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Editor's Note:

If you are planning to go on the Cumberland River Trip, please note Craig's comments on hotel reservation timing.

Lower Cumberland River Trip Plans

Craig Wilson

August 10, 11, & 12 will be the B.U.F.F.'s first annual trip to the Lower Cumberland River. This is a trip that NKFF has had much success with. This is truly a first class trout fishery and has recently been recognized as one of the best tailwater streams in the southeast. It has a high concentration of fish per mile, which makes for some very good rainbow and brown trout fishing. I would suspect that everyone should catch fish.

I have reserved a block of 4 double rooms at Riverfront Lodge (270-864-3300) in Burkesville for the nights of August 9,10, and 11. **The rooms have been reserved under Buckeye United Fly Fishers and will be held through August 1. YOU HAVE TO COMMIT by then, otherwise you will need to secure your own accommodations.**

I am putting together a small packet of information with maps, directions, phone numbers, etc. to mail out to those of you who are interested. Please e-mail me at woodhead@cinci.rr.com or call me 513-615-8577 (mobile) or 513-459-6436 (home) with your name

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Summer Family Picnic

Saturday, August 4

Come and bring the family to the August B.U.F.F. Meeting. It will be held on Saturday, August 4th at Stonelick Lake State Park. There will be casting instruction from 3 – 5 pm with dinner following. There will be no dinner charge, but we are asking you to bring a covered dish or dessert to share. Last names beginning in A through J are to bring salads and K-Z should bring desserts. The club will provide drinks, brats, metts and hamburgers, along with all the necessary picnicware. Be sure to call in your reservation with the number of people in your party. Phone reservations are requested by Thursday, August 2.

SEE YOU AT STONELICK ON THE 4TH!!!

Reservations: (513) 732 – 0735

Map / Directions on back page.

FREE Casting Lessons

Are you just learning how cast a fly rod or are you wanting to improve your skills? If so, then we have an opportunity for you! B.U.F.F. is planning to conduct casting lessons at Stonelick Lake State Park from 3:00pm – 5:00pm on Saturday, August 4. We will have plenty of instructors for a lot of personalized instruction. No reservations needed, but if you plan to stay afterwards for the picnic, please remember to call in your dinner reservations.

Adventures From The Reel World

Smallmouth Fishing on the Elkhorn

Don Hogue

Sixteen members of B.U.F.F. attended the outing: Roy Mathews, Bob & Linda Ireton, Randy Clark, Jeff McElravy, Russ Poehner and his family, Lou Haynes, Dave Jones, Don Prince, Steve Groom, Curt Stover, Sam Bretz, Mike Buncher, Joe Panfalone and Don Hogue.

Bob Ireton again did very well catching over thirty bronzebacks, with a 16", a 15" and a couple of 14". Wife Linda also did well, but she is very tight lipped with her accomplishments. From everything I heard, top honors went to Randy Clark who must have caught over sixty bronzebacks.

The creek was low and Roy Mathews and myself quickly tired of getting in and out of a canoe at over twelve riffles. Roy caught eight fish. I wanted to photograph his catches, but when I alluded to his smallmouth as carp and suckers, he became disgruntled and would not let me take pictures, but quickly returned them to the depths. I found Roy to be a gentleman and enjoyed his company. I heard other members comment that we have some fine people in the club and the best way to get to know one another is

Alpine Trout

Jim Beecher

In recent years my wife, Eugenia, and I visit our son and his wife in Albuquerque, NM. Together we explored different areas in New Mexico or Colorado. The venue this year was a compromise which allowed some of us (myself and son, Jamie) to flyfish and others (Eugenia and Patty) to do other things—shop, read, sightsee, etc.

Renting an old log cabin on the Pecos River at Terarro allowed easy access to fishing and was less than an hours drive to civilization – Santa Fe. Terarro, NM at about 8000 feet elevation is distinguished by a combined General Store/Post Office and a few other buildings. From there the road is still paved but becomes somewhat narrower.

