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The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR
NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE:

Friday,

November 24, 2017

Next Meeting November 13, 2017

Kohler Room
4572 Presidential Way
(Directions on website)

DINNER RESERVATIONS
ARE REQUIRED

RSVP to Mike Wolford at (937)
671-2780 or toflyfsh@woh.rr.com
by the Thursday prior to the upcoming
Monday meeting (November 9th).

Meal Price - \$15.00
The fun starts at 5:30 p.m.

November Speaker

Our November speaker is Andy Jensen. Andy grew up in California fly fishing for wild trout in the pristine headwaters of the Owens River, as well as the saltwater



monsters of the Pacific Ocean. He has years of experience fishing for many types of local fish including trout, bass and steelhead, eventually turning to carp as the most constantly challenging and rewarding gamefish. He has spent the last several seasons researching the best pieces of carp fishing water in central Ohio, and began professionally guiding other anglers in 2007. Andy joined the sales team at Mad River Outfitters in the Spring of 2009 and now serves as General Manager. He is still available for limited Guiding aboard the Fly-N-Carp....his legendary "Ohio Flats Boat."

Andy's presentation will on carp fishing. It should be an enjoyable evening.

Please be sure to make your meal reservation.

President's Thoughts



November. The month set aside to be particularly thankful for all our bountiful blessings. We typically celebrate this by having a day of feast where we set out the good tableware, work hard to not under or

over cook the turkey that we spent bookoo bucks on, hoping it will feed all the folks who will gather around the big table, and the 'lil kids table, too. Squeeze in all the casserole dishes and special pickle dishes, and favorite vegetable recipes, including that ever adaptable sweet potato. When the blessings are said and the bellies are fed, we then nab our spot in front of the best of the best teams banging it out in the playoffs trying to get to that dream of a lifetime game – The Super Bowl. During commercial breaks we hit the dessert table and inflict more punishment on our buttons and grab a slice of the pecan or pumpkin pie or some other delectable decadence – and heaven help the person who took your seat while you were gone. Some will gather and play some board games, maybe cards, or even head outside for a more active pursuit. But hopefully sometime during the course of the day, a moment will be taken to stop and reflect on what all we truly have to be thankful for.

With all that is going on in the country right now, I still would not want to live anywhere else on earth. I am thankful for the blessings of being an American, of having a home, a family, a husband, a job, my needs met (and some of my wants)... I am thankful for my freedoms: to worship freely, to travel about freely, to speak freely, to keep and bear arms, to vote... With every one of these there are times when not everything is peachy, or the way I want it to be, but I still am thankful for them. I know my life could be so much worse without them.

I am also thankful for the simpler things in life, like my critters, time I can take to go fishing, friends I have

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President's Thoughts (cont'd)

made along the way, places I have gotten to see and all the crazy fun things I have gotten to do.

So when times get a little tough, it helps to take a step back. Back away from the "in your face moment" and give yourself some space, even if just a little, and take a second or two to see how bad is this really? In the big picture, am I too close the forest to see the trees? Can I find something in this moment to be thankful for so that the rest of it won't seem so bad and I will be able to get through it better? I found myself thinking this very thing yesterday when for some weird reason I was thinking about how short the time is I have left with my dad. All of a sudden I was almost frantic in thought of what I wanted to do, where I still wanted to go with him and what if he passed before it all happened and imagining life afterward. It was horrible! Then I took a breath and thought, "Hey idiot. He's still here. It's ok. Remember when we did (XYZ) and then there was (ABC) and" and all of a sudden I began to focus on all the good we had experienced, and what all he had taught me, and what we still share, and then I realized with all of that, I don't need to think about what will eventually happen down the road. And when it does happen, I will be able to get through it, God only knows how, but somehow. The main thing is to be thankful for all that we have together, now.

It's November. Be thankful.

