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The Newsletter of the Michigan Fly Fishing Club

December 2026 Edition

Eggs today, trout and salmon tomorrow: Fall and winter egg collections wrapping up at (Michigan) DNR facilities

Written by Aaron Switzer / Joe Mickevich (Michigan DNR)

In all, fisheries staff collected more than 16 million trout and salmon eggs this season

The Department of Natural Resources stocks fish in Michigan waters every year, providing fishing opportunities and helping maintain healthy ecosystems. Where do the fish being stocked come from? It begins with collecting fish eggs, and the DNR has been working hard this fall gathering the necessary eggs to produce fish for stocking. Fall egg collections have been completed for wild Chinook and coho salmon and for captive broodstocks of brown, brook and lake trout. Egg collection for rainbow trout will soon begin.

Chinook salmon eggs were collected Sept. 29 through Oct. 8 at the Little Manistee River Weir. Eggs and milt (sperm) are gathered from fish during the annual salmon run. At the weir, salmon swim up a fish ladder and into holding ponds. From there, fish are brought into the facility, where eggs and milt are collected and the eggs are fertilized.

“We experienced another strong run of wild Chinook salmon this season,” said Aaron Switzer, DNR fish production manager. “The run at the Little Manistee was robust enough to

provide for all of Michigan’s egg needs. We were also able to provide eggs to Indiana and Illinois state-owned fish hatcheries. Once hatched, reared and stocked, these Chinook salmon support and enhance the Lake Michigan salmon fishery.”



Coho salmon eggs were collected at the Platte River State Fish Hatchery Weir from Oct. 16 through Oct. 28.

“We collected nearly 6 million coho salmon eggs at the Platte River weir. This includes approximately 3 million eggs for Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin,” said Switzer. “All four states work together cooperatively each year to ensure Lake Michigan continues to receive Pacific salmon to supplement the fishery.”

In addition to egg collection from wild fish, captive broodstocks (fish kept at a hatchery to produce eggs and milt)

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Upcoming Club Events

- 12/17/25: Club Mtg (Garage Sale)
- 01/07/26: Club Meeting (Speaker)
- 01/08/26: Ultimate Fishing Show
- 01/14/26: Board Meeting
- 01/21/26: Club Meeting (Activity)
- 02/04/26: Club Meeting (Speaker)
- 02/11/26: Board Meeting
- 02/18/26: Club Meeting (Activity)
- 02/19/26: Outdoorama Show
- 02/22/26: White River (AR) Trip #1
- 03/04/26: Club Meeting (Activity)
- 03/06/26: Midwest Flyfishing Expo
- 03/07/26: Expo (Pontiac, MI)
- 03/11/26: Board Meeting
- 03/16/26: White River (AR) Trip #2
- 03/18/26: Club Meeting (Speaker)
- 04/01/26: Club Meeting (Speaker)
- 04/04/26: Trout Tune-Up
- 04/08/26: Board Meeting
- 04/11/26: Members School
- 04/15/26: Club Meeting (Activity)
- 04/25/26: Opening Day
- 05/06/26: Club Meeting (Activity)
- 05/06/26: Dick Schot New Member
- 05/13/26: Board Meeting
- 05/14/26: Smallmouth Outing
- 05/20/26: MFFC Banquet
- 07/16/26: Bourbon & Browns
- 07/18/26: Club Picnic
- 08/01/26: Montana Trip Week #1
- 08/08/26: Montana Trip Week #2
- 08/15/26: Montana Trip Week #3

For the most current listing of events, check our club's website: mffc.org

Michigan Fly Fishing Club – Business Section

Michigan Fly Fishing Club Board of Directors Meeting November 12th, 2025

Roll Call:

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm

Present: T. Schotts, J. Bada; K. Lipp;
J. Harris, J. Eriksson; J. Aukee; J.
Aitken; N. Tabaka, J. Haxton, T.
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Absent: none

Approval of the Minutes: minutes
from 10/08/25 approved

Approval of the Agenda: agenda for
11/12/25 approved

Officer's Report

President: T. Schotts

- TU Clinton Valley chapter officer approached Todd regarding how the fly-fishing clubs could work together.

