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The President's Notes

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We are back to Raffel's for our September meeting. Joe Cornwall will be talking about Ohio River fly fishing. You don't want to miss this one, especially if you plan to participate in the October 28th day trip to the Meldahl Locks and Dam! Joe always gives an entertaining presentation.

About 35 BUFFers attended the picnic at the Little Miami Canoe Livery campground. Fortunately the rain stayed away, the food was great and Bob Mackey entertained us by demonstrating his fishing prowess while wading the river in front of the shelter house. Believe it or not, he actually caught a few fish! As usual, Bob Jones and Bill Fischer showed up with their chairs to watch the hoard of canoes float-by! Everyone had a great time.

The Parky's Farm Kids Fishing Program starts-up again this month (September 8th) and runs until late October. Roger Corrado and Don Rubingh are looking for volunteers to help the kids fish. If you have some free time on a Friday (10 AM to 2 PM), give Roger or Don a call. It's great to help a little tike catch his/her first fish! Don't forget to bring your fly rod along as there are some really big bass in the pond. BUFFers are welcome to come early or stay late and fish the pond.

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September Meeting Program

An Evening of White Gold

Presented by Joseph Cornwall

How far would you drive for a chance at a hundred fish day filled with blisteringly fast, unceasingly tough gamefish that will run you into your backing, bend your rod into a perilously tight circle, and leave you shaking and breathless? Would you get on a plane for Florida? Head east to Cape Cod, perhaps? Or maybe you're going to head north for Michigan or Minnesota? How about the Ohio River?

The Ohio River??? That's right! The big water may be the last frontier for Buckeye fly fishers. Join us for an evening of surprises as local fly fishing fanatic and award-winning author Joe Cornwall shares secrets of success for the more than 690 miles of a virtually unexplored (by fly fishers) fishery we all drive over, but rarely test. You'll learn which patterns are hot, what tackle you'll need, and which seasonal opportunities give you the best chance at a memorable day on the water. Don't miss this chance to expand your fishing opportunities! See what you've been missing in your own back yard!

BEGINNERS FLY TYING

Ken West

Once again it is time for beginners fly tying. This year we will have five classes, and they will be on **October 5, 12, 19, 26, and November 2 - Thursday nights from 7 till 9 in the evening. Springdale Community Center has very graciously offered one of their rooms for us.** Since there is some remodeling going on, we will be using the craft room. This remodeling should be completed by the time Advanced Fly Tying starts sometime after the holidays. We will start the sign-up sheet at the September meeting. If you are a new member and have wondered about tying a fly, if you need refreshing on your technique, or if you just want to tie your fingers to a vise, you are welcome. Bring your tools and vise, if you have them, otherwise, they will be furnished along with all material's. Hope to see you!

Direction's to Community Center

Take the Rt. 4 exit off 275 West. Turn "south", and go 2 lights. Turn left on Lawnview [2nd light] Go about 2/10 th of a mile, and the center will be on your right.



BUFF Local Outings on the Great Miami River

Joseph D. Cornwall

<http://www.flyfishohio.com>

Here is a tentative schedule of local trips to sections of the Great Miami River. Due to the popularity of the event last year on the Stillwater River, where we had 31 participants (!), I will be limiting these events to the first 12 people to sign up. This will make logistics much easier to handle. Here are the remaining proposed trips and dates:

Saturday, September 30, Great Miami River

We will fish the big water below the first low-head dam in Hamilton all the way to Dravo Park. Plenty of wading and plenty to float. This is big water and we'll be fishing for white bass and hybrids, smallmouth and spots, carp and panfish.

Saturday, October 28, Ohio River

We will end the season on the big water with an outing to the Meldahl Locks and Dam. This is wading and shore fishing ONLY unless you've got a really big boat! Get your double-haul in order, we will be chasing white bass, stripers and hybrids in a spectacular setting. This is an early trip, prepare to be there at sunrise!

All trips are subject to change due to local river and weather conditions! I will post updates on the BUFF message board as we near the dates.

I've decided to start including some of the Board of Directors activities in the monthly "President's Comments" that I think will be of interest to the membership. Below are a few from the July and August meetings:

- The board approved the contract submitted by Raffel's covering our monthly meetings from September, 2006 through June, 2007. The contract calls for a \$1 increase in the meal charge, i.e., \$11 instead of \$10. Please try to remember to bring the correct amount of cash with you to cover your meal charge.
- The BOD voted not to have a booth at the "Bob Hart Boat & Travel Show" in January 2007.
- A donation of \$100 was made to the Indiana Trout Unlimited Group to support their September Brookville tail water trout stocking program.
- The BUFF 30 year celebration event will take place at the December general meeting. More to come on this as plans materialize.
- The dates have been set with "The Receptions Conference and Banquet Center" for our annual Fly Fishing Show (February 10th) and banquet (March 3rd).

