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President's Corner

Mike Bryant (mjbryant@email.com)

Having Fun – Seems like the dog days of summer have come early this year, with hot, humid weather showing up in June. But the fishing has been excellent. I've caught more bass this year than ever. Even my newly designed flies that I've tied have been working. It's a great time to be out fishing. I hope you have had the opportunity to wet a line and enjoy nature.

By all accounts, the Stillwater River Fishing Trip on June 18 was big success. Thirty B.U.F.F. members went on the trip – that's amazing!! Many, many thanks to Joe Cornwall for his time, organization skills and ENTHUSIASM!! Hopefully, we can build on this success and plan other local trips in the future.

With the summer season, we move our meetings to the outdoors. The July 13 dinner meeting and August 20 B.U.F.F. Family Picnic will be held on the private picnic grounds of the Little Miami River Canoe Livery. This is the same location as the past few years. The meal will again be catered by Raffel's.

The July meeting will be Swap Meeting. It's a great opportunity to sell or swap any of your fishing gear or related material that you no longer need. If you are like me, you have stuff that you have not used in years that might be useful to someone else. Looking to give back and make a donation? Consider selling your old stuff and making a donation to Casting For Recovery.

The August meeting will actually be the annual family picnic. It will be held on SATURDAY, August 20 (not the usual second Wednesday). It's great time to relax, make some new acquaintances and have a cool drink with family and old friends. The picnic will also be at the same location as the July meeting.

Education – With Dave Uckotter's leadership, the casting instructors completed a second Beginner's Casting Course. Once again, it's amazing to see the difference in everyone's casting ability after completing this course.

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July Meeting Program

July's program, to be held at the Little Miami Canoe Livery park in Morrow, will be our annual SWAP MEET. Its time to clean out all those closets and garages and share some of those extra rods, reel, tying materials, etc., with your fellow Buffers. It's a great place for new fly fishers to stock up on the necessities! Come prepared to buy, sell, or trade fly fishing items!!

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Learning the basics of a good cast is one of the most important skills you can learn in fly fishing. And the Beginner's Casting Course is one of the best ways to learn. Many thanks to Dave and the casting instructors who volunteered their time. Great job!!

Our efforts at Parky's Farm are over for the summer. This is an important part of our education / outreach programs, where we have the opportunity to give thousands of kids the experience fishing (many catching their first fish). We'll pick up the Parky's Farm events again this fall. If you are interested in helping and teaching the next generation the joys of fishing, please let us know.

Giving Back – The fundraising for Casting For Recovery is progressing along. This is the second event we have sponsored, so the learning curve is not quite so steep. The new facility and grounds are beautiful. We have a long list of applicants already. And the word is spreading on this important event.

I hope you are enjoying the summer. Just remember – when that bead of sweat is rolling down your forehead and you are about to mutter something about how blasted hot the weather is, it was only a short five months ago we were cursing the snow, ice and cold!

Intermediate Casting Classes!

Jim LeBlond (jimleb@fuse.net)

If you can cast a tight loop 25 feet and you're ready to take your technique to the next level, the Intermediate Casting Class might be just the ticket. Through this curriculum you will study the four parts of the cast and the five guiding principles of fly casting. You will learn how to diagnose and correct errors but most importantly, you will gain a new skill and a greater appreciation for the sport we all love. The class dates are:

1. Sunday, July 17, 2005
2. Sunday, July 24, 2005
(Skip)
3. Sunday, August 7, 2005
4. Sunday, August 14, 2005
5. Sunday, August 21, 2005

The classes will be held at Cottell Park, Mason, Ohio; directions are available on the website. The cost for the course is \$40 and you may sign up at the July meeting or by contacting me via email or by calling me at 561-8957.



The July Swap Meet is Finally Here!!!

The July Swap Meet is a meeting you can't afford to miss. We will have some incredible deals on some gently used fishing equipment and extra tying materials. If you have some items you don't need or use anymore, bring them to the meeting. If you really are looking to upgrade your equipment, bring the old equipment to the meeting and offer it for sale. All items should be clearly marked with your name and asking price. So bring your gently used quality fishing equipment, bring your extra tying materials, bring your friends, bring your family, bring your neighbors, bring your cash and you might just come home with a "reel bargain."

Remember: You MUST make a dinner reservation if you are going to eat dinner at the meeting.

