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Four of the 2011 Expo headliners are pictured here. Top row from left: Kelly Galloup and Ed Engle. Bottom from left: Brian O'Keefe and Simon Gawesworth.

Meet 2011 Expo Headliners: Galloup, Engle, O'Keefe, Gawesworth and Stroup

The headliners for the 2011 edition of the Midwest Fly Fishing Expo are as traveling a fly angling fivesome as you might find under one roof when the Expo opens its doors on Saturday, March 12. They boast extensive travel to fly fishing destinations across the country and around the globe. The line-up is backed by a cast of other fly fishing luminaries whose Michigan roots run deep.

The Expo's 2011 headliners are former Traverse City outfitter and guide Kelly Galloup, who now calls the Slide Inn near West Yellowstone his home; internationally renowned small fly specialist Ed Engle; master caster and angling photographer extraordinaire Brian O'Keefe; Simon Gawesworth, one of the world's leading authorities on the art of spey casting; and Pennsylvania's Eric Stroup, who is making his Expo debut.

Kelly Galloup: Twenty years before purchasing the Slide Inn in March 2002, Galloup began The Troutman fly shop in Traverse City. Under his direction, it blossomed into one of northern Michigan's premier fly shops. Much of that success is due to the skills and knowledge gained since Galloup turned 16, which was when he began guiding.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2
Speaker Meeting
Speaker: Wayne Snyder
Topic: Michigan Fly Fishing -- The Golden Age (1860-1960)
Clarenceville Middle School
Livonia, 7:30 p.m.

February 9
Board Meeting
Clarenceville Middle School
Rm. 107, Livonia, 7:30 p.m.

February 16
Activity Meeting
Clarenceville Middle School
Livonia, 7:30 p.m.

February 19
Members' School
Northville High School
Northville, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

February 23
Eastside Meeting
Speaker: John Valk
Grindstone Angling, Ont.
Topic: Fly Fishing Canadian Waters
Kolping Banquet Center
24409 Jefferson Ave.
St. Clair Shores, 7:30 p.m.



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2011's Midwest Fly Fishing Expo Headliners: Galloup, Engle, O'Keefe, Gawesworth, Stroup

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Not content to leave his expertise on the water, Galloup also is an author and lecturer. With Bob Linsenman, a fellow northern Michigan guide and outfitter, he authored "Modern Streamers for Trophy Trout." He followed that book's success with "Cripples and Spinners." An editor-at-large for *Fly Fisherman* magazine, Galloup has penned articles for every major fly angling publication in the business and has been one of the hosts of Fly Fish TV's series of instructional videos.

In purchasing the Slide Inn, Galloup offers 1,100 feet of river frontage on one of the finest trout rivers in the country. "During the beautiful days of spring and summer, you can literally step out of your cabin and catch some of the largest rainbows and browns that inhabit the Madison," Galloup said.

Ed Engle: This Coloradan has been an avid fly fisherman for more than 30 years. He has fly fished throughout the continental United States, Alaska, Mexico, Chile and in Europe for a variety of game fish species with a special emphasis on trout.

As a fly fisherman Engle is especially interested in small fly tactics and techniques. His small fly fishing research has taken him to many of the West's famous tailwaters and to spring creeks across the country. He is also dedicated to fly fishing small streams and high country lakes for wild trout. He balances out his interest in the "small side of fly fishing" with the avid pursuit of king salmon on the fly.

He lives west of Colorado Springs, CO, within 40 miles of the South Platte River, one of Colorado's premier tailwaters, where he guides and instructs fly fishers.

