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Notes from the President

Jim Vota – vota@zoomtown.com

It is definitely getting colder. Fall has come calling, but there's still plenty of time to get out there and catch fish. I've been out fishing for large mouth bass and have had very good success. The fly and technique is a leech pattern that I've been tying for a couple years. If fish it on the bottom. A description and tying guide is included elsewhere in the buffer.

I have an important health notice that is very applicable to some of our members. Casting practice, trees and ladders do not mix. This combo can be very BAD. One of our members (not me) was practicing casting in their back yard in the middle of several trees. Actually, I think they were practicing in the tree but that's to be determined. The fly got stuck in the tree. A ladder was used to attempt the fly removal. The caster fell off the ladder onto another BUFF member. No significant injuries. We're sending this person back to Tim's 'how to remove your fly from a tree class'.

Haruko Mizoguchi and I did a promotional radio spot for our upcoming fly fishing show at WVXU a couple weeks ago. It will be aired on Lee Hay's show, "Around Cincinnati" on January 26th, the week before the show. We're also getting small features in a couple local locations like CincinnatiUSA.com. You can review it here: <https://cincinnatiusa.com/events/greater-cincinnati-fly-fishing-show-2>.

I did come across something of interest to our more radical fly fishers. Gunnar Brammer, a young fly tyer living in Duluth Minnesota, is tying large streamers for bass, trout, pike and musky. He put out a video demonstrating one of Bob Popovic's more radical fly types, the Pop Lip. The end result is a fly with lots of action that looks like a Homer LeBlanc Swim Wizz bait. Search Gunnar Brammer You Tube (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC39CXkqNdSX98adw6YdyvdQ>) and you will be rewarded with the silicone lipped fly as well as a wealth of other videos that should keep you busy all winter. That is if you are into big hairy flies.

For the trout fishermen and our newer fly fishers you might check out a couple of Gary Borger's old Scientific Anglers films on trout fishing and dry fly fishing. Even with the bad sound on these videos they are well worth watching. Gary is the headliner for the fly show and to me is one of the most knowledgeable fly fishers around. You can find them at [Flyfishing for trout with Gary Borger - YouTube](#) & [DryFly Fishing Gary Borger 1983 - YouTube](#).

Our web site has a new area called Casting Corner. Check it out for interesting info with casting tips, FFI casting challenge, classes and more.

Make sure you make this month's meeting as our guest speaker will be Tony Markis speaking on "**Rod building at Semper Fly Rods**". Semper Fly Rods is a USMC service-disabled veteran-owned rod builder out of Canal Winchester, Ohio. We will also have a very special guest fly tier – Jeff McElravey will demonstrate tying midge flies. We will be having guest tiers at the coming meetings tying flies guaranteed to catch fish (if you know where the fish are and...).

Until next month, practice casting safely and stay out of the trees.

El Prez.

Jim Vota

November Meeting

The November meeting is Wednesday, November 13th. Registration deadline is November 10th, and please remember to register whether or not you plan to eat dinner with us. This month's speaker is Tony Makris, from Semper Fly Rods. Semper Fly Rods is a US Marine Corps service disabled veteran owned rod builder out of Canal Winchester, Ohio.

Tony Makris, "Rod Building at Semper Fly Rods"

By Mike Rubush (tenkaraguy1@yahoo.com)

Semper Fly Rods is a USMC service disabled veteran owned rod builder out of Canal Winchester, OH. ***Semper Fly Rods Mission – "increasing the merit of angler's lives through providing high quality fly rods while supporting veterans who make it possible for us all to live out our dreams".***

Semper Fly Rods specializes in made-to-order and custom-made fly rods. Each and every one of our custom rods is built to our client's unique specifications, utilizing the highest quality components and adhesives. Rod blanks are manufactured from a proprietary blend of three different carbon fibers utilizing Nanoalloy technology. We build our rods one at a time, adding a personal touch to each build you simply cannot get off the shelf! Every one of our rods is personalized per the owner's specifications and we can ship rods worldwide.



You won't want to miss this talk about how they build quality fly rods while helping our service veterans.

