

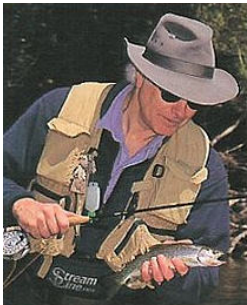


The Evening

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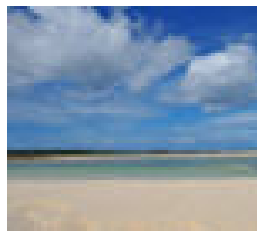
THE NEWSLETTER of the MICHIGAN FLY FISHING CLUB

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Meet our headliners for 2010's Expo

Dave Hughes (above left), Bob Jacklin (above), Jeff "Bear" Andrews (above right) and Joe Humphreys (right) will bring their decades of expertise, wisdom and wit to the 2010 edition of the Midwest Fly Fishing Expo March 13-14. See page 3 for more info.



A Bahamian sampler ...

Jim Holly, one of five MFFC members who traveled to the Bahamian island of Mayaguana on a John Pinto-led bonefishing expedition, kicked off a travelogue of the trip at the December 2 meeting. Club members got to experience, vicariously, bonefishing forays to Curtis Creek, Betsy Bay, Valhalla Flat, Blackwood Point, Abraham's Bay and Barefoot Flats. The other members of the self-described group of "Bonehead Class of 2009" were Charles Gray, Jim Telinda, Bill Wischman, and, of course, Pinto.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

January 6

**Speaker: Mike Salewski,
Shelbyville Rod Company
Topic: Building a Wooden Drift
Boat**

Clarenceville Middle School
7:30 p.m.

January 7-10

**Youth Fly Tying at the
Ultimate Fishing Show**
Rock Financial Showplace
46100 Grand River, Novi

January 13

MFFC Board Meeting
Clarenceville Middle School
7:30 p.m.

January 20

Activity Meeting
Featured Tier: Terry Herron
Patterns: BWO Spinner
and BWO Emerger
Clarenceville Middle School
7:30 p.m.

January 23

**5th Annual Huron River
Fly Tiers' Symposium**
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Summit on the Park
46000 Summit Parkway, Canton



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Mark your calendars for special eastside meeting

The MFFC will convene at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2010, at the Kolping Banquet Center, 24409 Jefferson in St. Clair Shores for a special meeting. It marks the second consecutive year that the club will take its act on the road. Watch the next issue of *The Evening Hatch* for more information.

**Calling all new members:
Time to register for 2010's
Dick Schott New Member Outing**

by "Troutabout" Paul DeJohn

Planning for the 2010 Dick Schott New Member Outing has begun. We encourage new members to join us **May 5 thru May 8, 2010**, at WaWaSum Lodge. Sign-up sheets will be available at club meetings in February. New club members should return their sheets with a \$135 check made **payable to Paul DeJohn** after completing the club's February Member Fly Fishing School. Staff members can return their sheets and checks at any time – "first come, first served."

"We can only accommodate 25 people and the outing fills fast, so get your sign-ups and money in by the first meeting in March. Remember: "first come, first served."

WaWaSum Lodge is a historic log lodge and teaching facility owned by Michigan State University and sits high above the banks of the AuSable's Holy Water six 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 overlooking the river. The great room has a large fieldstone fireplace, ample seating, and an activity area for fly-tying. Guest rooms for your three-night stay accommodate three to four guests each. Three beds on the screened porch will be available to those desiring quiet sleep.

"Cook-ee Mike" and his helpers will provide us with great breakfasts before our morning guided scouting trips, and wholesome lunches before our afternoon and evening of fishing on Thursday and Friday. Unlike outings in the past, dinner will not be served. However, ample food will be available for you to "graze" following your fishing day. You also have the option of dining at one of the local restaurants.

