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October President's Corner

Jim Leblond

October marks a new and exciting era for B.U.F.F. We're moving to our new location, the Clarion Hotel on Pfeiffer Road. We're catering the meal and we're investing in the membership and bringing in out of town name brand speakers. With our new dinner structure it is very, very, very important that you call in your dinner reservation. We need lots of people to come for dinner; we've guaranteed at least 50 meals for each meeting. Also, if you call in the dinner reservation, it's very, very, very important that you come to the meeting. Otherwise, in all likelihood we will have to charge you for the meal even though you didn't attend. Nonetheless, please come and enjoy our October meeting, it really promises to be a great time. Jerry Darkes is a quality speaker, he's talking about Lake Erie Steelhead – a show you just can't miss!

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Thank You Red Lose!!

Don Hogue

At the September B.U.F.F. meeting, I was fortunate to have purchased a few pieces of Red's tackle. I never really knew Red, however from all the stories of Red's fishing career, I feel that he fished often, had lots of good equipment which was well cared for, had lots of success, is a gentleman and I am guessing a man of faith. For these reasons, I am pleased to now have a 2 weight Garcia automatic fly reel with line and a 2-3 weight 8 foot fiberglass Garcia rod which were fished by Red. I remember when I was a boy, Garcia was an unattainable manufacturer of fishing tackle (due to cost constraints). I was wondering if the automatic reel would be too heavy for the rod. After two casts, I didn't even think about it. It has great balance. It wasn't casting very well. Then I remembered that Claytus Bretz told me to act like

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October Meeting Program

Jerry Darkes - Steelhead Program

To help celebrate our first monthly indoor meeting at our new location we will have **Jerry Darkes** as our featured speaker. Jerry will be doing a slide show presentation on steelheading in Ohio and Michigan waters at the Clarion Hotel in Blue Ash!!. Jerry is nationally recognized as one of the leading experts on Lake Erie steelhead fishing. So mark your calendars for **October 10** to check out our new meeting facilities and listen to Jerry talk about this exciting new fishery. Dinners are now catered and cost \$8/person. It's vital that you make reservations (read President's Column). See you at the October Meeting!!

Adventures From The Reel World

A Good Day On Cheat Mountain Club The River

Roy Matthews

On Saturday, August 18, my son and I left Cincinnati about 10:00am and drove to Daniels, West Virginia. We purchased a three day fishing license and parked my motor home in the parking lot of the Twinn River Outfitters. We had a dinner of fried ham, pork and beans, stewed peaches and cookies. We slept the night and were still asleep when Sam, the proprietor, woke us at 5:30 so we could leave for the river at 6:30am.

We were on the water of the New River at 7:15 and before long my son, Doug, caught an 11 inch smallmouth. During the morning under light cloud cover we caught several more. His were on either a small plug or a gray grub while mine were caught on a green and yellow popper.

The bright sun came out and things quieted down. So I switched to a nymph and had a modest amount of success, particularly in fast water. We both caught some fish this way. Before lunch the sky clouded over and I switched to a top water fly and caught several 10 to 13 inch smallmouths in a short time. The 13 incher put up quite

Tim Guilfoile

"I've often heard it said that a river without friends in an endangered river..."

Steven J. Meyers
San Juan River Chronicles

The Cheat Mountain Club (CMC) was built in 1887 along a two-mile stretch of the Shavers Fork River in East Central West Virginia. The Club was originally owned and operated by the Cheat Mountain Sportsman's Association as a private hunting and fishing preserve in the middle of what is now the Monongahela National Forest. By the end of the first quarter of the Twentieth Century, the CMC had entertained, among others, John Burroughs, Henry Ford and Thomas Edison.

By the middle of the Twentieth Century, the CMC was still active as a private hunting club, but ironically, the industries that were owned and operated by the founders of the CMC had "killed" the Shavers Fork River. Sediment from the mining and lumber industries filled the river. The riverbanks were completely eroded and the river was turned into a virtual gutter. The Shavers Fork

was uninhabitable for fish and nearly all species of aquatic invertebrates. One of the finest trout streams and part of the longest continuous watershed East of the Mississippi was dead.

