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President's Message - June 2018

Welcome to June, Red Cedars! It's that time of year again when we bug out of our "usual digs" and share some time together over good food, good friendships, a little raffling, amid the great outdoors we all enjoy. Patriarch Park in East Lansing will be the site of our June picnic/meeting, with the usual grilled goodies and your delicious dishes to pass. We'll be providing the water/soft drinks and the condiments. Make sure you double-check the sign-up list elsewhere in this newsletter for what you signed up and the location of the pavilion we'll be at. We'll also be having a bucket raffle, so don't forget to take a look and make a bid! It all goes to helping support our club! And don't forget that the June meeting is also our annual election of officers for the coming year.



As this is my last missive as your President, I want to take a moment and thank Bob Bawden, Dr. Steven Arnoczky, Mark Noel, Terry Greiner, and Mark Johnson for their contributions and support this past year! It's been great to work with each one of you, and you made my job so much easier with all that you do! THANKS!!!

I also want to say a SPECIAL THANK YOU to Harry Barnes, who had to suffer through no less than FIVE(!) consecutive fire alarms to present some of the sweetest salt-water fly patterns I've seen at our May meeting! Not only did he show off his superior tying skills, he also shared some pretty nice photos of some of his favorite fishing spots down in Texas, plus giving up one of Bonnie's "go-to" flies. Thank you, Harry! Your presentation went above and beyond, in more ways than most will understand!

Looking forward to seeing you all at the picnic! Tight lines!

Mike G.



1981 McKenzie Cup Winners

The Red Cedar Fly Fishers is a Charter Club of the International Federation of Fly Fishers.

It's purpose is to promote fly-fishing through Education, Restoration and Conservation

Here's the list of items members are bringing to the picnic.

Salads:

- Garden Salad - Mark Johnston
- Pasta salad - Terry Greiner
- Salad - Joe Francis
- Broccoli Salad - Bonnie Barnes

Desserts:

- Strawberries - Phil Stevens
- Lemon bars - Bob Kren
- Not sure - Bob Bawden
- Strawberry Pie - John Ross

Side Dishes:

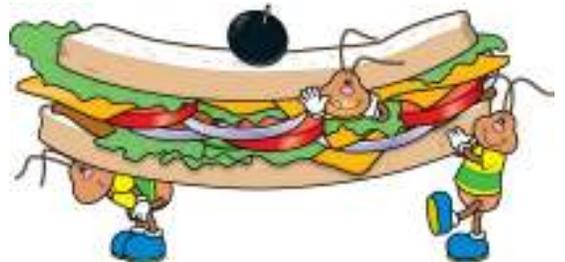
- Veggie Pizza - Mike Grinwis
- Potato Salad - Phil Stevens
- Potato Chips - Dennis O'Brien
- Pretzels / Doritos - Mark Noel
- Baked Beans - John Ross



Start time: 6:00
Dinner: 6:30
Cost: \$5.00



Please let the board know if you plan to attend the picnic so we'll know how much food to purchase.



A Farewell to Pat McManus, One of Outdoor Life’s Most Beloved Writers.....by Jim Zumbo

April 11, 2018

If ever there were a Mount Rushmore of historically significant outdoor writers, Pat McManus’ face would certainly be chiseled into it. It could be argued, I guess, that the likes of Townsend Whelen, Jack O’Connor, Joe Brooks, A.J. McClane, Jim Corbett, and Peter Hathaway Capstick—among others—would be more deserving, but the self-effacing McManus always made the outdoors fun for everyone.

Today, the outdoor world mourns the passing of Pat, arguably the most famous outdoor writer of his day—but more than that, my dearest friend. He was, of course, a talented writer, but he was also the nicest man I’ve ever known. He would talk to strangers at length, even offering to buy them lunch. His audience was composed of not only hunters, but nonhunters as well. He appealed to everyone with his wonderful stories about his wife, Bun, his sister, The Troll, Rancid Crabtree, and many others. His books and columns achieved national acclaim. Many of his books were on *The New York Times* Best Sellers list, and several of his articles were published in *Reader’s Digest*.