You can find out more about their rods and services on their website – www.semperryods.com

Guest Fly Tying Demonstration

Jeff McElravy is going to demonstrate tying midge flies for trout. Watch the web site for further details on this. This is an inauguration activity for our monthly meetings. As mentioned in Jim Vota's cover letter, the plan is to invite a guest to demonstrate tying patterns as a regular event for future meetings.

November Dinner Menu – our pre-Thanksgiving Dinner

Romaine Salad with Strawberries, Goat Cheese and House Vinaigrette Rolls
& Butter

Slow-Roasted Turkey with Gravy

Cornbread Stuffing

Rum-Glazed Ham

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Corn

Dessert – Assorted Pies with Whipped Cream

Fly Fishing in Adams County

By Phil Pursley (phil.pursley@hotmail.com)

The February 2019 BUFF Meeting speaker was Tom Cross. He spoke about fishing the creeks in Adams county along with other reasons to spend a day or more in this beautiful Ohio county. Since I was the one who arranged for Tom to come and speak at our meeting, I told Tom that I would come fish Brush Creek and other creeks in Adams county.

The summer was getting away from me so on October 1 I made the trip to a beautiful part of our state. I live on the west side of Cincinnati, so I drove around I-275 and got off this highway at US 32 (aka – “The Application Highway”). As soon as I passed Eastgate Mall and the car dealerships a sign appeared that said Winchester 30 miles. My thought was, “That’s great, this is where I want to start fishing”.

I drove for about 30 minutes on this straight a smooth highway. It was so smooth that my Subaru thought my hands weren’t on the steering wheel. My car flashed a message, “keep your hands on the steering wheel”. Who needs a wife to nag about driving habits when you have a car that does it for you? I arrived at my first fishing spot and caught a few fish. Knowing that I have 8 or 9 places to fish, I left to move on after an hour. I fished Brush Creek and ran into Mike Farrell who identified several places to fish.

Fishing Brush Creek for a while without much success I decided to move down stream. Driving through the village of Seaman reminded me of an old pun that we used to say back in the day. We had a college friend whose home was Seaman. Every time we saw Dan around campus, we would yell out to him, “Dan, where are you from, Dan’s answer, “Seaman”. Our reply, “Oh yeah we all are from Seaman”. Terrible pun, but we couldn’t help ourselves.

After fishing Brush Creek, I Identified some additional fishing spots south of the town of Peebles on route 41. There was a nice parking spot open to public access. I fished this spot for some time and

caught several fish and thought this would be a great place for a BUFF trip. These creeks could easily accommodate up to 6 or 8 anglers without being too crowded.

My next move was to drive farther south on route 41 and take Wheat Ridge Road up to Millers Bakery. Millers' is an Amish business which provides wonderful foods. I choose loaves of bread, cheese, and "yes" a donut to take home. All of this tasted so good and most of it made it home with me. The donut didn't survive the trip home.

Since the time had gotten away from me, I decided to head home with a promise to myself to return to Adams County and fish other creeks there, ie., Eagle Creek for one.

Recommendations:

- Bring a rod that can cast a good distance. Some of the fishing was at wide spots in the creeks. Ohio Brush Creek is pretty broad at places.
- I caught mostly on dry flies. (Hopper patterns and a "Jim-Bo" fly)
- Streamers caught a few fish. (Olive-Bead-head Wooly Buggers)
- Plan for a full day of fishing, and a stop at Miller's Bakery on your way home.
- Take plenty of pictures of this beautiful area.

The **Jim-Bo Fly** is named for the angler who taught me how to tie it (Jim Boude). It is an orange spider with green legs and black eyes from a beaded chain. *Tying instructions for this fly are in this month's Fly of the Month, column.*

I am also happy to send on GPS-coordinates to anyone who would like to fish the places I fished in Adams County. Just drop me an e-mail (phil.pursley@hotmail.com).

