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Presidents Corner

Dave Uckotter

Mark your calendar for August 17th. This will be The BUFF Family Picnic at Stonelick Lake. The club will furnish the brats, metts, wieners, buns, condiments and soft drinks. The rest of the fare will be potluck. Bring your favorite picnic dish for 10 to 12 people and when it's gone - it's gone. We will be at the park early to reserve the first come first served spot, and will have the route to our shelter marked with BUFF signs. Folks will begin to arrive about 11 am and we will be serving our picnic lunch at 1 pm.

Our outdoor meeting at Sycamore Park was one of the largest attended outdoor meetings we have had in a long time. The swap meet was part of the attraction, but the casting demonstration given by Tony Kalbli was another reason the attendance was up. There were 60 BUFFERS, their friends,

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NEW MEETING PLACE

Starting in September the B.U.F.F. monthly meetings will be held at our new location. The name and address is:

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They will open their doors at 6:00 pm. A cash bar will be available for those who want to socialize before dinner, which will be served at 7:00 pm. The dinners they have put together for us will be well received by everyone. For example, our first dinner will be: Marinated char-grilled chicken breast, stuffed pasta shells, broccoli with cheese, baked potato with butter and sour cream, tossed salad and dressing, rolls and butter, and a bar cookie tray. Coffee, tea, and soft drinks are included.

**Look for the map in the September
BUFFER!**

August Meeting

Come and bring the family to the August B.U.F.F. Picnic. It will be held on Saturday, August 17th at Stonelick Lake State Park. There will be no dinner charge, but we are asking you to bring a covered dish or dessert to share. Be sure to call in your reservation with the number of people in your party so we can buy the right amount of meat. Phone reservations (732-0735) are required by Tuesday, August 13. Map and directions on the back page.

See you at Stonelick on the 17th!!!!

Adventures From the Reel World

Good Fishing, Great Catching

Roy Matthews

On Tuesday, July 2, 2002, Bruce Wankel picked me up at my camping spot in the Hungry Mother State Park at Marion, Virginia. We drove to Radford, Virginia, where we meet Robert Asbury who provided shuttle service for us. Robert is an avid fly fisher, and he does a lot of fishing on the New River.

We launched Bruce's Hyde drift boat in the New River above Radford. I found the drift boat to be a comfortable fishing platform. Shortly after starting the float, a 7 inch Red Eye (Rock Bass) attached himself to the Sneaky Pete that Bruce had tied onto my line, and the "catching" began. During the several hour float, that popper attracted many fish, over 50, that I hooked and landed. Included were rock bass, large and colorful bluegills, and smallmouth. Many of the smallmouth were in the 13 to 16 inch range, and several, larger than that, were hooked and landed. Three were in excess of 17 inches, and probably weighed more than 3 pounds. I have had many good fishing days, but this one was one of the greatest "catching days" that it has been my pleasure to experience.

Bruce is an excellent guide, very good at handling the boat, and a marvelous person with whom to spend a day. He made a presentation at one of our meetings, and has been an exhibitor at our show. I know that I want to spend another day on the New River with him. ♦

Montana 2002 - Adrien's Outfitters

Jim LeBlond, John Doscher, Eric Hoeffel, and Evan Adrien joined Melisa and Todd Adrien this year on our shop trip. Our destination was Emigrant, Montana, twenty minutes south of Livingston, Montana, and an hour from Yellowstone National Park. Our base of operation was Tim and Judy Powell's (Cincinnati expatriates) Emigrant cabins on the banks of the Yellowstone River. This was the fourth shop trip to Montana. Well known author/contract tyer Tom Travis spearheaded our Montana guiding and coordinated private access, spring creek rods, etc..

July 7-13th were the dates of our trip. We just missed the Salmon flies. Our first day was a bit breezy. We were belly boating on Story Lake and almost got blown off. Everyone caught fish, but John and Jim managed several fish in spite of the gale. They tread a lot of water that day.

Tuesday, Mill creek was good for several nice fish during a 6 o'clock blizzard hatch of Grey Drakes, Green Drakes, caddis and yellow stones. Wednesday we went to the Park for a bunch of cutthroat trout. The occasional Buffalo Bug flew in your ear, but in general the fish kept everyone's attention. Blue quill's and caddis were abundant.

Some of us fished the Spring creeks Thursday and some of us went to the Park again. Either way, the fishing was great.