In the mid 1990's a farsighted group of local businessmen decided to invest in the reclamation of the Shavers Fork River. With a flood restoration permit from the Army Core of Engineers and the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources the riverbanks were reinforced, stone and structure was added to the river bottom and new energy was breathed into this long, lifeless stream.

The CMC is now open to the public and on a recent trip I discovered a fly-fishing haven that rivals anything I've ever seen either East or West of the Mississippi. The stream is waded with ease unless there has been substantial rain. The CMC stocks brook, brown and rainbow trout along its two-mile stretch of river six times a year and the fish are abundant, big and running fighters. Since the insect population is just beginning its recovery, the trout are feeding primarily on a variety of "bait fish", so streamers are the flies of choice. Clousers, Hare Sculpins, Wooley Buggers, Zonkers, Muddlers, etc., the more colorful

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NKFF Banquet Coming Soon!

The Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers annual Banquet will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2001 at the Briarwood Banquet Hall. The Banquet promises to be bigger and better than ever. Check out all there is for this year..

- 6:00PM Cocktail hour
- 7:00PM Dinner
- 8:30PM Featured speaker from the Cincinnati Zoo's research and education department.
- 9:00PM The fastest raffle in the West begins
- 10:30PM Closing

Cost: \$30.00 for early-bird (paid by Oct.10) \$35.00 after that.

Bring a spouse, a guest, or a buddy along. This event is open to anyone. We will have a non-flyfishing raffle table just for people who are not as consumed with fishing as we are.

We will have raffle table for early-bird sign-up, grand prizes, first timers, card raffles, and the mother of all general raffles. Literally, thousands of dollars in prizes will be given away. Trips, rods, reels, etc. will be given away.

Raffle tickets will be \$10 per strip or 3 for \$20. Each strip include grand prize and general raffle tickets.

As part of our effort to increase the prizes for this year we are asking each member to bring at least one item to the banquet. It can be large or small, new or slightly old. Re-gifting is allowed. Flies and fly boxes, tools, toys, rods, reels, lines..... anything and everything will be greatly appreciated.

I look forward to this event every year. It is a great social event and a great way to meet many of the new members in the club.

If you have any questions, please

contact me at any of the following:

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B.U.F.F. Donation

Jim LeBlond

We all watched in horror the utter devastation and travesty of the events of September 11th. We will forever be affected by those images and the losses experienced by our fellow countrymen. Our lives will never be the same. On September 19th, our board voted unanimously to donate \$1,000 of our emergency funds to help those affected. We donated \$500 to the New York City Firefighters. We also donated \$500 to a cause a little closer to home. Don Prince's next door neighbor, Wendy Faulkner, lost her life in this tragedy. She was a good woman, a good American, and a kind and loving sole by all accounts. On her own, she supported several children in underdeveloped countries, sending them money and care packages every month or so. She even financed one of them through college. The others are now left without anyone to fill the void. A memorial foundation, the Wendy Faulkner Memorial Children's Foundation, has been established to carry on her work to these children, and others. B.U.F.F. unanimously voted to donate the other \$500 to this cause.

A Nation Mourns and Reflects

Greg Pitts
President, FFF

Many of us cherish our time fly fishing as a respite from the "real world." As a result the FFF, which tries to represent the best of our sport, rarely engages in anything political. The events of September 11th intrude into every facet of our lives and cannot be ignored.

9-11-01 is a date to be remembered. But you probably already know that, and you didn't need to be told. There are ingular times in each of our lives that we recall privately: a wedding date, the birth of a child or the death of a parent. And then there are collective times of significance, dependent on which eneration you are: the Treaty of Versailles, the market crash of '29, Pearl arbor, D-Day, V-J Day, 11-22-63 and a few others. Those dates become a sort of frame of reference for us as a society. Now we add September 11. The senseless deaths on September 11th

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Sneak Preview of November B.U.F.F. Meeting

John Stewart, of Stewart's Guide Service in Frankfort KY, will be our speaker on Fly Fishing for Trout in the productive waters of the Lower Cumberland River at the November meeting! (He MAY also be bringing a special guest speaker along with him for this program.) If you're interested in learning about the best tail water trout fishery in our part of the country, don't miss this one!

