



# The BUFFER

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## The President's Notes

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Our August meeting was a trip down the Little Miami River by canoe and kayak. The plan was to fish for smallmouth bass, but we would take anything that wanted the hook. We were successful in catching smallmouth and we released them to grow larger for the next trip. I think this would make a great day trip in the future. I would like to thank Bill Schroeder and Ken Speicher for putting this together with the support of the Program Committee. I would also like to thank Little Miami Canoe Rental for their support of the Club and our trip.

This month we are returning to Raffel's for our September meeting. I would like you to go back and check out my BUFFER May notes as a reminder of a couple things. We have been having our meetings at Raffel's for several years. We started paying \$10 for our meals and a couple of years ago went to \$12 with a hall rental. This also covered a reduction on the pricing at the bar. As we all know the costs of food and transportation has continued to go up with the food costs to accelerate. The Board of Directors entered negotiations with Raffel's for the next year and received a quote that was a significant raise. The BOD (isn't that a lot better) asked that Randy Clark and I to meet with Anita of Raffel's to discuss our mutual needs. The result of this meeting and further discussion is the pricing was reduced for the September meeting. This is \$15 per plate for the meal, eliminating desserts, removing the reduction for the cash bar, and increasing our payment for the hall rental. This is for the month of September only. We will meet again with Raffel's after to evaluate the result and look at future meetings. It is our hope

### **BUFF September 2011 Program**

A presentation by Kipp Brown and Glenn Trueb of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. They will talk about fly fishing in the Buckeye State with the following primary points of interest:

- Summarize contributions of ODNR-Div. of Wildlife to Ohio streams
- Property rights and stream wading
- Groups active in Ohio and their contact information
- Aquatic diversity
- Commonly pursued fish by fly fishermen in Ohio and desirable Ohio day trips
- Answer BUFF membership questions

that this will be the agreement for the near future. Next year we will be entering negotiations again. The BOD has done some research and feels that this is a reasonable structure in comparison. We hope that you agree. If you are aware of where we can get a better deal that is comparable with the benefits we have now, please let me or one of the BOD members know.

Another issue that was in the BUFFER was the structure of the Committees in the BUFF. The major area we need to address now is the Banquet committee. There are positions that need to be filled for this to be a successful banquet. Bob Miller has agreed to stay on for one more year as one of the Co-chairs for this event. We need someone to step up to fill the other Co-chair position. I expect that this person will also remain as Co-chair for the 2013 Banquet. We will mutually recruit the place Bob will be leaving. It would be best if someone from the present committee that is somewhat familiar with what is going on to take this on. We are also looking for volunteers for other slots in the committee. The more we can spread this out the easier it will be to accomplish. The Banquet is our only planned fund raiser. If it is not successful, we will not be able to do many of the things the Club presently enjoys. We are a volunteer organization, which means we have to have volunteers to exist. I have been a member since 2000, and have been involved almost as long. I have gotten to know a lot of fine people and developed a number of friends that I didn't have before. Thanks to some of these friends and programs I was able to attend, I learned to be able to tie a few flies and catch some more fish. Not everyone can help all the time, but everyone should be able to help some time.

I am happy we are having the ODNR at our next meeting. They have a lot of good information that can help us in our sport. This will also give us an opportunity to thank them for all the hard work that they have done on our behalf.

See you at the meeting, if not on the water,

Jeff

## Volunteers Needed at Parky's Farm

Please let me know if you would like to help with the Parky's Farm Children's Fishing Program this fall. The fall program begins September 9<sup>th</sup> and runs for 6 straight Fridays. Fishing hours for the children are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will provide all the equipment and bait needed so all you have to do is show up, help bait some hooks and take off the fish. Also, if you want a great place to fish before and after the activities, bring your rod and flies. Located in Winton Woods County Park, it is open from dawn until dusk.

### Directions

Follow I-275 to Exit 39, the Winton Rd. exit. Take Winton Rd. south approximately 3.5 miles. After crossing the lake, at the first street light turn right onto Southshore Dr., which dead-ends at the Parky's Farm entrance.

### OR

Traveling east on the Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway take the Winton Road exit (Traveling west, take the Galbraith Rd. exit and turn right onto Winton Rd. Follow Winton Rd. north for approximately 3 miles. Turn left onto Southshore Dr., which dead-ends at the Parky's Farm entrance.

Thanks for your help!

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# Sign-Up Now for the Fly-fishing for King Salmon on the Pere Marquette River

Here it is at last, the long awaited trip to the Pere Marquette in search of the mighty King Salmon!

This year we will be traveling to the town of Baldwin, Michigan. Our destination is the Pere Marquette River Lodge. This is a new location with improved trip dates when compared to those we have had in the past. This location will provide us with an endorsed Orvis shop as our base of operations and is located on the seven miles of “flies only” stretch on Pere Marquette River.

Wading conditions and water temperatures are very fly fisher friendly this time of the year. With improved dates we should all have plenty of fish in the fly’s only section.

