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President's Corner

Jim LeBlond

I want to begin by recognizing the efforts of some of your fellow Buffers. If you haven't yet attended the West Side tying classes, you're really missing something special. Dave Jones has done a whale of a job and really should be commended. Also, last month Tom Jones did a first class presentation on stream safety. Regardless of your experience level, this is something we all need to reflect upon from time to time. A few split seconds of careless activity can ruin a trip. So remember to put safety first.

Last month I ended my column with a hint of some of the great things B.U.F.F. is working on. This month I'd like to flush out some more of these details. The Officers and Directors have worked hard to put together a budget to address the needs of the membership. We've carefully thought out and debated many different topics.

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"Slammin Salmon"- Fall Salmon Trip

Joe Guenther

For the catch and a thrill of a lifetime, please take time to read this article for a unique experience in flyfishing! Be sure to mark your calendar for this one, you don't want to miss this opportunity. You've heard the stories and seen the pictures of last year's trip. The last couple of years the fall salmon runs have been exceptional. Record breaking numbers of fish have been in the river during the dates we have scheduled our trip, with about 98% success rate and lots of anglers having extremely good days. The dates for this trip are Tuesday - Thursday night, September 25-27, leaving on the morning of the 28th. Check out before noon. We are fortunate enough to have the same accommodations we had last year at the Barothy Lodge. These are truly the best accommodations to be found on the Pere Marquette River. The cabins are log homes equipped with jacuzzis, pool tables, and full

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July Meeting Program

The July Meeting will be held at Pattison Park on Wednesday, July 11th at 6:00PM. Directions on back page of The BUFFER. Come early and bring a rod if you want to fish! Tony Kalbli will be doing a program on an area we all need help with -- Knot Tying! This program will be both useful and interesting for all that attend!

Adventures From The Reel World

The Au Sable Trip

And What Will You Remember About The Grayling Adventure?

Sam Bretz

Well what I remember was rain! And more rain! But it was a fun trip just the same. Just about every one had a good time in spite of it all.

It was too cold and too wet. And the fish were not biting, but a few lucky guys caught fish. Now the ones that did catch fish said that luck had nothing to do with it! Hey, they'll get no argument from me as I caught "0".

Almost everyone got up early and fought the current casting wildly into holy water for big brown trout.

A few of the guys on our great adventure did pretty good catching some browns and brook trout. One was Joe Panfalone another was Jorge Villares, but the big fish of the trip went to Jim Bissell for a 13" brown caught on a black woolyburger. Jim said it hit like a freight train, and that he was one happy camper!!

But before I go on, I must give

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A Rookie In West Virginia Trout Waters

Lou Haynes

A couple of local retired friends of mine, Joe Mohlenkamp (NKFF) and Ralph Hamrick, traveled with me to West Virginia the weekend of June 1 - 4 to explore trout fishing. We met Charles Brown in Rainelle on Friday afternoon. Charles is a cousin of Ralph's who has fished trout all around WV most of his life. He agreed to show us some good spots to try. On Friday evening we drove to Richwood where we stayed. Richwood is an old lumber town on the edge of the Monongahela National Forest.

The next morning Charles took us on a 1-½ hour drive through the park along the Highland Scenic Highway to a catch-and-release section on the Slatyfork of the Elk River. The Slatyfork is just down the mountain from the Snowshoe Ski Resort. We arrived at the stream at about 10 A.M. to see, much to our disappointment, several cars in the parking lot. Fortunately, most of the people were on a TU stream clean-up mission and weren't fishing.

