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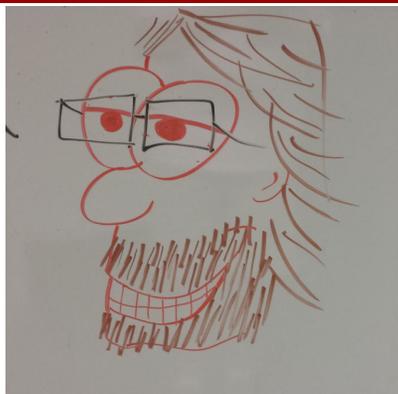
# Tippets, Tapers & Tales

October 1, 2013

## President's Message

While most of the world was in the hunt for the big fishies using gear that take a crane to transport, I had the 5-weight out on the Little Manistee a couple times with a bit of success. And it appeared that the Salmon that far up the river may not have been really worth all the trouble. But – to each his own. Anyway, the weather was fine. The water was clear. Some of the brookies were receptive. And, the waders didn't leak much. Since we sold our place in Manistee and will be out in about a week, I'll be lacking an Up-North outpost. Hopefully, a replacement will be obtained by the Spring. I'm not sure where most of you go to wet your lines, but IMHO, the Manistee area has some of the best options for

nearly all types of fish and fishing. Charters on the big lake. Guides on the little lake and rivers. Got a boat? Got a kayak? Got some waders? You can use them all – even the same day! The stream choices are excellent – The Little and Big Manistee and Bear Creek. Some great advice and supplies from Schmidt Outfitters in Wellston. And, when you don't catch your dinner, several choices from bar food to fine dining. I think (non-scientific study) there are more Friday fish-fries in Manistee than there are in Lansing! Anyway, if you want to break free of your normal routine, see the west coast of Michigan and a chance to pick up one of those M-22 stickers, head for the Victorian Port City.



Had some minor surgery on the line retrieval hand on the 30<sup>th</sup>, but all should be well by the meeting. As usual with someone of my species, I've had this for a couple years and just kept ignoring it. No problems with it, but I finally caved. Now all should be well until I find another issue to ignore.

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1981 McKenzie Cup Winners

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

## President's Message Continued

If we follow the guide-lines in the By-Laws, by the next meeting, the Board will have updated the By-Laws to reflect the new structure: Having a Vice-President and not having a President-Elect and Immediate Past President. We may also add an "At-Large" position and update the voting procedure to reflect current technology. These are items that require a vote by a majority of the club members. I know it isn't quite Winter yet, but it is time to make sure we have enough folks

to help with our scheduled events. So – don't be shy. Step up and volunteer – if you're available. The AuSable River clean-up was great. Good weather. Good company. About a dozen RCFF'rs participated. I'd like to thank everyone who made the trip. River was pretty clean. No car parts or shopping carts! Good food afterward. Had a bit of fog set in since the air temperature got warm and the water stayed cool. Didn't get to do any fishing, but it was a good day. I will

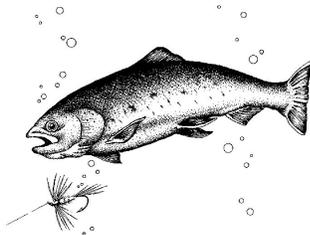
do it again. Finally, I've been updating the Club's Facebook page. I'll try to keep the page more current and expand its use. There are lots of opportunities to expand our presence and involvement with resources that match the RCFF mission.

See you at the meeting.

Herb

## Quote of the Month

By: Mark Noel



"Until man is redeemed, he will always take a fly rod too far back."

-- Norman Maclean,  
A River Runs Through it

## October's Presentation

By: Mark Johnson

For this month's meeting we have scheduled, Daniel Hayes from MSU Fisheries Department to speak on dam removal and repair. Also, remember if you were not at last month's meeting to bring your membership dues this month. The fall is when we collect dues for the year again from each member. Dues are \$10.00 for returning members. Many of the newer members may not realize the club has a library of books, tapes, DVD's etc. that mem-

bers can sign out. The library has gotten large enough that we can't bring it to meetings anymore but Phil Stevens has it and can arrange for you to borrow something if you contact him. I will include as a separate attachment a listing of the various titles available to borrow.

