



The BUFFER

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The President's Fly Box

Congratulations to Hugh O'Donnell's on his election as club President. Here is his first cover letter to the BUFFER.

I am looking forward to my opportunity as BUFF's new president and the challenges that it presents. There is an old expression; actually, it is more of a curse. The saying is "may you live in interesting times". The meaning is that it is difficult to change and manage the changes that occur in challenging times. Today, we do live in interesting times, but we learn from hardships. Jim Vota and your Board have done a remarkable job to protect the membership and to transition to virtual meetings/training sessions. We have hopefully gone through the darkest time and now can see light at the end of the tunnel.

The pandemic has taught us several things. The club is resilient. We can meet, share, and learn virtually. We can benefit from this learning as we begin the new normality, hopefully, within the next six months as the pandemic is controlled. The board has found that virtual speakers are effective and inexpensive. Supplementing in-person general meetings with Zoom is possible and will become a base plan. We also anticipate that future in-person meetings will be live streamed. This virtual link will allow those who cannot attend to stay connected with the club and their friends.

Health and safety are key responsibilities for any organization. Your Board continues to evaluate conditions every month. We have debated 'what must be true' to engage with outdoor activities. In brief, we have voted, and local activities will be restarting soon. We will be allowing local, day-only, outdoor-only activities as the pandemic subsides over the next month or two. You will see emphasis on these local activities as the means to reconnect, safely fish together and continue the club's role to promote fly fishing, conservation, and education. More details will be release on the website.

Change is ever present and as the new president, I am blessed with a knowledgeable and responsible Board. As a group, we have talked about what changes should be made as the world around us changes. Some ideas being discussed include i) balancing membership demographics by attracting younger people, ii) expanding social media, iii) more local activities, etc. We want to hear from the membership. Please call or reach out to me or any member of the Board with ideas and energy to make BUFF relevant and vital to you and other fly-fishers.

Hugh O'Donnell.

BUFF April Meeting – Wednesday, April 14th, – Virtual Meeting via ZOOM –

April Speaker – Shelly Ehmer, “Montana History and Fly Fishing the Missouri River”

Shelly grew up in rural towns in Oregon and Southern California and learned to fish as a youngster. After graduation, she moved to southern California, worked on sport fishing boats, and began to learn to fly fish.

Fly fishing took Shelly to the Henry’s Fork area in south east Idaho where she worked with local guides, and her fly fishing career began to bloom. She found her way to Montana, where she obtained her guide’s license, and guided on the Missouri and Bighorn Rivers. After some years on the Bighorn, Shelly migrated between the Henry’s Fork, the Madison, the Bitterroot, the Columbia River, and is now settled back on the Missouri River.

Currently, Shelly is working on building her outfitting business. She loves introducing and showing guests to this wonderful world of fly-fishing! It is amazing to see an angler’s face light up when they are fighting a Missouri River trout. If you find yourself heading to Montana and would like to spend a day or two on the water, give her a call!.



Shelly’s contacts are: Phone: 406-438-7419; E-mail: fishing@shelly.pro. Here website is www.shelly.pro

- **Meeting time is from 7 PM – about 8:30 PM. A brief business meeting will begin at 7 PM, and the presentation around 7:15.**
- **Registration deadline is April 13th.**
- **To attend, you must register on-line, and provide your e-mail address. Registrants will receive an e-mail with instructions on joining the Zoom session. If you are not registered, you will not be able to join in.**
- **Registrants will be entered into our monthly raffle, with the winner announced at the meeting.**

New Club Members!

By Harry Pass, BUFF Membership Director

We've added 2 new members in the past month –

Roger Corrado, who now lives in Salem, Oregon is a former member of BUFF and has rejoined. A number of members probably know Roger. He served as President of BUFF in 2009 – 2010.

David Fraley, from Middletown, OH

John Elliot, from Grosse Isle, MI. A number of members probably know John, as he has been involved in the past, done fishing trips with BUFF members, and participated in BUFF-sponsored trips.

