



The Evening

Hatch

The Newsletter of the Michigan Fly Fishing Club

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Remember When ...

But You May Not Want to Fish With That Anymore

Editor's Note: Thank you, Dirk Fischbach, for a hands-on demonstration of the Technology Revolution of Fly Fishing, showcasing the old and new technology of rods, reels, and lines on the market, showing how far the industry has developed over the years.

Dirk Fischbach began his guiding career at Montana's Lone Mountain Ranch in 1986 and founded the first full-service

guiding operation on Michigan's Huron River in 1988. He has owned and operated several fly shops and now is the Midwestern representative for Hardy, Greys, Waterworks-Lamson, Royal Wulff Fly Lines, and Reisa Flies.

He has written three books on fly fishing and fly tying and has conducted workshops and clinics around the country.

Dirk lives in South Lyon, Mi.

By Sybil Hunter

"Tonight, we are going to shatter a few myths," said Dirk Fischbach, October's guest speaker. "Let's start with #1. The expert is a guy from out of town with a Powerpoint. The takeaway this evening is what new equipment will help you with your fishing," said Fischbach. Myth #2; "the equipment use to be so poor it was hard to use."

"We stand on the shoulders of giants in many, many ways," said Fischbach, starting his list with Charles Orvis, whose iconic Greenheart rod was made from Brazilian greenheart wood in the 1930s. The tapering was done with a hand tool which means the rod was highly dependent on the talent of the craftsman. "They were heavier and not as responsive. It was pretty clear why split cane bamboo rods took over."

The history of bamboo rods began just after the Civil War, although it was not until much later that these rods gained widespread popularity. In the

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Michigan Fly Fishing Club Calendar

11/10/21 Board Meeting, Virtual
11/17/21 Activity Meeting, VFW Post 345

12/8/21 Speaker DNR Officer Keven Luther, Virtual or VFW Post 345
12/15/21 Board Meeting, Virtual
12/22/21 Activity Meeting Garage & Estate Sale, VFW Post 345

1/5/22 Speaker & Location TBA
1/6-9/22 Ultimate Fishing Show, Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi
1/12/22 Board Meeting, Virtual
1/19/22 Activity, Location TBA

2/2/22 Speaker & Location TBA
2/9/22 Board Meeting, Virtual
2/16/22 Activity, Location TBA
2/24-27/22 Outdoorama, Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi

3/2/22 Activity, Location TBA
3/9/22 Board Meeting, Virtual
3/12-13/22 Midwest Fly Fishing Expo, Macomb Community College - Sports & Expo Center
3/16/22 Speaker & Election Nominations, Location TBA

4/6/22 Speaker & Location TBA
4/13/22 Board Meeting, Virtual
4/20/22 Activity, Location TBA

5/4/22 Speaker & Location TBA
5/11/22 Board Meeting, Virtual
5/18/22 Activity, Location TBA

It is anticipated that the December meetings will be held at Hubert-Forstiers-O'Grady VFW Post 345, 27345 Schoolcraft, Redford Township



Top reel: a Jecta Fly MK II made by Grice & Young Reelmakers in England. A little heavy compared to today's reels.

Reels & Rods From the Collection of Dick Fischbach

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early twentieth century, Tonkin — a new type of bamboo from Tonkin, China, now Northern Vietnam— was discovered. Tonkin bamboo is straight and structurally evenly balanced, thus taking over the industry. “Most of the bamboo came out of Tonkin, near the Gulf of Tonkin...It was basically stress-tested in its natural habitat.”

The bamboo was split into a bunch of strips. “When done planing, they formed an octagon. There were cane rods made with three, four, five...all the way up to 12 and greater sides. They were light and very strong. Some are stronger than carbon fiber.”

“Those rods were very long. 15 feet was a common length,” said Fischbach. “Bamboo starts to lose its cache when the rod is over 8 ft. I like a 7 1/2 ft 5 wt or a 7 ft 4 wt. Personally, I like two-piece cane rods...some of those rods are kinda chubby...with extra ferrules.”

“Another myth is that all cane rods are slow action rods. They are not. The Dickerson is not,” said Fischbach. Dickerson Bamboo Fly Rods was founded by Lyle Dickerson, a WWI veteran born from Bellaire, Michigan. He sold his first commercial rod in 1931.