When not fishing, guiding or instructing, Engle writes. He is the *Boulder Daily Camera's* outdoor writer and is a regular contributor to *American Angler* magazine. In addition, his articles and photographs have appeared in *Fly Fisherman*, *Fly Rod & Reel*, *Trout*, *Warmwater Fly Fishing*, *Fly Tyer*, *Saltwater Fly Fishing*, *Angler's Journal*, *Sports Afield* and *Gray's Sporting Journal*. He has also authored a number of books:

- "Fly Fishing the Tailwaters," a how-to book about fly fishing for trout in the regulated waters that occur below dams.
- "Seasonal: A Life Outside," a collection of essays about the 12 years Engle spent as a seasonal employee in the U.S. Forest Service.
- "Splitting Cane: Conversations with Bamboo Rod Makers," a collection of interviews with bamboo fly rod makers over a period of five years.
- "Tying Small Flies," a compilation of the "Small Flies" columns written originally for *Fly Tyer* magazine over a period of eight years.
- "Fishing Small Flies," the companion volume to "Tying Small Flies." It details tactics and techniques for fishing small flies.

Brian O'Keefe: O'Keefe's interest in fly fishing was born while spending summers with his grandparents in Montana where he was taught the art of fly casting and fishing by his grandfather, a dry fly purist. From those first years fishing the waters of the Northwest and Montana, he has spent the majority of his free time fishing and taking advantage of all the outdoors has to offer. On family vacations, O'Keefe would often go off alone to fish a nearby stream. His interest in photography began as a means to back up with pictures, what his family thought might be just "tall tales."

O'Keefe began trekking the globe with a fly rod in hand in 1973 with a trip through New Zealand and Australia, and a side trip to the Himalayas to fish for brown trout. After returning from this two-year adventure, he spent his summers guiding in the Northwest and Alaska for trout, salmon and steelhead.

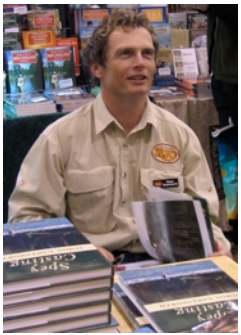
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O'Keefe has traveled to some of the wildest and most remote angling destinations in the world, including: Bikini Atoll, the Seychelles, Kenya, Sierra Leone, Tonga, Cuba and Kashmir. He has also traveled to more accessible locations, such as: the Bahamas, Belize, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Chile, New Zealand, Christmas Island and more. In many of these locations he again chooses to venture off the beaten path.

Fly anglers likely have seen O'Keefe's photos gracing the covers of such publications as *Field & Stream*; *Outdoor Life*; *Fly Fisherman*; *Fly, Rod & Reel*; *Fly Fishing Salt Waters*; *Fly and Fish Magazine*; *Outside Magazine* and *Men's Journal*.



Simon Gawesworth

Simon Gawesworth: Gawesworth grew up fishing. His father introduced him to fishing at the age of 6. A decade later he began teaching fly casting professionally. He's now in his 40s.

He has both cast and fished for England in British, European and World Championships and was elected Captain of the England team for the 2003 World Fly Fishing Championships.

Gawesworth followed his first book, "Spey Casting," with "Single-Handed Spey Casting."

This book, he said, "aims to educate anglers in the many ways to overcome everyday fly fishing obstacles. Obstructions behind the caster, obstructions in front or a combination of both."

Fellow casting instructor Ed Jaworski wrote in the book's forward, "There are countless more one-handed than two-handed rods in anglers' hands and, no doubt, always will be. That makes this new work a valuable and needed sequel to his (Gawesworth's) first, and it deserves to be in the hands of virtually every angler, whether fresh, or saltwater."



Eric Stroup

Eric Stroup: He owns and operates the Spruce Creek Fly Co. in Spruce Creek, PA, southwest of State College. A disciple of Charlie Meck, one of Pennsylvania's best known fly anglers, Stroup, is building a reputation as one of the East's premier guides.

Years of repeat customers are testimony to his ever evolving techniques and skill. His dedication to the great sport of fly fishing is confirmed each year by the average, 100 guided days in central Pennsylvania and southwest Montana. Stroup's knowledge and passion

extend well beyond guiding. He is an instructor for the Regal Engineering Fly Tying School in Pennsylvania and the USA Youth Fly Fishing Team. His tying techniques are also available on his DVD, "Practical Fly Patterns that Catch Trout Volume I & II," with Charlie Meck. In addition, he authored "Common-Sense Fly Fishing: 7 Simple Lessons to Catch More Trout," which was released last year.



