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President's Corner

Mike Bryant (mjbryant@email.com)

Having Fun – WOW!! Did we ever have a good time! I had the pleasure of traveling down to the western mountains of North Carolina with ten other fellow Buffers several weekends ago for the B.U.F.F. fall trout fishing trip. We had the opportunity to learn some new fishing techniques, discover some new trout water, make new friends and strengthen old friendships. If you have never traveled to this part of the country, you owe it to yourself to spend some time there. I love this part of the country. The tree covered mountains, long valleys, gin clear water and lots and lots of trout streams in my mind make this the ideal place to come to know. These streams are some of the prettiest trout water you will find anywhere. During the trip we fished both the East Fork and West Fork of the Pigeon River. The Pigeon River is a classic mountain trout stream with pools, riffles and pockets. Roger Lowe, along with his dad, Frank, and fellow guide, Dave, were great hosts who are true professionals and great souls to be spend a couple of days with. Everyone ended the trip better fly fishers because of their efforts. May thanks to Joe Guenther for designing and pulling off yet another great new club trip. Outstanding!!

Giving Back – At the October meeting I presented President's Award to two of our fellow Buffers, Bob Ireton and Tony Kalbli. The President's Award is my way of recognizing fellow Buffers who go the extra step when volunteering their time and talents to our club. Bob was recognized for his contributions in developing the Fly Tying section on the B.U.F.F. website. The section now contains over thirty fly patterns complete with high quality photos and well written instructions. It's a great way to learn new patterns and help recall forgotten techniques. Thanks Bob! Tony was recognized for his leadership in developing the fly casting program. Through Tony's efforts, we now have a consistent method for teaching our members how to cast a fly rod. We now have established educational programs to teach beginners as well as train instructors, ensuring our ability to expand our training capacity into the future. Thanks Tony!!

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November Meeting Program

FLY TYING DEMONSTRATION!!

Learn to tie with Glenn Weisner and Wayne Samson of Glenn River Fly Company.

See story on page 6!

Adventures From the Reel World

Fishing the Green River in Utah, Sept 2, 2003, Part II

Sam West

The morning of our trip found us up early and excited to meet our guide and duel with the river wise trout. We found Harold in the lower parking lot puttering with the boat trailer. His broad smile and happy demeanor signaled a comfortable day with a knowledgeable man of the river. We immediately liked the man and felt a kindred spirit stir between us. We shuttled down to the river with another guide and his guests chatting about “where been” and “where going” fishing.

The dorys slipped into the water and we were welcomed aboard beginning our adventure. The water was running at minimum flow, 800 cubic feet per second. The nice clear flow provided a good moderate speed to adequately fish this pristine river. As we waited in an eddy across from the launch ramp for the other boat to load up, Harold urged me to cast out and begin. I knew this was his chance to see what kind of fisherman I was, the initial test. He would be checking my casting, line handling, and retrieval skills so he could tailor his services to my level of expertise. He watched closely, even though he was busy getting Lynn’s flies tied on. The initial cast went out, then a lift and recast, a strike and a 14” rainbow was soon brought to boat. I breathed a little easier knowing that the crucial test was over and that I passed, the day would be good.

We moved out into the stream and down the river, casting, recasting, and hooking. Lynn hooked and was delightfully pleased with a fat 21” brown trout she artfully brought to net, the day’s largest catch. The morning was going well and we were quite busy with the intricacies and vagaries that angling entails. It became hard to tear our eyes away from the line and strike indicator to look at the beautiful scenery. The 300 to 600 foot high walls of red and tan rocks on both sides of the river. Several osprey were seen flying through the canyon looking for a fish that might stray to close to the surface. The deep blue sky treated us with white puffy clouds. The ambiance alone is reason enough to be out on this beautiful river. Time slipped away rapidly and Harold announced that we would be stopping for lunch as he swung the boat into a small crystal clear pool and beached it next to a large boulder that became our dock.

Preparing my rod for stowage, I discovered that my dropper hook had broken at the upper bend. This provided the explanation why I had only been catching fish on the upper bead head nymph for the past hour. I had been getting a lot of strikes but could not get a hook set since a large brown had been hooked then spit the hook, or so I thought. The hook must have been weakened and finally broke when the big fish gave it a few good tugs. I could see the fly so never thought to check the hook point. This mistake would be something that would not be allowed again.

