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President's Corner

Jim LeBlond

We need volunteers for the upcoming Hart's Sportshow (January 10 - 13), so be sure to call Jon Kennard or sign up at our next meeting to volunteer your time. It's a lot of fun and well worth your time.

We had a fabulous speaker last November. John Stewart mesmerized the crowd with pictures of the Cumberland River tailwaters. He showed us the various types of fishing scenarios you can expect on the river. He taught us some of the basic entomology of the river, and showed some tremendous bug slides. He recommended various patterns throughout the year and yes, he showed us some really big fish. The Cumberland is a treasure and it's not that far away. (PS - judging from my recent experience, your best bet for success is to at least fish this river the first time with an experienced guide.)

In November, we also gave away a great raffle prize. It was an 11 ft. complete outfit and we raised \$200 for our club and our conservation efforts. We had a good meal, and had a really great turnout. We had 54 people

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B.U.F.F. Fly Fishing Show and Cabin Fever Banquet Update

Mike Bryant

Just as sure as the temperatures start to dip and the signs of the holidays surround us, it's time to start thinking about the upcoming B.U.F.F. Fly Fishing Show and Cabin Fever Relief Banquet. Planning for these events has been underway for some time, and we believe we will have any great day planned for you. As in the past, the Fly Fishing Show will continue its focus on providing both BUFFer's and prospective new fly fishers timely information on the great sport of fly fishing. Our goal is to educate, inform and to have fun. During the show, we hope to showcase our club and all it has to offer, and familiarize attendees with available local, regional and national resources. To encourage attendance by fellow BUFFer's and new participants, we are keeping the same low price of admission as last, \$5 per person (advanced registration), \$7 at the door the day of the show, and children 12 and under are free. Make sure you bring your friends, family members, and especially kids to the show.

The Fly Fishing Show will be held at the Clarion Hotel (located at Pfeiffer Rd. and I-71). We have moved to the Clarion Hotel to accommodate larger crowds, allow

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December Meeting Program

At the December Meeting, Nate McGinnis will provide a presentation entitled "Recent Trends and New Equipment in the Fly Fishing Industry". Nate is a native of Michigan and has been the Orvis Regional Business Manager since 1998. We will have a special holiday meal catered by the Clarion Hotel. The cost is still only \$8/person. It's vital that you make reservations (read President's Column). Our raffle this month will be a Orvis Clearwater 5 wt., 2 piece Fly Rod. See you at the December Meeting!!

The Northeastern Ohio Steelhead Trip

Ed Stoffregen

After a few casts into a current that lead into a deep pool I felt a tug at the end of the line. With a quick twitch I pulled and the line pulled back. After pulling the rod downstream to insure a good hookup the fight was on. It was a nice sized Conneaut Creek steelhead. A few seconds later the steelhead surfaced and tried to shake the fly. Realizing I had hooked a fish and not a log I started walking the fish downstream, near deeper water. After a few minutes of playing the fish, back and forth from upstream to downstream, I finally had the steelhead close enough to net. But with one more burst of energy the fish took off across the creek heading slightly downstream. The drag on the fly reel held steady tension.

While I tried to gather more line, I wondered to myself rather or not the 5-pound tippet would hold. I had just tied on a two fly rig (tandem) before hooking the fish. Behind a size 16 "sucker spawn" fly was a small nymph/caddis that had been tied the night before. One of the learning experiences of fishing with fly tiers is that they usually like to share patterns. What a great way to pass time during the evening hours after fishing.

A few minutes of slowly working the fish back to shore closer to a waiting net the steelhead decided to retire. Pulling the fish into the net ended the battle. The steelhead was released a few minutes later, after pulling stubborn size 16-sucker spawn from its left jaw. The fish glimmered even in the early morning fog. With a push, it receded back to the currents it had come from.