TO OUR FATHERS

Linda Roederer

It's Father's Day and I am struck with just how much I have to be thankful for: First, to my Heavenly Father who is the Creator and Giver of all good things and of all big fish--Second, to my father Dick Roederer, who gave me life and has poured out his to teach me his love of the outdoors and, particularly, the fine art of fly fishing, and who let me tag along everywhere with him. Most Saturdays we were crappie fishing or birdwatching or learning animal tracks, or picking apart owl pellets in the woods to see what they had digested...I was fishing last week with my dad and he blessed me by telling me I was his favorite fishing companion. Dad, you just don't know how those words touched me deep in my heart--and last but certainly not least, I'm thankful for the FOUNDING FATHERS OF BUFF, who have given so tirelessly through the years by creating and nurturing the fine club we all now enjoy. From these humble beginnings has spawned one of the top fly fishing clubs in the United States. There is something truly extraordinary going on here, and I intend to get to the bottom of it.

At this year's BUFF BANQUET, I expressed a desire to fill the vacant position of Club Historian, and that concept was immediately pounced upon like a cat at a dog show! Seriously though, I feel strongly that the FOUNDERS STORY needs to be accurately told and archived as a small way of thanking and honoring those who have woven such a rich legacy and so generously bequeathed it to each of us. So many times we look in hindsight at an experience or group of people we were fortunate to fall in with....but LOOK! Here we are at a penultimate moment, knowing, like a fine wine, BUFF will only get better, BUT, that you only get that once-in-a-lifetime-wine from extraordinary first fruits. People of good stock, who gave selflessly at the very beginning...

And so, my first act as Club Historian was to host a dinner party at my home for all of the Founders and their wives. Those I managed to snag for the event were: Paul & Linda Feldman, Andy & Theresa Stovall, Cas & Judy Denton, Tom & Mary Sander and John Hughey. Don Beaver and his wife were unable to attend. Lou Haynes was kind enough to come over early, and set up a video recorder so that we could get those fish stories on film....plus, it freed me up to attend to my special guests instead of taking copious notes--which basically meant keeping their glasses filled. As you can imagine, there was no lull in the conversation. We got 3 hours on film and one of the funniest moments was when Paul and Andy were arguing about details--"That's not how it happened.", "you're crazy", and so on....like good friends do, who know each other through and through....finally, I said, "Girls, girls, stop it! You're both pretty!" Linda Feldman said it was her favorite comment of the evening. Paul says he doesn't remember it....and so the evening went, and I got so much good information and had such a lovely time with these wonderful and generous friends.

And so it has begun...My father and I will travel up to the Au Sable to stay for a long 4th of July weekend at Paul & Linda Feldman's, and Andy, Cas and Don will all be there as well and we will be going over the facts generated by our first gathering and the subsequent info forwarded to me that I have been reading and compiling. For this Folklore Project (which is what this really is) to be a success, I need your input. All you BUFFERS. And don't think if you're a new member that you're off the hook, because woven in the midst of the history of years ago will be stories about you--new members: How you heard about BUFF, when you joined and your current fish tales. And if you hold out on us, we'll just make something up and print it, so it's best just to cooperate--and that goes for you "Oldtimers" too.

Please forward any and all stories, as well as pictures, old copies of the BUFFER, blackmailing material, etc. In the process of writing ongoing articles in the BUFFER, it is also my desire to create a scrapbook that will be turned over to the club for all times. And possibly a printed keepsake book that will be available for members to buy to raise funds for BUFF. Obviously, I can't do this all by myself. I need that which is our most valuable resource--you; your stories and recollections of good times with good friends on-stream, on trips, (true or embellished). I'll take whatever I can get!

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The Elkhorn Trip – Rain, Mud, and ... Fish!

Don Hogue

On Thursday, we had a nice day to fish. Doug Mowell and I struck out! But, Linda Ireton caught five fish, while Bob Ireton only caught one. Bob Said "She is just getting too good!" Roger Corrado and his son caught a few smallmouth at the upper end of the campground. Randy Clark, Steve Walker, Jeff McElvary, Jim Agin, and Charlie Montgomery all caught a few fish in the pool by the campground--from their pontoon boats. Bob and Terri Mackey also caught a few fish. On Thursday night the wind came up, and we must have had 2 plus inches of rain. The water became 4" deep around my picnic table so I moved the van up the drive pad to higher ground. The wind pulled out a couple of tent stakes allowing my dining canopy to collapse. My table cloths were soaked, the matches were wet. What a mess!!!!

