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The President's Notes

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Its hard to believe that it is September already, where did the summer go? On the good side cooler weather should improve the local fishing. Speaking of fishing I am sitting in a rest area in Colorado writing this – first stop to a Vietnam Veteran friend's house for a quick visit and then on to the mountains. From there I will be visiting my son in Oregon and hoping to do some fishing along the way. But that is another story that I hope to share next month.

If you missed the BUFF picnic you missed a good time. The weather was great and those who came seemed to really enjoy themselves. We had two separate contests going on at the Picnic. First, a fly casting golf course that Tom Scheer set up that was challenging and very humbling, at least for me. On the bright side it showed me that casting under, around, and into trees was feasible – especially casting into them. However, I think it showed me that casting from some locations which I would not have tried before are very possible. My partners for the round of golf were Jim Boude and his grandson Joshua. I really had a good time on the course as Josh got to use a fly rod that Jim had made for him from a converted spinning rod. Josh did very well and kept up Jim and my spirits as we caught trees and weeds. Congratulations to Andy Statt who won this contest!!! Thanks to Tom Scheer for setting up and running this!!

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BUFF September 2009 Program

“Warm Water Fly Fishing and Much More”

Brian Flechsig.

Brian tied his first fly and caught his first fish on a fly rod when he was seven years old. Today, from his fly shop in Columbus, Ohio, which he founded in 1994, Brian outfits sportsmen, teaches classes and guides groups on fishing trips to some of the world's best places to fish. Brian is one of America's new generation of fly fishing personalities and has been featured in a series of fly fishing instructional videos including the new title, *Carpin'* with Dave Whitlock. Regular guest appearances on the popular television show “The Walker's Cay Chronicles” with Flip Pallot, have made Brian one of the most recognized names and faces in the mid-western fly fishing arena.

The second competition was a international casting course contest set up by Andy and Beth Statt. The contest entailed us standing on a raised platform and casting to 5 water targets. I think most of the people there tried their hand at this competition. While it didn't look too hard it sure was challenging and Andy and Beth both did their best to help each of us improve. I thought I would win this contest as I hit 4 out of the 5 rings in my practice round. However, in the real round of competition I was quickly humbled by only hitting one of the targets. I want to congratulate the winners in this competition. Thanks to Andy and Beth for a great course and all their help!!!

While the Picnic was fun, I was disappointed by the turnout of BUFF members and or families. It seems the turnout has been falling each year for both the Swap and Picnic outings. The BUFF Board is currently considering what changes may be necessary to improve these events and please feel free to talk to any of us with suggestions that would make it an event that you and others would attend. We may come up with a questionnaire but I would appreciate any and all suggestions you have at any time.

Remember that Parky's Farm Fantastic Fridays are about to begin. We are checking the pond to see if it is fishable – but we believe it will be. Please help support this – call Lou to check on the correct dates and times he needs us! Remember, I have a special prize for the BUFF member that catches the biggest bass there on a fly rod. I will award the prize at the November meeting.

Tight Lines –
Roger

2009 Fall Smoky Mountain Trout Trip

When? October 9-14, 2009

Where? We're staying at "Smoky Mountain Retreat" log cabins
www.smokymtretreat.com

How much? A \$100.00 deposit, will hold your spot on the trip. Meals, gasoline and travel arrangements are up to you. Lodging will cost \$40-\$50 a night. Send deposit checks payable to Don Prince to 4573 White Blossom Blvd, Mason OH 45040.

The Plan: We'll be fishing on our own, self-guided, unless you prefer to hire a guide yourself. Come when you can and leave when you must. We will adjust the lodging cost per the number of nights you stay. Depending upon the number of guests per night, the cabin cost will vary. Individual cost per day will be between \$40 and \$50.

The accommodations are excellent, reasonably priced and well located, relative to the Tuckaseegee and the Nantahala Rivers. We'll be within reach of several other streams as well. No shortage of trout fishing here.

Questions? For more information, contact Don Prince 513-608-4034, rxp46@hotmail.com

The Great Miami River

Donn Rubingh

I put in at Indian Lake where the Great Miami River starts. My goal-back in 1988-was to canoe in stages to the Ohio River. I was in high spirits as I anticipated a day of canoeing and fishing. The river was swift, not too wide, and quite clear, but as I paddled downstream it seemed devoid of aquatic life-certainly fish. The exception was where a drain pipe entered from a field attracting a swarm of carp.

