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The Newsletter of the Michigan Fly Fishing Club

March 2025 Edition

## Do You Recognize this Print? It was our Show Pin!!

### Upcoming Club Events



- 03/16/25: White River Trip #2
- 03/19/25: Speaker Meeting
- 04/02/25: Speaker Meeting
- 04/05/25: Trout Tune-Up
- 04/09/25: Board Meeting
- 04/12/25: Member School
- 04/16/25: Activity Meeting
- 04/26/25: Opening Day
- 05/03/25: Youth School
- 05/07/25: Activity Meeting
- 05/07/25: WawaSum Outing
- 05/12/25: Board Meeting
- 05/14/25: MFFC Banquet
- 05/15/25: Smallmouth Outing
- 05/25/25: Driftless Spring Trip
- 07/17/25: WawaSum Outing
- 07/19/25: Club Picnic
- 07/26/25: Education Outing
- 07/26/25: Yellowstone Trip #1
- 08/02/25: Yellowstone Trip #2
- 08/09/25: Yellowstone Trip #3
- 09/20/25: Scout School
- 09/21/25: Driftless Fall Trip
- 09/26/25: FFI Flyfest

A special thanks to David Ruimveld ([www.davidruimveldstudio.com](http://www.davidruimveldstudio.com)) for providing the artwork for the Show & Volunteer's Pins. Both prints were on display at his booths during the Expo. The only thing missing on both prints are the Expo and MFFC pin titles.

David has other collectible artwork of Michigan streams and trout species on his gallery's homepage ... check it out. His website is listed above

Both Show & Volunteer's Pin Prints will be raffled off at this year's banquet. But if you want to guarantee yourself an authentic copy:

**Editor's Note:** a few members have expressed interest on getting a copy of this print from David. If interested, please email me for more information ([vicepresident@mffc.org](mailto:vicepresident@mffc.org)) and I will get the quotes from David.

For the most current listing of events, check our club's website: [mffc.org](http://mffc.org)



## Michigan Fly Fishing Club – Business Section

### Michigan Fly Fishing Club Board of Directors Meeting February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

#### Roll Call:

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm

Present: S. Hunter; J. Bada; J. Aukee;  
J. Aitken; J. Haxton, T. DeFauw; N.  
Tabaka; J. Eriksson

Absent: K. Lipp

**Approval of the Minutes:** minutes  
from 01/15/25 approved

**Approval of the Agenda:** agenda  
from 02/12/25 approved

#### Officer's Report

**Vice President:** J. Bada

- The second Arkansas White River trip is full w/ 8 attendees

**Treasurer:** J. Aitken

- Budget vs. actual is currently on budget or slightly below throughout
- We are close to being on budget for the Expo Expense as well.

**Corresponding Secretary:** S. Hunter

- We need an April Speaker

**Membership:** J. Eriksson

- 422 member surveys & invoices sent out to current members
- 366 members paid, we have 32 new members. Fifty-nine members paid via PayPal.
- Membership survey responses total 130 returned

#### Events and Outings:

- Trout Tune-up on April 5 needs a chairperson
- Outdoorama set-up will start on Wednesday February 19
- Arkansas Trip 1 – February 22
- Arkansas Trip 2 – March 16-21
- Member School – 04/12 Royal Oak
- MFFC Banquet – 05/14 Tim Flagler will be speaker
- Browns & Bourbon may have a lower price
- Club Picnic date is July 19, 2025
- Port Crescent Sportsman club

#### Events and Outings: (continued)

- Flyfest – 09/26 and 27 in Grand Rapids

#### New Business:

- Club Investments - Discussion on investing in short-term CDs that pay more than our current accounts do and not affect cash flow, specifically, 3–6-month CDs. Jim Aitken made a motion to purchase as appropriate from our current Credit Union. Terry DeFauw seconded the motion which carried.
- Elections for Board are coming up in April, Jon Bada noted At Large board members are on the election committee.

