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The Newsletter of the Michigan Fly Fishing Club FEBRUARY 2013

WE NEED YOU

Submitted by Joe Sprys

...to help at the expo. The requirements for volunteering - BE A WARM BODY!! In most cases, we need sheer numbers more than anything else. I do stress to people, if there's something you want to do - speak up!! Nothing is "sacred" or saved for anyone in particular...work where you think you will have fun - that's what it's all about.

Rick Gokenbach is handling the set-up sign-up sheets for our fly fishing expo, coming up March 9th and 10th. Setup will run Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. The bulk of the work is getting the booth and casting pond set up in the morning, and then helping the vendors to "load-in" from noon until 7:00 p.m. I can't stress enough how much we need people to WORK. There are always a few that want

to hang around and be a part of the action to rub elbows with the vendors, but we really need people that can get the job done. Not many do this, but it can be distracting for those that are dedicated to getting the job done - there is plenty of time to socialize with the vendors on Saturday and Sunday!

Sunday teardown is usually the most difficult area to fill. We need people - it seems that everybody is done and thinks the stuff magically gets put away until next year. Not so much...we start teardown at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday - take down the booths, fold the curtains, drain and disassemble the pond, etc. - all in addition to helping the vendors to get out of the building on time. Surprisingly enough, we do have the process down very well and are usually unloading the truck at the MFFC storage unit by 6:30 p.m. and on our way home shortly thereafter. It's really pretty painless - if we have enough eager hands!

UPCOMING EVENTS



February 27, 2013

Activity meeting

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

March 6, 2013

Club Meeting

Last meeting before Expo

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

March 9, 2013

March 10, 2013

Midwest Fly Fishing Expo

Macomb Community College
Sports & Expo Center
Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Admission: \$10 for one day or buy
a 2-day pass \$15



Dan Finstad and Bruce Strachan in front of the wall of fame at the Macomb Sports and Expo Center



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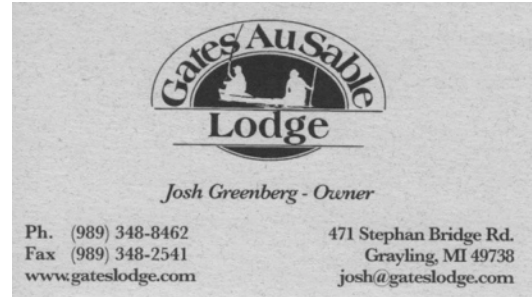
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Josh Greenberg, Owner of Gates Au Sable Lodge in Grayling was the speaker at the February MFFC Meeting.

OPERATION BRONZEBACK ANNOUNCED!

By Todd A. Schotts

Confidential Briefing - Classified MFFC "For Your Eyes Only"

Battle Location: Port Austin and Grind Stone City
Action Commencement Date: May 17th, 18th, and 19th.
Target: Micropterus dolomieu

Intelligence: Prepare your battle gear and fishing arsenal for a 3 day battle against the chaotic "Micropterus dolomieu" and his large comarade "Micropterus salmoides floridanus" [Smallmouth and Largemouth Bass] Base camp will be established at the "Blue Spruce Motel" 989-738-8650 or bluesprucemotelportAustin@msn.com in Port Austin - walking distance to downtown. As in the past, you should make your own reservations. When you call, make sure you request the special MFFC group rate. Futher intelligence will be coming soon through secure networks. Any questions you can contact Special Agent Todd Shotts aka "Big Bass" at 313-348-9101 or through direct channels at dragoneyeflyz05@yahoo.com or todd@grizzlyfliesbyschottsie.com.

Attend The New Member Outing!

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

New members wishing to attend, must have been present at the MFFC Member Fly Fishing School this past weekend, February 16th, so as to be able to show a safe level of fishing and 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.

Watch The Hatch and the website, www.mffc.org, for future updates.

Contact Paul DeJohn by Phone or Text at 734-612-9900 for further information.



Thanks go out to Peter Albertson, Dan Finstad, Scott Freeburg, Chris Hunter, Mike Matuszewski and Spencer Vanderhoof for submitting this month's Hatch photos.

2013 Midwest Fly Fishing Expo

Presented by the Michigan Fly Fishing Club

Press Release
January 23, 2013

Contact: Michael Matuszewski

Best, Clouser, Engle top the bill at 2013's Midwest Fly Fishing Expo

If you give your all to your fly fishing and fly tying, you've got a chance to learn from the best at the 2013 Midwest Fly Fishing Expo, March 9 and 10 at the Macomb Community College Sports and Expo Center in Warren, MI.

"When we say the best, we mean that quite literally as internationally renowned fly tyer and angler A.K. Best is one of our five headliners," said Expo Chairman Joe Sprys. "Not only do we have A.K. coming back to town, we also have Bob Clouser and Ed Engle, both of whom have helped headline our show in the past." Rounding out the Expo's five headliners are newcomers Jeff Currier and Michael Mauri, who give this year's show a truly international flair.

