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## Presidents Corner

Dave Uckotter

The Board has voted on a new location for our monthly meetings, you will want to check the BUFFER for a map. **Our first indoor meeting will on September 11, 2002** (the July and August meetings will be held outdoors). The name and address is:

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They will open their doors at 6:00pm. A cash bar will be available for those who want to socialize before dinner, which will be served at 7:00pm. 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.

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## Fall Salmon Trip 2002

Joe Guenther

As the temperature rises and the dog days of summer are here, it's time that we start thinking about our fall fishing. One trip you should definitely take part in is the annual B.U.F.F. fall salmon trip to the Pere Marquette River in Michigan.

This has been one of our most popular trips year after year, and for good reason. The weather is generally very pleasant. The accommodations are second to none and last but not least, the fishing. This is what it is all about. The King Salmon go on their annual fall spawning run. The dates of our trip coincide with this great event. The number of fish in the river vary from year to year, and with last years numbers being slightly down, I look for this year to be possibly the best fishing we have seen in years. If you have been on this trip before, you know exactly what I am talking about. If not, you've probably heard other members telling fishing stories that were almost unbelievable. If you

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## July Meeting Program

July's meeting (July 10) will include our annual swap meet. Come early, because if you snooze, you loose. Have your name and price clearly marked on all the items you wish to sell. Once the item is sold, be sure to mark it sold or remove it from the area. This is a great opportunity to get some great equipment at a very friendly price. So clean out the closet and bring your cash. We'll also have Tony Kabli conduct a presentation on casting principles. All in all it will be a fabulous event, so be sure to come. And, don't forget to call in your dinner reservation.

# Adventures From the Reel World

## ALMOST HEAVEN

**Bob Goldsberry**

Jayne and Dave Uckotter, Louise Goldsberry and myself, Don Prince and Jon Kennard ventured into wild and wonderful West “by God” Virginia, the beginning of June to fish for the gamest of freshwater fish - the smallmouth bass.

Dave and I rafted the New River along with our wives the first day of the trip, a beautiful, bright and sunny day. One of those “bluebird days” that I hate to fish; give me those cloudy overcast days everytime. But, there we were, pretty bright and fairly early, to begin our fishing odyssey on the New River. Jayne and Louise were, of course, forewarned they had better not catch more fish then Dave and I, or dire consequences would follow. Our warnings, of course, fell on very deaf ears.

Well, we had not floated 100 yards when I got one heck of a strike, upon setting the hook. “The Fish” made a

strong run up current, then cross current, then I pumped him up a couple of times, followed by a dive to the bottom. I thought I had tangled with one of those so called “hawgs.” (That’s what the Saturday morning TV fishing pros call a big fish.) I was going nowhere fast until finally our guide was able to row back upstream so my line was going straight down and I was able to look down and could see I had “caught” someone’s trot line. My fly not only grappled that trotline, it was sliding up and down the length of that thing making me think that not only was he pulling directly against my rod, but also diving and going cross current. Oh, well, that was a big letdown and I may have heard a few snickers from the other end of my raft and the one occupied by Dave, Jayne and their guide. Fame can be so fleeting.

Continuing on down the river we encountered riffles, pools, downed trees, weed beds and rocks of all sizes. Just about every kind of cover any self-respecting smallmouth could ever hope for. I attempted to make a cast

to every lively looking spot I could find. Although my rod and line were smoking from so much use, the flies I was choosing were not meeting with many of my intended prey.

Meanwhile, at the other end of the raft, there was some action going on from time to time and once I even looked back to see the guide trying to pry apart a huge fresh water mussel Lou had caught. Once in a while, I would sneak a peek at the other raft and more often than not, would notice a tight line with a bent rod. I just knew the President and the First Lady were using those brown wooly buggers. Yes, those very same brown wooly boogers that Dave Uckotter and Joe Panfalone had used with so much devastating success on the Elkhorn last year and to the embarrassment of my Clouser Minnows. In other words, they cleaned my clock with that brown devil, and today was a continuation of that same action.

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have never been on this trip before, we strongly encourage that you sign up and go. All of our members should experience this chance for some of the best fishing anywhere to be found. Fish range from the 15 to 30 pound class, and it is not unheard of for anglers hooking well over a dozen fish a day.