Explaining the action points, Fischbach said slow action rods have the bend, or action, near the butt section, whereas fast action rods have the action in the tip section, and medium action rods bend in-between those two points. Fischbach passed around rods of different materials and action speeds for Club members to experience.

“As a society, we have decided on a mid-action rod,” said Fischbach.

“From 1874 to the end of World War II, bamboo was it (versus wood or metal); you were fishing cane,” said Fischbach. “Then, at the end of WWII, we were in the aerospace age.”

Then came fiberglass, which was easier to mass-produce. “Fiberglass was infused with resin, called pre-preg. The maker would wrap it around like you roll a pencil between your two hands.. and you’d be left with a hollow tube.. to shape the mandrel,” said Fischbach.

“Fiberglass held the industry until the mid to late '80's” when “carbon fiber took over.” The Fenwick HMG came into being. Named after a lake in Washington where the company's founders



The classic red Bronson Royalist No. 370 Fly Fishing Reel, a single action reel that first appeared in Bronson's 1951 catalog.



The Martin "Tuna Can" fly reel, Model M61. The Martin click-pawl reels were occasionally referred to as "the poor man's Hardy."



Hardy's Perfect Fly Reel. The first Perfect was launched by the Hardy Brothers in 1891 after three years of patient development from their gunsmith shop in Alnwick, England.

used to fish, Fenwick produced medium action, graphite fly rods.

“Strings of carbon are hooked together, infused with resin, wrapped around a mandrel, then baked,” said Fischbach. “3M started putting silica beads in the mix, like stones in with the rebar of concrete. All silica resins are made by 3M. The resins themselves were added to the body of the rod...using stronger and stronger resins.”

In 1996, the Orvis Trident employed technology from the U.S. Navy's Trident Submarine Program to dampen rod vibrations. Then “Orvis started using thermoplastic,” said Fischbach. In 2002 Orvis created the T3, introducing thermoplastic usage, making rods lighter, tougher and stronger, with friction-reducing guides.

Since then, “Euro Nymphing has taken off and pushed the industry back to long rods,” said Fischbach. “It is not heavy, and it is not hard. I think we are going to see the technology take off with longer and longer rods.”

Moving on to reels, Fischbach said the first “reel” was two pegs on the rod that the line was wound around. “In 1854, he (Orvis) patented the first fly reel. People realized there was a ‘reel’ advantage to holding the line that way” with check and braking systems.

“Hardy is celebrating its 150th year of design this year,” said Fischbach. “The Pflueger Metalist, disc friction system was created in 1931. The clicking function at that time was only so that you could hear it.”

Another myth is that the large arbor reels was new technology, which could retrieve the line at a faster rate. In reality they were not.

“They are kinda fun; they are cool and are impressive. No drag whatsoever,” said Fischbach.

Then came the “tuna can” Martin, a click and pawl reel, then the ultra click reel, also click and pawl. “It weighs next to nothing,” said Fischbach.

“In 1892, Hardy made the Perfect,” said Fischbach. “The only change over the years is the check mechanism added in 1912” when “the spool size changed a bit. It runs on ball bearings.” The reel is still Perfect and still available. “It will never go out of style.”

“Almost all modern reels have a

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Michigan Fly Fishing Club

Business

Michigan Fly Fishing Club Board of Directors Meeting Oct 20, 2021

Roll Call

Meeting called to order 7:37 p.m.

Present: Strachan; S. Hunter; Bada; Oehring; Fischer; Niemi, Sejalon; Mayes; Green; Nowicki; Doyle

Visitors: Kevin Lipp; Jim Aiken; Chris Hunter; Peter Albertson; Mike Matuszewski

Approval of Agenda - Agenda approved with amendments.

Approval of Minutes - Minutes from 9/15/21 Board Meeting Approved.

