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President's Message - March 2017

I always think of March as a "teaser" month — we're still in winter, but it sure feels like its spring. The temps are moderating, the daylight is lasting a little longer, and the water is starting to open up on the local streams. It's a time of preparation and anticipation for the coming season.

Another sure sign of spring is the Quiet Waters Symposium. Thanks to the efforts of Phil Stevens and Bob Ceru, your Red Cedars were present again at this hallmark event at the MSU Pavilion. Phil, Bob, and Harry demonstrated several patterns throughout the day while Terry Greiner manned the casting demonstration along

with Jim Garrison, a former Frontier City member who also joined us in talking to the the public and selling some raffle tickets! Way to jump in, Jim! While there was a feeling that overall attendance was down this year, we did have the periodic groupings of interested individuals stop by and ask about fly fishing, fly tying, and the Red Cedars! Good job all.

March's meeting will be another reason to look forward to spring. Dennis Klein of Mystic Fly Rods will be here to talk about the Mystic line, and hopefully give us to good tips on how to take better care of our gear. I'm keeping my fingers crossed he brings along some samples. I've been hearing quite a few good things about the Mystic Reaper rod, so this should be good!

Another thing about spring is that it is a time for those housekeeping chores that we haven't addressed during the winter months, and, even we Red Cedars have a couple that need to be dealt with.

One of them is outstanding dues. There are a couple of our members who still haven't paid Mark Noel a visit to take care of their tab. I'm not going to name names or anything like that. Just a reminder that it is our dues that is the basis for all other fund-raising efforts, that allow us to fund the scholarship we give out to a deserving MSU student each year, support the conservation efforts of our and our sister organizations, have a pretty nice June picnic, and keep this club in the good graces of the IFFF. If you're not sure if you're up to date, have a quick chat with Mark. And THANK YOU for being a member of this GREAT group!

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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

RED CEDAR FLY FISHERS

The other housekeeping item is not an easy one for me to discuss. In my short tenure as a member of the Red Cedars, I have never attended a meeting like last month's where we were a bit rude to the Speaker. I received several comments and complaints following Dr. Burroughs's excellent presentation about how disruptive the use of cell phones were during the meeting. I know it was just a few of you, but, PLEASE! Let's show some respect for those who come to speak to us by quieting the cell phones, delaying the texting, and taking the calls you must take outside. I think you as well as I want our club to have the reputation of being someplace where speakers are welcome and respected. Tight Lines.....Mike



An incredibly faithful fan writes Dear Sir: I had the privilege of being onstream with you the other day, and I was wondering how you managed to stay calm on the river when there were so very very many rude, self-centered fishers present, persistently spoiling our surroundings with their handheld devices? Anxiously, Terry G, somewhere southwest-ish of Lansing p.s.: I am almost ten, and still your biggest biggest fan.

Well, Terry, the river isn't the only place that rudeness reigns, and I don't mean Congress or the Faux News Channel. (Or, just to prove that I'm "hip," as you youngsters say, well, ter, th riv l't th onl plat ha rdns s rens, nd dnt mn Cgrs r th FNC.) Many's the time I've been infuriated – I, and my fellow, less sanguine, victims – by people so ignorantly self-important that they think there's nobody else around to be overwhelmed by their shenanigans. Why, at a recent meeting

of one of my flyfishing clubs, loud chirps and bleating, screens with more horsepower than the Sun, and even a full-fledged conference call wracked the air, and wrecked the speaker's presentation and everybody else's enjoyment. Worst of all, the perpetrators seemed inert to the pointless bother they were causing. Unforgivable!

Anyway, when onstream, the following responses are appropriate in individual cases.

* Playing a noisy game should end when a well-placed Clouser Minnow, a very least size 6, is cast over the offender's shoulder and stoutly yanked. One should be sure to use a 1-x tippet, or stronger, so as not to break off before a major vein is struck: an artery is better.

* Having a family argument, shouting loudly enough to be heard in the next county, without a 'phone, is best met either by giving the classic "stank eye," or by standing upstream and urinating into the offender's riffle. Hollering to random people on the water works, too, on particularly clueless perpetrators, especially when you mimic what they're screeching!

* The conference call is best dealt with by standing nearby and shouting such nuanced words as "FART!" or "BOOBIES!" If you're lucky, the offending party will reel around and fall down, and you'll have accomplished the hat trick.