The headwaters of the Pecos River are in the Sangre de Christo Mountains. These mountains are the Southern end of the Rocky Mountain chain. Eventually the Pecos River joins the Rio Grande in Texas. The Pecos is a small freestone coldwater stream. At places you can nearly dapple a fly across the river and at other places the far shore is a long cast. Generally the water is perfectly clear and runs fast with many riffles and shallow pools. The wild brown trout are supplemented by rainbow trout by

the New Mexico Department of Fish and Game. Most of the hatchery fish are caught by locals using worms in a few days. We exercised (caught & released) brown trout except for a few rainbow trout found in the shade of a large bush behind the horse stable. Most of the alpine trout are modest in size (a 15" fish is a trophy). The Pecos trout are not especially selective about pattern but they do care about drag-free presentations. The fast water makes this a challenge.

The best catching seemed to coincide with the presence of what looked like small tan moths—caddis hatch. But strangely the most successful pattern was a golden stonefly, not the elk hair caddis or humpy. There were frequent caddis hatches during the day and evening. One evening there was a stonefly hatch; the profiles of miniature helicopters appeared against the dimming sky. Nearly all our catches were on dry flies

Our routine was to start fishing early (6:00 or 6:30 AM) at some remote location and quit about 11 AM or noon. The afternoons are too hot even in the mountains. We would fish again in the evenings near the cabin. The air and water are cold in the morning; waders and a long-sleeved shirt over a tee shirt are needed for warmth. By midmorning the extra shirt was too

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The "Other" White Water

Tony Kalbli

It began innocently enough. I was scanning the silent auction table at the 2000 NKFF Banquet when a two-day guide trip for two caught my eye. The minimum bid read \$250. I raced back to our dinner companions, fellow Buffers Dave and Jane Uckotter, and asked if they had ever fished the White River in Arkansas. Dave said they had not, but they would love to try it. I explained the details to him and the fact that they could fish with the guide one day and Lora and I could do the second day. He was "on Board" with that plan immediately. Thus began the back and forth bidding process. I made sure I was VERY close to the bid sheet when the hammer finally fell and we wound up with the winning bid for a very reasonable price for a two day float trip. A few days later I called our guide, Don Adams, and set up our dates and then made the arrangements to spend four nights at Dale and Ronna Fulton's Blue Ribbon Lodge which is located hard on the banks of the White River, just a couple of miles downstream of Bull Shoal Dam.

After a 12 hour drive (11 if you don't go north into Illinois at the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi) we arrived in a very picturesque valley with the green clad cliffs of the White River beckoning the call of the trout. The Lodge is quite private and nestled in the shadows of the Osarks with extra comfy private accommodations for each of us--complete with kitchen facilities, outdoor grills and flowing water just steps away. We laid in our

groceries and began the process of practicing casting to a target, only to discover that this area is best suited to nymphing. Jayne was absolutely determined to catch her first BIG trout and was very serious about learning the nymphing techniques.

Now Arkansas bills the White River as the Trout Capital of the U.S.A. and we were determined to find out if it is true. After a predictable excursion to the local Blue Ribbon Fly Shop for necessary licenses and other various items, we slept fitfully as visions of those BIG trout danced in our heads. The next day, while Dave and Jayne launched with the guide, Lora and I explored the river for walk-in access points. For an excellent resource, I used the book "Home Waters Guide to Fishing N. Arkansas, W. Tennessee & S. Missouri" published by the Mid-south Fly Fishers. Our explorations found several easy walk-in points. Wading in general is fairly easy especially if you are a veteran of Nantahala or Hiwassee River adventures. However, a warning to the wise, when water is being released at the dam be prepared to head for shore immediately when the water begins to rise!! The White River is an annually stocked fishery of 1.2 million browns and rainbows. The White is famous for world recordbreaking browns which feed primarily in the tailwater section of Bull Shoal Dam. But, there are two sections of Catch and Release where beautiful wild fish can be had on dries, but primarily nymphs. When the first day ended Dave and Jane

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Tie & Lie West

"Humpy"

Tie & Lie West will be held Tuesday, August 7 at the Springdale Community Center (room A). We will be tying the Humpy. Check the web site or your e-mail for tying instructions, materials list, and a map.



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returned to reveal that they had a wonderful day and caught many trout. Jayne did so well that we dubbed her the "Nymphing Queen". The next day we briefed them on walk in access, including private access in the back of Dale Fulton's house onto a really beautiful stretch called "Wildcat Shoals". Don Adams picked us up about 8:30 and by 10 a.m. we were on the river, but first Don asked our permission to reconstruct our leader system as he did the day before with Dave and Jayne. I must admit it is a real slick system, and I demonstrated it at the July BUFF meeting. The basic method of fishing from a floating boat is dead drift nymphing. I caught a fair number of rainbows and browns up to 12". Lora caught fish also, but needs some remedial work in hook setting.