Vice President: J. Bada

- Evening Hatch received three "return to sender" mailers, will take off the mailing list until or unless new addresses are provided.

Treasurer: J. Aitken

- We are underbudget at the moment which is to be expected at this point. We have put 40K into a short-term CD at Huntington Bank.

Corresponding Secretary: J. Harris

- The December Speaker will be James Spica on Fly Fishing Travel including Iceland.
- The activity meeting (in Dec) will be the annual swap meet.
- The January speaker will be Jeff Liskey. His topic will be Steelhead Fly Fishing in Ohio and Western Pennsylvania.
- February and March speakers are TBD.

Membership: J. Eriksson

- We had 438 members at the close of the Fiscal Year, July 31, 2025
- New members since July 5th totals 21.

Membership (continued)

- Renewal letters mailed to 438 on October 1, 2025. Current membership is 459
- There are 266 paid members through November 11. Surveys received equal 111.

Visitor's Comments:

- Vern White: Vern reported that hats will be available at the next meeting. He also has YouTube videos up and running again.

Events and Outings:

- Montana trip dates: 08/01/26 – 08/08/26; 08/08/26 – 08/15/26; 08/15/26 – 08/22/26; cost tbd
- FFI GLC Meeting Summary – Michigan Hydro Relicensing Coalition, Dam sales perks and pitfalls discussion on whether we should participate; Dave Peterson was presented with the Award of Distinction for Leadership and Service.
- Expo-Set up on Thursday and Friday morning. Show will be open from 1-9pm on Friday, March 6, and Saturday March 7, from 9am-6pm. Teardown follows closing. There will be rooms set aside for the treasurer and cordoned off areas for member room. There will be a concession stand for guests. Bill Shannon and Kevin Lipp will visit the venue to formulate & finalize the floorplan.

Old Business:

- We need to get the word out about the garage sale/swap meet in December.

Corresponding Secretary: J. Harris

- It will be important to get the word out on the Expo and new venue.
- Short discussion on YouTube recordings of meeting speakers and complexities involved, no motions were made.



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Michigan Fly Fishing Club's Board of Directors Page

A Message from the Board of Directors:

Volunteering Opportunities

Midwest Fly Fishing Expo: *Oakland Expo Center*
2212 Mall Dr E, Waterford Township, MI 48328

- **Thursday, March 5th:**
 - Club Setup: 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
 - Vendor Setup: 1:00 pm– 9:00 pm
- **Friday, March 6th:**
 - Vendor Setup: 8am – 1pm,
 - Expo Open: 1:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- **Saturday, March 7th:**
 - Expo Open: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm
 - Vendor & Club Teardown: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- **Volunteer sign-up:** <https://volunteersignup.org/XJORM> or click on this Midwest Fly Fishing Expo (above)



Ultimate Fishing Show: *Vibe Credit Union Showplace*
46100 Grand River Ave, Novi, MI 48374

- Be a mentor for a couple hours with kids – demonstrating how simply it is to tie their own fly
- Co-Chairpersons: contact for more information
 - Jim Aitken: trerasurer@mffc.org
 - Jon Bada: vicepresident@mffc.org
- Thursday, Jan 8th: 1 pm – 8 pm
- Friday, Jan 9th: noon – 8 pm
- Thursday, Jan 10th: 11 am – 8pm
- Thursday, Jan 11th: 10 am – 5 pm
- **Volunteer sign-up:** <https://volunteersignup.org/H4ERD> or click on the Ultimate Fishing Show hyperlink (above)



Outdoorama: *Vibe Credit Union Showplace*
46100 Grand River Ave, Novi, MI 48374

- Be a mentor for a couple hours with kids – demonstrating how simply it is to tie their own fly
- Co-Chairperson: **TBD**, contact if interested or for more event information
 - Jim Aitken: trerasurer@mffc.org
- Thursday, Feb 19th: 1 pm – 8 pm
- Friday, Feb 20th: noon – 8 pm
- Saturday, Feb 21st: 11 am – 8pm
- Sunday, Feb 22rd: 10 am – 5 pm
- **Volunteer sign-up:** <https://volunteersignup.org/8LPA7> or click on the Outdoorama hyperlink (above)



When in doubt, check out our club's website (by hovering over the logo and getting a hyperlink to appear)