Fishing in Pennsylvania

By Bryan Tudor (bryan.tudor@yahoo.com)

In late September, Steve Alexander, Steve Nahm and I took a road trip to State College, PA. Our plans were to fish four different rivers in four days. We hired Domenick Swentosky of TroutBitten to be our guide on the first day. He took us to Penns Creek where I learned to nymph fish with mono rig. This was a different technique of fly fishing and it proved to be challenging and rewarding at the same time. Domenick specializes in this technique, and you can read a lot more about it on the TroutBitten website – www.troutbitten.com.



For the remaining three days, we tried our luck on Spring Creek, Fish Creek, Little J (Little Juniata River) and Pine Creek. Pine Creek was not on our planned list to fish but after talking to a local fly fisherman, we added to our list. The rivers were low and clear, and air temperatures were above normal. Each river had their own nuances and made you figure out what the trout were feeding on. We were able to catch fish each day; however, some days were better than others and some days your buddies caught more. I



believe we were fortunate to catch trout every day due to the fact we were not afraid to try different methods of fly fishing. We rigged nymphs differently, fished wet flies, dry/dropper, dry fly and streamers. If something wasn't working, we changed something, added another split shot, changed depth of our indicator, change to smaller fly pattern, change the angle of our cast. Just basically do something different when we weren't getting any hits.

Fly fishing PA for the first time was challenging, rewarding, frustrating, and exciting. That's what fly fishing is all about to me. Fishing and being outdoors provides us with tranquility and peace. Although fishing was challenging and we didn't catch a lot of fish, it's always great being out with your friends and hanging out.

Road tripping to PA to fly fish should be on your bucket list to do. There are hundreds and hundreds of miles of trout water to fish. You'll find creeks that you could jump over with fish, to larger bodies of water like the Little J. Some streams are stocked with trout, others contain wild trout and have special fishing regulations. I suggest that you do your homework and plan your trip. I'm sure you'll find a type of water that suits your needs.



When fishing with friends it's always entertaining and you never know what you or they might catch. Steve seems have a knack of catching chubs and small mouth bass even though we are in a "trout stream". He never disappoints me when we are out fishing.

Indian Hill High School Fly Fishing Instruction Day

On October 22nd, BUFF volunteers supported our annual casting and tying instruction at Indian Hill High School. It was another great teaching and learning experience with over 50 students participating (our largest group ever at this event!). We thank Tom Bachey who organized the event, and of course all of our volunteers. A few photos capture the event.



Our volunteers (from left to right) – Jim Vota, Dave Jones, Charlie Montgomery, Jim Neckers, Haruko Mizoguchi, Tony Kalbi, Jim Stern, Bob Gustafson, Tom Bachey, Don Kail, & Tom Lord
Bill Schroeder also volunteered and was our photographer!





Casting Instruction & Practice



Fly Tying Instruction

Ohio Lake Maps on ODNR Site

The ODNR site has a link that provides access to information on inland fishing lakes in Ohio. The link is - http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/stay-informed/online-articles-amp-features/your-wild-ohioangler/post/ohio-s-inland-lakes-maps-of-inland-waters?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+OdnrDivisionOfWildlife+%28ODNR+Division+of+Wildlife%29

The link provides access to two listings on the web site. The first is claimed to access interactive maps which can be customized and is also 'mobile friendly'. I found this area of the site to be a bit difficult to navigate for information. One can search for lakes by name, and these will highlight on the state map. Clicking on a highlighted lake will open a larger image showing profile and depth information. I could not find additional information beyond that. Maybe it is my laptop or the way I was able to search. No instructions appear to be available on how to use this access page.

The second link is to 'traditional maps. It opens a state map showing all ODNR lakes. Clicking on a selected lake opens a page for that area and provides information on the lake, fishing opportunities, stocking, etc. I found this linkage worked well.

Fly Fishing Gaining Popularity Among Younger Generation

By Ken Mandel (kengmandel@gmail.com)

For a while now, the club has been talking about attracting younger people in our area to fly fishing and perhaps to joining BUFF. Membership in fly fishing clubs tends to trend older, as it often seems for those who participate in the sport. Unless of course you decide to go out with a fishing guide, who are always very skilled and often younger!

