



# The BUFFER

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## The President's Notes

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Hope all of you had a great summer with some good fishing and not too much damage from Hurricane Ike. Now that the weather is starting to cool, local pond and stream fishing should improve. October is usually one of my most productive fishing months. Be sure to take advantage of the great, fall fishing opportunities available to us.

The beginner's fly tying classes will be held on Friday nights in October at the Springdale Recreation Center. Contact Ken West (513-726-6253) or Jeff McElravy (652-1894) for details or just show-up. The classes are from 6:30 – 8:30. No previous tying experience is necessary and club tying tools are available if you need some. Taking these classes or attending a few "Tie & Lie" sessions are great ways to get started in this fun area of our sport. Catching your first fish on a fly you tied yourself is a great experience; on-the-other-hand, losing your "perfect" first fish-catching creation on the first cast after spending an hour or so tying it is a different kind of experience some of us have had the opportunity to enjoy (ha!).

For those of you who would like to be involved in helping the club at the officer/director level next term, nominations for the 2009 BOD positions will be accepted starting at the November meeting through December 31st. Two areas we need to fill for the 2009 term are Secretary and Public Education Director. The Secretary responsibilities are primarily to take, type-up and circulate the BOD meeting notes to the board members; the Public Education Director is responsible for coordinating the public education activities such as the Parky's Farm Kids Fishing, Women in the Outdoors and The Great Outdoors Weekend programs. Any of you who have an interest in either of these positions or perhaps one of the other positions, please make your interest known to me or one of the BOD members.

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### BUFF October 2008 Meeting Program

"The Joe & David Show"

### Salmon Fishing on The Pere Marquette

Featuring the highlights from the recent BUFF Salmon Trip. This is without a doubt one of the most popular club trips. If you could not go, or want to go, or just want to see our members in action come hear the commentary by our own Joe Guenther (Trip Leader and 12 year veteran of this trip) and the incredible images of professional photographer, David French.

**Upcoming club fishing opportunities this fall include the Parky's Farm Kids Fishing Program at Winton Woods on Fridays (contact Roger Corrado: 741-8411), the Little Red River Trout Trip to Arkansas (contact Bob Mackey; 831-4180) and the Northern Ohio Steelhead Trip (contact Tom Herr; 923-4158). For those of you who are planning some fall steelhead fishing in the Cleveland area on your own, remember BUFF has a membership to the Pine Lake Trout Club located in the middle of the Northern Ohio steelhead alley. Pine Lake offers cabin facilities and back-up trout fishing should the weather turn bad and blow-out the streams while you are up there. If you are interested, the Pine Lake Club information and rules are posted on the BUFF website.**

## One of Steve Lilly's favorite places

*If you have a favorite place to fish that you don't mind sharing, write up a paragraph or two and send it to Jon Kennard to put into the BUFFER. The following is one of Steve Lilly's favorite places.*

As much as I love to wade our many small streams where there is no one around and the only thing that can be seen is the water, the sky and the foliage along the bank, and the only sound is the water splashing over the rocks, one of my favorite spots is the Ohio River along the Covington bank. Where else can you be serenaded by the calliope from the Delta Queen, or startled by the fireworks at the Great American ball park (a rare occurrence these days). The water this time of year is low and clear with tint of emerald green. According to regulars who are willing to share their extensive knowledge about the river, the action is fierce when the skipjacks are chasing the shad, or the white bass are spawning. Otherwise, you have to settle for largemouth bass, stripers, catfish and the ubiquitous carp. A fly fisher is always welcome among these guys. One time a fellow with a fist full of spinning rods, and a tackle box that could hold enough gear to stock an isle or two at the Bass Pro, came over and after rummaging through his tackle came up with an Adams #16 and advised me to put it on as a dropper. Another time a kayaker who turned out to be Brewster Rhodes paddled up, and asked if he could take my picture as he had never seen anyone fishing there with a fly rod. Brewster is the person who puts on the Paddle Fest every spring. I often wonder what he did with my picture. Another regular that you might not expect is a beaver whose lodge is just up the Licking River. He apparently likes to check out the happenings along Newport and Covington, otherwise I can't imagine why a beaver would choose that part of the river for a swim. The ducks and geese can be a bit of a problem; however, there is usually a youngster with a bag of bread crumbs that will bunch them up for you. There is the normal mix of boats including the jet skies, cigar boats, and tow boats with their barges, but look for the occasional rower complete with coxswain and mega horn. The best time to catch something is at sunup, (or so I am told), but my favorite time is sundown. I seldom catch anything, but after watching the sun set behind the Roebling suspension bridge, and the beauty, peace, and quiet that settles over the river, I leave with the notion that all is right with the world.

## Tie & Lie Info.

The Tie & Lie session at Batavia will no longer meet. Thanks to all who participated.

