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Tippets, Tapers & Tales

November 1, 2014

President's Message

November! A time when young, and old, Men's minds turn to hunting, tying, and keeping warm. A lot of forecaster's are predicting a cold winter again this year, so I have no excuse not to have a box full of flies ready for the next fishing season. That invitation to join Harry and Bonnie for some Texas Gulf Coast fishing is sounding pretty good as I think about the cold winter we experienced last year.

We had a great start to our newest fundraiser at the GLC Expo last weekend, selling over fifty tickets. We will be asking for "volunteers" to help us by selling to all of your friends and relatives. Maybe Jim Buscetta will give classes on selling, as he is the undisputed champion? The Expo

went great for the RCFF, making lots of contacts, meeting new friends, and promoting the sport of fly fishing. Thanks to all who had a part in making it successful.

This month we have an interesting topic about an issue we all have an interest in, gas and oil leasing on public land. Let me thank you all for being thoughtful with your questions and comments ahead of time. We are also going to try to reinstate the "Fly of the Month" at our regular meetings. If you are new to tying be sure to take a few minutes to check it out, and ask questions. If you want to take part, present your favorite fly, or technique, let myself or one of the Board members know and we will



get you on the schedule.

See you Tuesday,

John

RED CEDAR FLY FISHERS
Okemos, Michigan

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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

Novembers Meeting

By: Mark Johnson

For Novembers meeting we will have from the DNR, Julie Manson, Property Manager Oil and Gas Lease Management Unit Supervisor coming to speak to us about Oil and Gas Leasing on State Land.

We will also be talking about our year long raffle and passing out tickets to members to take and sell to friends, coworkers, etc. Again this month, remember to bring your old fishing magazines to the meeting for others to take and read.

Looking ahead to December, We will once again be having a fun dinner meeting at the Blue Gill Grill in Haslett. More details about that at the meeting and in next month's newsletter. I believe Brian from Nomad Anglers will be coming in again to show us some new products.

Fish Tales

By: Mark Noel

Our good friend Terry spent an afternoon fishing Wakeley Lake, and he was just getting ready to begin the hike back to his car. In his hands were two buckets full of the huge bluegills the lake is known for. A Conservation Officer suddenly appeared and said to him, "Hey! Don't you realize that this lake is strictly catch-and-release? You are breaking the law by taking those fish!"

Terry replied, "Yes sir, I know this lake is catch-and-release. But you don't understand – I'm not taking these fish. These here are my pet fish."

"Pet fish?!" asked the CO.

"Yes sir. Every night I take

these here fish down to the lake and let them swim around for a while. I whistle and they jump back into their buckets, and I take 'em home."

"That's a bunch of hooey! Fish can't do that!"

Terry paused for a moment, and then replied, "Here, I'll show you sir . . . It really works."

"OK, I've GOT to see this!" said the doubtful but curious CO.

Terry poured the fish back into the lake and stood and waited. After several minutes, the CO

turned and asked, "Well?"

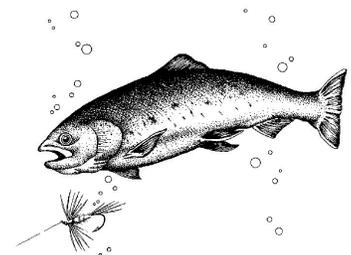
"Well what sir?" Terry replied.

"When are you going to call them back?"

"Call who back?"

"The FISH!!!"

"What fish sir?"



Cub Scout Fly Tying

We are going to have another Cub Scout Fly Tying Instruction night on January 7th, 2015. We did this a few years ago with the Cub Scout Pack in Holt and they have asked us to come back again with a new group of scouts. Put this night on your calendar as we would like to get about 8-10 volun-

teers to come that night to help out. We will once again use the GLC vises, the Red Cedar Tools and have enough materials to teach and tie a couple flies for each Cub Scout. This will be at Washington Woods School at 2055 Washington Road in Holt. With the time to be determined. More

info on this in Decembers newsletter. We will have a backup night of January 21st in case of bad weather that night.

By: Mark Noel

Federating and Federations

As I sat at the RCFF table on Saturday at the GLC Fly Tying Expo, I thought back to the first time I began thinking about joining the Red Cedar Fly Fishers. I began my fly fishing in the mid 70's with inexpensive equipment, very little knowledge about how to use it and no thoughts about rivers and trout. I was a lake fisherman and thought that pursuing pan fish with a fly rod would be more fun than with spinning gear. It didn't take long to realize that there was much more to fly fishing than pan fish and rubber spiders. There wasn't much in the way of good instructional material but I began to explore trout fishing in rivers and realized I had much to learn. But none of my close friends or family fished much and certainly didn't fly fish. Soon after I contracted the "trout bug" my son was born and as so often happens, life got in the way of fly fishing. In the early 2000's, as I neared retirement, I decided to get back to some of the things I had put aside and bought some decent fly fishing equipment, a book about access to trout streams up north and began to re-learn what I needed to get back to fly fishing. I also checked out the Red Cedars, figuring I might be able to find

some people to learn more from. I decided to join with that goal in mind. So, what does all this have to do the federating and federations? Let me enlighten you. I remember reading on the website or somewhere that the meetings started at 6:30 with federating followed by a short business meeting. I hadn't heard the word federating used this way before so I looked it up. Here's how Webster's defines federate: to league together – united by common agreement under a central government or authority. To unite in a federation. So what is a federation? Again according to Webster's: the act of uniting or forming a union by agreement of each member to subordinate its power to that of the central authority in common affairs – a league. So what is a league? Again from Webster's: a compact or covenant made by groups or individuals for promoting common interests. So now I have these definitions and in trying to make sense of them, I believe that federating is coming together with people who have a common interest and sharing with them, usually in a casual setting. What does all this have to do with working our table at the