Fishing the Conneaut Creek in northeastern Ohio during the November B.U.F.F. trip proved to be

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B.U.F.F. Fly Fishing Show Presenters

Mike Bryant

This is the first in a series of articles about the B.U.F.F. Fly Fishing Show presenters. This month we are highlighting Capt. Gregg Arnold from New Orleans, Louisiana. I've had the opportunity to fish with Gregg last April. He's a great guide and a gentleman. You will enjoy his presentation at the Show in February.

Flyfishing for Redfish and Tarpon – Gregg Arnold

Capt. Gregg Arnold will present a comprehensive look at saltwater flyfishing for redfish and tarpon. He will discuss all aspects of the shallow water fishing for Louisiana redfish, including equipment, tactics, techniques, and flies. The Louisiana marshes are filled with large redfish. You can enjoy the food, drink and entertainment of New Orleans in the evening while fishing for redfish during the day that's only a 40 minute drive from the French Quarters. What a combination! Gregg will also discuss flyfishing for tarpon in Carrabelle, Florida where he guides from May to August every year. Setting the hook and watching a 75 – 150 lb tarpon jump completely out of the water is one of the ultimate experiences in flyfishing. It isn't for the faint of heart. But if you are interested in learning more about saltwater flyfishing, this is the presentation to catch.

Gregg is US Coast Guard Captain and guide that fishes the Louisiana marshes year round.

Gregg Arnold started fly fishing at the age of eight in Tennessee. He was raised on the Lake Bedford, a 1200 acre state lake that holds largemouth bass, brim, crappie, and blue gill. His great uncle was manager of the lake and during the summers when Gregg stayed there he was taught how to fish

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Fish Are Falling From The Sky

(Staff writer Rick Steelhammer of the Charleston West Virginia Gazette wrote this article earlier this year. Thought the article would be of interest to Buffers - Lou Haynes)

Summersville--When the West Virginia Professional River Outfitters announce that it's time to fly fish on the Upper Gauley, don't grab your graphite rod and look for your waders. They're talking about airlifting trout into the roadless, four-mile stretch of the Gauley between Summersville Dam and the mouth of the Meadow River, where they have stocked by helicopter for the past 12 years.

On Thursday, 2,500 pounds of rainbow trout - mostly in the 16 inch, 1.5-pound range - were airdropped into the fabled whitewater stream by a chartered helicopter and a crew of volunteers. "A lot of people are looking for a wilderness fishing experience on a big river, and this section of the Gauley provides it," said Keven Yokum, a Division of Natural Resources biologist, after lading out a 150-pound payload of thrashing trout from a hatchery tanker.

"You've got to love that kind of fishing to do it," Said Scott Wilson, a teacher at Midland Trail High School, who plans to hit the Gauley Canyon three times a week, weather permitting, until Christmas. "A river this big and with this kind of wilderness is rare," said Wilson, who helped load and airdrop trout, along with his Travel West Virginia class. "For the next couple of weeks, you'll probably see quite a few people fishing this section. But after that, you'll see just a few, and a lot of time, have the river to yourself." Not only is the four-mile stretch of the Gauley below Summersville Dam roadless, it's virtually trail-less. One wellbeaten angler's trail extends about a half-mile downstream from the camping area at the base of the dam, but that's pretty much it.

"If you spend enough time out here," said Wilson, "you'll find some old, overgrown trails that look like they used to be old railroad grades," and some very rough access roads leading into the canyon. "Otherwise, fishing here involves a lot of boulder-hopping and crashing your way through laurel thickets and briers," he

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for dinner, and another ten or so just came for the show. But, we really need to get better at calling in the dinner reservations (we only had 34 call in). If you don't call in, you may not be able to eat in the future. We really want you to come, and we really want to have enough food on hand for everyone, so please help us out and call ahead. I would also like to recommend the parking lot directly behind the Clarion, you can always find a space. There is a side entrance that stays open until 7:00 pm that allows you easy entrance to the ballroom area.

We have some special entertainment on tap for the December meeting. One of our long time members will serenade us with some seasonal favorites. He plans to show us that he can still croon and cut a rug. We have worked with the Clarion to come up with a really special holiday meal, so be sure to let us know you're coming! This is your only chance to vote for next year's Officers, Board, and Fly Fisher of the Year. We'll be raffling off an Orvis outfit and our speaker will be Nate McGinnis.

