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## The President's Notes

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I imagine this is the best weather to go fishing. I love these temps, the humidity is still low and it is staying light enough to fish till about 9 pm. While the rains have blown out some of the local streams they will soon be at the right level to get out and fish. I plan to try to fish more of the local rivers in my canoe or pontoon boat so if someone wants to get out, please give me a call. Sometimes the hardest part is actually getting the equipment out and going – I encourage you to get out and enjoy your sport as often as possible.

Parky's Farm is over for the Spring but it will be starting up in September and run through October. I heard a lot of stories about the abundance of big bass, bluegill and catfish. However, I also heard some little girl caught the biggest bass of all!

I wanted to thank Mark Walters, owner of "Delamere & Hopkins," and Neal Potter, Guide, for their presentation and discussion of fishing for smallmouth bass and telling us some of their secrets. I personally picked up some valuable tips and plan to try some of their techniques on the local streams and on the Elkhorn. With the Elkhorn only being 2 hours away and one of the best smallmouth streams in Kentucky, it is well worth even driving down for a day trip. You might try their suggestion of renting a canoe from "Canoe Kentucky" to get into some areas that are otherwise inaccessible. I also enjoyed learning a little about the opportunities of fishing in Alaska. While I have been there twice to do a little fishing and mostly sightseeing, I can tell you that most of the streams we crossed on while driving all held fish and it was sure exciting to stop and wet a line with my son at my side (although my other son and wife didn't really appreciate all the stops). However, they enjoyed the fresh fish for supper. I would like to go back on an organized "fishing" trip and hope to do that in the future. Be sure and check out D&H's web site at <u>www.bestgear.com</u> and stop in and get some of those special poppers for your next trip.

Speaking about fishing, this is just a little "heads-up" – next time you see Lou ask him about the upcoming daytrip canoeing and fishing on the Little Miami. He is getting about 8 canoes from Isaac Walton chapter near Loveland and if you want to try your pontoon boat or kayak you can probably easily arrange a shuttle too.

## **BUFF June 2009 Meeting Program**

This month's Presentation will be by Doug Maloney, Fish Management Supervisor with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources

## Junk Spotters' Tag Areas Along River That Need Cleaned Up By Western Star staff writer Rich Gillette

Forwarded by Bill Schroeder

This article appeared on-line and in the Western Star (Warren County) the Enquirer, Pulse Journal and Middletown Journal the week of 5/14. There are actually four Buff Members involved in this project. They are Dale Mowry, and myself (paddled 65 miles and took pictures and geotagged the junk and refuse locations for later cleanup) Bruce Miller and Ken Speicher, who were part of the team support group providing logistical support.

A project launched this week by a group aimed at protecting the Little Miami River may help keep the scenic waterway clean for years to come. Armed with global position satellite technology, six men took off in kayaks Monday, May 11, from the Jacoby Road Public Access near Yellow Springs to "geotag" or mark areas on the river that need cleanup. Dubbed the "junk spotters," the men have paddled for the past four days on the state and nationally protected river through four counties, including Warren County, to where it ends in the Ohio River. The group is using technology that enables a small portable GPS to be affixed to the flash attachment connection on a camera to mark the exact location of each picture that is taken. When the picture is downloaded to a computer, along with the GPS data, a matching process enables each picture to be "tagged" and mapped at the exact location, according to Warren County Park Commissioner Bill Schroeder, who is heading the project.

"It is expected that hundreds of pictures of refuse hot spots will mapped, enabling the data to be shared with local volunteers that are willing to make the effort required to clean them up," Schroeder said.

The idea started last fall when Schroeder and a group noticed trash or debris along the river bank during a trip.

"That trip revealed that along with the natural beauty, there remain numerous places where junk, tires, automobiles and trash still remain, as a disturbing distraction to an otherwise near perfect vista," he said.

On Monday, May 11, Schroeder took on water in his kayak as he was maneuvering and came in contact with an a old bridge pylon. On board with him was more than \$1,000 in camera and GPS equipment.

"I was more concerned with the equipment, but that's why you put it in waterproof boxes," Schroeder said.

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Along with Schroeder is Rhett Roher, a Little Miami Inc. board member and owner of River's Edge Canoe Livery in Waynesville; Aaron Rourk, Adopt-a-Trail coordinator for the Friends of the Little Miami Trail; Dale Mowry, member of the Buckeye United Fly Fishermen Club; David Hershberger, owner of Premier Travel Agency; Matt Taulbee, a Cincinnati attorney and paddling advocate; and Eric Partee, executive director of Little Miami Inc.