About 5 miles downstream there was a stretch where a storm had blown trees down and across the river. At one spot the only way to go forward was to either drag my canoe up some steep mud banks, or just possibly, I could lean back and squeeze under a sloping tree and get through. I opted for the under the tree route-a decision that afforded me the pleasure of hauling my canoe and what remained of my fishing gear along with myself, now wet, from under the tree and up the muddy slope.

By the time I made it through the downed tree stretch my mood was considerably darker. The next surprise was to see a northern pike, about 28 inches long, floating belly up in the middle of the river. I remember thinking that he just rolled over and died when he realized he had made a wrong turn while swimming in his Minnesota home and ended up here.

Since then I've seen a much better side to the Great Miami River. In fact the northern pike may have not been lost at all, but part of a reproducing population that exists in the river above Tipp City. I once caught a 19" pike here on the fly rod and the Internet shows pictures of much larger fish taken from this stretch of the river.

Around Cincinnati a northern pike would be unusual-but walleye and sauger are common below the first dam in Hamilton. Also prevalent in our stretch of the river are smallmouth, catfish, stripers, white bass, and fresh water drum. The April/May 2009 issue of In-Fisherman-which covers fishing in the US and Canada-mentions the tailwaters below the dams at West Carrollton and Hamilton as prime smallmouth locations. The spring run of white bass can provide almost non-stop action at its peak. In my experience the Great Miami has more big fish-the ones that snap you off so quick that you're left wondering "What was that?"-than any other stream in our area.

The Great Miami is under enormous pressure from those who would develop its banks, mine its gravel, or use it as a convenient waste disposal. As a consequence the fishing can be very different depending on location. The Friends of the Great Miami work to encourage responsible development by stopping some of the worst offenders so that more of the river is healthy. Without such efforts our normal experience might be like my memorable-but frustrating-trip from Indian Lake to my pickup point where I was only too happy to see my wife with some dry clothes, and words of (almost) sympathy.

Check out the Great Miami. Perhaps it's a place where you want to fish or even be involved in local conservation efforts.

Casting For Recovery Fund Raiser A Success!

The first Fish-A-Thon fundraiser held on June 6th at a large public park near Cincinnati was an all-around success, reports CFR Program Coordinator Debbie Hampton. Nine different teams participated, raising pledges from a wide range of people in the community. All nine teams caught fish. The Central Ohio Fly Fishers' team caught 99 fish in 3 hours. Besides the fishing challenge, there was plenty for everyone to support the CFR Retreat with raffles or doggie bandanas available for a donation. While the total raised by the event was well over \$5,000, Debbie is particularly pleased "my expenses--fishing permit, water, lemonade, cups, cookies, CFR hats for teams--was very minimal for the amount of money raised and the exposure we got."

The funds are vital for annual Ohio Casting For Recovery Retreat held every September at Indian Bear Lodge for fourteen ladies from the state of Ohio. This year's Retreat will be held on September 18 – 20. Casting For Recovery is a non-profit support and education program for women who have or have had breast cancer. It provides an opportunity for women whose lives have profoundly been affected by the disease, to gather in a beautiful, natural setting and learn to fly fish, a sport for life. Through 2½-day retreats, the sport of fly-fishing is used to promote physical, emotional, and spiritual healing. The effective balance between the physical benefits of the gentle exercise provided by fly-fishing and the counseling curriculum benefits women at any age and any stage of treatment or recovery. The program allows women to get away from their disease, while providing support from the medical / psychosocial professionals present at every retreat. The retreat is totally free to each participant but the cost of having a participant is \$1,000.00 per lady.

Each Retreat is limited to fourteen women. This year over seventy ladies have applied! So the need for additional Ohio retreats is great. If you have an interest in learning more, please logon to the Casting For Recovery website (www.castingforrecovery.org).

This article is provided by the FFF-Ohio Council to keep fly fishers informed of related events occurring in the state of Ohio. The Ohio Council (<http://www.ohiofff.org>) is dedicated to the betterment of the sport of fly fishing through Conservation, Restoration and Education.

It is getting time to sign up for the Cumberland River Trout Trip. We have only one BUFF meeting before we go. Take a look at information below.

CUMBERLAND TROUT TRIP HELMS LANDING FISHING CAMP SEPT 30, OCT 1,2,3 (Leave Wed Sept 30 and return Sunday Oct 4)

There are 4 hotel rooms (named H1,H2,H3and H4) that have 2 separate beds in each room. There is a cottage with one bed (for a couple) called C1. There is an overflow building that has three beds. (called OF1,OF2 and OF3) If more that 13 sign up for the trip, we will provide phone numbers of places to stay that are near Helms Landing.