By Bob Bawden

Fly Tying Expo? After we packed up and headed our separate ways I realized what a great time I had just talking with our members who turned out to help and experience the Expo. It was federating at its best. The talk was often about things other than fly fishing. It was about families, friends, trips taken, plans and disappointments. The bottom line is that even though I became a member for information and knowledge, the most important reward has been the new friends I have made and the federating with them all,

Files from the Past

From: January 1980 Tapers,
Tippets & Tales

Tapers:

The annual Christmas party (or the off-season bust) of the Red Cedar Fly Fishers came off very well. We all had a good time and the raffle certainly enhanced our treasury. Roses to all who attended, brought foodstuff and prizes for the raffle; a whole bouquet to Terry Lyons for getting the raffle together.

Several people have voiced a desire for the recipes of the gourmet dishes that have been brought to our potluck dinners and picnics. If there is an interest in this idea we could make up a booklet of the different recipes and use the collection as raffle prizes or direct sale to support our activities. Check this out with the cook(s) of the household and, if you wish to contribute, send it to Pat Julius, who has agreed to coordinate the project.

Our January club meeting promises to be a gem! It will be a special interest event held at the laboratory of Dr. Ray White. Ray will show us his research area for the study of trout cover and selected projects will be presented by members of his graduate student group. This promises to

be a very instructive session and we hope that everyone will come. Mark it down! (January 8th at 7:30 p.m. at the MSU Natural Resources Building).

Special reminder: Dues for the 1980 year are \$5 and are due at the January meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, send your check to our treasurer, Terry Lyons.

Once again the Red Cedar Fly Fishers in conjunction with the Okemos Community Education Program will conduct fly tying classes. They will begin Monday, January 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Kinawa Middle School. The Monday night three hour sessions which last eight weeks will be directed by Harry Barnes with the help of all of us; that means we have to come and participate. It is also a way to fulfill our participatory obligation to the club as outline in the by-laws. This class is an annual project of the club and is prime medium to communicate to the public our knowledge of fly tying, fly fishing and importantly, the aims and goals of the FFF. We hope that everyone in the club will participate at least several times during the eight week course; one other point – if school is closed by weather on Monday (daytime) evening classes will not be held. See you there!

By: Bob Bawden

TIPPETS:

When tying knots in your leader material put the knotted section in your mouth to moisturize the area before snugging up the knot.

If you are fishing a nymph maintain contact with the bug but not so much as to create drag (any drag). Successful mending technique is a good way to maintain this "detached contact".

TALES:

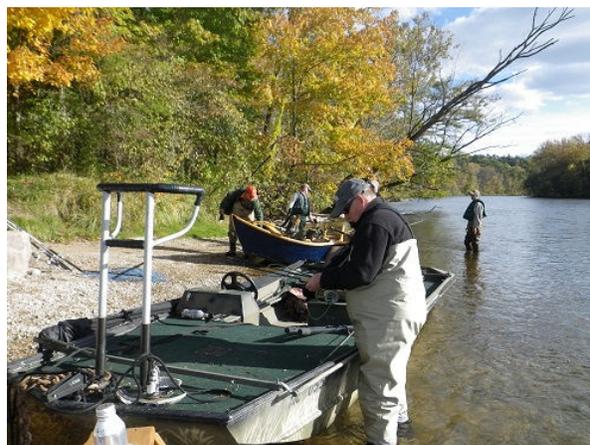
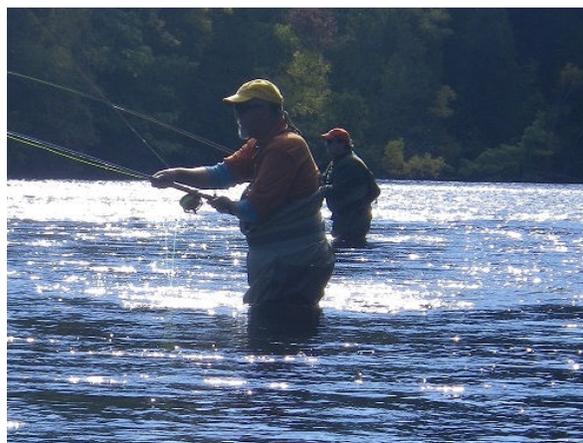
As reported in the December meeting, several members of our club travelled to the Mad River in Ohio where the joined the Miami Valley Fly Fishers of Dayton for a day on the stream to witness and assist in the planting of the Whitlock-Vibert boxes. The weather was bad and, I understand, so were the driving conditions. The conservation, conversation and exchange of fellowship between the clubs represented was very good. This type of teamwork that brings different groups together for more effective input and exchange is what the FFF is all about. The travelers were H. Barnes, J. Ecklund, J. Busephulus Jarrett, T. Lyons and M Malone.

