

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



September Meeting

Our next meeting is September 8th

Dayton FOP Lodge / Casting Pond

4275 Powell Road
(Directions on Website)

Meal Price - **\$15.00**

Fun begins at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner reservations are required. There are no standing reservations. You need to make a reservation each month. You can also cancel your upcoming reservation by going to the same page listed below.

Please make your reservation at
<https://mvff.us/reservation/>
by 9:00 p.m. on September 4th



August Raffle Winners

Our lucky winners

- TFO 9 Ft, 9 Wt. fly rod...Randy Evans
- MRO fish net...Rick Ordeman
- Titan backpack cooler...Dave Atkins
- Eddie Bauer sun protector...Phil Ritter
- \$50 Mad River Outfitters gift card...Stephanie Estes
- Whisky & shot glasses...Chris Treon
- 5X leaders...Jim Calvert
- Fishing hat...Logan Connolly
- Driftwood Fly Art by Randy Evans...Everett Vanatta

President's Thoughts



August continued the trend of low turnouts at the outings.

- The Mid-Week on the 5th at Poplar Creek Park was a solo mission. Only two bluegills showed up to break the solitude.

- The Mid-Week on the 20th at the pond in Fairborn Community Park showed

twice the attendees of the previous outing. The fish proved to be highly selective, not only in terms of which flies they preferred, but also concerning which angler they preferred.

The No One Left Behind group held outings on the 8th and 22nd at the Grotto on the VA campus. Although the fish were grudgingly accommodating, turnout remains a difficulty. The outings on the 6th and 20th at Tom's Pond showed much better turnouts and catch ratios.

Upcoming Mid-Week Fly Fishing events are as follows:

- On the 4th of September, the outing has been changed to Oak Grove. I found out after the August meeting that Rosewood has been drained so it can be dredged.
- On the 16th of September, the outing will be held at Delco Park. Delco is very dependent on the heat. If it's hot, just fish around the rocks for bluegills, because they will be the only thing hungry at all. If the temperature is in the low 80's or below, the bass and crappies are apt to be even more active than the bluegills.

No One Left Behind outings are scheduled as follows:

- On the 10th of September, the outing will be at Tom's Pond starting at 5:30 p.m.
- On the 24th of September, the outing will be at Tom's Pond starting at 5:00 p.m.

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Secretary's Notes for August 2025

Thirty-two members enjoyed a pleasant evening at the Dayton F.O.P. outdoor pavilion. Ken Davy welcomed guests Tom Russo, Dave Atkins and Sue Konek. Walt brought his wonderful wife to the meeting on their 52nd wedding anniversary. We wish them many more happy years together. Ken Davy and Tom Arnold urged members to send in remembrances and items for Tightlines about the club's 50th anniversary. Shawn noted that member Tamie Chapman was recuperating from an illness and would enjoy hearing from members. Allen Berg read the results of the casting competition (listed separately). The brief meeting concluded with Cynthia Davis running the raffle in John Warner 's absence. Everyone enjoyed an excellent steak and chicken dinner. Kudos to Shawn and his crew of chefs. Respectfully, J. W. Davis

No One Left Behind: September

Our activities for veterans are picking up some momentum again. Outings are scheduled for September, as shown below. Gear will be provided for veterans who do not have any, and instruction will be available as well! Please pass this information along to any veterans who might be interested!

- September 10th – Tom's Pond, 5:30 p.m.
- September 24th – Tom's Pond, 5:00 p.m.

Contact Nathan Via (nocturn56@aol.com) or Ken Davy (tiggr75@gmail.com) for more information.

President's Thoughts (cont'd)

Planning continues for the 50th Anniversary Bash at the December meeting. The commemorative pins are ready. Bids are being taken for new patches using the same graphic. Please keep submitting anecdotes, memories, and lessons learned to Tom Arnold at the club email address (mvvffemail@gmail.com). Contact Karen Via if you want to find out how you can help with the Anniversary festivities!