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Fly Fishing in America's Largest State Park

Steve Horgan

Wood-Tikchik State Park in Alaska is our country's largest state park at 1.6 million acres, larger than the state of Delaware. Much of it is covered with water and contains nearly every freshwater species that swims in Alaska. I traveled to the park – about 350 miles west of Anchorage - in late June to fish with Reel Wilderness Adventures out of their tent camp on Lake Nerka. The main attraction for me was the opportunity to fish for arctic char and northern pike. Other species present where I fished include sockeye salmon, grayling and rainbow trout.

Arriving at the camp on Saturday afternoon, I learned there would be only seven fly fishers present and I would be fishing all week one on one with a guide as the other six were three pairs. It was the kind of news I could deal with. It wasn't long before we were at the base of the Agulupak River swinging streamers for arctic char. The salmon smolt migration to Bristol Bay had dozens of birds in a feeding frenzy and the char were present in force. Fishing a blue Thunder Creek minnow and using a Type V full sinking line, on my fourth cast of the trip I hooked up with a char that broke my 10 lb. fluorocarbon leader. Within 45 minutes we had released a dozen fish. While I caught char daily, hooking up with so many fish so quickly would prove to be an exception to the char fishing I would experience the rest of the week. We headed up to the head of the Agulupak (only 2.3 miles long) to spend an hour or so fishing for grayling and rainbows using dry flies with a dropper. You have to fish through the grayling to reach the rainbows. With the grayling having an average length of around 17-18 inches it is an exceptional fishery. One of the other fly fishers caught a 22 incher. And Alaska still features rainbows on steroids.

My first full day on the water yielded the first northern pike I have ever caught on a fly. A 6 ½ inch long Murdich minnow proved to be a very effective fly – it was the best pike fly all week – and seaducers also worked well. And the Murdich minnow could take a beating and last for as many as 19 fish before it was shredded beyond use. I tried leader systems of 20 lb. fluorocarbon with a tippet of either 80 lb. spider wire (which has the diameter of 17 lb. mono) or 25 lb. hard mason. Having several bite offs with the spider wire with only a few using hard mason I believe hard mason is the way to go. While I saw 2 pike during the week that would have gone over 20 lbs. and measured over 40 inches, my largest was a 30 incher and my best 4 hour total was 53 fish. My enthusiasm for pike fishing encouraged the other six fly fishers – rainbow warriors to the core - to fish at least one session for them. And they were not disappointed with their results.

The sockeye proved to be a difficult quarry. Heavy snows over the winter and a cold spring impacted the water temperature and had the sockeye migration a little behind their normal schedule. And you really need a concentration of them to have your best chance of hooking up with these inactive feeders. I caught only 6 for the week, all of them on a sparsely tied chartreuse saddle hackle fly.

The guides were always on top of their game. One of them was Nick English, who is believed to have caught the largest steelhead ever taken on a fly. Goggle search “Nick English steelhead” if you want to feast your eyes on his 45 ¼ inch long monster.

My luck with the weather in Alaska is still holding. All of my days there this year began in the low 40s with sunny weather and temps reaching as high as 72. The bugs made their presence known when the wind was subdued, which was most of the time. The guides always had shotguns with them as there are plenty of bears present. Since it was early in the salmon migration we didn't see any brown bears on the half dozen streams we fished.

September 2009

- Sep 2-5 **Au Sable & Manistee River North Woods Trout Trip**, Steve Bailey
Sep 3 **Tie & Lie, West**, 7-9 pm, Bass Pro Outdoors
Sep 9 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
Sep 11 **Parkey's Farm**, 10-2 pm
Sep 13-18 **Pere Marquette Fall Salmon Trip**, Walhalla, MI, Joe Guenther
Sep 16 **BUFF Board Meeting**, Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH 7 pm
Sep 18 **Parkey's Farm**, 10-2 pm
Sep 18 **Tie & Lie, Bass Pro** 7-9 pm
Sep 18-20 **Casting For Recovery**
Sep 21 **Tying at the VA**, VA Medical Ctr. 6:15 pm-8:30 pm, Dave Jones
Sep 23 **Tie & Lie East**, A&N Outfitters 3-6 pm, and 6:30-8:30 pm
227 Main St., Milford, OH
Sep 25 **Parkey's Farm**, 10-2 pm
Sep 26 **Great Outdoor Weekend** Izak Walton site, 10 am – 3 pm
Sep 30 – Oct 3 **Cumberland River Trip**