We had a wonderful fried chicken lunch sitting next to the river under the shade of a large Ponderosa pine. Harold had set up comfortable camp chairs and a folding table for our feast. The conversation was lively and varied as we discussed the gambit of fishing, families, and other stories of life’s experiences. Cleaning up after lunch we all made sure that we only left footprints for others to find and found our positions back in the boat. Harold set about switching us over to dry flies for the rest of the journey.

After the tiny nymphs that swam below the surface for the morning stretch the Chernobyl ants that were on the ends of our lines looked like a bath sponge. About an inch long of formed black foam with 2” rubber spider legs sticking out making it look like a mutant insect from a nuclear accident. A light orange spot on its back told us when the fly was riding correctly in the water. If we did not see it, Harold was quick to tell us to give it a yank or a recast to turn it over. Evidently, it did not catch fish well when upside down. I have always shied away from dries and had never fished with them before today. I am now a believer in dry flies.

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FISHING WITH ROGER IN NORTH CAROLINA

Roy Matthews

Nine members of BUFF (Mike Bryant, Bruce James, Sam Bretz, Roy Matthews, Don Prince, and the Guenthers – Frank, Jeff, Jessie, and Joe) recently traveled to Waynesville, North Carolina, to fish for the trout with friend and guide Roger Lowe. We stayed in a rental house on the side of a mountain – with what a view! -- overlooking the town and the surrounding countryside! The accommodations were great!

The next morning we arrived at the Lowe Fly Shop where we bought licenses, a few flies, and other equipment. We were welcomed by Roger, his father Frank, and a guide named Dave. Roger's wife was also there to run the cash register, and to share the southern hospitality for which the region is famous.

Our first fishing stop was a place on the East Fork of the Pigeon river called "Camp Hope", where we met John who is custodian (and later our cook for several meals). Roger led a symposium on fly fishing where everybody learned things that we did not know, as well reviewed things we did know – but might have forgotten!

That afternoon – in groups of three – we shared a guide and proceeded to fish. Following careful instructions, we all caught fish – rainbows in the ten to fifteen inch variety. A few browns fell victim to our nets as well.

That evening we drove to Waynesville and ate at Bogards – an excellent restaurant owned by Roger's brother. We ordered from the menu and ate food fit for a king!

The next day we went back to Camp Hope and again caught fish. After a lunch of hamburgers and brats, we journeyed to the West Fork and caught numerous brook trout. That evening we returned to Camp Hope for a fancy meal starting with shrimp cocktail, followed by barbecued ribs, chicken, salad and ending with pecan cake topped with ice cream!

Each evening was filled with bragging about the events of the day. We all agreed that we wanted to repeat this trip next year!

Fishing the Green River --Continued from page 2

As the ant on steroids drifted down the current, a 20" brown drifted up and sucked it down and into his mouth. I immediately set the hook and found my line sailing back over my head, a missed hook-up, too anxious and excited. This went on for a few more missed takes and I knew that I would have to force myself to count to 2 before the hook set as another large brown rose up from the deep for his afternoon snack. His long speckled body appeared to the front and below the black foam and continued to rise on an intercept course, a dimple formed in the water, the disappearance of the ant, the speckled body turned and started away, "one-two", a hook set, and a mighty ticked off trout was in a full hissy fit. I was now an accomplished dry fly fisherman as this was repeated through the afternoon.

"Hello Andy" yelled Lynn from the back of the boat. I looked up to see our new friend Andy Kim on the bank path with a fish tugging on his line. He was surprised to see us and hailed back with a wish for luck as we passed him. Andy was dressed for the climate. He had a bandana draped around and down the sides of his head held on by his ball cap, long sleeve shirt, thin gloves, and long pants. At this altitude, the sun can be extremely damaging. To be in it day after day requires simple precautions. Andy was setting a good example for us. After taking note of the environmental lessons, my attention returned to my line and the business at hand.