The September meeting will take place September 8th, at 5:30 p.m. at 4275 Powell Rd, Dayton, OH 45424

Ken Davy
President, Miami Valley Fly Fishers



Fly Tying Gear and Materials for sale at September meeting

Tom DeRoss donated all of his fly tying materials, a couple of vises, a tying table, and three rods and reels. The rods and reels will go into the auction, but I am planning on bringing all the rest of the materials to the September meeting for the members to purchase at a greatly reduced cost. The materials will be at tables with prices of 50 cents, one dollar, five dollars, ten dollars, and the tying table will be listed for twenty dollars. I will have bags there for members to pick up what they want, bag up their items, and add up the costs. I will collect the money and give it to the treasurer at the end of the meeting. Members can, of course, donate more if they so choose. All of the proceeds will go back to the club for the officers to decide where best to allocate it to. There is a lot of materials! I would estimate they would add up to between \$1,500 and \$2,000 dollars if you bought them yourself.

JD Duker

Departed Anglers Can Rock On!

Here's something....People can have ashes of loved ones (or yourself when you pass on) turned into environmentally safe rocks that you can place in your favorite river. Here's a link to an article.

https://www.tu.org/magazine/tu-priority-partner/departed-anglers-can-rock-on/?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=none&zs=tATGb&zl=5p3e4

Jeff Warden

MVFF FLY TYING COMPETITION

For our 50th golden anniversary, MVFF is hosting a fly tying competition for all members, veterans, and students working with us in our school-based programs. The competition begins in September and will conclude on November 10. Winners of the competition will be announced at our anniversary celebration in December, with awards given to winners in the following four categories:

1. Dry fly
2. Nymph (includes wet fly or emerger)
3. Streamer
4. Creator's choice



IMPORTANT DETAILS:

- All flies entered in the competition must be tied by the person entering the contest.
- Each fly, regardless of category, must be tied with at least one gold item (hook, bead, flash) in recognition of our golden anniversary.
- Flies can be a modified version of an established fly, or an original creation so long as it includes at least one gold element.
- Individuals may enter only one fly per category, with no more than four total entries.
- All flies will become the property of MVFF for the purpose of sharing in our newsletter, at meetings, on our website or as otherwise determined appropriate by the anniversary committee and MVFF Board.

SUBMISSION PROCESS:

- All flies must be submitted in secure packaging, which could include a fly box, cigar box or other solid package to protect entry.
- The fly name, category type and recipe must be included in package when given to a member of the Anniversary Committee.
- Flies should not be incorporated into any type of display.
- Each entry will be given a unique number, so as to maintain anonymity for judging.
- Bring your entries to the September, October or November club meeting. If you are unable to attend a meeting contact Karen Via (see below) to make alternate arrangements.

JUDGING PROCESS:

Entries will be evaluated by experienced fly tiers from other fishing clubs. A scoring sheet has been created and judges will not know the identity of the individual creating the fly.

Flies will be evaluated using the following five criteria, with each criterion being scored from 1 to 5 (5 being highest score):

1. Overall appearance: Fly is neat and generally appealing.
2. Use of material: Gold element is easily identified, and materials are correctly and neatly applied to enhance appearance and fly use.
3. Fishability: Based on the type of fly created, fly must be tied with attention to its specific function to float, sink, or drift.
4. Craftsmanship: Fly is well constructed, sturdy, clean, and precise.
5. Proportion: Especially important if adapting an established pattern, materials must be well-proportioned and balanced.

If you have questions or are interested in joining the anniversary committee, please contact Karen Via at karenbw@hotmail.com or 937-620-7863.

50th Anniversary Committee: Karen Via, Chair, Ken Davy, Terie Gauvey, Walt Konek, Ken Norton, Dave Williams



Miami Valley Fly Fishers

1975 - 2025

Memories and Comments from Members

Congratulations on our 50th anniversary from your founder Jim Hawkins, who is still kicking at the age of 91. MVFF is one of my proudest accomplishments. I attended one meeting about 10 years ago and was astounded that I knew so few people. In our early days I knew everybody's name plus the name of their wife and their dog. So, the members have changed, but it appears you're doing almost everything the way we did fifty years ago. Casting competition, fly tying classes, trips to Michigan, annual auction and so on. Keep it up. ~ Jim Hawkins

I have been a member of MVFF for around 30 years now. I have been on several of the king salmon trips that Jim hosted over the years. I was recognized as a senior caster in 2001. I enjoyed being the membership officer in the early 2000 years. I feel MVFF is a very worthwhile organization. Thank you all for your support over the years. ~ George Spittler.

