

Mending Lines

January—March, 2015

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2015

February 19

Club Meeting
Mike Beachy
Little Elkhart Trout
Classic Cafe
7:00 PM

March 4

Board Meeting
New Haven Moose Lodge

March 19

Club Meeting
Auction
Classic Cafe
7:00 PM

March 28

**Three Rivers Fly Fishing/
Fly Tying Show**
9:00 am—4:30 pm
Classic Cafe

April 1

Board Meeting
New Haven Moose Lodge

April 16

Club Meeting
Members Favorite Warm wa-
ter Flies
Classic Cafe
7:00 PM

May 6

Board Meeting
New Haven Moose Lodge

May 21

Club Meeting
Castiong Clinic
Location TBD
7:00 PM

Rex's Reelings

It's cold! It's been cold, it's still cold, and I'm sick of the cold. There I've got that out now. On to happier thoughts, we have enjoyed a couple of good programs this year. John Johnson on smallmouth in January and Mike Beachy updated us on the work of the LECTU on the Little Elkhart River in February. March is our annual club auction. Please go through your new, old, used, unused gear and fly fishing related stuff for thing you might want to donate to the auction. Come with your wallets open and ready to pick up something you've always wanted or ran out of.

Also, we have begun the process of our annual elections. Each year the officers of the club are up for re-election, along half the board. There were no resignations from the board members, but I announced that I have decided to step down as President of the club. I have been in the club for about 14 years now and been on the board for 12 of those years. The board of this club is a great group of guys who all have the very best intentions for this club in mind every time they meet to plan the activities of the club. The personal expense in both time and money that the board members spend on the activities of the club are truly awesome. It has been a great pleasure to be part of where this club has come from and where we hope to go. Just a few highlights of my time on the board:

Annual trout outings to Michigan with 20-30 people attending. Unfortunately, then watching this outing decline to as few as 5 people attending.

Shifting the focus of our outings to Indiana waters that are closer and perhaps less difficult for newer members to wade and fish. The clubs continuing efforts to expand use of State waters, such as the Little Elkhart outing in June, the Elkhart/St. Joseph River outing planned for July, and a return to the White River in August.

The shift in meeting places from the Turners Club on Parnell, to the St. Joe Athletic Club, to our present location at Classic Cafe.

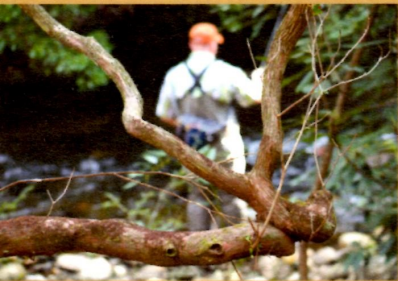
Our upcoming Fly Fishing Show on March 28. This alone has been a HUGE effort by all the board members to make this show happen. This show could well be a boon to this club in membership and activities.

As you can see the journey of this club over the years has been a long fun one with ups and downs and lots of memories. I hope to have a lot more in the years to come. As of this writing the office of President remains open. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the next meeting March 19th.

Moving on to the Fly Fishing Show, I can't express to you how important it has been to have as many of you sign up to volunteer to help at the show. It is this kind of thing that shows the true colors of a club. Ours is exceptional in my opinion. If you haven't signed up to help and can come out for 4 hours or more on Sat. March 28th, see Steve Harris. I'm sure he can find a place for you to help.

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2015 | Three Rivers Fly Fishing / Fly Tying Show Fort Wayne, IN - Saturday, March 28th



Fly Fishing Fly Tying

25 Fly Tyer Booths

**Learn from the best
fly tyers in our area!**

Fly Tying demonstrations throughout the day. Bass, trout, muskie, salmon, steelhead, bluegill and other area fly patterns.

16 Vendor Booths

**Top quality vendors geared
towards the fly fisher!**

Tri-state area fly shops and guides. Bamboo rods, fly rod company representatives.

Classic Cafe

4832 Hilegas Road
Fort Wayne, IN

*Food Available
Raffles throughout the day
and silent auction*

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

\$10 - Adults
\$5 - 12 years to 17
11 and under free



For more information, go to
www.3rff.org/flyshow.html

Pick a Pattern

On April 11th members of St. Joseph River Valley Fly Fishers, a Federation of Fly Fishers associate club; members of Kalamazoo Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited and many others, will come together for the Ninth Annual Tie-a-thon to tie flies for Flyin' Heroes, of Muskegon, MI.