October 2009

- Oct 1 **Tie & Lie, West**, 7-9 pm, Bass Pro Outdoors
Oct 2 **Parkey's Farm**, 10-2 pm
Oct 9 **Parkey's Farm**, 10-2 pm
Oct 9-13 **Fall Trout Trip**, Waynesville, NC, Don Prince
Oct 13 **Tying at the VA** 9:30 am – 12:00 pm
Oct 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
Oct 16 **Parkey's Farm**, 10-2 pm
Oct 16 **Tie & Lie, Bass Pro** 7-9 pm
Oct 21 **BUFF Board Meeting**, Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH 7 pm
Oct 28 **Tie & Lie East**, A&N Outfitters 3-6 pm, and 6:30-8:30 pm
227 Main St., Milford, OH
Oct 30 **Parkey's Farm**, 10-2 pm

November 2009

- Nov 5 **Tie & Lie, West**, 7-9 pm, Bass Pro Outdoors
Nov 7 **Spey Fly Tying** Atonement Lutheran Church, Guest Tyer, Joel Stansbury, POC Gary Begley
Nov 11 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
Nov 18 **BUFF Board Meeting**, Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH 7 pm
Nov 19-22 **Steelhead Trip, Pine Lake Trout Club**, Chagrin Falls, OH, Tom Herr
Nov 20 **Tie & Lie, Bass Pro** 7-9 pm
Nov 24 **Tying at the VA**, VA Medical Ctr. 6:15-8 pm, Dave Jones

December 2009

- Dec 3 **Tie & Lie, West**, 7-9 pm, Bass Pro Outdoors
Dec 9 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
Dec 16 **BUFF Board Meeting**, Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH 7 pm
Dec 18 **Tie & Lie, Bass Pro** 7-9 pm
Dec 23 **Tie & Lie East**, A&N Outfitters 3-6 pm, and 6:30-8:30 pm
227 Main St., Milford, OH

BUFF 2009 Calendar



September Menu

Price \$12, however, new contract has not been finalized so price may change.

Top Sirloin Burgers
Marinated Char Grilled Chicken Breast
Tilapia with Lemon Butter
Broccoli with Cheese
Baked Potatoes with Butter and Sour Cream
Tossed Salad with Dressings
Rolls and Butter
Chef's Choice of Dessert

2009 B.U.F.F Officers/Board of Directors/Key Positions

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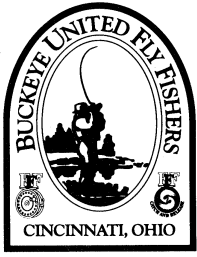
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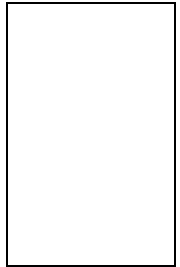


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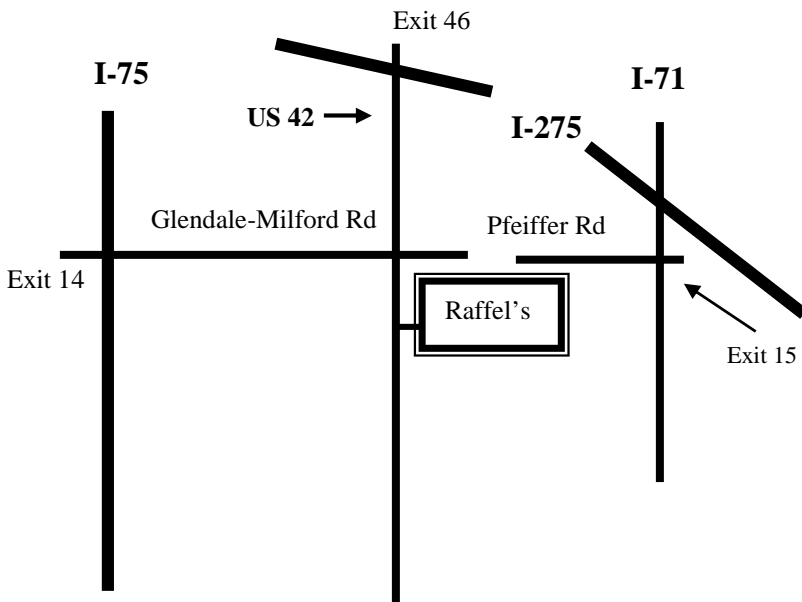
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NOTICE: Dues are \$25 (Individual), \$30 (Family), with a one time \$5 Initiation Fee for new members. New members will pay a prorated membership amount according to month of initial membership for the first year. Annual dues are due January 1. Refer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

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Next Monthly Meeting – Saturday – September 9

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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.