## RCFF Well Represented at Annual River Cleanup By: Bob Bawden

On Saturday, September 7th, members of the Red Cedar Fly Fishers again came together at Gates Lodge to help out with the annual Au Sable River clean up. We had so many members that two were available to help with TU's insect survey instead of wading the river looking for trash. Seven of us armed ourselves with Rusty's trash spears and black garbage bags and waded the section of the mainstream from TU's Guide Rest to Stephan Bridge. We were joined by the president of the Anglers

of the Au Sable as well as the head of the fisheries division of the MDNR.

Although it rained briefly, no one had to wear their trash bag this year. As we waded downstream, we were impressed by the lack of trash this year. We collected a few cans and bottles and some snack and chip wrappers and very little else. We did bypass a half full whiskey bottle in the river by the bank of a cottage. After a short debate, it was decided that the cottage owner was cooling it

and it would be better left where it was.

As usual, we met back at Gates for a burger/brat cook out, music and good company. Thanks to the Red Cedars and their guests that made this another successful clean up. Those who haven't been to the clean up, should plan on going next year on the Saturday after Labor Day. It is a worthwhile and fun day.



## 3rd Greats Lakes Fly Shop Speyfest

By: Terry Greiner

On Saturday September 28 Dennis O'Brian and I spent the day at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Great Lakes Fly Shop Speyfest held at Henning Park on the Muskegon river with around 150 attendees. One could have not asked for better weather with sunshine and a high of 74 the entire day and no wind. The river was lower than normal so the wading was safe especially since you were in only up to thigh level.

Free coffee and mugs were handed out when we arrived at 9:00 in the morning. The vendor booths were already setup and several (40 or so) rods were leaning on a rope line between clothespins. There were the lower price rods from Echo all the way to the high end Scott T3H and Sage One's in all lengths and weights to choose from. All one had to do was ask one of the reps to line it up and then head down the short hill to the river to test drive it.

Dennis and I grabbed our waders & rods and strode confidently to the water all the while looking like we knew how to use a two hand rod. It's kind of like watching the golf channel and then actually going to the course and swinging the clubs. Thankfully there were several instructors wading among the beginners along with very competent spey casters who offered their help as well. They took as much time as you needed to coach, heckle, and demonstrate what they were trying to get across on casting and I needed all of it. Dennis needed help sizing a line to his rod and one of the reps grabbed several lines and narrowed it down to the best fit for his switch rod.

During the course of the day there were 5 guides or instructors offering a 30 minute session on everything from fishing the Muskegon to special casts with the two hander. Each wore a microphone and

speakers were setup so one had no problems hearing any of the talks. Rick Kustich came over from Buffalo with a seminar and brought his new steelhead book along to personally sign as well. At the end of the day Glenn came around handing out one free raffle ticket for all who were still there and then they drew a number for the 9 or 10 raffle prizes donated by the sponsors.

All in all it was one of the best instructional days I've ever taken part of in fly fishing. The FREE lunch (pig roast & trimmings) made it easy to spend more time with the casting & seminars. I would wholeheartedly recommend anyone who's interested in learning more about this style of fishing attend next year's fest on Sept. 27, 2014.



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## A Few More River Cleanup Pictures



## Refrigerator Reminders

### October

8th: RCFF Monthly Meeting, 6:30 P.M. Room 152, Natural Resources Building at MSU

25th-27th: GLC Fall Outing  
See the GLC website at [www.ffglc.org](http://www.ffglc.org) for more information

### November

12th: RCFF Monthly Meeting, 6:30 P.M. Room 152, Natural Resources Building at MSU