Paul Debono, from Cincinnati, OH

We welcome you to the club. Unfortunately, with the lack of in-person meetings, doing an introduction to the club, which we typically do at our meetings, is on hold for the present. Check out information on the website and in the BUFFER. Also, you can use the Forum page in the website to reach out to club members for information, or even if you are just looking for someone to maybe get out with and go fishing!

2021 Board of Director Appointments

Here are the BUFF Board Members for this year –

Hugh O'Donnell, President

Bryan Tudor, Vice President

Pat Goddard, Secretary

Bob Gustafson, Treasurer

Ken Mandel, Communications-
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Tim Williamson, Club Education

Don Kail, Communications-
Website

Harry Pass, Membership

Jeff McElravy, Project Healing
Waters Liaison

Steve Baily, Trips

Jack Gormley, Program Co-Chair

Dolph Greenberg, Program Co-
Chair

Tom Britton, Conservation

Tom Bachy, Public Education

Jim Neckers, Fly Tying

Cari Vota, Women's Events

Mike Redmond, Library

Bob Miller, Fly Show & Historian

Jim Hampton, Raffles

Jim Vota, Director at Large

Jim Hunt, Director at Large

Contact information for all the board members (phone #'s and e-mail) are on the BUFF Website. If you have thoughts or ideas for the club, reach out and contact any board member and it will be considered.

Also, board meetings are open to club members. At present, the board meetings, like our club meetings, are being held virtually as Zoom conferences. If a club member is interested in attending, you should contact Hugh O'Donnell and he will see that your contact information is provided so you can join the session. The meetings follow an agenda and are generally about 1 hr long.

Online BUFF Programs

Ties & Lies

By Jim Vota

Ties & Lies is back! While it is on Zoom, it is still headed up by the legendary fly man himself, Gary Begley. Ties & Lies has been a staple in the offerings of BUFF for many years now. Only Covid was able to get in the way of this session of fly tying fun, held on the third Friday of each month. The actual program begins at 6:30. However, the event will be opened between 6:00 and 6:15 so that participants can chat before the program.

The format for the Zoom program will be similar to the usual T&L at Springdale with Gary finding 2 (+/- 1) flies to share with us. The flies and materials will be posted prior to the program, but the Zoom presentation is not specifically meant for you to tie along with Gary. He will demonstrate how to tie the fly with variations. Lively discussion is usual, and methods used to fish the fly are often discussed.

While it is not the same as meeting in person to tie with friends, until things open up it's what we can do. Gary has typically gathered the recipes and provided the instruction but is willing to take suggestions for flies. He's even open to guest tiers if someone is adventurous.

Come on out, see some friends and learn something new about fly tying. Remember, the start time is 6:30 on the third Friday of each month. There will be time before the meeting (between 6:00 and 6:30) to socialize. If you like, you can tie along with Gary, but you will need to get your own tying materials. Every tier has a different level of experience. It will take between a half hour to an hour to complete and discuss the flies. The times, date and invitation will be posted on the web site.

This past month, we had our first session. It was Friday March 26th, which was the 4th Friday. It was fun! Gary tied a Griffith's gnat and a Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear Nymph.



Griffith's Gnat



Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear Nymph

Other On-Line Programs

Tim Williamson is presenting the Fly Fishing 101 course. This started in mid-March and is also a virtual class on Zoom. There are 3 scheduled sessions, two of which have already occurred. Several newer club members and a few others have participated.

Jim Vota is working on a Zoom presentation on muskie fishing. Hopefully, we'll see an announcement for that soon. Similarly, Jeff McElravy and Jim Neckers are working on getting an introductory fly tying course going. An initial presentation on vises is planned. Perhaps some follow-up would be a demonstration of tying some of the introductory flies, we'd normally tie together in the introductory tying course. That may help get individuals interested in tying to get started.

Reminder - Monthly After-Work Fishing Outings for 2021 – Miami Meadows Park, April 6th (Tentative!)

Looking for more local to Cincinnati fishing options? On the **1st Tuesday** each month, from April thru September, we will meet at 6:00 and fish until dark. All skill levels are welcome. Sign-up is required to participate.

The first outing, tentatively scheduled for April 6th, is fishing at the pond at Miami Meadows Park, Milford. Due to State of Ohio COVID restrictions and the size of the waters, these outings will be capped at 8 people, including the trip coordinator. Occurrence will also depend on the COVID status in the county where the outing is located, so currently, all of these outings are "tentative".

