

# The BUFFER

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## Notes from the President

*J.R. Jackson*

It seems like every time I get home from another fishing trip, it's time to write up my notes for the next BUFFER. It's a good problem to have. Last week, I made my maiden voyage to northern Michigan's Au Sable and Manistee Rivers. Beautiful water and lots of rising trout. Most of the fish we caught were wild brook trout in the 6-8 inch range, and many were willing to take dry flies presented on the surface, although there were a few larger fish caught as well. One thing I learned about the waters of northern Michigan is that, like the fish in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park, these fish are wild. That tends to mean smaller fish, and usually means they'll also be a little more difficult to catch than a recently stocked fish would typically be. If you're up for a challenge, and approach these waters with the right mindset, it's a great place to fish.

On one evening, we really struggled to find water that would be cold enough to fish without risking killing the trout we would be catching. When water temps rise much above 65 degrees Fahrenheit, playing fish for long periods can stress them to the point of fatal exhaustion. Luckily, we were in an area where we could find colder water, and were able to fish that instead. When fishing local waters such as Brookville, keep water temperature in mind for the same reason. On Brookville, it's my understanding that the water closer to the dam tends to stay cooler, while the water farther downstream toward the 252 bridge can really warm up. So if you're dead-set on fishing Brookville this time of year, it's probably best to do so near the dam, and in the early morning. Like I've said before though, it's also a great time of year to chase our warm-water species.

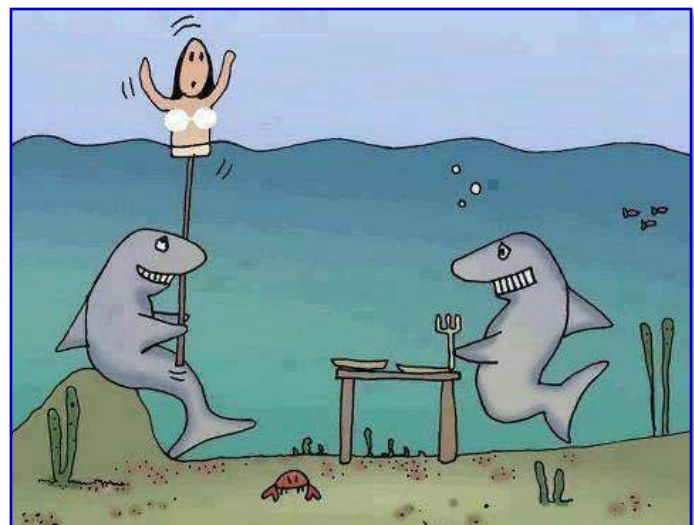
Word on the stream is that we had a spectacular turnout for Tim Williamson's Smallmouth 101 class. Thanks to Tim for his hard work putting the class together, clearly there was a strong demand within our club to learn more about smallmouth fishing, and we'll keep this in mind as we plan future classes and activities. While I'm in the 'thanks' mindset, thanks also to vice president Paul Juszczuk for filling in for me leading the August meeting. By all accounts, the meeting went very well...not that I ever had a doubt.

Well, that's it for me for this month. Stay cool and fish hard.

JR →

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# September Presentation & Speaker

## Make Fly-Fishing Great Again

Mike Rubush ([tenkaraguy1@yahoo.com](mailto:tenkaraguy1@yahoo.com))



**Brian Flechsig of Mad River Outfitters** will be talking to us about the fly fishing industry. If you ever wanted to know the inside scoop on the fly fishing industry. This presentation is it. Brian will give anglers a behind the scenes look at the world of the fly fishing industry and how it really works. How the system is rigged and how the industry is lying to you. Brian says that this isn't a pretty fish picture talk, but I will tell you the truth.

Brian Flechsig tied his first fly and caught his first fish on a fly rod when he was seven years old. Today, from his fly shop in Columbus, Ohio, which he founded in 1994, Brian outfits sportsmen, teaches classes and guides groups on fishing trips to some of the world's best places to fish. He has been in the fly fishing business for most of his adult life. Brian is one of America's new generation of fly fishing personalities and has been featured in a series of fly fishing instructional videos from

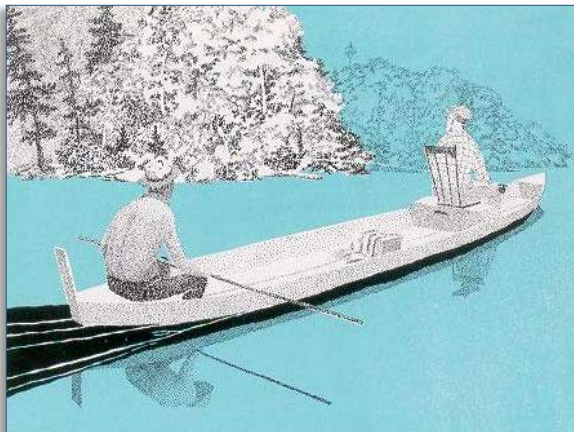
Mad River Media, including the famous title, Carpin' with good friend Dave Whitlock. Regular guest appearances on the popular television show "The Walker's Cay Chronicles" with Flip Pallot, have made Brian one of the most recognized names and faces in mid-western fly fishing arena.

