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## The President's Fly Box

September and October are great months for a trip to the Smokie Mountains. The BUFF North Carolina trip in October is our next out of town trip. It is full and wait-listed. Yes, it is popular for good reasons. The area around the Smokie Mountains is full of trout streams – both freestone and tailwater – both stocked and native. Most everything can be found in one of the streams near the Smokies. This year we will continue the joint trip of open club and women's groups (openings exist). We are always looking for others to lead more trips to this area. Consider designing your own trip to the Tennessee Smokies, South Holston River, Cumberland River or many other spots. Judging by the NC trip, you will have many people interested in the trip.

For those who want to help with conservation, consider signing up for one of our stream quality monitoring groups. It only takes a few hours to help, to learn about the streams, and to count bugs. Afterwards, you are free to fish the streams. Make an impact on monitoring the health of our streams, sign up now.

Do you have some quick tips for newer fly fishers? Can you share it with others in 10 minutes? Great – please sign up for a 10 Minute Tech Talk. We hold these presentations at every membership meeting, and interest is always high. We need your help to keep up the momentum.

Finally, our group from the Wyoming trip has returned. Ask them about a helicopter picking up water from the pond to extinguish forest fires. All-in-all, they said that they had a great trip. I saw pictures of some big trout caught on the North Fork of the Shoshone. This month's program will talk about this amazing trip. Several members will share their experiences at the camp and the great trout fishing in the region. See you there.

Hugh O'Donnell  
BUFF President

# September BUFFER – Gone Fishin!

**From Ken Mandel**

As you will, or have noticed, this month's BUFFER is getting to you quite late. It is also quite brief.

My excuse is quite simple. Haruko and I went fishing in Montana, and have been away for almost 3 weeks. We drove across and took our time. Spent a couple of fantastic days at Theodore Roosevelt National Park in western North Dakota. It is a little visited park. We saw hundreds of bison (many more than we saw in Yellowstone!) with no long lines of cars with people videoing, taking photos, or trying for selfies. We also had a nice visit for two days with Keith McCafferty in Bozeman, MT. We did a raft trip with him on the Yellowstone River. Many will remember Keith's visit and presentation at a meeting last summer.

The main event was a week of fishing based out of West Yellowstone, MT. The trip was organized by Ian & Charity Rutter (R&R Guide Service), They live in Townsend, TN. They primarily guide in Smokey Mountains National Park, and host this trip once-a-year. They work with Big Sky Anglers located in West Yellowstone, MT. Big Sky is a fantastic shop. They operate a fantastic lodge and provided great guides for each of 5-days of fishing.

Haruko and I fished the Madison River, Henry's Fork of the Snake River (in Idaho), and Quake Lake on the Madison. We did not fish in Yellowstone Park, as it is limited to wading and I did not feel up to that due to some leg issues. We did tour some of the park (our first visit there).

I'll have a story to share along with photos (still on my Nikon and phone) for next month's BUFFER – we are still finishing unpacking, doing laundry and getting caught up with daily activities.

Ken

# BUFF Library Reminder –

**From: Dave Smith**

BUFFERS – While we are not regularly bringing the library boxes to our meetings, ***the library remains AVAILABLE***. Finding and checking out a book or video is really easy and is done through the BUFF website.

On the BUFF website home page, click "Member Services" and login with your e-mail address. Once logged in, choose the "Browse the Library" icon to bring up the list of library books and holdings. Click to reserve what you want, and I'll bring it to the next meeting. Returning books is also easy – just bring them to the next meeting. This is an easy-to-use resource to obtain library materials and to grow and enhance your fly fishing skills and knowledge.

## New Members in August 2024

By Harry Pass, BUFF Membership Director

No new members for this past month.

## Camp Buffalo Bill Trip – How About Some Photos & Stories?

From Ken Mandel

**From all of those who did the Camp Buffalo Bill trip in August - how about sharing some photos for the BUFFER? I've gotten nothing yet!!**

Also, it would be great if a couple of you could get together and write up something about the trip to share. It could encourage other BUFF members to consider it for 2025.

**Send photos and an article to me – [kengmandel@gmail.com](mailto:kengmandel@gmail.com)**

## Get Active in BUFF – Positions and Opportunities –

By Ken Mandel

At our monthly meetings, Hugh O'Donnell always reminds us that we are a volunteer organization. We rely on volunteers to take positions on our Board, help and/or lead/organize trips and outings, become involved with the planning and execution of our annual banquet and fly fishing show. To put it plainly, without volunteers the club cannot work!