* There're two instances where a brightly-lit screen can be wrongness personified. They're as plain as night and day: in fact, they ARE night and day. At night, the offender can best be dealt with by sabotaging his vehicle: I find that a potato on his tailpipe does the trick, but if he has an electric car, then a small amount of dirt behind the wheels will immobilize him – those things are really underpowered! In the daytime, comment loudly on the content on the screen, shouting "Porno alert!" or "Shame on you, pervert!" If he jerks around and drops his device, you've scored the trifecta! Congratulations!

* Snappetychat and Tweeter are best dealt with using patience. Eventually, the sheer volume of junk coming in will drive the addicts off the water and probably into the woods. There, distracted, they'll wander away, content but never to be heard from again. Pity. Or not.

* Distracted casting is usually its own punishment, but fun to watch, especially when the onehanded person is trying to double-haul, or set the hook, or fight a fish. You can stroll over and relieve him of his wallet, without his even knowing it.

So, Terry, you should now appreciate the predicament you can put an offender into, if you'll just react to rudeness in the proper way. Oh, and never go too close to somebody who's strung an extension cord into the water, to keep a device charged.

** The following sentence was in the introduction of my recent article on ten favorite flies: "These will change over time, probably before I finish this note*." The asterisk'ed comment was omitted ("I only regret that I have but one * for my country." Nathan Hale) by the newsletter's Ediot-in-Chief: It follows.

*The Woolly Bugger, as a type by itself in various colors, and the Y2K, fell by the wayside and got substituted. So did the Chelsey Manning fly, even uglier than the Krenzilla.

Lake Weather Reports

Weather Forecast

For some time I have gotten on the National Weather Service website to get a forecast for the city nearest to where I was going fishing. I recently discovered you can get a forecast for most lakes.

Here is how to do it:

Log on to www.weather.gov

In the upper left part of screen enter the lake you want i.e.; Amber Lake, WA.

Click on **Go**

The forecast will come up for the next seven days.

If you want more detail scroll down to near the bottom of the screen and click on Hourly Weather Forecast. One of the most important things for me is the wind. This forecast will give you the wind velocity and direction by the hour. A lot of the time the weather forecast for wind is summarized, giving the minimum and maximum for the day. By looking at the hourly forecast if you are lucky, you may find that the high winds for the day won't occur during the time you plan to be at the lake.

If you want to know the hourly weather further out in time, click on Forward 2 Days.

.....Excerpt by Jerry McBride - Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club—Spokane, Washington

Alpena Community College Community Education offers fly fishing Series:

ACC's Community Education announces a comprehensive series to learn or improve skills with fly and fly rod. The program, Introductory and Intermediate Concepts of Fly Fishing, runs on five consecutive Tuesdays from March 7 to April 4 from 6-9 p.m. at ACC. All participants will receive free fly box, flies and accessories. Registration is limited to 15.

Concepts of Fly Fishing is designed for beginners through intermediate anglers. Each week's class builds upon the previous: starting with basics covering fish, habitats, food sources, equipment, flies, accessories, knots and casting; and concluding with an optional field trip to practice and apply skills on both still water setting and moving water.

Instructors for the classes are Bob Baughman and Ron Young, who share an obsession with the sport. Baughman has chased fish with a fly rod from salt-water to fresh for over 30 years. Young jumped into fly fishing after retirement, garnering significant experience, and has never looked back.

Both men are engineers so there isn't a technical aspect of the sport they don't enjoy, but their easy-going teaching style takes out the "techno-speak" for students. The course introduces all fly fishing concepts to those new to the sport and polishes up skills for intermediates.

Everglades Camping, A Trip of a Lifetime.....from www.skifflife.com



Here we go again only this time it's not Cleveland:

Check out the article on two fly fishers who subdued a 17 foot Burmese python, stretched out on a 17 foot skiff with a push pole and knife.

**3RD ANNUAL FLY FISHING - KAYAK - CANOE
GARAGE SALE & SWAP MEET
SATURDAY, APRIL 15TH, 2017
10 AM UNTIL 3 PM**

ADMISSION IS ONLY \$3.00
(KIDS 18 AND UNDER GET IN FREE)
TABLE RENTAL IS ONLY \$20 PER TABLE

1 PM DISTANCE CASTING COMPETITION - WIN \$25 CASH!



Birch Run Expo Center
Exit # 136, I-75 - Birch Run, MI
\$20 to rent a table or bring your own table at \$10 a table.
If you are looking to buy or sell fly fishing equipment,
fly rods, fly waders, drift boats, kayaks or canoes... then this is
the place to go! Plan to bring CASH as most people will not
be set up to do credit card sales.