The grand finale on Friday was the Yellowstone Float trip. Several different hatches came off over the

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NEW FEATURE FOR THE WEBSITE

Many of you have asked that we have a message board on our website so that we all can communicate with one another. This would be where you can post a question, start a discussion, or round up some guys to go fishing.

You can get there by clicking on the *Message Board* icon. Please use it and enjoy.

Joe Panfalone
Webmaster

New B.U.F.F. Board Meeting Location

The B.U.F.F. Board of Directors meetings will now be held at the Perkins Restaurant on Montgomery Road – between Cooper and R. Reagan Expressway – on the west side of Montgomery. The meeting day is the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. All club members are invited and encouraged to attend these meetings. ♦



William Joseph

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and family who enjoyed our first catered meal from Raffles, who put out a great picnic dinner.

Trips make up one of the club's activities that generate a lot of interest from our members. We sadly had to cancel our Cumberland Trip because Joe Guenther couldn't find any one who wanted to be "trip coordinator". Eight members signed up and had to miss one of the best trips we have. Some of our club trips cost half what you would pay if you went on a guided trip on your own. Check Joe's article to find out what you would have to do. Step forward and help.

Jon Kennard will be taking over one of our very important jobs, and that is the editor of the BUFFER. This transition will begin in August and September. Jon is also working on a new club brochure, including information on our new meeting place and a membership application.

Mike Bryant, who has been our BUFFER editor for the past few years, is going to devote his efforts to our sport show. The sport show is

growing larger every year and it takes a great deal of time and energy to produce. Many thanks, Mike, for the great job you have done being the editor of the BUFFER.

Don Prince, who is our membership chairman, will be spending the next few months in Japan on business. In Don's absence Dave Jones has volunteered to fill in until Don returns.

Check out Lou Haynes' article on the fly-fishing seminar BUFF put on for Little Miami Inc. All of the BUFF members that were instructors and helpers did an outstanding job. This presentation was our first formal attempt to teach a class on casting, using the casting principals and instruction taught to BUFF "casting instructors" by Tony Kalbli. The casting class was a success for all of those who attended. Special kudos to Joe Panfalone who put together the class outline, and taught four classes so successfully. Good job Joe! ♦

Be a Trip Coordinator

Are you interested in coordinating a trip for B.U.F.F.? The trips we plan are some of the most fun, and are an important aspect of our club. It is a wonderful way to learn more about flyfishing, see some beautiful water, tie flies, spend time getting to know some of the fellow members, and.... catch fish! . As the club has grown through the years, so has the popularity of trips with many more people participating, and, also, the quality of the trips has risen steadily to a new level. Your volunteering to lead a trip, or to help, is the key to continued success!!

There is nothing set in stone, and each trip has its own particulars, but there are some basic things that should be done to ensure it meets B.U.F.F. standards. We are a family oriented flyfishing club and have a good reputation, and it is the responsibility of the coordinator to ensure we live up to our good name.

Remember - trip coordinator is not a terribly hard job, but it will take a commitment and some time by the coordinator. As a general rule, the more you put in, the more you get out. If you are interested in running a trip, please contact the trip director, Joe Guenther (724-6343).

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A Few More For the Road

Joe Guenther

Hey folks, we are at the half way point in the year. The first half was a great success, and we have some more great trips planned for the rest of the year.

The Northern Ohio trip with Chris Helm and fishing at the Rockwell Trout Club was educational, lots of fun, and a great opportunity for the members who attended. It was real cool hanging out with Wayne and Glenn, of the Glenn River Fly Company.

Randy Clark and Jeff McElvray did a superb job on the spring Nantahala trip. These guys covered all of the bases, and it made for one heck of a good trip. All of the fish stories weren't just stories - I saw the pictures! Wow! Those were some big fish. Great job! Thanks guys from everyone that went on this trip.

Bob Goldsberry also ran a trip to West Virginia to float the New River. This was a limited, small group, but the lucky anglers that got to go on this trip all had a great time, as usual.

In June we had our annual flyfishing campout at the Forks of the Elkhorn. Don Hogue coordinated this trip and did an outstanding job. We had a large turnout even though the river was a little high at first - everyone still had success!! Don handled it all as smooth as silk, and, a good time was had by all.

