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Tippets, Tapers & Tales

October 4, 2015

President's Message

I am writing this message to you from my cabin in northern Michigan, getting ready for a three day outing searching for smallmouth with a good friend. Don Sawyer's presentation got me excited about smallmouth fishing and I realized I had neglected that great game fish too much this summer. I plan to rectify that starting tomorrow morning. Thanks again Don for an interesting, informative presentation last meeting. It's hard to believe that another month has past and we will be into October by the time you read this. Your board has been busy planning for the coming months and answering requests for support from IFFF and outside groups. We again will support the GLC with man power and money for their Fly Tying Expo in early November. We are sending a letter of support for a new canoe/kayak launch



on the Grand River in Delta Township and we will commit some money if the launch gets the go ahead. We will also commit to a yearly clean up of the launch and it has been suggested that we make an outing of the clean up by fishing there for a few hours afterwards.

Dr. Erin Dreelin will be making a presentation at our October meeting. Dr. Dreelin is an MSU faculty member in the Fisheries and Wildlife department and is

the associate director of the Center for Water Sciences. She came to MSU after receiving her BA from Villanova and her PhD in ecology from the University of Georgia. Her research focuses on practices to protect aquatic ecosystems. Dr. Dreelin is currently working with health departments throughout Michigan using DNA testing to check recreational water for health hazards.

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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

President's Message Continued By: Bob Bawden

The Red Cedar Fly Fishers were well represented at the 21st Au Sable River Clean up on September 12. Thanks to all the members and friends who helped. I wore my fishing shirt with the Red Cedar Fly Fishers logo on it and was stopped several times by members of the Anglers of the Au Sable. Our club is well known in the Grayling area and I was stopped so we could be thanked for our support of the Anglers projects in the past years. It makes me proud to be a member of an organization that is doing something to help our environment.

While at the clean up, it was suggested that Red Cedars who have boats might get together with other members and plan an outing this fall and/or spring. I believe Brad Reynolds organized an trip last year that was enjoyed by some of our members. Anyone interested? Email me at presrcff@yahoo.com and I will get the word out. The Grayling fish farm continues to make news. Stay current with what has happened and is happening by checking out the current MITU magazine and reading the Anglers of the

Au Sable newsletter "The Riverwatch". You can access it by visiting the Anglers web page at ausableanglers.org. Lastly, we are again organizing fly tying nights on Sundays starting in January at Piazzano's in Lansing. We will let you know the dates as soon as they are set. I hope to see many of you as these nights and fun and informative. Support your local fly shop, keep your stick on the ice and get involved.

Upcoming GLC Events

By: Mark Johnson

There are 2 GLC events coming up this fall I want to make everyone aware of. First on October, 23, 24, 25 is the Great Lakes Council Fall outing at Wa Wa Sum in Grayling Michigan. Lodging and food are provided for this weekend and more details including cost can be found on the GLC website at www.fffglc.org

The next event 2 weeks later is the 16th Annual Invitational Fly Tying Expo at the Causeway Bay Hotel in Lansing, Michigan on November 7, 2015 from 9am to 4pm. Again more information on this event can be found on the GLC website.

Time to Pay Membership Dues Again

By: Mark Johnson

It's that time again, the beginning of a new year when we need to pay our membership dues to the club again. The Red Cedar Fly Fishers is a 100% club, meaning everyone that is considered a member has paid their national FFF dues as well as the local club dues.

If you cannot attend the October meeting and would like to continue to be a member of the Red Cedar Fly Fishers, please send your \$10.00 dues payment in a check made out to Red Cedar Fly Fishers to P.O. Box 129, Okemos, MI 48805.

21st Annual Au Sable River Clean Up By: Bob Bawden

Nine members of the Red Cedar Fly Fishers and a friend attended the annual Au Sable River clean up on Saturday, September 12th. Seven of the volunteers stayed at Wa Wa Sum lodge over the weekend also. Three of us brought our significant others also. The weather was not too bad although cool to start. The sun came and went throughout the morning but rain held off all day. This year, our assigned stretch of river was from Spite Road to Shaw Park, a beautiful section of the river. The river was running a little higher than usual and wading was a little treacherous at times but only one spill occurred. Thanks to John and Terry for helping out and keeping someone in our group from floating away down river.