We piled out of the car, put on our gear and headed for the water. We crossed over an old railroad trestle to the other side of the stream where access was better. The stream was fairly large - about the

size of the Little Miami River. Charles and I took the second pool below the trestle. The pool was about 100 feet long, deep and fast up front trailing into a nice riffle below. Charles took the lower end. I tied on a size 12 pheasant tail with a size 16 bird's nest in tan and gray as a dropper. My first few drifts yielded zip while Charles landed a couple of nice rainbows. I decided the nymphs weren't getting deep enough in the fast current so I added some lead putty to the leader and tried again. About the third drift my line tightened, I lifted the rod and wham a solid snag. I broke my tippet, losing both nymphs. I retied and about 10 minutes later I was ready to go again. Over the next half-hour or so I managed to land 3 nice rainbows between 12 and 14 inches. Dave Feldman will be glad to know the first fish christened the net I built in his net building class this past winter.

It was about noon and the guys were on their way back to the car for lunch. I decided to try a few drifts in a nice deep pool just below a large log lying across the stream. I stealthily crept up to a good spot (ha!), made a few drifts without success when suddenly a giant flying critter came fluttering across the water directly toward me. I think it was a March Brown. It hit the water about five feet in front of me and to my surprise a trout immediately inhaled it. I quickly tied on a March Brown

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Alert! Alert! Alert!

Jorge Villares

In June, one of our members had his car broken into at Eagle City Rd. There have been three car break-ins this year, most of them around Clark County (County Line Rd., Tremont City, Eagle City and St. Paris). If you fish in these areas, be on the alert for cars or people that don't belong there. Write down the license plate numbers of any suspicious cars or call the German Township Police 937-969-8661 or 911. There has been a three year history of this now. Last year, there was a total of 11 break-ins in that area. Don't leave anything in your cars exposed!

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Cancellation

The July session of Tie & Lie West has been cancelled. Details for the August session will be published on the B.U.F.F. website and in the August newsletter.

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kitchens (this puts a new angle on roughing it). The sheer beauty of the surrounding area makes this trip worth it alone, but the bonus of literally thousands of fifteen to forty pound fish make this trip a must!

This is a Buckeye United Flyfishers club trip, and every B.U.F.F. is invited and encouraged to go. This is an excellent opportunity to become more involved with the club, to meet new people and have a fishing experience of a lifetime.

The lodging/meals will be at Barothy Lodge, Walhalla, Michigan. We have three cabins reserved with separate beds and plenty of space for everyone. The meals will be catered nightly from the Osceola Inn. You're on your own for breakfast and lunch. The price for the entire trip is \$201.00. This includes the catering. The lodge requires we prepay in full by July 20. This is nonrefundable, so if you unable to make the trip, simply find a replacement.

Equipment: 8- 1/2' to 9- 1/2', 8-10 weight rods. Reels should have disc drags and be spooled with amnesia line. We'll be using the chuck and duck method. Polarized sunglasses are a must, this is sight fishing. Recommended tippet is Ultra Green 8 - 10 test. You'll also need ball swivels and round shot (5's and 7's).

Flies: egg patterns, black stones, caddis larva, spey flies, all flies must be tied on heavy-duty hooks, and this will be covered at the pre-trip meeting.

Clothing/Gear: The weather is usually in the 70's during the day and in the 40's at night, so be sure to pack clothing to fit the weather to ensure better comfort. It would be a good idea to bring along a rain jacket. Gortex waders are first choice, something breathable but neoprenes are fine. Felt bottom wading shoes will work just fine.

An information packet will be available upon request. If you are interested in this trip, please call me at home, Joe Guenther 724-6343, to get signed up and/or if you have any questions. This is on a first come first serve basis so call as soon as possible. This is really a great trip, hope everyone can make it!! ♦

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First and foremost, we wanted to respond to our membership's desire to have a better general meeting facility. We toured many different options, and have settled on the Clarion Hotel on Pfeiffer Road near I-71. This facility will also be the home of our 2002 Fly Fishing Sportshow and Cabin Fever Relief Banquet. By combining both our general meeting needs and the needs of the Sportshow and Banquet we were able to work a much better deal. We are guaranteed to have a room at least the size of their Founder's room for our general meetings. We may even be able to talk them into giving us one of their Ballrooms from time to time. This facility will give us ample room for our general meetings and represents more than a 50% increase in exhibit space and theater seating for our Sportshow.

