relies on humans for nothing.

Every stream is constantly undergoing change. Much of this change is in response to what is happening to the other streams in the watershed. For the tributaries it means trying to keep up with the main stem whose flow is much greater and therefore can erode downward much faster. To compensate, the gradient in the tributaries is steeper and the faster water will allow the erosion to keep up with the main stem. It all works out unless something big comes along, like a glacier.

Before the glaciers, the Little Miami was a much smaller stream whose headwaters were in the present day Kings Mill area. Now its headwaters are way up into Clark County, almost to London Ohio. For some tributaries this change in the main stem's flow, and the resulting erosion, created a waterfall at its mouth. Gradually the waterfall would work its way up the tributary and eventually become insignificant, but that takes time; several thousand years for a small stream. Halls Creek joins the Little Miami just down from Morrow where the BUFF clean-up begins, and is one of those streams in transition. If you follow its course up through the Halls Creek Nature Preserve, you will come across a series of very attractive waterfalls as the creek passes over the Ordovician limestone bedrock.

Steve Lilly

Directions to the Combined BUFF- NKFF meeting

Take I-471 South into Kentucky until it dead ends at a traffic light into US 27 South.

(The entrance of NKU is ¼ mile up on the right.)

Follow Rt. 27 South about 1.5 miles from that light, and turn left on KY. Rt. 1998 North.

(Watch for a red brick church with a tall white steeple on the right)

Follow Rt. 1998 downhill 2 miles. Duck Creek is the last place on the left, florescent green building....Slow down, the gravel drive is easy to miss.

Watch your speed because the police are!!!

BUFF 2011 Calendar

July 2011

- Jul 7 **BUFF-NKFF Picnic/Swap Meet - Replaces Monthly Meeting**
- Jul 9 **Little Miami River Clean Up Float Trip**, John Cartwright
- Jul 12 **Healing Waters**, Tom Scheer, 10:30 am – 4 pm, Outing, Parky's Farm
- Jul 19 **Youth Fly Fishing Lessons**, Greenacres River Lab, Loveland
- Jul 20 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
- Jul 21 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm

August 2011

- Aug 2 **Youth Fly Fishing Lessons**, Greenacres River Lab, Loveland
- Aug 10 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm
TBD (Possible Float Trip and picnic??)
- Aug 17 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
- 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** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
- 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 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 19 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm

November 2011

- Nov 1 **Healing Waters**, Tom Scheer, 10:30 am – 4 pm, Outing, Parky's Farm
- 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
Raffel's on Reading Road
- Nov 16 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm

December 2011

- Dec 1 **Healing Waters** Tom Scheer, 3-5 pm, VA Auditorium
- Dec 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Road
- Dec 21 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm

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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.

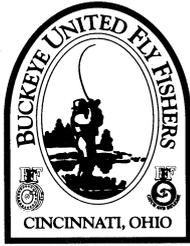
July Menu
Price \$10

Scheduled to be!

Grilled Chicken
Ribs
Corn
Salads
Various Sides
Dessert

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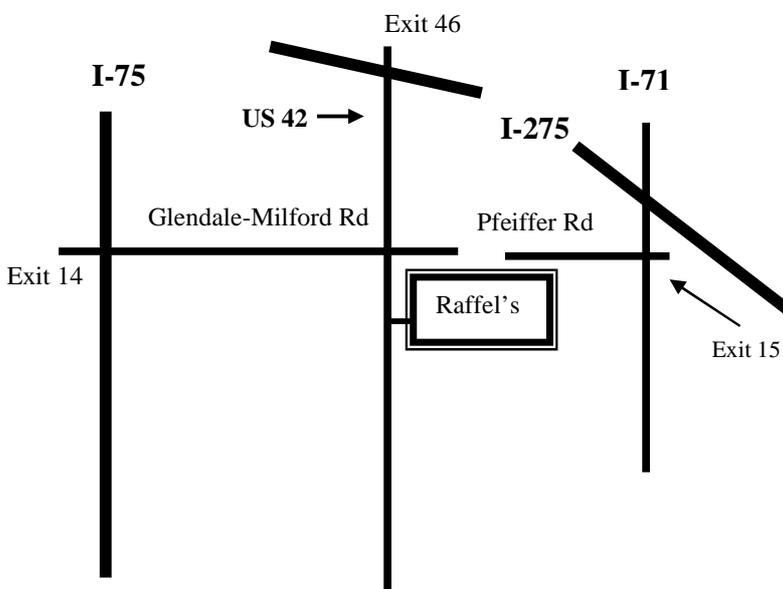
NOTICE: Dues are \$25 (Individual), \$30 (Family), with a one time \$5 Initiation Fee for new members. New members will pay a prorated membership amount according to month of initial membership for the first year. Annual dues are due January 1. Refer to BUFF website for further information. B.U.F.F.,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

Mailing Address

Next Monthly Meeting – Thursday July 7

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NOTE: The July meeting will NOT be at the below location – SEE Pages 2 & 5 for more info



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.

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