On the first day, the men paddled for more than 10 hours and stopped at the River's Edge Canoe Livery in Waynesville. On Tuesday, they made their next stop at Morgan's Campground near Morrow. During the first half of their trip, the men were surprised at the small amount of junk or trash they found along the river. Schroeder said they logged about 150 "geotags" or locations where items like tires or metal items like washing machines were found.

"I was really amazed at how pristine the river is," Hershberger said.

In 2007, after more than 40 years of work by volunteers, Schroeder said the Little Miami River met water quality standards set by the U.S. EPA. He said the goal is to keep it that way.

"There's 38 miles of this river in Warren County. It's one of the most important things we have and people need to take ownership of it," Schroeder said.

With Warren County's growth in housing and retail development, Schroeder hopes the project will keep the importance of the river in people's minds.

"Everyone needs to realize everything that is thrown out can eventually reach its way to the river," he said.

## Walk-About on the Little Miami Steve Lilly

Our next Walk-About will be along the Little Miami at 10:00am on June the 6th. The walks are informal and no signup or reservation is needed, just show up and bring along your own provisions. Everyone is invited, including your friends and neighbors. Milford is having their Frontier Days at the same time; perhaps you may want to combine these two events.

If you haven't fished the Little Miami, this is a must event for you. If you have fished the Little Miami please join in because we could all benefit from your experience. We going to go along some easily accessible and attractive stretches of the stream, and we are going to have a professional guide, Steve Waac of A&N Stream Outfitters in Milford, for help and advice. You can keep your feet dry, or you are welcome to wade out into the stream, but it won't be necessary.

We will meet at the AVOCA trail head, 7949 Wooster Pike, Cincinnati 45227. There will be a Walk-About sign on Wooster Pike to mark the turn off to the parking area. This is a Hamilton County Park, so you should have a park pass. If you don't have it, there is usually a person there that will be happy to sell you one. The start of the walk will be up the bike trail for about a third of a mile, where we will drop down to the river to look at some riffles. Then back on the trail for another quarter of a mile to view some quiet water with good structure. That part of the Walk-About will show you plenty of good places to fish, but if you wish to push on, we can go further up stream for about a mile to look at an island in the Little Miami that is seldom fished but has excellent water. If the stream isn't too high we will take a short wade across some shallow water to reach the island and examine its far side. However, if the stream is too high, or you want to stay dry, you will at least find an easy way to the island at some later date.

## ....From the Library Bob Mackey

Thought I would give everyone a LIBRARY update as to where we are as of June, 2009. Currently we have 162 video/DVD's and 236 books. We have just about every subject you can think of covered by one of these books or DVD's. You can review what is in our inventory by logging onto our website <u>www.buckeyeflyfishers.com</u>, hit "Education" then hit our Book and Video links which will give you the details.

On any given Wednesday membership meeting there are thirty to fifty items taken out of the library. As the Video Library expands the shift in demand is for those. I have also geared my purchases towards DVD's and will continue to do so. Your interest is very enthusiastic and I think everyone is benefitting from a variety of subjects. The library is certainly satisfying many of our fly fishing wants, needs and interests. If you have a suggestion for a particular subject or have a book or DVD in mind please let me know as those ideas are what we want to carry in the library.

I have a couple of favors to ask our library users. The number one problem I am having is "keeping the book or DVD out for more than two or three months". I feel one month is a long enough period of time for review. Longer periods tend to let you forget you even have the item and then it's too late or it gets lost. Multiply this by 10 or 20 persons and many books and DVD's are lost to the library for an unfair amount of time...and many of these are the most popular items. Believe it or not, I am still trying to recoup items from as far back as one and a half to two years ago. Put the books and videos into your car so you have them for the meeting.

If and when I contact you by e-mail or phone for a delinquent item I am doing so because your name was the last name to appear on the library index card...the person who last logged the item out. That is my starting point. It is not out of the ordinary to contact someone and they say they have returned the item only to "find it" tucked under the couch or misplaced at home. I know it's embarrassing but I don't care as long as it's returned and we don't lose it for good. I take inventory twice a year and try to account for each item. The library is for you and it's up to the users to be responsible for what you take out of the library. Don't forget, library items are 'Property of BUFF''.