Days 3 and 4 were spent with the four of us walking in and wade fishing. I spent most of the time dry fly fishing and was fairly successful. Jane and Dave and Lora also caught more trout mainly on small sulphurs and caddis imitations. One evening Dave took a beautiful 14" brown. (A great Picture will follow in our Website) at which point I informed Dave that it was "BUFF LAW" that the person landing the biggest fish had to write the article for the BUFFER, never dreaming that the following evening while fishing the lower Catch and Release Section that I would tie into a gorgeous, fat 18" brown trout. I must admit that I used a bead-head prince nymph suspended beneath a size #8 stimulator (picture to follow on the Website). Thus, out of my

own mouth I inflicted my own punishment, this article.

There are other attractions near the White River, antiquing and hiking as well. I think the consensus between the four of us was that we will return to the White in the near future. If you have 5 or 6 days for a fishing adventure, the White River would be very high on my "Must Fish" list. If you would like more info on this destination, call me at 451-1367 or call Dave Uckotter at Todd Adrian's Fly Shop.

to participate in our fishing trips.

My doctor had just been down to the Elkhorn with a guide, who had him use black and yellow poppers. Doc caught over thirty smallmouth. But it turned out that a brown woolybugger proved to be the ticket. Bob Ireton contends that fish eat 80% of their meals on the bottom and once again he was correct.

We spent some enjoyable moments around a campfire. It was fun when Russ Poehner's daughter spotted the bright eyes of a raccoon across the creek with a flashlight. We broke cornbread together on Saturday evening. I bought a new dining fly for the occasion only to have it vaccinated by the flies of those double haulers casting for distance behind my campsite. I have signed their names and dates beside their individual holes. I enjoyed the trip and look forward to meeting some other Buffer's in future trips. My special thanks to all the people who pitched in and gave me a big hand with the dinner Saturday night.

**OCTOBER
CONSERVATION
RAFFLE**

Lou Haynes

As part of the club's conservation effort two great prizes, graciously donated by the Kalblis', will be raffled at the October 10th club meeting. These include:

1st prize – Cabela's 5 pc., 4 wt. fly-rod combo with a Drake reel, case, line and leader, a value of \$170.

2nd prize – Cabela's 3-4 wt. Drake reel, backing, a 4 wt. line and a reel pouch – value of \$135.

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Tickets will be available at the August Family Picnic and at the September and October Club meetings. In addition, tickets can be purchased at any time by contacting our club treasurer, Louise Goldsberry (phone 513-732-0735).

Hopefully every Buffer will purchase at least one ticket. It's a great way to support our conservation efforts and you don't have to be at the October meeting to win one of these great prizes.

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much. One morning we went to the special regulations area (Pecos Box) -- limit: 2 trout over 12" long, flies with a single barbless hook. I hooked my largest (13") brown trout but experienced an "early" release.

The proprietor of the General Store/Post Office was not free with advice. However, once he learned that we were temporary neighbors, he drew a map and provided detailed recommendations. Following his advice, we went to a more remote location the next morning. Just before the paved road ends at about 10,000 ft. elevation, Jack's Creek feeds into the Pecos. The river is narrower here and there seem to be more brown trout. I even caught one fish just dappling a dryfly on the water while sitting on a rock.

The Pecos is wide and shallow behind the General Store. This slow water seemed to be a good spot for beginning flyfishers. Patty learned to cast quickly and soon caught a fish there. The next evening Eugenia learned to cast about 20 feet of line even with the evening breeze. She got a few rises but wasn't prepared to catch fish. She went after a brown trout that was persistently jumping behind a protruding boulder. In spite of good casts and drifts, the brown wasn't enticed by her offerings.

Living at high altitudes requires some special precautions. Fatigue occurs more readily since less oxygen is available. The low pressure and low humidity necessitate drinking more water. Protection from the sun—hat,

sunscreen, sunglasses—is also necessary. One thing you don't have to worry about: the Western diamondback rattlesnake does not live above 8000 feet. More detailed information and advice can be found in: *Fly-Fishing in New Mexico*, Craig Martin ed., University of New Mexico Press. This excellent book is a fund raising project of the Sangre de Christo Fly Fishers (the NM counterpart of B.U.F.F).