Speaking of which... thank you to those of you who came out to the Dayton Riverfront Plan Public Meetings. There is a website (<https://daytonriverfrontplan.org>) where you can go to see the presentation (<https://daytonriverfrontplan.org/resources/>) that was shared and beginning October 27th you can also leave your feedback regarding your thoughts on places for access, dining, connectivity, active or passive recreation, trails, or other ideas that you feel will make the riverways more vital and pertinent to you. There was a lot of conversation going on in the room, and I heard a lot of talk regarding the fishing community and access. My hope is you put in your comments regarding not only where, but what kind of access. How do you need it to function to get your vehicle and trailer in and out of the water? What will make it a sustainable access and not need constant maintenance? Look at the maps and find those best spots and mark them. Be precise as possible. Leave a name and number if you don't mind talking to someone with more detailed information. After all, we are the experts, right?

And finally, a huge, ginormous thank you to all of you who have come out to volunteer at our meetings, classes, clinics, events and outings throughout the year. We could not do what we do without you. You are the heartbeat of the club. "Thank you".

Kelly Kingery
MVFF President

2017 Michigan Salmon Fishing Trip

The salmon trip this year was October 1st through 6th. By all measures, this year's trip was really 'Great'. Great weather, a great stay at Barothy Lodge, great fun with a great group of fishermen, and really great "fishing".

We had a very large group there this year with 24 fishermen at Barothy Lodge and 9 more camping at Baldwin Campground. Everyone enjoyed the Sunday evening chili cookout at Long Lodge for the entire group of 33 and the opportunity to share fish tales and make plans for the weeks fishing.

The early spell of fall weather in September brought a large run of salmon upstream for us and while the water was low and clear, the fish didn't mind a bit and it made for easy wading in the Pere Marquette River. Since the run started early, there were many fish on the redds when we arrived, but more fresh run fish were continuing to migrate upstream every day while we were there. What really made this year memorable was the large average size of the fish. I don't remember a year when there were more trophy size (25 – 30 lb.) salmon in the stream. Hooking up these monsters was not a problem, but getting them to the net was a real challenge.

While the Lodge property had lots of fish on it, many of us opted for a day trip upstream to the state access areas in the flies only / catch and release sections at Baldwin. I also recommend a day on the stream with a professional guide while you are there. You have a great time being pampered by the guide, and see some spectacular scenery from the drift boat and get to fish spots that you can't access by foot. Some of the guides this year put some of our group on holes where they landed 10 – 15 salmon in a day. The guides are also excellent teachers and you become a better fisherman with their instruction.

While the king salmon was the primary fish in the river, we also caught a few brown trout, rainbow trout, steelhead, and even coho salmon. If you have never done this before, I recommend giving it a try. It's hard to explain how much fun it is to fight a 20+ lb. fish on the fly rod in a natural stream environment.

As usual, the week went by too quick and we had to return to Ohio with our pictures and memories of the big fish that got away. I know I am already counting down the months till next year's trip to do it again. Check out the pics on the club's Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/pg/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/photos/>.

~ Jim Calvert

Notable accomplishments for the P. M. River trip:

King Salmon - Nathan Via (42" – approx. 30 lbs.)

Steelhead - Kathy Williams (32")

Brown trout - Barry Schroeder (20")

Rainbow trout - Phil Ritter (15")

Coho Salmon - Karen Stokes 25" - right)





November Fly of the Month

Antron Bug

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photography by Bob Cain

Recipe

Hook.....Wet/Nymph, 2XH, size 10-14
Thread.....Black 6/0
Tail.....Antron Yarn, Rust or Color of Choice
Overwing....Antron Yarn, Rust or Color of Choice
Body.....Tan Sparkle Yarn
Hackle.....Brown Grizzly Saddle
Eyes.....Small Plastic Bead Chain

1. Attach the thread slightly behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base back down the hook shank to over the hook barb. Let the thread hang.
2. Cut a 3-5" piece of antron and tie it in by its middle with several tight thread wraps on top of the hook shank at the hook bend. Fold the front half of the Antron back over the hook bend and make a few tight thread wraps on top of one another over its base at the tie-in point to hold it back out of the way. It will become the overwing later. **DO NOT CUT ANY OF THE ANTRON.** Wrap the thread back to 1/4" behind the hook eye and let it hang.
3. Cut a 4-5" piece of sparkle yarn and tie it in by one end 1/4" behind the hook eye, then, keeping the yarn on top of the hook shank, wrap thread over its length back to the hook bend. **DO NOT CUT OFF THE REMAINING YARN.** Let the thread hang.
4. Select an appropriately sized hackle feather and clean the fluff from its base. Stroke the hackle barbs back toward the feather butt and tie the feather in by its tip at the hook bend. Wrap the thread back to slightly behind the hook eye. Let the thread hang.

