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## Notes from the President

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We're into 2019 and the fly show is around the corner. Preparations are being finalized. The fly show team is in a frenzy of activity. It's a good thing that most of them are retired as this takes a lot of time to make it happen. It's really nice to see we have people dedicated to the show. The club gets a bit of funding for operations and a lot of notoriety in the fly fishing industry from the show. The vendors love it. We have a team that helps them load in and load out. That is unheard of elsewhere. We get around 800 visitors which is quite the draw for a one day show.

Even with this going on the usual club business needs to get done. We have a great lineup of trips so far this year. I understand one of them is already full. If you are interested and the trip is full put your name on the list anyway. People drop out for one thing or another. If you have a place that you think would be a great trip let Steve Bailey know. We can all work together to find a way to do it. Consider being the trip leader; it really doesn't take that much time. I am working out the agenda for several springtime urban fishing local trips and a musky weekend at Caesar Creek. Hopefully the weather will cooperate a little better this year.

As you know I usually tie large flies, but I've been heading in a different direction lately. There was an article on a one feather fly that intrigued me. They looked simple, were buggy, and should not take much time to tie. After a lot of attempts at tying one I finally came up with one I liked. I tried all sorts of feathers and wound up settling on using mallard flank. It's really inexpensive (cheap!), and you can get it several colors. There's also tinsel, your color choice. I wound up using a Gamagotsu salmon hook size 8. The dubbing is Krappish from Fly Tiers Dungeon. This could be tied in many different colors and sizes depending on where and what you are fishing for. The best part, it takes 2 minutes to tie. My point with this is that don't put yourself in a box. It's a big sport that allows you to try things. If you feel



you have a better way try it. Do it. Be open to new things. After all, I don't think this stuff is written in stone.

Jim Vota

El Presidente

## February Meeting – Program

The February meeting is Wednesday February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Registration on the BUFF website is open through February 10<sup>th</sup>.

### February Speaker – Tom Cross, Executive Director, Adams County Travel and Visitors Bureau

#### “Destination: Adams County”

Tom is the Executive Director of the Adams County Travel and Visitors Bureau, and the outdoor columnist for the Adams County newspaper, ‘The Peoples Defender’. He is an avid fisherman, as well as a writer. His writings and photos have also appeared in national publications, including Outdoor Life, Field & Stream, and North America Whitetail, and Tom is a frequent guest on various outdoor radio programs. Tom has won numerous awards for both his writing and fishing skills.



In addition, Tom is the author of “Fishing Ohio”. “Fishing Ohio” is a comprehensive guide providing fishing information for every public lake and stream in the state and provides detailed information on fish populations, angling tips, and useful advice for fishing the different locations. We are hoping he will bring some copies to sell!

Adams County is a wonderful place to visit for fishing and for learning more about southwest Ohio heritage. Adams County is located just over an hour east of Cincinnati by way of The Appalachian Highway (OH 32) or OH 125. Tom will tell us about several of the Adams County streams to fish, i.e., Brush Creek and Eagle Creek. There are a number of stream access points that will be covered. Also, Adams County has some lakes that can and should be fished on your trip.

While in Adams County you will want to keep an eye out for barns with quilt designs painted on them. This is where the Ohio Quilt Trail was started. If you like to hike, Buzzard Roost Hiking Trail, (about 4.5 miles long and part of the Edge of Appalachia Preserve) is a great way to see spectacular scenery. Finally, don't forget to save time to visit Serpent Mound. It was first described in 1848 and is the largest

serpentine effigy mound in the United States. All of this will require more than one day to enjoy Adams County. Motels and campgrounds can make this into a two or three day event.



## February Dinner Menu

Caesar Salad

Bean Soup (*this year we are promised soup bowls by the caterer!*)

Corn Bread and butter

Pot Roast with Potatoes and Carrots

Vegetable Medley

Dessert – Chocolate Chip Cookies

## New Wildlife Area Coming to SW Ohio

By Tom Bachev ([h2oguy@fuse.net](mailto:h2oguy@fuse.net))

Recently in local news we have seen some information regarding the establishment of a new state wildlife area in SW Ohio. In December 2018, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) announced the purchase of over 1800 acres of land in Brown County for the purpose of developing a new state wildlife area which will be known as 'Eagle Creek Wildlife Area'. Eagle Creek will be Ohio's 152<sup>nd</sup> wildlife area, and will provide hunting, fishing, trapping and wildlife viewing opportunities.