We will begin using the Clarion in October and have agreed to meet there for the next eight monthly meetings. In order to make this move we had to raise the price of our dinners to \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Soft drinks will be an additional \$1.50, but coffee and iced tea will be provided. We also had to guarantee that we would purchase a minimum of 50 meals at each meeting. It is therefore very important that you call to give us your dinner reservation. If you call and don't show up we'll end up paying for your dinner and losing money. If you forget to call in, there's a real chance that there may not be extra food. So, please remember to call & most of all remember to come!

We really want you to enjoy your

B.U.F.F. experience this year, and we really hope you'll check out the new place. To make it even easier, we're working on a series of very special programs, beginning with the October meeting. In October, we're going to bring back one of your all time favorites. I know you will enjoy this meeting. To further add to the excitement of the evening, Tony Kalbli has also donated an extra special item to be raffled off that night with proceeds going to conservation. All in all, the October meeting is one that you can't afford to miss so pencil it in and be sure to come, even if you've never come to a meeting before. We'd love to have you there.

Below you will find some more details of or recently approved budget. B.U.F.F. officers and directors have made a real commitment to your meeting facilities, your information sources, your trips, your speakers, and your conservation activities. The rest is up to you. So please take full advantage of these opportunities. We're going to have a great year and we want you to be part of everything we do!

Education Through Fly Fishing

B.U.F.F. members met with the Indian Hills High School outdoor education class April 19 to introduce students to fly fishing. B.U.F.F. instructors Eric Scarpa, Vince Capella, Roy Mathews, Dave Uckotter, Bob Curry, Ed Jones, and Dave Jones provided each student with one hour of instruction in casting and fly tying. This year, teacher Ellen Bedinghouse also joined in and learned to cast and tie as well. The students were very enthusiastic and volunteered to come back during their free period to learn to tie more flies. Dave Uckotter and Dave Jones stayed most of the day to accommodate their wishes, and most of the students tied very usable masterpieces they planned to use right away.

B.U.F.F. members also

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credit to Joe Guenther for doing an outstanding job of putting this whole trip together and making things go so smoothly for all of us. Joe was one of the lucky ones that caught fish, both browns and brookies. Besides being the go-between with camp owners, Joe spent a lot of his time taking guys to fishing spots, food spots, and whatever else had to be done. Good job Joe!

After a hard day of fishing on Saturday we all met at the main cabin where Joe Panfalone and Roy Mathews had a nice dinner ready. I think it was chili mack. Joe just said it was Italian, and it was good, so Italian it was. Everyone told fish stories, and a good time was had by all.

In the evening after a hard day on the water we sat around and lied to each other about the one that got away and how skillful we had been in our quest for monster AuSable brown trout. Jim LeBlond and John Doscher tied flies. And good ones. Jorge took pictures of the whole trip, Joe Guenther and Jim Bissell sipped scotch, and I had visions of little brown trout in my head.



Jim, is this really 13" ??

Upcoming B.U.F.F. Meeting Information

Louise Goldsberry

B.U.F.F. meetings in August, September and October are going to be a break from the norm in several ways. The meeting in August is to be held at Stonelick Lake State Park on Saturday, August 4th and will be a family picnic. We ask that you bring a covered dish to share. B.U.F.F. will provide the brats, metts, hamburgers, drinks and table ware. There will be no charge, but we ask that you be sure to call your reservation in, given the number of people attending. Time and directions will be in a future newsletter.

The meeting for September is scheduled to be the evening of Wednesday, September 12th at Sycamore Park in Batavia. This will be a "swap meet" in addition to fishing the East Fork. Start taking inventory of your gear for items you want to "swap" or sell.

