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Making Up For Lost Time

Mike Bryant

With the cancellation of the B.U.F.F. December meeting due to bad weather, it's important to recognize that we'll have to make up for lost time at the January meeting and a call for help! For all you procrastinators, the next meeting (January 10th) is your last opportunity to register for Cabin Fever Relief Banquet and still be eligible for the Early Bird Raffle. Also, if you are planning to provide a donation for the Banquet raffles, try to remember to bring it to the January meeting if possible. We'll be happy to take your donations anytime, but recognize that we are now only seven weeks away from the Banquet.

Also, we have a call for your help and support on a variety of upcoming activities:

- B.U.F.F. will have a booth at the upcoming Hart's Hunting and Fishing Show (Thursday, January 18 through Sunday, January 21). We need volunteers to staff the booth. Please contact Jim LeBlond.

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Cabin Fever Relief Banquet Update

Mike Bryant

With only seven weeks left, the Cabin Fever Relief Banquet is just around the corner. Make sure you plan to attend this important event on Saturday evening, February 24, 2001. Activities will start at 6:00 p.m. with a social hour. A great meal will be served at 7:00 p.m., followed by drawing winners for the Early Bird Raffle (described elsewhere in The BUFFER), two "52 Card" Raffles, Special Youth Raffle (every child ages 6 through 16 will win a prize), General Raffles and the Grand Raffle. **This year we are working to improve the quality of Raffle prizes. For the Grand Raffles, we're trying something a little different with three Grand Raffle tables - a Steelhead Table, a Trout/Smallmouth Table and a Fly Tying Table. Each Table will have a set of great prizes (reels, vises, pontoon boats, etc.), each highlighted with a super grand prize.** The 52 Card Raffles will provide the opportunity to win either a Renzetti Presentation

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January Meeting Program

Alaskan Salmon Fishing

With the cancellation of the December meeting due to inclement weather, B.U.F.F. member Mike Suo has agreed to reschedule as our guest speaker for the meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 2001. Mike will provide a slide presentation on a recent trip he took to fish for silver salmon in Alaska. He will discuss the fantastic **fly fishing on the Tsiu River in south central Alaska** with sinking and surface flies. It was one of his most exciting and memorable fishing trips and he would like to share the experience with you. The Getz's will be serving a delicious meal of lasagna, French bread, salad and dessert. Make sure to call in your dinner reservations, this is a presentation you don't want to miss!!! And don't forget we have rescheduled B.U.F.F. elections of Board officers and FlyFisher of the Year for the January meeting.

Adventures From The Reel World

FISHING 2000

Roy Matthews

The year 2000 was not a year when I fished many times. The quality of fishing and not the quantity (number of times) was the factor that made the year a great one. I do admit to being prejudiced due to my own involvement. My first trip of the year was in Saint Joe Bay in Florida in March (see the May issue of *The BUFFER*). A 5 pound redbfish and a 4 -3/4 pound sea trout, plus a limit catch was the highlight of the outing. I recommend the panhandle of the Sunshine State as a fishing destination for any time of the year except February. In June, I traveled to Indiana to fish in a relatively new farm pond. The bluegills are 5 to 8 inches long, thick and feisty. I am sure that I caught at least forty in less than two hours. Due to cleaning several for the host pond owner, I relearned the second reason for being a catch and release fisherman. Late June and early July found Edith and I at Mohican State Park on the Clear Fork. I really know better than to try to fish where families camp and play. The stream was so full of tubes, rubber mattresses, children of all ages, and dogs that all the fish were well away from the area, so I hardly wetted a line. We did enjoy the park and met some nice people. In late May, my grandson and I had a trip to Ashland, Wisconsin and fished in Chequamegon Bay. The weather was not in our favor and we only caught four smallmouths, though they were quality fish (2 to 4 pounds). I enjoyed the day with Neil, my grandson, whom I get to see once a year.