OTTOLOCK Bike & Gear Lock.....New Product

Lightweight, compact cinch lock that is stronger than a cable lock and lighter than a U-Lock. Made with steel and Kevlar® bands. Ideal for cycling and outdoor gear to protect against theft opportunists.

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There was a **big fight** at the seafood restaurant.

Three fish got battered



After a few more minutes of this, Brad and Judy agreed that they should join an anti-pun support grouper.



Baldwin Now Home To World's Largest Brown Trout Sculpture

It's 25 feet tall and now right in the middle of the village of Baldwin.

Northern Michigan is known for a lot of things and after Sunday, something else was added to that list. An artist from St. Johns installed the world's largest brown trout sculpture.

"It started out by trying to develop ideas that fit within our plan to bring more tourism to Baldwin," said chair of the Downtown Development Authority, Jane Allison. The DDA got the idea to try to set a world record. "They were looking for specifically the world's largest brown trout so I had to start digging around to try and find where there was other large brown trout sculptures," said artist Ivan Iler.

That's when he discovered the biggest in New Zealand, at 20 feet and he got to work over a year ago. "Well the tubing that makes up the framework, that all had to be bent by hand just because of the angles," said Iler. "A lot of it was rolled in a tubing roller but most of it had to be physically bent by hand."

The Baldwin community gathered on Sunday to see it become a reality. "The fact that everybody here really loves this and they're really excited about it and they're going to be doing all this landscaping and putting all this into it," said Iler. "It's the passion about it, it's the excitement about it, it makes it more than worth it." It was all possible because of the DDA, private donations and grants.

"Everybody likes to see the greatest, largest, biggest items and so why wouldn't you want to turn the corner and stop and see the world's largest brown trout sculpture and then stop and eat and shop and look at the other sites that this little community has to offer," said Allison. "People around here are amazing and you can tell that this really means something to them and that means a lot to me," said Iler.

They will now be submitting the sculpture to the Guinness Book of World Records.



Public Service: If you're traveling this summer to fish, here's a list of group names for some of the animals you may encounter along the way.

Tower Giraffes: Now you know a group of giraffes is a "tower."

Congress, Maelstrom Salamanders: With salamanders, "congress" and "maelstrom" mean the same thing.

Charm Goldfinch: If you see a bunch of goldfinches, it could be your lucky day; that's a "charm."

Stand, Flamboyance Flamingoes: "Stand" is far more common than "flamboyance" when referring to flamingoes

Bloat, Thunder Hippopotamus: Because everyone will look at you funny if you say "hippopotami," you could call a group of hippos a "thunder." Or if you're mean, call them a "bloat."

Shiver Sharks: When they sense blood in the water, sharks go into a frenzy. And together they're called a "shiver."

Cauldron Bats: When the sky goes dark with a load of bats, you've got a "cauldron."

Rhumba Rattlesnakes: "Rhumba" is a known term for a group of rattlers

Crash, Stubbornness Rhinos: Of course you could say a "stubbornness" of rhinos and be correct. But a "crash" of rhinoceroses sounds so much cooler.

Chain Bobolinks: And to answer your next question, a bobolink is a small blackbird found in North and South America

Implausibility Gnus/Wildebeest: A mass of these African bovines is an "implausibility."

Shrewdness Apes: Don't call them monkeys. Do call them a "shrewdness."

Troubling Goldfish: If you've got too many goldfish it's literally "troubling."

Mutation Thrushes: It may seem odd, but the "mutation" of thrushes may derive from an apocryphal belief that thrushes shed their old legs at maturity and grew new ones. Incorrect.

Drift Pigs: Typically, a "drift" refers to a group of young wild pigs.

Leap Leopards: A solitary beast by nature, it's rare to witness a "leap." And because a leopard can vault 20 feet horizontally and has a 10-foot vertical, it's a fair title.

Knot Toads/Frogs: If you ever step into the grass and see a bunch of green-brown hoppers fleeing, that's a "knot."

