TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers

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November Meeting

Our next meeting is November 9th

Kohler Center
4572 Presidential Way
(Directions on Website)

Meal Price - **$15.00**

Fun begins at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner reservations are required. You can also cancel your upcoming reservation at the same link below..

Please make your reservation at
https://mvff.us/reservation/
by 9:00 p.m. on November 5th

2027 Dues

We are now accepting payments for 2027 dues. The best way to pay is online through our PayPal portal either with your PayPal account or as a guest with a credit or debit card. Just use the button on our Home page - https://mvff.us

Renew my dues for 2027

Dues paid by new members on or after October 1, 2026 will be considered paid through 2027.

President's Thoughts



Hello Club Members,

Welcome to November and the inevitable arrival of colder fishing weather. Maybe it's also the perfect time to think about ways to stay connected and ward off cabin fever. With a little help from my friends, I'd love to organize some winter activities, such as:

- Bring-your-own-vise tying nights
- Pattern-of-the-month challenges
- Seasonal fly swaps
- "Tie and Lie" sessions, and
- Watching fly-tying and angling videos together

We're also looking to help support our members to create fly-tying videos to share with the club. Several members are ready to start recording, and there's no better time to get involved.

On November 9th, members will vote on Board-approved changes to the Club's Code of Regulations. Voting will be conducted by in-person paper ballot. The proposed revisions clarify several sections, better define special membership categories, and align the document with standard corporate practices. Editorial updates, including inclusive language and position-based titles, will help keep the document relevant and reduce the need for future revisions. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this effort.

It's also time to consider nominations for open club leadership – Vice President/President. If you know a member who demonstrates commitment, integrity, and a passion for serving the club, please submit their name. Self-nominations are welcome. Contact

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President's Thoughts (cont'd)

Nominating Committee members Loryn Bryson or Jodi Hoover with questions or nominations.

One tradition that marks the end of a President's tenure is recognizing the volunteers who make our club successful. At our December meeting, the Board will honor members who have contributed their time and talents in support of the club and our conservation, education, and outreach efforts. If you know someone who has volunteered at events, served on committees, mentored others, or otherwise helped the club thrive, please let us know by November 15th.

As always, I am grateful for the opportunity to help lead this club alongside an outstanding team of Directors. I hope you'll join us at the November meeting and consider how you'd like to be involved in the coming year.

Respectfully,

Karen Via

November Speaker

Greg Williams – Owner, Greg Williams Cumberland River Fly Fishing



I started fishing when I was very young. It wasn't until after high school that I caught the fly fishing bug and I've not looked back.

After high school, I joined the army (10th Mtn. Div. 1/87 Inf). On my military travels I fly fished everywhere from the Adirondacks in upstate New York to the Little Red and White Rivers in Arkansas. I moved to Lexington, Kentucky after military service and took a job that again placed me on the road.

During my travels over the next six years, I was able to hone my fly fishing skills in Japan, Green River (UT), Crows Nest River (Canada), Little Red and White Rivers (AR), a great number of small streams in Wyoming, Colorado, Washington, and too many streams to count in the Smoky Mountains. High stick nymphing a small stream is still one of my favorite ways to use a fly rod.

I was introduced to the Cumberland River once my travels quieted and for the past 28 years, I've cut my teeth on Cumberland River trout. I started guiding professionally on the Cumberland in 2013. I'm married to a beautiful and terribly smart woman named Jessica and have two amazing daughters Elizabeth (18) and Amelia (20) who keep me on my toes along with our crazy dog Rascal Lee.

I reside in Versailles, KY and work as a Sr. Project Manager with an amazingly talented group of people who know everything about digital aerial photography and airborne laser systems. I'm a certified USCG six-pack near coastal captain's license holder, am fully insured, and also certified in adult and pediatric first aid. I'm typically available anytime to talk trout, so give me a call, shoot a text, or send an e-mail and let's talk about your next trip on the Cumberland!

https://www.flyfishingcumberlandriver.com/

Join us on November 9th for what should be an interesting presentation.

John Young

Secretary's Notes

October 13, 2026

A nice turnout for the meeting came to order shortly after 6:00 p.m. We were joined by several guests, including some of John Young's family, Dave and Natalie Sexton, visiting from Colorado, Brian Peter's wife, and Jeff Warden's friend, Ashly McMillon, a returning guest. Always good to see members join us who have not been able to attend for a bit – welcome back Phil Clay, Mike Merle and Brian Peters. And we're so happy to have new members Amy Judd and Bob Montgomery attend as well.