RCFF Fall Outing

We had the Red Cedar Fall Outing on Friday, October 10th. We had members Brad Reynolds, Mike Grinwis, Dennis O'Brien, Joe Francis, myself and former club member Pete Farman meet at the Croton Dam and had 3 boats to drift down the Muskegon River for the day. It was a beautiful day, maybe too sunny for good fishing, but we had a great time anyway. Several of us caught trout and Pete had a salmon on briefly. We would float and fish, then stop for awhile and fish also. We all pulled over in

the early afternoon and stopped for awhile for lunch, then continued to fish on down to the take out point at Thornapple road. It was a really fun day and plans are under way for a spring fishing outing probably in May and possibly an overnight trip somewhere up north. So stay tuned for details on that in the Spring. Pictures below are from the outing.

By: Mark Johnson



The Fisherman and the Tourist

Received via email from Mark Johnston and Dick Augustine. Author unknown.

A boat docked in a tiny seaside village. An American tourist complimented the local fisherman on the quality of his fish and asked how long it took him to catch them.

"Not very long," answered the fisherman.

"But then, why didn't you stay out longer and catch more?" asked the American. The fisherman explained that his small catch was sufficient to meet his needs and those of his family.

The American asked, "But what do you do with the rest of your time?"

"I sleep late, fish a little, play with my children, and take a siesta with my wife. In the eve-

nings, I go into the village to see my friends, play the guitar, and sing a few songs... I have a full life."

The American interrupted, "I have an MBA from Harvard, and I can help you! You should start by fishing longer every day. You can then sell the extra fish you catch. With the extra revenue, you can buy a bigger boat."

"And after that?" asked the fisherman.

"With the extra money the larger boat will bring, you can buy a second one and a third one and so on until you have an entire fleet of trawlers.

Instead of selling your fish to a middle man, you can then negotiate directly with the processing plants and maybe even open your own plant. You can then leave this little village and move to the city, Los Angeles,

or even New York City! From there you can direct your huge

new enterprise."
"How long would that take?" asked the fisherman.

"Twenty, perhaps twenty-five years," replied the American.

"And after that?"

"Afterwards? Well my Friend, That's when it gets really interesting," answered the American, laughing. "When your business gets really big, you can start selling stocks and make millions!"

"Millions? Really? And after that?" said the fisherman.

" After that you'll be able to retire, live in a tiny village near the coast, sleep late, play with your children, catch a few fish, take a siesta with your wife and spend your evenings doing what you like and enjoying your friends ."

Quotes from Guides

Sent by Terry Greiner. Select quotes from Drake Magazine's Online General Discussion Forum.

"Mend when that hits...ok, next one, mend when it...nevermind."

The phrase reserved for a few select clients - "lemme show you a little thing that around here, we like to call The Right Way"

"A 10 minute fight is not bragging, its incompetence."

"A man would rather take that 60 foot cast across all those conflicting currents. A woman

would walk over there and cast from below the fish"

"There is a difference between catching "a" fish and catching "THAT" fish... The latter involves talent."

"Don't false cast more than three times or the guys will think you're from out of town"

From a guide that worked for the shop in the old days. "There you go. That cast was much better. It hit the water."

"Cast in front of the boat." x3000

That was an unauthorized cast, there will be no unauthorized cast-

ing today"

"Permit - 11 o'clock, thirty feet out. Should I spook him or do you want to do it?"

"Fish" "Set" "Dude where's your bobber?"

"Yeah that probably wasn't a fish, just rocks"

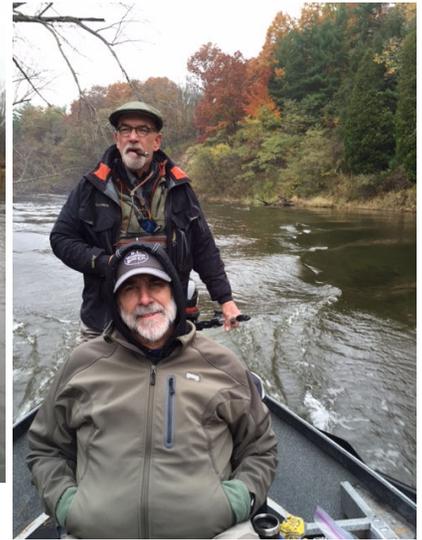
he didn't eat because he never saw your fly, he never saw your fly because it was behind him" aka "Fish eat with the other end"

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A Couple More Recent Member Photos



Refrigerator Reminders

November

11th: RCFF Monthly Meeting,
6:30 P.M. Room 221, Natural
Resources Building at MSU

December

9th: RCFF Monthly Meeting at
the Blue Gill Grill in Haslett.
More details in next months
newsletter