Bill MacArthur



Dick Walle

We mourn two: Bill MacArthur, Dick Walle

The MFFC's circle of fly angling and fly tying friends became a little smaller last December as long-time member Bill MacArthur and Dick Walle, a long-time friend of the club, passed away.

Bill MacArthur: Many club members knew him as an artist and an abstract sculptor as well as a creative designer of fishing flies.

"Bill had a knack for finding materials at Michael's and Jo-Ann Fabrics. He turned them into flies that the fish just loved to feed on," said founding member and past president Howard Geller. "He was the best fisherman I have had the pleasure of fishing with. He will be missed," Geller said.

Dick Walle: Walle was best known in fly fishing circles as a premier tier of soft-hackle flies. He spoke at several club meetings over the past decade and he traveled the country giving seminars on his art. He was a regular participant at the club's Midwest Fly Fishing Expo and the Federation of Fly Fishers-Great Lakes Council's annual Tying Expo.

Easily recognized by his fly-festooned, wide-brimmed hat, Walle was a regular visitor to trout streams from Michigan to Montana and beyond. Dick and his wife Judy used their common love of fishing to help the victims of breast cancer through their Reeling and Healing program. The program uses on-stream instruction and experience to help restore the spirits of cancer survivors.

MFFC Board Meeting Minutes December 8, 2010

Call to Order: 7:31 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Kramer, Hunter, Telinda, Gokenbach, Finstad, Drinkwine, Schotts, Bulszewicz, Duchin.

Review of Minutes:

Include call to order time. Motion by Gokenbach / Kramer. Motion passed.

Approve Agenda:

Motion by Kramer / Gokenbach. Motion passed.

Officer Reports:

President – Kramer

- Mike Doyle / Bill Shannon to co-chair member school
- John Parks to chair couples outing at Wa Wa Sum
- Quartermaster – Fred Field to hold rods / reels. – Jim Montagne to hold vices / tools and material.

Treasurer – Telinda

- Checking account tight but good.
- Discussion re: committees budget. Stress letting treasurer and board know when committees are going to go over budget.
- Kudos to Joe Sattler for the way he handles library budget.
- Motion by Gokenbach / Kramer to approve treasurer's rept. Motion approved.
- Tax return complete. Motion Telinda / Schotts to approve. Motion passed.
- Discussion on Error and Omissions insurance. Policy in effect. Telinda suggests Fred Field be invited in May to explain policy.
- Telinda suggested gift for janitor. Motion by Telinda / Drinkwine for gift card for Rachel. Motion passed.

Corresponding Sec. – Finstad

- Thanked Peter Albertson and John Pinto for their presentation.
- Finstad reported he is under budget. (will email future presenters).
- Special Icon on website for Project Healing Waters.
- Website fly tying updated of featured tiers.
- Question on number of hits on website.

- Finstad asked for suggestions for speakers; Gokenbach suggested Chris Helm.

Membership Secretary – Gokenbach

- 302 paid members.

Events and Outings

- Albertson addressed plans for Adult school, suggested limiting it to 8 persons. Asked for input by board.
- School date is set for April 16. Will have table at Expo.
- Alaska trip set for July 16. Will close trip by 2nd meeting in January.

New Business

- Kramer re: Expo. On Track. Chair meeting Saturday, December 11. Bulszewicz has hospitality lodging locked in for Expo.

Old Business

- Hunter – policy manual coming along. Hunter to supply list. Hunter suggests committee.
- Kramer appointed Albertson, Gokenbach to committee to make manual. Asked for report in January from committee.
- Handbooks – Bulszewicz is working on project.
- Anglers of the Au Sable matching funds grant. Haxton stated they need 2000 to meet goal. Moved by Finstad/ Gokenbach to approve 2000. Telinda suggests taking it from special grants fund. Motion passed.

Visitor comments

- Albertson – Discussion of making a calendar from pictures of club activities, sell for fundraiser.

Adjourn: 9:00 p.m.



In appreciation ...