Officer's Report

Vice President: S. Hunter

- *Media Committee* Jim Fisher question: Facebook connection – limit member's info; content is open to the public so limit club content that should be not open to the public
- Jim Aiken request for PPE. Contract for Ultimate Fishing & Outdoorama contracts has been signed and approved
- PPE guidelines by the expo will follow state COVID guidelines; mask (KN95), gloves & disinfectants are available; full facemask (qty = 20) for \$30

Treasurer: K. Oehring

- *Current Month's Treasurer's Report* Spending for meeting rent;

PayPal income (for membership) and negative cash flow for raffle expenditures

Negative cash flow at this point

Liability on cash flow if the 2022 Expo is canceled and we refund the vendor's booth fees

Motion to Approve September's Treasurer's Report: DN approved,

BN seconded

- *FFI Resources Available*

Multiple resources available to club members and other options available to the club as well as FlyFishersInternational.org

URL to be made publicized on the Hatch

Corresponding Secretary: J. Fischer

- *Speaker Schedule*

Nov / Dec / Jan / Feb speakers have been signed up

March will be on the 16th / Apr is TBD / May Banquet is Alice Owsley from 2 years ago

- *eMail Blasts Logistics* Blast outs: 9 to 315 members w/ 61% open rate

Membership: B. Niemi

- Current: 379 active members; 193 renewals
- Claim to FedEx - package (of renewal membership checks) did not get to KO (envelope was empty; no checks); looking at FedEx for restitution; next conversation with FedEx is 10/22
- B. Niemi notified 193 members' membership on the requirement to reprocessing; more expenses to be incurred to redo membership processing for 2022; the 193 members were very accommodating on resending membership renewal with newer checks or suggest using PayPal; Terry Herron has volunteered to drive up north to pick up checks from Bob to Kathy; "For Deposit Only" stamp to be created and sent to Bob for adding to the back of the checks (as a theft deterrent)

Events & Outings

None at this time.

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Like Us! MFFC is Back on Facebook

As part of our goal to be more accessible to our members and the fly fishing community, Joyce Haxton has created a Facebook page for the Club.

Search on Facebook for, The "Original" Michigan Fly Fishing Club - MFFC, a link is also available on our website.

Joyce has graciously undertaken this task and will strive to keep the page updated with Club news, membership, meeting and outing information, as well as posting some interesting fly-fishing stuff from our members and the fly fishing community.

Club members can email Joyce with pictures and fly fishing related posts for consideration on our Facebook page.

Keep in mind, this page is not a replacement for our website, but hopefully a supplement to our website where we can use this additional media platform to attract new members and keep our current members informed and entertained in coordination with our website. There will be no solicitation allowed on our Facebook page.

In the future, we hope to use the Facebook to spotlight tiers, and as a platform that will send out reminders to members about renewing their membership or upcoming events. We also hope to use the Facebook page to help us search for and attract volunteers to help at the many Club supported activities.

The MFFC Facebook page is a public page, which means it's viewed by

everyone, which we think is a good way to attract more folks to become members and get involved in our club.

While planning for the future, if club members would like, we can create a private page in which only Club members can communicate with each other, and to be part of this private group your club membership would have to be verified.

If you would like to post something or have pictures or other fly-fishing related items for Facebook, please email them to:

Joyce Haxton: rainbow10trout@gmail.com or Sybil Hunter: evening.hatch.mffc@gmail.com

Please like us on Facebook.

MFFC Joins Fly Fishers International

MFFC is now an affiliate of the Fly Fishers International (FFI).

At the website <http://www.flyfishersinternational.org>, members can find worldwide information regarding club connections in the areas in which fly fishers travel, a speaker bank, and videos about casting and tying.

As an affiliate club, the MFFC is eligible for cost effective insurance, event advertisement, and equipment loan program such as rods, reels, vices and materials.

Please take a look!

Mark Your Calendar The Best Fly Expo Will Return in March

What most members expected became official when MFFC officers recently announced: THE 2022 MIDWEST FLY FISHING EXPO IS ON!!!!

On March 12-13 MFFC volunteers will stage the premier event for all things fly fishing in the Great Lakes — the Midwest Fly Fishing Expo. The expo has been presented for 42 years, making it the oldest all-fly angling event east of the Mississippi.

The two-day expo features five headline speakers, dozens of seminars covering everything from casting techniques to destinations along with dozens of fly-tying demonstrations and more than 120 exhibitors.