January's program with Dick Walle and his soft hackle flies also promises to be outstanding. Steve Grooms, our program chair, should really be commended. He's done an outstanding job bringing in one fabulous speaker after another.

And by the way, if you haven't seen it yet -- you really need to ask Joe Guenther about his latest Mad River Blue Gill. I've heard of tailing a Salmon before but lately I think old Joe has been watching a little too much of the Crocodile Hunter. Joe's now grabbing things with teeth, something like a Piranha. No strike that, I guess it's exactly like a well fed Piranha in the Mad.

On behalf of B.U.F.F., I would like to thank Jerry Snider for his latest donation. He gave one of his custom

hand made Otter Creek bamboo rods. Mike Bryant proposed and the Board unanimously approved that we raffle this custom made treasure in a special raffle with all proceeds earmarked to the Dr. Jerry Snider Educational Fund. There will be a very limited number of tickets available, so be sure to get yours soon.

In closing, I want to remind you that it's not too early to buy your ticket for the upcoming B.U.F.F. Fly Fishing Show and Cabin Fever Relief Banquet. I know that this year times are tough. Donations are down, the economy is sluggish, and our raffle prize recruitment is more of a challenge than ever. In these challenging times, I would like to ask everyone this year to make a suitable donation towards this, our largest fund raising effort. Keep in mind, this is one of the best fishing escapes you'll find anytime anywhere. We have one of the best slate of speakers coming that I have ever seen. From Smallmouth to Steelhead, or from Redfish to Trout, you cannot miss this event! We've blown the dust out of our wallet and brought in the big guns. But we need for you to make this event a success. Show us that you like where we are headed. Buy your tickets now, sponsor one of our tables (\$50 each), bring your friends, and bring in a raffle prize or two for the Banquet. This single event makes or breaks our budget for the entire year. So be sure to book the last Saturday in February and I hope to see you there!

In closing, on behalf of the board and all the membership of B.U.F.F., I would like to wish you and your family a joyous and safe holiday season! ➔

Planning Meeting

The next B.U.F.F. Fly Fishing Show / Banquet Planning Meeting will be at Mike Bryant's house on Sunday, December 9, starting at 7:00pm. All help is welcome. For more information, call Mike at 793-6189 or email at mjbryant@email.com.

Opportunity Of A Lifetime!

Mike Bryant

Dr. Jerry Snider has graciously donated to B.U.F.F. a beautiful, handcrafted bamboo rod valued over \$1000. The bamboo rod is a 5 weight, 7 ft., 2 piece outfit that includes an extra tip. The rod comes complete with a metal rod tube. The rod will go to a lucky raffle winner picked at the B.U.F.F. Fly Fishing Show on Saturday, February 23, 2002. We will sell only 100 raffle tickets for \$20 each. This is your chance to own an incredibly beautiful bamboo rod. We will sell tickets at the December, January, and February B.U.F.F. monthly meetings. If tickets are still available, we will sell remaining tickets to the public at the B.U.F.F. Fly Fishing Show. Given the limited number of tickets available, I would not procrastinate on buying yours to insure your chance to win. Check out the rod at the December meeting, you'll quickly realize what an opportunity this is. All proceeds generated for the sale of raffle tickets will be set in a Dr. Jerry Snider Educational Foundation to be used in providing fly fishing educational opportunities for our members and the public.

January B.U.F.F. Meeting Preview

Steve Groome

Make sure to mark your calendars for January B.U.F.F. meeting (January 9). Dick Walle will be providing a program on soft hackles flies. This will include a tying session at 6:00pm (before dinner). There is no charge for the fly tying session, but you will need to sign up at the December meeting (or call Steve Groome at 683-5601).