My memories of Miami Valley Fly Fishers (aka Reflections From A Shallow Pool)

I became a member of MVFF in 2016. I was still working on base at the time, so I didn't have very much time to devote to the club. I slowly eased into more roles as time went on. As of this writing, I have been involved with leading the casting competitions, scheduling the mid-week outings, posting events to the MVFF Facebook page, and I have volunteered at booths at the Outdoor Expo, the Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show, classes for the Five Rivers MetroParks, and as a guide for Casting For Recovery, all of them more than once each.

The club has provided me with opportunities that would be difficult to find elsewhere. I love to teach, and MVFF has provided many opportunities for me to do that. I enjoy helping others to have a good time doing worthwhile activities, and that is practically the stated purpose of the club. The Tightlines newsletter has allowed me to stretch my skills as a writer. The most important thing the club has done for me is to allow me many times and many settings for spending time with a marvelous collection of personalities, widely diverse, yet all dedicated to a single goal. Watching Jerry Redford or Frank Cox tie a fly was a surreal experience. Realizing that you could follow their instructions and create something that looked nearly like it brought the process into an almost mystical realm.



Participating in the trips arranged by Jim Calvert brought opportunities to test what we had learned so far and taught us further lessons we had not encountered fishing park ponds in Dayton. The trips also gave opportunities to get to know other club members on a far deeper level. Joining the leadership team has also been an education, and I hope my tenure as president shows evidence that I have tried to remain true to the club's values and stated purpose. One of the best things I have gleaned from my time in MVFF is that it has eased my transition into retirement. It seems like there is always something interesting to do, and if you're not doing something, you're preparing for the next activity, or tying flies and making leaders to replace those used up on the last activity.

The most profound bit of advice I can give any new or prospective member is simply that you can only get out of the club what you put into it. In short, get involved! If your casting isn't as good as you want it to be, try some sessions with Bill Bennett, compete in the casting competitions, or see Allen Berg to find out when his next sessions will be. This club has more altruistic opportunities than any other with which I have ever been associated. You can serve as a guide, a mentor, an artist, a teacher, a journalist, author, cook, pastor, quartermaster, computer expert, accountant, marketing specialist, or a roadie. Activities range from a sedate mentoring session to the controlled frenzy of the annual auction. There is something here for nearly everyone.

~ Ken Davy

Memories from Members (cont'd)

When I was 10 years old my dad and I went fishing on a small lake in Michigan with my dad's uncle. While we were fishing my dad's cousin came wading by fly fishing and casting toward the lily pads. I thought that was neat and told myself I was going to try that someday. Over the years I acquired an inexpensive Japanese reel, Garcia 7 weight rod and a Berkley 5 wt line. Finally got to use it in fall of 1999. In March of that year I purchased a 15' Grumman aluminum canoe. That fall we rented a friend's cabin on Henderson Lake near Rose City, Michigan. I hauled the canoe on a rack on my pickup. Took the rod and reel out on the lake and proceeded to catch nothing! After our vacation, loaded it up and it has been setting at home ever since.

In the summer of 2000, we were eating breakfast at Golden Nugget restaurant on Keowee St. A guy in the booth behind us was wearing a hat with embroidered flies on it. I struck up a conversation with him and he told me about MVFF. Turned out to be Jerry Redford.

On September 11th we flew out to Seattle, Washington. While there I went through Randall Kaufmann's Fly Shop in downtown Seattle. That October I joined MVFF. Bought my first balanced set at Cabela's in Dundee, Michigan. Got a 5 wt. 8 ½ ft. St. Croix combo. Still my favorite rod to this day.

In October that year Brian Flechsig from Mad River Outfitters gave a presentation on Lake Erie steelhead fishing. Brian was the first of many great speakers I have heard at our club. Among them Dave Whitlock, Dick Talleur, Davy Wotton (enjoyed his accent), Joe Humphreys (his bow and arrow cast), Jason Borger, Gary Borger Joseph Cornwall, Jerry Kustich, Carl Richards, Matt Supinski, J. "Fishy" Fullum, and a whole lot more. Most of these speakers held fly tying classes that I enjoyed.

I was asked to fill in as treasurer in 2002 when another person wasn't able to do it. Wasn't sure I would be up to all that responsibility. Served till December 2003. Didn't take any trips at club expense. HA HA. During that time we were asked by Carl Carlson's estate to help liquidate materials from his cigar and fly shop in Oakwood. Mike Wolford and I went down the day before their garage sale and bought \$1,125.00 worth of materials. We priced them to sell and over the next 9 months we raised \$3,050. What little was left was sold at the next March auction.