Exhibitors include outfitters and retailers from across the country, guides, rod- and net-building artisans, artists, authors, dealers in rare and collectible books and memorabilia and conservation organizations.

MFFC will need volunteers from its membership ranks to help set up prior to the weekend, crowd control and tickets sales during the show and tear down on Sunday. Announcements as to how, when and where volunteers can sign up and what jobs need to be covered will appear in the Evening Hatch and in monthly e-blasts.



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The President's Message.... *Bruce Strachan*

If you are reading this note, you are most likely a member of a premier American fly fishing club known for its mission to promote fly fishing, fly tying & rod building, and conservation.

Today, despite public health turmoil, we continue to execute that mission with skill, innovations and camaraderie. I salute the Michigan Fly Fishing Club Board of Directors and you, a member, for moving our club forward as never before.

The Michigan Fly Fishing is on a roll. I hope you are personally taking advantage of meetings, activities and the friendship of nearly 300 fellow fly anglers who make it all roll.

Come to meetings in person!

We have a temporary but serviceable venue at VFW 345 in Redford that will be replaced with an improved facility soon. Engaging speakers join us on the first Wednesday of each month followed by interesting activity meetings on the third Wednesday (but check www.MFFC.org for exact dates). With just a smart phone, you can participate remotely on ZOOM. But remember, you can only buy raffle tickets in person!

2021-22 will see most of the outings and events that enhance our fishing experience. The Montana Trip,

White River Trip, Smallmouth Outing and an inaugural Striper Fishing Trip have come off like clockwork.

Our signature club event, The Midwest Fly Fishing Expo will return in 2020. With luck and your continued volunteerism, we will have schools, a Trout Tune-up, Opening Day Celebration, Annual Banquet and Club Picnic.

Challenges of the previous 18 months have affected personal and club life. We continue to navigate the times well and I urge you to take advantage of the strength and vitality of your Michigan Fly Fishing Club.

See you soon and ...Tight Lines!

Bruce Strachan
President

Club Continues to Look for Missing Checks

As many of you have heard, a large batch of membership renewal checks shipped from the Membership Chair to our Treasurer via FedEx went missing. An investigation was initiated immediately and is on-going.

There is video footage of the envelope remaining untouched until the FedEx agent took custody of it, at which point the package was in the sole custody of FedEx. When the package was delivered to our Treasurer, it was empty. "You could have knocked me over with a feather," Kathy Oehring said, "when I opened the empty FedEx envelope!"

We sympathize and regret the burden of this event, and any cost, to the affected members. "We are actively pursuing loss recovery from FedEx," said Bob Niemi, acting Membership Chair. Affected members were notified via email and U.S. mail within the week.

Thus far, no one's check has been reported cashed. The Board recommends members protect themselves by monitoring their bank accounts to see if the check was cashed and considering a stop payment if applicable.

Going forward, the plan to avoid this situation in the future with membership dues is to stamp each check "for deposit only" and then deliver checks directly via club member couriers to the Treasurer.

If you are able to send a replacement check to Bob Niemi at 3803 Nelson Dr, Boyne City, MI 49712, it would be appreciated. We will keep members informed as pertinent information is received.

A Walk Through Fly Fishing History With Dick Fischbach

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system that the friction only clicks one way." Other reels include the Lamson conical drive; the friction is from the

two plates together.

"Do we need disc drives?" asked Fischbach. "Most people who have a disc drive are too tight. The drag is the line

running through the water. It is not just the mechanical system of the reel...it [too much drag] will pop your tippet."

"The trigger came in the '60's," he added. "Jerry Regan uses one all the time. It's nice to bring up line in a hurry on big rods. They are 14 oz., really heavy — a brick on a small rod."

On lines Fischbach mentioned the original horsehair lines turning into silk lines then "in 1935, they started fishing nylon with plastic around it and a taper. Most fly lines are PVC now. Scientific Angler brought out shark skin in 2007 with lots of changes." Lines have slickers, plasticizers, little tiny balloons to make it float...there are textured lines." He passed around different new technology lines to feel.

"They definitely float and shoot better. If you haven't bought a fly line in the last five years, then you need to buy a new fly line! They are solving problems we never knew we had!"