#### Old Business:

- Expo Shirts: Vern White, Shirts ordered total of 26. They will be available after the payment clears

#### Visitors:

- Tyers Budget: Vern White, a discussion was held on a tying material budget for club activity night fly tying. The featured tyer is not responsible for the cost of the materials used by members who choose to tie. For instance, the March fly materials will exceed \$50, for the Red Eye Leech. There is an existing budget and grant for tying materials and casting. The club does have an inventory of materials that Chris Hunter is currently managing. Fly tying materials for the Expo, Boy Scout School & Member School, are stored in the club storage unit; John Eriksson made motion to create a custodian (Chair) of club meeting fly tying materials with the responsibility of depleting or increasing inventory as required for Club Activity Meeting Night Fly Tying. Terry DeFauw seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Vern White accepted the responsibility of being the Chair of Fly-Tying Materials for Club Meetings.

### 2024-2025 Club Officers

#### President:

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## Michigan Fly Fishing Club's President & Board of Directors Page

### A Message about April's Club Elections

Submitted by Jerry Deputat

MFFC elections will be conducted on the April 2 Speaker Meeting. Just about every office is up for election: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Membership, Directors-At-Large.

President Kevin Lipp appointed an election committee chaired by Jerry Deputat to conduct the election.

Quoting past President Pat Brazzil, *"The strength of our club is the willingness of our members to get involved and make things happen - not only as volunteers but as leaders. If you care about our organization and hope to see it continue as an active, energetic, fun organization, I encourage you to run for a leadership position."*

Here is a brief description of each position:

- **President:** presides at all club meetings and functions as the chief executive officer.
- **Vice President:** presides at meetings of the Board of Directors.
- **Recording Secretary:** keeps the minutes of all Board meetings and other special business meetings as necessary and maintains the inventory of the club's equipment.
- **Corresponding Secretary:** is responsible for arranging speakers for club meetings and the banquet, along with sending club email notifications.
- **Treasurer:** manages the club's finances, pays the club's bills, and ensures that all finance-related reports are filed with the appropriate government agencies.
- **Membership:** is a first point of contact and a resource for individuals interested in joining the club; mails renewal information and new member welcome packets; maintains the club's roster.
- **Directors-At-Large:** provides insight, perspective and advice as members of the Board and guide special Board endeavors as directed by the President; directors serve a two-year term.

### A Summary of Outdoorama Show

Submitted by Jim Aitken

A quick summary of the 2025 Outdoorama held between Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> thru 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

We tied for 284 clients. About 95% were kids. While not all of the volunteer slots were filled using the signup process, we had various volunteers stay beyond their signed-up times to make sure we had enough coverage. I would guess that we had 10-15 adults very interested in joining the Club. We provided a membership form to each and recommended they come to the Expo to join. Between the Ultimate Fishing and Outdoorama Shows, approximately 16-1700 Expo flyers were provided to show visitors.