In nine years, fly tyers have donated over 65,000 flies to various good causes such as Flyin' Heroes who use fly fishing for education or therapy.

About the Recipient

Flyin' Heroes is a program that utilizes the sport of fly fishing to promote therapeutic growth and rehabilitation of U.S. military veterans. The goal of Flyin' Heroes is to create memorable fly fishing experiences that unlock the healing power of the water and foster lasting relationships.

Participants of Flyin' Heroes will experience a unique guided float trip down the Pere Marquette River, Muskegon River and/or the White River located in West Michigan. Each participant will be instructed on the basic techniques of fly and/or light tackle for trout and other game species.

Fishing is simply the tool that allows us to connect with our local community of veterans. We focus on the importance of creating lasting relationships and life long memories.

Flyin' Heroes utilizes individualized personal trips, which are used to empower and inspire veterans to make positive gains towards mental health and living productive, fulfilling lives.



Tie Them Up

Harnessing the power of the river, giving thanks to all who have served. For more information, check out www.flyinheroes.org.

What is the Tie-a-thon?

The premise of the Tie-a-thon is like an old fashion barn raisin', several tyers tie as many flies as they can to donate to the cause.

A bunch of tiers come together to tie 100 flies each on a Saturday and at the end of the day, we try our very best to surpass our previous all-time high of 13,300 flies raised at one Tie-a-thon.

If you are interested, pick just one pattern to tie, buy a box of 100 hooks, the materials and get tying! To get you there, Chef Terry Wittorp will have a spectacular lunch for all the tyers - which is worth at least 200 flies, but we will give you a break. Everyone is welcome, but please let us know so we can plan for lunch.

We will have a guest tyer every other hour show off his or her special pattern. The

Tie-a-thon will last from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If you are not a fast tyer and can't complete your 100 flies in that time, this is

Donate Them

a good time to get a jump on your flies.

We would certainly take more than 100 from anyone if they are ambitious and want to tie flies in advance. You don't have to be an expert tyer to donate flies.

Many first time fly tyers have participated; this gives you a chance to become very good tying at least one fly. If you need help learning a pattern; contact me, Tim Scott, and I will be happy to give you a lesson.

The previous nine Tie-A-Thons distributed over 65,000 flies to eight different causes.

These are the flies we ask you to tie: (tie 100 flies of one pattern)

Fly	Size
Adams	14
Ant	18 - 20
Beetles	18 - 14
BlueWing Olive Emerger	18 - 22
Caddis Nymph	16 - 18
Clouser's Minnow	8
Cone-Head white rabbit leeches	4-6
Elk Hair Caddis	14 - 16
Griffith Gnat	20 - 22
Hare's Ear	12 - 14
Mickey Finn	8
Nuke Eggs	10 - 4
Pheasant Tail	14 - 16
Soft Hackle	14 - 16
Woolly Bugger	10
Zoo Cougar	4

For directions, search Elkhart Conservation Club, 55515 Riviera Dr, Elkhart, IN 46514

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www.sjrfff.com

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www.kvctu.org

If you cannot make the Tie-a-thon, please mail flies to: Tim Scott - 711 Forest Ave. South Bend, IN 46616.
 To see more on previous Tie-a-thon recipients, visit sjrfff.com or kvctu.org or Tie-a-thon on Facebook.

Name: _____ Fly Committed to Tie: _____
 Phone: _____ Fly Size: _____
 Email: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

Return this slip to a Tie-a-thon official

What is that spider? General information of Spiders that you may see while fly fishing and camping.