I took a rod building class at Jim Corbin's the first year and built a 10 ½ ft. 6 wt. St Croix rod to use for steelheading. Still haven't taken that trip.

Attended the fly tying classes at the church on Park Ave. in Oakwood. Two of the instructors were Jerry Redford and Everett Vanetta. Everett showed us a bead chain green marabou leech. In the advanced class that year Jim Calvert brought in a 10 gallon aquarium filled with Mad River water and aquatic life. Great show-and-tell prop. During the years we have met in several places and had great and patient teachers.

In the spring of 2003 Tom Frick of Rusty Drake Outfitters had a fly tying contest to design a fly for his company logo. I entered but didn't win - still great fun. At the same one of the fly tying magazines was holding a writing contest. As there was no Rusty Drake in nature I thought it would be neat to write one. Entered that contest - didn't win that one either. This exercise came at an important time for me as it helped me work through some things.

In April that year Mad River Trout Unlimited hosted a stream survey. I paired up with Bill Bennett and we fished the Route 55 location. We had a good time even if we caught nothing. While we fished, we got to know about each other. Both of us had English Setters. His Redford and mine Cory. We also had Gerstner wooden machinist toolboxes (made in Dayton). His came from Texas mine from Nappanee, Indiana. Sure is interesting how fly fishers have similar interests.

I joined the club outing to Barothy Lodge in Baldwin, Michigan. Jim Calvert has headed up this trip for many years. I stayed in Turkey Lodge the few times I went on the trip. The second year I teamed up with Mike Browne. We cooked, I should say Mike cooked, and I helped fix spaghetti and cornbread in a cast iron skillet. Nice to share the chores with six others.

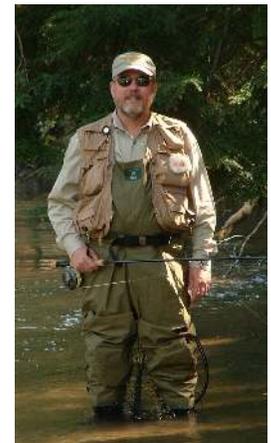
I've been on two trips to Hiawassee River in '23 and '24. First year we stayed in a hotel. Second year in a hillside lodge. This is the first time I've been on a guided float. Had two great guides from Southeastern Outfitters.

Some of the more enjoyable times I have had in the club is when we go out into the community and demonstrate fly tying. One year we joined the Boy Scout Jamboree at the Air Force Museum. Lost my phone there but some good scouts turned it in for me. Another year we went to a boy scout camp near West Liberty and held classes for Camp Samaritan. Had a pancake breakfast and got an embroidered hat which I still wear. Subaru Outdoors each year gives the club a chance to open up eyes. Try it you will like it. I find as you share, more comes back to you than you give.

I have enjoyed my many excursions to the BUFF shows. I love to soak up whatever knowledge the exhibitors and presenters give.

I am a born collector. There are many aspects of fly fishing. Not just putting a line on the water. Tying up flies. Or learning about insects and stream flow. I now have too many flies. Too much fly tying materials. Too many rebuildable bamboo fly rods. Shelves full of books, if I ever get the shelves built.

But all in all it's been a great ride. ~ Ken Norton



Outdoor Casting Competition

Our August Bass Bug Competition Winners . . .

First Flight: Chip Sutton

Seniors: Kelly Kingery

Masters: John Young

SEPTEMBER - DISTANCE COMPETITION (USING AN AVERAGE OF SEVERAL CASTS) (7 WT rod)

- o Make 5 casts MAX (in 5 minutes). (minimum of 3 casts)
- o While we may not enforce the 5 minute rule, we do want to give everyone a chance to cast and still have time to eat dinner. No fly, just a piece of yarn.
- o Tip: While there are no rules about how many false casts you can make, the fewer you make, the better your results will be. And don't rush the cast – give the rod time to load. As a reminder this is a very slow action rod, wait for it to load.

Distance Casting

Many anglers bomb casting further than they need to or should. Trying to cast too hard or too far often brings out flaws in your cast and helps create bad habits. The average fly angler that can accurately cast 20 to 30 feet will catch plenty of fish. In terms of the important things about fly casting, distance should be down the list. But sometimes, you have to go "The Distance". Rarely does the driftless fly angler need to cast for distance - but there are times when it comes in handy.