To reserve a table, please contact
Jeff Johnson by phone at: 513-510-0928
or by email at jeffjohnson@tearguide@yahoo.com
Info at: BrookhavenLakes.com

**Garage Sale & Swap Meet - April 15 -
Birch Run Expo Center**

The club is planning to host a booth at this event to sell any/all fishing or outdoor related items to raise funds for the bank account.

We're asking all members to donate items they no longer use to help fill the table. Any flies, lures, hooks, clothing, bags, rods, reels, hats, waders, boots, etc. can be sold at the event so check your closets, man & woman caves, trunks, drawers, garage, attic, basement hiding spots, even under the bed for excess items you'd like to unload. Just no firearms!

Think of the praise you'll receive from your spouse when you free up space. And, your kids will thank you for not having to inventory all your stuff if you move some of it out now.

“It’s easy for members of Congress to say they love national parks, particularly those in or near their own districts and states, but the decisions lawmakers make in Washington have profound effects – both directly and indirectly – on all national parks. Ultimately, when it comes to their work in Washington, does a member’s rhetoric match their record?”

“[National Parks Action Fund’s 2016 Scorecard](#) assesses members of the 114th Congress, scoring them on key votes concerning park funding, important preservation tools like the Antiquities Act, and protections for water and wildlife.”

Senate Key Votes on the following:

1. Limiting the Designation of New National Monuments
2. Preserving Natural, Cultural, Historic and Recreational Heritage
3. Selling or Transferring National Park System Land
4. Blocking Designations of New National Monuments
5. Limiting Funding for Land Acquisition Program

Michigan Senators Grade:

Gary Peters	100%	A
Debbie Stabenow	100%	A

Michigan House Key Votes on the following:

1. Limiting the Designation of New National Monuments
2. Preventing Mining Runoff in National Park Waters
3. Allowing Mining Runoff in National Park Waters
4. Protecting Fragile Coastal Park Ecosystems
5. Eliminating Protections for Wildlife in Alaska
6. Protecting Future Designations of New National Monuments
7. Cutting Park Funding
8. Intervening in Cooperative Chesapeake Bay Restoration Program
9. Limiting Recovery of Endangered Species
10. Impeding Recovery of the Gray Wolf
11. Eliminating Park, Wildlife and Resource Protections

Michigan House Grade:

Dan Benishek	9%	F
Bill Huizenga	0%	F
Justin Amash	18%	F
John Moolenaar	0%	F
Daniel Kildee	100%	A
Fred Upton	9%	F
Tim Walberg	0%	F
Mike Bishop	9%	F
Sander Levin	100%	A
Candice Miller	9%	F
Dave Trott	9%	F
Debbie Dingell	100%	A
John Conyers, Jr.	100%	A
Brenda Lawrence	100%	A

Visit the website for the complete listing of how all voted with additional information.

Antique Fly Fishing Products.....from www.tackletreasures.com

The Palmer Dry-Fly Oiler



This Early Pair Of Tweezers With Pivoting Magnifier Is Most Useful For Fly Tying

Drag & Clearing Ring.
This 1896 Gadget Was
Used For Retrieving Tackle That Had
Fallen Into The Water Or Had Gotten Snagged.



This Tiny (2") Panfish Scale Was
Made By The Miller Manufacturing
Company Of San Francisco, Califor-
nia, And Is Called The "Esy-Weigh"

This Farlow "Net Ring" Came In A Box
Advertising Their "Chamois Leather Cast
Pouch". The Net Ring Precedes The Days
Of The Fishing Vest And Supplied Anglers
With A Way To Keep Their Net At Hand
By Pinning The Ring To Their Jacket And
Then Sliding The Handle Of The Net Through
The Ring.



An Extremely Rare H.L. Leonard Tippet
and Leader Gauge.

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The Abercrombie & Fitch “Trout Tool”(By Puma) Is Just 2.25” Long And Contains A Disgorger, File, Scraper, Stiletto, Tweezers, Scissors And A Screwdriver. Like The Olson Gut Cutter, It Includes A Chain And Clasp To Attach To Your Jacket.

This Tool Is Signed “T.L. Payne, Maker, Coventry” And Sizing Tippetts By Dragging them Through The Holes, Are Marked X Through 5X On The Back



Is For
Which



This 1877 Evans Fish Trap Is Marked “Pat Apl 17-77” and “G. W. Evans and Son Frankford, PA”. Unusual That The Day And Year Are Marked, But Not The Month. These Were Available In Two Sizes: 3” and 4” . This Is The Smaller Version.