He is the author of "The Fly Fisher's Guide to the Mad River", Ohio's premier trout stream and is active in many conservation activities and efforts to bring the sport of fly fishing to everyone.

Brian oversees the entire operations of Mad River Outfitters along with his sister companies Mad River Media and Patagonia Trout USA. He is very versed at many aspects of fly fishing....and holds a special passion for saltwater. He served as our head guide at the Wilds for 8 seasons and is also passionate about largemouth on the fly. He also still finds time for a few days on the Mad River in his AuSable River boat. ➔

**P**resent-day "Au Sable River Boats" are 20 to 24 feet long with a beam of three feet. Many now are protected

with a fiber-glass coating. The guide sits in the stern, maneuvering the boat by paddle, pole, drag chain, or outboard motor. The fisherman in the bow enjoys the comfort of a "captain's" chair, equipped with backrest. ➔



## September Calendar

9/5	<b>Labor Day</b>
9/9	<b>PHW Fishing</b> Brent Miller
8/10	Ladies Stream Fishing <b>Sue Jones</b>
8/10	<b>PHW Fishing</b> Brent Miller
8/20	<b>Whitewater Float Trip</b> <b>Morgan's Livery, Brookville</b> J.R. Jackson
9/17	<b>Stream Quality Monitoring</b> Bryon Tudor
9/23	<b>Sunnybrook Fall Trip</b> Ken Dixon
9/24	<b>PHW Fishing</b> Brent Miller
9/24	<b>Great Outdoor Weekend</b> Jim Vota



## 2017 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show Preview

Bob Gustafson

**B**uckeye United Fly Fishers will host the annual Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show on Saturday, February 4, 2017, at the Oasis Conference Center in Loveland. The fly show committee is hard at work planning for the show and is currently working to line up show headliners and presenters. We appreciate BUFFers responses to our recent speaker survey and your input and support for the show.

The show format will be similar to recent years: world-class presentations, tying demos, and casting demos, lots of exhibitors with good things to browse and buy, indoor casting pond to try out new rods, and lots of good things to see and do for the whole family.

The Cincinnati show has a well-earned reputation as a great stop for our exhibitors (who do a lot of shows) owing to our high show attendance, regional draw of visitors, focus on fly fishing, and our great teams of volunteers who help run the show. We continue to be contacted by prospective new show vendors, who have heard good things about Cincinnati from previous shows.

Check the BUFF website for the latest show information and mark your calendars now for the **2017 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show, Saturday, Feb 4, 2017.** ➔



### PLOP A HOPPER!

Tom Abbruzzese

It's August and the heat is relentless. Many look forward to autumn for its cooler weather. I suppose trout welcome autumn too. Because that's when the big meaty grasshoppers are out and about.

For those of you who don't want to head to Brookville or the Mad River, you're in luck. Because bass like hoppers too. Some popular patterns include *Dave's Hopper*, *Letort Hopper*, and *Henry's Fork Hopper*. ➔





## You Should Hire a Fishing Guide

Reprinted with the Author's Permission: **Mathew Copeland**  
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**K**amchatka taimen fishing is just plain awesome. Top-water peacock bass action deep in the Amazon doesn't suck either. And please, don't get me started on swinging for Atlantic salmon in Northwestern Iceland. I ask that you not inquire because I don't want to lie. I've never done any of those things.



As a garden-variety, married and mortgaged, parent, working stiff sportsman, I love fantasizing over the exotic, high adventure fish porn. Then I file it away in the "some day" drawer, get up in the morning, and set to getting after it again – backyard, backcountry, public lands, DIY style. That's what stalking the seam is all about. Making it happen.

But there's a taste of the top-shelf that is within reach for most of us; one that thanks to our proud DIY ethic we too often overlook or outright eschew. We may not live the globetrotting, fishing bro lifestyle, but every now and again, we can fish with the pros. We should each hire a fishing guide at least once a year.

### HERE'S WHY

**1. Your cast ain't what it ought to be.** I know, because it looks a lot like mine. While we're at it, your fly selection is stuck in a rut and you've been missing fish with simple presentation errors. Don't take it personally. It happens to the best of us. Think of it this way... Doctors are required to log a pile of continuing education hours every year just to maintain their licenses. Lawyers too, plus pilots, ski patrolers and firemen. Hell, Rory McIlroy has a swing coach. The requirement holds true of almost every high stakes vocation. Your fishing is important too. Treat it as such.