The longer you cast, the more your flaws are magnified. It is important - when you are practicing, you are creating muscle memory. Keep in mind the basic components of the cast. The rod tip needs to move in a straight line, you need the proper application of power, and you need to add a double haul into all that is going on. One of the things I see when I watch really good distance casters is how relatively little effort it is. It requires little more energy than does a 30 or 40 foot cast, and it also should not be aerobic exercise.

To improve your fly-casting distance, focus on refining technique; optimizing your casting stroke, by practicing key skills. One of the most effective strategies include:

Track Straight and Cast "Over the Top": Keep your rod tip moving in a straight line, both vertically and horizontally, to create a tight, efficient loop. Avoid sweeping arcs, which waste energy and reduce distance.

Lengthen Your Casting Stroke: As you carry more line, extend your casting stroke. Thinking of your arm and rod as a longer lever—the longer the stroke, the more you can accelerate your line.

Drift, Don't Creep: In your backcast, let the rod drift back further in line with the fly line as it straightens. This lengthens your stroke and helps you load the rod more efficiently for the forward cast.

Be Smooth with Power Application: Apply power progressively, start with minimal force and accelerating smoothly to a hard stop at the end of each stroke. Overpowering leads to tailing loops and loss of control.

Aim Higher: For longer casts, stop your forward cast slightly earlier and aim a bit higher to give your line more time in the air, increasing distance.

Carry More Line, Then Shoot: Practice carrying more line in the air before the final cast, then shoot the remaining line through the guides. This requires good form and control.

Tight Loops: Focus on creating narrow, controlled loops. The tighter the loop, the less air resistance and the farther your line travels.

Adjust Trajectory for Conditions: On windy days, aim higher and use a longer overhang; on calm days, lower your trajectory and shorten the overhang for better turnover.

Allen Berg



Cast a Line for Conservation: Volunteer for the Mad River Cleanup – September 20, 2025

Fly fishing isn't just about the catch—it's about the water, the habitat, and the community that cares for it. That's why the Trout Unlimited Mad River Chapter is calling on anglers and conservation-minded friends to join us for our **Annual Mad River Cleanup on Saturday, September 20, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

This year's effort will span **18 river access points, from West Liberty Park to Mad River Gorge Park in Clark County.** Together, we'll be targeting trash and debris that threaten the health of this unique cold-water fishery.

Last year, more than **30 volunteers and 10 partner groups** teamed up to pull waste from the riverbanks, improve public access, and restore the natural beauty of the watershed. The results were visible and inspiring. But with more miles to cover and growing community interest, **we're aiming even bigger in 2025—and we need your help.**

Whether you've fished the Mad River for years or are just looking for a way to give back to the outdoors, this is your chance to make a tangible difference. Bring your waders, gloves, or just a willingness to pitch in. You'll meet fellow anglers, connect with conservation groups, and leave knowing you've helped protect one of Ohio's most treasured streams for the next generation of fly fishers.



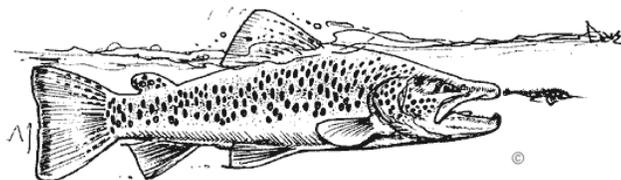
Event Details:

- o Where: US36 Bridge where it crosses the Mad River, West of Urbana, OH
- o When: Saturday, September 20, 2025
- o Time: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

To sign up or learn more, contact:

- o Paul Cicconetti – paul.cicconetti@gmail.com / 330.988.3200

Let's work together to keep the Mad River clean, healthy, and fishable—because the best fishing stories always start with a healthy river.



The next Mid-Week Fly Fishing events are on September 4th and September 16th. They start at 4:30 p.m., but you can show up anytime and stay as long as you like.

