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The Early History of Buckeye United Fly Fishers By Paul Feldman July, 2004

In the summer of 1977, Don Beaver attended a meeting of Miami Valley Fly Fishers in Dayton, and was approached by Lee Wahl about starting a Cincinnati club. Lee was an officer in FFF and said they had been interested in starting a Cincinnati club for some time. Don agreed to be the point of contact for the first meeting, but declined to be an officer. Lee drafted a letter inviting perspective members to a dinner meeting and FFF distributed it to their Cincinnati members. The meeting, as well as the first several club meetings, was held at the Flaming Pit Restaurant across from the Tri-County Shopping Center north of Cincinnati (current location of Border's books and videos) in the winter of 1977. Approx 15 people showed up and 10 of them joined the club. The original members were Don Beaver, Paul Feldman, John Hughey, Pete Dirr, Joel Stansbury, Ike Hayes, Ed Hood, Tony Joering, Steve Thrasher, and Ron Smith. Andy Stovall and Joe Marble joined a couple of months later.

Early club meetings were held at the Flaming Pit restaurant, at Ron Smith's bank in Forest Park, at John Hughey's business (Paquin Co. on Grooms road in Blue Ash), and at the Greenhills Country Club bar. Our first outing was held in the spring of 1978 on the Little Miami at Fosters, and our first out of town trip was to the Tellico River and other rivers in North Carolina in April 1978. Andy Stovall, Joe Marble and Paul Feldman, along with several members of MVFF went on these trips. On Memorial Day of 1978 we made our first trip to the North Branch of the Au Sable River in Michigan, a destination we would return to year after year (and some of us still do). As many as 6 or 7 of our members (out of a membership of 12-15) along with their wives and kids would attend these outings, so we were quite a close knit group.

In spite of his attempt to avoid being an officer, Don was the president for the first two years. Andy Stovall was the second president and held the job for 3 or 4 years. Andy was the real impetus that made the club successful. In the early 80's Andy was able to get BUFF a permanent booth at the annual Bob Hart's Sports Show in downtown Cincinnati. This really put us on the map and added lots of new members. I worked with Andy at GE at the time and can vouch for the tireless effort he spent (on the phone) promoting the club in those days. He pulled off the incredible coup of arranging to have Lee and Joan Wulff as the guest speakers at our annual fund raising dinner in 1982. In fact, one of the high points in my fly fishing life was having them as well as several club officers as dinner guests at my house.

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September Meeting Program

A Fish-eye View of Stream Habitat and Water Quality Bob Miltner, Ohio EPA and Jay Dorsey, East Fork Little Miami River Watershed. Bob and Jay will share information on the habitat and water quality requirements of the smallmouth bass, review the current water quality and habitat conditions of Ohio streams, and discuss ways we can all work to improve Ohio's streams. *See more about Bob and Jay on page 4.*

In the 80's the club grew in size to the point that I no longer knew all of the members, let alone the names of their wife and kids. In the late 80's, NKFF was spun off by some of our Kentucky members just as BUFF was an offshoot of Miami Valley Fly Fishers. In case you were wondering where the name BUFF (United???) came from, one of our members (Joel Stansbury, I think) thought it would be cute to have the slogan "Do It In The BUFF". I can't imagine why I didn't vote against this, but Andy Stovall thought it was so cute he had T-shirts printed with the slogan. I donated the last remaining mint copy to last winter's (2004) banquet raffle ---ask Mike Bryant to show it to you sometime.