The Sunday October 20th New York Times however had an article in the Styles section discussing NYC millennials who are discovering fly fishing as the new 'chic' outdoor activity. The author primarily mentions a few places in different areas of the US which are expensive, trendy and attract younger people and offer fly fishing opportunities. Most of the article is focused however on the fishing streams of the Catskills (Esopus Creek, Neversink River, Beaverkill) and places working to attract younger New York City area individuals. The places mentioned were all expensive, and appeared offer a younger, well-heeled, clientele a combination of fly fishing experience with luxurious accommodations and meals.

While the article mentions the enjoyment of being outdoors on clear rivers and streams, it sadly misses the connection we have with the environment. The fish we seek require clean water and natural conditions. The importance that fly fishers have in caring and protecting the environment is critical to sustaining our sport, but this is hardly mentioned in the article. I was also disappointed by the concept that unless one is vegan or vegetarian, the goal is to take the fish back to the lodge to have it prepared for dinner. That is not how most fly fishers pursue the sport, as for most of us it is a 'catch and release' sport and we do not use barbed hooks. We've fished with guides on numerous occasions and have never had a guide *not* practice catch and release! Maybe it is different at the places talked about in the article.

If interested, here is a link to the article - <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/14/style/fly-fishingreturns.html?searchResultPosition=3>.

Hopefully, this is not how the majority of younger individuals will see the opportunity and enjoyment of fly fishing as a life-long sport and hobby. If, as the article seems to suggest, this may be just the newest among numerous fads, we may be able to take advantage of sales on little used, high end equipment on E-Bay in a couple of years!

Fly Fishing Show Update – Save the Date !

Saturday, February 1st, 2020

Presenters –

Plans for the 2020 Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show are moving ahead. We have a great line up of speakers and presenters –

- Our headliner will be Gary Borger from Vancouver, Washington. Gary will present 2 seminars on fishing techniques. He will also do a casting demonstration on the pond. Gary is one of the world's foremost fly fishing educators. He has authored 10 bestselling books on casting, fishing techniques and fly tying, is a frequent contributor to fishing publications, and is a pioneer of fly fishing video instruction. Gary was a consultant on the movie "A River Runs Through It". He is a founding member of Fly Fishing International's fly casting instructor certification program, and a member of Trout Unlimited and other conservation organizations. It is a great pleasure to have him as our headline speaker.



- Dale Collins and Shannon Messer from Tuckaseegee Fly Shops in North Carolina will also be participants. Dale will give discuss fly fishing the waters of western North Carolina. Shannon will do a fly tying demonstration of classic and innovative Applachian fly patterns, of which he is a master tyer.
- Other fly tying demonstrations will include Mike Schmidt from Florida who will demonstrate streamer patterns for trout and bass, and BUFF member Jeff McElravy who will demonstrate tying parachute dry flies, one of his specialties.
- Jason Ricketts from Loveland Canoe and Kayak will give a presentation on how to select and outfit a kayak for fly fishing, as well has how to properly and safely kayak fish.
- Ted Nicholson, who is the store manager and head guide at Delamere and Hopkins, here in Cincinnati, will give a presentation on warm water fishing on our local waters.

Gary Borger Fly Tying and Casting Classes – Friday January 31st –

In addition to his presentations at the show, current planning is to also have Gary conduct hands-on fly tying and casting classes on the Friday before the show (Friday, January 31st).

Registration information for these classes will be put up on the BUFF website, so watch for announcements

Space will be limited, so once registration is posted, sign up early if interested!

Raffle Sales for BUFF Members to Start at Upcoming Meeting –

Raffle tickets for this year's two raffle items – a Wintson Air Fly Rod Outfit and a Bauer SST Fly Reel with line – will go on sale for BUFF members at the November meeting. As usual, the ticket for the high-end item, the Winston Rod, will be \$20 each, and tickets for the reel, \$10 each. Only 100 tickets will be sold for each item. Any remaining tickets will be sold at the show.

Volunteers, Volunteers, Volunteers –

The fly fishing show cannot be accomplished without our volunteers. There are many activities for which volunteers are needed. Information will be shared at the November meeting and there will sign up sheets. Please step-up and help!