For the April 6th outing, you need to check the BUFF website. There will be a sign-up if the outing is a 'go'.

August Wyoming Fishing Trip at Camp Buffalo Bill – Possible Alternative Lodging

By Ken Mandel

We've had a number of club members sign up for the Wyoming fishing trip at Camp Buffalo Bill on the Shoshone River. Recently Hugh O'Donnell contacted me with a thought of possible 'alternative lodging' that is very nearby. He found two lodging accommodations that are within a few miles of the camp, and may offer an alternative to the bunk house at the camp.

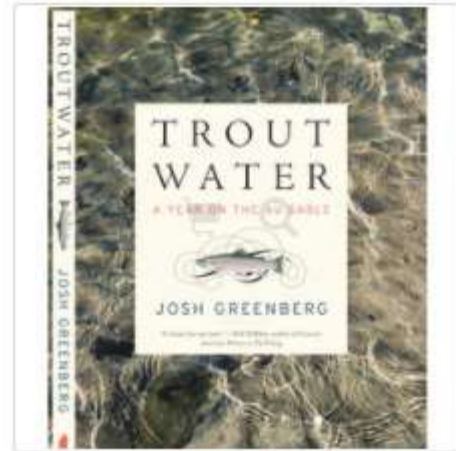
One is the Pahsaka Tepee Resort (www.pahaska.com). The other is the Shoshone Lodge (www.shoshonelodge.com). I have not checked to see if we still have slots open for the trip; however if interested, I'd suggest contacting the people at Camp Buffalo Bill (contact information is in the January and February BUFFERS) to find out if openings for our week are still available, and if one can participate while staying at one of the lodges, rather than at the camp itself. Also, the lodges would offer an option for lodging if anyone would want to extend their trip to take more time to tour Yellowstone National Park or other sites in the area.

A New Fly Fishing Book – “Trout Water”

By Ken Mandel

This one just made it into this month’s BUFFER, as I saw the announcement on March 31st!

Josh Greenberg, from Gates Fly Shop and Lodge, has a new book that has just been released. “Trout Water: A Year on the AuSable” is a collection of stories and journal writing by Josh about his fishing experiences. You can check out a bit more at the Gates Fly Shop website and purchase the book from them as well.



Summer of Cicadas

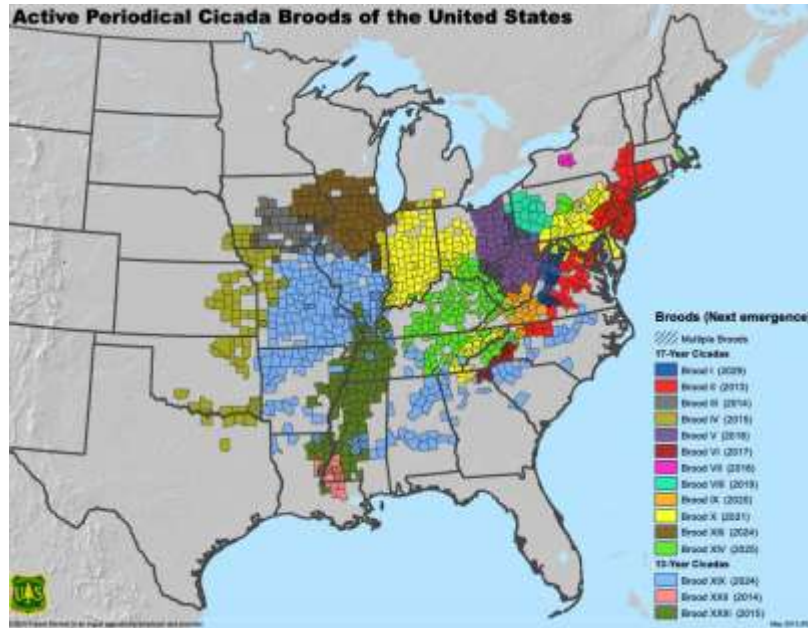
By Hugh O’Donnell

Yes, this is the year that Brood X emerges from the ground as nymphs transform into large flying critters that fill the forest with their mating roar. Using gyrations of their special vocalizing membranes (tymbal – yes like cymbal on a drum), they vibrate and fill the air with mating calls. For those who traveled into the woods last emergence (17 years ago), you will remember that the sound is deafening. It is reported that the sound is louder than a jackhammer - over 100 dB. In an industrial setting, this means ear plugs. So for the hardcore backwoods fisher, ear plugs are required for 8 hours of fishing among the trees!