The only thing that I noticed about our surroundings was the close canyon walls opening to fields on either side of the river giving a wider view. But I was too busy to sight-see as another assault on the muscular ant was taking place. "One-two" came my practiced cadence, the subsequent hook set, and a greeting of white foam as the big brown came out of the water trying to return the ant to the bank. Harold advised me not to bring him in too quickly and our game of give and take went on for a few minutes before the fish agreed to come to net. As Harold brought him out of the water, I was startled by a smattering of applause from the bank. We had come to the end of the day, the takeout, and my final struggle of the day had been witnessed by other anglers awaiting the shuttle back to the lodge. A tinge of sadness came to me. What a wonderful day. The guided trip had been a birthday present to myself, and I found it to be the best ever.

The FFF Ohio Sub-Council – Some Thoughts

Mike Bryant

Many of you may not know that B.U.F.F. is an affiliated member of the Federation of Fly Fishers. FFF is the national / international organization dedicated to advancing the sport of fly fishing, supporting “all fish, all waters”, and being a voice for organized fly fishing supporting conservation, education and integrity. FFF is organized by regional and/or state councils. B.U.F.F. is a member of the Great Lakes Council (GLC) that includes other fly fishing clubs in the states of Ohio, Michigan and Indiana. To be honest, though we have been a member of the GLC, our involvement has been minimum to non-existent due to distance and a primary focus on Michigan issues. B.U.F.F., along with several Ohio clubs, have been disenfranchised with this relationship for some time. But over the past six months, Lou Haynes and I have been working with officers from the other Ohio clubs to make a change. The result is the formation of the Ohio Sub Council. This is a great opportunity, one that will allow us to be more influential and have a broader impact on the sport of fly fishing. We, along with our kids and grandkids, will benefit from this change. Please read the attached press release for further information. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call (513-697-9576) or send an email (mjbryant@email.com).

FFF Ohio Sub Council Established

At their quarterly meeting on October 18, 2003, the Federation of Fly Fishers Great Lakes Council (FFF/GLC) established the Ohio Sub Council (OSC) to represent the FFF/GLC Clubs in Ohio and FFF clubs in surrounding states that may wish to be part of the OSC. The petition to create OSC was the result of six months of discussions and investigation among the Ohio FFF Clubs who wanted a more active role in meeting the goals and objectives of the FFF at the state level.

At the recommendation of FFF/GLC President James Schramm, the Board of Directors unanimously approved the Ohio petition, along with the Officers and Directors from the following organizations to lead the OSC: President, Don Van Buren (President, North Coast Fly Fishers & GLC Director); Vice President, Michael Bryant (President, Buckeye United Fly Fishers); Secretary, Jim Stone (Vice President, Mohican Fly Fishers); Treasurer, Steve Rose (President, Mohican Fly Fishers); and Communications Director Joseph Valencic (Communications Director, North Coast Fly Fishers). Bryant, Stone, Rose & Valencic were added to the FFF/GLC Board of Directors as Directors, and Rose was also added as Assistant Treasurer, FFF/GLC. Additional Directors will be added to the OSC over the next year.

The OSC's initial focus will be to strengthen the existing FFF member clubs through collaboration, educational opportunities and improved communication on issues directly affecting Ohio fly fishers. The OSC will work towards meeting the FFF's goal to be the voice for organized fly fishing by establishing and maintaining liaison with other organizations of anglers, conservationists and government agencies concerned with the sport of angling.

Beginning in January 2004 a quarterly OSC newsletter will be distributed to liaison organizations and to all FFF Members in Ohio, including those members that are not currently affiliated with an FFF Club. These same members will continue to receive the GLC FLYLINE that is published by the FFF/GLC four times yearly, as well as the FFF Magazine. Additionally, a website will go online by early November 2003 under the domain address of www.ohiofff.org. The website will be a tremendous tool to communicate with the greater fly fishing community in the region, and will include an online version of the OSC newsletter. All OSC Member Clubs will be listed so that new FFF Members can find a FFF Club nearest to them.

The OSC will be formally introduced statewide on January 17, 2004 at the Northern Ohio Fly Tying Expo™ in Wickliffe, Ohio (www.expo2004.ncff.net) and February 14, 2004 at the Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show in Cincinnati, Ohio (www.buckeyeflyfishers.com). Officers of the OSC will be present at both events to meet Ohio FFF members, answer questions from FFF members and the public sector, and to provide information on FFF membership and establishment of new FFF Clubs in the region.

For more information contact Joe Valencic at (440) 255-8216 or by e-mail at flyfishohio@comcast.net.