<https://mffc.org/>
Ctrl+Click to follow link

Using Electronic Devices to View MFFC Communications (via desktop, table or smartphone technology)

Announcements: Club's eBlasts

- Current club members will need to provide your email account to receive the announcement(s) sent out by the Corresponding Secretary
- Any electronic device can view the eBlast(s) where your email account resides
- Hyperlinks are included on this communication method
- Contact: [James Harris](#)

Websites: Club's Website

- MFFC.org
- Contact: [Sybil Hunter](#)

Social Media: Club's Facebook Page

- [The Original Michigan Flyfishing Cub](#)
- Contact: [Joyce Haxton](#)
- Once you are able to get in, the club's Facebook page looks like:



Publications: Evening Hatch Newsletter

- URL: [The Evening Hatch](#) or drill down on the club's website and go to ABOUT / The Evening Hatch Newsletter
- Contact: [Jon Bada](#)

Hints & Tips on using your electronic devices

- Hyperlinks: usually underlined text
 - Hoover over the text / image & notice a URL message
 - While hovering – following instructions shown to go to the link provided by the enclosed notation; below is an example using a Windows desktop



- For smartphone users, some hyperlinks are colored (because of small font styles are used as a default); click on that colored area of text to launch
- PDF Documents: view in color and zoom in on content using your tablet or desktop; you can even it print it too
- Volunteering: volunteersignup.org
 - A website is where club members can sign-up for various volunteering opportunities and respective timeslots for that event
 - Website requires names/email/phone information so for latest event information if necessary



Stories Featuring Club Members

The Bucket List

(written by David Bachelor, Michigan TU)

Fly fishing has taken me down many rivers. Some were spring-fed streams flowing through spruce-fir and tamarack forests with thick sphagnum moss carpets. There were bolder-strewn western rivers with raging currents that cut through geological formations containing fossils of ancient forests formed from volcanic eruptions millions of years ago. There were quiet waters meandering through willow-banked mountain meadows with cutthroat and Arctic grayling. And the remote and treeless rivers flowing across the Arctic Tundra holding trophy rainbows, char, and Dolly Varden. Each has its unique character, and multi-colored finned treasures inhabit their clear, cold waters.

I have caught some amazing trout and salmon in these places. The brook trout and the iridescent rainbow-hued Arctic rayling are the most beautiful to me, but then I've never caught a char in spawning colors. Brown trout with ringed red spots and buttermilk bellies and rainbow trout with iridescent crimson stripes are also amazing. When it comes to brute strength and stamina, the Pacific salmon are supreme, especially the fresh run kings. Whether these species originated from a common ancestor along with Atlantic salmon is still a subject of study. But catching the elusive Atlantic salmon has been at the top of my bucket list.



So, when my friend Mark Rais (MFFC Club Member pictured above) asked if I would like to try for Atlantic salmon on a guided trip on the lower Au Sable, the answer was a resounding "yes." Kelly Neuman donated a two-person guided trip to the Mason-Griffiths Founders Chapter's annual banquet last year. Mark and I were sitting at the table with Boyd Dillon and his wife Shirley when Boyd won the live auction for the trip. Boyd and Mark were dear friends, having served together on the (TU) Mason-Griffiths board of directors and been involved in many programs to protect and improve the Au Sable and Manistee rivers and fisheries. Mark, among other things, currently manages the Grayling Fish Hatchery. We owe them, and others like them, a debt of gratitude for all they have done.

Boyd wanted to try fly fishing for lake trout in Tawas Bay with his friend Kelly. Unfortunately, he never got the chance. When Boyd passed, the river lost a beloved friend and custodian. He will be missed by all who knew him and those he inspired. After Boyd's passing, Shirley asked Mark if he would like to use the trip. The most memorable and special fly-fishing adventures often involve friends who make them possible or experience them with you. This one would be bittersweet, for it came from

friend who was no longer with us.

Mark knew that I had been chasing Atlantics for several years without sealing the deal. "This trip is for you," Mark said. The Atlantics are in, and I want you to catch one. But you will have to get up early," he added, knowing that I'm not an early riser. Also, we would be fishing from a drift boat, which I had never done before.