Presented annually by the Michigan Fly Fishing Club (MFFC), the Expo features more than 120 of the biggest names in equipment dealers; rod builders and net makers; outfitters and guides; fly tyers; artists and authors; canoe, kayak and drift boat manufacturers; and conservation organizations, all specializing in one or more of the many facets of fly fishing.

The Expo features dozens of free seminars about fly fishing techniques, fly tying and fly fishing destinations. Children, teens and the young at heart will get an opportunity to tie their first flies at a special fly tying area with instruction provided by MFFC volunteers. A 100-foot casting pond provides ample room for Expo attendees to test new fly rod offerings from an array of rod makers.

"Every year since 1979 the Michigan Fly Fishing Club has spotlighted some of the biggest names in the world of fly fishing, giving anglers from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Ontario and beyond an opportunity to hear and see firsthand from the best our sport has to offer," said MFFC President Chris Hunter. "This year," he said, "is no exception. Where else are you going to be able to interact with anglers who have fly patterns named after them? I'm thinking, of course, of someone like Bob Clouser, whose 'Clouser' patterns have caught fish across the United States and around the world. Where else will you be able to get up close and personal with the first U.S. competitor to medal in an international fly fishing competition?" That would be Jeff Currier.

Expo hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday, March 9, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday, March 10, at the Macomb Community College Sports and Expo Center at 14500 E. 12 Mile Road in Warren, MI. Admission is \$10 for adults. Children and teens age 16 and under are admitted free.

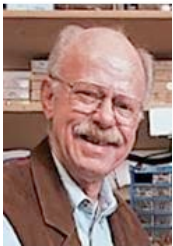
Two-day passes can be purchased for \$15. Parking is free. The club's web site is www.mffc.org.

The Expo is the MFFC's only fund-raising event. The proceeds from the Expo help fund the club's education and conservation activities. Since the Expo's inception, the MFFC has directed more than \$425,000 to conservation efforts on such blue ribbon trout streams as the Au Sable, Manistee, Pere Marquette and Boardman as well as the Huron and Clinton rivers and Paint Creek in southeast Michigan.

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club is home to roughly 400 members and is based in Livonia, MI, although its members hail from across the state and several other states. It has been honored by former Gov. Jennifer Granholm, the International Federation of Fly Fishers (IFFF) and the Michigan United Conservation Clubs as their "Club of the Year."

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Headliner background



A.K. Best: A prolific fly tyer, author and lecturer, Best arguably is nearly as well known for his exploits with author John Gierach, who has chronicled those adventures in a series of essays and books over the past two decades. Best is the author of “Production Fly Tying,” “Dyeing and Bleaching Natural Fly-Tying Materials,” “A. K.’s Fly Box,” “Advanced Fly Tying,” “Fly Fishing with A. K.,” and “Fly Tying with A. K.” He also is a regular contributor to *Fly Tyer* magazine, *Fly Rod & Reel* magazine and *Mid-Atlantic Fly Fishing Guide*.



Bob Clouser: His is a name that is known to fly anglers the world over. His classic pattern, the Clouser Minnow, is claimed to be the most effective underwater fly ever developed and rated as America’s #1 fly by *Field & Stream* magazine. He has been presented numerous awards honoring his commitment to conservation, especially work done to enhance smallmouth bass fishing in his home state of Pennsylvania. Most notable among his awards are his induction into the national Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame as a Legendary Angler and the E. Henshall Award presented by the International Federation of Fly Fishers to honor his warm water conservation and angling activities. He was named Angler of the Year in 2000 by *Fly Rod & Reel* magazine.



Ed Engle: Nearly as prolific a writer as fellow Coloradan A.K. Best, Ed Engle calls the South Platte River his home water. His fly fishing articles have appeared regularly in newspapers and magazines for more than 30 years. He is a regular contributor to *American Angler*, *The Boulder Daily Camera*, and *Gray’s Sporting Journal*, and also has been published in *Fly Fisherman*, *Fly Rod & Reel*, *Flyfishing & Tying Journal*, *Trout* magazine, *Fly Tyer*, *Sports Afield*, and *Saltwater Fly Fishing*. He is the author of five books: “Trout Lessons,” which offers advice for what to do when your usual fly fishing solutions aren’t working; “Tying Small Flies” and “Fishing Small Flies;” “Splitting Cane,” which chronicles the life and craftsmanship of 16 bamboo rod makers; and “Fly Fishing the Tailwaters,” a groundbreaking treatise about fishing the waters below dams.