Be sure to wear your name badge so we can all get to know each other better!

The Club Secretary reminded everyone that you can now begin paying 2027 dues – the earlier, the better, for the bookkeeping end of things. ***REMEMBER,*** if dues are not paid by March 1, 2027 – your membership will be terminated. For several years in the past, the deadline has been dragged out later and later. *The MVFF Code of Regulations states in Article 2, Section 2, Part 2 "Membership of any member indebted to the Club and delinquent for more than sixty days shall automatically lapse."* NO ONE wants to see this happen, so please, get your dues paid on time. Also, please stop by the table in the lobby and pick up your new member's packet and name badge if you have not done so.

Club Treasurer Jim August reported on the account balances and reminded those authorized to access the storage unit to please speak with him to get the new security code, as we are changing locks. Finally, he asked everyone to please be sure and sign in at the table in the lobby, as this is a requirement in the club's Code of Regulations, and for Fly Fishers International regarding our insurance.

Bill DeShurko presented a great slideshow of the school program he and his team have been providing Centerville High School students with since 2021. It is a very rewarding program, teaching the kids about fly fishing, tying, and environmental impact. It is a 2-year commitment for the students.

The Wagner Subaru Outdoor Experience is in the rear-view mirror, but hopefully we will see the impact ahead as some of those who we spoke to at the booth or at the casting line will visit and join MVFF.

Club President Karen Via presented the Code of Regulations to the members for consideration of a few technical, and grammatical changes, a couple additions, and some updates to keep the language relevant to today's communication practices (such as email) and provide clearer consistency in the internal language of the document. Members have 30 days to review before a vote at the November meeting.

As for the election of officers, no one yet has stepped up to run for Vice President. I'm confident that someone will come forward to take on the role, as our club has so many qualified and competent members who could do a great job. The Vice President role is an opportunity to see how the President's role works before you ever fill the position. You have an entire Board to help along the way, and past presidents are always happy to share or answer questions that would help for a successful term.

Our new Mid-Week Coordinator was announced by Ken Davy. He has passed the torch to Ashley Fernandez, who is excited to fill his size 11 footprints. She would love to see more people show up and participate at the meetups, and I'm sure her creativity and enthusiasm will make that happen.

Club Chaplain Shawn Johnson reported that a card was sent out to Kathy Williams as she is recovering from her surgery. Speedy and complete healing to you, Kathy – from all your MVFF friends!

Kelly K. reported on the Ohio Women on the Fly trip to Castalia. There were five club ladies who attended and were able to limit out and "bring home the bacon" so to speak. There was a limit of five trout per angler. A great time was had by all – including the lunch, casting instruction, fly tying stations and free tchotchkes (which included a Rapala fillet knife with sharpener!).

Jim Calvert gave a quick rundown on the Michigan trip: lower water, a rainy Thursday, but still over 600 salmon for the 28 members who went. Some camped, some stayed in the lodge, and all had a great time.

Allen Berg reported that there was a good turnout for the casting competition this summer, and trophies will be presented at the December meeting. ***NOTICE:*** *If you have a traveling trophy from 2025's First Flight, Senior, or Master division, please bring it to the November meeting so that new plates can be added for the 2026 season.*

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Secretary's Notes *(Cont'd)*

And finally, Jeff and Cindy Davis will be our new Raffle Coordinators! Thank you so much, Jeff and Cindy, - and John Warner, thank you so much for all you did during your time as our raffle jockey! It is a lot of work and the prizes were amazing. This is one of our best perennial fundraisers, and the monies generated brings in some great speakers.

Speaking of great speakers, John Young introduced Little Miami Outfitters' owner/guide, Drake Perry. Drake presented a thorough presentation of his business and how he brought his style of guiding in Colorado back to the Midwest. He spoke of seasonal tactics, various waterways he uses and their different advantages, fly patterns, and fish behavioral characteristics that he has learned over time that allow him to put his clients on the fish and be successful. As for me, I like the idea of a "fall brawl"!

NOTE: If you would consider running for office, please come to the November 9th meeting for nomination, as elections will be held for the upcoming year that evening.

Kelly Kingery

Storage Unit Lock Change Notice

The Board has approved a change to the locks on the club's storage unit/locker in Xenia. To improve security and maintain an accurate record of authorized users, the locks will be replaced by the end of the year.