The annual New Member Outing gives attending members an opportunity to visit and fish superior locations along the AuSable. It also provides a venue to become more acquainted with the snoring habits, etc., of your fellow club members. (Ear plugs are recommended.) 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. Good jokes are always welcome.

As indicated above, and new for 2010, new members attending are required to attend the club's February Member Fly Fishing School, and be able to show a safe level of fishing and wading proficiency before being included in the outing. Those new members who join the club after the February Fly Fishing School will be asked to wait to attend the outing the following year after completing the club's school.

Please watch the *Hatch* and our club website for future updates.



Historic WaWaSum will again play host to one of the MFFC's most popular events, the Dick Schott New Member Outing.

Expo 2010: Meet fly fishing's "Flytastic Four"

Knute Rockne's Notre Dame had the Four Horsemen. The 1960s Los Angeles Rams had their Fearsome Foursome defensive line. Marvel comics brought you the Fantastic Four.

Well, the 2010 Midwest Fly Fishing Expo brings you the "Flytastic Four" – Dave Hughes, Joe Humphreys, Bear Andrews and Bob Jacklin.

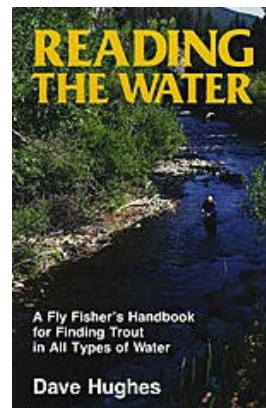
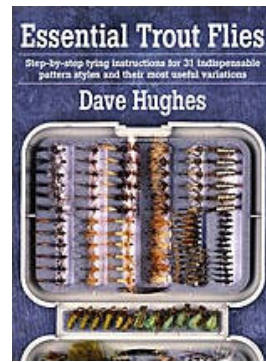
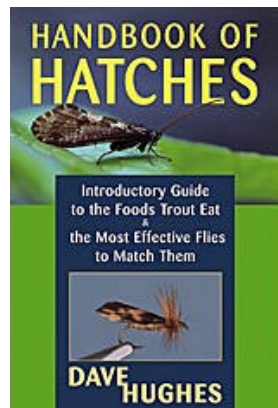
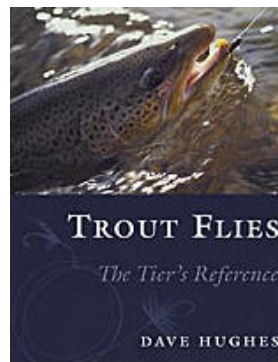
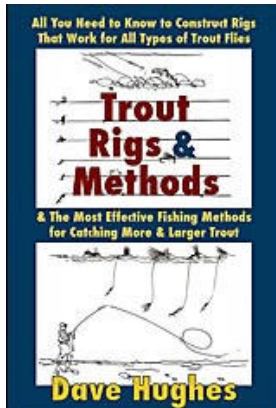
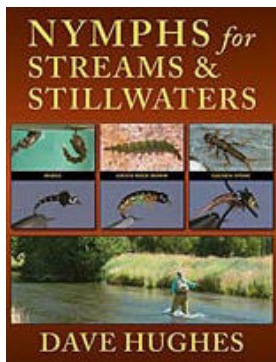
"It's another great line-up," said Joe Sprys, Expo Chairman and a past president of the host Michigan Fly Fishing Club. "It's been a number of years since we've had Dave Hughes with us and we're looking forward to seeing him again. Watching Joe Humphreys on the casting pond is mesmerizing. You can't say the word steelhead in Michigan and not think of Bear Andrews. And we feel very fortunate to be able to bring Bob Jacklin back from West Yellowstone, Montana, ... especially after a death in the family cut short his appearance at last year's Expo."

Planning is well-underway for the 2010 Expo, scheduled for March 13-14 at the Macomb Community College Sports and Expo Center in Warren. Look for volunteer sign-up sheets to make their appearance at a club meeting soon, Sprys said.