Cowardice Dogs: Puppies are a litter, wild dogs are a pack, and a roving group of feral dogs is a "cowardice."

Bask/Float Crocodiles: Basically, what a croc does is what it's called. So a bunch of crocodiles on land is a "bask" while a bunch in the water is a "float."

Labor Moles: You may not ever see enough at one time to use the term, but a bunch of moles are a "labor."

Pandemonium Parrots: But only if you're surrounded by parrots.

Gaze Raccoons: When all those beady eyes are looking back at you.

Zeal, Dazzle Zebras if they're all around you and smiling.

Conspiracy Lemurs: How many lemurs make up a bunch....it's a conspiracy.

Quiver Cobras: And why would you be where there are several of them?

Convocation Eagles: The most regal animal in America earns one of the most respectable group titles.

Sleuth Bears: If you see several, make a note as you swiftly pack up your campsite.

Venue, Volt Vultures: When in flight a venue or volt. Feeding on a carcass that's a "wake".

"A Fly Fisher's Ten Commandments" - by Alan Pratt

I. Thou shalt not adulterate thy fly with bits of rotating metal, nor juice of egg, nor segment of worm.

II. Thou shalt not covent try neighbors's superbly crafted bamboo rod, his leak-free waders, or his well-built, fly-tying wife.

III. Thou shalt not cadge a fellow angler's successful and better-tied flies, without reciprocating with at least a six-pack.

IV. Thou shalt not muscle in on another angler's water, except where trout are rising opening to his fly.

V. Thou shalt not lie to a fellow fisher when asked, "What fly pattern are they taking?" without smiling.

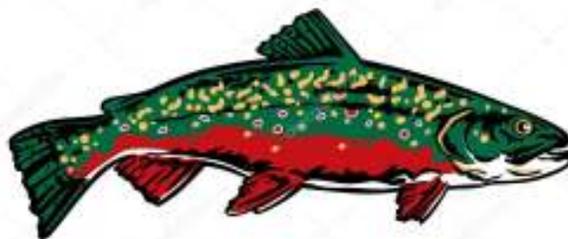
VI. Thou shalt not filch from a six-pack cached in the stream, unless it can ascertained to belong to a worm fisherman.

VII. Thou shalt not snag with your fly passing boatmen, water skiers, inner tubers or small, rock-throwing urchins, except by chance.*

VIII. Thou shalt not shut the car door or trunk lid on a companion's favorite fly rod, unless simultaneously doing so to your own.

IX. Thou shalt not curse they gear for thy foul luck; thy rod casteth where thou pointeth, thy leader breaketh at thy badly tied knot, and thy boot slippeth because thou faileth to plant it with appropriate caution on the slippery @\$%&! rock.

X. Thou shalt not forsake thy responsibility to family and community to slake they thirst for fishing without ample reason.



Michigan Plan to Reduce Phosphorus Entering Lake Erie



- Michigan's Lake Erie Domestic Action Plan was developed by the Michigan departments of Agriculture and Rural Development, Environmental Quality, and Natural Resources to reduce the amount of phosphorus entering Lake Erie. Reducing phosphorus inputs to the lake is intended to help reduce persistent, intense algal blooms in the western part of Lake Erie, including those that are unsafe for people, and address low dissolved oxygen levels in the central basin of Lake Erie.
- This is one of several plans from surrounding states, the Canadian province of Ontario, and the U.S. and Canadian federal governments. The final version, along with plans from other Lake Erie Basin states (Indiana, Ohio, New York and Pennsylvania), will be integrated into the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's comprehensive plan](#) released March 7, 2018.

Couple of views from Harry Barne's saltwater crab fly that he demo'd at the May meeting.



Michigan Governor Awards \$500K in Carp Tank Challenge

Governor Rick Snyder today announced the grand prize winner of the Great Lakes Invasive Carp Challenge. The solution proposed by Edem Tsikata, a software consultant at Ab Initio Software LLC in Lexington, Massachusetts, received the top award at the Carp Tank competition held earlier today at the Port Authority in Detroit.