As fly fishers, how do we take advantage of the hatch? Well, I’m glad you asked that question. Of the millions of cicadas in a forest, some will land on a river or lake. They will float for while creating a large meal for a trout or bass. Yes, this is exactly the ‘hatch’ that we match. There are many articles on the web for tying cicada dry flies. A few of them are cited at the end of the article. For those who like to purchase (or that tie their thumbs together at the bench), I recommend purchasing a few from local fly shops. A link or two for purchasing these flies are also provided.



Where can you go and fish the cicada dry fly? I’m glad you asked that question. The USDA provides a map of all the broods (below). If this becomes your favorite summertime fly, then use this map every year to find the best locations for cicada emergence and dry bug fishing opportunities. However, if you fish in Michigan every summer, you will miss the emergence. Ohio and Indiana are prime locations this year while upper Michigan and the U.P. do not have broods.



Want to know more? Do you want some interesting activities for the kids or grandkids? Are you concerned about your garden? Check out this link to an article that I wrote for Haus & Home Magazine [The Cicadas Are Coming! The Cicadas Are Coming! | Haus & Home \(haushomemagazine.com\)](https://www.haushomemagazine.com/article/the-cicadas-are-coming/). Hope you enjoy it.

Tying Cicada Flies

- <https://www.ginkandgasoline.com/gink-gasoline-fly-patterns/cicada-fly-patterns-4-gink-gasoline-favorites/>
- <https://www.flytyer.com/the-year-of-the-cicada/>
- <https://www.flyfishfood.com/blogs/dry-fly-tutorials/project-cicada>

Note – these are older web links so while images of the flies are available, you may not find tying instructions and may have to search the actual name of the fly.

- George Daniel recently posted a video in which he describes and ties 3 flies he will be using to fish the cicada hatch. That can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2uvXuK9Seic>

Purchasing Cicada Flies

- <https://www.madriveroutfitters.com/p-16585-project-cicada.aspx>
- <https://www.castersonlineflyshop.com/true-cicada-mfc/>

Getting Back To In-Person Meetings & Activities

A topic we are all interested in, is when can the club get back to more normal activities? This has been a topic of ongoing discussion and debate at Board Meetings for the last few months, and we felt it was important to provide some update to everyone.

Trips –

We all recognize that with better weather approaching, being able to get out to fish with fellow club members, while having confidence in that this can be done properly and safely would be a major step forward. The Board has put together a guidance that can be used to allow us to do local day trips. The guidance is based on CDC guidelines and we've also included guidelines being used by local institutions (such as some of our area universities) to allow people to gather and function in groups. Local day trips will be posted on the BUFF web site. Pre-registration will be required and at present, due to COVID restrictions, we will limit the number of individuals who can participate in a given event. Other controls will be in place as well, including the need to wear a mask when not distanced, restrictions on sharing traveling in vehicles, and how COVID incidence will affect places where we can go fishing as a club activity.

For now, we are not at a point of restarting club-sponsored extended trips. That will wait until we feel comfortable in being able to travel, stay in lodgings, and gather as groups safely. With the increasing availability of the COVID vaccine, and more people getting the vaccine, this is certainly on the horizon. Still, if individuals feel comfortable traveling, or organizing a trip with friend from the club, they can do such trips on their own.