# A Day on the Creek

## Steve Walker

“Darnn, I’m hung up on a log.” That was my initial reaction as I thought I was about to loose another fly. I guessed the water was about three feet deep over there under the trees. “I’ll just lift my rod and see if it will pull out.” Well, it didn’t pull out but it sure gave and started to come to the surface like it was a broken branch in the water. I thought I had it because I had pulled it about a foot off of the bottom, but then it all decided to go back where it started. “Well, this limb is hung up like a spring, I guess I’ll have to break my line off.” About then, my fly decided to move up the creek all by it’s self. Now I realize I’m into a good size fish. I soon decided that I was going to have to put this fish on the drag so I reeled up the slack and proceeded to pull. The fish hadn’t jumped so I ruled out a smallmouth and thought maybe I had a carp.

It was a good battle. I played this fish like I would a saltwater fish, by changing its direction and letting it take some line off the drag and then putting the pressure back on and recovering some line. I was winning and about to get control of this fish when I discovered that I had reeled my fly line in to the point that the nail knot was inside my tip top. I knew I still wanted this fish on the drag so I tried to shake some line back out but the nail knot was hung up on the tip top and wouldn’t go back out. I wanted to clear it so I grabbed the rod up about half way with my right hand and then stretched up with my left hand and tried to clear the nail knot. As I’m fiddling around trying to clear the line the fish decides its time to make another run. That’s when my two piece rod became a three piece rod.

The words that came out of my mouth could not be printed here. The reel and the big part of the rod went in the water as I managed to land the fish by hand using the leader. It wasn’t a pretty sight.

The fish was a catfish, not my favorite kind of fish. Probably around twenty years ago I had caught a catfish and in the process of removing the hook, the fish drilled me with a whisker in the web of my hand between my thumb and fore finger. Infection and pain ensued, two of my least favorite things, so I avoid catfish if I can.

After I removed the fly and let the fish go, I cut the fly off, reeled up the line, and surveyed my equipment. Instead of the tip section being 53” long, I now had two pieces, the tip section 34” and the rest 19”. I was probably a half a mile “up-the-creek” from the car and had decided that it would be too much hassle to hike back, get my backup rod, and come back. Besides it was 90 degrees outside and I was in my waders so I wasn’t into extra effort. So I decided to just hike up the creek a little and look around before I go back.

I had not taken the rod apart so I went wading around for a couple of minutes clutching the broken tip and the rest of the rod in my hand. The thought then occurs to me, “I wonder if I could fish with the long part the way it is”. I took a look and the rod broke right in the middle of a snake eye. One of the feet was dangling and the other was still wrapped. The hole of the rod looked to be about a quarter of an inch in diameter, too big to cast with. I then laid the tip top part up against the other broken part and thought “you know, that would work if I just had some tape, but this isn’t the work shop and I don’t have any”.

I gathered the parts back together and started to wade around again. Another thought then crossed my mind “hey, I do have some tape”. I had been practicing some spey casting with a 14’ spey rod and had put a roll of electrical tape in the pack I use to carry my fly boxes. You use a piece of tape on each section connection on a spey rod so they don’t pull apart. So after finding the tape in the bottom of the pack I started rebuilding my rod.

I put the broken bottom of my new tip section into the first available good snake eye and then forced the top part of the broken tip section into the snake eye that was only hanging on by one leg. I now had an overlap of about 10” of the two broken sections. I love black electrical tape so the spirial wrap of these two sections was a work of art. I gave up one eye to stick the butt into but I was able to use the bottom eye of the tip part. It was time to restrung my crippled rod and give it a try. I had to change my stroke a little bit because I would loose the load on the back cast but then catch back up to it as the line straightened out. Anyway, it would fish and I was back in business. A couple of smallmouths gave it a good test as I kept moving up the creek. Under the circumstances I was quite happy with my rod.

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# BUFF 2008 Calendar

**Important Note:** The baseline BUFF 2008 Calendar is printed in this month's Buffer, however, subsequent Buffers will contain updated "by month" calendars, and should be considered the most current.

## October

- Oct 2 **Tie and Lie West** 7-9 pm Bass Pro Outdoors  
Oct 3 **Beginning Fly Tying**, 6:30-8:30, Springdale Community Center  
Oct 3 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am-2 pm  
Oct 6-10 **Fall Trout Trip**, Waynesville (Area), NC  
Oct 8 **Buff Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm  
Raffel's on Reading Rd  
Oct 10 **Beginning Fly Tying**, 6:30-8:30, Springdale Community Center  
Oct 15 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm  
Oct 17 **Beginning Fly Tying**, 6:30-8:30, Springdale Community Center  
Oct 17 **Tie & Lie, Bass Pro**, 7-9 pm  
Oct 17 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am-2 pm  
Oct 22 **Tie & Lie, East, A&N Outfitters**, 3-6, and 6:30-8:30 pm  
227 Main St., Milford, OH  
Oct 24 **Beginning Fly Tying**, 6:30-8:30, Springdale Community Center  
Oct 24 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am-2 pm  
Oct 31 **Beginning Fly Tying**, 6:30-8:30, Springdale Community Center