My son and daughter-in-law gave me guided trip on Elkhorn Creek through Delamere and Hopkins. We floated in a canoe from Peaks Mill to the 127 Bridge. Dan, the guide, put me onto many small fish and to several that were nice sized. One was bragging sized. Many of you saw the picture at the September meeting. In August, I fished a farm pond in New Jersey. This pond is on a farm belonging to my sister-in-law and is seldom fished. It is a beautiful bluegill and largemouth bass fishery. In three days fishing of less than three hours per day I caught at least 145 blue gills. I caught several bass on a popper. I also experimented with a rubber night crawler using a casting technique similar to chuck and duck. I managed to land several this way and lost one that had to be in excess of 5 pounds.

I had two trips with Bob Goldsberry and Dave Uckotter to one of the many farm ponds that Goldsberry is allowed to fish. The first was very productive. Dave caught a big bluegill and we all scored well for the day. The second day was terrible with bright sunshine, little breeze, and high pressure. All in all, it was a good year with my rods and my flies. I hope to fish again this fall but I am looking forward to FISHING 2001. *

Conservation Award Applications

A reminder that B.U.F.F. will accept applications for the Conservation Award through January 12, 2001. For more information, visit our website (www.buckeyeflyfishers.com) or contact Ed Jones at 513-523-6523 (home) or 513-529-6469 (work), or email FlyFisherEd@bigfoot.com.

The Usual

Jim Klosterman

My recent participation in the Nantahala trip left me with a cherished moment. Like many others I received and digest several flyfishing periodicals. In the Autumn issue of *Fly Tyer* an article on the "Perfect Trout Fly" intrigued me. The fly is also called "The Usual" and consists solely of snowshoe rabbit fur (taken from the heel of the foot). I ordered the fur, went to the vise, and valla – several scruffy, beige colored dry flies came into existence. The really great thing about these flies is their buoyancy. The fur's natural tendency to repel water keeps these (pre-fly tying) bunnies alive and kicking.

As all students of this fine art know – given no hatch - nymphs will normally outfish dry flies. In our first day on the stream, nymphs were suggested, used and fish became statistics. But for many of us, the ultimate is a dry fly (preferably of our own creation), a light rod, a willing taker on the other end.

The "catch & release" stretch of the Nantahala is my kind of water. Beautiful terrain, large rocks and boulders, lots of pockets and wonderful small runs. And in four miles, plenty of places for solitude. On our (my son and I) last day, "the dry" fly was tied on and it gently started down on what had to be a productive float. Sure enough, midway through the drift, a flash emerged and the #14 was momentarily history. After a brief struggle a 10" brown was released. It was just one of those situations

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

Mike Bryant

As reported in last month's Buffer, we have assembled an excellent series of presentations for the upcoming B.U.F.F. Fly Fishing Sports Show. Last month, we highlighted our keynote speaker, Mike Lawson, of Henry's Fork Anglers. This month, we are privileged to highlight two more of our Sports Show presentations touching on international fly fishing and regional smallmouth fishing.

An Introduction to Fly Fishing Abroad - Scott Ruprecht and Todd Adrien

Scott and Todd will present an informative program on worldwide fly fishing opportunities, including the Amazon, New Zealand, Bahamas, Yukon, and others. They will cover fly fishing for gamefish, from salmon, New Zealand wild trout, to the exotic South American peacock bass. As the sport of fly fishing becomes more popular, fly fishers are increasingly looking for more remote and exotic locations to experience. Scott and Todd will cover the ABC's of international fly fishing trips, discussing what to expect regarding fishing locations, guides, equipment, weather, and clothing. They will also discuss key considerations regarding travel arrangements, including airlines, lodging, food, money, etc. They will also cover attractions and opportunities for the non-fishing spouse or companion.

Scott Ruprecht is President of Sportfishing Worldwide. He has traveled extensively, visiting an average of eight fly fishing destinations and lodges a year for the last several years. Todd Adrien is owner of Adrien Fly-Fishing Outfitters, a full service Orvis Dealer in Cincinnati, OH. He is a certified FFF casting instructor with ten years fly fishing experience in the U.S. and New Zealand.