Welcome New Members!!

The following individuals have recently joined B.U.F.F. Gary Begley, Roger Corrado & Tom Reinhardt. Please make them welcome. Membership as of September 2001 stands at 260, 49 of which are Family Memberships.

OCTOBER CONSERVATION RAFFLE

Lou Haynes

As part of the club's conservation effort two great prizes, graciously donated by the Kalblis', will be raffled at the October 10th club meeting. These include:

1st prize – Cabela's 5 pc., 4 wt. fly-rod combo with a Drake reel, case, line and leader, a value of \$170.

2nd prize – Cabela's 3-4 wt. Drake reel, backing, a 4 wt. line and a reel pouch – value of \$135.

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Tickets will be available at the October Club meeting. In addition, tickets can be purchased at any time by contacting our club treasurer, Louise Goldsberry (phone 513-732-0735). Hopefully every Buffer will purchase at least one ticket. It's a great way to support our conservation efforts and you don't have to be at the October meeting to win one of these great prizes.

B.U.F.F. Fly Casting School

Tony Kalbli

I have presented a proposal to the B.U.F.F. Board that we institute a B.U.F.F. Certified Fly Casting Program to present quality fly casting instruction to any B.U.F.F. member seeking help in their casting endeavors. In order to provide quality and uniform instruction, an Instructor School would be developed. All instructors must pass certain requirements certified by B.U.F.F. to become a qualified instructor. To implement this program we would need a core group of volunteers to construct and also qualify under the course of instruction the Board sanctions for development. Volunteers must be good casters to begin with, and after going through the course, would be a superior caster. They must be members who regularly attend our outdoor meetings and, lastly, be persons who can teach in a positive and patient manner. Once the core instructors have completed their course work, only they will be called upon to teach casting to other B.U.F.F. members. This program can be an exciting and valuable program to B.U.F.F. members. If you have interest in this concept, see Tony Kalbli at the October meeting or call at 451-1367 or e-mail kalblial@one.net. ●

THE TIME IS NOW!!

Lora Kalbli

V is for **VITALITY**--the life blood of an organization!
O is for **OPPORTUNITIES** to give of yourself in important work!
L is for **LOTS OF HANDS**, make the work easier!
U is for **UNLIMITED** appreciation of your efforts for the club!
N is for **NEW** ideas, a chance to help your club improve itself!
T is for **TIME** well spent in service with other like minded individuals!
E is for **ENERGY**, not much is needed when there are many people to share the work!
E is for **EFFORT**, needed to keep the club strong, avoid burnout of those overworked!
R is for **RETURN ON YOUR INVESTMENT OF TIME AND ENERGY**, you'll get more than you give!

As time approaches to consider new officer nominations and board positions, it is also time to take a look at yourself. Don't leave all the work to the same few people. Are you just a "Taker" or are you a "Giver" too? If you are *guilty* of just being a "Taker" now is the time to "show your stuff" and volunteer. You have a responsibility to share the load if you take advantage of all the Club has to offer.

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the better, in sizes 8-10 yield plenty of action throughout the day. Fifteen to twenty inch trout are the norm and bigger fish are common. There are also three stocked ponds on the premises.

While the fishing is spectacular, the accommodations and food are otherworldly. The lodge is a rustic, well-tended inn with hand-hewn log walls, two huge stone fireplaces and 1940's Cushman maple furniture (and no television!). The original lodge was open to all three stories with dormitory style sleeping arrangements. The second and third floors of the lodge have now been converted to bedrooms. The lodge will accommodate a maximum of 23 guests, so even when booked solid it never has a crowded feel.

