

# TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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**ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR  
NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE:**

**Friday,  
August 22, 2014**

**This Month:  
Even More Summer Fun  
At the FOP!**

## Next Meeting

**August 11, 2014**

**Dayton FOP Shelter  
4275 Powell Road  
(Directions on Website)**

**NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED  
Meal Price - \$10.00**

**Join us for our next outdoor meeting  
and enjoy a grilled meal,  
camaraderie, and casting competition!**

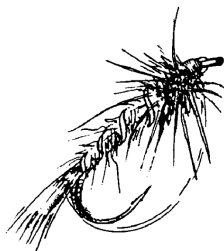
## Casting Competition News!

The outdoor meetings have begun, which means it's time to dust off those casting skills. This year's host of judges are none other than Ken Hudak, Lash LaRue, Dan Matousch, and Jeff Warden. Come on over and cast a bit...regardless of your skill level. This is our second year at a new location with REAL – No Kiddin' – WATER! I think the wind gave the casters more problems last month than trying to get used to real water.

The only thing required to participate in the casting events is for you to show up. You don't even have to own a fly rod (although, if you do, you can cheat by practicing at home – just don't tell the judges; they might, no – they will – give you a hard time). There is no age requirement or limit, no height requirement, and no previous casting experience is needed. Everyone is welcome!

### CASTING COMPETITION CUT-OFF TIME

**Casting will be held ONLY from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. No casting will be allowed after 7:00 PM.** The cut-off time will help ensure we are not holding up the meeting with scoring, etc., so come on over and cast early. It should hopefully allow us enough time to eat dinner too.



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## President's Thoughts



As I finish writing this column, a cold front is moving through Dayton. Tomorrow, the temperatures will again top out only in the 70s. Going by the thermometer alone, you wouldn't know it is July. In fact, the temperature in Dayton never officially reached 90 degrees for the month. I don't know if that is a record, but I do not mind a bit; I prefer cooler weather. If I had my way, August would be more of the same. I guess we will see...

I hope everyone who attended the July meeting enjoyed Member Appreciation Night! For those who could not make it to the July meeting – well, I'm sorry to say that you missed out. All members in attendance at the July meeting had their meals paid for by the club. This was just our way of saying "Thank You!" for your continued support!

It was a shame that the storm moved in at the end of the July meeting. Jerry Wallace brought his bamboo rods for us to admire, but we never got to the chance learn more about them (or to cast them, which is what I was also looking forward to). We'll work with Jerry, to see if we can reschedule.



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## President's Thoughts Continued from Page 1

MetroParks had their latest "Try Fly Fishing" Event at Cox Arboretum on Tuesday, July 22. A total of 47 people signed up for the event. I wish to thank members **Dan Matousch** and **Jerry Redford** for their help at the event, assisting fisherman on the water. Plans are being finalized for the next "Try Fly Fishing" Event in August. Details will be given when available.

Jerry Redford also joined me on July 26 to represent the club at **Fish Fest** - the annual fishing derby put on by the **Clinton County Farmers and Sportsman's Association** (CCFSA) in Wilmington. Jerry did some fly tying, I did a little casting, and everyone caught fish and had a good time. This is the third year in a row that the club has been represented at the event.

Before attending the August meeting, be sure to check out the Fly of the Month pattern on page 3 - Mike's Honey Ant. You may want to tie up a few of these flies to try at the FOP pond; if the flying ants are as thick as they were in July, this fly should be hot.

For everyone who likes to help the Madmen with water monitoring on the Mad River - here is your chance to earn your Level 1 Water Monitoring certification - **for free!** The Ohio EPA is offering this free training at Cedar Bog Nature Preserve in October. For more information, see the article on Page 4.

My final topic for August is a recurring one - TNT Events. Even though we have expanded TNT to be more accommodating, we still have not received any offers to host an event. I'm not sure what else to do - I'm open to suggestions. I'd like to hear what you have to say about this at the August meeting.

Well, that's all for now. Get out there and fish while the weather is good.

See you at the August meeting.

Tight lines,

Joe Nagel, President

## Casting Competition Continued from Page 1

**Here are the results for the July Roll Cast:**

<b>First Flight, Winner:</b>	Noel Baldwin (4 targets in 15 casts)
<b>Seniors, Winner:</b>	Jeff Warden (All 5 targets in 8 casts)
<b>Masters, Winner:</b>	Ken Hudak (All 5 targets in 7 casts)

**Casting Competition – This Month is the Bass Bug.**

**Bass Bug Rules:**

- Start with bug in hand and allowed unlimited casts to target 1.
- Then only two (2) false casts to all remaining targets.

**Casting Competition Guidelines:**

The monthly competitions, Divisions, and scoring guidelines can now be found on the club web site at the following link:  
[http://mvff.tripod.com/Reference/MVFF\\_Casting\\_Competition\\_Guidelines.pdf](http://mvff.tripod.com/Reference/MVFF_Casting_Competition_Guidelines.pdf)

Remember - although we do keep score and everyone would like to win, the real point of doing this (other than to just have a good time) is to improve our casting abilities.