Other Events of Interest in the History of BUFF

Lou Haynes

August 2004

- Tom Mench organized the first BUFF Fly Fishing Sports Show in the mid-90's. The first two were held at the Kings Island Inn, the next two at the Oasis in Milford, then three at the Holiday Inn in Eastgate, one at the Clarion in Blue Ash and the last two at the current site – the Receptions in Fairfield.
- Buff became a charitable, non-profit organization under section 501-(c)-3 of the Internal Revenue Code and incorporated in the State of Ohio May 15, 1996 (Charter #941226).
- Joe Panfalone initiated the BUFF website (www.buckeyeflyfishers.com) in 1997. This website has been a great addition to the club for both internal and external communications. Over the past year the website has averaged about --- logons per month.
- The BUFFER, the club's primary newsletter, was started in 1978 by Joel Stansbury. The initial BUFFER (Issue 1/Volume 1) consisted of a hand-printed, two-page article including recent trip reports, up-coming trip information, club needs and humorous comments about fellow members. The current BUFFER is an eight page, professionally printed newsletter distributed to our membership by mail and the website.
- As of July 2004 the club membership totals 337, about 15% being women.
- Buff is a member of the Great Lakes Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers. The club is one of the seven charter members of the new Ohio Sub-Council of the GLC, formed in December 2003.

THE EDUCATION CORNER

Lou Haynes

EDUCATION TABLE:

Bob Muro, Bob Rohrbach and Carl Schmidt have volunteered to assist me with an education-oriented table at each of the general meetings for the upcoming season. The intent is to provide our newer, less-experienced members with tidbits of useful information that will help them improve their fly-fishing skills.

CLINCH KNOT ALTERNATIVES:

In a recent article by Lefty Kreh in "Fly Fisherman" he states, " Most anglers use a version of the clinch knot for tying tippet to fly, but there are stronger knots." He goes on to show two clinch knot alternatives - the Fisherman's Knot and the Eugene Bend. Interestingly, during a guided trip to North Carolina this spring my guide, Grady Davis who guides for CCS Flyfishing Outfitters in Cherokee, taught me to tie the Eugene Bend. Grady called the knot the Eugene Andrews Dry Fly Knot. I used this knot on all my small flies during the trip and had no knots break and yes I did catch several fish including a couple of 5 pounders (no exaggeration!!!). Anyway, at the September meeting we will have tying-diagram handouts for these two knots and also tying materials available for those who would like to try them.

Occasionally, It All Comes Together

Don Prince

Several of my friends and I went Trout fishing early this spring in North Carolina. At sun up excitement was running high throughout the cabin. Not much interest in breakfast, but lots of energy to get going, so with thermos bottles full, and snacks in our packs we were off. Quickly agreeing who would fish where and in what direction, we split up to find our places. The water looked terrific, clear, cold and dark, with the shadows still covering most of the river. The dogwoods leaves were just beginning to open, the forest undergrowth was still sparse and open. What a great looking day. The sunlight was working its way down the opposite hillside, so it was time to be in the river. One of the endearing qualities of fly fishing a stream is the solitude. Having left behind not only the city, but the hustle and bustle of the cabin, and even the conversations in the truck, standing in the steam alone watching the morning unfold was in itself a great reward.

On my second drift an eager Brook Trout reacted to the sting of my nymph hook and a fat 13 incher came to hand, and two casts later I landed his twin. Indeed this was going to be a great day. Being afflicted with BLHS (better looking hole syndrome) I moved up the stream quicker than I probably should have, catching both Brookies and Rainbows as I went. Locating a nice hole, I stopped and caught several Rainbows over the next hour or so. I lost one very nice fish to a broken tippet as it ran downstream faster than I could follow and went over a small waterfall. It felt like coffee time, so I began to move toward the bank. But, in doing so, I twisted my foot under an unexpected rock, and yes, I fell in the river. Managing to toss my rod to safety before the splash provided a bit of satisfaction, but landing face first in the shallow silty water at the rivers edge was not enjoyable. Now it was definitely coffee time. I was wet, cold and a bit muddy, but the good news is, there were no witnesses. So I avoided the embarrassing blend of humor and pity that always surfaces at such times. Back at the truck it was confirmed that everyone was catching fish and generally having a blast. After warming up and drying out a little, I fished the rest of the day with dries to the occasional risers on the stretch near my truck, finishing up with more trout landed than I ever expected. After dinner we capped off the evening by tying flies and watching the two NCAA semifinal basketball games.