For more about 2010's "Flytastic Four," see below.

Dave Hughes

Hughes says he got hooked on the world of fly fishing and trout when he was a teenager growing up in Astoria, OR, where the Columbia River empties into the Pacific Ocean.



Did we mention that Dave Hughes was a prolific author? Here are just a few of his offerings.

"That area abounded in salmon and steelhead and sea-run cutthroat trout to catch, deer and elk and ducks to hunt, clams to dig, a monstrous river and much larger ocean to explore. I sampled all those things, but over time narrowed my few free days to bounding up headwater streams, in pursuit of resident cutthroat trout. Something about the environment in which those trout lived--the sun striking through cathedrals of trees, the beautiful streams that plunged swiftly, then abruptly put on their brakes to pool deeply, the predaceous trout that left their lairs to arise suddenly into sunlight and strike my dry flies--pleased me, and kept me coming back."

Hughes is a prolific and much accomplished author. He has written more than 20 books about fly fishing for trout, his most recent being *Nymphs for Streams & Stillwaters*, published last year.

He has also written for such magazines as "Salmon, Trout, Steelheader," "Flyfishing & Tying Journal," "Fly Rod & Reel," "Fly Fisherman," "Field and Stream" and "Gray's Sporting Journal."

Joe Humphreys

Pennsylvania's Joe Humphreys is a nationally known fly fisherman, conservationist, author, and educator, sharing his angling knowledge and expertise for more than 40 years with college students new to the sport as well as a dizzying array of VIPs, including former President Jimmy Carter, Vice President Richard Cheney, basketball coaching legend Bobby Knight and many others. Humphreys is nationally known as one of the foremost educators in angling, having directed the highly regarded angling program at Penn State for 19 years.

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Like Hughes, Humphreys has authored a number of books on the sport, including *Trout Tactics* and *On the Trout Stream*. In addition, he is a regular contributor to regional and national periodicals including "Fly Fisherman," "Outdoor Life," "Pennsylvania Angler" and "Fly Rod & Reel." He hosted the first national fly fishing series on U.S. television, "Fly Fishing Journal," first broadcast on ESPN. Since then, he has been the featured instructor on a variety of instructional videos, including "A Casting Approach to Nymphing Tactics," "A Casting Approach to Dry Fly Tactics in the Brush," "The Night Game," and "A Casting Approach to Flyfishing to Catch Fish, Not Just to Cast."

He is especially well-known for his mastery of small stream fishing tactics, which emphasize stealth, patience and tight, accurate casts.



Joe Humphreys stalks his prey on a Pennsylvania stream.

Bob Jacklin

Widely regarded as fly angling's number one ambassador, Bob Jacklin is best known as the proprietor of Jacklin's Fly Shop in the fly fishing mecca of West Yellowstone, MT.



Bob Jacklin tying at a recent Midwest Fly Fishing Expo.

He moved to West Yellowstone in 1967, worked at Bud Lilly's fly shop and opened his own shop in 1974.

He and his shop have been meeting the needs of Yellowstone-area anglers and visitors for more than 35 years. A world class fly angler, fly caster, and fly tier, Bob has taught countless people how to fish and cast with flies. He is a Federation of Fly Fishers founding members, past president (2001-2006) of the Western Rocky Mountain Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) and one of FFF's first certified master casters, not to mention one of the finest people and fishermen you could ever meet.

He is a past recipient of the FFF's Buz Buszek Award for his contributions to the art of fly tying and was inducted to the Fly Fishing Hall of Fame in 2004.

In spite of the accolades and fame, a 2005 *Bozeman Chronicle* story said: "Jacklin considers himself a student of fly fishing rather than an expert. He collects antique fishing tackle and literature and is captivated by the romance of the sport he loves. 'As a kid I was caught up in the romance,' he said. 'I remember people in tweed jackets fishing with a tie. My uncle would pick me up at four in the morning and he'd always wear a tie and an old hunting jacket. I remember those things.'"