Another favor I ask is when returning books and DVD's...find your "index card" either in the "Book Index Card" stack or "Video Index Card" stack located on the far end of the library table where you return library items. These are in numerical order, upper right hand corner of index card. Find your card and place it back into the book or DVD pouch and then place item back on the library table. This helpful task gives people immediate access to that item. *If you return the book without replacing the index card, your name will be the last one on the card....and you will get my call or e-mail asking for its return!* 

June is our last meeting at Raffles before we take our summer break. The library will be closed July and August so please return your books and videos at the June meeting. I need your help in this area. I will accept "returns only" at the Swap get together in July and the picnic in August.

Thank you all again for being helpful and enjoy the library...it's yours

Bob Mackey, Club Librarian

## **FFF Sweepstakes**

#### **Mike Bryant**

Here's a chance to win a great 4 day, 5 night trip (for 2!!) at the Five Rivers Lodge located in Dillon, MT. Five Rivers Lodge is located in beautiful southwest Montana. Guests of the Lodge will enjoy miles of wading access on spring creeks, several private ponds, the Ruby, the Beaverhead and the Big Hole Rivers. Fiver Rivers Lodge offers some of the finest fishing in the U.S. and scenery is incredible!

The Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) is sponsoring this great sweepstakes:

- The trip has a retail value of \$5300 (4 days, 5 nights for 2 at the Five Rivers Lodge)
- The winner will also receive a \$1000 travel stipend.

There will be 15 trip winners in all, one from each FFF Council. The FFF Ohio Council represents the fly fishers only in Ohio. Since the Ohio Council is one of the smaller councils in FFF, so you're odds of winning are better in Ohio versus some of the other larger councils. Winners will also be entered in a drawing for a trip to Cinco Rios Lodge in Chile. In addition, other prizes will be drawn – rods, reels, and other gear!

Tickets are only 20 = 1 ticket or 100 = 6 tickets.

Even better - join FFF as a new member for only \$35 (one year single membership) and automatically be entered for the drawing. Senior memberships (65 years of age or older) are available for \$25, and Family memberships are available for \$45. If you are a current FFF member in good standing and recruit a <u>new</u> FFF member, you will receive a sweepstakes ticket as well.

The Five Rivers Lodge winners drawing will be held on June 20, 2009.

Tickets can be purchased or new memberships will be accepted at the June B.U.F.F. dinner meeting. But this will be your last opportunity!! Please cash or checks only. Additional information about the Five Rivers Lodge and the sweepstakes will be available at the meeting. Or if you cannot attend the meeting, you can email Mike Bryant (<u>mjbryant@email.com</u>) for additional information on how to buy tickets or apply for a new FFF membership online.

Proceeds from the sweepstakes benefit FFF, FFF Councils and FFF Clubs (including B.U.F.F.)



## **BUFF 2009 Calendar**

#### June 2009

- Jun 4
   Tie & Lie, West, 7-9 pm, Bass Pro Outdoors

   Jun 4-6
   Elkhorn River Smallmouth Bass Trip, Frankfort, KY, Don Hogue
- Jun 6 Walk- About, Avoca Park, Little Miami R., 10am
- Jun 7 **BUFF Casting Class**, Cottell Park, 1-4 pm
- Jun 10 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45-9 pm
- Raffel's on Reading Rd
- Jun 14 BUFF Casting Class, Cottell Park, 1-4 pm Jun 17 BUFF Board Meeting, Atonement Lutheran
- Jun 17 **BUFF Board Meeting**, Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH 7 pm
- Jun 19 Tie & Lie, Bass Pro 7-9 pm
- Jun 24 **Tie & Lie East**, A&N Outfitters3-6 pm, and 6:30-8:30 pm 227 Main St., Milford, OH
- Jun 26 **Tying at the VA**, Dave Jones On site fishing at Lake Isabella, 9:30 am – 2 pm
- Jun 25-28 Spring Creek & Penn's Creek Trip, Phil Pursley

#### July 2009

- Jul 2 Tie & Lie, West, 7-9 pm, Bass Pro Outdoors Jul 8 BUFF Outdoor Swap Meet, Izaak Walton Campgrounds,
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- Jul 12 BUFF Casting Class, Cottell Park, 1-4 pm
- Jul 15 **BUFF Board Meeting**, Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH 7 pm
- Jul 17 **Tie & Lie, Bass Pro** 7-9 pm
- Jul 19BUFF Casting Class, Cottell Park, 1-4 pmJul 22Tie & Lie East, A&N Outfitters3-6 pm, and 6:30-8:30 pm227 Main St., Milford, OH
- Jul 23 Tying at the VA Medical Ctr. 6:30-8 pm, Dave Jones
- Jul 26 **BUFF Casting Class**, Cottell Park, 1-4 pm