### Board of Director's Message:

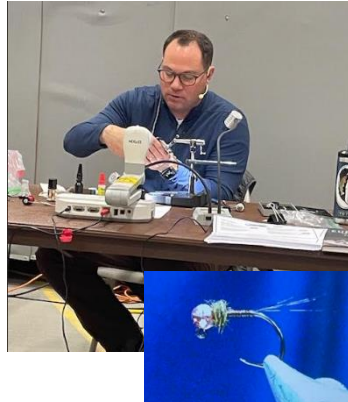
Submitted by John Eriksson

#### **New Club Members:** Tight Lines!!

Tyler Baines, Mishawaka, IN  
 Stephen Burkhalter, Oak Park, MI  
 Daniel Champeau, Clarkston, MI  
 Kevin Culp, Troy, MI  
 Jennifer Davis, Ann Arbor, MI  
 Jason Davis, Ann Arbor, MI  
 Chris Fondaw, White Lake, MI  
 Roger Frost, Highland, MI  
 Patrick Gales, Clarkston, MI  
 Steve Hanson, Maumee, OH  
 Kevin Hays, Commerce Twp, MI  
 Tyler Hubbard, Allegan, MI  
 Marie Jarrus, Birmingham, MI  
 Portor Jarrus, Berkley, MI  
 Edwin Jones, Wixom, MI  
 Peter Jones, Fredrick, MI  
 Erin Kalisz, Livonia, MI  
 David Kent, Rochester Hills, MI  
 Jordan Kurtz, St. Clair, MI  
 Grant Latham, Vassar, MI  
 Kevin Latham, Trenton, MI  
 Lou Leavens, Sterling Heights, MI  
 Conner Lodico, Romulus, MI  
 Mike Lodico, Romulus, MI  
 Leo Long, Troy, MI  
 Anthony Lovett, Burton, MI  
 Brett Lovett, North Branch, MI  
 Grahame Maisey, Wyncote, PA  
 Nichole Mayer, Clarkston, MI  
 Shawn Merrih, Harrison Twp, MI  
 Drew Morrow, Ypsilanti, MI  
 Jared Moss, Bend, OR  
 Steven Moss, West Bloomfield, MI  
 David Newman, Mt. Clemens, MI  
 Nickalas Opalewski, Garden City, MI  
 George Poy, Hartland, MI  
 Brandon Runyon, West Bloomfield, MI  
 John Salveta, Fenton, MI  
 Eric Seymoor, Clinton Township, MI  
 Stuart Sharp, Warren, MI  
 Allen Visel, Pinckney, MI  
 Josh Weiner, Huntington Woods, MI  
 Grant Whilesey, Warren, MI  
 Gerry Worden, Holland, MI  
 Justin Zaleski, Dearborn, MI



## Pictures from our Expo



Top Left: Don Mills starting each day with live pipes music  
 Top Right: Terry Herron casting his legacy to a young girl  
 Bottom Left: Vern White's enthusiasm awaits Expo guests  
 Bottom Right: Tim Cammisa (headliner) tying a France Fly



Bob Batchik and some of his creative artwork

## The Trifecta: Club Member / Expo Exhibitor / TU Member

Bob Batchik received a high score for this past weekend at the Expo. Not only is Bob a MFFC Club member, he has participated as an Expo exhibitor ([www.sunfishwoodworks.com](http://www.sunfishwoodworks.com)) for a few years now. If you by chance happened to see the freshly painted club's raffle box and noticed the similarities between Bob's wood carvings and box painting, Bob did that!!

Editor's Note: I asked Bob to give a quick snippet of what caused him to start on woodcarving and this is what he said:

"Have you ever thought about or tried whittling? I got my fish carving start doing just that. After making some shavings from a stick to start a fire, I continued whittling and before I knew it, I had carved a fish.

This became a regular thing every time I started a fire. I always threw the crude attempts in the fire. A pass time became a hobby and that became a business. The first carving that generated money was a donation to the PHY Trout Unlimited 1994 banquet. When it sold at auction for over \$400 it gave me the confidence to take it to the next level.

I am a traditional carver. I will use a bandsaw to rough out a shape but always use hand tools to create my artwork. Some of my favorite tools are antiques I've collected over the years. The tool marks left by the gouges and draw knives let you know this is a hand-made piece of art. I try for accuracy on shape and paint color without making it look photo real. While I have made trophy replicas with the goal of making the fish look real, I prefer making my fish oversized. The largest fish to date is an 8 ft long crappie that I had to ship to Louisiana. All of the fish depicted in my creations are free swimming and never shown with a hook or line attached.

If you want to give carving a try, pick up a scrap of wood and a pocket knife. Make sure the knife is sharp and take away whatever isn't the fish."

One of things that Bob also does is he is President of the Paul H Young TU Chapter. One of their fundraising event is coming and MFFC Club Members are encourage to support this event:

## Fly Fishing Film Tour (F3T)

Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> (film starts at 7:15pm)

Milford Independent Cinema, 945 E Summit St, Milford, MI

In previous years, MFFC has shown F3T Films at club meetings. It is a series of short films, solely based on flyfishing adventures worldwide. Here is Paul H Young TU [Fly Fishing Film Tour](#) hyperlink with additional information and ticket information.



## Cancer-causing PFAS to be added to Canada's toxic substance list

By Lisa John Rogers From: [GreatLakesNow](#)

On March 5, Canada released its final State of PFAS report, and announced that per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) would be added to the toxic substances list. This does not outright ban PFAS, but it does restrict “forever chemicals.” According to reporting from CBC, the government will first look at restricting the substances in firefighting foams, eventually getting to their use in non-prescription drugs, food packaging, textiles, building materials and cleaning products. A 60-day consultation period has started, which is required before the CA government can officially add these chemicals to the toxic substances list.