This trip is a lot of fun and, if you have a one man pontoon to float the river, it's a great time. There are also plenty of restaurants and a canoe livery if you want to rent a canoe or kayak. Another great benefit is there is a full service fly shop right next door. This is an opportunity to hook and land one of the biggest and most aggressive fish you can land on your fly line. These are nice accommodations and a great time of the year to fish. Great people make this a fabulous trip that can even rival an Alaskan trip.

Trip Leader Joe Guenther has reserved several rooms at the Pere Marquette River Lodge. All rooms have air conditioning, cable TV, and wireless internet. There is a fire ring out back that we will utilize for our tales of the day. There is one room that is handicapped accessible, please call Joe if this room is needed.

Meals will be on your own, but we will plan some group breakfast and dinners. Club 37 has a pork chop dinner to kill for and the walleye dinner is to die for.

When selecting your equipment, an 8 1/2 to 10 ft fast action rod, 8-10 weight, with a disk drag reel is just the ticket. If you have a spay rod bring it, you can swing streamers for the Big King's. Polarized glasses are a must because we will be sight fishing. The main method of fishing will be chuck and duck with an amnesia running line. You will also need egg flies, green caddis, stone flies, and egg sucking leach flies.

We will check in on Sunday, September 18 at Pere Marquette River Lodge at 4:00 p.m. We will have some experienced members from previous trips on site at the river for instructions or any questions. This is a great trip with lots of action and great memories to take with you. Hope you can make it; it's definitely a trip worth taking. Contact Joe Guenther to register. Call 513-724-6343 or send e-mail to [jkdg40@gmail.com](mailto:jkdg40@gmail.com)



## 2011 Fall Smoky Mountain Trout Trip

**When?** October 5-9, 2011

**Where?** We're staying at "Smoky Mountain Retreat" log cabins.. Checkout there website:  
[www.smokymtretreat.com](http://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 Jerry Schatzman, 4435 Boardwalk Court, Cincinnati, OH 45242..

**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 Tuckasegee and the Nantahala Rivers. We'll be within reach of several other streams as well. No shortage of trout fishing here. We have 10 people signed up and have room for 6 more people.

Last year, we had several people with 30 plus fish per day. (Rainbows, browns and brook trout) I will not be able to make the trip this year, because of medical reasons. I will take care of all of the arrangements. Don Prince will be leading the trip and will be taking care of the final payment to Smoky Mt. Retreat.

Look for a full description of the trip on the website soon!

**Questions:** For more information, contact Jerry Schatzman 513-984-6940, [gjschatzman@fuse.net](mailto:gjschatzman@fuse.net)

*Nature has a way of finding a balance among competing forces, but it takes time.*

We are rueful of the day when invasive specie such as the Goby, Lamprey, Zebra, and the Asian Carp found our waters. We never imagined that any of our Ohio native specie could ever be considered as undesired and invasive. But the States of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, and the province of Ontario are saying some rather unkind things about one of our natives, the Rusty Crayfish (*Orconectes rusticus*). Originally the Rusty Crayfish was limited to the Ohio River watershed, but somehow it found its way into these other waters. The Rusty is larger has bigger claws and thicker shell, so they can bully their way over any other local crayfish. Because they are omnivorous, and eat about twice as much as the locals, they are being blamed for fewer macro invertebrates, less aquatic vegetation, fewer minnows, and an overall a drop in sport fishing.

Steve Lilly



If anyone has an idea for a future article such as this one, or would like to submit one of their own, please contact Steve Lilly at [sjlilly@fuse.net](mailto:sjlilly@fuse.net)

# “FISHING IN MONTANA”

G. F. Welsh

Like many of you, I have enjoyed fishing in Montana every two or three years now since I first got started 25 years ago. I have fished on the Gallatin, the Yellowstone, the spring creeks, the Bighorn, the Madison, and most recently, the Missouri River. The contrast of these fisheries is memorable. On the Yellowstone, we caught a small trout every 20 minutes or so by floating north and east from Livingston, Montana. On the Bighorn, we caught many fewer but much larger fish. It was on the Bighorn where I could see 15 to 20 feet down in the clear water where the fish gathered. But they wouldn't bite. It was the fish that were bored, perhaps because the Bighorn River is under fairly significant fishing pressure and they had seen it all before. The best part about the Bighorn was getting out of the boat, standing in the middle of the river and casting to a small drop off along a gravel rill which seemed to have an inordinate number of fish waiting for their food to fall over the edge. We pulled several aging hump backed brown trout out of this channel. At the end of the afternoon, one struck my fly so hard that it snapped it right off. I never did see what I had. Fishing on the Madison is under even greater fishing pressure. A veritable flotilla of McKenzie boats take off at the beginning of each day. It was on that Madison that I got caught in a drenching downpour at the end of the day and vowed to (once again) upgrade my gear to include a name brand impervious jacket.