A Complete Look At Smallmouth On The Fly - Jerry Darkes

Jerry will be providing a comprehensive look at fly fishing for smallmouth bass. A variety of waters will be reviewed from small streams to large rivers, and the open waters of the Great Lakes. He will discuss equipment, tactics, techniques, and flies for these diverse fisheries. Jerry will also highlight some very recent developments in equipment and tactics during this presentation. Whether you have fished for smallmouth all your life, or have yet to experience the thrill of fishing for the exciting gamefish, Jerry's presentation will be worth your time.

Jerry Darkes has over three decades of fly fishing experience in fresh and saltwater. He is a Coast Guard and State of Ohio licenced guide and has helped pioneer fly fishing on Lake Erie. Jerry is a FFF certified instructor and former IGFA tipper class record holder. He has authored many articles that

have appeared in numerous publications, and co-starred in the very successful video series on Lake Erie steelhead fly fishing. He works as a sales representative for a number of prominent fly fishing manufacturers. *

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**How NOT to Catch a Steelhead
(If You Can Avoid It)**

Tony Kalbli

Lora and I needed to go up to Michigan to retrieve our "Plastic Northwoods Cabin," i.e. our Travel Trailer, so that we can have a little time ""Snowbirding" in Florida. Being of the devious sort, I concocted a plan to stop at Wellston for some steelheading before going east to the Grayling area where the trailer patiently awaited. I booked a guide trip through Ray Schmidt's shop and wound up with guide Larry Rainey. The morning of the trip dawned clear and cold with predicted show showers. Lora was less than enthusiastic about spending a full day shivering in a drift boat. But, she is a real trooper. As we prepared to launch the predicted snow showers became reality. It

was a beautiful but "very, very cold day". Luckily for Lora, Larry had a propane gas heater on board which he periodically turned on to thaw out Lora's feet.

Fishing wise it was a very slow day. We saw no fish except one ugly but hardy "last of the Mohican" salmon. After about six hours of "chuckin n' duckin" I had landed

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Remember to bring you donations to the January dinner meeting. All donations are welcome and appreciated, including fishing items, non-fishing items, and even cash donations if you don't have time to make or buy a gift. Or if you cannot make the meeting, please drop off at any of the fly shops or call Mike Bryant (793-6189) to arrange for a pick up.

Time Is Running Out!!

A reminder to everyone who still has not yet registered for the upcoming Cabin Fever Relief Banquet. The cutoff is January 10, 2001. Your registration and funds must be in the hands of Louise Goldsberry by then to be eligible for the great Early Bird Raffle prize – **a 4 weight spring creek outfit including a 4 wt. / 7 ft. St. Croix Avid rod and beautiful gold anodized Pflueger reel.** Submit your registration and money by January 10, 2001 (next B.U.F.F. dinner meeting) to save \$5.00 per person on your banquet tickets and be eligible for this special raffle (available only to those who do not procrastinate). Reservations postmarked after this date will be \$30 per adult reservation, **NO EXCEPTIONS. ***



**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 10 th) EARLY BIRD!!	\$25.00 ea. X _____	= \$ _____
Banquet (After January 10 th)	\$30.00 ea. X _____	= \$ _____
Banquet (Kids 12 & under)	\$15.00 ea X _____	= \$ _____
Fly Tying Clinic (Mike Lawson or Jerry Darkes - Day of Sports Show)	\$25.00 ea. X _____	= \$ _____
	TOTAL	\$ _____

Donations to the Cabin Fever Relief Banquet (items or cash welcomed!) _____

Please Make Checks Payable to B.U.F.F. And Send To: **Louise Goldsberry
265 Clarks Street
Batavia, Ohio**

Calling All Kids to the Cabin Fever Relief Banquet!!

Mike Bryant

Make sure you plan to bring your kids and grandkids, from age 6 through 16, to the B.U.F.F. Cabin Fever Relief Banquet. To help make this a fun event for the kids, we will once again conduct the Special Youth Raffle that will insure every youth leaves the Banquet with at least one raffle prize. Every youth (ages 6 through 16) attending the Banquet will be given a Special Youth Raffle ticket. Every youth attending will receive a prize. Prizes this year include a Clearwater rod & reel outfit, vest, fishing vest, landing nets, various fly assortments, and fly fishing gadgets. This is again made possible through the continued generosity of one of our B.U.F.F. members.