Nearly 75% of firefighter deaths are related to occupational cancer. In 2021, Illinois state lawmakers passed a bill to eliminate a type of firefighting foam with PFAS (known to cause cancer) by establishing civil penalties for anyone failing to comply with the ban, along with a disposal program. Now, House Bill 2409, aims to eliminate the sale of turnout gear with PFAS, which passed unanimously out of the House Police & Fire Committee and will move to the House floor.

The partisan stalemate over PFAS cleanup in Wisconsin continues, as Gov. Tony Evers and state Sen. Eric Wimberger (R-Oconto) put out “dueling proposals.” As explained by Wisconsin Watch, Evers’ bill would only absolve residential and agricultural properties, ending in 2036. The Republican draft bills would prevent the Department of Natural Resources from enforcing the spills law “when the responsible party qualifies as an innocent landowner and allow the department to clean up its property at its own expense.” More on these proposals here.

On March 7, a divided **Michigan Supreme Court** issued an order, instructing the Michigan Court of Appeals to consider a complicated case involving chemical giant 3M and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE). 3M is challenging a rule drafted in 2019, before EGLE adopted its final standards in 2020.

A federal judge denied a motion for a preliminary injunction, filed by the Cookware Sustainability Alliance, that aimed to bar the enforcement of Minnesota’s ban on intentionally added PFAS in consumer products. Meanwhile, two bills passed a MN State House committee, which would narrow the state’s ban on PFAS by exempting or delaying prohibitions in certain products and in specific items such as children’s snowmobiles, ATVs and e-bikes.

Meanwhile, recent reporting from the Minnesota Reformer explains how Minnesota has one of the highest rates of cancer in the country, with more than 37,000 residents likely to receive a cancer diagnosis in 2025. Counties located in Minnesota’s farmland have seen a rise in new diagnoses since the mid-2000s. While the cause is still unknown and requires further investigation, exposure to PFAS in sewage sludge and in various pesticides are called into question.

More PFAS news in case you missed it:

- A Tennessee bill, backed by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, aims to prevent state agencies from creating new regulations for chemicals in hazardous waste or drinking water Tenn.
- EPA Administrator, Lee Zeldin, used to represent New York’s first congressional district. Now, according to the New York Post, many Long Island’s water providers (in Zeldin’s old district) along with two water utilities groups, have filed a federal lawsuit aiming to overturn the EPA’s PFAS limits established last April.
- Actor Mark Ruffalo penned an op-ed in The Guardian, about the crisis around “forever chemicals.” After he made the film, *Dark Waters*, he testified before Congress about the seriousness of PFAS contamination. “At the time, my testimony focused on what had happened in West Virginia. But this isn’t just West Virginia’s story. It’s happening all over the country, and it’s affecting all of us,” he said.
- A new study links PFAS exposure to impaired structure and function of placenta. Small placentas correlate to malnourishment and lack of oxygen in the womb, and are also associated with an increased risk of chronic diseases later in life.
- Chemical exposure or bioaccumulation of PFAS or PCBs are known to suppress the immune system, in humans and animals. A recent study out of Nature establishes a potential correlation between PFAS and PCB exposure with disease development or progression of multiple sclerosis.



### A Semi-Complete List of Common Products Containing PFAS

Excerpts from: [thefiltery.com](#)

- **Drinking Water:** PFAS are very common in tap water in the US, and most municipal treatment facilities do not have the infrastructure to remove it. (Many municipalities will likely need to update their facilities in order to meet the new 2024 federal regulations). Filtering your drinking water can be a great practical way to reduce PFAS exposure, but keep in mind that not all water filters remove PFAS.
- **Non-Stick Cookware:** PFAS are often used to create the non-stick surface that most of us know as Teflon. There are a lot of safer, PFAS-free alternative materials for cookware, including cast iron, ceramic, and more.
- **Stain-Resistant Carpets and Furniture:** PFAS provide water and stain-resistant properties to textiles and upholstered furniture like sofas. It can be difficult to tell whether or not a piece of furniture contains PFAS because manufacturers are not required to disclose this information to customers..
- **Waterproof Clothing, Shoes, & Outdoor Gear:** PFAS make clothing and outdoor gear resistant to water and stains. But these days, there are safer options for waterproofing gear
- **Food Packaging:** PFAS can resist oil and grease, making them common in food packaging like microwave popcorn bags, pizza boxes, fast food wrappers, and other to-go food containers.