Now for the bad news. I put a plea out for help on the Cumberland trip but could not get any help in time to pull that trip off - so we had to cancel. What a shame, too, because this is one of the best tail water fisheries east of the Mississippi, and only 3 1/2 hours away from us. We had a pretty good amount of interest shown for this trip, but, only a week before the trip was supposed to happen, and that just isn't enough time. I've talked to a several club members and they said that they would possibly coordinate the trip next year. Let's hope so, as this is a great trip, and I was sorry to have to cancel.

We also had to cancel the Central Pennsylvania trip with Joe Humphries and Greg Hoover, because of extreme flood conditions. Boy, was the gang disappointed over this one, myself included! I hope to schedule this again (with more success).

On to the second half of the year!! Lets really get fired up about the trips that we have planned!

The fall salmon trip to Michigan is booked and in the stages of final planning. This is one of our most popular trips. We are looking forward to hooking up with some big fish this year, and having a great time. I can't wait! I will be contacting club members going on this trip, soon, to set up a trip overview meeting.

Next, we have the Fall Nantahala trout trip. This trip takes second fiddle to no other trip on the calendar. Fall time in the Smokeys is a spectacular sight especially when there is a fish on the end of your line. John Doscher and Wayne Fisher will be running this trip. Look for an upcoming article in the BUFFER about this trip.

Last, but by far not least, we have a November date set for Arkansas fly fishing on the Little Red River. Trip attendees will be staying at the Anderson House, and accommodations and food should be wonderful. The fishing should be excellent, as this is where the world record brown trout was caught. November is spawning time, and this could be magic. The coordinator for this trip is Patti Howell. Look for an upcoming article from Patti on this trip.

It's been a great first half and I'm looking forward to an even better second half. I hope members participate and enjoy these splendid opportunities!! Regards, from your Trips Director, Joe Guenther, (723-6343). ♦

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THE EDUCATION CORNER

Lou Haynes

The Education area has been busy this past month.

Hamilton County Parks Volunteers Fishing Tournament at Lake Isabella:

Jackie Hibberd, the volunteer coordinator for the park district, asked our club if we would be interested in presenting a fly-fishing 101 seminar following their fishing tournament weigh-in Tuesday evening July 16th. Bob Goldsberry kindly volunteered to lead the program. Dave Uckotter and Dave Jones were there to keep Bob on track. Attendance was light but participants were eager to learn. Thanks to Bob, Dave and Dave.

Fly-Fishing Workshop at Nisbet Park in Loveland:

This very successful program was co-hosted by Little Miami Inc. and BUFF. Marty Garges, the education director for Little Miami Inc., (she is

also a BUFF member), organized the event. 47 people attended; another 30 people were signed-up on a waiting list. Participants ranged in age from 10 to 70+. It was great to see several young people participate – both boys and girls.

BUFF conducted 4 classes covering equipment needs, casting instruction, fly tying and stream monitoring. The participants were split into 4 groups, which cycled through the 4 classes. All the attendees were eager to learn. Some brought their own fly rods. One elderly man brought a couple of old, made-in-England, bamboo rods he inherited from his father which he intended to try out. We advised him not to use them and to have them checked by a knowledgeable fly rod enthusiast for value. He thanked us for the advice and used our equipment instead.

Ms. Erica Solvig, a reporter for the Enquirer, covered the event. She wrote a nice article which appeared in the Metro Section of the Sunday Paper (July 21, page B3). Photos of the event were included.

Each Buffer I talked with thought the program was great and well worth their time. I expect our club will get a few new members from this event.

Thanks to the following Buffers who helped make this a great day:

- Equipment Needs: Jon Kennard and Dave Jones
- Fly Tiers: Hank Gilliam, Patti Howell, Janice Osterfeld, Ken West and Gary Cummins
- Casting: Joe Panfalone, Dave Uckotter, Frank Guenther, Joe Guenther, Bob Henry, Jim LeBlond and Mike Bryant
- Stream Monitoring: Bob Goldsberry, Jim Terlinden and Steve Lilly
- Program Coordinator: Marty Garges
- Lunch/Drinks: Jim and Mary Garges

New Member Fly-Fishing Manuals:

50 more manuals have been put together. Some slight changes were made to the previous addition. These included updating the BUFF calendar to reflect our new meeting site at Raffels and addition of an information page about BUFF. ♦



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THE BIG CATCH DOWN

. The sun's rays were unfolding, stretching Sunday, September 1, 2002, began just like most other days in BUFFville. The sun's rays were shaking the sleep out before they reached for the sky on the distant horizon. The sun had just peeked an eye up - it was time to start a new day. However, the surfaces of ponds, creeks, rivers and lakes were quaking with shimmering waves as they anticipated what was coming. The residents of BUFFville, - old, young, female, male, experienced and beginners - had surfaced early and were anxiously waiting. You may ask what makes this day different - why was everyone up and the waters so nervous?