And now for the food. The CMC package (ranging in price from \$80 to \$150 per day) includes three meals a day. The manager, Jason Scott Means, is not only a knowledgeable fly fisherman but is also a trained chef so these are no ordinary three meals a day. Breakfast: Eggs and omelets any way you like; flapjacks, home fried potatoes; biscuits, muffins and donuts all made from scratch; French toast; cereals; and fresh fruits, berries and juices. Lunch: A variety of homemade soups; lasagna; chicken pot pie; chicken and vegetable stir fry; marinated chicken, grilled ham and cheese and open-faced turkey sandwiches. Dinner: Mountain trout; roasted sirloin of pork; sirloin beef tip; Cornish game hens; salmon filets and all with

mouth-watering accompaniments. Deserts: Too numerous to mention and all homemade. Finally, an honor bar, stocked with everything imaginable, graces one end of the dining room. Plan on gaining a few pounds!

One trip to the Cheat Mountain Club is an experience of a lifetime, but be sure I'll be returning because once is not enough for this little piece of paradise in West Virginia. More information on the CMC can be obtained on their web site at www.cheatmountainclub.com.

Anyone interested in joining me on an excursion to the CMC should call (513) 232-8330 or email tguilfoile@fuse.net. ●

touch us all in the US. Despite our perceived size, the loss of 5,000 or more people means that the chances are very good, no matter where you are in the country, that you have lost someone you now--or someone you know has lost someone. The loss is felt personally, it is felt deeply by all of us. Our society shudders and mourns, but our faith in tomorrow is not shaken.

I confess that I compartmentalize my life. I have always tried to keep my fly fishing leisure time separate from the rest of my life. It represents all that is best about nature and my relationship to it. I enjoy the refuge of fly fishing and actively ignore the other pressures of the day. 9-11-01 has intruded into my life (and yours as well). It has changed our ease of travel, probably forcing cancellations of some fishing trips. A new reality envelops us, I'll survive with it--but I don't like it.

I know I can speak for all the members of the FFF in offering the thoughts and prayers of our membership as a comfort to those who have had a personal loss as a result of the hijackings. If there is a benefit to the tragedy of 9-11, I hope that it serves as a reminder to cherish each moment as it comes. Share a quiet moment with your parent, spouse, child or grandchild. Take a risk and tell your fly fishing companion what they mean to you. Life is fragile, fleeting and is to be cherished. ●

Correction
In the September Buffer, we thanked those who helped at the August picnic. We inadvertently left Jerry Brothers off the list. Thanks Jerry for all your help!!

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D&H has a new addition. We would like to welcome Bobby Gray to our staff. Drop by and say Hello.

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FALL STEELHEAD OUTING

November 1 - 4, 2001

The Annual Fall Steelhead Outing will take place November 1-4, 2001 at Barothy's Lodge on the Pere Marquette River. This event is open to all GLC and GRC club members and all FFF members (all B.U.F.F. members are eligible and invited). The facilities are excellent, the food is great, and there is plenty of time for fishing, fly tying, and federating. The Board of Directors meeting will be held Friday at 8:00 p.m.

Cost for attendees will be \$165.00 for the four day / three night stay (Thursday thru Sunday) and \$130.00 for the three day/two night stay (Friday thru Sunday). The cost includes meals for Thursday night, three meals on Friday and Saturday, and a continental breakfast Sunday morning.

Attendees are also requested to bring a raffle prize for our raffle on Saturday night. Because of the active participation of the attendees, the raffle has been an outstanding success with great prizes and there will be at least one graphite flyrod as a prize. The raffle prize should be worth a minimum of \$10.00. Profits from the raffle will go to the GLC.

Full payment must be made by October 10, 2001 in order to insure a space. Deposits are fully refundable thereafter only if the space is filled. If the space is not filled, the cost of the lodging paid to Barothy Lodge will be deducted and the remainder refunded. To make reservations, send your deposit to Jim Schramm, P.O. Box 828, Pentwater, Michigan 49449. Indicate your night of arrival (Thursday or Friday) and whether you are with a group. **For more information, contact Jim Schramm (616)869-5487, e-mail: jdschramm@oceana.net. ●**

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Speaking of Lake Erie Steelhead, we still need a trip coordinator for our November trip. If you'd like to go on the trip, or perhaps even lead the trip, please contact Joe Guenther ASAP. Without your participation and support, the trip is in danger of being cancelled.