In-Person Monthly Meetings –

For now, monthly meetings at the VOA Lodge continue to remain on hold. Firstly, the Lodge remains closed to all activities, and will not reopen until July *at the earliest*. In a recent discussion with Metroparks staff, Bob Gustafson, who has been our contact with them, learned that they hope to have a better handle on how future operations will be conducted by late June. Even if the facility could reopen, compliance requirements which are currently in place would make a club meeting impossible. The major one is that only individuals from a single household can sit at a table. That simply would not work for our club meetings, where much of the fun is the socialization. Other factors currently in place are a prohibition on self-serve buffets and no socializing/congregating. Essentially, once at the meeting one can only remain seated. While there have been some changes to open restrictions, these are designed for family gatherings, not club gatherings like ours. Hence, for now, getting back to an in-person meeting will likely be on hold until at least the mid-summer.

Once we can regather, we are considering the idea of continuing virtual presentation as well. The Zoom meeting format does work, and we can continue to stream meetings by this approach. We have members who, even before COVID, did not attend meetings for a variety of reasons. Some of our members do not live close by. Others no longer want to drive at night. Providing an online link would allow more members to participate in our meetings. In addition, we have had good success in attracting national speakers for our Zoom meetings and continuing this may be a real option even when we get back to group gatherings. Hence, future meetings at the VOA Lodge could likely include a mix of in-person presenters, and speakers presenting from locations via a Zoom link.

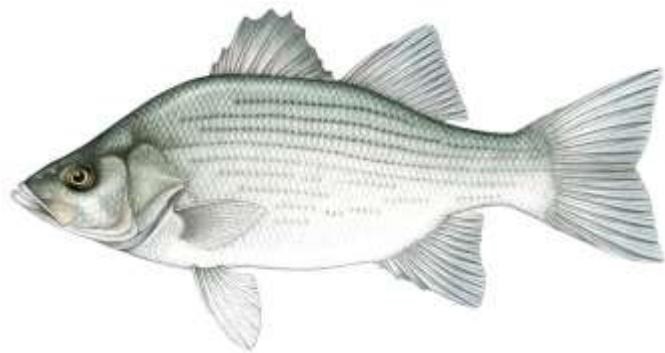
Spring White Bass Fishing

By Bob Gustafson

Fly fishing season really picks up this month, due in large part to the annual spawning run of White Bass up feeder streams from area lakes and reservoirs. The run begins around mid-April and lasts until mid-May. What triggers the run seems to include water temperature (50s), sun angles and intensity, and current flow in the stream. The run normally peaks around Cincinnati the last week of April each year.

It is hard to beat White Bass fishing! When the run is on, double-digit catches of feisty 1-2 pound fish are very doable. Early in the run, the fish in the stream will be smaller males scouting for the right combination of depth and current where spawning can take place. Later, larger females enter the stream, and the run is on in huge numbers. Not all the fish spawn at the same time so the run stretches over several weeks. White Bass are schooling fish and once located, you can usually catch a bunch in that one spot. Frequently, when you catch a female, you will notice a number of smaller fish chasing behind—those are males, and a sure sign spawning is underway. They are active during daylight and continue to actively feed, primarily on shad minnows.

White Bass (*Morone chrysops*) are related to stripers and can interbreed to produce Hybrid Striped Bass, also known as Wipers. White Bass can be differentiated from Wipers & Stripers by the presence of one tooth patch near the back of the tongue vs. two tooth patches in Hybrid Striped Bass and Stripers.



White Bass

Where to Fish for White Bass Locally?

- East Fork Whitewater River, IN (above Brookville Lake)
- Laughery Creek, IN (Ohio River tributary - canoe access)
- Hogan Creek, IN (Ohio River tributary - canoe access)
- East Fork Little Miami River, OH (above East Fork Lake)
- Caesar Creek, OH (above Caesar Creek Lake)
- Little Miami River, OH, and more

My favorite location is the East Fork Whitewater River going upstream (north) from Indiana Rt. 44, west of Liberty, IN. While wading is easy in most places, **be sure to check the river gauge at Abington, IN, for river levels of 3.5' or less** (on BUFF website). Also, if it has rained recently, give the river a couple of days to clear up as it runs muddy after rains. There is parking at the Hwy 44 bridge at the river and numerous pull-off's on Philamath Rd on the west side of the river (accessed via Turkey Creek Rd off Hwy 44).