Tsikata's "Cavitation Barrier to Deter Asian Carp" would utilize a row of specially designed propellers to generate a wall of cavitation bubbles that implode and emit high-speed jets of water. The painful sensation of the bubbles along with the noise of the propellers would repel fish and prevent their passage beyond the bubble barrier.

"I applaud the innovative solutions these finalists presented today, and congratulate Edem Tsikata for winning the challenge," Snyder said. "Blocking Asian carp from entering the Great Lakes is critical, and Michigan can't afford to wait any longer. I'm confident that the solutions presented today will help take us one step closer to ensuring our waters remain free of this dangerous and harmful invasive species."

Tsikata was selected from four finalists who presented their ideas to a panel of judges and a live audience of invasive carp researchers, fisheries managers and venture capitalists. Tsikata plans to use his \$200,000 award to invest in other projects and future challenges. "It was thrilling to be associated with a project benefitting Michigan and the Great Lakes," Tsikata said. "It's gratifying to be able to contribute ideas that benefit the economy and ecology of this region even though I live in Boston."

The Carp Tank competition is the culmination of the Great Lakes Invasive Carp Challenge, which invited innovators from around the world to develop methods to prevent invasive carp from entering the Great Lakes. Gov. Snyder announced the challenge in February 2017 and solutions were accepted through crowdsourcing leader [InnoCentive's](#) Challenge Center from August through October 2017.

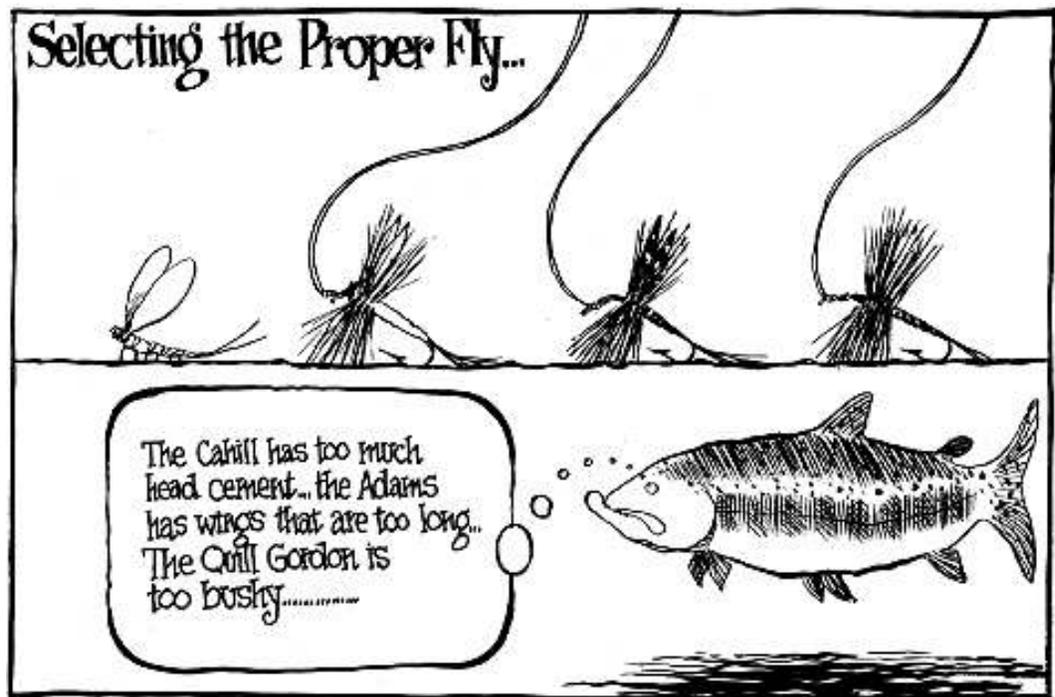
Gov. Snyder was joined at the judge's table by Dr. Denice Shaw, Senior Innovation Advisor for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Research and Development; Jeff DeBoer, Vice President and Chief Innovation Officer at Sundberg-Ferar, Inc. and chairman of the Michigan Design Council; and Dr. David Lodge, an international expert on invasive species and Director of Cornell University's Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future.