## November

- Nov 6 **Tie and Lie West** 7-9 pm Bass Pro Outdoors  
Nov 7 **Beginning Fly Tying**, 6:30-8:30, Springdale Community Center  
Nov 8-15 **Little Red River Trout Trip**, Arkansas  
Nov 12 **Buff Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm  
Raffel's on Reading Rd  
Nov 19 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm  
Nov 21 **Tie & Lie, Bass Pro**, 7-9 pm

## December

- Dec 4 **Tie and Lie West** 7-9 pm Bass Pro Outdoors  
Dec 10 **Buff Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm  
Raffel's on Reading Rd  
Dec 17 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm

### October Menu

**PRICE THIS MONTH \$12**

**Baked Cod with Crab Topping  
Hot Sliced Roast Beef in Gravy  
Au Gratin Potatoes  
Seasoned Green Beans with Onions,  
Tomatoes, and Ham  
Tossed Salad with Dressings  
Rolls and Butter  
Chef's Choice of Dessert**

I got to another hole and threw in a good size crayfish fly underneath a tree on the other side of the creek. About the time it hit bottom and I gave one strip there was a violent take and it was game on. As I started putting the pressure on I was pretty sure the rod couldn't handle this fish. About then my tippet broke just below the knot on my leader and the fish, fly and 14" of tippet were gone. (I saw the fish a couple of minutes later, a nice size smallmouth, as he jumped trying to get rid of the fly in his lip).

As I backed out of the water and started rebuilding my leader I had a surprise visitor. A cute Spaniel dog showed up to check me out. She gave my waders a sniff and must have approved. I don't greet dogs very well. In my military days in Viet Nam I was a sentry dog handler. I patrolled the perimeter of an Air Force base at night with a 75 pound German Sheppard attack dog. I have a very healthy respect for dogs and they sense it, which just makes it worse, so I generally keep my distance.

The dog just left me and started checking out the area around us as I finished rebuilding my leader and tying on a new fly. I had gone up the creek as far as I wanted to go and was starting to wade back down the creek towards my car. As I was getting ready to cast, the Spaniel showed up and decided to swim across the creek right through the pool where I was going to fish. It was kind of cute and didn't really bother me that much, besides, it was hot outside. She made it across to the other side and climbed up some rocks and was gone. Well, the only thing left to do was to move on down to the next pool.

After my second cast, the dog shows up again across the creek just thirty feet down from where I was fishing. Just as I was saying "I'm going to fish there, don't ..." she slid into the water and was swimming back across the creek. She got to the side and got out and gave me a glance and took off into the woods again. Time to move again.

When I got to the next pool she showed up again, on the same side of the creek as me, about fifty feet away. As I was again beginning to ask her not to go, there she went swimming to the other side. About every three seconds she would give me a glance and then look back to where she was going. This swimming across the creek went on all the way back to the car. She must have crossed that creek twenty to thirty times. When she would get across she would be gone for a couple of minutes and then show up again and swim to the other side right through where I was going to fish next. I would ask her not to do it but she would do it anyway. I started calling her Suzi, after my wife, because she doesn't listen to me either. I took it that Suzi had done this many times before with her owner, but that she probably hadn't done it for a while. She had a routine for checking out both sides of the creek and she was very good at it.

As we got back towards my car I had started to tell her that she should probably head back home as she was getting pretty far away. She had never got close to me, after she had initially checked me out. I hadn't seen her for a while when I got out of the water about fifty yards from my car. I made it about a quarter of the way to my car when out of nowhere she buzzed me on my left side from the rear. I think she actually brushed up against my leg as she went by.

When we got to the car she wound up sitting and then laying down by my feet in the shade of my SUV. I petted her a while and told her what a good girl she was. I was about to suffocate in my waders but I was pretty sure that if I opened up my tail gate that my wet friend Suzi would be right up in my car.

We kind of hung out there for a couple of minutes and then she got up and slowly headed back towards where we first met. I had been able to fish some on the way back, with my broken rod, but I never caught another fish after I met Suzi. But that was alright, I enjoyed her company.

## Fall Brown Trout Trip (Article Written in 2007)

Sam West and Bob Mackey – Last year's Trip Coordinators

# Fly Fishing on the Little Red River

Once again, the Fall Brown Trout Trip will bring us to the foothills of the Ozark Mountains in Arkansas. We will again be fishing the Little Red River, home of the world record brown trout (40lb. 4oz.). This trip has been expanded to include more of the weekdays to give us access to the choice spots on the river and to justify the long drive down. We tried this last year and found it provided many more opportunities at the big browns and rainbows that boldly cruise the river. Last years trip netted many fish in the 20" plus range. I think that this will be the eighth year that this trip will be held.