Friday morning, I was late to my 8:30 a.m. meeting because Doug Mowell and I ate breakfast and then scouted out the creeks. The North Fork was in flood. The South Fork was up six inches and moving along pretty good. It did not look conducive to wading. We checked out several spots on the south fork- east of the campground. I reported our findings to the group waiting at the campground. Roger Corrado and his son, and Bob and Terri Mackey decided to take their canoes upstream on the south fork. I drove them and their canoes up in Bob's van, let them off and returned the van to the campground. I then drove Jeff McElvary's truck with Charlie Montgomery, Randy Clark and Jeff upstream along with their pontoon boats. They off loaded, pumped-up their pontoons and were just ready to get into the water when we were challenged by a neighbor. Jeff and Randy handled the situation in a very polite and professional manner. The neighbor ascertained that we were good people, and allowed us to continue the launching into the creek. He also invited us to check with him next time at his house. "Just ask and I will let you go into the stream. But don't go to my sister's house!"

In the meantime Doug Mowell and I had decided to pack up, and go home because our camp site was a mud hole, our gear was all wet, and I was just out of the mood to fix breakfast Saturday morning and dinner Saturday night! Half way back to Cincinnati, I remembered that I had ordered sirloin steaks at Kroger's. I got on the internet, found their phone number, called them and rescinded the order. I went to bed at 6:30 p.m. -- I was really stressed.!!

Bob Mackey reported that they didn't get back to the campground until about 8:30 p.m. A long day on the river resulted in quite a few fish having been caught. On Saturday, again, a group of fishermen again did very well on the stream. Bob mentioned that Dirk Commandeur went with him and Terri on Saturday, and they all caught fish.

For the fourth straight year we had rain, but still enjoyed searching for the evasive Bronzebacks.

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*Bragging may not bring happiness, but no man having  
caught a large fish goes home through an alley.*

Anonymous

## New Members

Please welcome Chuck Tilbury Batavia, OH; Josh Bryson Cincinnati, OH; Tom Knapke Cincinnati, OH; Jim & Bev Shelby Norwood, OH; Suzanne Faerber Strongsville, OH; Mathias Fremang Cincinnati, OH, to the club. We all know how anxious we were when we first joined, so go the extra mile at the next club meeting to introduce yourself and make them feel welcomed.

# An Evening on the Elkhorn Creek

Dave Jones

It was the week of May 23<sup>rd</sup> before I finally got to do some real fishing this year. I arrived at the Fish Hatchery on the Elkhorn Creek about 2:30PM, and got in the water about 3:30. I began fishing the far channel with a blue popper. I was working the popper from a back eddy up to a seam of the fast water. I caught two smallmouth bass (7 and 8 inches).

Shortly, I heard a strange sound coming from the area of my line; it was a school of bass pointing and snickering. I was only casting out the leader. The knot connecting the tippet and popper came untied. The tippet and popper was floating down stream toward the Kentucky River. I will be at Lou Haynes' knot tying table at the next meeting!

The fishing gods came to my rescue. I was fishing the same kind of water that produced the other two bass. Something knocked my popper out of the water. I fished other similar spots with no luck before going back to that bass's hideout. This time it inhaled the popper, and the fight was on with jumps, runs and tail walking. I netted a 14inch smallmouth.

A seven inch blue gill also decided to eat the popper, and another not much bigger than the popper hooked itself.

This afternoon was made more memorable by the fact that the blue popper and the net all came from classes given by BUFF members.

Here are some hints about fishing the Elkhorn Creek at the fish hatchery. If you plan to fish past 3:00PM, you must park outside the gate, since it is locked at 3:00PM. It is about a quarter mile (a country mile) walk to the creek from the gate. Just up stream from the hatchery the creek splits into two channels and then rejoin farther down stream. A good first time plan is fish down the far channel till they join and back up the near channel to your entry point. There are numerous runs, pools and back eddies on both pools.



## Did you know?

The patron saint for people who fish is the apostle Andrew. In mythology the god for people who fish is Tyche (Greek) and Fortuna (Roman). Now you know where to turn when the fishing goes sour!

*To Our Fathers.....Continued from page 3*

You can always give me materials in person at the meetings. I'm the quiet redheaded wallflower you'd hardly notice.....;-} If you've ever been on a trip with me, you know THAT"S a fish tale!

OR: e-mail me at **thatblastedglassgirl@mac.com**

(I have a glass sandblasting business, that's what's up with the e-name).

OR: call me anytime at 513.777.1413

OR: send smoke signals--whatever it takes!