Join other members for some late afternoon fun . . . [See page 9](#)

September Fly of the Month

Chubby Muffin Variant

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photography by Bob Cain



Recipe

Hook.....Bass Stinger, size 4 - 1/0
Thread.....6/0 color to match body
Eyes.....Real Eyes dumbbell eyes
Flash.....Gold holographic Flashabou
Dubbing.....SLF Prism, Hares Ear
Collar.....Long Schlappen, color of choice
Fins.....Hen Saddle or Partridge feathers,
color of choice
Tail.....Magnum Rabbit Zonker strip,
color of choice
Head.....Neer hair, color of choice, spun
in a dubbing loop and wrapped
Markers.....Yellow and dark brown, optional

1. Place the hook in the vise and tie in the thread behind the hook eye. Wrap the thread back to the middle of the hook shank then wrap it forward again to a point about 1/4th of the hook shank behind the hook eye.
2. Attach the dumbbell eyes on top of the hook shank about 1/4th of the hook shank behind the hook eye (where you left the thread) using several tight x-wraps. Apply super glue to the thread wraps to secure them. Wrap the thread back to the hook bend and let it hang.
3. Select 1-15 pieces of flash and tie them in by one end at the hook bend on top of the hook shank. The length of the flash should be out behind the hook bend. Bind down the butts with several tight thread wraps. Return the thread to the hook bend. Do not trim the flash at this time.
4. Dub the thread and wrap a bulky ball at the hook bend, then tie it off. Remove any excess dubbing. This ball will help flare the collar out and keep it from flattening.
5. Select a schlappen feather and tie it in by the tip at the front of the dubbing ball with the concave side against the hook shank. The length of the feather should be extending back over the hook bend. Grasp the feather and make 5-6 touching turns tight against the front of the dubbing ball to form a collar, then tie it off and remove any remaining feather. (Be sure to stroke the fibers back with each wrap to avoid tying down the previous fibers.)
6. Now select 2 hen saddle or partridge feathers to use as fins. Remove the fluff from the base of the feathers, then tie one on each side of the fly in front of the collar. Tie the feathers in so that they flare out from the side of the fly. Place a half hitch at the feather tie-in point.
7. Cut a 3-3 1/2" piece of zonker strip. Measure the strip so that one end will reach slightly past the hook eye, then move back down the strip and place a dot on the skin side of the strip where the strip will be behind the flash tie-in point. Remove the hook from the vise. Push the hook point through the skin side of the zonker strip where you placed the dot. Pull the strip down tight against the flash tie-in point and swivel it so that the long end of the strip goes out past the

hook bend as a tail and the short side goes to the hook eye. Place the hook back in the vise with the hook point up. Stretch the front of the strip forward over the collar and between the fins and tie it off in front of the fin tie-in point behind the dumbbell eyes. Cover the butt with tight thread wraps and remove any excess. The thread should now be slightly behind the dumbbell eyes.

8. Trim the flash even with the end of the tail.
9. Cut a long clump of Neer Hair into 1" lengths (5 to 6 1" lengths should be enough) then form a 6" dubbing loop and insert the butt ends of the hair lengths into the loop. Spread out the hair evenly in the loop and arrange it so that the hair fibers are long on one side of the loop only (this will aid in spinning the loop and creating a long and shaggy hair dubbing brush.).
10. Spin the loop to create a shaggy dubbing brush, make 2 turns of the brush behind the dumbbell eyes, then figure-eight the brush around the eyes. Brush the hair back with each turn to create a full head. Finish with several wraps in front of the dumbbell eyes and tie off the brush. Remove any excess dubbing brush.
11. Form a small thread head, do a whip finish, and cut the thread. Brush the hair around the dumbbell eyes to straighten the hair fibers, then trim the hair at a relatively flat angle on the underside of the head. Brush the remaining fibers back toward the hook bend. Trim the hair where necessary to uncover the eyes and form a thick muddler-like head. Be careful to avoid cutting into the fins. Trim along the eyes to expose them and smooth out the overall shape of the head.
12. At your option, use a yellow permanent marker pen to color the top and sides of the head, then use a dark brown marker to color the top of the head and between the eyes.

Mid-Week Fly Fishing 2025

Ken Davy has once again put together a list of fishing spots and a schedule from March - October. Ken has also included info on the fishing potential of these waters and suggested flies. There are links to a map for each location. These events are on the club Calendar page of our website and Facebook page as well (Events).

Lots of fishing spots and links to maps here. Go on the scheduled date and you can meet up with fellow members. Or just check out some of these places when you choose. We're hoping to get even better turnout this year.

They start at 4:30 p.m. If you have specific questions about events contact Ken at tiggr75@gmail.com.