## Conservation News Articles & Fly Fishers International Affiliation

The AuSable Flow from: **Anglers of the Au Sable**

### More Structures = More Trout

In 2025, our sights are once again set on the North Branch. Our 2025 project is under DNR review, but we are hoping for complete and speedy approval so we can continue our important work on this river that needs it the most. This year, we intend to start below the Powerlines upstream of Lovells and go down to just a few hundred yards above the Lovells Tavern. This popular stretch of river needs help and thanks to your support, we can afford to do so. We can also afford to electro-survey this stretch to see what impact our work has on the trout population. This comprehensive approach will serve as the standard-bearer for future generations of river workers.

### The Proposed Power Plant

Speaking of the North Branch...yes, there is a power plant proposal pending hydrologists' reports that would, in our opinion, negatively impact the river. The immediate concern is water usage – this plant would require the use of a million gallons of spring water per day. What are we doing? While we await reports from hydrologists, we are gathering background information and hiring our own hydrologists. However, our own board of directors has experts on water withdrawals, and they see this as a significant threat to the river. We call this power plant “The Jailhouse Power Plant” or, more simply, “Jailhouse”, as it would be located near Jailhouse Road. The state’s Water Withdrawal Tool (WWAT -- an estimator of water withdrawal impact) is notorious for endangering cold-water rivers, like the Au Sable, that begin as warm or cool-transitional streams (which the WWAT does not prioritize) and are cooled by springs as they flow downhill. We will keep you updated on this proposal.

### Saab – What Happened?

The proposed Saab Munitions Facility has achieved local approval despite substantial resistance from the community. Anglers of the Au Sable continues to await a long-overdue FOIA from Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). Why? We need to see the FOIA to understand the top-down process that brought Saab to Crawford County (and to Camp Grayling) and to see what other similar projects are headed this way. We also see this facility as an arm of a significant effort to expand the military presence in and around the Au Sable – a Lansing-driven effort that has been wildly unpopular. This includes an Air National Guard expansion that would increase flights over the Au Sable up to 10x their current rates, a land-expansion (which we, along with many, many others, worked to reduce down to a MOU that has hardly been used), and now a private-sector expansion (which we believe begins, but does not end, with this Saab plant). The sum total of all this expanding effort is simple: The mission of the Anglers of the Au Sable is threatened. While we begin to zero in on specific threats, we must pursue the 9,500 page FOIA by all available means to see what the future looks like. Capitulation at this point could allow Lansing and its military pet projects to run all over this river.

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### Whip Finish Tips and Techniques – Jan. 2025

by Al & Gretchen Beatty

#### Peacock Chenille –

It doesn't take very long for a person new to tying to discover peacock herl is a really fragile material. It also doesn't take long for a new fly-fisher to discover that peacock herl is very attractive to many fish species. The tier/fisher doesn't have to settle for one or two fish per fly before retiring it. Making a durable peacock body is really not any more difficult than adding a little thread to the equation.

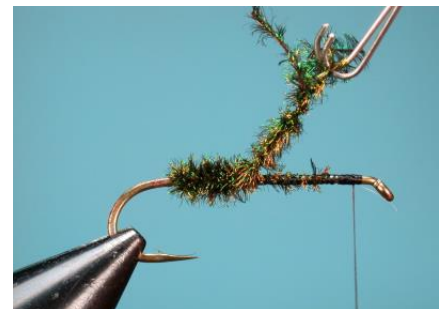
1. Tie several peacock herls to the hook by their tips. Form a dubbing loop about as long as the herls and capture them with a tool that can be rotated.



2. Pull the loop tight and rotate the tool in one direction. The chenille appears starting at the hook and advancing toward the tiers hand. *Caution:* As the dubbing loop/herl is twisted it wants to grow shorter. Allow it to do so or the assembly will break rendering it unusable.