Clarion Hotel Reservations

If you and your guests need overnight arrangements for the Show / Banquet, you are entitled to a special discounted rate on overnight accommodations at the Clarion. Simply identify yourself as attending the "B.U.F.F. Sportshow" when you call to make reservations. Please contact the Clarion at (513) 793-4500 to make your reservations:

Single	Double	Triple	Quad
\$69	\$74	\$79	\$84

Note: Room Rates subject to change and availability and price quoted does not include tax. (Also, please be sure to let us know you are staying at the Clarion. For every ten rooms rented for the Fly Fishing Show/Banquet, B.U.F.F. receives one free. We have four speakers that will be staying for two nights each. So this can really help us out if we take advantage of it.)

Pulling Together

Joe Guenther

We urgently need the help and support of all B.U.F.F. members to make the upcoming B.U.F.F. Fly Fishing Show and Cabin Fever Relief Banquet a success. As you know, plans are well underway and we need to discuss some facts and figures that you may not be aware of. The Fly Fishing Show and Banquet is B.U.F.F.'s major fundraiser of the year. Both require a significant amount of money and effort. In order to advertise the Fly Fishing Show, brochures will need to be printed and the website updated. Advertising expenses combined with the costs of our guest speakers and prizes to be given away at the Banquet are very costly. This year's Show/Banquet will cost even more than last year, and we **need** B.U.F.F. member support to make this event another success. We

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B.U.F.F. Fly Fishing Sports Show, Cabin Fever Relief Banquet and Fly Tying Clinic

REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Registrant (s) _____

Phone: _____

Fly Fishing Sports Show (prepaid)	\$ 5.00 ea. X _____	= \$ _____
Banquet (Thru January 9 th) EARLY BIRD!!	\$25.00 ea. X _____	= \$ _____
Banquet (After January 9 th)	\$30.00 ea. X _____	= \$ _____
Banquet (Kids 12 & under)	\$15.00 ea X _____	= \$ _____
Fly Tying Clinic #1 (day of Sports Show)	\$25.00 ea. X _____	= \$ _____
Fly Tying Clinic #2 (day of Sports Show)	\$25.00 ea. X _____	= \$ _____
TOTAL		\$ _____

Cash Donation for the Cabin Fever Relief Banquet: \$ _____

Are you planning to stay at the Clarion Hotel? Yes _____ No _____

Do you want to sponsor a table at the Cabin Fever Relief Banquet for \$50? Yes _____ No _____

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for more exhibitors and provide a more central location. The date is again the last Saturday in February (February 23, 2002). Hours for the Fly Fishing Show will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This year's event will feature four excellent speakers covering a wide variety of fly fishing topics – fishing the Louisiana marshes for red fish, flyrodding for bass, steelheading, and fishing for Virginia trout. The famed Dave Whitlock will be our keynote speaker. In addition, LeRoy Hyatt of the PBS fly tying series "Fly Tying: The Angler's Art" will be presenting and conducting the fly tying seminars. In addition to the four presentations, there will be numerous exhibits, vendors and demonstrations available throughout the day. We plan to have new exhibitors as well as old favorites.

The Cabin Fever Relief Banquet will start at 6:00 p.m. Dave Whitlock will be our featured speaker, presenting his program "New Zealand – Fly Fishing, Sightseeing, Forests & Flowers", a colorful slide show depicting one of their favorite

fly fishing destinations: New Zealand. Dave will reveal not only the spectacular trout fishing, but it's incredible beautiful scenery, trees and flowers. It should prove to be an interesting presentation for everyone, including non-fishers and children. In addition to Dave's presentation, the evening's activities will include installation of the newly elected B.U.F.F. Board, announcement and presentation of the B.U.F.F. Fly Fisher of the Year award, as well as the drawing for the "Early Bird" raffle prizes. Remember, to be eligible for the Early Prizes, we must have your registration and money by the close of the January 9, 2002 B.U.F.F. Monthly Meeting. In addition to the Early Bird raffle, there will be a silent auction, card raffles, general raffles and finally the Grand Raffle. This year's Grand Raffle prizes include some truly great items including a Orvis Trident 5 wt, 9 ft. fly rod and a 10 ft. Trout Trap pontoon boat. Remember, the Banquet is our major fundraiser. Please consider a donation in support of B.U.F.F.