I would appreciate some feedback from members as to whether you would like me to continue to include the BOD highlights in the BUFFER.

Kodiak, Alaska 2006

Bob Mackey

The excitement of having won the Alaskan trip at the BUFF banquet was euphoric! Bruce James and Bob Mackey were on their way to Kodiak Island to fish perhaps the premier fishing grounds in the US for salmon. Once the realization sunk in we prepared ourselves with the fly fishing books, videos and sending away for literature portraying a place second to none.

Our direct flight from Cincy to Anchorage then to Kodiak arriving at 7:00am was flawless. Doyle Hatfield, co-owner of Saltery Lake Lodge, met us at the airport where we proceeded by van to the small bush plane where Bill Elliott, co-owner and pilot, flew us to our home away from home for the next six nights and seven days...Saltery Lake Lodge. It was all we could imagine... remote, wild, a personal guide, gourmet cooking, wonderful accommodations and breathtaking beauty that captivates all human imaginations.

After settling in on Sunday morning, our guide, Matt, took us to several areas of the Saltery River where we caught Dolly Varden and Rainbow trout. We knew upon arrival that we were in for a lot of rain but 105 hours straight was hard to endure. We fished Monday and Tuesday with great success for Dollies, but by Wednesday the access to the streams and rivers was impossible to get to by any vehicle, so we were restricted to a cloudy Saltery Lake, and confined to a lot of time in the lodge or catching up on sleep. Visibility impaired any "take offs" or landings so we were weather prisoners for a few days. Friday was no exception but we all decided to venture out into an area of the lake that was accessible by boat only. Our guides rounded us up and took us to a far off stream that came rushing out of the mountains into Saltery Lake. Yes, we did catch a few Dollies which put a smile on all of our faces. This made the afternoon in the rain worthwhile. I have asked myself countless times since we have returned whether I would go back and I have to say -- yes. The potential there is phenomenal. Nature has its ways and you just have to accept that from time to time. Next year if the trip is offered I would say go for it as the environment, lodge and food will make up for a lot of the rain. I want to emphasize the food...this was outstanding, as there was a couple who are on their 4th year at the lodge and - what great cooks! And, Yes, we did see a bear at the back door of the lodge, many bald eagles catching fish as we watched them dive, deer along the shores, beaver swimming along the banks as we fished. We observed wild buffalo herds and wild horses roaming the fields. Alaska is special, and, if you go, there are several of us in the club who can share our adventures with you and make "Your next trip to Alaska" a trip to remember.

Despite all of the rain, we had a decent trip and did manage to catch fifty or so fish during our trip. The sockeye salmon (Reds) were late coming up the rivers, so we did not catch any.

Finding a Fishable Smallmouth Stream, Part 2

Steve Lilly

(This is the second in a series on how to find a local stream that may have good smallmouth fishing.)

Previously, we used the Gazetteer of Ohio Streams to locate a stream large enough to have a smallmouth fishery, and we looked for streams with a watershed greater than 50 square miles. In addition to the size of the watershed, the actual water flow in a stream will indicate the stream's size.

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) has placed stream gauges on a number of river and creeks throughout the United States. A very good rule of thumb would be; if a stream has a USGS gauge on it, it has enough flow to support a fish population. After all, it wouldn't make sense to put a stream gauge on a stream that didn't have any water in it. Those streams with an active gauge can be found online by going to the BUFF website; www.buckeyeflyfishers.com. Then, click on USGS Stream Reports, or you can go directly to <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/oh/nwis/rt>.

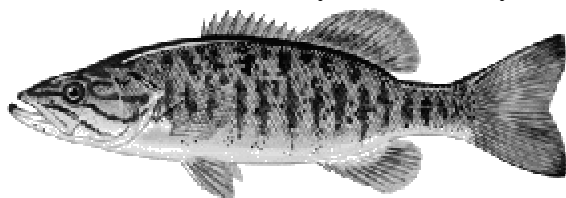
The above website will provide streams with an active stream gauge, however there are a number of streams throughout Ohio that were being measured but no longer have an active stream gauge. The rule of thumb from above can be expanded to include those streams that **have ever** had a stream gauge on it, should have enough flow to support a fish population. These streams can be found on line by going to <http://nwis.waterdata.usgs.gov/oh/nwis/discharge>.