I'm proud to announce that Red Lose's equipment auction raised \$961 for the benefit of the Mad River. B.U.F.F. will round this sum out to an even \$1000, and we hope to present this check to TU at our October meeting. A special thank you goes to Tony Kalbli for his outstanding work auctioneering. Tony, if you ever get tired of fishing I think you've found a new career. I would also like to thank my son, Jay LeBlond, for inventorying all of Red's equipment for the auction.

Speaking of conservation, we still need your conservation nominations. Please nominate worthy organizations in writing. Any member in good standing can nominate, all we need is a written summary of your nomination explaining why you think this

organization is worthy. We also need your name, and the organization's address. All nominations will be voted on in our December Board Meeting.

Speaking of nominations.... It's that special time of the year when we ask you to think about your personal commitment to this organization. Think about all the good times you have had, all the friends you have made, and all of the experiences that you have gotten that you would have otherwise missed out on if someone else hadn't put the event together. As I've mentioned, B.U.F.F. is a Team Sport, B.U.F.F. is a family, and its foundation really lies in the volunteer spirit of its membership. Together there is no limit to what we can accomplish. We need you. We need you to volunteer to lead a trip, teach a class, and work on the Sports Show and Banquet, work on the Website, and to become a board member. We have opportunities for you, and the rewards are very gratifying – the knowledge that you made a difference, had some fun, and helped a worthy cause. October begins our board nomination process. Please think carefully about what you personally can do to help us out. ●



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Anglers Outfitters

We are sad to announce the Anglers Outfitters in Milford, OH will be closing their doors permanently in the near future. Joe Fondacaro and his employees have been good, generous friends to B.U.F.F. as a club and to many of us as individuals.

**Thanks Joe! You have
our best wishes for what
life may bring you in the
future.**

OCTOBER

2 Tues / 7pm - **Tie & Lie West**
General fly tying and story telling session. Springdale Community Center
5 - 7 Fri-Sun - **Nantahala Trip** (John Doscher / Wayne Fischer).
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 East**.
General fly tying and story telling session. Hardee's Restaurant, Batavia (Bob Goldsberry)

NOVEMBER

11 Sat - **East Fork Stream Monitoring** (Goldsberry)
14 Wed/6pm - **BUFF Monthly Meeting @ Clarion Hotel (Pfeiffer Rd. and I-71)** - Canned Food Drive, accepting nominations for Board, Flyfisher of the Year, Conservation & Education Grant.
15 Thurs/6:30pm - **Tie & Lie East**.
General fly tying and story telling session. Hardee's Restaurant, Batavia (Bob Goldsberry)
16-18 Fri-Sun - **B.U.F.F. Northern Ohio / Western Pa. Steelhead Fishing Trip** (Joe Guenther)
21 Wed/7pm - **BUFF Director's Meeting @ Clarion Hotel (Pfeiffer Rd. and I-71)**. Members encouraged to attend.

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.**

DECEMBER

4 Tues / 7pm - **Tie & Lie West**
General fly tying and story telling session. Springdale Community Center
12 Wed/6pm - **@ Clarion Hotel (Pfeiffer Rd. and I-71)** - Officer Elections, Fly Fisher of the Year Elections, Finalize Conservation Donations
17 Wed/7pm - **BUFF Director's Meeting @ Clarion Hotel (Pfeiffer Rd. and I-71)**. Members encouraged to attend.
20 Thurs/6:30pm - **Tie & Lie East**.
General fly tying and story telling session. Hardee's Restaurant, Batavia (Bob Goldsberry)