Cabin Fever Relief Banquet 2004

Banquet Co-Chairs: Patti Howell and Jim LeBlond

Leaves are still falling from the trees and it's a great time to be outside. However, come February we will all be ready to "get out of the house". Well, some relief from cabin fever has already been planned for us! The **2004 BUFF Banquet** is scheduled for **Saturday, February 28th** at Receptions Conference Center in Fairfield. The annual banquet is our organization's largest fund raising event of the year. Last year we had a live auction for the first time and it produced a record-breaking profit for us along with some great entertainment. Professional auctioneer, Russel Arey, worked his magic on the crowd and kept us bidding and laughing all night. (He even got some dude to bid 50 bucks on NOTHING!!) Luckily, we were able to get Russel to host another live auction for us this year! We will still have the Magnificent Seven Grand Prizes, General Raffle Prize Tables, Early Bird Raffle, Blue & Red Card Raffles and the Children's Raffle. The cost of the banquet remains unchanged from last year at \$25/person (Early Bird registration) or \$30/person after 1/28/04. Children 16 and under are only \$15. You will be able to purchase banquet tickets at upcoming monthly meetings or by mail.

PRIZE RECRUITMENT: As you know, we urgently need the help and support of all BUFF members to produce an enjoyable and successful banquet. Profits from the banquet help to fund our organization's activities throughout the upcoming year. **We are asking all BUFF members to donate a raffle/auction item or make a cash donation for the banquet this year.** You may bring your donation to the general meetings or drop them off at participating local fly shops. More details about the banquet will be in the BUFFER newsletters and on our website. February will be here before we know it!!!

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Education – At the upcoming November meeting, we have a treat in store for you. Our presentation will be a fly tying demonstration by Glenn Weisner and Wayne Samson of Glenn River Fly Company. Glenn and Wayne are excellent fly tiers and teachers and have lots of stories to tell. They will demonstrate how to tie bass, trout and panfish flies (seven different patterns in total). You are guaranteed to learn something even if you do not tie flies. Check out the article in this Buffer issue for more details. They will have their fly kits for sale at the meeting as well. So make sure to make your reservations via the phone or website

New Directions – Some important new developments are occurring in our relationship with the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF). On October 18, 2003 a petition to create new FFF sub-council for Ohio fly fishing organizations (which includes B.U.F.F.) was accepted by the FFF Great Lakes Council. While we may not see an immediate impact, this change offers an excellent opportunity for the Ohio fly fishing organizations to work together as we never have to influence and implement changes in our state, such as stream preservation, catch and release options, improved stocking options, etc. The Ohio Sub-Council will allow us to think and act in broader and more long term plans in regard to influencing where the sport of fly fishing is heading. Please read the article / press release in this issue for more details.

See you at the November meeting. The trout fishing is still good and I have heard reports that the steelhead are starting to run. So consider your options, go fishing and be safe!!

November Meeting Presentation

Mike Bryant

Whether you tie your own flies or not, the presentation at the November meeting promises to be both fun and educational. Glenn Weisner and Wayne Samson of Glenn River Fly Co (www.glennriver.com) will demonstrate how to tie seven different trout, bass and panfish flies. They will share with us some of the tricks and techniques that they have learned over the many years of fly tying. Listed below are the seven patterns that Glenn and Wayne will tie at the November meeting.

Sculpin - a semi-realistic pattern for larger trout and all bass species. Wayne will demonstrate how to work with egg yarn instead of wool to build a semi-realistic pattern

Black Woolhead - leech pattern for river bass and larger trout. A great smallmouth pattern. Wayne will demonstrate how to work with wool and highlight the use of new lead-free barbell eyes

Predator - best pattern for all around floating pattern for pond panfish and largemouth bass. Wayne will demonstrate how to work with foam and setting legs.

Madam-X - a summertime, floating hopper pattern for trout and bass and panfish. Glenn will demonstrate how to set a hair body and half bullet head and how to easily install legs.

Para-nymph - an all-around best hatching nymph pattern for trout. Glenn will show how to set hackle and post on a parachute.

Clark Creek Caddis - a great caddis larva for trout and even panfish. Glenn will demo the use of a dubbing loop for a collar.

