

Mending Lines

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Tippecanoe Outing

The Tippecanoe River outing was fun. The fishing was not good, but the water clarity was improved.

Six of us braved the stream to try our luck. Some found fish at other locations on the stream while others went different ways to find them.

It was hard to find the rocky areas you would expect to find smallmouth. We were told later that it was better North and east of our location, out of the park.

The canoe launch we were at had plenty of Rock Bass in it. Some Northern were spotted too.

Gary Sanders cooked up some hot dogs for us with his grill. (Thanks Gary!)

The talk was good and the area we were at was very attractive. I would not be afraid to go back and try it again, but not in the park.



Rex's Reelings

By: Rex Lengacher, Club President

Fall has certainly begun with the chill in the night and early morning air that signals cooler water temps and the fish beginning to "feed up" for the winter. These are some of the most productive fishing days and coupled with the leaves changing and all the rest nature has to offer it is certainly a beautiful time of year to get out on the water.

This last weekend was our Tippecanoe River outing. I have not heard any reports about the even from anyone who attended, but hope that a good time was had by all and that fish were caught. I look forward to hearing your stories. I also welcome any ideas you have about the outings for the upcoming year.

This has been a focus area for the board for some time now and we will do what we can to get and keep more members interested in gathering with the club at the outings to share in the experience and fun when you get to know other club members you might not interact with at the monthly meetings. If you have made trips to great fishing locations in our area let us know about it. It helps if you can give us an idea of camping and accommodations in the area.

This month's meeting will be a tying demonstration by Gary Krebs. Gary recently held a class at Pro Tackle Outfitters. Be sure to come out and see what Gary has to offer. We have worked hard to get a line-up of speakers for the coming year that we hope you find interesting and informative. As with the outings, if you know of someone who you'd like to see us have as a speaker at one of our meetings, let a board member know. We are always looking for new and interesting things to present to the club.

Please note the change in venue for our monthly meetings. We will be meeting at the Classic Café. It is on Hilegas Rd. just north of the bridge over I 69. Look for the American Legion on the East side of the road. The Classic Café is attached to the Legion but operates as a separate business. When you come to the meeting use entrance #1 to enter the building.

Hope to see you there.

Rex

New Club Meeting Location!

We have decided to move our meeting location to accommodate better parking and meeting area. The location is Classic Café at 4832 Hillegas Road. It is located behind American Legion Post 499 which is at 4830 Hillegas Road.

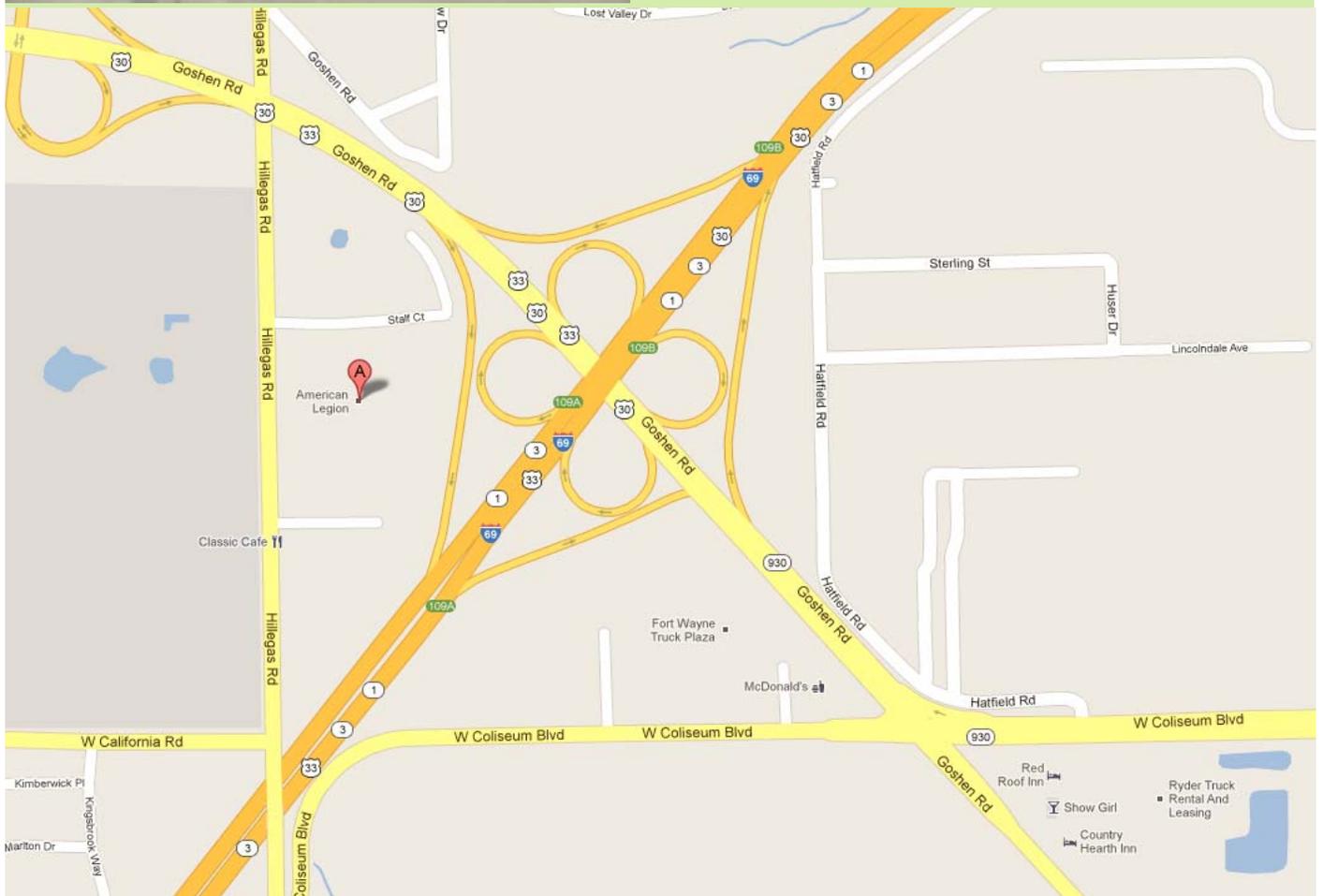
Here is a link to the map to get there:

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Kalamazoo River Still Not Clean

The Kalamazoo River tar sands oil spill is still visible in the stream. Enbridge, the company who ruined this river, is facing huge fines. Even though it has been over two years since the oil spill, the cleanup is not yet complete. Nonetheless, it stands as the longest and costliest pipeline oil spill cleanup in America's history.

The cleanup problem is due to the heavy nature of tar sands oil which settled into riverbanks and wetlands. The tar is 1-2 inches thick at the bottom of the river. These tar beds have proven difficult to remove.

The EPA has overseen the cleanup, which they noted was "writing the book" on how to clean tar sands spills. The EPA admits that the oil will probably never be completely removed from the river.

Circle Hooks Lower Catch Rate But Better for Fish?

Scientists claim that the use of "Circle" hooks are better for catch and release type fishing than "J" hooks. In a recent study at the University of North Carolina, it showed that Circle Hooks were less damaging to various species of fish than J hooks. This was true for both saltwater and freshwater fishing.

The problem is that statistically, the circle hooks only catch 60-65% of the number of fish the J hooks catch. The hook sets itself when you reel in the line. This is great for inexperienced anglers and for deep-water fishing.

With circle hooks, there are fewer gut-hooked fish. Scientific studies predict higher survival rates for released fish when using circle hooks and carefully used catch-and-release techniques.

Fish hooked in the corner of the mouth or jaw tend to fight better than fish that are hooked in the gut — and circle hooks mainly hook up in the corner of the mouth or jaw. With the hook in the corner of the mouth the line is generally out of the way of the fish's teeth, so lighter leaders can be used for sport fishing.



Drought's Affect on Fishing

The most dramatic effects of the drought on fish and other aquatic life are occurring in ponds, lakes and streams. Fisheries biologists across the country report increased incidence of fish kills in small impoundments.

In most cases, fish die because they can't get enough oxygen. Warm water holds less oxygen than cool water, so hot weather is naturally more stressful. Fish usually can cope with this unless other factors come into play.

Warm water sometimes promotes excessive growth of tiny aquatic plants known as algae. That is fine as long as the sun shines and the tiny plants are using sunlight to put oxygen in the water. But cloudy weather turns algae from oxygen producers into oxygen consumers, so a couple of overcast days can have disastrous results for fish.

Fish feed on each other and insects. The drought has reduced the amount of insects available as food for fish. So smaller fish become primary food sources for larger fish. This reduces the number of fish available in a watershed.

Different states have noted that fish being caught seem to be less bulkier than before. This is because of food availability for fish according to a study conducted by the University of Missouri. We have noticed this effect in our lakes here.



Come check out our new store! We are located in the Tredway Pools Plus strip mall on Lima Road.

You will like the expanded fly fishing section. We have a separate clothing room too.

We have all of your fly fishing needs. If you do not see something, ask and we will see if we can order it for you.



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Calendar Of Events

9/20/2012 Gary Krebs Fly Tying

10/18/2012 Casting Dynamics—St. Croix—Dan Johnson

November Reggie Alexander Fly Tying

Please visit www.3rff.org to review old Club newsletters, fly patterns, and the club calendar. Our meetings are every third Thursday of the month including January, February, March, April, May, August, September, October, November.

Doors open: 6:30 PM Meeting Starts: 7:00 PM

Where:
Classic Café
4832 Hillegas Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46818
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(Right behind the American Legion)
<http://goo.gl/maps/rFZA0>

Join the FFF

Did you know that the Three Fivers Fly Fishers is an affiliate Club of the Federation of Fly Fishers? The FFF is instrumental in promoting the sport of fly fishing and educating the public about conservation of our natural resources.

If you sign up for a new FFF membership, the club will take \$5 off your TRFF club dues if it accompanies the FFF membership. Complete the application form below. Bring your TRFF club dues and this form to our Club Treasurer Gary Sanders at the next meeting. Gary will collect the membership fee and forward to the Federation.

Membership Categories

- Individual..... \$35
- Family..... \$45
- Youth under 18.....\$15
- Senior +65.....\$25
- Disabled Veterans are Free (Proof of 50% disability required)
- Life Individual.....\$500
- Life Couple.....\$750
- 3 Year Individual..... \$85
- 3 Year Family.....\$100
- Sustaining\$200 (Commercial & Mfg. business)
- Retail shops/Outfitter....\$75

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