To help us plan this raffle, **it is very important to indicate on your registration form any and all registrants that qualify for the youth category.** Many thanks to our donor who wishes to remain anonymous. This exemplifies the generosity of the great folks we have in our club! *

Phone Numbers and Email Addresses

Don Prince

This past month, December 2000, we cancelled our meeting on the day of the meeting due to hazardous road conditions. We hope that this did not cause anyone any serious problem for any of you.

Decisions such as these will always be last minute. To get the word out, all club directors and everyone with a dinner reservation and a phone number on file were called to let them know of the change. Additionally an email was sent to all members with an email address on file. We tried to reach everyone, but I doubt that we actually did.

This event highlights our need to be able to spread the word quickly. Email is the best way to accomplish this. We have no record of email addresses for many club members, or even phone numbers in the case of some. Please make it a point, at your next convenience, to provide either or both to the any of the club officers or the membership coordinator. Please help us communicate with you. Thank you!

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- We need flies to be given to new members, so please take a little time to tie some flies and bring to the January meeting.

- We will need your help at the B.U.F.F. Fly Fishing Sports Show with fly tying and staffing the B.U.F.F. exhibit. Signups will be available at the January meeting or call Mike Bryant.

- The Net Building Class is scheduled for February 3rd & 10th. The January meeting will be the last meeting prior to the classes. Paul Feldman does an excellent job of instructing attendees on how to build your own wood fishing net.

- Likewise, the graphite Rod Building Class will start before the February B.U.F.F. meeting, so it's important to signup at the January 10th meeting. John Doscher and folks will lead you step-by-step on how to build and customize your own rods at a fraction of the normal cost.

There's a lot going on in the next few months, so please take note that time is running out!! *

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Vise or Bauer Reel. In addition, the General Raffle and several silent auctions will provide you the opportunity to win major discounts from the major fly fishing companies, such as Winston, Scott, Ross, Regal and many others.

In addition to the dinner, raffles, and good company, Mike Lawson will be our featured speaker, presenting his program "**Home Waters**", a colorful slide show depicting the many places he has seen and how he now understands the importance of one's own home waters. Mike's show will be interesting and entertaining to all, with lots of beautiful photographs and humor. It should prove to be a fun presentation for everyone, including non-fishers and children. In addition to Mike'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, presentation of conservation patches, as well as the drawing for the "Early Bird" raffle prizes. All this fun and opportunity to win some great prizes for only \$30 per person (\$25 / person if registration received by January 10, 2001). Children 12 and under are only \$15. *




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JANUARY

6 Saturday - **Hart Sport Show Planning Meeting** (Bob Goldsberry)
10 Wed/6pm - **BUFF Monthly Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park** - Speaker: Mike Suo - Alaskan Salmon. Board of Director Elections and Fly Fisher of the Year elections. Bring Flies to the Dinner to donate to new members recruitment effort. (Jim LeBlond).
18-21Thurs-Sunday **Harts Sports Show** Cincinnati Convention Ctr.
17 Wed/7pm - **BUFF Director's Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park**. Members encouraged to attend.
18 Thurs/6:30pm - **Tie & Lie**. General fly tying and story telling session. Hardee's Restaurant, Batavia (Bob Goldsberry)

FEBRUARY

3, 10 Sat - **Net Building** (Paul Feldman).
14 Wed/6pm - **BUFF Monthly Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park** (Jim LeBlond).
15 Thurs/6:30pm - **Tie & Lie**. General fly tying and story telling session. Hardee's Restaurant, Batavia (Bob Goldsberry)
21 Wed/7pm - **BUFF Director's Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park**. Members encouraged to attend.
8, 22 Thurs - **Rod Building Classes #1 and #2** (Doscher)
24 Sat - **Fly Fishing Sports Show & Cabin Fever Relief Banquet**.