9/2001 B.U.F.F. Financial Report

Beginning Balance	\$5886.81
DEPOSITS	
Map Books	\$10
Membership	\$80
Monthly Dinner	\$167
Conservation	\$80
Red Lose Auction	\$961
AuSable Conservation Raffle	\$110
Bank Interest	\$6
Deposit Total	\$1414
EXPENSES	
Monthly Dinners	\$54
Monthly Supplies	\$97
Expense Total	\$151
Available Checking	\$6571
Encumbered	
Memoriam	\$120
Conservation	\$150
Oct. Cons. Raffle	\$310
CFRB	(\$600)
Savings CD	\$5000
Petty Cash	\$25

Year 2001 Officers and Directors

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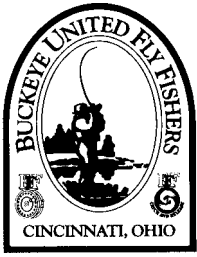
I was holding a book up under my arm. Then I really enjoyed casting this little rod. My next endeavor was to build a 4 weight rod. But now I have an outfit owned by Red Lose. The thing that is really neat is that he tied all the correct knots attaching the leader to the tippet. I'm sure it will be an incentive for me to begin using the correct knots, and teaching them to my grandson Alex. Did I mention that I also got Alexa 5/6 9 foot rod. These are really treasures and I will cherish them Red. Thanks for the memories. ●

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a fight and doubled my 7 weight rod before I boated it. Not long after that Doug hooked and landed a 15 incher.

All in all, it was a successful trip. My son and I had our first weekend together in many years and agreed to we do it again soon.

B.U.F.F. has been out with Twinn River Outfitters before. Sam can put together some nice trips of 1 or 2 days either camping on the river or staying in a motel. Call me if you want more information. ●

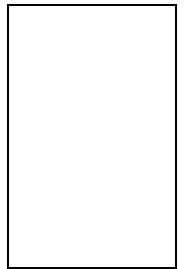


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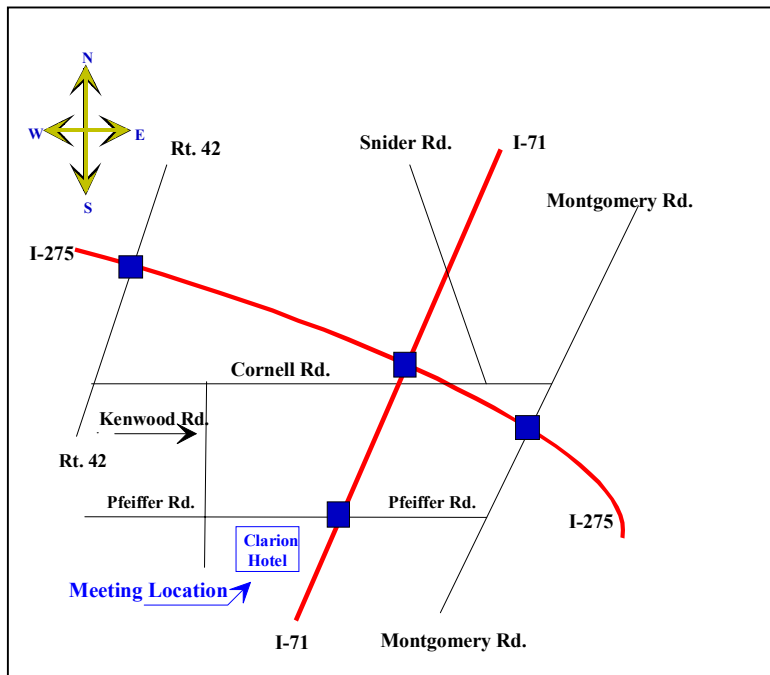
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Next Monthly Meeting – October 10

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: Jerry Darkes presentation on steelheading in Ohio and Michigan waters.

**New Location!!!
Come check it out!!!**

The October B.U.F.F. Meeting will be held at the Clarion Hotel located on Pfeiffer Road. From I-71, take Exit 15. The Clarion Hotel is located just west of the interstate highway.