If I get another opportunity to visit the Pecos, I would like to try the Moro Creek tributary. We were advised to hike a mile or two upstream to where Bear Creek joins the Moro. This would get us away from the campers. There are also some good alpine lakes but are a days hike from the road and at even higher altitude. Above Pecos Falls there are said to be cutthroat trout and brook trout. This is also an area that can only be reached on foot.

Please Welcome Our new Members!

New members this month are:

The Mike Reed family, and Eric & Janet Teske.

Membership stands at 250, 46 of which are family memberships.

Looking To Buy Used Bonefish Outfit

I am looking to purchase a used rod / reel outfit in good shape from another member. I am looking for an eight weight (tip flex), preferably a four piece, travel rod and large arbor reel (with line) that I can use for bonefish, redfish, and snook. I'm interested in some flies as well.

I (Kim Lockhart) can be reached at (513) 793-4866 during the day.



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and address and I will mail it out to you immediately.

A word of caution, THIS IS NOT a trip for the beginner. High water and cold water is a MAJOR concern!! The water is very cold and rises very quickly when the water from the dam reaches wherever you are on the river. It takes approximately 10 hours for the water from the dam to reach Burkesville. This means that the water should be low enough in the morning to be waded and should give us a whole day of fishing before the high water reaches us at Burkesville.

Although there are plenty of walk-in points in the Burkesville area, you almost need a boat to get to the wadable areas. Our plan then is to float the river. By shuttling boats and people, I'm sure that we could all find some way to float the river and cover much more ground. I will be bringing my canoe and will be able to help shuttle people and boats up and down the river. If you have a boat bring it. The Riverfront Lodge where we will be staying, has a boat ramp and dock for those of you with bigger boats.

For more information, Traces on the Cumberland (www.tracesonthecumberland.com) (270-433-5898) in Burkesville is worth giving a call to get updates on weather and fishing conditions. They are the local outfitter. They also have two small motorboats available for rent at \$75 - \$85 per day.

Another good source of information is Brett Billings' web site www.cumberlandtrout.com. Brett has put together an outstanding website that has all the information that you could possibly need for a successful fishing adventure.

Final Note:

I had the opportunity to fish for half a day on the tailwater around Winfrey's Bottom and Rock House Bottom. I also visited the trout hatchery below the dam. The hatchery, for those of you who have never been to one, is amazing and to think that all of it is accomplished by 4-6 employees. I would highly recommend making it a point to visit while you are down there.

I didn't have a boat, or float tube with me, but was able to do some wading while exploring for good walk-in points. After catching a half dozen browns I did some more exploring and talked with some of the other fisherman on the river. The Cumberland is a long,

wide river that would be best fished by boat. I saw float tubes, drift boats, canoes, johnboats, and even a couple of bass boats. The water can get pretty low when they are not generating at the dam and if you have a boat with a motor watch out for your lower unit and prop.

Craig Wilson
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**Exciting News About B.U.F.F.'s
October Meeting**

To help celebrate our first monthly indoor meeting (**in October**) at our new location we will have **Jerry Darkes** as our featured speaker. Jerry Darkes will be doing a slide show presentation on steelheading in Ohio and Michigan waters at the Clarion Hotel in Blue Ash!!. Jerry is nationally recognized as one of the leading experts on Lake Erie steelhead fishing. So mark your calendars for **October 10** to check out our new meeting facilities and listen to Jerry talk about this exciting new fishery.

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AUGUST

4 Sat - **BUFF Monthly Meeting - Family Picnic @ Stonelick Lake State Park**

7 - Tuesday - **Tie & Lie West**
Springdale Community Center

10-12 - Fri-Sat - **B.U.F.F. Cumberland Tailwaters Fishing Trip (Craig Wilson)**

15 Wed/7pm - **BUFF Director's Meeting @ Clarion Hotel (Pfeiffer Rd. and I-71)** Members encouraged to attend.

16 Thurs/6:30pm - **Tie & Lie - East**
General fly tying and story telling session. Hardee's Restaurant, Batavia (Bob Goldsberry).