You will still be able to access the unit. Club members who currently use the storage unit and wish to maintain access should contact Jim August or any member of the Board. Jim can be reached at:

- Email: jeva18a@gmail.com
- Phone: (937) 344-1416

Thank you for your cooperation as we complete this important security update.



October Raffle Winners

Our lucky winners . . . .

- Bob Zitney – White River Standard Fly Tying Tool Kit
- Ron Johnson - Lamson Fly Rod, 9' 7wt
- Stephanie Estes – 31" Fish Pond Rod and Reel Case
- Everett Vanatta - Mystery Box: $50 Kroger gift card
- Ashley Fernandez - Lamson Reel 5wt + 3 Pack Case
- Don Gibson – Iwana 12' 6:4 Tenkara Rod
- Rick Blankenship - Mystery Box: $100 Mad River Outfitters gift card
- Marilyn Sexton – Merino Wool Beanie and Simms Wool Half Finger Gloves
- Dave Williams – Eddie Bauer Stowaway 20L Backpack
- Kelly Kingery - MFC Poly Fly Box
- Rich Blankenship - Pliers
- Nathan Via – Gerber Folding Knife Set
- Allen Berg – Black Rifle Coffee
- Mike Wolford – Go Kit: 5 Tool Mess Kit
- Amy Judd – Eddie Bauer Backpack

~ John Warner

What will you give?

We all paid our dues.

But what will you give?

An hour, a day, a year or two,

Gifted and skilled will you share what you know.

Your talents may be few, but what will you do…



To honor the few who for years have given so much that those who follow…YOU…may do the same,

What will you give? What will you do?

Michelangelo was asked how he made such beautiful sculptures, he replied…"I saw an angel in the marble and carved till I set him free."

You never know what value you may add to someone else's life till you pick up the 'hammer'.

What will you give?

Miami Valley Fly Fishers needs YOU!

(Thanks to Jeff Davis for this.)

Doug and Dan Daufel on Slow Rods, Smart Flies, and Fishing to Rising Trout

Doug and Dan Daufel, Lifetime MVFF members, in an interview at Big Sky Anglers – West Yellowstone, Montana. This is really worth watching.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SDkdkcZF7FY

There are a few of us who remember Doug and Dan from their time as teens when their mother brought them to MVFF. They followed their dreams.

They last visited the club in February 2024 and they were our featured speakers. Here's a link to the February 2024 Tightlines to get some background on them. - https://mvff.us/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/MVFF0224.pdf

Community Calendar

We've added this Community Calendar to our website. You can access it easily via the button on our Home page -

Community Calendar

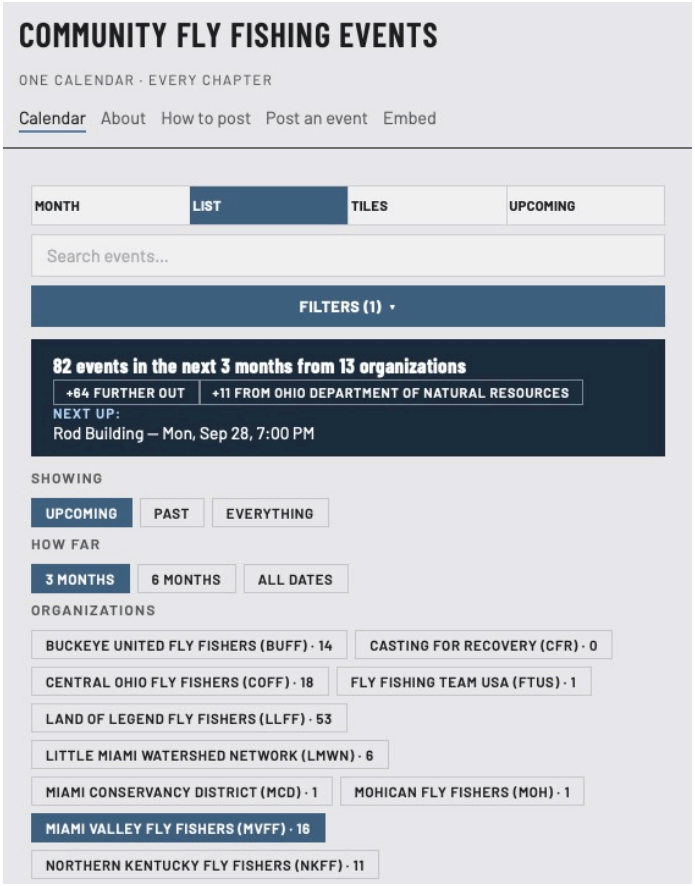
The direct link to the Community Calendar is https://events.tumadriver.org

It's a valuable resource provided to to the fly fishing community by the TU Mad River Chapter. Read about how this works at https://events.tumadriver.org/about.html*.*

Our MVFF calendar events are already in Google Calendar and the Community Calendar syncs with that to include our events. It is often hard to keep on top of everything that might be going on and this brings it all together. You can search, apply filters and even add events to your calendar. There's no reason to miss knowing about relevant events throughout the region. Take a look.