Then in October, we begin our indoors meetings. The fall and winter meetings will be at the Clarion Hotel on Pfeiffer Road at I-71. We hope all members will support this move. Our commitment for paid dinners each month is 50 members. We have some very interesting and exciting programs planned for these meetings and the Clarion can accommodate any size group. It is still very important for you to call in your reservation as the Clarion has to have a definite count on Monday before the meeting. Please support your club and help make this move a good one. The dinner reservation phone line is still 732-7335. ♦

Welcome New Member!

The following individual has recently joined of B.U.F.F.:

R. Edward Tepe

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imitation Joe bought for us from Delamere and Hopkins. On the first drift I hooked and landed a nice 12 inch brown. On the third cast I caught another the same size. Awesome experience for this rookie!

After lunch we drove back near Richwood to the Cranberry River. This river was slightly larger than the Slatyfork with some deep pools and nice riffles - at places at least 100 feet across. That afternoon I caught 5 or 6 fish on nymphs - mainly gray and tan bird's nests which I might say I tied myself. Great feeling! The area we fished on the Cranberry was a 2-1/2 mile stretch of catch-and-release water. Sad to say I saw a couple of worm boxes at one of the deep pools.

On Sunday morning we decided to try another catch-and-release area on the North Fork of the Cherry River. The Cherry River passes right through Richwood so we didn't have far to drive. Before heading to the stream we stopped at the local fly shop for the latest update. While there I picked up a couple of elk hair caddis and tan caddis fly imitations as suggested by the owner.

We parked in the National Forest Ranger parking lot which is streamside, geared up and walked down the bank to the river. The river, about the size of the East Fork, was clear with a few deep holes but mostly shallow riffles in this stretch. Joe and Ralph headed upstream and I started down. Since no hatches were evident I tied on an elk hair caddis as my offering. The darn fly wouldn't sink so I added some lead putty to my leader

(I didn't know at the time that the elk hair is a dry fly - a rookie mistake). I did catch a couple of small 6 - 8 inch brookies with this set-up. I noticed a fish take something from the surface in a riffle near me so I decided to try the tan caddis dry fly and proceeded to catch 4 more small brookies by lunch. It sure was exciting to see the fish attack the dry fly.


We decided to return to the Cranberry in the afternoon where I continued to use the tan caddis dry fly. I caught 4 or 5 more trout that afternoon - one 12-inch brookie and the rest rainbows.

This was a rewarding and successful trip for me. The streams were great and the scenery beautiful. It's about a 6-hour drive to Richwood going through Wheeling and Charleston. Joe Guenther told me he has fished the same area and came away with a similar positive impression. Anyone interested in travel and lodging details please call me.

Some things this rookie learned from this trip:

1. I found it more fun to fish with dry flies than nymphs. Strikes are sure more obvious and it's exciting to see the fish take the fly.
2. The water's cold when you accidentally sit down in midstream. It's also embarrassing when someone is watching.
3. I talked to a few local fly fishermen who were catching lots of fish and willing to tell me what they were using. In most cases I didn't know what these flies/nymphs were or looked like. Clearly I need to bone up on my fly and aquatic insect knowledge.
4. Beavers can scare the c--- out of you. There is a long quiet pool headed by a long shallow riffle near where we parked along the Cranberry. A couple of beavers were busily working in the pool and didn't seem to be shy of people. I was standing in mid-riffle casting to

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JULY

11 Wed/6pm - **BUFF Monthly Meeting @ Pattison Park.**
13-15 Fri-Sun - **B.U.F.F. Elkhorn Fishing Trip (Joe Guenther/Don Hogue)**
18 Wed/7pm - **BUFF Director's Meeting @ Clarion Hotel (Pfeiffer Rd. and I-71)** 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 @ Stonelick Lake State Park**
10-12 - Fri-Sat - **B.U.F.F. Cumberland Tailwaters Fishing Trip (Joe Guenther)**
15 Wed/7pm - **BUFF Director's Meeting @ Clarion Hotel (Pfeiffer Rd. and I-71)** 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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a rising fish when suddenly I looked down to see this beaver swim by within 2 feet of me. He must have been 6 feet long and weighed about 300 pounds (I learned to exaggerate a little from Goldsberry at the Hardies Lie and Tie sessions). Anyway I almost did a flip in midstream. Needless to say I had to change my underwear after the encounter.