Hatchery Creek – BUFF Women’s Trip

By Cari Vota (vota@zoomtown.com)

In early October, the BUFF Women’s group had an overnight fishing trip to Hatchery Creek, in Kentucky. If Hatchery Creek sounds familiar, it should; Lee McClellan, the speaker at last month’s BUFF meeting talked about trout fishing on this creek, which empties into the Cumberland River below the dam, along with fishing the Cumberland itself. A few nice photos of the outing and catch. What is interesting is that Hatchery Creek is a ‘man-made’, though the photos suggest a very natural environment.



The group – Erin Schwartz, Haruko Mizoguchi, Cari Vota, &

Kathy Newsom





Flies of the Month

Fly of the Month is an occasional column in the BUFFER. This month we have two flies to suggest. One is from Phil Pursley which he fished recently on his Adams County outing. The other is a fly from Jim Vota, which is an incredible attractant for large mouth bass.

The Jim-Bo Fly (Jim Boude Fly) –

By Phil Pursley (philpursley1@gmail.com)

Materials:

- #10 Dry Fly hook
- Black Bead eyes
- Red Floss
- 3/8 inch wide strip of orange craft foam
- Green Leg material
- Ice Dub Olive Green or Brown
- Thread green or any color



Tie the black bead eyes 1/8 inch behind the hook eye and lay down a thread base to the curve of the hook. Tie in a double strand of red floss for the tail. Trim the length of the tail so that it is about half the length of the hook shank. Trim the tip of the orange foam so that it has a point and then tie the pointed

tip in at the base of the red floss with the foam extending out over the hook bend. Dub a generous amount, but not too much, of the ice dubbing forward past the bead eyes to near the hook eye. Fold the orange craft foam forward and secure it behind the hook eye. Pass the thread on the underside of the hook to just behind the bead eyes. Add a small amount of dubbing to the thread and fold the orange craft foam back over the bead eyes. Wrap three turns on the small dubbing noodle over the foam to form a small head for the Jim-Bo. Use two 3-inch pieces of green rubber leg materials to form the legs on each side of the Jim-Bo. Trim the long piece of foam that is behind the head. Use head cement to complete the fly.

Go fish.



A Modified Wooly Bugger for Bass –

By Jim Vota (vota@zoomtown.com)

With cooler weather approaching I wanted to have something that would get down to the bottom of a stream or lake and would have an action like a crayfish but not necessarily appear like a cray fish, but rather something like a leech. I wanted to dredge the bottom, but not snag things. Also, it should have lots of flowing action. I said wooly buggers would do except they snag a lot, so here's what I did.

I'm sure some of you have done similar things, but maybe not with these twists. The first thing I did was to substitute small lead eyes for the bead head. The second was to use more durable hackle substitutes for the body; UV palmer chenille is one possible choice. Finally, I used Senyo's Laser hair/dub for the head. I use it a lot for heads on bass and musky flies. It blends into the body.

Andy - Jim's Tying Assistant



Materials:

- #10 or 8 XL hook; wire should be stout for potential big fish
- Small unpainted dumbbell eyes – the paint doesn't last if you are dredging the bottom
- Black strung maribou
- Dyed black polar chenille – small or medium, or some other body material with movement
- Senyo's Laser Dub/hair – use the shortest you have as you will trim it. I use a mix of Fly Tyers Dungeon's Bull Frog Dub and Artic Wind Dub to make my own Laser Dub (a little cheaper)

To tie the fly, you start by tying in the eyes on top of the hook shank leaving room (1-2 hook eye widths) ahead of the eyes for the laser dub. Next you tie in the marabou tail (at least the length of the hook). I tie at the hook barb and run the thread over the marabou almost to the eyes and back to add to the body and better grab the marabou. Now tie in the chenille, starting at the hook bend and running your thread over the chenille to just behind the eyes. Palmer the chenille forward to just behind the eyes, tie off and clip it.