The next morning I started at a hole that had produced well for us the prior day, and caught several nice Rainbows and Brookies by deep drifting a small streamer. I was gradually lengthening my drift to reach into a deep hole when I had a very solid take that just held steady and deep, shaking his head in the current for several minutes. Doubting my ability to land this fish alone, I called for my partner Larry, who was fishing just below the hole, to come help. Besides, Larry had a digital camera in his pocket and my camera was still full of river water from my accident the prior day. Fortunately, the fish ran upstream into an open pool where I could play him safely. After we got our first glimpse of his side, Larry kept saying, Oh man, Ooooh man! I was both excited and worried, thinking of my 5X tippet and wondering whether I had done a good job on the clinch knot when I last changed flies. But, a few more minutes and Larry expertly netted my best brown trout ever, nearly 24 inches and very full bodied. We took the obligatory pictures, revived him and watched him swim away. After a high five I just wanted to sit and watch for a while.

After finishing lunch I was ready for more fishing, and determined to fish with dry flies for at least a while. I walked well upstream to a pool I had not yet fished, and found the surface dimpled with trout rising to caddis flies. Perfect! I caught a few on a Parachute Adams before taking time to switch to an actual caddis pattern. The hatch continued to enlarge and the trout were in a feeding frenzy such as I had never before seen. They were taking so readily that their backs and sides were breaking the surface like miniature porpoises. Several takes at a time were occurring within a living room sized area. Before long they were rising all around me, some only an arms length away. I caught at least a dozen, all Rainbows, and none under a foot long, before deciding to go tell the others of this unbelievable dry fly action. Back at truck, no one was around, so I enjoyed some coffee and waited. John and Bob showed up soon and I convinced John to go upstream for some dry fly action. He left and was not seen until two hours later when he returned to report that the hatch was still on and he had not taken enough dry flies with him. As he was recounting his successes, the trout began taking on the surface nearby. The hatch had expanded all the way down to where we were parked. Until it was too dark to see, the Trout continued to take on the surface with reckless abandon all up and down the river. It was the strongest and largest hatch I have ever witnessed.

We all enjoyed great fishing, the weather was ideal, and we saw only a few other anglers. In fact, the second day we had the river all to ourselves. How often does that happen? Not very often, but occasionally it all comes together!

Notes from the BUFF Librarian

Bob Mackey

My name is Bob Mackey and I am the BUFF librarian. I believe the library has been very successful in its first year of operation. We have close to 100 books, roughly 30 videos, three DVD's and many freebie magazines. If you pull up our website, www.buckeyeflyfishers.com, and click on the library link, you will find the names of all of these books, videos and DVD's.

I would like to share with you my **biggest problem** in keeping our library organized in a manner that better serves our membership, and, that is... **the “in and out” system we use in removing and returning items at our monthly meetings.** I'm trying to keep the process as simple as possible.

I would like the following process to be used when **taking** an item from the library (except the freebie magazines):

First of all, **do not take** an item that does not have an index card either attached or inside the book, etc. See me for any missing index cards, and I will provide one.

Fill out the index card with your name, phone # and date removed.

Place completed index card in a basket labeled “**INDEX CARD OUT BOX**”. That's all you do to take a book out.

The process for **returning** a book etc is as follows:

First of all, **do not place** book etc., back onto the table without an index card. Find the matching numbered index card from INDEX CARD OUTBOX which will be appropriately marked “book”, “video”, or “dvd” and place index card back into pouch of item being returned. Then, place the item on table for someone else to take out. You do not have to sign in or do anything further.

If you still have questions on what to do, or how the process is supposed to work, please see me anytime during the meeting.