3. Wrap the chenille around the hook to form a durable peacock body



## MFFC Events and Outings w/ Chairperson's eMail (Hyperlink)

[Hyperlink for eMail](#)

Outing and Events	Dates	Where	Chairperson(s)
White River Trip #2	March 16 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup>	White River Trout Lodge (Cotter, AR)	<a href="#">Jon Bada</a>
Trout Tune-Up	April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Walled Lake Outdoor Recreation Area (Walled Lake, MI)	<a href="#">Kevin Lipp</a> <a href="#">Sybil Hunter</a>
Member's School	April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Churchill Community Education Center (Royal Oak, MI)	<a href="#">Vince Caruso</a>
Opening Day & Remembrance	April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Gates AuSable Lodge (Grayling, MI)	<a href="#">Al Haxton</a>
Youth School	May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	MSU Tollgate (Novi, MI)	<a href="#">Len Dixon</a>
WawaSum: Dick Schott New Member Outing	May 7 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup>	WawaSum Lodge (Grayling, MI)	<a href="#">Glenn Easterbrook</a>
MFFC Banquet	May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Italian American Banquet Center (Livonia, MI)	<a href="#">Kathy Oehring</a>
Smallmouth Outing	May 15 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>	Blue Spruce Motel (Port Austin, MI)	<a href="#">Renée Gall</a>
Driftless Spring Trip	May 25 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup>	Quiet Valley Cabins (Coon Valley, WI)	<a href="#">Jess Farris</a>
WawaSum: Bourbon & Browns	July 17 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	WawaSum Lodge (Grayling, MI)	<a href="#">Tom Coleman</a>
Club Picnic	July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Multi Lakes Conservation Club (Commerce Township, MI)	<a href="#">John Eriksson</a>
Grindstone Port Hope Youth Outdoor Education Day	July 26 <sup>th</sup>	Grindstone Port Hope Sportsman Club Education Outing (Port Hope, MI)	<a href="#">John Eriksson</a>
Yellowstone, MT Trip #1	July 26 <sup>th</sup> – August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Driftwaters Resort (Cameron, MT)	<a href="#">Al Haxton</a>
Yellowstone, MT Trip #2	August 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup>	Driftwaters Resort (Cameron, MT)	<a href="#">Al Haxton</a>
Yellowstone, MT Trip #3	August 9 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	Driftwaters Resort (Cameron, MT)	<a href="#">Al Haxton</a>
AuSable River Cleanup	September 6 <sup>th</sup>	Gates AuSable Lodge (Grayling, MI)	<a href="#">Anglers of the AuSable</a>
Scout School	September 20 <sup>th</sup>	Wayne County Community College - Ted Scott Campus (Belleville, MI)	<a href="#">Dave Oakley</a> / <a href="#">Norm Tabaka</a>
Wisconsin Driftless Outing	September 21 <sup>st</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup>	Nature Nooks Retreat (Viroqua, WI)	<a href="#">Jerry Deputat</a>

### Whip Finish Tips and Techniques – Jan. 2025 (cont'd)

#### Parachutes -

We spent two days sitting on the banks of the Gallatin River figuring out how to tie those little parachutes without clogging the hook eye. The solution was really quite simple. Our technique just changes the location on the fly where the hackle is tied off.

1. Construct the parachute body so it ends with the thread behind the post rather than at the eye.
2. Wrap the hackle, tie it off at the bottom of the post, and trim.



3. Pull the thread forward to the hook eye and use a tool to finish the fly.

Note: We used a marker on the thread to better illustrate its relationship with the materials.



# Michigan Fly Fishing Club – the Back Page

## February’s Challenge Winners: the Bourbon Brothers

If you recall on my email blast for last month Evening Hatch, one of my Challenges was “based on your latest trip and adventure, what is your favorite fly to share with other club members?”

Bill Magee submitted their challenge story from last month’s trip to the area around the Bull Shoals Dam (White River, AR)



February’s White River – Day 1 Highlight Bill caught 55 and Tom caught 47 which led the other 12 MFFC anglers for Day 1 totals over 290 fish caught (with over 900 tallied on four days). Their guide’s choice is shown on the top and bottom pic’s is Steve Deeg’s (new member) rendition, which we will be using in upcoming March trip to the White River.



## More pictures from Feb’s White Trip



Jim Weakland



“Big Fish” Barry Green



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