5. I found it very hard to tie on flies late in the evening and in the deep shadows during the day. Three-pound tippet is hard enough to see in bright daylight. Try as I might light weight tippet seems to have an aversion to going through the hookey in low light. For my next trip I'm thinking of pre-tying some appropriate flies to tippets, storing them in little bags and simply attaching them to the leader with loops when it gets hard to see. ♦

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. Additional contact names will be added following announcement of the Year 2001.

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 @ Clarion Hotel (Pfeiffer Rd. and I-71)** 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).**

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conducted all-day fly fishing/tying seminars at Sycamore Park May 5 and at Deerfield Park May 19. Once again, lucky students from Greg Johnson's science classes at Hopewell Jr. School have been treated to some special after-school fishing activities at the end of the school year. Greg taught them to tie and cast a fly, and then they used their newly-developed skills to catch fish on a local pond. B.U.F.F. and Greg's students all appreciate his fine work in fly fishing education! If you are involved in conservation or fly fishing education activities, please inform Ed Jones. A report of your activities will be included in a future report. ♦

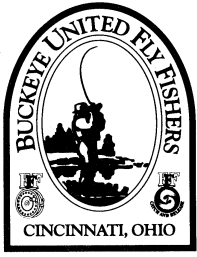
OCTOBER

12-14 Fri-Sun - **Nantahala Trip (Bob Ireton).**
10 Wed/6pm - **BUFF Monthly Meeting @ Clarion Hotel (Pfeiffer Rd. and I-71)**, Board Nominations
17 Wed/7pm - **BUFF Director's Meeting @ Clarion Hotel (Pfeiffer Rd. and I-71)** Members encouraged to attend.
18 Thurs/6:30pm - **Tie & Lie.** General fly tying and story telling session. Hardee's Restaurant, Batavia (Bob Goldsberry)

Due to some computer file incompatibilities, I could not provide the monthly financials. I will provide the updated financials in next month's BUFFER.

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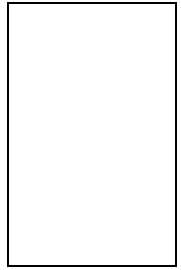


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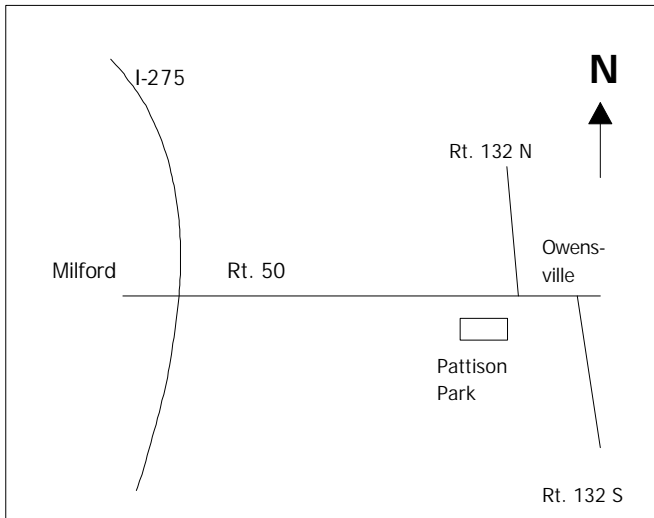
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Next Monthly Meeting – July 11

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: Fishing and learn how and practice your Knot Tying!!



WHERE: Pattison Park, Owensville, Ohio

DIRECTIONS: Pattison Park is located just west of Owensville, Ohio on Route 50. Follow Rt. 50 east from Milford or I-275; or travel west on Rt. 50 from the intersection of Rt. 132 and Rt. 50 in Owensville.

Meeting Time: Starts at 6:00 pm.