5. Tie in a pair of bead chain eyes slightly behind the hook eye using figure eight wraps and finish with the thread right behind the eyes.
6. Wrap the sparkle yarn forward in touching turns to right behind the eyes and tie it off. Remove any excess yarn.
7. Now palmer the hackle forward over the yarn body to right behind the eyes and tie it off. Remove any excess hackle feather and move the thread to the front of the eyes. Stroke the hackle barbs on top of the body down on either side of the body.
8. Grasp the front section of the antron (the part that was folded back in step 2) and pull it tightly forward over the body and between the bead chain eyes and tie it down right behind the hook eye with tight thread wraps.
9. Remove any excess antron and cover the butts with thread. Form a small thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread.
10. Trim the antron tail to the length of the hook gap.

2018 MVFF FLY TYING CLASSES

It's now time to sign up for the 2018 Beginner and Intermediate Fly-Tying Classes. These classes are free to members as one of the many benefits of MVFF membership.

The Beginners class will be on Tuesdays starting **January 2, 2018**. The Intermediate class will be on Thursdays starting **January 4, 2018**. Both classes will continue weekly for 12 weeks.

Classes will be held in Fellowship Hall at Rona Community Church, 1082 Rona Parkway Drive, Fairborn, OH 45324 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 p.m. **[Note New Location!]**

It is easy to sign up and registration for both classes is now underway. You may register by phone or by email, by contacting either of the following persons or by signing up at the November or December MVFF meetings:

- "Woody" Woodward at 937-236-2102 (home) or at Fisherman's Headquarters, 937-222-2224 (work), or
- Dale Stephens at 937-233-5134 (home) or by email at dalebea65@sbcglobal.net

Class sign-up information needed is as follows: name, email and home address, phone number - home and either work or cell phone, and a request to rent a tool kit if you need one.

We normally have excellent attendance at both classes - so the earlier you register, the better your chance of being in the class. Knowing how many members will be participating helps us to plan for materials and our budget request to the MVFF Board for the classes.

You may attend either or both classes; however, if there is space needed in the Beginners class (and you have previously taken that class), then you will be asked to take the Intermediate class in order to make room for new students. For new students, it is best if you can make all classes, (but is not required) as you will learn new techniques each week that help to build your fly-tying skills. We will also be incorporating some new flies and techniques in both classes that all members should find helpful.

If you need to rent a tool kit for the class, the cost is \$75.00. The rental fee is returned to you at the last session, provided all tools and storage devices are returned in good working order. Please let us know if you plan on renting a tool kit.

If you desire to purchase a tool kit, one option for you would be to go the Fisherman's Headquarters on Keowee Street in Dayton, where you can receive a discount for being a MVFF member. You may also purchase kits on-line or from other fly shops.

Go to <http://mvff.us/flytying.html> for all your information.

Another Successful Mad River CleanSweep

With perfect weather conditions, Ohio Trophy Trout Hunter hosted another successful Mad River CleanSweep on October 14, 2014.

Five boat crews, and about 20 foot soldiers, were able to fill two large dumpsters and half of another one from the trash they gathered from not only the parking spaces between West Liberty Park and Ohio Rt. 41, but the river bottom as well.

After the crews were finished up around noon, we all hung out for a BBQ and some conversation. Many commented on how good it felt to give back, and several learned a lot about the river. New friends were also made! I know Scott Smallwood has already taken his crew out for a day on Pike waters. How awesome is that!

The Urbana press made it out to cover the event as well. A big thanks to Chris Selmek from the Urbana Daily Citizen for getting out early on a Saturday to cover our story. Chris enjoyed us so much, he returned in the afternoon after writing his piece to join us for the BBQ.

A huge thanks to Birch Bark Canoe Livery! Birch Bark allowed us the use of both of their dumpsters and we topped them off. They truly care about the river and keeping her as pristine as possible.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who have supported this great effort to keep the Mad River clean. My best guess is we have removed around three tons of trash from the river to date. That is unsightly debris we would otherwise be navigating through with our use of this awesome resource.