Measuring just 2.75” long and .75” wide, Hank’s Fly Clip is a petite gadget. Constructed primarily of brass, the clip has a safety pin on the back so that it can be pinned to a convenient spot on your jacket (this gadget predates the fishing vest).



This Vise is pictured in The 1909 Hardy Brothers Catalog and can be worn on The thumb or screwed into a suitable surface for use. It measures just 4” from end to end.



A 4.25” Victorian Era Hand Vise. Note The Two-Piece, hinged jaws and the Nickle plating. The handle is solid, whereas they are almost always hollow.

Hotels Are Boring, and Your Tent Is Rickety—Stay in a Yurt Instead



Check out this website (<https://www.outsideonline.com/2149716/yurts-and-teepees-youll-want-sleep>) for great locations around the country to lay one's head. Still pushing the idea of raising club funds to purchase property up north to build a large deck for one oversize "gathering" yurt complete with bar & fridge, then add smaller decks for satellite yurts located around the main one. I'd draw the line at tiki lights as we don't want to attract too many worm dunkers to our location.



Pimp Your Vise.....

There's so much extra paraphernalia that you can attach to your vise that you can totally block the access to the hook if you use it all.

Check out www.globalflyfisher.com and their article on 2/9/17 regarding various ways to "add" a few items to your fly tying vise.

As the author suggests:
"So let's show some class and add some bling to the vise. Some of it even useful!"



St. Patrick Day “Fly Fishing” Sayings

- May the fish rise up to meet your fly.
- May windknots never be in your line.
- May a rainbow (trout) be certain to follow each rain.
- May the rainbow fall softly upon your fly while the brown attacks it with gusto.
- Top of the mornin' to you.....(and have the river to 'me self!)
- May there always be work for you to do while I'm retired to fish.
- May your vest always hold a flybox or two.
- May the bugs always shine on your car window so you know what's hatching.
- May the hand of a friend always be near to net your fish.
- May God fill your heart with gladness while you hasten downriver with your 25" trout on the line.
- May the wind be at your back while you're bonefishing the flats.
- Everyone's tried at least a little bit of green beer on St. Patrick's Day.
- When Irish fishermen eyes are smiling... They're probably up to something.
- If you give a man a fish, you will have one less.



History Lesson 101



A rare photo surfaced from the pages of Drakemagazine of our first president catching a large fish on his boat trip across the Delaware. Sources say that there was a midge hatch underway so he pulled out his custom bamboo fly rod and double hauled his size 20 fly around the ice flow to the rise and voila! And you thought he was just crossing the river to fight the British!Now you know the rest of the story.



Bonnie with a 27" red-fish on an olive crab.

"Note the shark patrol boat in the background to keep the area safe.Editor added that last comment.

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www.redcedarflyfishers.org

Field Notes:

- May 18 - Looking for volunteers to help with a 4th grade class at Dimondale Elementary school from 9:00 to 3:00. They would like to do some tying along with fishing the Grand River from the bank in town. Let John Ross know if you're available to help so he can coordinate the schedule with the teacher. John's email is: jeross262@gmail.com and cell - 517-896-2100
- Donald Trump Jr. spent about three hours chatting with anglers and vendors, and walking the aisles at the world's largest consumer Fly Fishing Show at the Garden State Exhibit Center in Somerset.Not sure what to make of this but should we ask him to speak to his dad about protecting the environment if we get him to attend one of our club meetings?
- Check out this video....
<https://www.facebook.com/ViralFishing/videos/744791472337195/>
- Here's a search engine for both Craigslist and ebay at the same time in a large geographic area: <http://www.searchtempest.com/>

Refrigerator Reminders

March

11th, 12th - Midwest Fly Fishing Show, Warren, MI, check website for details on speakers, etc.

12th - Daylight savings time begins

14th - RCFF club meeting Giltner Hall 6:30

17th - Green beer, or St. Patrick's Day whichever you prefer

18th - Fly tying with veterans in Jackson, MI at Camp Liberty - looking for volunteers to help one or both days. 10:00-2:00

April

1st - NEW license needed for 2017 and it's also April Fools Day....both are true

11th - RCFF club meeting Giltner Hall

15th - Garage sale & swap meet. Birch Run expo center 10:00 - 3:00

18th - Tax day, donate your refund to the club

22nd - Fly tying w/veterans in Jackson at Camp Liberty 10:00 - 2:00