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## Notes from the President

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Wow how time flies. We just passed the summer equinox. That means the year is half over. I hope you've enjoyed it so far. Gary Bagley and his casting crew just completed the casting course. There was a bumper crop of students starting out with 17. I'd like to extend a special thanks to Gary, Steve, and Tom for continuing to organize the classes.

In July we have a couple volunteer outside education events coming up with the VOA Cardboard Regatta and the Eastern Hills Rod & Gun Club Sporting Women's events. BUFF is also doing the Stream Quality Monitoring on the Little Miami. We're looking for a few good Buffers to help.

At the last monthly meeting Derrick Filkins from Fly Masters Fly Shop in Indianapolis showed us some unorthodox ways of tying flies. Spinners, crooked hooks and worm hooks were the topics. Personally, I've tied some fair-sized musky / pike flies on 5/0 worm hooks. I used a method from a young fly tier in Duluth Minnesota, Gunnar Brammer, where you use a 25mm shank to tie the rear 2/3 of the fly and attach it to the short shank of the worm hook with titanium wire. The Ti wire bends without kinking and creates a weed guard. Actually, I've found it to be a tree / log / weed / everything guard and I still catch fish in very heavy cover. Throw it over a log, look it didn't get snagged. Oops, into the tree, it comes right out. Check out Gunnar on YouTube for some innovative ideas.

The point of that was to tell you to get out of your rut. Don't be afraid to try things. I think it's more fun that way. One last parting item, it looks like we might be doing a swap meet at the August meeting. Send your vote to the club BOD's saying yes or no. We'd like to hear if this is something you would like to do. Maybe we see you at the NKFF meeting on July 5<sup>th</sup>? If not see you on the river somewhere and remember to keep you line in the water.

Jim Vota

El Presidente

## **July Meeting – Joint Meeting with NKFF**

**As a reminder, our July Meeting is the annual joint meeting with Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers (NKFF). The date is Thursday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. This is a week earlier than our usual meeting. The NKFF meeting is at the Boon Links Golf Course clubhouse. Address is 19 Clubhouse Drive, Florence, KY 41042.**

The meeting social hour starts at 5:30 and dinner is at 6:30. The menu is fried chicken, which, we are told, is delicious! For those interested in attending the July meeting, registration is on the BUFF Website, just as we register for our regular meetings. Dinner cost is \$15 which can be paid by cash check or credit card at the NKFF meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Directions and map are on our website on the meeting registration page.

**Important – due to the earlier monthly schedule, registration is required by July 1<sup>st</sup>.**

## **Announcements for Upcoming Events in July**

**A number of fun and interesting activities coming up over next few weeks!**

### **Women’s Day Trip to Mad River – July 7<sup>th</sup>**

Cari Vota is leading an all-day wading trip on the Mad River on Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. Several openings are still available. Check the BUFF Website for specific information or contact Cari ([vota@zoomtown.com](mailto:vota@zoomtown.com)) if interested.

This trip has an early ‘meeting’ time at the Mad River location – 6:30 AM. Some of the participants are making arrangements to drive up the evening before and stay in lodging in the area. Again, contact Cari for information if interested in this option.

### **Stream Quality Monitoring – July 14<sup>th</sup>**

On Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> there are two stream monitoring events on the Little Miami River. One is at Caesar’s Creek, and the other at Bass Island. This is part of the Ohio Stream Quality Monitoring Project, ongoing since 1983, which assess aquatic insect life and water quality on our state’s scenic rivers. Start time is to meet at 9AM at the site.

Sign-up and directions are on the registration page of the BUFF website. You can also contact Tom Britton, the club’s Conservation Director ([starwoodtb@gmail.com](mailto:starwoodtb@gmail.com)) for more information.

Rain dates for both events are July 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **VOA Cardboard Regatta – July 14<sup>th</sup>**

Also on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> BUFF is seeking volunteers to help with casting demonstrations and fly tying at the Crazy Cardboard Regatta. The event takes place on the lake at VOA Metro Park (just behind the lodge where we hold our meetings). Time is from 10 AM to 3 PM. Sign-up for however long you are able to help out. Casting is on the lawn area and tying is in the Lodge building.

Sign-up is on the BUFF website, or you can contact Tom Bachey ([h2oguy@fuse.net](mailto:h2oguy@fuse.net)) for more information. This is a great event. The creativity of groups in making boats out of cardboard for the regatta races is incredible!



## **Eastern Hills Rod & Gun Club – July 21st**

This is another of our annual volunteer events. We are looking for volunteers for their women's sporting event which is on Saturday July 21<sup>st</sup> at the Eastern Hills Rod and Gun Club, which is in Batavia. BUFF members will be teaching casting and fishing techniques on the club's pond. The event runs from 9 AM to noon. More detail and sign-up are on our website, or you can contact Tom Bachey ([h2oguy@fuse.net](mailto:h2oguy@fuse.net)).

