



MENDING LINES

Three Rivers Fly Fishers - August 2021 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Club Meetings

Club Meeting - Scott Bowerman
Warm Water Flies
September 16 @ 7:00 - 9:00pm
At the Classic Café

Club Meeting – Tim Scott
Tie-A-Thon & Warm Water Flies
October 20 @ 7:00 - 9:00pm
At the Classic Café

Club Meeting – Jack Harford
Soft Hackle Flies
November 18 @ 7:00-9:00pm
At the Classic Café

No Club Meeting in December
Board has their planning meeting

Club Outings

White River Outing
Camping and firewood is free
Main Club Meal @ 5:00 Sat
Other meals are being planned
Double D Rusty Hook Cafe
August 20-22
Canoe Country
Daleville, IN

POP-UP EVENTS
More to come

CURLY'S CREEL

The Club has had some Club Meetings and Club Outings with good numbers of Members attending. I hope to see more members start attending our Club Events. If you feel you need to wear a mask and practice social distancing to attend the gatherings we respect that. We have some good programs lined up for this Summer/Fall and we would love to have you attend as we strive to get back to normal. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact a Board Member. We still need a Secretary and we could use two more Board Members.

The Board has been busy and we are working on and have formed Committees to revise the Club By-Laws, the 25th Anniversary Dinner, and the 2022 Annual Fly Fishing/Fly Tying Show. If you served or would like to serve on the Fly Show Committee Contact Ron Dixon or me. If you would like to serve on the Anniversary Committee contact a Board Member. We are always open to suggestions for outings and guest speakers.

I am trying to produce a Club Newsletter every other month as well as try to keep you updated by mail of what is going on with our affiliate Clubs, fly fishing news, and activities in the surrounding States. If you have any interesting articles on fishing, fishing trip pictures, fish pictures, fly recipes, charts, etc., please contact me. I hope all of you come out and join us and have a great time at these programs and events.

We still have some Club Members who are battling health issues. Please keep them in your prayers, send them a card, give them a call, or stop in and visit them. We hope for a speedy recovery for them all. We are thankful for the several that are already on the mend. If you are not around you are missed.

Get out and Wet a Line,
President
Curly Hodson

CLUB OUTINGS

June: Bixler Lake

It was great to get back together with a Club Outing. It has been a long time. I would like to thank Brent Walchuk and Mike Tackett for hosting the outing. We had a real good turn out with over 20 Members attending and several guest attended. The weather was perfect and several members were on the water mainly in the morning, mostly fishing out of boats and some fishing from shore. Some bass and bluegill were caught, no braggers. Brent manned the grill with Brats and Hot Dogs and there was potato salad, plenty of variety of chips, pickle spears, Oreo cookies (double stuffed), Jim Lindhorst brought a variety of cookies. There was great fellowship and a good time was had by all.

July: Pigeon River

Our July Club Outing was on the Pigeon River is at the Pigeon River Fish & Wildlife Area. The weather man was calling for some rain late morning to mid-afternoon. Of course, you can't trust overpaid weathermen. There were bluebird skies all day. I would like to thank Brent Walchuk and Curly Hodson for hosting the outing. We didn't have a great turn out maybe because of the weather report. We did have twelve Members attend and two guests. One guest was interested in becoming a Member. We had some fishing from boats, kayaks, wading, and fishing from shore. I am not going to mention a name but we had one Member who had never caught a fish at Pigeon River, get that goose egg off his back. We set up camp at the Nasby Dam. Curly set up a gazebo for the expected rain. It did provide some shade. Brent was on the grill again with Brats and Hot Dogs. Jim Lindhorst brought some potato salad. There was variety of chips, pickle spears, Oreo cookies (double stuffed again). Four Members from the Hodson Family attended the outing with their kayaks and did the run from Mongo Dam to Nasby Dam. Then, they did the run from Nasby Dam to Curtis Creek take out. Grandpa Curly was spotting them. We then took a tour of the Curtis Creek Trout Hatchery. They all wanted to get their fly rods out and make some casts. Those Rainbows 24"-36" long were tough to resist.