Thank you to you all!

~ Ron Lewis



Time for 2018 Dues...

Yes it is that time already. The membership fee remains unchanged at \$35.00. Membership dues comprise 50% of our annual budget. Our club depends upon support such as yours in order to:

- Provide quality speakers at our indoor meetings
- Offer our outstanding Fly Tying Classes
- Participate in community projects (such as PHWFF)
- Continue to promote the sport we love so much

So please renew your membership now. And it is easier than ever. Just go to <http://mvff.us> and use our newly added PayPal capability. Click on the *Pay Now* button. You do not need your own PayPal account to do this. It is easy and really does reduce paperwork, the handling of cash/checks and those annoying trips to the bank for deposits or checking our P.O. box for mailed checks. So please consider this option. For more guidance on how to pay this way see the [October](#) issue of *Tightlines*.

Thanks.

New TFO Nymphing Rod

Jason Randall (you may remember he was our speaker in October 2015) wanted to share some information with us. The new TFO nymphing rod that he discussed in his visit with us is now available. You can check it out here -

<https://tforods.com/tfo-proudly-introduces-drift-definitive-nymph-fly-rod/>

SmithFly Big Beers & Small Boats Show & Swap Meet

Our Big Beers & Small Boats Show and Swap Meet will be on November 11th from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. We will have vendors with their boating wares to show, sell or trade. We will also be featuring a Brew Pub Garden featuring Yellow Springs Brewery, Crooked Handle Brewery, and Warped Wing. There will also be a variety of food trucks and live bluegrass music. The highlight of the event will be showcasing our famous Shoal Tent - "The World Is Your Waterbed". We will have raffle prizes as well. We are located at 210 East Water Street, Troy, Ohio 45373.

Jules Conner

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PHWFF Update

Our last fishing event was to the Zanesfield Rod and Gun Club on October 23rd. A chilly and rainy day, but that did not dampen the group's enthusiasm for seeking some big trout. The rain was intermittent so there was plenty of time to fish when the conditions were a little better. But, it seemed that most of the vets hung in there even during the heavier periods of rain. It was a great day overall. Every veteran caught fish . . . mostly rainbows, but at least one brookie was brought to net.

Our sincere thanks to John Raisbeck for once again extending the invitation and hosting the event. A great time, good food and some fond memories.

There will be a break in the program activities during the holidays, but after the first of the year we'll get back into rod building. Some of the veterans are already talking about signing up. Again, if you want to be involved, contact Bill Grimpe. His contact information is on page 1 and on the Contacts page of the club's website.



MVFF Board Elections

The November meeting is the time when we hold the elections for our new Board Members. This year, in addition to a new Vice President and a new Treasurer we will be electing a new Club Secretary (this last position for a one year term).

Every member in good standing is eligible to vote; however, you must be present at the meeting to do so! So be sure to attend the November meeting.

Facebook Photo Albums

You can find more pictures of the Mad River CleanSweep, the most recent PHWFF event at Zanesfield and the Pere Marquette River trip in the albums posted at . . .

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/photos/>

Check them out.

CALENDAR

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| November 1 | TNT - Rosewood Pond
5:00 p.m. |
| November 4 | Mad River Habitat Restoration
Pimtown Road, West Liberty
tumadmen.org
9:00 a.m. - ?? |
| November 11 | SmithFly Big Beers & Small Boats Show/Swap
(see page 4) |
| November 13 | MVFF Indoor Meeting
Kohler Room, 4572 Presidential Way
5:30 p.m. |
| November 24 | Deadline for December Tightlines articles |

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Events page for updates & details

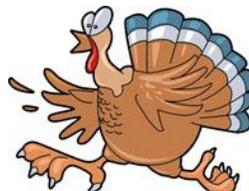
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Quote of the Month

" . . . a man going to a pond (where it seems a pike had devoured all the fish) to water his mule, had a pike bite his mule by the lips, to which the pike hung so fast, that the mule drew him out of the water, and by that accident the owner of the mule got the pike . . . "

*Izaak Walton
The Compleat Angler (1653)*

Happy Thanksgiving



Have a very
safe and
enjoyable
Thanksgiving!

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