Bear Andrews demonstrates one of his signature patterns at a MFFC meeting.

Jeff "Bear" Andrews

Michigan native Jeff "Bear" Andrews has been fly fishing and tying flies for more than 40 years. From 1977 until 1987, he ran Bear's Fly Shop in Grand Ledge, MI. A year later he was presented the Buz Buszek Memorial Fly Tying Award, the highest honor bestowed upon a fly tier by the FFF. At the time he was the youngest tier to receive this award.

He founded and guided a 10-year run of "Tyathons" for the Federation of Fly Fishers. These 24-hour tying marathons raised more than \$125,000 for the FFF's conservation projects.

While he may be best known for his steelhead patterns and exploits, Bear also loves fishing for big brook trout. He has set three International Game Fish Association (IGFA) world records for the species.

He is currently the Fly Fishing Editor for "Michigan Out-Of-Doors" magazine and pens the magazine's "Michigan Fly Box" column each month, something he has done for nearly 20 years. He also is a pro staff member for Umpqua Feather Merchants, Regal Vise Company and Daiichi Hooks. He spends summers guiding for Fuller's North Branch Outing Club in Lovells, MI.



Christmas comes to the MFFC

Twas the week before Christmas and all through the school MFFCers were making merry -- from a table laden with Christmas cookies to the air filled with sounds of the Trombone Choir of the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, which includes VP Chris Hunter and Corresponding Secretary Bruce Kramer on tuba, to the dulcet sounds of Al Haxton and the Soft-Hackle Choir with its rendition of "The Club Pin Nazi is Tracking You Down," sung to the tune of "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" to an uproarious takeoff on "The Twelve Days of Christmas," complete with a partridge skin in a pear tree.





Jack Gartside passed away at the age of 66. Jack brought a certain level unorthodoxy to all his pursuits.

Our sport loses another legend: Jack Gartside

Jack Gartside, who is counted as one of the most innovative fly tiers of the modern era, lost his battle with lung cancer last month. He visited our club several times, most recently as the featured presenter at one of our banquets.

A native of Boston, MA, he got his first fly tying lesson in 1956 from Boston Red Sox Hall of Famer Ted Williams. Ever since he's been tying and fishing, accumulating an extraordinary range of fishing experience in fresh and salt water. He was profiled in "Sports Illustrated" magazine (Oct. 12, 1982). Jack's best-known original patterns include the Gurgler, Sparrow, Soft Hackle Streamer, and the Gartside Pheasant Hopper. His designs have been featured in Eric Leiser's *Book of Fly Patterns*, Judith Dunham's *The Art of the Trout Fly*, Lefty Kreh's *Salt Water Fly Patterns*, Dick Stewart's *Salt Water Flies*, and Dick Brown's *Flyfishing for Bonefish*.

His obituary in *The Boston Globe* read, in part:

"Jack Gartside invented some of his much-prized fishing flies while using a vise clamped to the steering wheel of his cab as he sat in Logan Airport's taxi queue, waiting for a fare. Even behind the wheel, Mr. Gartside kept one wader-clad leg planted in the trout streams of Montana, a secluded nook in New Zealand, or a neglected fishing hot spot in Boston Harbor.

"In my high school yearbook, other people listed doctor or lawyer in the space provided for their future job," he told "Field & Stream" magazine in 1999. "I put fishing."

"More than 30 years ago, Mr. Gartside quit teaching high school English to fish more or less full time, living simply and supplementing his fly-tying income by driving a cab or grabbing a temporary job near a fishing destination. Once he helped make caskets; another time, he degreased snowmobile runners.

"Mr. Gartside, who was as well known internationally for his devil-may-care lifestyle as he was for his expertise fly-fishing and fly-tying, died of lung cancer Saturday in the Bear Hill Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Stoneham. He was 66 and had lived in Winthrop after many years in a Mission Hill apartment crammed with books and tools of the fly-tying trade.