August: White River

Our August Club Outing at Canoe Country on the White River is officially August 20-22 (Friday thru Sunday). Canoe Country is just north of Daleville, IN. We will have some people showing up on Wednesday and/or leaving on Monday. We will be camping in the same area as we have in the past years. It is first come first served on the camping spots. This is primitive camping. If you want electric bring your own source. There are rest rooms at the office. There are fire rings at most of the campsites. There will be a main Club campfire as the previous years. The Club is picking up the tab again for all of the campsites and for all the firewood, which the owner Robbie will supply. The back entrance into our camping is complete at this time for easier access to our camping area. Most campsites are good size so bring your tents, pop-up campers, campers, or whatever you prefer to stay in. We will be fishing the White River from the mouth of the river east of Muncie to Anderson. Target fish will be Smallmouth Bass.

Dan Brophy and Dennis Plank have volunteered to set up The Double D Rusty Hook Cafe again this year with some new hours. Dan sent me the Menu last night for breakfast, lunch, and supper for Fri. and Sat. The Diner will be closed Sun. It is Dennis's birthday. Make sure you thank the cooks.

**It is very important that you [contact "me"](#) as soon as you know what days and meals you are planning on attending so Dan and Denny can try to get a head count for each of the meals so they can plan ahead to purchase food and prepare. *Make sure you [contact "me"](#) anytime of the day so I can update the spread sheet.

I will be available to spot you up or down the river with your boats, kayaks, kick-boats, and float tubes. I can drive your vehicle to drop you off upstream and you can float back to camp, or you can put in at the camp site and float downstream where I can pick you up with your vehicle, or I can drop you off downstream and pick you up further downstream. I will be busy so don't wait until the last minute to [contact "me"](#) about spotting you. I have two signed up at this time. Other Club members will probably be available to help also. Maps of the River will be available, contact Ron Dixon, Kevin Curtis, or me.

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CLUB PROGRAMS

September Club Meeting: The Fly Guy

Scott Bowerman (The Fly Guy) is a professional fly tyer and fly designer. Scott and his wife Tammy are a husband and wife fly tying team. Together they own and operate The Fly Guy Fly Shop, a retail company, located in Whitehall, Michigan. They custom tie flies commercially and have sold flies all over the world. They have tied flies at many fly shows in several states throughout the Midwest. They have had one of the largest booths at our annual TRFF Fly Fishing/Fly Tying Show every year. The Fly Guy Fly Shop offers quality hand tied flies at a great price.

Scott has done Fly Tying videos on his own for many years on Facebook. He is very articulate in his tying procedures, explains the material he uses, explains everything he does and why he does it as he is tying flies. Scott also does fly tying videos for Steelhead Manifesto and Steelhead 419 on a weekly sometimes daily basis on Facebook. He is always showing tips and tricks to simplify you're tying techniques.

They do not have a website at this time but can be reached by Facebook, email, or by phone.



October Club Meeting: Tim Scott (Co-Founder of the Tie-A-Thon)

Tim has been a member of Saint Joe River Valley Fly Fishers for many years and held many positions in SJRVFF Club. He has fly fished the Saint Joe River, the Elkhart River, and a lot of Michigan waters extensively his whole life. He is an avid Fly Tyer as well. Tim created several fly tying videos of flies you could tie for the Tie-A-Thon. Tim will be tying some of his favorite flies for our program.

Tim Scott along with Terry Wittorp are the co-founders of the Tie-A-Thon. They started the Tie-a-thon to supply donated flies to other non-profit organizations that need them for therapeutic and recreational camps to teach fly fishing.

In the fall of 2006 they came up with the idea of gathering fly tyers from the FFF club, St. Joseph River Valley Fly Fishers and Kalamazoo Valley Chapter to tie as many flies as possible to donate to KVCTU youth camp. There were ? flies tied and distributed the first year. This year was the 15th annual Tie-A-Thon and a record ? flies were tied and donated to the Trout Unlimited Youth Camps.



THREE RIVERS NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE THREE RIVERS FLYFISHERS

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MARCH MEETING

The organizational meeting of the **Three Rivers Fly Fishers** was a great success! Twenty two people took part despite the weather. This shows that Fort Wayne has needed a fly fishing club for too long. Five board positions were filled, but we still need three more volunteers to be directors. Our first meeting will be held at 6:00 on **March 16 at Hilger's on U.S. 30 West**. This location was chosen for two reasons: It has a buffet that will allow us to eat without giving them a specific number of people attending and also allows easy access from all areas via U.S.30, I-69, and I-469. Our speaker will be fisheries biologist **Jed Pearson** from the Tri-Lakes office of the **Indiana DNR**. Jed will let us know the status of the rivers in Fort Wayne and their potential for various conservation projects. Paul Raimen will tie our "Fly of the Month". This will be something we will do every month. One member will tie a personal favorite fly for us to learn and try next season. This month, Paul will tie a grey drake pattern he has found to be effective. We will also be collecting dues of \$10 for the club and \$25 for the FFF.