Dirk Fishbach with a classic bamboo fly rod at a recent MFFC meeting.



Fly of the Month *It's Time to Start Tying "Halloween" Adams*



Parachute Adams

HOOK: TMC 100, #12-22.

THREAD: Gray, 6/0.

TAIL: Grizzly hackle fibers.

BODY: Gray muskrat or Superfine.

HACKLE: Grizzly and brown.

WING: White Aunt Lydia's Rug Yarn

They're creepy and they're kooky, mysterious and spooky, they're all together ooky, The Addams Family. The house is full to see em, Chris Hunter is a scream, Jeff McGowan is now he-em.

One Step at a Time with Adams Video

No sure about tying a Parachute Adams with just the recipe above? Trident Fly Fishing has posted an excellent 9-minute video on Youtube in regards to tying the classic that should always be in your flybox. To see the video go to: www.youtube.com/watch?v=DbOFtrLqhfq&t=2s

Or scan the QR code below with your smartphone to follow the instructions one step at a time:



The Addams Family. Trick or Treat! In a surprise Halloween trick, Chris Hunter looked an awful lot like Jeff McGowan at the October 27 Activities Meeting. Members were invited to tie the Addams Family, instead of tying Hunter's Modified Haze and the Pink Hog.

Attendees tied the Halladay Addams and Parachute Addams, patterns. A big thank you to Jeff for stepping in for a night of Halloween haptics.



Halladay Adams

HOOK: Standard dry fly No. 12-20.

THREAD: Black 6/0 or 8/0.

TAIL: Golden pheasant tippet

BODY: Gray wool yarn

HACKLE: Grizzly and brown.

WING: Hen grizzly hackle tips



Jeff McGowan demonstrating how to tie the classic Halladay Adams during the October 27 Activities Meeting.

Are You a Fly Tier? We Need You

Featured spotlight tiers are still needed this winter to demonstrate fly patterns in person during the MFFC Activity Meetings. There are no special requirements for this mission. Just be able to sit in front of the camera and demonstrate your favorite fly while your fellow club members tie along with you.

You just need to be able to tie a fly or maybe two flies. If you feel like taking on this non-hazardous mission then contact Todd Schotts at 248-961-4164 either by phone/text, or email at GrizzlyFlies@yahoo.com.



Conehead Bunny Muddler

Tim Holschlag

Sad Farewell to a Legendary Smallmouth Angler

By Todd A. Schotts

Anyone who fly fishes or uses terminal tackle to chase those bronzeback dancers of the rivers, lakes, and flats of the Great Lakes, that we call smallmouth, mourns a major loss this year. The guru of the smallmouth industry, Tim Holschlag, passed away Sept. 10.

Tim's legacy was amazing. He grew up in Iowa, lived in Minneapolis, Norway, then Michigan. He taught thousands about smallmouth fishing, wrote several books, hundreds of magazine articles, and had his own DVDs on the chasing the notorious smallmouth bass.

Plus Tim was an amazing fly tier and fly designer, especially with his Holschlag Hare and Holschlag Hackle Fly (HHF). He owned Smallmouth Angler, www.smallmouthangler.com as well.

Tim fished more than 330 rivers across North America and South Africa, with their related lakes. It is good to hear his wife and his long-time business partner, Dan Johnson, will be keeping Tim's legacy going by keeping Smallmouth Angler running, with guided trips, and selling Tim's books and DVDs.

I first met Tim many years ago at



Tim Holschlag fished more than 330 rivers across North America and South Africa and was an extremely popular speaker at fly fishing shows across the country.

the Invitational Fly Fishing Show at the Mason Fairgrounds. I even ended up getting his book, *Smallmouth Fly Fishing*, signed as a Christmas present that year from my fishing companions.

That book is probably one of his best; it is three books in one, with information on many Michigan fishing locations, gear, fishing various seasons, and flies. The book was passed around quite a bit at the MFFC Smallmouth Outing when I was the event chairman.

Since then, I have tied at many shows where he was speaking. It amazed me how many followers he had. His presentations were packed full with standing room only.