"A devotee of trout fishing, Mr. Gartside spent so much time fishing in and near Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming that for a while his car was registered in Montana.

"Then, he logged so many hours in the salt water around Boston that his writings about the best locations became indispensable to those who want to fish the harbor."

Jack is the author of *Striper Flies*, the first book ever specifically written on fly patterns for striped bass. Another book, *Striper Strategies*, is described by reviewer Steve Raymond as: "...one of the most remarkable striper-fishing manuals to see the light of day," and by reviewer Tom Meade as "Blessed with bright writing, keen observations, and the most concise advice a striper hunter can find."

His recent books include *Secret Flies for Fresh and Salt Water*, *The Fly Fisherman's Guide to Boston Harbor*, and *Scratching the Surface*. "Wow," wrote "On the Water" magazine about the *Fly Fisherman's Guide to Boston Harbor*. "(It's) easily the best guidebook to be found anywhere."

In 2006 Jack published revised and expanded editions of his earlier seminal works *Fly Patterns for the Adventurous Tyer* and *Original Salt Water Fly Patterns*. Other books include *Flies for the 21st Century* and *The Soft Hackle Streamer*.



Rusty Gates passes away

As this edition of *The Hatch* was going to press, we received word that Rusty Gates lost his battle with lung cancer. He shall be greatly missed – as a friend and conservationist.

"Rusty Gates was possibly the most influential and highly respected fly fishing personality any of us have ever known," said MFFC President Pat Brazzil. "He was a great friend to the men and women of the Michigan Fly Fishing Club. His generosity in allowing us to use his board room to celebrate our Trout Opener Memorial is appreciated. This year's memorial will be especially difficult. I ask all of you to think back memorably about our friend, Rusty and give thought to his amazing contributions to the fly fishing community."

MFFC Board Meeting Minutes October 14, 2009

Call to Order: C. Hunter called meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: P. Brazzil, C. Hunter, R. Gokenbach, S. Freeburg, B. Kramer, J. Telinda, Todd Schotts, J. Long

Visitors: Al Haxton, A.L. Bulszewicz, John Pinto, Pete Albertson, Bruce Strachan

Review September 23, 2009

Minutes: Corrected as directed by board. Motion to accept as corrected, P. Brazzil, Seconded by J. Long, **Motion Passed.**

Approval of Agenda: Additions and changes to the agenda were made. Motion to accept the agenda as amended, P. Brazzil, Seconded by B. Kramer, Motion passed.

Officer Reports:

President – Brazzil, John Pinto presented the cost on the fly boxes for A.L. Bulszewicz at \$620.68 for 200 boxes that put her \$120.68 over budget. Pat Brazzil motioned to increase A.L. Bulszewicz's budget from \$500.00 to \$625.00 for 200 fly boxes with the MFFC logo and if the cost was more than the printed text we need to revisit the fly boxes at the next board meeting, the motion was seconded by Todd Schotts. Discussion was to amend motion to have the club logo on the fly boxes instead of the text. With no further discussion the motion carried. P. Brazzil continuing and made a motion to have another special East Side meeting on February 17, 2010 with John Pinto and Rick Gokenbach as chairs, seconded by Scott Freeburg, Discussion was to indicate this is a special meeting and without further discussion, Motion Carried.

Treasurer – Freeburg, Scott announced the Audit Committee will be Mike Matuszewski, Bill Shannon and Terry Drinkwine. Scott said that he has the tax information ready to go to the accountant as soon as the audit is complete. Scott also indicated we need

to complete the schedule of bills. We have the Department of Labor fee, postmaster, FFF and TU dues. Income from dues is down and the EXPO income is up. Scott consulted with the bank in regards to the best place to transfer surplus funds at this time. The surplus funds were transferred from our checking into our money market account. Pat Brazzil asked for the club's audit and tax filing schedule. The audit must be completed by October 15 and the audit along with the treasurer's tax documentation with board approval then given to the accountant on or before November 15. The club's tax filing is due December 15.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report by J. Long, seconded by B. Kramer, Motion carried.