Date	Name	Location	Notes	Special Considerations
25-Mar	Carriage Hill	https://goo.gl/maps/Syz7GDJr9uSaGiu5	Bass, crappies, and bluegills	Kayaks, canoes
9-Apr	Eastwood MetroPark Lagoon	https://goo.gl/maps/7LSKUazx8fYWboSu5	Bass, crappies and bluegills. Olive Woolly Buggers, Zoo Cougars, and Marsh Hares (or similar weedless flies) for the bass. Many SMB in this water.	Kayaks, canoes
25-Apr	Oak Grove Park	https://goo.gl/maps/iBV9FWjR2wJTxsR6	Fish quartering out from shore with poppers or foam bugs for big bluegills, or with Clousers, Buggers, or Zoo Cougars for bass. Some big bass in here. What to do for crappies is anybody's guess.	
6-May	Wellfield Park	https://maps.app.goo.gl/imxBay3ZpyTDeyam6	This pond gets deep abruptly. It holds anything that is in Stillwater River.	
14-May	Deer Meadow Park	https://goo.gl/maps/CquLJXGsKM7Ug1766	The bass should be in pre-spawn appetite, and cruising for food.	
21-May	Beavercreek Community Park	https://maps.app.goo.gl/8j1rWa75WWGAocHB6	Also pre-spawn bass.	
5-Jun	Fuggin Pond	https://maps.app.goo.gl/ixNEBnDfWLR2g2A	Plenty of bluegills. LMB. At the back of Sinclair parking lot.	
11-Jun	Possum Creek - Argonne Lake	https://goo.gl/maps/dBKMawZhb3aHFwDR6	Kayak opportunity! Bass tanking up for spawning and bluegills on their beds. Topwater heaven! You will definitely need a kayak or canoe for large bass.	Kayaks, canoes
17-Jun	North Park – Englewood MetroPark	https://goo.gl/maps/JDUzia3Z85zSAMxy7	This one is primarily for the kayak and boat crowd. The bank fishing here is very tough. Boats are allowed but these ponds are very narrow and shallow, so you'll want to stay with the trolling motor. I have fished here a little, but I have not been able to discern any patterns as of yet.	Boats, Kayaks
2-Jul	Arthur Fisher Park	https://goo.gl/maps/X45ziJDF6FYLZvb36	Fishing for early season bass, and bluegills. Olive Woolly Buggers, or Muddlers for the bass, poppers or foam beetles for the bluegills.	
17-Jul	Rip Rap Road Park	https://goo.gl/maps/79oLpdMUDLkNyGQWA	Bring your waders and/or your kayaks! This one is on the Great Miami River in July. Kayakers, bring your portage wheels because it's about 300 yards from the parking lot to the river.	Wading, Kayaks (long portage)
5-Aug	Poplar Creek Ponds	https://maps.app.goo.gl/4jRSRdoaiZdfEpnW9	These ponds are right beside the Great Miami River and get flood water from that river nearly every year, so it likely has the same mix of fish that is in the river. There is also wading access to the GMR here.	Wading
20-Aug	Fairborn Community Park	https://maps.app.goo.gl/GQswDCigyG2a6qZ8	This is a short hike from the parking area. Species include bass, sunfish, craappie, and channel catfish. I met a father and son who fish there more than I do and they reported that the boy has caught a wiper there. It seems odd, but then somebody might have transplanted it.	
4-Sep	Oak Grove Park	https://goo.gl/maps/iBV9FWjR2wJTxsR6	Fish quartering out from shore with poppers or foam bugs for big bluegills, or with Clousers, Buggers, or Zoo Cougars for bass. Some big bass in here. What to do for crappies is anybody's guess.	
16-Sep	Delco Park Pond	https://goo.gl/maps/pgKZCeQVD5wcU2M06	There should still be some fish available.	
8-Oct	Carriage Hill MetroPark – Cedar Lake	https://goo.gl/maps/Syz7GDJr9uSaGiu5	There are often bass and crappies chasing baitfish in October. A kayak would enable an angler to reach more of the active fish.	Kayaks, canoes

Save the Dates

Mid-Week Fly Fishing Events

September 4th - start at 4:30 p.m. (come anytime)

Oak Grove Park

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Delco Park

Delco is very dependent on the heat. If it's hot, just fish around the rocks for bluegills, because they will be the only thing hungry at all. If the temperature is in the low 80's or below, the bass and crappies are apt to be even more active than the bluegills.