The Little Red River is a tail water fishery, flowing from the base of the JFK Dam that forms Greers Ferry Lake. The Little Red offers world class fishing for rainbow, cutthroat, brook and brown trout 12 months of the year. We will be going during the brown trout pre-spawn period.

The river provides easy access for wade fishing, and for those who prefer to float, haul your boats/canoes with you, rent a boat at one of the rental docks, or use the available guide services. A 4-7 weight fly rod is ideal for fishing the Little Red. Both 6X and 7X flouorocarbon leaders and tippets are highly recommended, although I met a highly successful fly fisherman that only used 12 lb. mono for his leader. He pulled in many over 20" big browns and rainbows as we talked. Lots of the big, smart, active fish are mostly interested in small flies. Some good patterns are bead-head sow bugs in size 18 (tan, gray, olive), soft hackles, gold ribbed hare's ear and pheasant tail in size 18-24, others included the zebra midge patterns, the 56er (don't look for this one in any fly shops except around the Little Red or the White Rivers in Arkansas), Red Ass, and some others that show up on the local fly shop web sites. Some small emergers and dry fly patterns will also work. Fishing deep pools from a canoe or boat with large, heavy nymphs and streamers is also very productive. And the old timers have some other secrets that they will be happy to share with you.

Question: What are the most popular flies for the November time period when the BUFF takes their trip? I would like to tie some through the winter for next year's (2008) trip

Answer: The following flies were posted on the Little Red Fly shops bulletin board during our 2007 trip, and have been common throughout the 7 years prior:

### Dry flies:

BWO, 18-20 size

Caddis, tan color, 18-20 size

Adams, 16-18 size

### Subsurface:

Eggs, salmon or chartreuse, 14 size

Sowbug, tan or light gray, 14-16 size

Red Ass, 14-16 size

Pheasant tail, 16 size

Copper John, 16 size

Wooly Bugger, olive or black, 10-12 size

### Some web sites of interest for the Little Red River, Arkansas:

A great overview of the area can be found at:

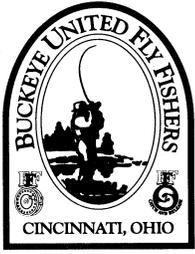
<http://www.greersferrylake.org>

The Northern Arkansas Fly Fishers web site contains many great tips and techniques. Especially the most complete sow bug recipe I've ever seen, go to:

<http://www.northarkansasflyfisher.org>

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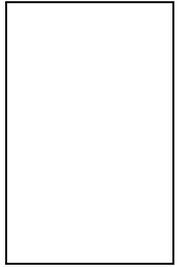


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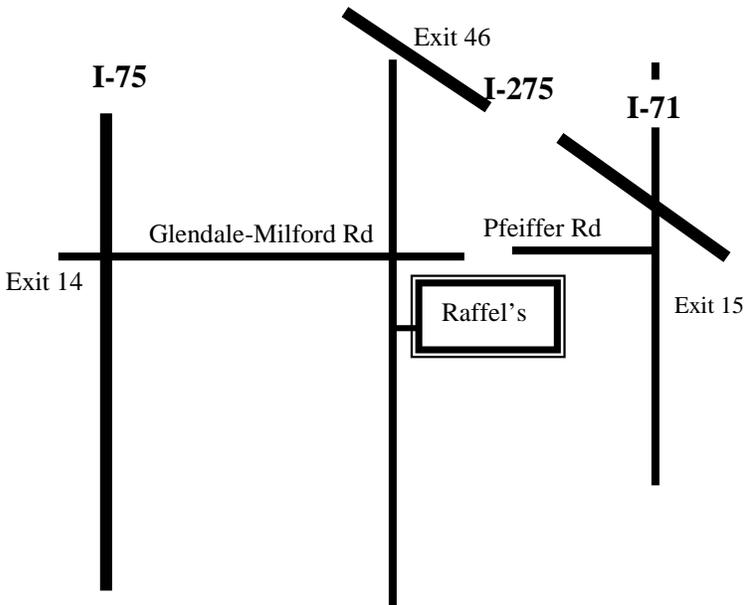
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**NOTICE:** Dues are \$25 (Individual), \$30 (Family), with a one time \$5 Initiation Fee for new members. New members will pay a prorated membership amount according to month of initial membership for the first year. Annual dues are due January 1.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

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## Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday – October 8

**CALL 779-4489 OR SIGN UP ON LINE AT [WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM](http://WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM) FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT ON THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE MEETING. DINNERS ARE \$ 12.00/PERSON FOR A CATERED MEAL. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED – DON'T WAIT – CALL NOW! (SEE THE MENU ON PAGE 5)**



### 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.**