I was lucky enough to get to see one of his presentations, and it blew me away. His tactics, presentations, gear, and rigging were excellent.

My presentation "Fly Fishing the Flats for Smallmouth" would never have come to be what it is without reading his books and watching his DVDs to learn the methods and techniques that he taught.

Those techniques have great-

ly improved my smallmouth fly fishing skills. What Tim called the Crawfish Hop, is probably one of the most unique and productive techniques used to fish smallmouth with crawfish flies.

I communicated with Tim throughout the years regarding flies, smallmouth, gear, and different fly fishing for smallies topics.

When I chaired the MFFC Smallmouth Outing, I invited him up there a few times, but unfortunately he was guiding. He did tell me, he had heard wonderful stories about fishing the flats in and around Port Austin.

A few years ago, I contacted him about my Splish Splash Frogger fly, as we were having hook up issues. He said nothing was wrong with the pattern; I just needed to be patient for the take.

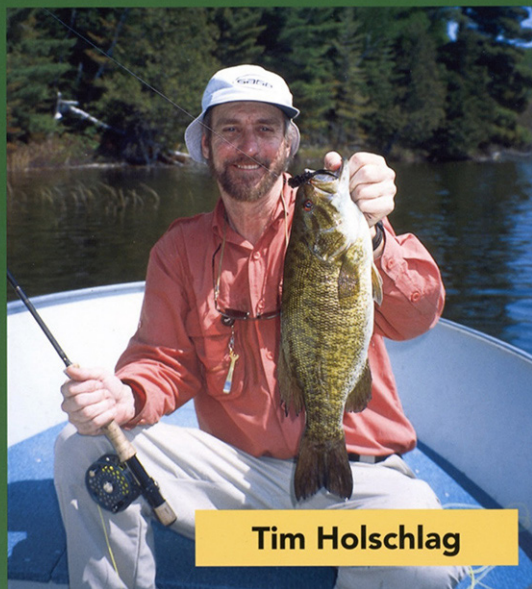
Using his words of wisdom, I had great success, and so has everyone else who uses my frog, allowing me to pass along his wonderful words of wisdom.

The industry of smallmouth fly fishing and terminal fishing will have a major void with the loss of a legend and giant in this arena. He was a great ambassador to everything smallmouth.

Thank you Tim for everything you have given us. Until we meet again, Tight Lines and Snazzy Flies.

Smallmouth Fly Fishing

The Best Techniques, Flies, and Destinations



Tim Holschlag

Tim Holschlag was the author of three books on smallmouth fly fishing



Fly Fishing Out West *on the Cheap!!!*

By Sybil Hunter

November welcomed Carl Heuter, Club member and owner of Wanigas Rod Company with his light hearted presentation Fishing Out West Without Breaking The Bank. "I want to go fishing," said Heuter, "I don't want to spend my money."

The key to fishing out west is to "Drive out west so you can take more stuff with you," said Heuter comparing the three rods he can stuff in the airplane versus the nine or more rods he can toss in the car. "I want to start and end the day fishing." (Which can be aptly done by sleeping in the car by a stream at a national park.)

"I don't eat fancy," said Heuter, who frequents a trail of local eats and westerly heading Subway's.

How does he know where to go? "Late at night after three or four bourbons, people start to divulge their spots.

I have a little black book I pull out to write it down," said Hueter. Oh and always fish the driftless, which encompasses parts of Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa.

The key is the tributaries said Heuter, "There is nobody on those tributaries." The rivers are full of people. Being fed by springs, they also have cooler temps.

"Get a map. Prepare yourself with maps. The Wisconsin DNR has the most fabulous research...stream data, water flow..." locations, fishery reports, stocking data and much more. "

Thanks to the DNR, TU and other groups, now there are streams that have 2,000 fish per mile." In Wisconsin fishers can go walking around all over pastures, fields, and forests (as attested to by Corey Thelan and his running from



Sybil Hunter



MFFC member Carl Heuter

the bulls 2020 fishing report). "Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin DNR sites... tell you what's been done there."

Wherever you fish, "When you step in that river, make sure you know what you are going to get," said Heuter addressing safety. "You have to be ready for it."