The clean up was successful but as in the past few years, there was less trash. There are a few theories as to why this has happened, more awareness of the ecology of the river, fewer canoeists and more kayakers among them. Whatever the reason, it is good to see this trend and it is good to see so many people show up to pick up what trash is there. Thanks to Bob Kren for organizing our group. We will miss you in the river but are glad that you will still be at Gates Lodge to help with all that needs doing to make sure the clean up and barbeque afterwards go smoothly. And thanks to Dick Augustine for organizing Wa Wa Sum and for ordering that big win for MSU over Oregon.



Pass It On

One of the great things about being retired is being able to spend time with my granddaughter Jenna. She is almost 9 years old and is an active, creative, inquisitive young lady. I know, I sound like I'm bragging and I am. She is also interested in being outdoors as much as possible. I have been able to take her blue gill fishing with hook and worm while I cast my fly rod and an ant for the same blue gill. She has shown an interest in the flies I have used so I decided to show her how to tie some flies. We started with a colorful wooly bugger called a chili pep-

per. Jenna was intrigued by the bright orange marabou tail and sparkle copper chenille body. It also has very colorful flash-boo in the tail. She made about 3 chili peppers (with rather long tails) and was very pleased with herself. I did give her a beginner tying kit that I won at our banquet a year ago and she was very excited to be able to tie wooly buggers at her house.

A few weeks later I showed her how to make a thread body ant then a dubbed body

By: Bob Bawden

ant. She took to dubbing a lot faster than I did. I would like to think she had a much better teacher than I did but I know it's not that. After our tying session, I took her to Nomad Anglers to get her some hooks and let her pick out some dubbing and marabou to use at home.

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Pass It On Continued By: Bob Bawden

She chose Kingfisher Blue sparkle dubbing and Florescent Cherise marabou. I've never heard of Florescent Cherise but I can say it is pretty much hot pink. I'm not at all sure what she will tie with these super bright combinations but I'm sure she will be pleased with them. And she may do better fishing her flies that I do fishing mine.

We did discover that the vise that came with her tying kit is very frustrating to adjust and the tools are not the best. I've already gotten her a better vise and it looks like some new tools are in order for Christmas. Maybe I'll replace some

of my tools with better ones and give her my old ones. The bottom line is that I am sharing something I love doing with someone I love to spend time with. Will Jenna become my fly fishing and fly tying buddy? I sure hope so and it is looking like it will happen. But if it doesn't, we have at least spent some quality time together, shared something and had a good time doing it. So, take your grandchild or a neighbor kid fishing, fly fishing or show them how to tie some simple flies. You may help someone find a lifelong hobby and you

might find yourself feeling the good feeling of passing on something you love.



Surgeon General's Warning! By: Bob Kren

by Bob Kren,

Mr. Flyfisherpersonguy

Fly rods wear out, after many years of catching big trout. Or, in my hands, their getting mangled in a car door. Anyway, following another such disaster, I went to my local flyrod pusher for a replacement. The 9', 5 weight Sarviston felt good in my hands – I noticed that the dealership kept me out of the parking lot and well away from any slammable interior doors – and the price, though exorbitant, included a "lifetime" warranty. That's gonna cost 'em!, I chuckled, evilly. So after my initial sticker shock, I bought the rod and also a new reel and line and leaders and rod case, got that nasty old flat wallet feeling, looked forward to much better casting, enjoyed a rare flush of euphoria, and bragged a bit to my neighbors.

When I got home, I found that, with the warranty came another pamphlet, titled "Surgeon General's Warning! Read or die!" I read, having, as I do, a low tolerance for death. The text follows.

Purchase and use of this instrument has been known to result in

sticker shock, buying of new reel and line and leaders and rod case, flat wallet syndrome, slightly better casting, euphoria, and bragging. Other possible symptoms should be noted.

Persons who have used spinning or baitcasting rods should beware of certain conditions associated with this product: tennis elbow, frozen shoulder, hook-in-anatomy wounds, apparent decrease in hat size due to swelling of head, increased tendency to hang flies in streamside vegetation, and obsessive avoidance of doors.