## **Local Stream Ecology – July 21st**

BUFF members are invited to learn about our local stream ecology. This is in conjunction with the Butler County Stream Team, a local water quality citizen-science group and part of the Butler County Metro Parks and Butler County Soil and Water District.

The program is from 9 – 11 AM at Dudley Woods Park in Liberty Township. As part of the program we will be wading in the creek to collect samples of the various creatures which make the water their home and which are used to assess the ecological status of the creek.

Sign up and a map is on our website, and you can contact Tom Britton ([starwoodtb@gmail.com](mailto:starwoodtb@gmail.com)) for more information.

## **New! - Student Memberships Available**

At the last Board of Directors meeting, the Board was asked to consider instituting a student membership rate. This was discussed and approved by the Board. Students, age 24 and younger, providing proof of current enrollment in an educational program will be offered membership at a rate of \$10 per year. We hope this may enable us to attract some new and younger members to the club.

We have a contact for a fishing club at University of Cincinnati. However, if fellow Buffers are aware of fishing clubs at our local colleges and universities and/or have contact information for these organizations, please share this with any Board member and we will contact the club.

## **2018 Spring River Clean-up**

In late April, BUFF volunteers helped participate in the annual clean-up event along the East Fork of the Little Miami River in Clermont County. Overall there were over 450 volunteers who helped to clean up 13 sites including 10 miles of riverbank and shoreline. The effort collected 4 tons of trash.

Bryan Tudor shared the photo below which shows some of our BUFF volunteers who participated in the event. This was the cover photo in the Clermont Soil and Water Conservation District newsletter which summarized this event.



# Is it Safe to go into the Water?

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A safe way to get to know your local waters BEFORE you even leave your house is to get familiar with the local stream flow data. It can be very useful either wading or floating a stream.

## Streamflow

Streamflow or discharge depends on the volume (amount) and velocity (speed) of the flow (water). It's basically the volume of water flowing past a certain point in a fixed unit of time. This is where the term **cfs** comes in. The USGS expresses stream flow using the value "cubic feet per second", or **cfs**. One cubic foot of water equals 7.48 gallons of water flowing each second, so to understand streamflow value think about a reported flow of 76 cfs being about 568 gallons of water ( $7.48 \times 76 = 568.48$ ) flowing by each second.

## How can you check the stream or river you're planning to fish?

There are a number of ways to check the cfs for rivers. If you are going out of town or state, probably the best is a local fly shop near your preferred stream. Another great resource is the USGS real-time stream flow database. It provides data for many of the rivers in most areas. Access the USGS site at <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/rt>, click on the state of interest, and check it out.

Most graphs will give you a couple pieces of information. The streamflow for rivers and streams will list the cfs and the gauge height in inches. If you are below a reservoir, you will typically see temperature (so you will know if the water is coming mid-lake or from the bottom of the reservoir – usually colder) and gauge height. If you are going below a power-generating dam, you will want to check when they are generating and releasing water. You don't want to go across the stream and then find you can't get back safely.

Some flood control reservoirs also have gauge height graphs for the lake, but don't be confused. No, the lake is not 849 feet deep. These are typically listed in feet from sea level. They will also have winter and summer preferred levels.

## Access to Streamflow Data on the BUFF website

Visit our website before you go out locally. From the front page of the BUFF website, go to the lower left-hand corner. We have links to many of the Ohio streams with USGS databases. You can even bookmark with page on your smart phone to check on the flow while you are on the stream. Why? This will give you a data point to know what that cfs looks and feels like for future reference.

Be safe and learn your local water flows first.



# Fifty Years for Ohio Scenic Rivers

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Probably very few of us know that this year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ohio enacting its Scenic River Act. The bill was enacted on February 28, 1968, and initiated the state's river conservation program.

Maybe fewer of us know that this was the very first Scenic River Act legislation enacted in the US! I think it is something we all should be proud of. The act protects the water quality, aquatic life, and the areas which surround these rivers and streams. It also provides us the recreational assets offered by these rivers and streams.



Today 14 rivers in Ohio are protected through this

legislation, and are designated as wild, scenic, and recreational. Three of these streams, the Big and Little Darby Creek, the Little Beaver Creek, and the Little Miami River are also designated as national scenic and recreational rivers. More information on waterways, fishing, and many other nature related topics can be found at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR website ([www.ohiodnr.gov](http://www.ohiodnr.gov)))

So, which river in Ohio had the distinction of being Ohio's first state scenic river? If you guessed the Little Miami, you were correct! It was named and protected as the state's first scenic river in April 1969, a little more than a year after the act was passed. The Little Miami was also the first nationally designated scenic and recreational river named in Ohio as well. Today, all of its 105 mile length are protected. Protection and preservation has paid off for those of us who respect and enjoy clean waters. Water quality in the river has improved greatly and the river supports abundant aquatic life. According to the ODNR, the Little Miami system hosts over 87 species of fish, 36 species of fresh water mussels and is habitat to numerous species of breeding birds. Also, it is in our 'backyard'.