Thanks in advance and I'm really looking forward to learning more about each of you and our great club. In addition to the FOUNDING FATHERS, thanks goes out especially to all the PAST CLUB PRESIDENTS and our current President, Mike Bryant. You each have taken the torch and fanned the flame that shines so brightly today. Each of you is a Blessing. Thank you SO MUCH!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!,

# Calendar of Events

## July

- Jul 7 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly  
Tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor
- Jul 10 **Intermediate Casting** 1-4pm TBD
- Jul 13 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm Social hour 6 pm  
Little Miami Canoe Campground in Morrow, OH
- Jul 14 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly  
Tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop
- Jul 16 **Day Trip** TBD
- Jul 16 Women in the Outdoors
- Jul 20 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm Church of  
Ascension & Holy Trinity,  
334 Burns Ave, Wyoming, OH Members welcome
- Jul 23 **Little Miami Inc Workshop** Nesbit park. 9am  
Loveland, OH

## August

- Aug 4 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly  
Tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor
- Aug 11 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly  
Tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop
- Aug 17 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm Church of  
Ascension & Holy Trinity,  
334 Burns Ave, Wyoming, OH Members Welcome
- Aug 20 **BUFF Annual Picnic**  
Little Miami Canoe Campground in Morrow, OH
- Aug 27 **Clermont Park District Workshop** Sycamore Pk.

## September

- Sep 1 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly  
Tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor
- Sep 8 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly  
Tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop
- Sep 9 **Parky's Farm** 10am-2pm
- Sep 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm  
Raffel's on Reading Rd.  
Social hour 6 pm
- Sep 16 **Parky's Farm** 10am-2pm
- Sep 17 **Day Trip** TBD
- Sep 20 -22 **Fall Salmon Trip**
- Sep 21 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm Church of  
Ascension & Holy Trinity,  
334 Burns Ave, Wyoming, OH. Members welcome
- Sep 23 **Parky's Farm** 10am-2pm
- Sep 24 **Great Outdoors Weekend** 9am - 2pm
- Sep 30 **Parky's Farm** 10am-2pm

## October

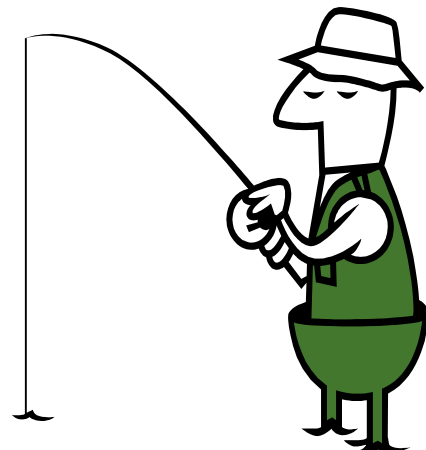
- Oct 6 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly  
Tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor
- Oct 7 **Parky's Farm** 10am-2pm
- Oct 7 -9 **Rockwell Springs Trip**
- Oct 12 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm  
Raffel's on Reading Rd.  
Social hour 6 pm
- Oct 13 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly  
Tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop
- Oct 14 **Parky's Farm** 10am-2pm
- Oct 19 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm Church of  
Ascension & Holy Trinity,  
334 Burns Ave, Wyoming, OH  
Members welcome
- Oct 27 - 30 **Roger Lowe Fishing Trip**
- Oct 28 **Advanced Fly Tying Class**

## November

- Nov 3 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly  
Tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor
- Nov 3 - 6 **Little Red River Trip**
- Nov 4 **Advanced Fly Tying Class**
- Nov 9 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm  
Raffel's on Reading Rd.
- Nov 10 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly  
Tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop
- Nov 11 **Advanced Fly Tying Class**
- Nov 16 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm Church of  
Ascension & Holy Trinity,  
334 Burns Ave, Wyoming, OH  
Members welcome
- Nov 18 **Advanced Fly Tying Class**
- Nov TBD **St. Joe Trip** TBD

## December

- Dec 1 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly  
Tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor
- Dec 8 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly  
Tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop
- Dec 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm  
Raffel's on Reading Rd.  
Social hour 6 pm
- Dec 21 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 Church of  
Ascension & Holy Trinity,  
334 Burns Ave, Wyoming, OH  
Members welcome



# LADIES CASTING CLASS - JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup>

## Malia Borcharding

With Fly Fishing 101 and basic casting behind me, it was time for yet another class. The search began to find another family member to keep me company. This time, an unsuspecting and brand new member of the family. She couldn't say no. Since this class was for ladies only, I had to leave my husband, Michael, and my brother, Bill, behind. I think I heard a collective sigh of relief on my way north to Landen Lake.

The morning began with introductions. Our instructors were Patti Howell and Jayne Uckotter. Attendees, CFR's own Debbie Hampton, Mimi Miller, Sue Jones, and my new sister-in-law, Nancy, what's my new name ????, oh, Prues, and myself. After that, onto Jayne's intro to gear, gadgets and safety. No matter how many classes you go to, there is always something new to learn. Gear is no exception. Ladies, watch your vests. Husbands STEAL! Next, a few basic knots. Yeah!! No more yucky worms. Apparently, tying knots is an area I need to consider furthering my education. During our break for lunch, Ed Jones joined us to help with the afternoon casting. Seems he just can't get enough of this instructor stuff. More likely, he's keeping an eye on Sue. Can't let her get one up on him. After a little indoor yarn casting and pointers, out to the lake to test our skills. In spite of the wind, our super instructors had everyone casting in no time. All in all, another great class!