The cost for this super banquet

remains unchanged from last year at \$25 /person (Early Bird advanced registration) or \$30 per person after January 9, 2002. Children 12 and under are only \$15. Registration includes dinner, Dave Whitlock's presentation and raffle tickets. ➔

B.U.F.F. Fly Fishing Show Exhibitors

Mike Bryant

As Chairman of the B.U.F.F. Fly Fishing Show, I'm always searching for new ideas, presentations, and exhibitors to bring to the next Show. We've had exhibitors from Michigan, Wyoming, West Virginia and Louisiana, to name a few locations. One of the best sources of new and interesting fly fishing exhibitors comes from tips from folks like you, fellow B.U.F.F. members. If you have had a good experience with a guide, outfitter or other individuals / companies associated with fly fishing, I would like to extend them an invitation to the next Fly Fishing Show in February. You can call me at 793-6189, or email (mjbryant@email.com). I would appreciate any information you can forward, including a name, phone number and / or email.

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appreciate all the help and support of B.U.F.F. members in the past in helping to make this annual event a success. But, last year only 15% of our membership donated for the event. We need to see that percentage increase, and we need more membership donations to ensure another great banquet. The annual \$25 membership fee only covers the cost of the monthly newsletter and does not cover other expenses. As you know, B.U.F.F. is active in conservation efforts and donates money to support local and national efforts. We work with the Boy Scouts and intercity handicap children. We provide fly casting and fly tying classes, monthly speakers, and other activities for our members. We need donations from our members for continued success. If you ask yourself, "What can I donate?" It's very easy, donate something that you would like to win back yourself. All donations are welcome!! Please do what you can. You can contribute in many ways, with cash donations or gifts, your time or efforts or corporate/business sponsorship of the event. We need the club support to make sure we have prizes for our members to win. Donations from the fly fishing industry/businesses will be smaller this year due to the current economic recession. Bring donations to the December, January, or February meetings. You can also contact Joe Guenther for banquet donations, at 724-6343. If you would like to send a cash donation, contact Louise Goldsberry at 732-0735. If you own a company or know someone that does, and would like to sponsor a B.U.F.F. table for a modest advertising fee, contact Jim LeBlond, at 561-8957. Please help us in our efforts and remember to support your local fly shop. ➡

HELP - TYERS & TALKERS NEEDED - HELP

Jonathan Kennard

Volunteers are needed to staff the B.U.F.F. booth at the HART Hunting & Fishing Show on January 10 - 13. This is a great chance to tell the public about the many things that B.U.F.F. has to offer - including the upcoming Fly Fishing Show. We plan to have fly tying demonstrations, basic casting demonstrations, and lots of tall story telling. A sign-up sheet will be available at the December B.U.F.F. meeting, so clear your schedule and volunteer to work at least one of the available shifts. Incidentally, you will get free admission to the show on the day that you work in the booth. For more information, call Jonathan Kennard (513-732-1799). Thanks for your support. ➡

Wind Shear!

Bill Riehle

Sunday, November 18, was the second of many just recently scheduled habitat work days on the Mad. A 1000 ft. section north of the County Line Bridge had an estimated 150 good sized trees blown over. Most of the west side trees are now laying in the water skewed slightly downstream collecting debris and scarfing out some deep holes. We are now removing the majority of these to open up the river but many will be cabled to the bank to provide semi-permanent habitat. There will be a rise in temperature along this section but the new habitat will provide cover in a portion of the river that has been coverless water. As always, for in depth Mad River fishing reports and scheduled work times see the TU site, <http://tumadmen.home.att.net/index.html>. ➡