Rent a room at the Super 8 for \$89 a night, or just sleep in a national forest for \$12. "Usually I can find them and camp by a river," said Heuter. "That means I can fish in the morning and fish at night."

"How do you know what fly to use?" Heuter asked. He showed a slide of his red car fascia encrusted in dead carcasses. The room erupted in laughter.

Headed west, "The driftless is the area where there was no glacial activity," said Heuter sharing a slide delineating the region. "All these little valleys...all those are little trout streams. There is very fine silt, so if you step in the water," a cloud of silt is sent a good distance downstream. "It is phenomenal fishing every time."

"If you use more than 10-12 flies, you are tying your knots wrong," said Heuter. "If you go into a shop (to ask



Guide Tom Smith displays the dorsal fin of a grayling netted during Carl Heuter fly fishing trip out west.

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Carl Heuter: Not Quite Fishing On \$10 a Day But Close

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for local flies) 10 times out of 10, it works like a dream.” Then, “When you have well fertilized creeks and rivers, you have tons of bugs...and fat fish.” However, “When you are in the driftless area, they are very spooky. I did not know how spooky until I fished that area. Everyone is out there fishing over them.”

“I fish where most people don’t fish. See that tree with the 16 flies on it,” said Heuter, “I fish there.” (Much in the vein of Jim DuFresne’s article about fishing where the Bluegills hang on the power line.)

Beaverhead River in Montana, known for Rainbows and Browns, flows through Beaverhead Rock State Park, part of the Lewis and Clark expedition. According to Heuter, Beaverhead has four to five thousand fish per mile and is a good area to fish with a guide.

Heuter hired Tom Smith, a Coast Guard Captain and “one of the most experienced outfitters in Montana,” booked through Back Country Anglers in Dillon, MT. Heuter shared slides appreciating Smith’s wide range of emotional expressions (all stone faced). The ringing endorsement was, “I’ve never had so much fun with two old guys yelling at me!” The pictures were proof.

South of Dillon on I-15 is Poindexter Slough. “A bunch of people got together and said, ‘We have great Trout streams and we need to protect them.’ They are limestone creeks, they are fed by fertilizer run off, livestock run off...They make a great fishery. Every pool has nice fish in it. They are great hatcheries!” said Heuter. Read more at: <https://fwp.mt.gov/binaries/content/assets/fwp/montana-outdoors/2021/poindexter-slough.pdf>

Next stop Glacier National Park.



The spoils of a well researched DIY fly fishing trip; a trophy brown trophy.

“When the park closed (2020) the animals moved in. Here are animals doing what animals do on a hot day, sit in the snow.” Leaving glacier, “as you drive across the plains there are all these little mountains.”

“You gotta get off the beaten track. Just pull off the road,” Heuter showed a picturesque slide of a pristine stream with the highway in the background, “step off the shoulder, and you go fishing. Fish two hours upstream then walk

back to your car. Most of these are wild fisheries, they’ve been taken care of so much, they are wild fisheries.”

Heading further west he hit Henry’s Fork, located west of Yellowstone National Park, it spans parts of Montana and Idaho. “The city, DNR, ranchers, oil and gas companies...all got together and created Henry’s Fork Foundation - seven miles open to the public, a river filled with fish.” The website, <https://www.henrysfork.org/>, provides fly fishing resources, scientific management information, conservation information, stream information and more.

Then, he headed home. “I spent 17 days on the road, drove 5,200 miles, used 108 gallons of diesel fuel at \$21 a day, and spent \$3,200, versus \$6,515, for a savings of \$3,315 plus I got three extra days of fishing,” said Heuter in closing.