The purchase, which cost approximately \$4.1 million, was funded by the Land and Water Conservation Fund, the Wildlife Diversity Fund, and the Ohio Department of Transportation. The land was purchased from the Robert Perin family. The ODNR Division of Wildlife has worked for years with the Perin's to acquire the property, which is near Ripley, OH off of US Route 68. The initial purchase includes approximately 1,825 acres. An additional purchase of approximately 474 acres is planned for this year, establishing a total area of almost 2,300 contiguous acres.



The property will not be open to the public until fall of 2019. The ODNR will be posting the boundaries, installing a parking area, developing a map, and listing the area in the Ohio Administrative Code as a public area prior to its being opened for use.

The ODNR website at [www.ohiodnr.gov](http://www.ohiodnr.gov) is a great source of more information on wildlife and recreation areas in the state, and its various programs.

## Tim's Winter Casting Clinic – A Great Afternoon

By Ken Mandel ([kengmandel@gmail.com](mailto:kengmandel@gmail.com))

On Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, Tim Williamson led a clinic on casting techniques at the Springdale Community Center. Practicing casting indoors on a chilly winter day was a great way to hone our casting techniques. Several BUFF members attended and we had a great session working on several casting techniques, primarily variations on roll casts. Tim also provided a demonstration on the proper technique one should use to get a fly stuck in a tree branch free. It did work!!

On behalf of all of us who participated, I want to thank Tim for an excellent program which he put together on quite short notice. I also want to encourage fellow BUFFERS to take advantage of various



opportunities that the club and Tim offer to work on casting and other techniques. These are great opportunities to work on, and improve one's skills.

## Banquet Update

By Bryan Tudor ([bryan.tudor@yahoo.com](mailto:bryan.tudor@yahoo.com))

Our annual banquet is fast approaching! It's a great time to get together and enjoy a pleasant meal, socializing, and have fun bidding on various prizes. There will be chances to win trips and prizes via general raffle, grand raffle and silent auction. The prizes include both fly fishing-related and other items and activities, so the banquet is a fun occasion for anglers and non-anglers alike. The Banquet is also the occasion where we recognize members who in the past year made significant contributions to BUFF, as well as all who volunteered in supporting our 2018 activities.

The banquet is our only fundraiser which allows us to provide various activities such as: Project Healing Waters, Casting for Recovery, fishing with kids at Parky's Farm in Winton Woods, and tying flies with veterans at the VA Hospital.

**The banquet will be Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 6 – 9 PM at the Ronald Reagan Lodge in Voice of America Park.**



Raffle items at 2018 Banquet



2018 Banquet

*As a reminder, the banquet is in lieu of our regular March meeting, so there is no regular meeting in March. Also, attending the banquet does require preregistration for the meal as we need to notify the caterer of the number of attendees the week prior. Deadline for registration is March 6<sup>th</sup>.*

Tickets are \$35 per person which includes appetizers, dinner, and dessert; there will be a cash bar. Grand Raffle Tickets are \$10 each, and General Raffle Tickets are \$5 each. Registration for the meal and purchase of raffle tickets is through the BUFF Website. Just click on the 2019 BUFF Banquet icon on the main page of the website to get to the registration page. Please go online to R.S.V.P.

Look forward to seeing you there!

# Women's Spring Trip – April 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>

## Clear Fork Branch of the Mohican River

By Cari Vota ([vota@zoomtown.com](mailto:vota@zoomtown.com))

BUFF's Women's Spring fly fishing trip to the Clear Fork is scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. Nestled half way between Cleveland and Columbus, it is a 3 to 3.5 hour drive from Cincinnati or about 1 to 1.5 hours from the Cleveland area; an easy drive after work. We have a VRBO house reserved near the State Park for 3-nights for 2-full days of fishing. The fully furnished house sleeps 12.

The Clear Fork River is only one of a few rivers in the state that is cool enough to maintain a trout population all year around. Brown trout are taken using wet or dry flies, or using nymphs and streamers. Bass, crappie, bluegill, carp, and saugeye are readily caught in the river as well, with an occasional muskie falling prey to some unexpected fisherman. Hiking trails lead up and down the stream, making every pool available to fishers willing to hike. You can also drive up stream and park for access closer to the Pleasant Hill Dam and Covered Bridge.

Ladies, consider joining us on the Spring Trip not far from home. Sign up for this trip will be available soon on the BUFF website. Can't come for the entire time? Come for the day or just the afternoon! And meet some awesome women fly fishers from all over Ohio.

Feel free to contact Cari Vota if you have questions or need more information.