Rick Gokenbach (right) displays a special certificate of appreciation presented by MFFC President Bruce Kramer (left) in acknowledgement of Gokenbach's 15 years of involvement in helping to introduce young boys and girls to the fine art of fly tying. Gokenbach has been involved in recruiting MFFC volunteers to help kids tie their first flies at Outdoorama and the Ultimate Fishing Show. MFFC members will have that opportunity at Outdoorama 2011 February 24-27 in Novi at the Suburban Collection Showplace, formerly the Rock Financial Showplace.



Batcke on boats

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club ushered in 2011 with a guided tour of the different kinds of boats available to fly anglers Mike Batcke (right) of Stealthcraft Boats was the evening's tour guide to a wide variety of watercraft designed to help anglers get to new stretches of water, especially if their goal is NOT to see other anglers.



First ties, first flies at Ultimate Fishing Show; Volunteers needed for Outdoorama 2011



The Michigan Fly Fishing Club's proud tradition of helping boys and girls tie their first flies continued at the Ultimate Fishing Show last month. Several dozen club members volunteered for the effort. Club members will get another chance later this month at the 2011 edition of Outdoorama. Club members interested in helping should contact Rick Gokenbach.

Calling all "Boneheads" ... 2011 Mayaguana trip scheduled for mid-October

John Pinto, chairman of the MFFC Travel Committee, has announced that the 2011 Bonehead Trip to the Bahamian island of Mayaguana will be October 14-21.

The traveling anglers will actually begin their journey a day earlier, arriving in Nassau, Bahamas, on Thursday, October 13, and overnighing at the Orange Hill Beach Resort, near the airport. The Bahamasair flight is 9:15 a.m. on Friday, arriving at Abraham's Bay, Mayaguana, at 10:30 a.m.

The trip will cost approximately \$1,500 and encompasses seven nights' lodging (double occupancy), six and a half days of guided fishing, transportation to and from fishing areas, use of canoes and related equipment, all airfares, and Nassau overnight expenses.

Pinto is acting "Trail Boss" for this trip and is looking to pass on his Mayaguana bonefishing knowledge to other members in hopes of establishing a second, or even third annual trip to the island.

"There'll be a full moon on the 12th and that will bring a big push of water and fish onto the flats," Pinto said. "We'll start fishing a day-and-a-half later so the flats will have been flushed out and lots of fish should be hanging around. The rest of the week we won't have to contend with high water so fishing should be normal. There is also very little wind that time of year."



February's featured tier: Charley Stevens and a fish fantasy in foam

by Todd A. Schotts

Our Featured Tier for February will be none other than Charley Stevens, demonstrating a unique foam pattern that can be fished for both warm-water species and those wily trout.

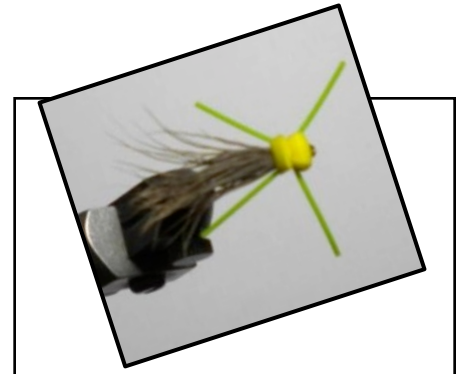


Stevens has been a Michigan Fly Fishing Club member for about 10 years now. That's a long time, but it pales compared to his 26 years as a member of the Multi-Lakes Conservation Association. In fact, he's that organization's current vice president.

While he has been fly fishing as he says "since God was in the Navy," he took up fly tying about eight years ago. He decided to

start tying to save money! That probably sounds familiar to many club members, but he insists he does save money.

The pattern that he plans to share is the Foam Body Sally. He also may have another pattern to share, but it's still top secret at publication time. So bring your vise and your tying tools and we'll tie one on or maybe two.



Foam-Body Sally

Hook: #10-14 standard dry fly hook

Thread: #8 Uni-Thread color coordinated (Use #6 on the bigger size hooks.)

Underbody: Dubbing for the under body

Overbody: 3/16- to 1/4-inch-wide foam strip

Wing: Deer hair

Legs: Sili legs