Nantahala River Trout Magic - Spring 2002

Randy Clark

Mark your calendars and make plans now for May 3-5, 2002 (Friday - Sunday). This has been one of the more popular B.U.F.F. trips and this trip, if anything like previous ones will again be great. It will be Magic. The river is beautiful; it has been said to be the perfect trout stream. The cold clear water has riffles, runs, rapids and pockets. The scenery this time of year will be absolutely breathtaking. The town of Bryson City has a special charm and the people of this area are the friendliest you will ever find. And you are guaranteed to catch trout. This will be a great trip for experience fly fishers and perfect for beginners. More information will be available in future issues of The BUFFER and at club meetings. Trip Coordinators: Randy Clark, 513-741-8273 & Jeff McElravy, 513-221-2298. ➡

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a scenic, challenging and interesting trip. Conneaut, a small town that is literally in the northeastern corner of Ohio, is the last town you will come to before crossing the Ohio/Pennsylvania border. Rumor has that Conneaut was once a major railroad town, the Railroad museum located in Conneaut may attest to this. The majority of Conneaut Creek's tributaries are in Pennsylvania. Although, a greater portion of the water is in PA, the good steelhead fishing takes places downstream in Ohio. In addition to the fishing opportunities, northeastern Ohio has many sites to see. This section of Ohio is considered wine country by Ohio standards. Along the roads that service the outlying areas around Conneaut Creek you can find vineyards and wineries. While fishing different sections of the Conneaut Creek we passed a few vineyards-a unique experience for fishing in Ohio.

Conneaut Creek, home to 3 covered bridges takes you back to simple times when dirt roads were the way of life. A surprise to those of us fishing was that getting from different spots along the creek involved taking old, sometimes unmarked roads. However, the roads seem well maintained and surprisingly less bumpy than most asphalt covered roads. Conneaut Creek itself is fairly shallow creek and has an average width of 40-45 feet. The structure of creek is unique with shale and clay making up the bottom and sides of the creek. Most fish holding structures with sharp drop offs, two-to-three feet deep, hold steelhead in the winter and smallmouth in the summer. During the club outing the creek was very clear, looking much like a trout stream. This especially makes for challenging fishing because the fish are aware of you fishing near them. But with the creek's clarity you can also spot fish from overhead.

With the scenery, covered bridges, vineyards and unique towns, the Conneaut area makes for a great club outing. This area of the state has other good steel heading waters nearby, such as the Grand and Chagrin River. Though the fishing is challenging, the potential to catch big steelhead make its well worth it. Rumor is a 22 lb. steelhead was caught last winter by a local fly fishing guide. Mark you calendars for the next Northeastern Ohio steelhead trip in March. ➔

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with all types of fishing gear. Later Gregg attended Murray State University in Murray, Ky. and fished the Kentucky Lake area for five years. After that he moved to Arkansas and fished the Little Red and White Rivers. Later, after many trips to Florida and Caribbean he moved to Ft. Myers and developed his saltwater fly fishing skills. He moved to Louisiana over 10 years ago, which Gregg believes is truly a Sportsman's Paradise with it's offshore, marsh, and freshwater fisheries year round. ➔

11/2000 B.U.F.F. Financial Report

Beginning Balance	\$4782
<u>DEPOSITS</u>	
CFRD Deposit	\$30
Membership	\$125
Monthly Dinner	\$418
CD Interest	\$102
Bank Interest	\$4
Raffle	\$420
Deposit Total	\$1099
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Hart Show	\$45
Website	\$265
Nov-Dec Raffle Prizes	\$440
Postage	\$204
Cards	\$6
Monthly Dinner	\$400
Expense Total	\$1360
Available Checking	\$3652
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Conservation	\$770
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Savings CD	\$5000

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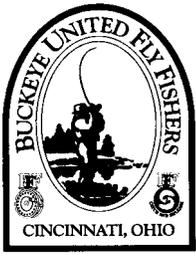
said. But the odds for limiting out and catching the occasional trout in the 20-inch range aren't bad for those who make the effort, he said.

The canyon below the dam is part of the Gauley River National Recreation Area, administered by the National Park Service. Wilson and Yokum say there's good evidence that many of the trout are carrying over, providing angling possibilities into the summer in the canyon's many deep holes. Wilson said the fishing's best when stream flows are the lowest-ideally with releases of between 200 and 600 cubic feet per second from Summersville Dam.