The forecast called for intermittent rain throughout the day, and it was drizzling when we left Grayling to meet Kelly at Whirlpool Landing. It had stopped by the time we arrived, and after introductions, we got on the water and headed upriver. I was in the front, Mark in the stern. Kelly anchored us in a gravel-bottomed run near a sunken logjam and suggested we cast close and swing are flies quartering downstream.

Atlantics were everywhere, and it didn't take long before Mark caught his first fish with short retrieves on the dangle. It was a beautiful silver grilse. Minutes later, Mark got a small steelhead and another salmon, which was a bit bigger. Being the thoughtful person he is, he asked if I wanted to switch positions. He could tell I was having difficulty casting and getting a good drift from my position in the boat. I was tempted but declined. We moved further up the river, dropped anchor, and raised a toast in memory and tribute to Boyd. It was an emotional moment for his spirit was with us. A few casts later, Mark hooked into a large fish. This fish fought hard before coming to the net. It was a handsome buck in full spawning colors with a pronounced kype. When Mark asked if I wanted to trade positions again, I accepted, but it was too late. The front had moved in as predicted, and things shut down.

So, what should have been, happened. Mark had an awesome day to commemorate his dear close friend, and I had the privilege of being with him. This experience with Mark renewed the saying, "It is through giving that we receive."

A week later, Steve Naylor took me out to try below Foote Dam on the Au Sable. Unfortunately, another front had passed through the evening before bringing colder, windy weather. The salmon were sulking and had a bad case of lockjaw. We had some follows but no takes. However, we did locate a "hot spot" accessible from the road. It was a shallow gravel bar several hundred yards long interspersed with deep runs and pools, ideal for holding fish and spawning. It was wade-able, and I could use my Spey rod to swing flies I had tied just for Atlantics. Perfect!

Two days later, I returned shortly after sunrise to find another car in the small parking area. I asked the two locals fishing there if they minded me dropping in below them. "No problem," one of them replied as he added a nice male salmon to his stringer. They soon left, and I was alone. Atlantics were moving upstream and holding on gravel bars and around redds. After swinging the fly in front of the gravel bar, I missed a couple of fish on the dangle. Would I ever shake this salmon hex?

After settling down, I cast my fly in a channel running next to a redd where a couple of males had been hanging out. Suddenly, a

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Conservation News

Consumers Energy's Plans to Sell 13 Aging Dams (Links to recent articles)

Detroit News: *Opponents question Consumers' plan to sell hydropower dams* (written by Carol Thompson)
<https://www.detroitnews.com/story/business/2025/11/07/consumers-energys-plan-to-sell-hydropower-dams-mpsc/87084862007/#>

Bridge Michigan: *Consumers: Selling Michigan dams, paying double for power cheapest route*
<https://bridgemi.com/michigan-environment-watch/consumers-selling-michigan-dams-paying-double-for-power-cheapest-route/>



Michigan Trout Unlimited: *CE Hydro Update #4* (Page 14)
<https://michigantu.app.box.com/s/3fo1mfqw3jvphua2rrv96q201hh7n4u8>



Anglers of the Au Sable's memo to its members:

Anglers of the Au Sable has intervened in formal proceedings in a fight to stop Consumers Energy's plans to sell 13 aging dams (6 of which are on the Au Sable) to Hull Energy, a private equity firm based in Maryland, and its subsidiary, Confluence. The case is pending in front of the Michigan Public Service Commission, which has the authority to approve or deny the sale.

We are not alone in opposition. We stand with Michigan Trout Unlimited, Great Lakes Fly Fishers International, Michigan Steelhead and Salmon Fishermen's Association, and others in this campaign. Crucially, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources has also intervened in opposition. Michigan has been marred by dam failures due to similar dam sales. The dams in question are dilapidated, at or near the end of their lifespans, and in need of repairs. Some of the Au Sable dams also violate water quality standards. Consumers claims community approval, but we feel that they haven't considered the diversity of viewpoints surrounding the dams, and the future of the six (6) dams, on the Au Sable (and other Michigan Rivers). If you feel passionately about this issue, we could use your support as we head to court. Please [click here](#) if you'd like to donate or more information.