We will be staying at Barothy Lodge, which are newly built log cabins with

fireplaces, pool tables, and Jacuzzis. This is not your average fishing cabin - these are plush. Also each evening we will have a catered dinner from Osceola Inn, served at our cabin. The dinners served are delicious and filling, with nothing missed and certainly add to the total experience of this trip. If you were to do a trip like this on your own, it would cost well over a thousand dollars. Working together we are able to divide the cost to each person making it very affordable for everyone. Please consider this memorable trip, we need sign-ups as quickly as possible. **We need to have our deposit in by the end of July.**

and catered evening meals, and gratuity, to be paid in full in advance. This way you have nothing to worry about while you are up there. Fish, eat and enjoy!

If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please contact Joe Guenther at 724-6343, as soon as possible to get signed up on the list. There will be a sign up sheet at the July meeting at Sycamore Park in Batavia. **Please act quickly, our deposit needs to be in by July 22. I need all sign ups and checks in by July 20.** Everyone is welcome, and we hope you can make it. ■

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Suggested flies: egg patterns, Michigan green caddis, black stones, streamers, nymph patterns.

Dates and Price: September 24-26, Check in time is 4:00 p.m. September 24. We will be leaving Michigan on the 27<sup>th</sup>; departure time is noon. The price is \$210 per person, based on full booking. This includes your lodging

## August B.U.F.F. Meeting

**Jim LeBlond**

August's meeting will be a celebration of the family & fly fishing. We'll be meeting on Saturday, August 17 and it will be a Pot Luck Supper. Some people will bring side dishes, and others will bring desert. It will be a fantastic opportunity for all Buffers young and old to gather, catch up, swap stories and enjoy some fly fishing with the family. So break out the cookbooks and old family recipes and be sure to make your reservation.



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I had been given a hot tip that morning that led me to believe that white was the "hot" color. Something must have been changing my white flies into some kind of camouflage that made my offerings to these West Virginia bass so ineffective that these fish would never find anything on the end of my line. As I look back on our highlights of that first day, it was the shore lunch for me. To sum up, Louise and Jayne had a good time and caught some fish and I know Dave did pretty well. While I caught less than the fingers on one hand, I'd like to meet the guy that coined the phrase "almost heaven."

Day two on the New River, Dave and myself were joined by Don Prince and Jon Kennard, Jayne and Lou having chosen to do some sight seeing and shopping. This day started with a little rain as we were having breakfast at the hotel but by the time we jumped in our rafts, the rain had stopped, but the clouds remained. Don and Jon were into fish right away and Dave and myself were right behind them. I think we were catching some larger fish today than we did yesterday and I believe I

discovered a fly that was holding it's own against that brown wooly bugger. Tied with squirrel hide, brass bar bell eyes and a little crystal lite under the tail, it proved to be my best fly of the trip. It did so well, I dubbed it the "Squirrely Screamer."

Halfway through the float, our guides from Twin River Outfitters, Dave and Bubber set up our shore lunch and by this time of day every one of us had worked up a pretty good appetite. The weather remained very overcast so as soon as we finished eating we packed everything back in our two rafts and were soon into fish once more. At one point, Dave and I were into fish at the same time. A feat that we readily let our buddies in the other raft know about.

Just after this double header, I hit on my best fish of the trip. Fishing the "Squirrely Screamer" down the side of a steep rock and gravel bank, the fish of the trip struck. Setting the hook I could tell there was no "give" from this smallmouth. He made a run under the raft from which I was able to turn him. Then, coming up alongside, he turned on his side, pushing a foot and a half long. A very deep profile and we all got a good

look at him. Then, he went deep again and when he did, I lost him.

Not long after this heartbreaking affair, we could see the rain clouds coming our way, right down the river valley. We could see it and hear the drops hitting the trees on each side of the river's corridor. When it reached us, it was as if someone had turned on the fire hoses, we had rain jackets on but they only delayed the soaking we were to get in a very short time. We beached the raft and sought shelter under the trees. This worked for awhile, but soon, just as much rain was dripping through the trees as was falling out in the open. After spending about two hours in one of the hardest rainstorms I've ever witnessed, we arrived back at our hotel where after wringing out my underwear and a good, hot shower, I was finally feeling human again.