Jeff Currier: When he’s not flying off on another globetrotting fly angling expedition, Currier resides in Victor, Idaho with his wife Yvonne. Perhaps his most recognized achievement was in leading Team USA to its first ever top-10 finish in the World Flyfishing Championships in Spain. During the competition, Currier managed to fool fish in every venue placing third in the individual standings, becoming the only American ever to take home a medal in the 28-year history of the competition. He has escorted fly fishers on expeditions across six continents angling for species ranging from peacock bass, tarpon, Nile perch, permit, tigerfish, trevally and taimen. An International Game Fish Association (IGFA) record holder, Currier has fished in more than 40 countries and caught over 275 species of fish on the fly. You may have seen him or heard his commentary on TV and radio on such programs as “Fishing the West,” “Fly Fish TV,” and “Ask About Fly Fishing Internet Radio.”



Michael Mauri: Bringing additional international flavor to the 2013 Expo is another newcomer, Michael Mauri. This German native caught his first trout at age six in a small stream in Bavaria. Among his early, influential sources of inspiration were Lefty Kreh and international casting champion Steve Rajeff. A true student of casting technique, he created his own unique casting style, which he calls EFCT, short for Effective Fly Casting Technique. The secret of this style, he explained, is the caster’s natural movement, which makes it easy to learn – for everybody. As a professional fly angler, Mauri has guided across western Europe from Italy north to Norway.

Michigan Fly Fishing Club

2013 Trout Tune UP



WHAT: MFFC TROUT TUNE UP

WHEN: SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH, 2012 9 AM to 5 PM

WHERE: HURON RIVER: THE YURT AT THE WALLED LAKE OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER

The Trout Tune Up is an annual gathering of MFFC members on the first weekend of April at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center in Commerce Township. The Club rents a structure called the Yurt for the day and provides food, beverages and a place to warm up, if it happens to be a cold day.

A Yurt is a semi-permanent structure which was used by the Mongolian Nomads. It is the Asian version of a tepee. The Lowe's Yurt is 30 feet in diameter and built on a 36x50 foot deck. It can hold up to 50 people at one time.

We fish the Huron River, which will have been recently been stocked by the DNR with trout from a nearby hatchery. The DNR will usually plant 2000 to 3000 Brown and Rainbow trout between the Moss Lake dam and Wixom Road Bridge. Special trout regulations (flies only) are in effect for that stretch from the 1st thru the end of the month of April.



Sometimes, if we're lucky, the DNR will have released some of their "breeder stock". These fish are usually very large and very strong. Catching one of these guys can sometimes be one of the largest fish you catch all year.

All our club members are encouraged to attend and are welcome to come to the Yurt anytime throughout the day between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm.

This outing also makes for a good time to test out new equipment you may have acquired at the Expo, over over the Holidays or after last trout season ended.

Hope to see you there and don't forget your fishing license.

Scott Freeburg – Chairman, Trout Tune Up

2013 Member's School



*Mike Doyle
Member's School
Chairman*



*At Large
&
In Charge*



Harry, Jim & Charlie resting on the bleachers.



Keith Martin - a new member



*Linda Bocks - a past Chili
Cook-off champ and two
time runner up*

Michigan Fly Fishing Club Minutes

January 2013

Call To Order – Dan Finstad – 7:30pm Roll Call

Present: Freeburg; Vanderhoof; Nowicki; Doyle; Scott; Center; Hunter

Absent: Schotts; Kramer

Approval Of Minutes – Motion – Freeburg – Second– Nowicki

Approval Of Agenda – Motion– Scott – Second– Doyle

Officers Reports

President Hunter – Discussed Board Communication On Where Reports Will Be Sent. Requested that Report Be Sent Out On The Monday Before Board Meeting – Approved
Fly Casting School Roll Out Possibly May Nowicki

V.P. Finstad – Expo Program Discussed – Going Well And On Time.
March 6th Activity Meeting And March 20th Speaker Discussed

Treasurer Freeburg – Raffle Discussed And Doing Well
Youth School On Plan– Motion To Approve Nowicki – Second –Vanderhoof

Corresponding Secretary Doyle – Member School Is A Go Feb.16th 2013
Dirk Fishback Ad For Ann Arbor Club Symposium Motion To Approve Scott – Second – Freeburg.
Youth School Saturday May 4th At Painted Trout.
Banquet May 22nd
Boy Scouts April 20th – Independence Oaks.

Membership Nowicki –Paid Membership Is Up To 350 Events & Outings: Dick Shott New Member
Outing May 8–11th; Rayburn Outing June 6th; No Date Yet For Club Picnic

New Business –

MUCC Presentation By Joe Sattler with Request for Continued Support. Motion To Approve – Scott
– Second – Doyle . Motion Passed.

Dave Begley Gave Update On Project Healing Water And The Plan To Take Vets To Location Where
Casting Is Possible. Liability Discussed.

Old Business – Business Card And Brochures Tabled Until Next Month Meeting.

Visitor Comments – Jim Telinda Asked About Availability Of Rods For Programs. Discussed.

Motion To Adjourn– Scott – Second – Freeburg – Motion Passed – 9:01pm.

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