Corresponding Secretary – Kramer, Hatch / Website – Is going well, T. Schotts added Eric had some computer issues and is recovering data with his help.

Speakers – Bruce has the speaker lineup, Nov. 09 – Dave Rose, Dec. 09 – John Pinto on saltwater, Jan.10 – Mike (Slusky??) from Shelbyville Rod Co. on building boats, Feb. 10 Chuck Scribner, Mar. 10 Brad Patski and still finalizing April.

Membership – Telinda, Membership is at 254 paid as of 10/14. Jim has started a membership drive with a drawing for the sculpture held on November 18th. Jim purchased the sculpture from the Yellowstone Trading Post just outside the park at the wolf center.

Events and Outings

Board Calendar, Need to get it completed, Todd will complete the list. Mason / Holt Fly Tying Show on December 5, 2009, Todd has the volunteers set for the club table and he will have maps and information at the next meeting.

New Business:

Al Haxton, A.L. Bulszewicz – New Members Mentoring Group, The ALs propose starting a group of club members segregated by geographic locations to mentor new members that

live close to them. They would like to ask for volunteers at the next few meetings that would like to be a mentor for new members. The purpose of the group would be to take a proactive role with the new members to help guide them through the vast knowledge and events in the club. After board discussion and unanimous approval P. Brazzil appointed AL Haxton and A.L. Bulszewicz to the committee to develop and implement the New Members Mentoring Group (AKA Club Bubby).

A.L. Bulszewicz, Pete Albertson – Combining Youth and Public Schools, A.L. Bulszewicz and Pete Albertson would like to combine the 2 schools on June 5, 2010 at Multilakes. This would help reduce the consumption of volunteers for the 2 separate events and combine them. The board agreed and indicated it is the discretion of the event chairs to determine the dates and location.

Old Business: None

Adjournment: Motion: The motion to adjourn by S. Freeburg and seconded by Todd Schotts and carried at 9:43 p.m.

Need a name tag? Paul DeJohn is back in business

"Nametag Guru" Paul DeJohn is back in the swing of things following bypass surgery and he's once again ready to take orders for club nametags.

The cost of MFFC nametags continues to be – what else? – 5 bucks.

A "Nametag Sign-up Sheet" will be available on the front table at most club meetings. Simply print your name as you want it to appear and put \$5 in the attached envelope.

Paul will see that your nametag is put on that same front table within (30) days. If you don't see the envelope or Paul, give your name and payment to Membership Chair Jim Telinda.

MFFC Board Meeting Minutes November 11, 2009

Call to Order: C. Hunter called meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: C. Hunter, R. Gokenbach, S. Freeburg, A. Bullock, J. Telinda, Todd Schotts, J. Long

Visitors: John Pinto

Review October 14, 2009 Minutes: Corrected as directed by board. Motion to accept as corrected, S. Freeburg, Seconded by A. Bullock, Motion Passed.

Approval of Agenda: Additions and changes to the agenda were made. Motion to accept the agenda as amended, S. Freeburg, Seconded by T. Schotts, Motion passed.

At the request of Al Bullock the board observed a minute of silence on this Veterans Day to honor our fallen Veterans.

Officer Reports:

President – Brazzil, Nothing to report.

Treasurer – Freeburg, Scott, reported all accounts are doing well. There was also a small over budget item on the EXPO pin orders; this was due to increased size of the order but keeping in mind the pins will pay for themselves. Scott also wanted to thank the club members for their payments to the coffee fund at the club meetings. There have been a lot more quarters than pocket lint in the collection jar. John Long added what coffee fund; I thought the coffee was free. The club's accountant did not have our taxes completed by this meeting but we will have them by the next board meeting, in time for the December filing deadline.

