



The Evening

Hatch

The Newsletter of the Michigan Fly Fishing Club

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Enjoying Fly Fishing, Food And Europe

"I am a guide, an instructor, and a blah blah blah," started Michael Mauri, international fly fisherman, at the December MFFC speaker meeting. "I want to talk about fly fishing in Europe. And food," he continued, "...and different places in Germany."

"On the way to school, I had to cross two trout streams. My parents were very, very busy and most of the time I didn't make it [to school]," said Mauri launching his slide presentation. A gray panel graced the screen. "This is Germany in the fog," said Mauri not to be outdone by the terrors of malfunctioning technology.

As Dan Finstad ran emergency tech support Mauri started the group's European journey in the souther portion of Germany. In Munich, browns and graylings run in crystal clear waters where fishers do upstream nymphing, casting without backcasts using triple loop and spiral casts that Mauri demonstrated. "Grayling are such a popular fish in my area because they are so nosey," he said.

A huge spread of food suddenly became visible on the screen behind him. "I love steaks," Mauri said. Another slide. "I love ribs." These came with a story of an American soldier who took over a restaurant kitchen in Munich. Next came a picture of a cut of steak so large it encompassed most of the table's surface area. "This is a steak I got from a client. It's a special kind of steak." Next came the beer. "Beer is very, very heavy. When you drink this you feel very, very happy - and very full."



Michael Mauri of Mauri Fly Fishing USA

Picture after picture flashed across the screen as Mauri spoke of delicious food, amazing fly fishing trips, stunning architecture, and gorgeous fish. Progressing to Northern Italy, "They don't want to be Italians, they want to talk German," said Mauri with a chuckle. "Italians are chillax people. The temperature is much warmer...the food is awesome." Life is really great there, with brown trout, rainbows, and marble trout. "The marbles are found in all rivers that feed to the Adriatic Sea." Their fishing season starts in March.

He spoke of Atlantic salmon, salmon fishing, and of fishing divine places in the headwaters. "You wait for fish here," said Mauri. "There is nothing better than to play a fish right in front of the white water. Most say to fish the entrance of the pool. The best place you can fish is the end of the pool." The salmon move in with the rise in the tide.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



January 23, 2013

Activity meeting
Clarenceville Middle School
Livonia, 7:30 p.m.

February 6, 2013

Speaker: Josh Greenberg
Topic: Gates Lodge
Clarenceville Middle School
Livonia, 7:30 p.m.

February 13, 2012

Board meeting
Clarenceville Middle School
Room 106, Livonia, 7:30 p.m.

February 20, 2012

Activity meeting
Clarenceville Middle School
Livonia, 7:30 p.m.

March 6, 2012

Activity meeting
Clarenceville Middle School
Livonia, 7:30 p.m.



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"You hold your hand on the reel and walk slowly backwards...even big fish, most of the time, they follow you like a little dog," said Mauri. "Some of my clients are big. Big pressure," he said. They have big money and little time. "You keep your focus on fishing," finding the right location, the right fly, and the right conditions.

Temporarily switching focus to flies, Mauri mentioned the temple dog fly pictured behind him. "They are hard to find and illegal to get in Germany....so now I get my stuff from Switzerland and Norway." "And then there's monkey hair," suggested Mauri. "It's also illegal." Displaying a collection of flies on the screen, Mauri addressed the importance of wing stability. Wing material should be stiff near the wing base, becoming softer near the wing ends. "These are made for spey casting, not overhead casting," he said. "You lift out of the water changing directions."

Next came pictures of Norway and Greenland. "We fish in the night when it's black dark," said Mauri. "You listen....you fish, you listen....you can't see." He detailed rods, flies and equipment used for the occasion, including 14 to 16 foot rods because "a long rod on a big river is so much easier. You swing, step, cast. The angle of the cast determines the speed of the fly," said Mauri. "A right angle is a pretty fast fly." The smaller the angle, "the slower a fly will come." "Greenland was insane!" Said Mauri oozing enthusiasm and switching gears. "There are no trees. There are sea running char. Glacier water is not clear. The native Inuits fish in the mouths of the rivers." Flies to use there include the streaming caddis and royal wulff.

"Look for Hollywood (eddying) water," says Mauri telling tales of his 35 pound dry fly caught fish. He brought it slowly back to the end of the pool, "rod full bend....you move your arms out and pull

back with a step. It's a funny dance, but it really works."

The next tall fish tale was the big one that got away - in Switzerland. "After 40 minutes....the fish was just exhausted...tailed a 12 kilo salmon. True story! It was too much for me and too much for him. So we stopped fishing."

More beef pictures. "Florentine steak. At least a kilo," said Mauri. Click. "Lady locks and apple strudel," said Mauri with a grin. "This is a good idea to see how we Europeans roll" Next, a picture of a huge char.

Next stop, Austria. "We fish big wooly buggers. Most people use tiny little nymphs. I love to fish. I love to cast," said Mauri, also well known for his fascinatingly unusual casting style. "First you dead drift. Second, swing a little and put it back out there. Third, smash the fly in the same place," instructs Mauri. "Swinging wet flies is old school. It's fun."