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provide many of the eggs that will become stocked fish: 880,000 Arctic grayling eggs; 333,500 brook trout eggs; 297,000 lake trout eggs; 2.6 million brown trout eggs and 1.5 million rainbow trout eggs. An additional 357,000 splake eggs (brook trout and lake trout hybrid) also will be collected to support Michigan's fisheries management objectives.

At Oden State Fish Hatchery, egg collections for brown trout occurred through mid-October. Rainbow trout egg collections at Oden will begin in December and continue until mid-January. These captive egg collections will occur every one to two weeks over the season. Captive broodstock egg collections for brook and lake trout at Marquette State Fish Hatchery have already been completed, and Arctic grayling egg collection is planned for early spring 2026.

To learn more about Michigan's state fish hatcheries or to plan a trip, visit Michigan.gov/Hatcheries.



Department of Natural Resources

The Bucket List (continued from Page 4)

heavy, silvery salmon hit the fly and went airborne. She lived up to the name Salar by making several spectacular jumps followed by heavy runs. Ten minutes later, I gently beached a gorgeous ripe hen. I held her in the current, admiring her beauty and strength until she had fully recovered. Then she slid back into the river to spawn the next generation. Later, I caught a slightly smaller male. It was a memorable day. The hex was finally broken.

The bucket list has gotten shorter over the years, and my friends are fewer, but being almost eighty makes me grateful to be able to wade in the river, swing a fly, and be with friends who make it all possible.



Editor's Note: the guide mentioned in this Bucket List article is Kelly Neuman ... the same guide that will be our host on both four-day guided trips with five-night accommodations at the White River Trout Lodge (Cotter, AR). There is room for a few more club members to join Week #2. See article in November Evening Hatch or contact Jon Bada at vicepresident@mffc.org as soon as possible. Week #2 dates are March 16th – 21st

You can check Kelly Neuman's blog via this hyperlink:



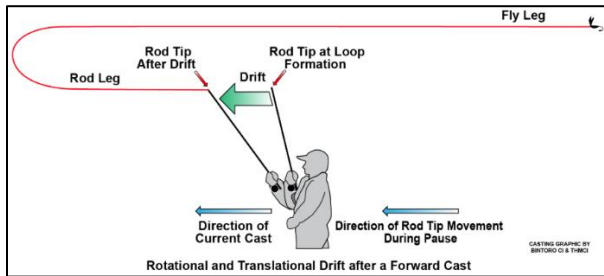
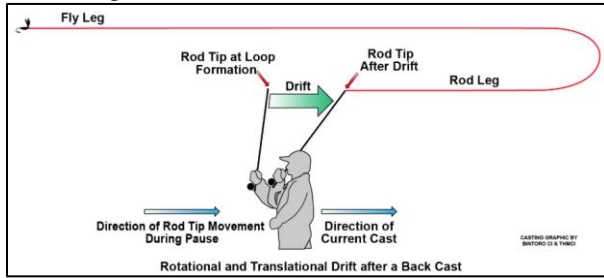
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Fly Fishers International Affiliation & Education News FFI Fly Casting Definitions (Part 2)

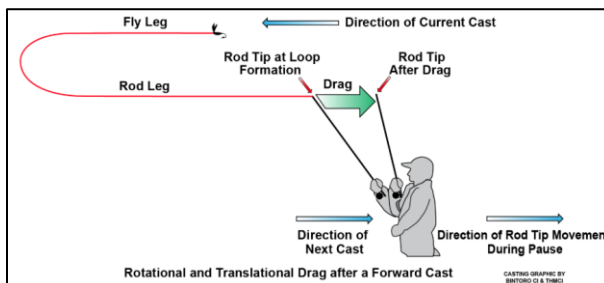
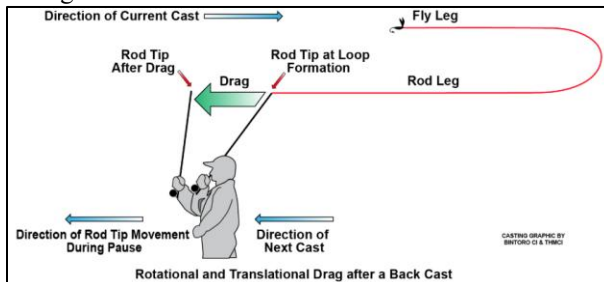
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Rod Movements During the Pause: Rod movements during the Pause can be made through a combination of Rotation and/or Translation

- **Drift:** Moving the rod tip in the direction of the current cast during the Pause; both back and forward casts



- **Drag:** Moving the rod tip in the direction of the next cast during the Pause



- **Creep:** Drag which contributes to a casting fault.
- **Up/Down:** Moving the rod tip up or down during the Pause
- **In/Out:** Moving the rod tip in (closer to the caster laterally) or out (further away) during the Pause.