Thinking back, I realized we went from "Bluebird Days" to the monsoon season, we shared meals of Chinese, Tex-Mex, and Biker bar fare with good friends. "Almost Heaven?" Not quite, but even considering the one that got away, it was close enough. ■

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We need more gag stuff to send to Jorge. Bring your funny stuff to the next meeting at Sycamore Park, this will be your last opportunity to participate.

**Our next meeting will be at Sycamore Park in Batavia** and will include a swap meet. Bring anything you want to sell or trade to the meeting. This is a good opportunity for the new members to get their gear at a reasonable price. Please call in your dinner reservation on time.

The first Lady's Introduction to Fly Fishing was a great success, and was enjoyed by those who attended. The casting lesson was the segment that was of special interest to all attendees. Those that were in attendance were: Stephanie Kelly, Patty Howell, Terry and Tracy Macke, Jayne Uckotter and Louise Goldsberry. All of the ladies did very well, our lady BUFFERS are going to be outstanding fly fishers. So watch it guys, you got some good competition.

Thanks to the instructors: Jon Kennard, Bob Goldsberry, Jim LeBlond and Frank Guenther who made it an informative and fun day.

There are a lot of club activities planned for July. Check out the articles in the BUFFER and try to join in on the fun. I hope you all have a safe and happy July 4<sup>th</sup>. ■

# 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.*

## JULY

10 Wed / 7-9pm - **BUFF Outdoors Monthly Meeting**. Sycamore Park, Batavia.

13-14 Sat-Sun - **Cumberland Tail Waters Trout Trip** (Joe Guenther)

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

Members encouraged.

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

27 Sat / 8am-4pm - **How To Read The River**. Private water on the East Fork (Jon Kennard).

## AUGUST

1 Thurs/7pm - **Tie and Lie West**. General

## AUGUST (cont.)

fly tying and story telling. Springdale Comm. Ctr. 15 Thurs / 7-9pm - **Lie and Tie East** at Hardee's in Batavia. General fly tying and story telling.

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

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

## SEPTEMBER

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

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

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

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

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

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



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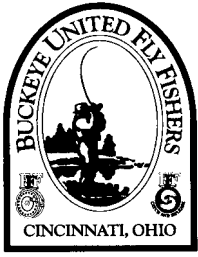
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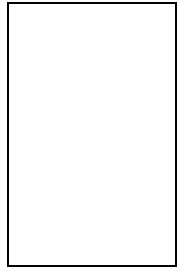


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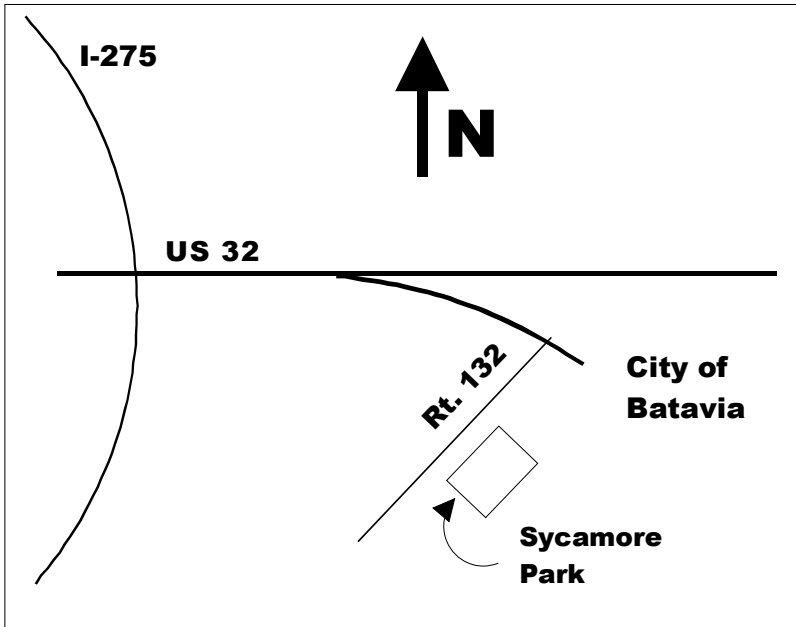
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**Next Monthly Meeting – WEDNESDAY July 10**

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**Program: Swap Meet and casting demonstration**

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