MVFF Monthly Meeting

September 8th - start at 5:30 p.m.

FOP Lodge, 4275 Powell Rd., Huber Heights

Grilled steaks and chicken, casting competition, and pond fishing.



Mad River Drift

Here is a link to the archive of the Trout Unlimited Mad River Chapter newsletter. When you open the link it gives you access to the current and previous newsletters. You can also subscribe here.

<https://us20.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=8049cc4f0cf9c67bcac699302&id=e41b50e209>

No One Left Behind Outings

September 10th - Tom's Pond - 5:30 p.m.

September 24th - Tom's Pond - 5:00 p.m.

Mad River Cleanup

September 20 - 9:00 a.m.

US36 Bridge where it crosses the Mad River, West of Urbana, OH

Whether you've fished the Mad River for years or are just looking for a way to give back to the outdoors, this is your chance to make a tangible difference. Bring your waders, gloves, or just a willingness to pitch in.

See article on page 7.

Other Upcoming TU Events

IF4 – International Fly Fishing Film Festival - October 3

Nocterra Brewing Co.

41 Depot St.

Powell, OH 43065

OWOTF/TU Mad River Women's Meetup - October 12th

US36 and River Rd., Urbana, OH 43078

Mad River Stream Water Quality Monitoring – October 18th

West Liberty Lions Club Ball Park

West Liberty, OH 43357

Details are available here <https://tumadriver.org/>



Little Miami Watershed Network

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Keep in touch at . . . <https://lmwn.org>

Below is the link to Little Miami Watershed Network newsletter (current and past issues) and where you can subscribe. Learn how you can join our network in caring for the well-being of this beautiful river.

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/home/?>



OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Ohio DNR Education Registration

The Department of Natural Resources regularly has educational opportunities on a variety of outdoor, wildlife and sporting topics. Check out the link below and click on Register to read more about particular events you might be interested in attending . . . <https://apps.ohiodnr.gov/wildlife/educationregistration/>

Find All Fishing Reports

Fishing reports are broken down by region – Lake Erie, central, northeast, northwest, southeast, and southwest – all of which can be found online.

<https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/buy-and-apply/hunting-fishing-boating/fishing-resources/fishing-reports-forecasts>

Backyard Wildlife Documents

Some nice resources to check out . . .

<https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/discover-and-learn/safety-conservation/about-ODNR/wildlife/documents-publications/backyard-wildlife-documents>



FFI has made strides to grow the fly fishing community through the launch of a dynamic new Fly Fishers International website, including the revamped FFI Learning Center, accessible to anyone with a passion for the sport. This modern new website is easier to navigate and highlights FFI's strength in fly fishing education with an incredible repository of videos, articles, and manuals on casting, fly tying, conservation, and fly fishing skills.

<https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Learn/Learning-Center-Resources>

The Connection is the official quarterly newsletter of FFI Women Connect. FFI Women Connect encourages female leadership in FFI Clubs and the fly fishing industry by creating a platform where women can develop fly fishing skills, network with other women fly fishers, and come together for fly fishing experiences.

<https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Get-Involved/FFI-Women-Connect>

Looking for another way to dive into the world of fly fishing? Try *Fly Fish Forever*, the official podcast of Fly Fishers International. Find *Fly Fish Forever* on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), and [Amazon](#), or your favorite podcast source.

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HuntFish OH is a mobile path for Ohio's hunters, anglers and shooters to licensing, game check, regulations, and communication with the Ohio Division of Wildlife.



<https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/buy-and-apply/hunting-fishing-boating/hunting-resources/huntfishoh-mobile-app>

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CALENDAR

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Remember, you can find many photos of MVFF happenings on our [Facebook](#) page.

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



Did You See the 2025 Canada Trip Photos?

A great trip. See the story in the July 2025 issue of Tightlines and check out the photos from this trip -

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1243770304288106&type=3>

There are lots of other photos and albums on our Facebook page.

Help!

I always need and appreciate member-submitted material for this newsletter. So if you have been on a fishing trip and want to write an article and share pictures, please send info my way. Maybe you have tactics, equipment tips, a new fly pattern or some other knowledge you would like to share. We would welcome the contributions. If you have ideas on what you would like to see in Tightlines let me know. My contact information is on this page.

~ Tom Arnold, Editor

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