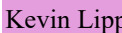





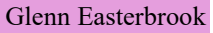







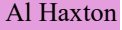
Cast and Techniques:



- **Delivery Cast:** the final casting stroke of a fly cast, which presents the fly.
- **Mends:** manipulating the fly line layout by rod movement after the stop on a delivery cast.
 - Aerial Mends - mending before the fly line/leader lands on the water
 - Water Mends - mending after the fly line/leader lands on the water.
- **Shooting Line:** increasing the amount of fly line outside the rod tip by releasing the fly line after the stop.
- **Slipping Line:** increasing the amount of fly line outside the rod tip by releasing the fly line and moving the rod either before or after a casting stroke.
- **Straight Line Presentations:** casting strokes and/or mends which produce a straight fly line layout.
- **Slack Line Presentations:** casting strokes and/or mends which produce slack line layouts.
- **Curved Presentations:** casting strokes and/or mends which produce a curved line layout.
- **Single Haul:** pulling the fly line through the rod guides during either the forward or back casting stroke.
- **Double Haul:** pulling the fly line through the rod guides during consecutive casting strokes, after returning the line hand towards the rod hand during the pause.
- **Continuous Tension Cast:** a cast where continuous rod movement maintains tension in the fly line.
- **Oval / Elliptical Cast:** a continuous tension cast formed by a relatively horizontal back cast rod plane which then transitions without stopping into a more vertical rod plane on the forward cast.
- **Roll Cast:** an anchored cast without a substantial change of direction consisting of a Lift, D Loop Sweep, Circle Up, and Delivery Cast in which the fly does not leave the water until after the Delivery Cast.
- **Switch Cast:** a Touch and Go Anchor Cast without a substantial change of direction consisting of a Lift, D Loop Sweep, Circle Up, and Delivery Cast.
- **Spey Cast:** an Anchored Cast with a change of direction.
- **Single Spey:** an Upstream Touch and Go Anchor Cast with a change of direction, consisting of a Lift, a fly line repositioning movement, then a D Loop Sweep, Circle Up, and Delivery Cast.
- **Double Spey:** a Downstream Sustained Anchor Cast with a change of direction, consisting of a Lift and an Upstream Line Placement Move, followed by a downstream rod movement transitioning into a D Loop Sweep, Circle Up, and Delivery Cast.
- **Snap Cast:** an Upstream Sustained Anchor Cast with a change of direction, consisting of a Lift, a Line Placement Move in which the rod moves upstream and reverses direction downstream, followed by an upstream rod movement transitioning into a D Loop Sweep, Circle Up, and Delivery Cast.
 - Snap C/Circle C/Circle Spey: a Snap Cast where the Line Placement Move consists of the rod moving