It wasn't until last year (2010) that I returned to my native Missouri River to fish. It was an astonishing revelation. I had gone to high school in Bismarck, North Dakota, where the mighty Missouri is wide and muddy. Fishing is limited to an odd walleye or two and catfish, another bottom feeding fish that might be taken by bait or spin casting. When my wife discovered she had some work in Great Falls, Montana, I asked “Isn't there fishing around there, and can I come along?” So we flew out a day early so that she could go out too. We drove 45 minutes west and south from Great Falls to Craig, Montana, and put in for a half day trip. We had no problem catching browns, rainbows and an occasional whitefish. The next day I went back out for a full day by going to Wolf Creek and floating the five miles back down to Craig. Finding such a fertile cold water fishery on the Missouri was certainly a revelation. It was just the finest possible rainbow trout fishing you could imagine. I caught one every 20 minutes or so as we floated down the river. When we put in at Wolf Creek, we met Tim Linehan, a very prominent fishing guide who is active in Alaska, Northwestern Montana and I believe Florida whose ads can be seen in the fishing magazines all the time. As remarkable as anything was the village of Craig, Montana, that had a post office, a law office, and three large fly fishing tackle shops with every conceivable and beautiful piece of equipment that goes with fly fishing. As they say, if you like gear, you'll like fly fishing. Well, Craig, Montana, had it all within one block and float boats for rent. The town was completely devoted to fly fishing. The waters of the Missouri at Craig are clear and dark and yield remarkably uniform sized fish. They were all about 18 or 19 inches long. I asked the guide where the teenage fish were and he said they were up in the creeks that feed into the river upstream. What a vastly different experience it was than fishing back in Bismarck, North Dakota, on the same river so many years ago.

# BUFF 2011 Calendar

*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.*

## 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 16 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- Sep 17 **Little Miami River Clean Up Float Trip**, Steve Lilly
- 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** 6-7:30 pm Springdale Community Center
- 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/Don Prince
- 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 18 **Beginners Fly Tying Class**, 6 pm – 7:30 pm Springdale  
Community Center
- Oct 19 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6-7:30 pm Springdale Community Center
- Oct 25 **Beginners Fly Tying Class**, 6 pm – 7:30 pm Springdale  
Community Center

## November 2011

- Nov 1 **Healing Waters**, Tom Scheer, 10:30 am – 4 pm, Outing,  
Parky's Farm
  - Nov 1 **Beginners Fly Tying Class**, 6 pm – 7:30 pm Springdale  
Community Center
  - 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 15 **Beginners Fly Tying Class**, 6 pm – 7:30 pm Springdale  
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## December 2011

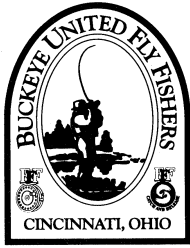
- Dec 1 **Healing Waters** Tom Scheer, 3-5 pm, VA Auditorium
- Dec 6 **Beginners Fly Tying Class**, 6 pm – 7:30 pm Springdale  
Community Center
- Dec 13 **Beginners Fly Tying Class**, 6 pm – 7:30 pm Springdale  
Community Center
- Dec 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm  
Raffel's on Reading Road
- Dec 21 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6-7:30 pm Springdale Community Center

## September Menu

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

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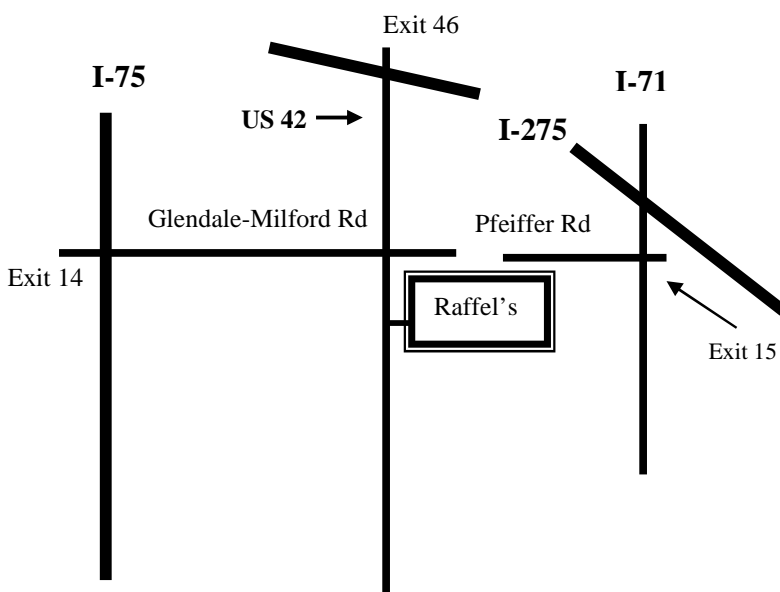
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**NOTICE:** Dues are \$25 (Individual), \$30 (Family), with a one time \$5 Initiation Fee for new members. New members will pay a prorated membership amount according to month of initial membership for the first year. Annual dues are due January 1.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

Mailing Address

## Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday September 14

**CALL 513 683 0286 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 \$15.00/PERSON FOR A MEAL. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED – DON'T WAIT – CALL NOW!**



### 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.**