Scan the QR codes below for more information and sources about Carl Heuter’s On-The-Cheap fly fishing trip Out West:



Backcountry Anglers



Poindexter Slough



Henry’s Fork



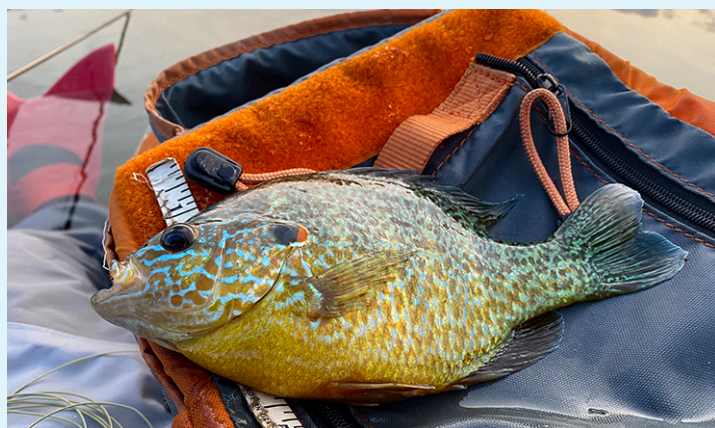
Wisconsin DNR



Members on the Fly *Fly Fishing Reports*



The First Annual MFFC Striper Fly Fishing Trip took place last week in September in Long Island Sound at Mystic, Connecticut and was successful ... at least for Bob and Renee Gall. Clockwise from upper left: Highlight of the trip, a fish on in front of Taylor Swift's seashore mansion. With Swift no doubt watching, Bob landed a blue fish then added a false albacore and a striper, completing the trifecta! Renee boated a striper and added a couple of false albacores as well.



A 9.5-inch pumpkinseed that Jim DuFresne caught at the end of summer in Upper Bushman Lake in Oakland County.

And the Winner is . . .



If you always wanted to win some great fly fishing gear, now is the time to attend the MFFC monthly meetings and invest in a handful of raffle tickets. The odds have never been so good! Barry Green was the grand prize winner of a Cabela's tying kit at the October activities meeting (left to right) after winning a Simms sling pack as the grand prize winner in September. That's two months in a row so out of jealousy we told him we wouldn't run a picture of his happy face twice in the same issue of the Evening Hatch. Finally Scott Terzich stopped the madness by pulling the winning ticket in November and taking home a 9-ft, 8-wt St Croix fly rod.



Two happy anglers; Spence Vanderhoof and Dan Finstad display their steelhead caught the first week of November in the Manistee River on an egg pattern.

MFFC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

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New Business

- Audit Report Acceptance (Mike M / Kathy O)

Minor documentation of checks were noted – no major issues

Motion to Approve Audit Report as presented and approved by the BoD: DN approved JF seconded

- *Activities Meeting Brainstorm*

Knot tying from New Member School (and other topics from the any of other club's schools

Old Business

- *Venue Committee Recommendations / Considerations*

Draft of new venues

Other meeting venues: libraries – no go due to early closure; PARC facility in Plymouth has no rooms available on Weds night; Elementary school in Walled Lake School

District has better facilities and lower costs (more distance concerns to travel for southern/eastern metro members)

Keep searching for new venues to Livonia central locality (ie btw Middlebelt/Haggerty and 8 Mile Rd/ Plymouth Rd as an example);

New suggested sites are Plymouth Culture Center / Northville Senior Center

Adjournment: 9:27 p.m.

Peter Albertson's

Conservation Corner



Thanks to all of you that have shared your thoughts regarding conservation issues. Without your input, the CC would be much less insightful to the issues that matter most to our Club. Please contact me at palbertsonsp@me.com with any items of interest. Based upon our member's input, I offer the below Action Item updates:

Pfas Pfas Action Act of 2021, HB 2467 and Pfas Accountability Act of 2021, HB 2751, have passed in the House and are waiting for action in the Senate. See EGLE's-MI Environment Weekly Digest-November 5, 2021 for new Pfas video, also see Michigan.gov/PFASResponse. Movie titled No Defense based upon the first known PFAS pollution at the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base is of interest to us in Michigan.

Johnson Creek Landfill Discharge For latest status see The Conservancy Initiative web site, Arbor Hills Landfill - Threats to Johnson Creek,

May 11, 2021, a very detailed overview of the contaminated discharge topic and actions taken.

Of interest Establishment of the National Center of Expertise which will examine the impact of oil spills in freshwater, develop new technologies and equipment for responding to oil spills in the Great Lakes and train first responders. Also be aware of the Great Lake Restoration Initiative and it's related focus.

Scan the QR codes below for additional information or the websites mentioned in this month's Conservation Corner:



Pfas video



No Defense



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