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March 4, 2013

President's Message

Greetings,

Thanks to the tenacity of Bob Bawden it seems like we have a possible new home. I thought the meeting space was quite nice and I heard of no problems with the parking. Someone asked me what I would do if the meeting attendance went up significantly? My response was "wouldn't that be a great problem with which to deal". If there are any other concerns, please let me know.

Our program on March 12th will feature Carp fishing with our very own Jeff "Bear" Andrews. The April meeting will feature Pete Squibb, one of our newer members. Pete is going to talk about fly fishing in Florida. We are hoping to return to a pro-

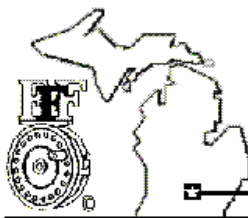
gram for our banquet in May. A program is being sought that will have wide appeal. Some media persons are being considered and perhaps some travel people, but nothing is close to being finalized. So, if you have any ideas, please get them to me right away. I will follow up on any suggestions you might have.

Tickets are now available for the banquet. We are holding the line on costs. Once again it will be \$30 per person. This year we are moving to Eagle Eye Golf Course in their hunting and fishing room. I think you will enjoy the setting and the food. Also, tickets for our major fund raiser are still available. We could really use some help selling these tickets. As



the prizes were all donated, it is pure profit this time. PLEASE HELP! Don't wait till the last minute. Get some banquet and raffle tickets now.

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RED CEDAR FLY FISHERS

Okemos, Michigan

1981 McKenzie Cup Winners

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

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

President's Message Continued

By: Jim Buscetta

The Board, at my urging, has voted to increase our scholarship to \$2,000 to a MSU fisheries student. We hope to have the recipient available for a presentation at the banquet. My thinking was that the cost of everything, including education, has risen and we have been blessed with a little extra money this year. This is an effort to move in the direction we were going a few years ago when we were sponsoring a lot of community projects and legal activities.

Also, continuing with more emphasis on youth I have attended a planning meeting for the Dr. Earl fishing program introduced to us by John Hesse. They are looking for more volunteers from our group and they are also interested in trying to provide a program in June with the emphasis on fly fishing. It may be possible that we could combine this activity with a June meeting at Hawk Island Park. One of our members suggested to me that a June meeting for casting practice might be a good thing. In conjunction with this same group the board has voted to pay \$250 to help sponsor the new fishing map for this area. Our logo and information will be placed on the map. These maps will be given out free at various places like the licensing area at Meijer. This year will be a trial run and next year it is anticipat-

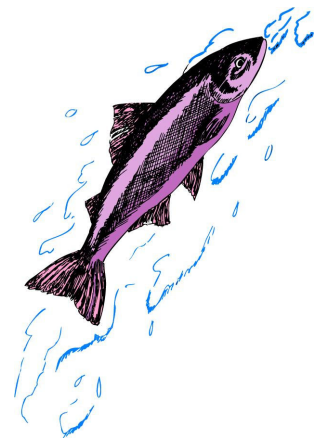
ed that 10,000 maps will be produced and I am sure a larger donation will be appreciated.

John Ross has once again agreed to coordinate our work project, which is tentatively scheduled for May 18th. If you have not participated in the past, I highly recommend showing up. Besides being helpful, it is interesting to see how the projects work. This year may also be different, in that, if there is enough work and John can figure out a way with our federal partners, we may have as our guests the Grand River Fly Tiers. Apparently they have heard about our projects and want to help.

Finally, it is getting to be that time of year again. We need some nominees for officers and we have been thinking about changing the by-laws to help some of you take on responsibility. As you may, or may not know, we do not have a President Elect at this time. Several people have mentioned that they do not want to be the President because it is a three year commitment. So, we are looking at making some changes that would lower the commitment time. We are also looking at making some of the other positions, such as Newsletter Editor, voting positions. This would allow us a greater opportunity to conduct business if another board member could not

show up for a meeting. Some of the current board members may continue in their capacities (if re-elected under the current system. However, nominees especially for President and President Elect would be welcomed. Some things have been put in place that may make things easier for a new person. Also, you may not want to be stuck with that same guy again!

Regards,
JB



Tie-A-Thon Goal Reached

We have reached our goal of tying 300 flies to be donated to the Reel Recovery program. Red Cedar Fly Fishers members met at Sunday fly tying nights at Piazzano's restaurant for the past 2 months to work on the flies that were pledged while some members also tied on their own. Because of their work, we are able to send 100 parachute Adams, 100 gold ribbed hare's ears and 105 wooly buggers

to help recovering cancer patients. Thanks to the dedicated members who met as a group and those who tied on their own to help us reach our goal. We have one more tying night scheduled for March 17 at Piazzano's. Even though we have met our obligation to Reel Recovery, we hope many of you turn out for an evening of tying and socializing.

By: Bob Bawden

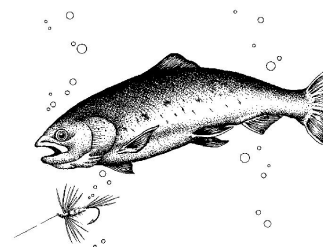


Quote of the Month

By: Mark Noel

"Whether I caught fish or not, just the thrill of rolling out that line and watching my fly turn over has been good enough for me. That and the hundreds of treasured memories I have of this wonderful sport."