I plan on shutting down the library for September and October to collect outstanding items, and, therefore, I am asking all of you to look around your households, and bring back any books, videos, or DVD's you may have borrowed, but forgot to return. I will be making phone calls in the near future to those whose names appear last on the index cards. Hopefully, we can recupe some of our “lost items” by the September meeting. After the September meeting I will issue a list of all outstanding books and videos in the BUFFER.

Thank you, and please look for items borrowed from the library and bring them to the September meeting.

About our Program Speakers

Robert J. Miltner

Bob is an Environmental Specialist with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency who coordinates biological and water quality surveys for the State of Ohio. He collects electrofishing samples in support of the larger water quality studies. He is responsible for analyzing and presenting information on surface water and sediment chemistry, pollutant loadings, physical habitat, and the status of biological communities for Total Maximum Daily Load studies. Bob is also responsible for analyzing the nationally regarded Ohio EPA biological and water quality databases. Through this effort he has been recognized by the USEPA as a regional expert on how nutrients impact surface waters.

Jay Dorsey

Jay serves as the Watershed Coordinator for the East Fork Little Miami River, working for Clermont, Brown, Highland, and Clinton Counties. He is also a Board Member for the Little Miami River Partnership. His previous water management experience includes positions with Oxbow River and Stream Restoration, Inc. and USDA's Soil Drainage Research Unit in Columbus. As watershed coordinator, Jay is responsible for facilitating the development of a watershed management plan for the East Fork Little Miami River Watershed, and assisting in its implementation.

Photos Needed for 2005 Sports Show Display

Jim Boude

We are investigating the procurement of a new tabletop display board for use at the Cincinnati Convention Center 2005 Hunting and Fishing Show, and at other opportunities for promoting our club and its goals. We are also looking for recent photographs that high light our Club's goals and activities.

Please submit pictures on any of the Club's activities. Some suggested areas are:

1. **Membership Fun & Fellowship**
 - a. **Monthly meetings at Raffel's for dinner & program**
 - b. **Fly fishing day & weekend trips**
 - c. **BUFF Banquet**
2. **Education/Conservation**
 - a. **River conservation/monitoring**
 - b. **Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show**
 - c. **Cincinnati Hunting & Fishing Show**
 - d. **Web site & Buffer communications**
3. **Fly Fishing Skills & Equipment**
 - a. **Fly fishing 101**
 - b. **Fly Casting classes**
 - c. **Fly Tying classes**
 - d. **Rod Building classes**
 - e. **Net building classes.**
4. **Giving Back**
 - a. **Parky's Farm fishing with kids**
 - b. **Fly fishing instruction for high school students**
 - c. **Casting for Recovery**
 - d. **Little Miami Inc. Fly Fishing Workshop**

We are targeting to have the photos assembled in October so that the new display can completed for a November showing.

The recommended method for submitting a photo is to bring them to Pat Hider or Jim Boude on a diskette CD in jpeg format. This will save us a lot of time. You can scan your photos at a number of places, such as Kinko's, and have them saved to a CD for a nominal fee. Be sure to save the photo in the highest resolution available, since we will enlarge the shot.

If you prefer to e-mail your photographs, please send them to Jim Boude at jboude@cinci.rr.com, but be sure that it is sent in high resolution. Some e-mail programs automatically reduce the resolution to keep the file size small. There is usually a box you can check to disable that feature. The biggest reason that we are unable to use photos is image quality is that we will need to crop and enlarge most photographs.

Most digital cameras have adjustable resolution. Be sure that yours is set to at least medium (usually 1600 x 1200 pixels). If you have a good clear print to be scanned, the digital copy is usually of very good quality. When e-mailing photos, be sure that your e-mail service sends them in the highest resolution available. Include a phone number where we can reach you in case there are questions.



Raffle News

Jim & Debbie Hampton

We drew the winning raffle ticket for the Sage Rod at the August Club Picnic

And the Winner is PAUL FELDMAN

Paul has already picked up the rod, and was headed out on a fishing trip to try it out.