USA SPIDER CHART

DEADLY & DANGEROUS



BROWN RECLUSE SPIDER



BLACK WIDOW SPIDER



HOBO SPIDER

SPIDER BITE FIRST AID

Keep patient calm

Apply ice to decrease pain and swelling

Use anti-inflammatories for pain relief

Contact your doctor

NOTICE: MALE SPIDERS HAVE A SMALLER ABDOMEN, LONGER LEGS & SWOLLEN PALPS (FOR REPRODUCTION)

TOXIC (POISONOUS) — PAINFUL BITE



FEMALE MOUSE SPIDER
ENLARGED HEAD & FANGS • DEEP PAINFUL BITE
GROUND DWELLING - OFTEN MISTAKEN FOR FUNNEL-WEB



MALE MOUSE SPIDER



Common
BLACK HOUSE SPIDER
VENOMOUS • NAUSEA, SWEATING, ETC.
OFTEN FOUND IN THEIR WEBS IN WINDOW FRAMES, EAVES, ETC.



WOLF SPIDER
NON AGGRESSIVE
GROUND DWELLING

WARNING: MOST OF THESE SPIDERS CAN BE DANGEROUS TO PEOPLE WITH ALLERGIES OR HYPER SENSITIVITIES

THE "LOW RISK" SPIDERS

SPIDERS CAN BE BENEFICIAL IN THE CONTROL OF MOSQUITOES & FLIES • BUT IF THEY PRESENT A DANGER - CALL FUMAPEST



FEMALE TRAP-DOOR
MILDLY TOXIC • NON AGGRESSIVE
GROUND DWELLING (BURROW - OFTEN WITHOUT A LID)



MALE TRAP-DOOR



GARDEN ORB-WEAVING
RELATIVELY HARMLESS • BENEFICIAL
OFTEN SEEN IN A LARGE WEB IN THE GARDEN



SAINT ANDREW'S CROSS



HUNTSMAN
TIMID • RARELY BITES
FOUND UNDER LOOSE BARK
MAY WANDER INDOORS

The club was represented at the Fort Wayne Sports, Lake and camping show and at the Cleveland Fly show.



Rex expounding on the fine points of fly casting at the Sports, Lake and Camping show.

Curley and Steve discussing fly tying with Bob Clouser at the Cleveland show.



Rex's Reelings (Continued)

I also encourage every one of you to try and make it to an outing this summer. The first outing of 2015 will be on the Little Elkhart River in Middlebury in June. We will then go to the St. Joe/Elkhart River confluence in Elkhart in July, and finally, we return to the White River near Daleville in August. These outings are a great way to get to know your fellow club members. This club is such a friendly bunch of folks it really is a lot of fun to hang around and fish with them. There is always good food, and sometimes homemade cookies, on the banks of the river for a club lunch. I hope to see all of you at one of these outings.

Have a great spring everyone,

Rex

3RFF Logo Available

The new 3RFF Club Logo is available for embroidery on your shirt.

You provide a clean shirt and \$10.00 to have the logo embroidered.

See Steve Harris for more information.



Mending Lines is looking for additional member content!

Some suggestions are:

- Pictures of fish caught by members, families, friends...Look at the fishing pictures in the local papers for ideas.
- Pictures and notes from trips. Your notes do not need to be a final article. Your notes can be tuned and reviewed before inclusion in Mending Lines.
- Items for sale
- Fishing and casting lessons learned.
- Favorite Web sites
- Short Stories, Fact, or ????
- Book reviews

Please email your ideas, suggestions and articles to John Carlson, Editor

One of the favorite flies presented at the October 2014 club meeting:



STS BUGGER

By: Derek Frederickson

Recipe

Hook: Daiichi 1560 (1XL, 1XH)

Thread: Black, 6/0

Tail: Marabou, Black

Tail: Crystal Flash, (3 pieces)

Body: Peacock Herl, Natural

Hackle: Saddle, Furnace Brown

Another of the favorite flies presented at the October 2014 club meeting:

**Mega Shrimp
By Steve Harris**

**Hook: Tiemco 2457 #6
Thread: White, GSP 200
Eyes: Bead Chain
Weight: Lead 0.035 (4 wraps)
Body: EP Fibers, Glow in Dark
Back: Flashabou, Glow in Dark
Rib: Silver Wire, Fine**



For Sale:

Personal pontoon with back attachment, pulleys and anchor. \$275.
Contact Jim Lindhorst,
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Don't Forget

Club Auction is Thursday March 19 at Classic Café.
Support the club by bringing treasures for the auction and bidding on must have's for your fly box.

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