These websites, particularly the last one, contain an enormous amount of data, but it is not at all apparent how to get to it. For instance, the daily, monthly, and yearly average flows are available for many streams. It would be futile to try and explain how to navigate through the site in this writing. I suggest you bring up the site and just play around with it. Personally, I can spend hours looking over the history of stream flows.

One last indication on stream size is this; if the Army Corps of Engineers has a dam across it, the stream has a good flow of water. In our area there is one exception to this, and that is the dam across the West Fork of the Mill Creek (Winton Lake Dam). To find the release from the dams in the Louisville District of the Corps of Engineers, go to the website <http://www.lrl.usace.army.mil/wc/reports/lkreport.html>

Water flow in a stream is measured in cubic feet per second (CFS), but just what does this feel like for someone fishing in a stream? Many of us have fished this summer in the tail waters of the local dams. From the website, the outflow from these dams during much of this past summer has been, 16CFS from Caesar Creek, 32CFS from the East Fork dam (W.H. Harsha), and 46CFS from the Brookville dam. These flows are the minimum that the Corps must release in order to satisfy the State Department of Natural Resources. This should give an angler who has been on these streams an idea of how the water flow in CFS actually feels.

In the next article, we will look at where on a stream are you most likely to find smallmouth bass.



The Peaceful Side of the Smokies

Mike Bryant

It's been a crazy and busy year to say the least. So when my wife, Jan, suggested we get away for some fly fishing down in the Smoky Mountains, I jumped at the opportunity. We added some vacation days to the Fourth of July holiday for a long five day weekend. In the past, we always traveled to western North Carolina (Waynesville or Bryson City area). We love this part of the world – good fly fishing, great people and beautiful country. But after hearing Ian and Charity Rutter's presentation during last winter's Fly Fishing Show, we were intrigued by the north side of Smokies. Ian and Charity (R&R Fly Fishing Guide Service; toll free 866-SMOKY FLY) talked about the great fly fishing opportunities near Townsend, Tennessee. Given that the drive from Cincinnati to Townsend is only 4-1/2 hours instead of 6-1/2 hours to NC, we thought we should explore this new area.

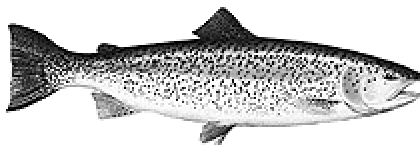
After an easy drive down I-75, we arrived in Townsend in about thirty minutes from Knoxville. Townsend is very small and quiet! Even though we were there over the July 4th holiday, there were far fewer crowds than we expected. Those that did come seem to be casually tubing down the Little River through Townsend. With the entrance into the Great Smoky Mountain National Park (GSMNP) only a couple of miles from Townsend, it's easy to access the Park and fishing within a few minutes. There are no crowds, no long lines of cars. Just a relaxing, beautiful spot.

The GSMNP has hundreds of miles of trout streams. There is no fish stocking in the Park, all trout are wild. Most trout are small, but incredibly beautiful. During the first couple of days, Jan and I fished on the Little River and the Middle Prong of the Little River. The streams are typical mountain streams - lots of boulders and pocket water with short runs. We fished almost exclusively with dry flies and had the good fortune to catch some rainbows and a few browns. Most were under 8", which we were told is typical for these wild trout streams.

Prior to the trip, we had contacted Charity for a guided trip. Charity suggested we try fishing the Oconaluftee River. Wanting to explore new areas, we quickly agreed. After a forty minute ride through the mountains, we strung up our rods and headed for the water. Within minutes, Jan landed a beautiful 7' brown trout. Throughout the morning we both landed numerous rainbows and browns. After lunch, Charity took us to several streams at higher elevations in search of wild brookies. We successfully rounded out the day with several nice brookies in hand. Charity did an excellent job as a guide. She has knowledge of the water and area, and knows where the fish are.

On the last evening of our trip, we eat an early dinner and headed back to the Little River in the Park for one more chance at trout. I managed to land a beautiful 8" brown and a 12" rainbow before the last bit of daylight disappeared.

Townsend is a very quiet place nestled in Smoky Mountains. Just like NC, the fly fishing is good (and expensive), the people are friendly and the area is beautiful. Besides miles and miles of trout water, there's plenty of hiking, horseback riding, tubing, as well as snow skiing in the winter. Of course, if you really yearn for the crowds of Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg, it's only a short drive away. Jan and I fell in love with the area. I'm sure you will love it as well.