Congratulations Paul and a huge thank you to everyone who participated in the raffle. We raised \$480 and this money will be put to good use for the Casting For Recovery retreat.

The general raffle was a lot of fun for those of you who attended. Jim Hampton had a wide variety of prizes and there were many winners. The kids at the picnic really enjoyed their raffle as well, and I believe they all went home happy.

We are moving back indoors for the September meeting, so remember the Hatch of the Month and you can expect some exceptional prizes for the general raffle once again.

Again we want to thank everyone for participating in the raffles as this is a great way to win some really cool stuff and support all that the club is doing for Conservation, Education and Outreach.

LITTLE MIAMI INC.

Ken West

For the last three years we have put on a program with Little Miami Inc. and each year the interest keeps growing both for them and for B.U.F.F. This year was no exception as we had 42 faces we had not seen before. The weather was perfect, the donuts were good, and the food Eric Partee and his wife prepared for everyone was good as always.

We had a great number of B.U.F.F. members who volunteered to help with the programs,
Casting - Dave Uckotter, Tony Kalbli, Patti Howell, Bill Huber and Joe Gunther.

Tying - Bill Schobel, Gary Cummins, Larry Hake, and myself.

Stream - Jon Kennard, Bob Goldsberry, Paul Portwood, and Bob Rohrbach.

Equipment - Davy Jones, and Jim Boude

Thanks to everyone who helped.

Every time I do an article for the BUFFER I am always fearful that someone was left out, so if I omitted anyone you can hang a "kick -me" sign on me at the next meeting - I deserve it! BUT REMEMBER ONLY IF I LEFT YOUR NAME OUT.



AUDIT CONDUCTED

An audit was conducted on financial records of the Buckeye United Fly Fishers for the year beginning February 2003, thru May 2004. All records were in order as far as we could determine.

Signed: Louise Goldsberry, Jayne Uckotter

2004 Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

- Sep 2 **Lie & Tie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor World
- Sep 3 **Parky's Farm Field Trip Day**
- Sep 8 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd.
Social and education hour 6 pm
- Sep 10 **Parky's Farm Field Day**
- Sep 11 **Parkey's Farm Fishing Program Family Day**
- Sep 12 Casting Instructor Class
- Sep 15 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm
Outdoor World Members welcome
- Sep 17 **Parky's Farm Field Trip Day**
- Sep 18 **Day Trip Little Darby**
- Sep 19 **Casting Instructor Class**
- Sep 22 **Lie & Tie East** Batavia Presbyterian Church 7-9 p m General fly tying
- Sep 24 **Parky's arm Field Trip Day**
- Sep 25 **Green Acres Foundation Family Day**
On Little Miami River
- Sep 26 **Casting Instructor Class**
- Sep 29 - Oct 1 **Fall Salmon Trip**

OCTOBER

- Oct 3 **Casting Instructor Class**
- Oct 7 **Lie & Tie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor World
- Oct 7-9 **Roger Lowe Trout Trip**
- Oct 8 **Parky's Farm Field Trip Day**
- Oct 13 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd.
Social and education hour 6 pm
- Oct 15 **Advanced Tying Class**
- Oct 16 **Day Trip Mad River**
- Oct 20 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm
Outdoor World Members welcome
- Oct 22 **Advanced Tying Class**
- Oct 27 **Lie & Tie East** Batavia Presbyterian Church 7-9 pm General fly tying and storytelling.
- Oct 29 **Advanced Tying Class**
- Oct 30-31 **Rockwell Springs fishing trip**

NOVEMBER

- Nov 4 **Lie & Tie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor World
- Nov 4-7 **Arkansas Red River Trip**
- Nov 10 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** , 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
Social hour 6 pm
- Nov 17 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm
Outdoor World Members welcome

DECEMBER

- Dec 2 **Lie & Tie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor World
- Dec 8 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** , 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
Social hour 6 pm
- Dec 15 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm
Outdoor World Members welcome



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Tony Kalbli Casting

Jim LeBlond Intermediate Casting
Coordinator

Dave Uckotter Beginning Casting
Coordinator

Open Fly Tying

Bill Fischer Club Mail

Jim Boude Hart Show

Jim Hampton Monthly Raffles

Lou Haynes Club Assets Owner
Fishing Show
Advertising
FFF-OSC Director

Open Club Historian

Don Prince Club
Health/Recognition

Patti Howell Outreach Co- coord.