NEWSLETTER

I will be doing the newsletter until someone else volunteers to take over the responsibility. I will be glad to assist this person in any way possible. If the new editor has a macintosh, I have a lot of artwork on disc to help get them started. Until then, I sincerely hope you will help me be contributing articles, tying tips, and news, etc. My address is:

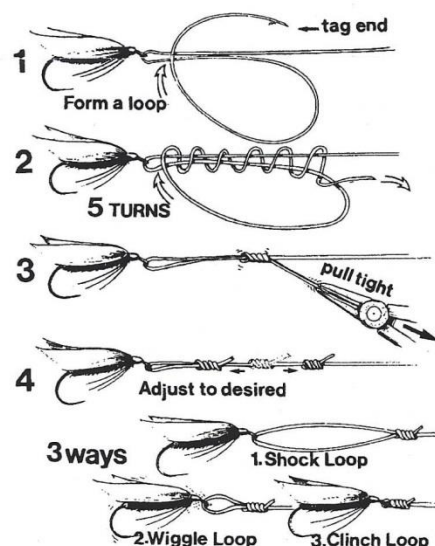
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IN ORDER TO KEEP COSTS DOWN, THIS IS THE LAST MAILING YOU WILL RECEIVE UNLESS YOU ATTENDED THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OR CALL ME. YOU CAN ALSO PICK UP A NEWSLETTER AT JORGENSEN'S.

DATES FOR MAJOR MICHIGAN HATCHES

SPECIES	DATE	PATTERN
Ephemera subvaria	April 25-June 16	Hendrickson, 12-14
Ephemera invaria	May 3-July 20	Red Quill, 12-14
Ephemera dorothea	May 12-July 3	Sulpher Dun, 14-16
Ephemerella simulans	June 2-July 14	Brown Drake, 8-10
Siphonurus rapidus	May 26-June 19	Grey Drake
uebecensis	May 22-June 26	
Hexagenia limbata	June 25-July 10	Michigan Caddis, 4-6
Tricorythodes	July 26-Sept. 7	Black Midge, 20-24
Leptophlebia cupida	May 15-Aug. 31	Black Quill, 12-14
Paraleptophlebia adoptiva	May 4-July 8	Blue-winged Dun, 16-18
Ephemera lata	June 25-Aug. 13	Blue-winged Olive, 18-20
Brachycentrus numerosis	May 7-June 15	Grannom
lateralis	May 1-June 7	
Hydropsyche slossonae	May 15-Aug. 30	Brown Caddis, 14-16
sparna	May 7-Sept. 15	
Chimarra	May 1-Sept. 7	Black Caddis, 16-18

Duncan Loop (Uni-Knot)



CLUB SPOT LIGHT



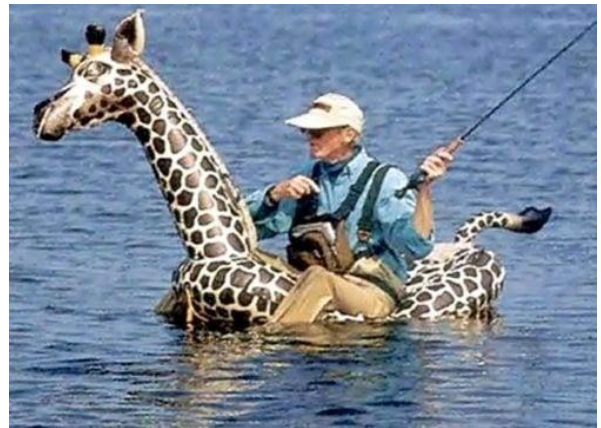
Ed Rose with a real nice Rainbow Trout



Tom Koeneman's New Ride



Brad Sherrick with a huge Crappie



Not to be outdone, Curly got a new ride



Tom Kline with an Indiana Redfish?