A table heaped with pastries and treats, was seen next. "This is light Bavarian food," said Mauri. "Apple mousse....and a destroyed pancake," he added. Then, more fish (Capia), scenery (fishing the Rhine River, south of Frankfurt), and architecture (a picture of an old monastery).

Mauri mentioned the EWF Show in Munich, held at the monastery pictured. This fly show boasts the traffic of 3,500 patrons in two days. "There are 89 million in Germany, and there are 25 to 35 thousand fly fisherman," said Mauri, who after further inquiry, offered to look into organizing a trip in 2014.

After fielding a myriad of individual questions, Michael Mauri and his wife Emily, slid out the door to embark on their next adventure. March 9th and 10th, he will be seen again as a guest speaker at our own MFFC Midwest Fly Fishing Expo. In the meantime, Michael can be found at www.mauri-flyfishing.us.



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Attention, New Members and Old Guides Alike!

Come Join The 2013 New Member Outing To Be held at Wa Wa Sum Lodge, Grayling, MI, May 8th thru 11th, 2013!

-Submitted by Paul DeJohn

The 2013 Dick Schott New Member Outing will once again be held Wednesday May 8th thru Saturday morning, May 11th (during the week leading up to Mother's Day) at MSU's Camp Wa Wa Sum, located 6 miles East of Grayling.

New members wishing to attend are required to attend the club's Member Fly Fishing School in February, and be able to show a safe level of fishing / wading proficiency before being included in the outing.

Sign-up will begin at the club's March 6th Speaker Meeting and will continue until the outing is full. It fills fast, as the lodge has limited beds. Once the lodge is full and costs paid, we will sign up a limited number of members wishing to attend the festivities, but willing to secure their own rooms and meals off-site at area motels, etc...

Sorry, no campers. Once sign-up begins on March 6th, guides, cooks, and new members are given priority, first come – first served. Visitors are welcome for evening visits.

Our desire is to keep our costs to you as low as possible, which should be in the \$150 range per person (based on current costs), plus a snack for 20+, for 3 nights stay in the lodge, Thursday and Friday breakfast donuts & coffee, late lunch/dinners, and snacks throughout the outing. For those staying and eating off-site, the cost to attend will be \$50.

Wa Wa Sum Lodge is a historic log lodge and teaching facility owned by Michigan State University which sits high above the banks of the AuSable Holy Waters 6 miles east of Grayling. If you have never visited the lodge, you are truly in for a treat. The most popular feature of the lodge is the large screened porch with bentwood rockers which overlooks the river. The

great room has a large fieldstone fireplace, ample seating, and an activity area for fly-tying. Guest rooms for your 3-night stay accommodate 3 to 4 guests each, and 3 beds on the screened porch will be available to those desiring semi-quiet.

The annual New Member Outing gives attending members an opportunity to visit and fish superior locations along the historic AuSable River, as well as provide a venue to become more acquainted with your fellow club members. The outing is not intended to be a fishing school, however you will indeed receive an education, good food, lots of laughs, and more confidence in your fly-fishing and fly-tying abilities.

Please watch the Hatch and our club website, www.mffc.org, for future updates.

Contact Paul DeJohn by Phone or Text at 734-612-9900 with inquiries.

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Corrections: Apologies to Peter Albertson. While we all are aware that crap happens, however, it should not be in The Evening Hatch.



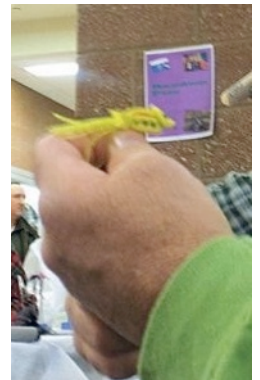
Congratulations to Scott Freeburg, the winner of this year's casting competition at the annual MFFC Picnic 2012

Mike Doyle presents Scott Freeburg with a plaque honoring his victory in the intense accuracy and distance casting competition this past August.

Tying with Dan Walker at the December activities meeting



The Holt Fly Tying Symposium



Michael Mauri at the December Speaker Meeting



There Is Still Time!

As a member of MFFC, you can still sign up for the Member's School, held at Northville High School on February 16, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to-4:00 p.m.

Whether you are a novice or intermediate, you can gain knowledge in tying, casting, entomology and knots.

Morning snacks and a lunch spread are included along with a guest casting instructor working along side seasoned club casters and fly tyers.

Break out your rod, reel, and line, not to mention your vice, in anticipation of the upcoming spring.

Dates Announced For Alaska!

Peter Albertson, organizer of the NakNek River Lodge fishing trip announced the dates for the upcoming summer trip - week 1: June 8th through the 15th; and week 2: June 15th through the 22nd.

See Peter at one of the regular meetings, or call him at 248.921.9103. He is also available by email at: palbertsonsp@me.com.

Or you can contact Jim Johnson directly at naknekrivercamp@gmail.com to address any questions.

Visit the website: <http://naknekrivercamp.com>

Joe Says Buy The Right Stuff

In light of The Expo being right around the corner (it is only two months away, you know), Joe Satler says get your goods now, or he will hunt you down later. Buy your MFFC innie club sticker (2 for \$3), your outtie club sticker (2 for \$3), your car plate frame (\$5), your club patch and your club pin (\$5). See Joe. He's in the know.

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