#### August 2009

- Aug 6 Tie & Lie, West, 7-9 pm, Bass Pro Outdoors
- Aug 15 BUFF Picnic, Izaak Walton Campgrounds, Loveland, Oh
- Aug 16 BUFF Instructor Casting Class, Cottell Park, 1-4 pm
- Aug 19 **BUFF Board Meeting**, Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH 7 pm
- Aug 21 Tie & Lie, Bass Pro 7-9 pm
- Aug 23 BUFF Instructor Casting Class, Cottell Park, 1-4 pm
- Aug 26 **Tie & Lie East**, A&N Outfitters3-6 pm, and 6:30-8:30 pm 227 Main St., Milford, OH
- Aug 27 Tying at the VA, VA Medical Ctr. 6:30-8 pm, Dave Jones

#### September 2009

Sep 2-5 Au Sable & Manistee River North Woods Trout Trip, Steve Bailev Sep 3 Tie & Lie, West, 7-9 pm, Bass Pro Outdoors **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45-9 pm Sep 9 Raffel's on Reading Rd Parkey's Farm, 10-2 pm Sep 11 Sep 13-18 Pere Marquette Fall Salmon Trip, Walhalla, MI, Joe Guenther Sep 16 **BUFF Board Meeting**, Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH 7 pm Parkey's Farm, 10-2 pm Sep 18 Tie & Lie, Bass Pro 7-9 pm Sep 18 Sep 18-20 Casting For Recovery Sep 23 Tie & Lie East, A&N Outfitters3-6 pm, and 6:30-8:30 pm 227 Main St., Milford, OH Sep 24 Tying at the VA, VA Medical Ctr. 6:30-8 pm, Dave Jones Sep 25 Parkey's Farm, 10-2 pm Sep 26 Great Outdoor Weekend Izak Walton site, 10 am - 3 pm Sep 30 -Oct 3 Cumberland River Trip, Bob Mackey - Dave Jones

#### October 2009

- Oct 1 Tie & Lie, West, 7-9 pm, Bass Pro Outdoors
- Oct 2 Parkey's Farm, 10-2 pm
- Oct 9 Parkey's Farm, 10-2 pm
- Oct 9-13 Fall Trout Trip, Waynesville, NC, Don Prince
- Oct 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45-9 pm Raffel's on Reading Rd
- Oct 16 Parkey's Farm, 10-2 pm
- Oct 16 Tie & Lie, Bass Pro 7-9 pm
- Oct 21 **BUFF Board Meeting**, Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH 7 pm
- Oct 22 Tying at the VA, VA Medical Ctr. 6:30-8 pm, Dave Jones
- Oct 28 Tie & Lie East, A&N Outfitters3-6 pm, and 6:30-8:30 pm
- 227 Main St., Milford, OH
- Oct 30 Parky's Farm, 10-2 pm

#### November 2009

- Nov 5 Tie & Lie, West, 7-9 pm, Bass Pro Outdoors
- Nov 11 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45-9 pm Raffel's on Reading Rd
- Nov 18 **BUFF Board Meeting**, Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH 7 pm
- Nov 19-22 **Steelhead Trip, Pine Lake Trout Club**, Chagrin Falls, OH, Tom Herr
- Nov 20 Tie & Lie, Bass Pro 7-9 pm

#### December 2009

- Dec 3 Tie & Lie, West, 7-9 pm, Bass Pro Outdoors
- Dec 9 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45-9 pm Raffel's on Reading Rd
- Dec 16 **BUFF Board Meeting**, Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH 7 pm
- Dec 18 Tie & Lie, Bass Pro 7-9 pm
- Dec 23 **Tie & Lie East**, A&N Outfitters3-6 pm, and 6:30-8:30 pm 227 Main St., Milford, OH

#### June Menu <u>PRICE THIS MONTH \$12</u>

Trout with Almonds Marinated Char Grilled Chicken Breast Red Skinned Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Broccoli with Cheese Tossed Salad with Dressings Rolls and Butter Chef's Choice of Dessert

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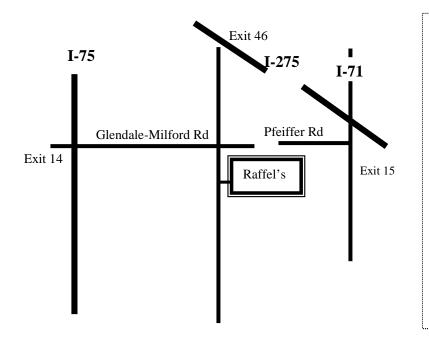
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## Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday – June 10

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