-- Curt Gowdy



Volunteer Needed

As many of you know, In addition to being newsletter editor for the Red Cedar Fly Fishers, I have also been the Chairman for the Great Lakes Council Fly Expo which is held in Holt in December. After doing this for the past 8 years, I would like to take a break and am looking for someone willing to take over and chair this fundraiser. The plan would

be for me to help out a new person this year with the Expo and then turn it over to them next year. You would not be doing this alone as there is a very capable committee of other volunteers that help with various parts of the expo. So if you are interested or would like more information on what is involved in doing this, please see me

By: Mark Johnson

at a club meeting or reply back to the email you got this newsletter from.

New Meeting Location

By: Neil Gross

Just posting this information again as a reminder for those that didn't make last months meeting.

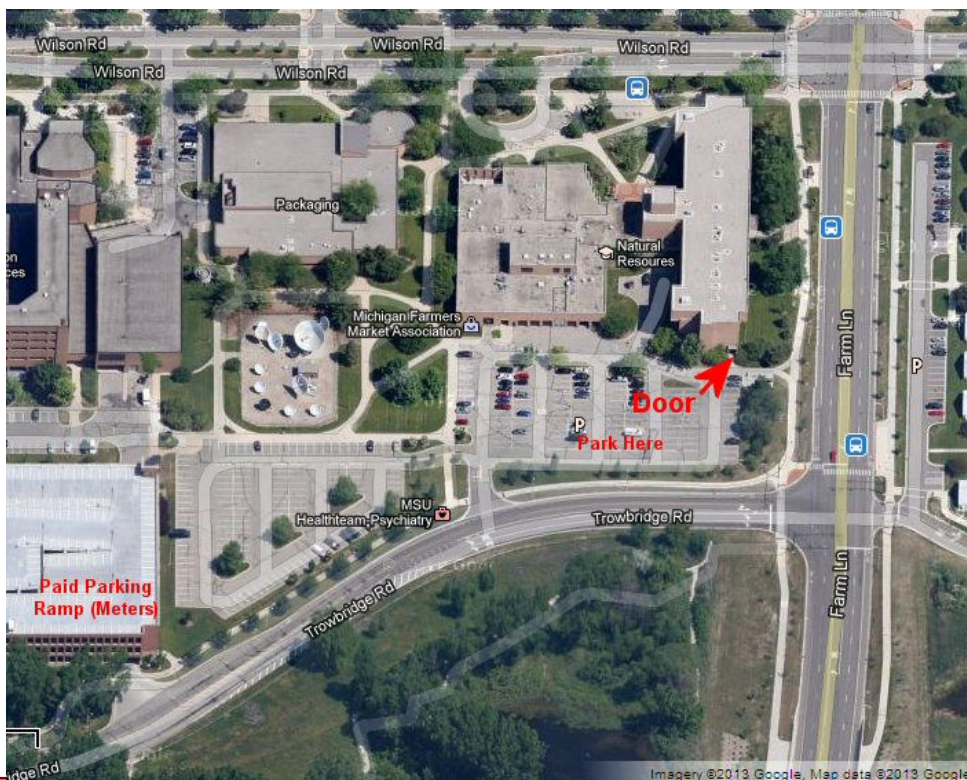
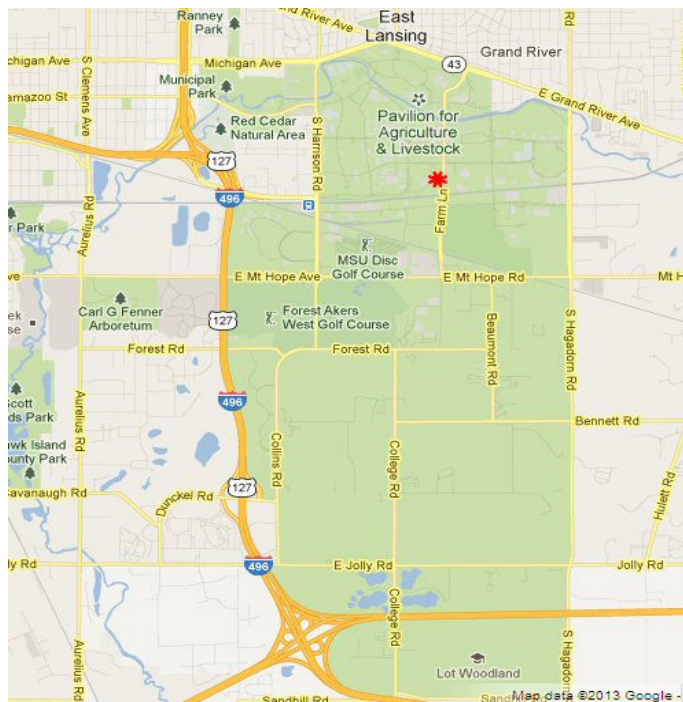
Red Cedar Fly Fishers-Meeting Venue February to June 2013. RCFF will be meeting in Room I of the Natural Resources Building, corner of Farm Lane and Trowbridge Road from 6:30pm to 9:00pm.

The parking lot is gated, however after 6:00pm the boom should be up.

Use the door shown.

Go down the stairs and through the doors

Room I is about halfway along the hall near an exit sign.



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Refrigerator Reminders

March

9th-10th: Midwest Fly Fishing Expo Details at www.midwestflyfishingexpo.com

12th: RCFF Meeting, MSU Natural Resources Building, Room 1 6:30pm.

17th: Sunday Tying Night at Piazanno's on Grand River in the Downstairs Banquet Room. 6:30pm to 8:30pm

April

9th: RCFF Meeting, MSU Natural Resources Building, Room 1 6:30pm.