Cast of Characters from the 2018 Spring Trip

# Fly of the Month – The Murdich Minnow

By Ken Mandel ([kengmandel@gmail.com](mailto:kengmandel@gmail.com))



The Murdich Minnow was created by Bill Murdich for Umpqua. It was originally designed as a saltwater fly, but as tied here is an excellent streamer fly for a variety of river and lake freshwater species, including smallmouth, striped and largemouth bass, pike, bluegill, and even trout. A few weeks back, we tied this fly with Project Healing Waters at the VA Medical Center. Jerry Schatzman instructed us on the tying materials and procedure.

Instructions for the fly are in the Ultimate Fly Box page on the BUFF website. There are also several videos available which provide good step-by-step instruction. One from Hammer Creek Fly Fishing is quite helpful (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xAAb3JNVR4o>) I've used image clips from this video in the description that follows.

## Materials:

- Hook: Size 2 – 10 Bass Bug hook (i.e., Galmakatsu B10S Stinger – this is the hook we used at the VA)
- Thread: 6-0 or 140 Denier or GSP thread.
- Tail: White buck tail
- Flash: Pearl and Silver Flashabou
- Body: White EP Fiber; Pearl Crystal Chenille (or Cactus Chenille)

## Tying Instructions:

1. Debarb and secure hook in vise. Start thread about 1/3 back along hook shank and wrap to between the tip of the hook and the end of the barb. This will be tie in point for tail, flash, and EP fiber body.

2. Tail is formed from white buck tail. Cut a clump to allow tying a tail that is about 2 – 2 ½ times the length of the hook shank. The hair is not evened up using a stacker, as you want the natural lengths of the tail fibers. Hold the fibers at about the 2/3 point and comb out short fibers from the base. Position the buck tail on top of the hook shank with some thread turns. Keep the fibers on top of the hook shank. Trim the excess fibers at an angle (shown in image) and finish tying in the tail material with tight thread wraps. Wrap thread back to about the original tie-in point.



3. This step ties in two flash materials to lie over, and extend beyond the ends of the buck tail.

The first material is a pearl flashabou. Tie in several strands, trimmed so ends are even, on top of the hook shank extending out over, and just a bit longer than the buck tail. Trim excess which extend on the hook shank toward the hook eye. Bring thread wraps back to near initial tie-in point



The second layer of flash is a silver flashabou. Again use several strands tied in as above. The silver flashabou should extend over the tail to the same length or a bit longer than the pearl flashabou. Also, you need to have sufficient length so that the other end of the silver flashabou extends out over the hook eye by about 1 – 1 ½ lengths of the hook shank. This will be folded back later and trimmed to form a fin. Tie in on top of hook shank with thread wraps and bring thread back to original tie-in point.



Hammer Creek used pearl crystal flash instead of the pearl flashabou. I've tied the fly both ways, and the results are quite similar.

4. Tie in a piece of white EP Fiber, about 1" long along the near side of the hook shank using a few thread wraps. The fiber should extend back, just past the bend of the hook. Repeat with a second piece of EP fiber on the far side of the hook shank. This provide some bulk simulating the body, and also provides buoyancy to the fly.





5. Next step is to form a small fin from the silver flashabou extending out over the hook. Fold the silver flashabou back and tie in on top of hook shank where the EP fiber pieces are tied in. Trim the flashabou so it extend back to about the same distance as the EP fibers. This forms a small fin above the hook shank.
6. Cut away the excess EP fiber which extends in front of the tie-in area. Tie in the butt sections with thread wraps to lock in the EP material.



7. The main body is formed from white or pearl crystal or cactus chenille. Tie in at same tie-in point for the EP fiber. Wrap thread forward to behind the eye. Wrap chenille in tight adjacent wraps for form the body and head of the fly. Stroke the chenille fibers back with each wrap to help build the body. Tie off behind the eye with a whip finish. Cut off the thread.



8. Add a bit of contrast color to the top of the fly. Use a grey Sharpie to color the top of the body/head to the fin area.
9. Final bit is to add eyes on either side of the head. 1/4" Eyes work well for this size of fly. Trim a bit of the chenille fibers on side of head where eyes will be positioned. The glue needs to be a gel-like material that will adhere to both the eye and the chenille and lock it in firmly. The recipe in the BUFF description used Zap-Gel. One can also use epoxy-type glue or any other adhesive that works for you.