# Upcoming BUFF Activities

Please check the BUFF Website for availability and details, or  
contact the trip or activity coordinator

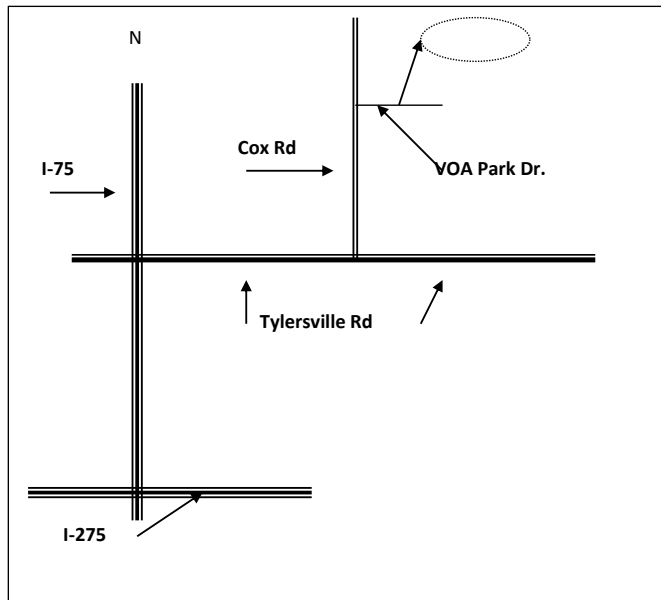
<u>Trip/Activity &amp; Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Trip /Activity Coordinator</u>
Fishing with Families Parky's Farm Winton Woods Park	July 6 <sup>th</sup> 9 AM - Noon	Ed Jones 513-523-6523 <a href="mailto:jonesee@miamioh.edu">jonesee@miamioh.edu</a>
Women's Day Trip to Mad River Urbana, OH	July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Cari Vota 513-476-7112 <a href="mailto:vota@zoomtown.com">vota@zoomtown.com</a>
Stream Quality Monitoring Caeser's Creek	July 14 <sup>th</sup> Arrive by 9 AM (rain date – July 21 <sup>st</sup> )	Bryan Tudor 513-827-5437 <a href="mailto:bryan.tudor@yahoo.com">bryan.tudor@yahoo.com</a>
Stream Quality Monitoring Bass Island	July 14 <sup>th</sup> Arrive by 9 AM (rain date – July 21 <sup>st</sup> )	Bryan Tudor 513-827-5437 <a href="mailto:bryan.tudor@yahoo.com">bryan.tudor@yahoo.com</a>
VOA Crazy Cardboard Regatta VOA Park	July 14 <sup>th</sup> 11 AM – 3 PM	Tom Bachey 513-543-4056 <a href="mailto:h20guy@fuse.net">h20guy@fuse.net</a>
Women's After Work Outing Lake Isabella	July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Cari Vota 513-476-7112 <a href="mailto:vota@zoomtown.com">vota@zoomtown.com</a>
Fishing with Families Parky's Farm Winton Woods Park	July 20 <sup>th</sup> 9 AM - Noon	Ed Jones 513-523-6523 <a href="mailto:jonesee@miamioh.edu">jonesee@miamioh.edu</a>
Tie and Lie Springdale Community Center	July 20 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM – 9 PM	Gary Begley <a href="mailto:loopdude1@hotmail.com">loopdude1@hotmail.com</a>
Local Stream Ecology Dudley Woods Park, Liberty Township, OH	July 21 <sup>st</sup> 9 – 11 AM	Tom Britton 513-520-7862 <a href="mailto:starwoodtb@gmail.com">starwoodtb@gmail.com</a>
Volunteer for Women's Sporting Event Eastern Hills Rod & Gun Club Batavia, OH	July 21 <sup>st</sup> 9 AM – Noon	Tom Bachey 513-543-4056 <a href="mailto:h20guy@fuse.net">h20guy@fuse.net</a>

Trip/Activity & Location	Dates	Trip /Activity Coordinator
Fishing with Families Parky's Farm Winton Woods Park	July 27 <sup>th</sup> 9 AM - Noon	Ed Jones 513-523-6523 <a href="mailto:jonesee@miamioh.edu">jonesee@miamioh.edu</a>

**Remember – July Meeting is with NKFF at their club on July 5<sup>th</sup>**

**August Meeting – Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
at VOA Park – watch website in Late July for sign-up**

Register on line at [WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM](http://WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM). Please register whether you plan to eat dinner with us (\$15/person) or not.



**Directions:**

**From I-75 --** Follow 1-75 north to the Tylersville Road exit. Turn right off of the exit ramp onto Tylersville Road and follow to Cox Road. Turn left onto Cox Road and follow Cox Road north to VOA Park Drive. Turn right onto VOA Park Drive. Turn left onto first drive and follow roadway to Lodge.

**From the Warren County area...**

Follow Tylersville Road west to Cox Road. Turn right onto Cox Road and follow Cox Road north to VOA Park Drive. Turn right onto VOA Park Drive. Turn left onto first drive and follow roadway to Lodge.