The trout used in Thursday's stocking came from Indian Lake Fisheries of Elkview. The helicopter stocking, which involves at least two dozen flights from a parking lot on the canyon rim through the length of the four-mile stretch of river, has become something of a sightseeing attraction. Scores of people watched the operation unfold from the top of the dam, and from the parking area at its base. Dozens of anglers lined the easier-to-reach pools near the lower parking, looking skyward as the helicopter approached. The annual helicopter stocking, usually made during the last week of October, is financed by the outfitters in order to compensate anglers for the annual loss of two fall stockings to accommodate the Gauley's commercial whitewater season. ➔

DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 4 Tues / 7pm - Tie & Lie West
General fly tying and story telling session. Springdale Community Center
- 9 Sun/7pm - BUFF Fly Fishing Show/Banquet Planning Meeting
(Mike Bryant)
- 12 Wed/6pm - @ Clarion Hotel (Pfeiffer Rd. and I-71 - Officer Elections, Fly Fisher of the Year Elections, Finalize Conservation Donations
- 19 Wed/7pm - BUFF Director's Meeting @ Clarion Hotel (Pfeiffer Rd. and I-71. Members encouraged to attend.
- 20 Thurs/6:30pm -Tie & Lie East.
General fly tying and story telling session. Hardee's Restaurant, Batavia (Bob Goldsberry)

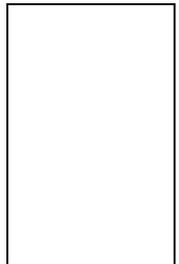


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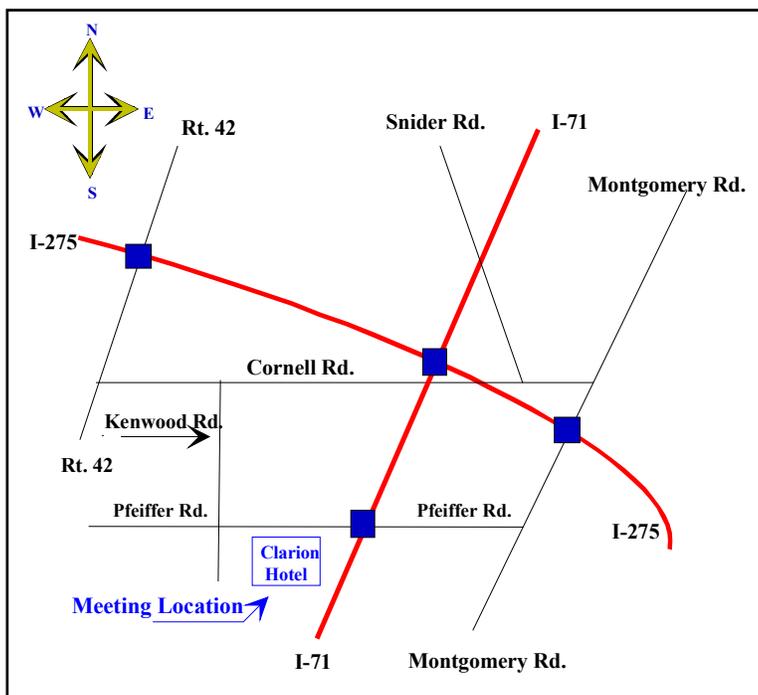


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Next Monthly Meeting – WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 12

CALL 732-0735 FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN 10 PM OF THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING. DINNERS ARE \$8.00 / PERSON FOR A CATERED MEAL. RESERVATIONS ARE NEEDED - DON'T WAIT - CALL NOW!



Program: Nate McGinnis will provide a presentation entitled “Recent Trends and New Equipment in the Fly Fishing Industry”.

Directions: The November B.U.F.F. Meeting will be held at the Clarion Hotel located on Pfeiffer Road. From I-71, take Exit 15. The Clarion Hotel is located just west of the interstate highway.