**Good luck!**

Jeff Warden

# This Month's Fly – August 2014 Edition

## MIKE'S HONEY ANT

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward  
Photograph by Bob Cain



### Recipe

Hook.....Dry, size 14-16 1XL  
Thread.....Olive Brown 6/0  
Abdomen....Sow Scud dubbing, Copper  
Legs.....Flashabou Accent, Copper  
Wing.....Antron, Dark Dun  
Thorax.....Opossum Dubbing, Rusty Brown

1. Place the hook in the vise, then tie-in the thread in the middle of the hook shank and wrap a thread base back to the hook bend.
2. Dub the thread thinly and wrap a football shaped abdomen between the hook bend and slightly behind the middle of the hook shank, then wrap the thread forward to the middle of the hook shank. *(You should now have a small empty thread covered hook shank from the middle of the hook shank back to the front of the abdomen.)*
3. Cut 3 strands of flash legging material and tie them in on top of the hook shank by their middle with x-wraps of thread at the middle of the hook shank. The flash "legs" should now be perpendicular to the hook shank. **DO NOT TRIM THE "LEGS"**.
4. Cut a 2" piece of Antron and tie it in by one end on top of the hook shank in front of the legs as a wing. The length of the Antron should extend back over the hook bend. Wrap tight thread wraps over the butt ends of the Antron forward to behind the hook eye *(ensure no Antron butts extend over the hook eye)*. **DO NOT TRIM THE WING**.
5. Thinly dub the thread and wrap a small ball shaped thorax between the front of the wing and the back of the hook eye. Tie off the dubbing behind the hook eye, do a whip finish, and cut the thread.
6. Sweep the legs and wing back past the rear of the hook and trim them even with the **rear** of the hook bend.



# Free Water Monitoring Training Class Offer

*(Editor's Note - For those interested in helping the Madmen with their water monitoring on the Mad River, this is for you! This class will get you Level 1 certification **at no cost**. At the time of this writing, several openings were still available, but act fast if you are interested!)*

**Ohio Environmental Protection Agency  
Water Quality Monitoring  
Credible Data Program  
Level 1 Training**

**When: Thursday, October 23, 2014, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**Where: Cedar Bog Nature Preserve  
980 Woodburn Rd.  
Urbana, OH 43078**

This training will be hands-on with all participants getting in the water to learn techniques for biological, physical and chemical water quality monitoring. Please bring with you:

- Waders or shoes you don't mind getting wet
- A brown bag lunch / drink
- Wear old clothing

This is an entry level training intended for participants who desire basic water quality information. **Level 1** was designed with educators in mind and may be appropriate for Soil & Water Conservation Districts, Park Districts, Health Departments, or anyone with an interest in Ohio water quality. The purpose of Level 1 is primarily to promote public awareness and education about surface waters of the state. Approval of Level 1 QDC will be automatic by the Ohio EPA after completion of this training.

**There are no fees associated with this training.** Cedar Bog Nature Preserve is hosting this training.

For more information call Dennis Clement, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Education at **614-644-2048** or register for the training by e-mail at [dennis.clement@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:dennis.clement@epa.ohio.gov).

## MVFF - Out and About in July

On Saturday, July 26, members Jerry Redford and Joe Nagel attended Fish Fest - the annual fishing Derby put on by the Clinton County Farmers and Sportsman Association (CCFSA). Jerry showed interested participants some fly tying, and Joe did some fly casting.

For more information about CCFSA. check out there website at <http://ccfsa.com/>.



**Club Member Jerry Redford demonstrating how to tie an Adams, at the CCFSA's 2014 Fish Fest Event on Saturday, July 26.**

# MVFF CALENDAR For August, 2014

- 11 -** **MVFF Outdoor Meeting** (Reservations Not Required - See Page 1 for Details.)
- 12, 26 -** **Casual Fly Tying**, Gander Mountain, 8001 Old Troy Pike, Huber Heights, OH 45424, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
- MetroParks' "Try Fly Fishing" Event**, TBD (Visit <http://www.metroparks.org> for details)
- 22 -** Deadline for Articles for Next Month's Issue of **Tightlines**

## MVFF Message Board

The MVFF Message Board now has over **470** registered members!

Also, you can now read messages without registering or logging in. Just go to the club's web site at <http://www.mvff.us> and you will find a link to the board in the upper left-hand corner.



MVFF is now on Facebook! Follow us at:  
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Then send us an email subject "Email Address Check" to be sure we have your correct email address. Don't forget to include your name.

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## MetroParks "Try Fly Fishing" Events Continue...

Five Rivers MetroParks held their latest "Try Fly Fishing" Event on **Tuesday, July 22, at Cox Arboretum**.

Attendance was good, with 47 participants. The next event will be in mid August. Details are still being finalized.

For more information about the event, visit the MetroParks' website at <http://www.metroparks.org>.



**A group of participants learn casting basics before trying their luck in the ponds at Cox Arboretum, at the MetroParks "Try Fly Fishing" event on July 22.**



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