Tie in a small pinch of the laser dub on top and bottom of the hook behind the eyes and repeat tying in laser dub ahead of the eyes. Depending on how long the dub is you might double over the dub and cut in half (maybe even quarters). Remember it doesn't have to be pretty now as it will be trimmed. Use the dub sparsely as it adds up as you move forward. To trim the dub, comb it so it stands up. While holding the dub upright, lay your scissors on the hook eye and cut at a 45-degree angle or something close to that. This will be just over the eyes on top. Now turn over the fly and trim the bottom at the same angle. It forms a kind of wedge shape. You might want to trim some of the side hair as well.



With marabou and chenille ending behind the eyes

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No, it's not Don King. With laser hair before trimming



The finished product, has a tapering profile large up front and moves beautifully in the water

The fly will ride hook up and does not snag anything easily. I've dragged them across logs and not snagged. If it does snag it's easy to roll cast line out to unhook the fly. The fly can be dragged on the bottom with a very slow twitch like the cray fish hop or a simple short pull. If you are elevated a bit you can jig it. This can be tied in various color combos and fished like a bait fish without using a sinking line. One good thing is that with the large gauge hook you won't get many small bluegills. When you do hook one it's typically big. One other thing, I use a no slip loop knot on a 0X tippet for largemouth fishing.

Give these a try. Slow and deep at this point. Target deep structure. It works. Have fun.

Upcoming BUFF Activities –

Please check the [BUFF Website](#) for availability and details

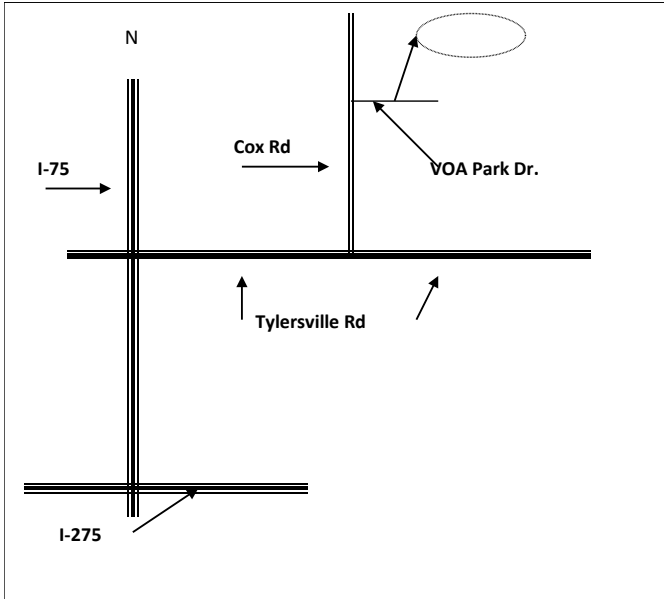
<u>Trip/Activity & Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Trip /Activity Coordinator</u>
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Beginner Fly Tying Class Springdale Community Center	Tuesdays, Nov 12 th & 19 th 6:30 – 8:30 PM <i>See Website for details</i>	Jim Neckers 513-254-7901 jimneckers@gmail.com
Tie & Lie Springdale Community Center	Fridays, Nov 15 th , & Dec 20 th 6:30 – 9:00 PM <i>See Website under 'Fly Tying' tab for details</i>	Gary Begley loopdude1@hotmail.com

November Meeting – Wednesday, November 13th, 2019

6:00 – 9:00 PM at VOA Park – watch website for sign-up

Register on line at WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM. Please register whether you plan to eat dinner with us (\$15/person) or not.



Directions:

From I-75 -- Follow 1-75 north to the Tylersville Road exit. Turn right off of the exit ramp onto Tylersville Road and follow to Cox Road. Turn left onto Cox Road and follow Cox Road north to VOA Park Drive. Turn right onto VOA Park Drive. Turn left onto first drive and follow roadway to Lodge.

From the Warren County area...

Follow Tylersville Road west to Cox Road. Turn right onto Cox Road and follow Cox Road north to VOA Park Drive. Turn right onto VOA Park Drive. Turn left onto first drive and follow roadway to Lodge.