A huge thanks to Patti, Jayne and Ed for donating their time, effort and talents to all us novices. It always amazes me how generous everyone in B.U.F.F. is with their time, knowledge, and encouragement. Hey, when's the next class???



## Another Basic Casting Class Complete!

### Dave Uckotter

Those who took the basic casting class will do more enjoyable fishing this season. They were: Sue Jones, Greg Lafata, Malia and Mike Borcharding, Frank Skufka, Dave Jones, Steve and Jeanne Dugle, and Bob and Terry Macky. Anyone who took any Basic Casting Class should seriously consider taking the Intermediate Casting Class that's coming up later this summer. See Jim LeBlond or Tom Baker to sign up. Thanks to our instructors who make these classes what they are. Patti Howell, Mike Bryant, Ed Jones, Dirk Commendeur, Steve walker, Steve Lilly, Gary Cummins, Dave Uckotter and Lou Haynes

### July Menu

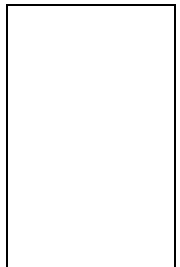
1/4 Lb All Beef Burgers  
Hot Dogs  
Cheese Tray  
Relish Tray  
Potato salad  
Baked Beans  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Pasta Salad  
ONE soft drink included.  
(Bring you own if you need more)

### 6/2005 BUFF Financial Report

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| <b>Total Receipts</b>      | <b>\$ 1766</b> |
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| <b>Total Disbursements</b> | <b>\$3228</b>  |
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| <b>Ending Balance</b>      | <b>\$14025</b> |
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| <b>Petty Cash</b>          | <b>\$100</b>   |
| <b>Trip Escrow</b>         | <b>\$500</b>   |
| <b>CD</b>                  | <b>\$5,110</b> |
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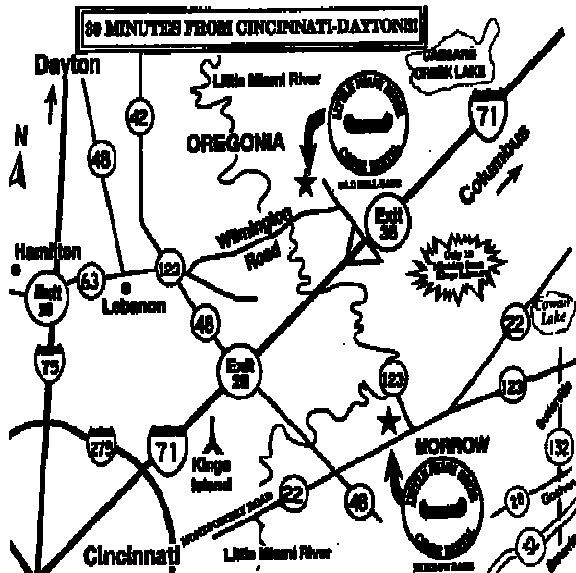


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**Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday – July 13**

**CALL 779-4489 OR SIGN UP ON LINE AT [WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM](http://WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM) FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN 10 PM ON THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING. DINNERS ARE \$10.00/PERSON FOR A CATERED MEAL. DOORS OPEN FOR SOCIAL HOUR AT 6 PM – DINNER SERVED A 7 PM. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED – DON'T WAIT – CALL NOW! (SEE THE MENU ON PAGE 7)**



**From Cincinnati - I-71 North to Exit 28 (Lebanon / South Lebanon Exit) Turn LEFT. Follow Rt. 48 to third traffic light (Rte. 22). Turn LEFT. Follow Rt. 22 (Montgomery Road) five minutes to Morrow. In Morrow turn LEFT at second traffic light (State Route 123). Drive 1 block and turn rt. before bridge.**

**- OR -**

**I-275 to the Montgomery Rd Exit (Exit 50). Turn RIGHT off exit ramp and follow Montgomery Rd to Morrow. In Morrow turn LEFT at second traffic light (Rt. 123). Go 1 block & turn rt before bridge.**

**From Clermont County - Rt. 132 North to Butlerville, Then Rt. 123 North to Morrow. Park is one block (on the right) on Rt. 123 at river (before the bridge).**