No one is so flawless that his or her game can't be improved by a day on the water with a capable professional. And it sure beats a nasal surgery seminar.

**2. You're not alone...** at least not yet. Try teaching your husband, girlfriend or teenage son how to fly-fish though, and you just might be. If, however, you want to share your passion, and future years on the water with that special someone, the best thing you can possibly do is outsource the introduction. Car Talk fans will re-

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### **You Should Hire a Fishing Guide**

member Click and Clack berating callers for trying to teach their kids and significant others how to drive instead of hiring a professional. Fly fishing is like that, but harder, and more important. Check your ego, get out of the way, and let a top-notch guide get things off on the right foot. If you decide to tag along, ride the back of the boat, and when you're inevitably tempted to add your two cents, don't.

**3. You don't have to go far to expand your horizons.** New Zealand browns might not be in the cards this year, but it's amazing how exotic a new-to-you piece of water in the neighboring state can feel. And if it's as solid as the guys with the out of state plates at the boat ramp are always saying, you may just add a new honey hole to your regular rotation.

Even if not, unfamiliar water has a spectacular way of helping you see old water in new ways.

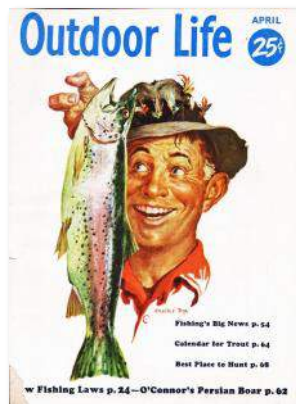
Features and facets that never caught your notice before all of a sudden seem full of promise on your return, and techniques adapted for different conditions may be just the ticket when you try them out on your tired old town stretch.

**4. Guides are the river keepers.** They're the ones out there day in and day out keeping tabs on the ecosystem, doing their best to keep it healthy, and waving the flag when it's not. And believe you me; these hard working guys and gals are not in it for the money.

The late, great American Theologian and activist Howard Thurman once said, "Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive." I agree. Furthermore, I think it's important to support the pursuits of people who've come alive when you meet them. If that means spending a day on the water, learning something new about my favorite pastime... well, we all have to make sacrifices. →

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## More Information...

### BUFFER Newsletter

The BUFFER Newsletter is published monthly and can be downloaded from the BUFF website. Back issues are available for download too.

### Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings are held the **second** Wednesday of each month. Check the website for details, including guest speaker & presentation, buffet menu, and calendar updates.

### Annual Dues

Annual dues are \$25 (Individual), \$30 (Family), with a onetime \$5 Initiation Fee for new members. New members will pay a prorated membership amount according to month of initial membership for the first year. Annual dues are due January 1. Refer to BUFF website [www.BuckeyeFlyFishers.com](http://www.BuckeyeFlyFishers.com) for more information.

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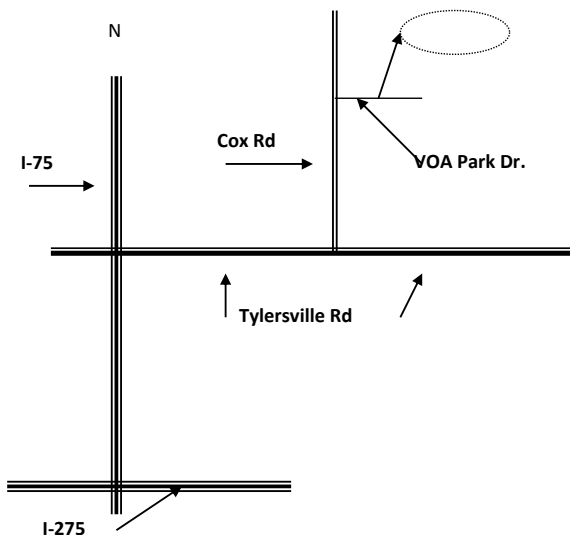
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## Buckeye United Fly Fishers

*Promoting the Sport of Fly Fishing Through Education and Conservation*

## Meeting Location & Directions

Meetings are held at Voice of America Park in the Ronald Reagan Lodge. [Please register online if you would like to attend.](#)

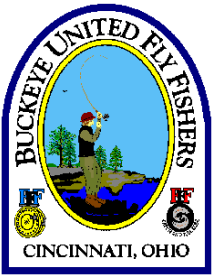


### Directions:

**From I-75 --** Follow I-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 Mason, Ohio 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.



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