This product is approved only for the purposes for which it is approved. Utilize for no other purpose than an approved purpose. Or else! Using for unapproved purposes may lead to death!, especially when abuse is prolonged. Elderly users are at greater risk of injury or death, but they're old so who cares?

The Sarviston rod is not for everyone, especially not Siamese twins. Persons with or without migraine headaches, heartburn, protruber protrutul oh, hell! a fat belly, sneezing problems in the lower torso, skinny legs, fat knees, or more than the usual number of feet, are strongly advised against even looking at one of these rods. In fact, maybe you should give up the sport completely.

Persons who think that this rod is stiffer than any other they have previously owned should seek immediate medical help if this apparent stiffness lasts longer than four hours, to forestall a potentially embarrassing permanent injury. Avoiding outdoor bathtubs may help prevent this from happening.

Failure to heed these warnings may lead to rash, mortification, flatulence, more mortification, dizziness, photography, stock market speculation, attraction for loony political movements, wheezing, poor gas mileage, swelling of the lip, or anything else you can think of that can't be cured inexpensively.

Tell your local Flyfisherpersonguy if you develop any of these symptoms, so he can tell everybody (I tossed this in because I can always use a good laugh at your expense. BK).

Website Reviews

ginkandgasoline.com – Here's a site with a couple of guides from Georgia I think who write a regular blog on everything from saltwater, warmwater, and coldwater fishing. They keep it up on a regular basis with tips on casting, tying, reading water, gear, etc. Just click on the "select blog category" at the top of the page as there's a lot of them to and scroll down till you find one you're interested in. Louis is one of the two who's also a photographer and I've actually traded emails with him on a question so they will respond beyond just the comments one can post to a blog. Lots of tips on the site and this is one that I check out frequently to see if I can pick up anything that may help me with my fly fishing.

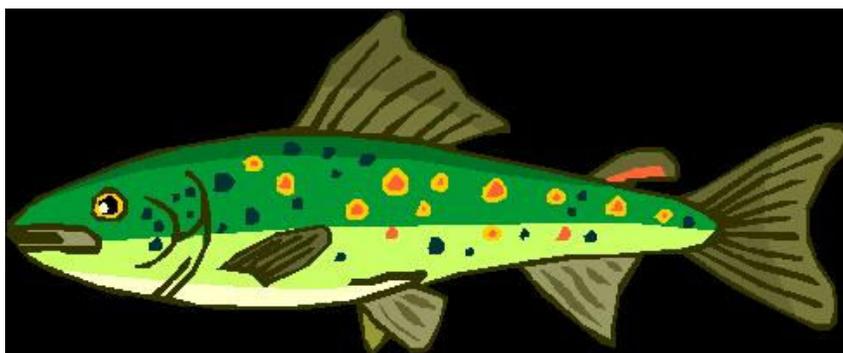
Thefiberglassmanifesto.blogspot.com – As a few of you know I found this link off of another site a couple of years ago and became intrigued by his interest in fiberglass fly rods so I started to check this one out daily. I started out with an old Fisher glass rod for my salmon/steelhead fishing about 35 years ago because it was an inexpensive way to get into this sport. I already inherited a bamboo 5 weight for trout but found that slow, heavy glass was not the way to chase salmon and soon got on the graphite bandwagon. Scroll ahead 32 years on the internet and found that the "grandfather's" fiberglass rods had changed quite a bit. Through this website Cameron lists many manufacturers and rod builders, but also new fly fishing products that come to the market. He lives in South Carolina but is originally from Grand Ledge so they

By: Terry Greiner

come back to Michigan on a regular basis and he makes a yearly trip to Beaver Island to fish for carp with guide Kevin Morlock. He also offers a fiberglass rod loan program where one can try a rod out to see if that brand/style will fit before you buy. I met him at the Michigan Fly Fishing Show in Warren a couple of years back and he's very nice to talk to regarding glass rods, or Carolina fishing opportunities, freshwater of course!

Check both sites out when you get the chance.

Terry



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Refrigerator Reminders

October

13th: RCFF Monthly Meeting, 6:30 P.M. Room 223, Natural Resources Building at MSU

23rd-25th: GLC Fall Outing
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November

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