At one end of Royal Wulff Boulevard stood the infamous **Wooly Bugger**. His sharp barb sparkled in the early morning sun; his steel beady eye stared down the boulevard at his arch nemesis. At the other end of the boulevard stood the wily **Squirrely Screamer**. His eye never once blinked as his bushy tail twitched back and forth with exuding confidence. They both prepared for the **BIG CATCH DOWN** by adjusting their tippets and knots; then each defiantly spat on the ground. Royal Wulff Boulevard lay cluttered with other upstart challengers who had dared to face either of these two.

In the waters around BUFFville all kinds of fish were having meetings to discuss with other fish how they had tried and failed to resist these two hombres. Another problem was how to warn their brothers and sisters across the America about these two desperadoes with their suggestive lures.

The town leaders of BUFFville had issued a decree that all residents must record the numbers of fish caught using either of these killer lures. The numbers will be posted on one of the two tote boards, one board is for the **Squirrely Screamer** and the other is for the Wooly Bugger. Only the number of trout, bass, crappie, bluegill, cats, carp and any other specie of fish that came under the spell of these seductive lures were to be recorded. Prince Nymph will validate and record the numbers at each BUFFville monthly meetings at the local eatery and watering hole Raffels.

All residents of BUFFville are urged to participate in the **BIG CATCH DOWN** or they must answer to the Royal Coachman or the Zug Bug.

Written and edited by Green Damsel and Sneaky Pete ♦

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week, but none as prolific as the caddis on the Yellowstone. Carpets of bugs could be scooped up on the river or seen hovering over trees and shrubs. We had three different Drift boats, but the best I can figure it, everyone lost count around 20 fish or so in just the first few hours!

If you are planning to go west this Summer/Fall, there is still plenty of action left as hopper season is just starting. I would be happy to share any information to help you with your trip. We are coordinating it all again in 2003 the first week in August.

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AUGUST

1 Thurs/7 pm – **Tie and Lie West**. General fly tying and story telling. Springdale Comm. Ctr.

15 Thurs / 7 pm - **lie and Tie East** at Hardee's in Batavia. General fly tying and story telling. Salmon flies for Michigan.

17 Sat /11 am - **BUFF Family Picnic. Pot Luck.** Stonelick Lake State Park

21 Wed / 7 pm - **BUFF Director's Meeting @ Perkins on Montgomery Road** Members encouraged to attend

SEPTEMBER

5 Thurs/7 pm - **Tie and Lie West**. General fly tying and story telling. Springdale Community Center.

11 Wed / 6 pm - **BUFF Monthly Meeting Raffel's** on Reading Rd.

18 Wed / 7 pm - **BUFF Director's Meeting @ Perkins** on Montgomery Rd. Members encouraged

19 Thurs / 7 pm - **Lie and Tie East** at Hardee's in Batavia. General fly tying and story telling.

24-26/Tues-Thur - **Fall Salmon Trip on the Pere Marquette**. Lodging at Barothy's. (Joe Guenther)

TBA - **Fly Fishing Show and Banquet Planning Meeting**

OCTOBER

3 Thurs / 7pm - **Tie and Lie West**. General fly tying and story telling. Springdale Community Center.

4,11,18,25 Fri/7-9 pm - **Advanced Fly Tying Class**. Learn tying techniques for drywet and streamers. Prerequisite: beginners class or equivalent. Madeira Municipal Bldg.

9 Wed / 6pm - **BUFF Monthly Meeting @ Raffel's** on Montgomery Rd. Nominations for officers,directors and Fly Fisher of the Year.