Audit Committee – Mike Matuszewski Reports on behalf of himself, Terry Drinkwine and Bill Shannon who comprised the audit committee to review the Michigan Fly Fishing Club's financial records for the last fiscal year in preparation of the Club's tax filings. Mike highly commended Scott Freeburg for an excellent job on keeping the Club's financials accurate

and organization. This organization made the audit go smoothly. There was only one issue regarding the check request and the receipts were not together and one recommendation was to require receipt of funds for all conservation grants. Again the committee commended Scott and the board on their good work. Motion to accept the treasurer's report by A. Bullock, seconded by J. Long, Motion carried.

Corresponding Secretary – Kramer, Website – Is going well, T. Schotts reported for Bruce, that Eric has some of the EXPO information up along with the fly tying recipes.

Speakers – None

Membership – Telinda, Membership is at 284 paid as of 11/11. Jim also indicated there are 75 people from last year's membership that have not renewed. Jim will also be sending out receipts for club donations over \$50.00 made with membership renewal.

Events and Outings:

Eastside Special Meeting – John Pinto, The hall is secured and the speaker is lined up. It will be at the same hall as last year.

Mason / Holt Fly Tying Show on December 5, 2009, Todd has the volunteers set for the club table and he will have maps and information at the next meeting. The club booth volunteers will have to pay for admission into the event.

New Business:

Travel Committee – John Pinto, The present board had no objection to the formation of a Travel Committee and will recommend to Pat Brazzil.

Clarkston School Fly Fishing School – Scott Freeburg received a letter from Ginger from Hank's regarding a Kevin Breen at Clarkston School who is trying to start a school fly fishing club. Rick Gokenbach will contact Kevin and report back to the board.

Old Business:

The club Calendar is done.

Adjournment: Motion: The motion to adjourn by S. Freeburg and seconded by Todd Schotts and carried at 9:04 p.m.

Terry Herron leads off as 2010's first featured tier

The Detroit Tigers might not know who's leading off for them, but we know who's leading off as 2010's first featured tier -- none other than Terry Herron.

You might remember seeing Terry in November 2008 tying two patterns -- a foam hopper and the late Jack Gartside's famous Sparrow pattern. This year, Terry is going to the other end of the fly tying spectrum. Rather than big, meaty morsels, he's focusing on blue-wing olives (BWOs) – spinners and emergers..

If you're unfamiliar with Terry, he is a Royal Oak resident, a retired school teacher, and a very active MFFC member. He's a regular as an instructor at the club's schools, does yeoman's work at our youth fly tying experiences at the annual Ultimate Fishing Show and Outdoorama and organizes the youth tying activity at our Midwest Fly Fishing Expo.

His plan for the Jan. 20 activity meeting is to demonstrate the BWO Spinner and BWO Emerger. So bring your vise, tools and note-taking materials for some hands-on insight from one of our own master tiers.

Here's what you'll need.

BWO SPINNER

Hook: Size 16-20 dry fly hook

Thread: 8-0 dun

Tail: Dun hackle

Abdomen: BWO turkey biot

Wingcase: Electronics packing foam

Wing: Medium dun high-vis

Thorax: BYO dry fly dubbing

BWO EMERGER

Hook: Size 16-20 scud or Emerger

Thread: 8-0 dun

Tail: Gray Emerger sparkle yarn

Body: Turkey biot

Wing: Dun CDC

Thorax: BWO dry fly dubbing



Tying 'em on in Holt

MFFCers again were out en masse at the 10th Annual FFF-GLC Tying Expo on Dec. 5. The club was well represented in the ranks of tiers and attendees at an event that symbolizes the start of the fly tying season.





Rod-building 101

While other club members are tying flies, casting or generally shooting the breeze at activity meetings, there's another group that sequesters itself to learn how to build their own fly rods. Leading the effort is long-time instructor Alan Amendt.

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