Judges assessed each proposal based on its potential effectiveness, feasibility, environmental and human impacts, and level of innovation.

Hamilton's "AIS Lock Treatment System" is designed to function in a lock system. After vessels are moored in a gated chamber, a carefully measured amount of chlorine – which is lethal to a wide range of aquatic organisms, including invasive carp – would be injected and mixed into the chamber's waters. Following treatment, sodium bisulfate would be used to detoxify the water before it is released into the river.

Michael Scurlock, a hydraulic engineer with RiverRestoration in Carbondale, Colorado, garnered third place and \$100,000 for adjustable physical velocity barriers designed to concentrate water flow in a lock system after vessels are moored, creating a current that fish cannot swim against and essentially flushing the system before the lock gates are closed.

Dr. D.J. Lee of Smart Vision Works International in Orem, Utah, also a professor and director of the Robotics Vision Laboratory at Brigham Young University, took fourth place with his Recognition and Removal of Invasive Fish. Lee received the fourth-place award of \$75,000. His solution is designed to prevent invasive carp from moving past the installation point by directing all fish through an automated imaging and sorting system that uses unique recognition software to divert invasive carp to a holding area for harvest.



You might be a fly fisherman if you know that...

A fly is not to be zipped.

Sage is not a spice.

A Wulff is not an animal.

A nymph is not a girl.

To mend is not to sew.

A double haul isn't a semi with two trailers.

3X is not an adult movie.

Dun is not finished.

Grizzly is not a bear.

A rainbow is not in the sky.

A coachman doesn't have a horse.

A vise is a good thing.

A pool isn't for swimming.

Montana isn't Heaven...but it's close.

By Kenneth Knezic

For Sale

Two used but in very good condition: Kodiak Predator float tubes.

\$25 Each

Contact Bob Bawden at goghiti@yahoo.com



Bob will also bring them to the picnic for anyone to check them out up close and personal.



Kayak angler Rob Choi landed a potential world record 53-pound red drum on May 14 on a fly.

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ADDRESS: _____

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DATES TO RESERVE	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
LODGING:	6/28	6/29	6/30	7/1
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THURS – SUN AM (lodging, Sat breakfast, lunch, dinner – Sun breakfast) Charge: \$150.00	_____
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514 Vanderveen Dr.
Mason, MI 48854

Please note payment is expected in **full**. Checks will be held, but not cashed until the second week of June 2018. If you cancel your reservation prior to June 1st, your check will be returned to you. If you cancel after June 1st, you will be charged a \$25 cancellation fee, credited as a donation, with a Chapter check for the balance sent to you. Make checks payable to **PLCTU**. Please return this form **ASAP**, not only if you are requesting lodging, but if you plan to participate in the work project or meals only. This will help with food purchases, work plans, and assist in keeping our expenses to a minimum. Thanks much for your understanding & co-operation. Contact Bob at bobceru@msu.edu or 517-881-9502.

Field Notes:

- The second mouse always gets the cheese:



- How I spent my summer vacation.....don't forget to send your pictures from over the summer to the editor for publication in the fall newsletters.
- Researchers with the Alfred Wegener Institute at Germany's Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research say they found up to 12,000 pieces of microplastic particles per liter of sea ice in core samples taken from five locations. The concentrations are three times higher than levels in previous studies. (<https://weather.com/science/environment/news/2018-04-25-arctic-sea-ice-microplastics-record-discovered>)
- Congrats to the newest Grandfather in the club.....Mark Johnson is the proud grandpa to a healthy Oliver Max delivered last month.
- "Most people are on the world, not in it." ~ John Muir
- Ending balance in club bank account - \$4,724.03. Thank you for your support for this past year.

Refrigerator Reminders

June

7th - National chocolate ice cream day

12th - Red Cedar picnic, Patriarche park, East Lansing. Starts at 6:00 with dinner at 6:30 \$5.00 to cover expenses

15th-17th - GLC summer school: more info at: ffiglc.org for programs & times

15th - Wakely Lakes opens

25th - National catfish day