MARCH

1,8, 22 Thurs **Rod Building Classes #3, #4 & #5** (Doscher)
14 Wed/6pm - **BUFF Monthly Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park**
21 Wed/7pm - **BUFF Director's Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park**. Members encouraged to attend.
15 Thurs/6:30 - **Tie & Lie**. General fly tying and story telling session. Hardee's Restaurant, Batavia (Bob Goldsberry)
18 Sat - **East Fork Stream Monitoring** (Goldsberry)

APRIL

6-8 Thurs - Sat - **B.U.F.F. Michigan Steelhead Trip** (Tony Kalbli)

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.

11 Wed 4pm **Beginning Fly Casting Instruction** At Monthly Meeting from 4 pm to 5 pm), with videos & instruction Deerfield Township Park
11 Wed/6pm - **BUFF Monthly Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park**
18 Wed/7pm - **BUFF Director's Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park**. Members encouraged to attend.
17 Thurs/6:30pm - **Tie & Lie**. General fly tying and story telling session. Hardee's Restaurant, Batavia (Bob Goldsberry)
24-26 Thurs - Sat - **B.U.F.F. Au Sable River Fishing Trip** (Joe Guenther)

JUNE

8-10 Fri-Sun - **Penns Creek, Pa Fishing Trip**
13 Wed/6pm - **BUFF Monthly Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park**
17 Sat - **East Fork Stream Monitoring** (Goldsberry)

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20 Wed/7pm - **BUFF Director's Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park**. Members encouraged to attend.
21 Thurs/6:30pm - **Tie & Lie**. General fly tying and story telling session. Hardee's Restaurant, Batavia (Bob Goldsberry)

JULY

11 Wed/6pm - **BUFF Monthly Meeting @ Pattison Park**.
13-15 Fri-Sun - **B.U.F.F. Elkhorn Fishing Trip (Joe Guenther)**
18 Wed/7pm - **BUFF Director's Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park**. Members encouraged to attend.
19 Thurs/6:30pm - **Tie & Lie**. General fly tying and story telling session. Hardee's Restaurant, Batavia (Bob Goldsberry).

AUGUST

4 Sat - **BUFF Monthly Meeting - Family Picnic @ Deerfield Township Park**
10-12 - Fri-Sat - **B.U.F.F. Cumberland Tailwaters Fishing Trip (Joe Guenther)**
15 Wed/7pm - **BUFF Director's Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park**. Members encouraged to attend.
16 Thurs/6:30pm - **Tie & Lie**. General fly tying and story telling session. Hardee's Restaurant, Batavia (Bob Goldsberry).

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2000 Calendar of Events

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 @ Deerfield Township Park. 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).

OCTOBER

12-14 Fri-Sun - Nantahala Trip (Bob Ireton).
10 Wed/6pm - BUFF Monthly Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park, Board Nominations
17 Wed/7pm - BUFF Director's Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park. Members encouraged to attend.
18 Thurs/6:30pm - Tie & Lie. General fly tying and story telling session. Hardee's Restaurant, Batavia (Bob Goldsberry)

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one small three lbs. steelhead. About 3:00 p.m. in the afternoon I was running a nymph duo over and over into a deep trough that ran under a pair of pine trees. Suddenly I detected the unmistakable tug of a fish! A sweeping rod set locked the fly solidly in the big fish's jaw. Seconds later all of my flyline plus 100 ft. of backing was racing down river. The fish stopped and I started reeling like crazy.

I soon realized, however, that I wasn't picking up any line. Looking at my reel I noticed that my remaining backing was slipping every time I turned the handle. In a semi-panic I communicated my predicament to Larry who immediately put the oars in motion to follow the chrome bright bullet that was rapidly heading to Lake Manistee. He also suggested that I start HAND

NOVEMBER

11 Sat - East Fork Stream Monitoring (Goldsberry)
14 Wed/6pm - BUFF Monthly Meeting Deerfield Township Park - Canned Food Drive, accepting 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 @ Deerfield Township Park. Members encouraged to attend.

DECEMBER

12 Wed/6pm - BUFF Monthly Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park - Officer Elections, Fly Fisher of the Year Elections, Finalize Conservation Donations
17 Wed/7pm - BUFF Director's Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park. Members encouraged to attend.
20 Thurs/6:30pm - Tie & Lie. General fly tying and story telling session. Hardee's Restaurant, Batavia (Bob Goldsberry)

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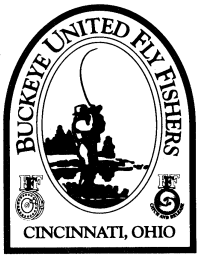
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where you hope the right combination of place, rod, fly and float can become special.