Equipment Recommendations

- 9' fly rod, 4-6 wt, floating fly line with a short (3-4') section of sinking leader (6 in/sec sink rate) and 2-3' of 3x tippet. Cortland kits for making sinking leaders are available at Bass Pro. Best if rod is easy to roll cast streamers/weighted flies.
- Chest waders and wading staff
- No need for a net
- Flies: shad minnow imitations, especially small (2" size 8 hook) chartreuse/white Clouser Minnows, Marabou Shad Minnow (BUFF ultimate fly box pattern—see BUFF website), Senyo's Ice Man Minnow tube flies, white wooly buggers.



Clouser Minnow



Senyo's Ice Man Minnow

Fishing Tips

You must get the fly down in the water column, as the fish are suspended in the water column. The recommended sinking leader rig is very good for this. You will not catch many fish if you stay on topwater.

- **Fishing Technique** – cast across or downstream, let the fly sink, then strip in as the fly swings in the current. Fish will hit anytime in the swing, especially at the end of the drift—let the fly dangle a bit at the end of the drift, then strip it back in. Vary the stripping action until you figure out what the fish want.
- **Structure is somewhat important**, but fish are typically in the open water, suspended in the water column. Best spots to target are eddies behind structure, calm water next to moving water (good ambush sites for shad), and above/below riffles. Pools work well, too.
- **Ideal spots are "slots"** – a run with a deeper chute that funnels fish through a narrow passage. The slot doesn't have to be very deep. Just look for darker color water adjacent to lighter colored shallow water. Typically, they are found near river bends, usually on the outside of the bend, particularly when next to a shallow gravel bar shelf. The reason slots are great location is that every fish moving up or down the river has to go through the slot, so they get concentrated there.

- **Concentrate on the shaded side of the river.**

Here are a few photos from prior years' White Bass Fishing Outings



See you on the river! Tight lines!

Trout Stocking in Ohio Lakes – from Ohio DNR

From Tom Bachev

Fishing opportunities will abound this spring when rainbow trout are stocked at 67 public lakes and ponds, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife. Beginning

the week of March 12 at Adams Lake in Adams County, more than 81,000 of these cold-water fish will be stocked in 2021. The Ohio DNR site for information on 2021 trout stocking is at: <https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/discover-and-learn/safety-conservation/about-ODNR/news/Ohio-Rainbow-Trout-Releases> The site has a link to a list of all the lakes that will be stocked, approximate stocking dates, and their locations.

Rainbow trout are raised at Ohio's state fish hatcheries and measure between 10-13 inches when they are released by the Division of Wildlife. Rainbow trout releases will take place across Ohio from early March until May as long as areas are ice-free and accessible to anglers.

In Southwest Ohio (ONDR District 5), here are lakes that will be stocked, and the target stocking dates:

- Adams Lake, Adams County week of March 12th
- Rush Run Lake, Preble County week of March 19th
- Clark Lake, Clark County week of April 2nd
- Rocky Fork – South Beach Pond, Highland County week of April 2nd
- Stonelick Lake, Clermont County week of April 2nd
- Davis Lake, Auglaize County week of April 9th
- Sycamore State Park Pond, Montgomery County week of April 16th
- Tawana Lake, Shelby County week of April 30th

Fly Rods – Graphite vs Fiberglass

By Ken Mandel

I found an interesting article by Michael Salomone of Vail Valley Anglers about fiberglass and graphite fly rods. It is on the Midcurrent website. I found it of interest because as a relative newcomer to fly fishing, my familiarity is with graphite rods. I've never fished with a fiberglass fly rod.

When considering purchasing a new fly rod, the debate between fiberglass and graphite often rises. While graphite is the material mostly Durability, feel and price point are a few of the concerns that drive the decision. Breaking down the positive and negative attributes of both types of rods can answer a lot of questions and help with the purchase decision. While graphite is the choice for most modern-day rods, there are factors which could suggest considering other materials, such as fiberglass as well. Here's the link to the article: <https://www.vaildaily.com/sports/fly-rods-fiberglass-versus-graphite/>