We currently have several needs which need to be filled. These are listed below. Some have been open for quite a while. Please give these consideration. More importantly, get involved. Our club is only as good as our members who take part. As a relatively new member, I first got involved by participating in the planning of our club's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet. That led to my being asked to take on the BUFFER, but no one told me that meant a position on the Board. I am involved with other club activities as well, and greatly enjoy them. Getting more involved has been a great way for a beginner angler like me to learn from experienced club members, build friendships, and gain colleagues to get out and fish with!

### Open Board Positions–

**Communications.** The Communications Director supports the club's communication working with David Fraley to support our web platform, software, database, accounts, and other communication areas. If you have skills in this area, please reach out to Hugh O'Donnell ([odonnellhi@gmail.com](mailto:odonnellhi@gmail.com)) or any other BUFF Board member regarding your interest.

**At-Large.** An At-Large Director is part of the Board but has no specific assignment to fulfill. It can be a great opportunity for a newer club member who wants to become more involved, by providing a learning experience of how our club and board operates. It can also be a way to move into other board positions. If you want to get more involved, consider this position. For more information contact Hugh O'Donnell ([odonnellhi@gmail.com](mailto:odonnellhi@gmail.com)) or any other BUFF Board member regarding your interest.

## **BUFF Banquet – Planning Team Chairperson –**

Bob Cregge, who has been the chairperson for planning our annual March Banquet for several years has indicated that he will not be doing this for the 2025 Banquet. We need to find a person willing to take on this role and lead the planning team. Planning the Banquet is not an individual effort, as there is a strong and talented team in place who have been filling specific roles and responsibilities for many years and will work with the new chairperson. If you have possible interest or questions, please contact Bob Cregge at 908-672-8483 or by email at [bcregg13@gmail.com](mailto:bcregg13@gmail.com)

## **BUFF Members Getting Out to Fish**

Sorry to say, but I received nothing from any club members for this month!

Remember, if you get out to fish, please send photos and where you were fishing to [kengmandel@gmail.com](mailto:kengmandel@gmail.com), and I'll get it into an upcoming BUFFER. It's a great way share information and locations with the club!

## **Upcoming BUFF Activities**

The season is winding down, but still a good number of activities to consider

**In-person activities require registration (online on club Website)**

<b><u>Trip/Activity &amp; Location</u></b>	<b><u>Dates</u></b>	<b><u>Trip /Activity Coordinator</u></b>
<b>After-Work Fishing</b> Cark Rahe Access Little Miami River	Thursday, September 12 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM – Dusk Register & Waiver on Website <i>last outing for the season</i>	Cari Vota
<b>Stream Quality Monitoring</b> Bass Island – East Fork, Little Miami River Caesar's Creek – Little Miami River	Saturday, September 14 <sup>th</sup> Meet 9 AM at site Register & Waiver on Website <i>last SQM of the season</i>	Tom Britton

<u>Trip/Activity &amp; Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Trip /Activity Coordinator</u>
<b>Mad River Day Trip</b> Springfield, OH	Tuesday, September 17 <sup>th</sup> Meet 8 AM at Jeff Wyler Toyota Springfield, OH  <i>Trip is full - sign up for wait-list</i>	Bryan Tudor
<b>BUFF BOD Meeting</b> Springdale Community Ctr Springdale, OH	Wednesday, September 18 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Hugh O'Donnell
<b>After Work Fishing</b> Miami Meadows Park Milford, OH	Thursday, September 19 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM – Dusk Register & Waiver on Website	Brent Miller
<b>Monthly Tie &amp; Lie</b> Virtual – Zoom Mtg	Friday, September 20 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM <i>See Website for Link</i>	Gary Begley
<b>Mad River Clean-up</b> West Liberty Park to Mad River Gorge Park	Saturday, September 21 <sup>st</sup> 9 AM – Noon <b><i>organized by Mad River TU</i></b>	Tom Britton
<b>Stream Quality Monitoring</b> Four Mile Creek Hamilton, OH	Wednesday, September 25 <sup>th</sup> meet at 10 AM Register & Waiver on Website	Tom Britton
<b>Fall North Carolina Trout Trip</b> Bryson City, NC	Wednesday, October 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Sunday October 6 <sup>th</sup> <i>trip is fully booked, sign up for waitlist</i>	Harry Pass
<b>Women's Fall North Carolina Trout Trip</b> Bryson City, NC	Wednesday, October 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Sunday October 6 <sup>th</sup> <i>Still openings available</i>	Cari Vota

### **Directions to Oasis -**

Take I-275 and exit at Wards Corner Road (Exit 54). Make the first right onto Loveland-Miamiville Road and follow this. The Oasis golf course will be on your left. At the Paxton Guinea Road crossing, turn left. The clubhouse/conference center and parking lot for the Oasis facility are on the left.