## Upcoming BUFF Activities

**Please check the BUFF Website for availability and details, or  
contact the trip or activity coordinator**

<u>Trip/Activity &amp; Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Trip /Activity Coordinator</u>
Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show Oasis Conference Center, Loveland, OH	Saturday, February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
Intermediate Fly Tying Class Springdale Community Ctr Springdale, OH	Tuesdays, February 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> , and March 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , & 19 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 - 8:30 PM	Jim Neckers 513-863-3844 <a href="mailto:jimneckers@gmail.com">jimneckers@gmail.com</a>

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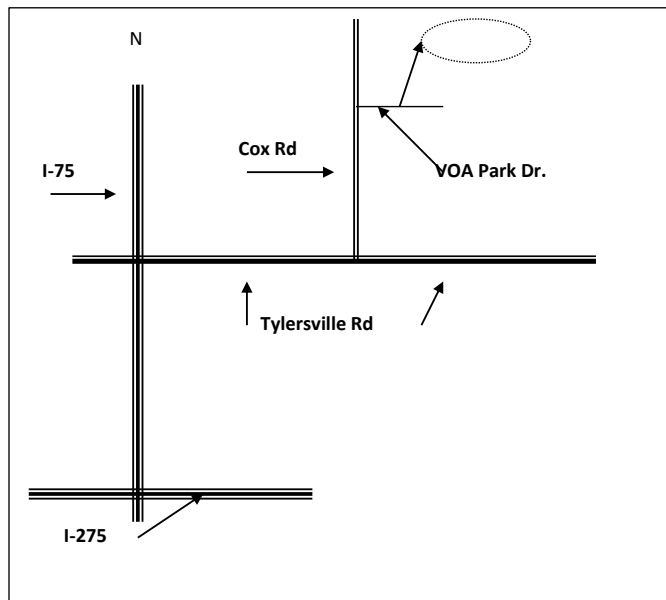
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Tie & Lie Springdale Community Ctr Springdale, OH	Friday, Feb 15 <sup>th</sup> & Friday March 15 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 9:00 PM	Gary Begley 513-932-4205 <a href="mailto:loopdude1@hotmail.com">loopdude1@hotmail.com</a>
Fly Fishing 101 Class Springdale Community Ctr Springdale, OH	Mondays, March 4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , and 25 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 – 9:00 PM	Tim Williamson 513-255-6986 <a href="mailto:willitk@yahoo.com">willitk@yahoo.com</a>
<b>BUFF Banquet</b> <b>VOA Park</b>	<b>Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup></b> <b>6:00 – 9:00 PM</b>	Bryan Tudor 513-827-5437 <a href="mailto:bryan.tudor@yahoo.com">bryan.tudor@yahoo.com</a>
Spring Steelhead Trip Cleveland Area	Thursday April 4 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday April 7 <sup>th</sup> (3 nights)	Hugh O'Donnell 513-200-7869 <a href="mailto:odonnellhj@gmail.com">odonnellhj@gmail.com</a>
Bass Fishing on Whitewater River East Fork Whitewater River, IN	Daytrips - Monday April 22 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday, April 25 <sup>th</sup> <i>(this outing is for new club members)</i> Saturday, April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Gustafson 513-289-5250 <a href="mailto:j.r.gustafson@att.net">j.r.gustafson@att.net</a>
Women's Spring Trip Clear Fork River Gorge Mohican State Park, OH	Thursday, April 25 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday, April 28 <sup>th</sup>	Cari Vota 513-476-7112 <a href="mailto:vota@zoomtown.com">vota@zoomtown.com</a>
Spring NC Trout Quest Bryson City, NC	Wednesday, May 1 <sup>st</sup> – Sunday, May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Redmond 937-554-2371 <a href="mailto:redmond.michael.l@gmail.com">redmond.michael.l@gmail.com</a>  Jim Neckers 513-254-7901 <a href="mailto:jimneckers@gmail.com">jimneckers@gmail.com</a>
Sunnybrook Trout Club Spring Trip	Friday May 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Sunday May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Ken Dixon 513-787-2408 <a href="mailto:krjdix@fuse.net">krjdix@fuse.net</a>

**February Meeting – Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**6:00 – 9:00 PM at VOA Park – watch website for sign-up**

Register on line at [WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM](http://WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM). Please register whether you plan to eat dinner with us (\$15/person) or not.



**Directions:**

**From I-75 --** Follow 1-75 north to the Tylersville Road exit. Turn right off of the exit ramp onto Tylersville Road and follow to Cox Road. Turn left onto Cox Road and follow Cox Road north to VOA Park Drive. Turn right onto VOA Park Drive. Turn left onto first drive and follow roadway to Lodge.

**From the Warren County area...**

Follow Tylersville Road west to Cox Road. Turn right onto Cox Road and follow Cox Road north to VOA Park Drive. Turn right onto VOA Park Drive. Turn left onto first drive and follow roadway to Lodge.