In discussing fiberglass rods, the article focuses on the 'fun factor', which is that a fiberglass rod can provide a 'feel' that is not evident with graphite. Fiberglass as a material is a long, continuous fiber. When used to make a fly rod, this enables the entire rod to flex, from the end of the grip to the tip. The flexibility can be modified by altering the fiberglass materials, including other fibers, or adding thickness to the rod (which makes it heavier). Because of the greater flexibility, the casting stroke one uses needs to be slower and more deliberate to load the rod, as the load occurs along the entire length of the rod. Fiberglass rods have a place, especially in small water fly fishing, especially small stream trout fishing, where the smooth flex can deliver flies, like dry flies, with a very soft touch. They are also durable they can take abuse and still perform. Finally, they tend to be less expensive than graphite rods, because the

raw material is less costly. Like anything however, there are negatives associated with the material. The rods tend to be thicker and heavier than a comparable weight graphite rod. Also they are slower with a slower casting stroke and slower line speed in the cast. Hence, they can be more difficult to cast in certain conditions.



Graphite is the more modern and most common commercial material used today in fly rods. Because of this, graphite rods come in a wide range of choices which offer something to satisfy any angler. For a given rod weight and length, a rod made with graphite will be lighter than the comparable fiberglass rod. A graphite rod will generally have a 'faster action'. Because the section of the rod above the grip is generally stiff, graphite allows for quicker cast strokes and more rapid line speed in the cast. They are generally more versatile for different water conditions. Graphite itself is more brittle than fiberglass, so graphite rods, especially the tips, are more prone to breakage if over-stressed, over-flexed, or struck with a heavy object, such as a heavy fly.

As I said, I found the article to be interesting and it certainly offered new knowledge to me. I'd like to try out a fiberglass rod myself and experience how it differs.

A Cicada Fly

By Ken Mandel

Here is a summary of one of the 3 cicada flies tied by George Daniel. We mention and provide a link to the video showing George tying the fly in Hugh's article on the coming cicada hatch. Here are some brief instructions and pictures. As George describes, this is a variation of a pattern developed by Greg Hoover. It provides a fairly realistic presentation of cicada, and it floats on the surface.

Materials:

Hook – 2X-long, 2X-strong streamer hook (Tiemco, TMC5262), size 6

Thread – orange 6-0

Body – orange ice dubbing and black craft foam

Legs – Hareline black & orange rubber legs

Wing – orange crystal flash and white Kreelex

1. Start the thread about mid hook taking turns toward the hook bend ending above the barb. Tie in a piece of black foam on top of the hook at the bend with secure thread wraps. Take thread wraps forward to behind the hook eye.



2. The body is built up of two layers of hot-orange UV ice-dub. George adds dubbing wax to the thread to get the material to bind better to the thread. The dubbing is wrapped back over the tie-in of the foam and then back to behind the hook eye with the goal of building some 'meatiness' to the body.



3. Pull the foam over the body and tie down with thread wraps behind the eye to lock it in using looser and then tighter thread wraps. Bring the thread about 1/3 of the way back along the body. Take thread wraps to create a valley in the foam. This is where the legs and wing materials will be tied in. Tie a piece of leg material on either side to great a pair of legs per side. The legs should be oriented along the sides of the fly.



4. The wing is made from a clump of white Kreelex combined with some orange crystal flash. The wing is tied in at the same location as the legs, but on top of the foam. Wetting the material can help keep it together when tying it in. When tying in the wing, keep the ties between the leg halves. Start the tie-in with a few thread wraps, then use a figure-eight pattern to lock in the wing material. Trim the wing to slightly longer than the length of the legs. Pull the both the wing material and legs back, and take some thread wraps in front.
5. Bring the front of the foam over the wings. Holding both the wing material and the legs back, tie in the head with a number of thread wraps. Trim the excess foam to form the fly head. Whip finish either at the tie in point or behind the eye. That's it!



There are two additional cicada flies in George Daniel's video. One is similar to this fly, but adds lead wire so it will sink beneath the surface. This variation also uses orange chenille, rather than ice dub for the wrapped body, and furry foam instead of standard craft foam. The third fly is a variant of a Chubby Chernobyl ant pattern. The video can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2uvXuK9Seic>

If you get out to fish, and want to share a story and some photos, please send them to Ken Mandel (kengmandel@gmail.com) and we'll get them into an upcoming BUFFER!