Compara Niche - a great adult dry fly for mayfly fishing, simply match your color when fishing over trout during a hatch. Glenn will show new wing material and how to set microfibbets and a comparadun style wing.

Both Glenn and Wayne will be available before dinner and after the presentation to provide advise, answer questions and display their fly tying kits that will available for sale at the meeting. They are taking time out of their busy lives to provide this presentation at no cost to our club. So please consider their products and support their business if you can.

Wayne and Glenn have developed a strong relationship with B.U.F.F. over the past several years, starting out as exhibitors at our annual Fly Fishing Show. Since then, they have organized and sponsored the spring fly tying / Rockwell Club trout outing for the past two years, Glenn provided an introduction to fly tying presentation at last year's Fly Fishing Show and both Glenn and Wayne have provided fly tying demonstrations as well. And they continue to make generous donations to our fundraising banquets.

Wayne has entered the Mustad Scandinavian International Fly Tying Competition two times and has returned home two Gold Medals. Most notably was a head-to-head competition against the master and teacher Chris Helm in 1998.

Glenn has created or improved several patterns he finds invaluable for small stream trout fishing and enjoys tying most all trout flies, especially terrestrials. He finished seventh in the Open Division in the 2001 Mustad Scandinavian International Fly Tying Competition and fourth in the Dry Fly Division in the 2002 Mustad Scandinavian International Fly Tying Competition.

In addition to the fly tying demonstration at the November meeting, Glenn and Wayne have offered to conduct fly tying seminars on December 13 and 14. There will be several seminar options to select from, depending on the interest. There will be a charge for the December seminars, but is an opportunity to learn from a couple of the best fly tiers in the region. Signups will available at the November meeting, or contact Mike Bryant (mjbryant@email.com or 513-697-9576) if you cannot attend.

HAVE YOU EVER BUILT A FLY ROD???

Rod Building Classes taught by John Doscher

Class Dates: Jan 8; 22; 29; Feb 5; 12; and 19

Call John at 459-7689 or sign up at the next BUFF Meeting

NOVEMBER

- Nov 1 **NKFF Banquet**
- Nov 6-8 **Fall Brow Trout Trip** Little Red River in Arkansas, Patti Howell
- Nov 6 **Tie and Lie West** 7pm-9pm
General fly tying and story telling
Bass Pro
- Nov 12 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7pm-9pm
Raffels on Reading Road
Social hour 6pm-7pm
Officer and board nominations
- Nov 16 **BUFF Banquet Meeting** 1pm Call Patti Howell for directions
- Nov 19 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7pm-9pm
Bass Pro Outdoor World Members welcome
- Nov.20 **Lie and Tie East** Batavia Presbyterian Ch
7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling
- TBD **Fly Fishing Show Meeting**

DECEMBER

- Dec 4 **Tie and Lie West** 7pm-9pm
General fly tying and story telling
Bass Pro
- Dec 6 **GLC Fly Tying Expo**
Lancing, Michigan
- Dec 10 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7pm-9pm
Raffel's on Reading Road
Social hour 6pm-7pm
- Dec 14 **Fly tying Demo at Cinti. Museum Center**
1pm-5pm Lou Haynes
- Dec 17 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7pm-9pm
Out Door World Members welcome
- Dec 18 **Lie and Tie East** Batavia Presbyterian Ch.
7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling
Bob Goldsberry

JANUARY 2004

- Jan 8 **Rod Building Class** John Doscher
- Jan 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7pm-9pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
Social hour 6 pm - 7 pm
- Jan 15-18 **Hart Sports Show** Visit our Booth
- Jan 21 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 pm -9 pm
Outdoor World Members welcome
- Jan 22 **Rod Building Class** John Doscher
- Jan 28 **Lie & Tie East** Batavia Presbyterian Church 7-9pm General fly tying and Storytelling.
- Jan 29 **Rod Building Class** - John Doscher

FEBRUARY

- Feb 5 **Rod Building Class** - John Doscher
- Feb 5 **Lie & Tie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and storytelling Bass Pro Outdoor World
- Feb 7 **Net Building Class (Tentative)**
- Feb 11 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
Social Hour 6-7pm
- Feb 12 **Rod Building Class** - John Doscher
- Feb 14 **Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show**
At Receptions
- Feb 18 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 pm - 9 pm
Outdoor World Members welcome
- Feb 19 **Rod Building Class** - John Doscher
- Feb 21 **Net Building Class (Tentative)**
- Feb 25 **Lie & Tie East** Batavia Presbyterian Church 7-9 pm General fly tying and storytelling.
- Feb 28 **Cabin Fever Relief Banquet**