11-13 Fri-Sun - **Nantahala River Trout Trip** (John Doscher & Wayne Fisher)

16 Wed / 7pm - **BUFF Director's Meeting @ Perkins** on Montgomery Rd. Members encouraged to attend.

17 Thurs / 7-9pm - **Lie and Tie East** at Hardee's in Batavia. General fly tying and story telling.

2002 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.*

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Beginning Balance	\$11432
Deposits	
Interest	\$10
Membership	\$140
Raffle	\$47
Dinner	\$320
Books sale	\$72
Deposit Total	\$589
Expenses	
Treasurer Supplies	\$10
Postage	\$125
Clermont Co. Parks	\$50
Casting Class	\$140
July Dinner	\$364
July Raffle	\$36
Books Sold	\$72
Expenses Total	\$797
Available Checking	\$9000
Encumbered	
Conservation	\$827
CFRD Pres. Trip	\$535
Education Raffle	\$880
Total Encumbered	\$2242
Petty Cash	\$100
CD Savings	\$5000

NOVEMBER

2 Sat / 6pm – **NKFF Banquet**

7 Thurs/7 pm Tie and Lie West. General fly tying and story telling. Springdale Community Center.

8-10 Fri-Sun – **Fall Brow Trout Trip** on the Little Red River in Arkansas. (Patti Howell)

13 Wed / 6pm - **BUFF Monthly Meeting @ Raffel's** on Montgomery Rd.

17 Sun – **BUFF Calendar Meeting** (Dave Uckotter)

20 Wed / 7pm - **BUFF Director's Meeting @ Perkins** on Montgomery Rd. Members encouraged.

21 Thurs / 7-9pm - **Lie and Tie East** at Hardee's in Batavia. General fly tying and story telling.

DECEMBER

1 Sun – **GLC Fly Tying Expo** in Lansing Michigan (Tony Kalbli)

5 Thurs / 7 pm – **Tie and Lie West** General fly tying and story telling. Springdale Community Center.

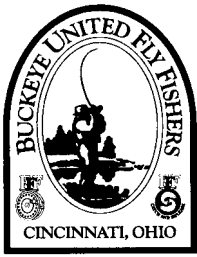
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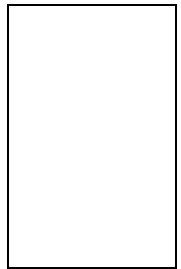


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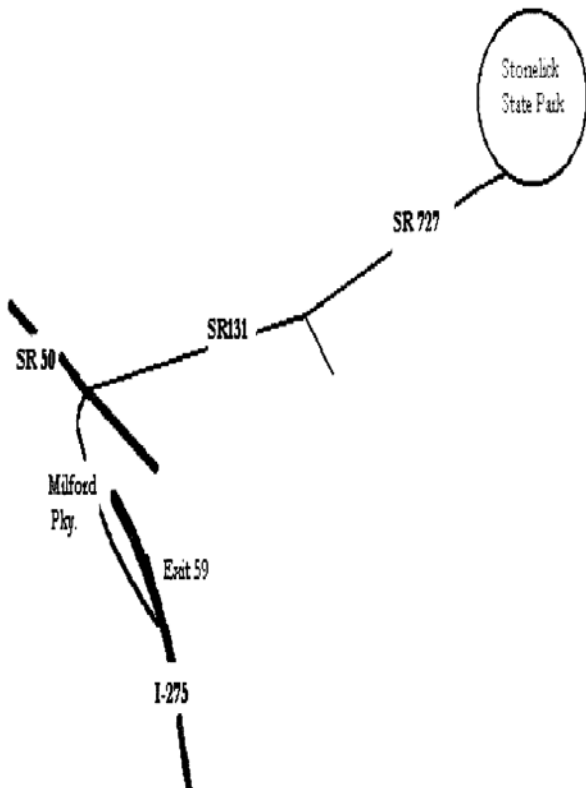
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Next Monthly Meeting – SATURDAY - AUGUST 17

CALL 732-0735 FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN 10 PM ON TUESDAY, 13 AUGUST. WE NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE AT THE PICNIC SO WE CAN BUY THE MEAT! RESERVATIONS ARE NEEDED - DON'T WAIT - CALL NOW!

Program: Summer Family Picnic



Directions: The B.U.F.F. Picnic will be held at Stonelick Lake State Park. From I-275, take the HILLSBORO Exit, (exit 59), westbound, to Milford Parkway. At the stoplight at SR 50, go straight ahead (becomes SR 131). Proceed to SR 727, (just past Smith Tractor and Implements). Turn left onto SR 727, and drive until you come to Stonelick Lake State Park. Turn onto Lake Drive at the park entrance, and go straight ahead - past the ranger station and across the intersection, and continue on, following the B.U.F.F. signs to the picnic area.