Many thanks to the TU Mad River Chapter and particularly to Jeremy Reger (TU Mad River Chapter Webmaster), Pam Allen, Stephen Shewan, and Tyler Wright for making this resource available to everyone.

Tom Arnold



Women's Stuff

Buckeye United Fly Fishers

Ladies, Cari Vota, coordinator of women's activities for BUFF has graciously invited us to participate in outings and other activities with our fly fishing sisters to the south. Openings to events are available to BUFF members first and others can generally participate if there is enough space.

You can keep an eye on what's happening by visiting - https://buckeyeflyfishers.com/events/categories/womens/

Contact Cari for more information at vota@zoomtown.com

OWOTF Events

There are a number of Ohio Women on the Fly happenings that you might be interested in. Check them out . . . .

https://www.ohiowomenonthefly.com/events

FFi WOMEN CONNECT

There some great resources through FFI Women Connect. You can easily subscribe to be alerted to new issues and events.

Join FFI and get all the benefits of membership.

FFi Women Connect

Fly of the Month: Flashback Callibaetis

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward / Photography by Bob Cain



Recipe

Hook……Nymph, size 10 – 14 1XL
Thread……..Olive 6/0
Tail……..Pheasant tail barbs
Rib……..Fine copper wire
Abdomen…..Olive marabou
Shellback…..Pearl Flashabou
Thorax……..Olive dubbing
Legs……..Natural CDC
Head……Thread

1. Tie in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap back to bend making a good thread base. Let the thread hang.

2. Align and cut 4-6 pheasant tail barbs and mount them on top of the hook shank at the hook bend. (The tail should be the length of the hook gap.) Wrap over the butt ends tightly for 6-7 wraps, then trim off the excess butts. Let the thread hang.

3. Cut a 4-5" piece of fine copper wire and tie it in at the end of the tail butts with its length extending back over the hook bend. At this same point, tie in five strands of Flashabou with their length also extending back over the hook bend. Keeping the copper wire, along with the Flashabou, on top of the tail butts, wrap the thread back to the hook bend covering them with thread. Let the thread hang.

4. Now tie in 5-8 marabou barbs by the tips at the tail tie-in point. Trim off any excess tip. At this same point, tie in a 6" piece of thread. Advance the tying thread to just beyond the midpoint of the hook shank and let it hang. Twist the marabou and thread together to make a marabou "rope" and wrap it forward to just beyond the midpoint of the hook shank forming a slightly tapered abdomen. Tie the "rope" off at the end of the abdomen and trim off any excess "rope. Let the thread hang.

5. Pull the Flashabou forward firmly over the top of the abdomen and tie it off in front of the abdomen. Do not trim the excess Flashabou. Now take the copper wire and reverse palmer it over the abdomen in 4-5 evenly spaced concentric wraps and tie it off in front of the abdomen. Trim off any excess rib. Let the thread hang.

6. Fold the Flashabou back over the abdomen. Select a CDC feather with barbs slightly longer than the desired length of the finished legs (slightly longer than 1 hook gap). Trim off the fluff at the base of the feather and, holding the feather by the tip, stroke back the barbs on each side to make them perpendicular to the feather shaft. Select a section of the barbs equal to the length of the thorax and strip off the remaining barbs. (By section I mean a part of the feather with barbs on each side of the feather shaft.) Position the feather on top of the hook shank with the dull side facing upward. Bind the feather in by its tip tight against the wing case with the butt end going toward the hook bend. Clip off the excess tip. Wrap the thread back to the end front of the abdomen.

7. Dub the thread with olive dubbing and wrap the dubbed thread up to a point about 5-6 thread wraps behind the hook eye, forming a fairly thick thorax, and tie it off. Remove excess dubbing. (Be sure to wrap the thorax tightly back against the end of the abdomen or a gap may form when the wing case **is pulled forward.)** Leave the thread at the front of the thorax.