2006 BUFF Calendar

September

Sep 7 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor
Parky's Farm 10 am-2 pm
 Sep 8 **Intermediate Fly Casting Class**
 Sep 10 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
 Sep 13 Raffel's on Reading Rd.
 Social hour 6 pm
 Sep 15 **Parky's Farm** 10 am-2 pm
 Sep 17 **Intermediate Fly Casting Class**
 Sep 17-22 **PM Salmon Trip** (Michigan) – TB D
 Sep 20 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm
 Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH Members welcome
 Sep 21 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop
 Sep 22 **Parky's Farm** 10 am-2 pm
 Sep 24 **Intermediate Fly Casting Class**
 Sep 29 **Parky's Farm** 10 am-2 pm
 Sep 30 **Day Trip** – Great Miami River Dravo Park
TBD **Great Miami River Days**
TBD **Green Acres Great Outdoors Weekend**



October

Oct 5 **Beginning Fly Tying Class** 7-9 pm
 Oct 5 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor
 Oct 5-8 **Rockwell Springs Trip** – TBD
 Oct 6 **Parky's Farm** 10 am-2 pm
 Oct 10-12 **Roger Lowe NC Trip** - TBD
 Oct 11 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
 Raffel's on Reading Rd.
 Social hour 6 pm
 Oct 12 **Beginning Fly Tying Class** 7-9 pm
 Oct 13 **Parky's Farm** 10 am-2 pm
 Oct 18 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm
 Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH Members welcome
 Oct 19 **Beginning Fly Tying Class** 7-9 pm
 Oct 19 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop
 Oct 28 **Day Trip** – Meldhal Locks and Dam
 Oct 26 **Beginning Fly Tying Class** 7-9 pm
 Oct 29-Nov 4 **Arkansas Little Red & White Rivers Trip**

November

Nov 2 **Beginning Fly Tying Class** 7-9 pm
 Nov 2 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor
 Nov 8 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
 Raffel's on Reading Rd.
 Social hour 6 pm
 Nov 15 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm
 Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH Members welcome
 Nov 15 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop
 Nov 17-19 **Northern Ohio Steelhead Trip**

December

Dec 7 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor
 Dec 13 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
 Raffel's on Reading Rd.
 Social hour 6 pm
 Dec 20 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm
 Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH Members welcome

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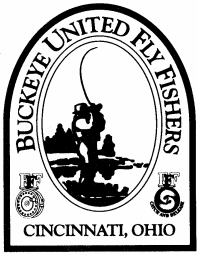
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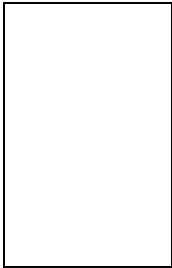
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September Menu
NEW PRICE \$11.00
 Marinated Char Grilled Chicken Breast
 Baked Lemon Sole
 Baked Potatoes w/ Butter and Sour Cream
 Broccoli with Cheese
 Tossed Salad with Dressings
 Rolls and Butter
 Bar Cookie Tray





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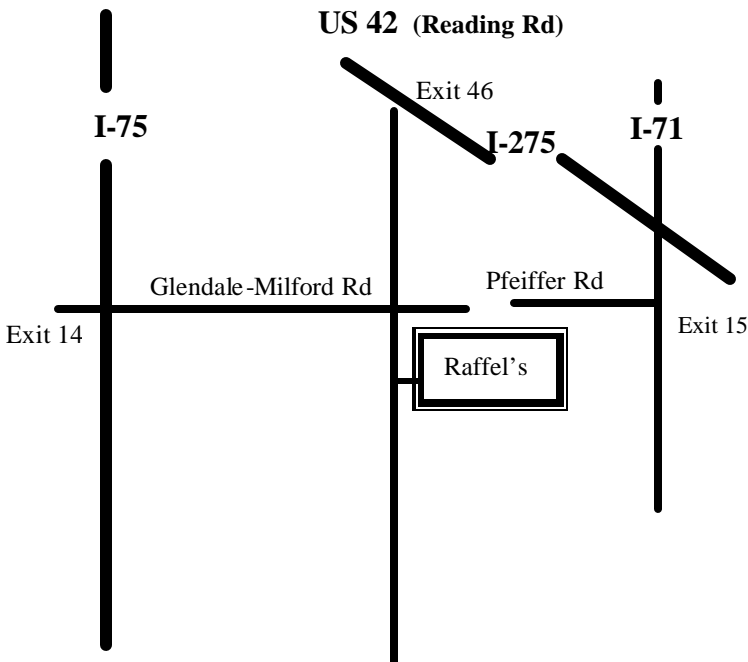
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Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday –September 13

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 \$11.00/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 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.

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