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

 **Hyperlink for Volunteer Sign-up**
 **Hyperlink for eMail**

Outing and Events	2026 Dates	Where	Chairperson(s)
Ultimate Fishing Show	January 8 th – 11 th	Vibe Credit Union Showplace (Novi, M) https://volunteersignup.org/H4ERD  Volunteer - Ultimate Fishing Show	 Jim Aitken /  Jon Bada
Outdoorama	February 19 th – 22 nd	Vibe Credit Union Showplace (Novi, M) https://volunteersignup.org/8LPA7  Volunteer - Outdoorama	Chairperson Needed
White River Trip #1	February 22 nd – 28 th	White River Trout Lodge (Cotter, AR)	 Scott Freeburg
Midwest Fly Fishing Expo	March 6 th (Friday: 1pm - 9pm) March 7 th (Saturday: 9am – 6pm)	Oakland County Expo Center (Waterford, MI) https://volunteersignup.org/XJQRM  Volunteer – Midwest Flyfishing Expo	 Kevin Lipp /  Joe Sprys
Trout Tune-Up	April 4 th	Walled Lake Outdoor Recreation Area (Walled Lake, MI)	 James Harris
White River Trip #2	March 16 th – 21 st	White River Trout Lodge (Cotter, AR)	 Jon Bada
Members School	April 11 th	Wayne County Community College - Ted Scott (Belleville, MI)	 Vern White
Opening Day & Remembrance	April 25 th	Gates AuSable Lodge (Grayling, MI)	 Al Haxton
Dick Schot New Member Outing	May 6 th – 9 th	WawaSum Lodge (Grayling, MI)	 Glenn Easterbrook
Smallmouth Outing	May 14 th – 17 th	Blue Spruce Motel (Port Austin, MI)	 Renée Gall
MFFC Banquet	May 20 th	Italian American Banquet Center (Livonia, MI)	 Scott Freeburg /  James Harris
Youth School	TBD	TBD	Chairperson Needed
WawaSum: Bourbon & Browns	July 16 th – 19 th	WawaSum Lodge (Grayling, MI)	 Tom Coleman
Club Picnic	July 18 th	Multi Lakes Conservation Club (Commerce Township, MI)	 John Eriksson
Yellowstone, MT Trip #1	August 1 st – 8 th	Driftwaters Resort (Cameron, MT)	 Al Haxton
Yellowstone, MT Trip #2	August 8 th – 15 th	Driftwaters Resort (Cameron, MT)	 Al Haxton
Yellowstone, MT Trip #3	August 15 th – 22 nd	Driftwaters Resort (Cameron, MT)	 Al Haxton

 **Editor's Note:** to proceed onto the Hyperlinks show above: from your desktop
 computer- press on the CONTROL key and click over the colored box

FFI Fly Tying Skills Zoom Classes

Join FFI Fly Tying Skills Zoom Classes if you're interested in building new fly tying skills. The FFI Fly Tying Group will host Technical Skills Sessions on zoom the first and third Tuesday of each month until May 5th (2026).

- **Click on this Hyperlink to register** for these classes
- Here is a sample of upcoming Zoom Meeting Dates
 - December 16, 2025: 8:00 pm [Rick Passek - Wet Fly Techniques / Traditional Wet Flies]

- January 6, 2026: 8:00 pm [Al Beatty - Wonder Wings / Wonder Walker]
- January 20, 2026: 8:00 pm [Eric Austin - Flat Water Spinner Techniques]
- February 3, 2026: 8:00 pm [Fred Hannie - Using Monofilament in Fly Tying]
- February 17, 2026: 8:00 pm [Joel Evans – TBA]
- March 3, 2026: 8:00 pm [Colin Callback Fishable - Salmon Fly Techniques]
- March 17, 2026: 8:00 pm [The Mystery Tyer - Catskill Pattern Techniques, Materials, & Setting Wood Duck Wings / Quill Gordon and Atherton #5]

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Challenges: Garage Sale Finds

Brown trout from Little Manistee from October this year on a 4 wt travel rod I got years ago's club sale by Mike Davis



Member Bob Gordon with a 20 lb King on the Big Manistee. Caught on a garage sale Sage 9/10 wt Mike Davis bought from Scott Freeburg last December. I also got an 8 wt lefty Cray from Scott that is now my Bass Rod. I love shopping the club garage sale!



New Club Members: Tight Lines!!

Mark Rei (Bloomfield Hills, MI)

Michael Spencer (Clarkston, MI)

FFI Fly Casting Definitions (Part 2) (continued from Page 6)

- upstream and reversing direction downstream in a rounded path.
- **Snap T:** a Snap Cast where Line Placement Move consists of the rod moving upstream and reversing direction downstream in a relatively straight path.
- **Snake Roll:** a Downstream Touch and Go Anchor Cast with a change of direction, consisting of a Lift with a circular movement towards the target, transitioning into a D Loop Sweep, Circle Up, and Delivery Cast.
- **Perry Poke:** a rod movement which directs slack fly line on the water in front of the caster approximately in line with the target direction, and is then followed by a D Loop Sweep, Circle Up and Delivery Cast.



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