Don Hogue Membership Health

Steve Lilly Program Support

Open Fly Fishing Show
Chair – Fly Tying

Open Fly Fishing Show
Chair – Exhibitors

Debbie Hampton Banquet

Open

Please note that there are open positions!! If you would like to get more involved, volunteer for a job!!!

SEPTEMBER MENU

**Marinated charbroiled
Chicken Breast
Baked Halibut
Broccoli w/ cheese
Baked Potato w/ butter &
Sour Cream
Tossed Salad w/Dressings
Rolls & Butter
Bar Cookie Tray**

8/2004 B.U.F.F. Financial Report
(rounded to dollar amount)

Beginning Total	\$13360
Deposits	
Membership	\$80
Barothy Lodge	\$660
Mike Suo Supplies	\$469
Interest	\$3
Total Deposits	\$1212
Disbursements	
Speaker Cables	\$33
Hamilton Co. Park District	\$250
Raffels	\$489
Insurance	\$187
Elam Bank Charge	\$10
Vice Handles (Education)	\$45
Buffer	\$243
Picnic Dinner	\$562
Total Disbursements	\$1818
Ending Total	\$12753
Barothy Lodge Outstanding	\$690
Petty Cash	\$100
CD	\$5043
Trips Downpayment Acct	\$500

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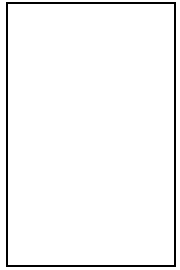
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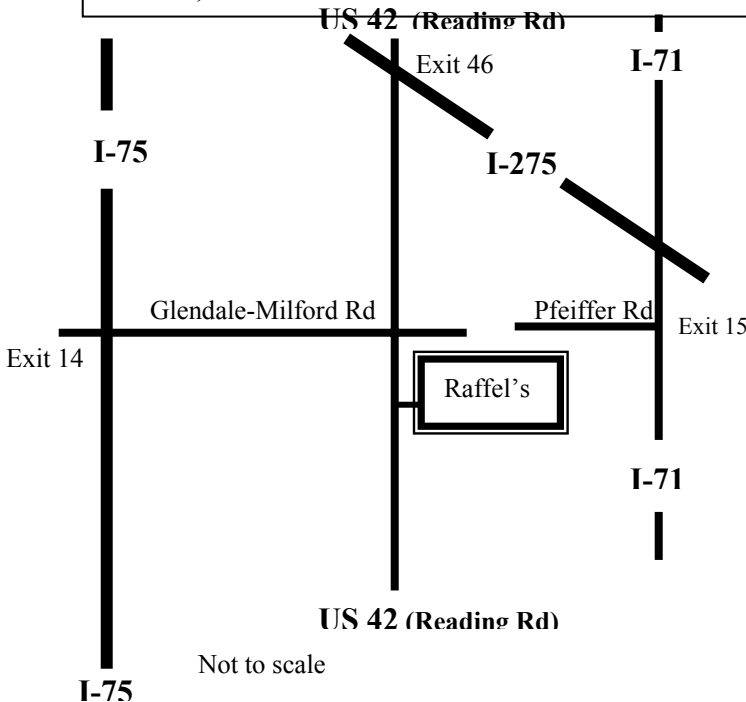
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Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday -- September 8

CALL 779-4489 OR SIGN UP ON LINE AT WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN 10 PM ON 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 A 7 PM. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED – DON'T WAIT – CALL NOW! (SEE THE MENU ON PAGE 8)



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.