2003 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.*

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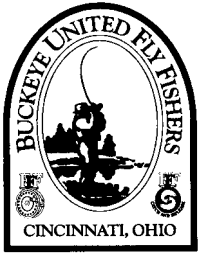
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Beginning Balance	\$8394
Receipts	
Membership	\$380
Monthly Dinner	\$720
Raffle	\$210
Deposit Total	\$1310
Expenses	
Dinner Raffle	\$8
Raffle - Rod & Reel	\$169
Education	\$19
Sept. Speaker Motel	\$151
Ohio Smallmouth Bass	\$150
Newsletter	\$205
NKFF Raffle Prize	\$169
Sept. Dinner - Raffel's	\$750
Bank Charge	\$5
Expenses Total	\$1626
Ending Balance	\$8078
Petty Cash	\$100
CD	\$5072

November

**Hickory Smoked Top
Round of Beef
Roasted Pork Loin with
Fruit Sauce
Parsley Buttered
Potatoes
Vegetable Casserole
Fresh Fruit Salad
Rolls and Butter
Apple Cinnamon Crisps**

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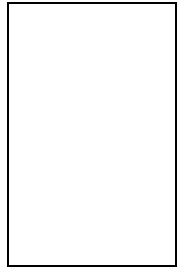


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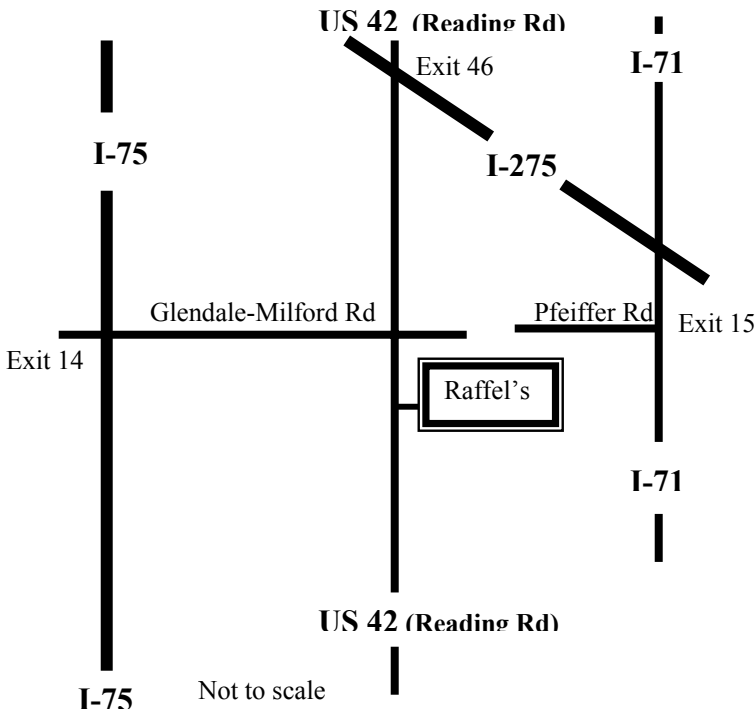
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Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday -- November 12

CALL 779-4489 OR SIGN UP ON LINE AT WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN 10 PM OF 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 AT 7 PM. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED - DON'T WAIT - CALL NOW! (SEE THE MENU ON PAGE 7)



Directions:

From I-275 – Take Exit 46, (US 42), south for three miles to Glendale-Milford Rd. -- Continue south and RAFFEL'S will be on the left approximately 3/10 mile.

From I-75 -- Take Exit 14, east, on Glendale-Milford Rd. until the intersection of US 42, (Reading Rd). Turn right (south) on US 42, and RAFFEL'S will be on the left approximately 3/10 mile.

From I-71 -- Take Exit 15, west, Pfeiffer Rd. & this becomes Glendale-Milford Rd.. At the intersection of US 42, (Reading Rd), turn left, (south) on US 42, and RAFFEL'S will be on the left approximately 3/10 mile.