My thanks to Bob Ireton for organizing and facilitating this trip. He really did a super job! I also want to take this opportunity to thank all the great folks who have and keep B.U.F.F. a special organization. *

STRIPPING! Five minutes later all of the backing and half of the fly line was lying jumbled all over the drift boat floor. The great fish made several more runs and each time I let the running line slide through the frozen fingers of my right hand, applying my own level of drag in order to rapidly tire this wonderful fish. Success was assured when Larry scooped the 12 lbs. plus hen into his landing net. This fish was a real "Chromer" and had been in the river but a short time and proved to be at least the second best steelhead I have ever landed. But, it quite possibly could have been a story of a really big and beautiful fish that didn't get landed because of faulty equipment. The lesson is to check ALL of your gear before embarking on a fishing trip, especially if your quarry is big fish or salt water fish.

Take NO chances, CHECK IT. *

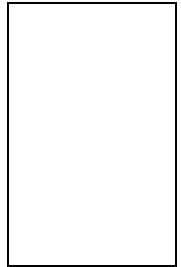


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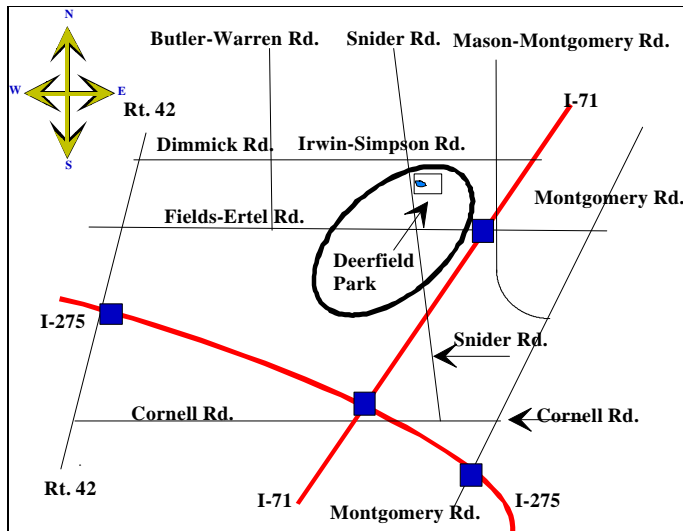
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Next Monthly Meeting – January 10

CALL 732-0735 FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN 10 PM OF THE SUNDAY 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!

PROGRAM: Mike Suo will present an informative program on Alaskan salmon fishing (see front page for details). B.U.F.F. elections are this month!!!!

WHERE: Deerfield Park (October through May meetings) 5847 Irwin-Simpson Rd., Deerfield Township, (southern Warren County). The Park is located on the southeast corner of the Irwin-Simpson / Snider Road intersection, approximately ½ mile north, and ¾ mile west of the Mason-Montgomery Rd./ I-71 interchange. We meet in the large white house.



DIRECTIONS: Following the directions below will help you avoid the traffic congestion at the Fields-Ertel / Mason-Montgomery / I-71 interchange.

From The East Side: Take I-275 West to the Montgomery Rd exit. Turn right (north) and get in the left lane. Turn left onto Cornell Rd. Turn right at the 1st light onto Snider Rd. Follow Snider Rd. for about 2 miles and turn right onto Irwin-Simpson Rd. The park is now on your right. Turn right into the 1st driveway. There is no park sign, but the mailbox has a township emblem on it.

From the West Side: Take I-275 East to the Rt. 42 Exit. Turn left (north) and follow Rt. 42 for about 1 mile to Dimmick Rd. and turn right. When Dimmick Rd. crosses Butler Warren Rd. it turns into Irwin-Simpson Rd. When Irwin-Simpson Rd. crosses Snider Rd. the park is on your right. Turn right into the 1st driveway after crossing Snider Rd. There is no park sign, but the mailbox has a township emblem on it.