8. Pull the CDC feather over the thorax with enough tension to keep the feather stem positioned on top of and straight down the middle of the thorax. Tie it off with 2-3 turns of thread, binding it to the hook shank. Trim off the excess feather. **(You should now have feather barbs on each side of the thorax.)**

9. Pull the Flashabou wing case forward over the thorax and feather hackle legs and tie it off right behind the hook eye with several tight thread wraps. **(To avoid tying down the hackle leg barbs, pinch the barbs against the thorax when you pull the wing case into position so that they remain in position.)** Trim off the excess Flashabou. (**Ensure that the Flashabou wing case stays centered on top of the thorax and covers the feather stem.)**

10. Form a neat thread head, whip finish, cut the thread, and apply head cement.

Save the Dates

MVFF Monthly Meeting

November 9 - start at 5:30 p.m.
Kohler Center, 4572 Presidential Way, Kettering, Ohio 45429

Make your reservation now at https://mvff.us/reservation/

MVFF Monthly Meeting

December 14 - start at 5:30 p.m.
Kohler Center, 4572 Presidential Way, Kettering, Ohio 45429

Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show

The Buckeye United Fly Fishers (BUFF) will host the annual Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show, Saturday, February 6, 2027, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. It will again be held at the Oasis Conference Center, 902 Loveland-Miamiville Road, Loveland, Ohio.



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

Ohio Council

The mission of the Ohio Council of Fly Fishers International is to promote the heritage of fly fishing for all fish across Ohio's waters through conservation, education, and building a vibrant community of fly fishers. We aim to protect and improve local fly fishing opportunities by engaging in conservation efforts, offering educational programs, and inspiring both new and experienced anglers within our state.

Miami Valley Fly Fishers is a Partner Organization of the Ohio Council.

Please consider joining us by becoming an FFI member if you are not already.

Explore our website at https://www.ffiohio.org to learn more about the Ohio Council.



Ohio Fly Tying Guild Fly Tying Demos

Join us each month at the Ohio Fly Tying Guild Zoom meeting for live online fly tying and techniques demonstrations. These events will be held the 3rd Friday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Eastern time. So mark your calendars to plan ahead. If you missed the first sessions, you can view the recordings at the following YouTube link:

https://www.youtube.com/@OhioFlyTyingGuild

Subscribe and you should get notices when new videos are available.

Fly Fishers International member Gary Begley from the Buckeye United Fly Fishers club near Cincinnati, Ohio will be leading the sessions. Topics of discussions and demonstrations will cover tying tools, materials, hooks, and the techniques to put it all together to create a fly that will catch fish. These are interactive events, so don't be afraid to make comments, or to ask questions. We hope to see you at the meetings.

If you are an FFI member you can subscribe to the Ohio Council of FFI at the link below and you will get notification of the next session with the Zoom invitation.

https://mailchi.mp/bb30fc8451a5/ffi-ohio-council-newsletter-10328552?e=e08d356fda

Little Miami Watershed Network

Visit our website for updates on activities and opportunities to support us in volunteering.

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

FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL

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-About-Fly-Fishing/Overview

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.

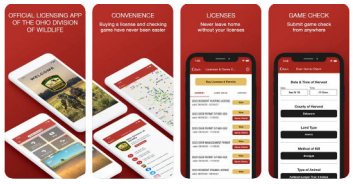
https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/FFI-Women-Connect/Overview

DOW eNewsletter

Subscribe to the Ohio DNR Division of Wildlife eNewsletter by filling out the form below. Once submitted, check your email to confirm your subscription.

Mobile App

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

MVFF

Miami Valley Fly Fishers Inc., established in 1975 and re-organized in 2016 as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, is a non-profit organization dedicated to the improvement and preservation of fly fishing in Ohio. Our goal is cleaner water and brighter streams.

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CALENDAR

Check the MVFF Calendar page or our Facebook Events page for updates & details
https://www.facebook.com/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/

Remember, you can find many photos of MVFF happenings on our Facebook page.

https://www.facebook.com/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/



Did You See the 2026 Canada Trip Photos?

Another great trip!. See the story in the July 2026 issue of Tightlines and check out the photos from this trip and many others on our Facebook page -

https://www.facebook.com/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/photos

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 by emailing me at admin@mvff.us.

~ Tom Arnold, Editor

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fishermanshq.net

Mad River Outfitters
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Columbus, Ohio 43214
614.451.0363
madriveroutfitters.com

FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL
Affiliate Club

The Miami Valley Fly Fishers, Inc. is an active Affiliate Club of Fly Fishers International, an international club promoting the benefits of fly fishing and conservation