Randy Chappell with some Steel

MEMBERS FAVORITE FLIES



Foxy Red ClouserBy Jim Lindhorst

Hook: Mustad 33903, #4-#12

Thread: Uni 6/0, Rusty Orange

Eyes: Lead, Dumbbell, Black (size to match hook size)

Belly: Red Fox, Body Fur, Cream or Pink (with the underfur removed)

Back: Red Fox, Dark Mottled Red Fur (from the back or shoulders of a red fox with the underfur left in)
(Tie the back shorter than the belly, not extending much behind the bend of the hook)

Flash: Flashabou, Copper, Mottled Copper or Rust

(2 strands for size 12, 4 strands for 10 and 8, 6 to 8 strands for size 6 and 4)

(Let the flash extend about 1/4-inch beyond the belly fur).

Head: Uni 6/0, Rusty Orange



Eastern Green DrakeTied By Fred Bridge

Hook: Size 10, Mustad 9671 or equal

Thread: Uni 6/0, Cream

Weight: .015 lead wire

Tail: Woodduck flank fibers

Body: Cream colored fur

Rib: Gold wire, Med

Thorax: Cream colored fur, picked out

Wing Case: Woodduck flank

Legs: Woodduck flank

Materials notes:

Lemon-dyed mallard flank works just as well as natural Woodduck. I use a yarn underbody to save time and fur as this fly has a very full body; but this is the tyer's choice as is using a dubbing loop. For the fur I use rabbit fur including guard hair.

Tying Procedure:

Cover shank with thread and wrap 12 turns of .015 lead around middle section of hook shank.

Tie in 8-10 woodduck flank fibers for tail. Tail should be about 1/2 length of shank.

Optional step: Wrap cigar shaped yarn underbody. Stop at least 1/8" behind the eye of the hook. It is important you do not crowd the head space as you will need it for final wing case and leg tying steps

Tie in gold wire for ribbing.

Fort Wayne Bucktail

Posted on April 20, 2011, 11:49 am, by Gary Borger, under [Fly Designing](#), [Fly Tying](#).

Our second book, *Reading Waters* will be off to the printers next week. Expect it out by the third week in May. Watch this blog for updates along the way. In the meantime, I'm cranking away on books three and four. Our third volume is entitled *Long Flies* and covers the development of long fly designs and log fly tactics. It will include 16 full-color pages of long fly designs from their origins until today—I'm tying these right now. One of these is the Fort Wayne Bucktail, The first fly to use the "bucktail" monicker. Below is a paragraph excerpted from our book.

The term "bucktail," as applied to a fly style, seems to have been coined by John P. Hance of Fort Wayne, Indiana. In *Streamer Fly Tying and Fishing*, Bates states that (Hance)... "brought forth a long hair-wing fly for bass called the 'Fort Wayne Bucktail,' ...dated 1886." It was more like a modern bucktail in its design with a tail of red and yellow feather fibers topped with a strip of woodduck flank feather, an orange body ribbed with gold tinsel, and a sizable clump of bucktail hair tied in specifically like a wing. And, like Gordon's Bumblepuppy, Hance's imitation was specifically built to represent a baitfish. And note—it was originally designed for bass.



FLY FISHING CHARTS

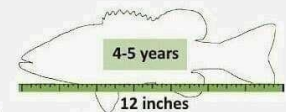
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Special Regulations May Apply



Release all Sublegal-Sized Fish Immediately

Release of Legal-Sized Smallmouth Bass Can Also Improve Angling Quality



Handle With Care
• Bend down hook barbs; remove hooks carefully; never squeeze fish
• If fish deeply hooked, cut the line
• Play fish quickly; minimize handling



Practice Catch & Release



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Member Content

Mending Lines is looking for members content.

Some suggestions are:
*Pictures of fish caught by members, family, or friends.
*Members Favorite Flies & Recipes
*Pictures and clips from trips.
*Items for sale.
*Fishing related charts.
*Favorite websites or facebook pages.
*Short stories, fact or fiction.
*Other Fly Club info

Member Suggestions

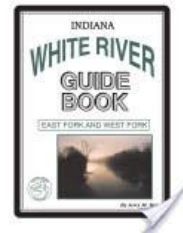
The Board of Directors is always looking for suggestions for:

Guest speakers for Club programs

Locations for Club outings
Flash Events

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