SEPTEMBER

9 Sun - **East Fork Stream Monitoring**

10 Mon - **Cabin Fever & Sport show Planning Meeting**

12 Wed/6pm - **BUFF Monthly Meeting @ Sycamore Park**, Submit Your Conservation Nominations

19 Wed/7pm - **BUFF Director's Meeting @ Clarion Hotel (Pfeiffer Rd. and I-71)** Members encouraged to attend.

20 Thurs/6:30pm - **Tie & Lie**.
General fly tying and story telling session. Hardee's Restaurant, Batavia (Bob Goldsberry)

26-26 Mon-Thurs - **Fall Salmon Trip** (Joe Guenther).

2001 Calendar of Events

The BUFFER attempts to provide up-to-date information on club events. Check the calendar each month & call the contact person for the event for potential changes. If you notice errors, please contact The BUFFER editor. Additional contact names will be added following announcement of the Year 2001.

OCTOBER

12-14 Fri-Sun - **Nantahala Trip** (Bob Ireton).

10 Wed/6pm - **BUFF Monthly Meeting @ Clarion Hotel (Pfeiffer Rd. and I-71)**, Board Nominations

17 Wed/7pm - **BUFF Director's Meeting @ Clarion Hotel (Pfeiffer Rd. and I-71)** Members encouraged to attend.

18 Thurs/6:30pm - **Tie & Lie**.
General fly tying and story telling session. Hardee's Restaurant, Batavia (Bob Goldsberry)

NOVEMBER

11 Sat - **East Fork Stream Monitoring** (Goldsberry)

14 Wed/6pm - **BUFF Monthly Meeting @ Clarion Hotel (Pfeiffer Rd. and I-71)** - Canned Food Drive, accepting

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nominations for Board, Flyfisher of the Year, Conservation & Education Grant.

15 Thurs/6:30pm - **Tie & Lie**.
General fly tying and story telling session. Hardee's Restaurant, Batavia (Bob Goldsberry)

16-18 Fri-Sun - **B.U.F.F. Northern Ohio / Western Pa. Steelhead Fishing Trip** (Joe Guenther)

21 Wed/7pm - **BUFF Director's Meeting @ Clarion Hotel (Pfeiffer Rd. and I-71)**. Members encouraged to attend.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

JULY 18, 2001

IN ATTENDANCE: Jim LeBlond, Ed Jones, Lou Haines, Bob and Louise Goldsberry, Dave Uckotter, Joe Panfalone, Craig Wilson, Bob Jones, Bill Fisher, Steve Groome, Tony Kalbli

TREASURER'S REPORT: Louise Goldsberry submitted financial report

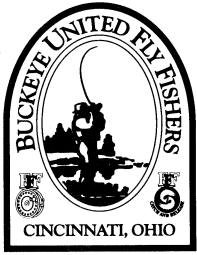
CONSERVATION: Louise Goldsberry is writing checks for \$300 each to the Huron Pines Resource

conservation and Development Area Council for the AuSable River Project and to the Madmen Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

NEW BUSINESS: Joe Panfalone motioned to end the free dinner to new members. The motion was seconded and was carried. Tony Kalbli motioned to sell Red Lose's donations at the September "swap meet" club meeting at Sycamore Park in Batavia. The motion passed. Tony Kalbli made a motion to contract with the Clarion for a private room to conduct our monthly Board Meetings at a \$50 fee per meeting. The motion passed.

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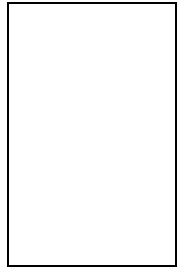


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Next Monthly Meeting – SATURDAY, August 4

CALL 732-0735 FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN 10 PM OF AUGUST 2 BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING. DINNER IS \$1.00 EXTRA WITHOUT A RESERVATION - IF THERE'S ANY LEFT! WE'VE BEEN KNOWN TO RUN OUT - DON'T WAIT - CALL NOW!

WHERE: Stonelick Lake State Park

DIRECTIONS: From I-275, take the WEST-bound HILLSBORO exit. Go West towards Milford. (This is a new exit from I-275). At the stoplight at SR 50, go straight ahead (becomes SR 131). Proceed on SR 131 to SR 727, just past Smith Tractor and Implements. Turn left onto SR727 and drive until you come to Stonelick Lake State Park. Bear right onto Lake Drive at the park entrance and go straight ahead past the ranger station and cross the intersection. Continue until you come to loop road on the left. The picnic area is inside the loop.