



The Evening

Hatch

THE NEWSLETTER of the MICHIGAN FLY FISHING CLUB

February 2009

February's action-packed for MFFC members

February may be the shortest month, but it's just chock-full of meetings and events. There are three membership meetings; a board meeting; the much-acclaimed, always eagerly anticipated Members' Fly Fishing School; and opportunities to join other MFFC members at Outdoorama in our annual effort to help children and the young-at-heart to tie their first fly. Whew! All that in 28 days!

On **Feb. 4** the club will host Ray Schmidt. If you were among the dozens of MFFC members at the Federation of Fly Fishers-Great Lakes Council (FFF-GLC) annual Fly Tying Expo in Mason in early December, you may have seen Schmidt tying tube flies. On Feb. 4, you'll get the opportunity to learn more about these interesting flies.

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Michigan's "urban wilderness" tempts with BIG smallmouth

If the pursuit of large smallmouth bass is your passion, you've found a soulmate in John Johnson, the featured speaker at the club's first meeting of 2009.

Johnson, an engineer who hails from the Tri-Cities area, took members on the tour he calls "Fly Fishing the Urban Wilderness" for large – emphasis on "large" – smallmouths. No George Pierrot-like travelogue, Johnson liberally peppered his presentation with charts and graphs depicting catch rates by virtually every variable imaginable.

A firm devotee of Dr. James Henshall's observation that



Smallmouth specialist John Johnson addressed the first meeting of 2009.

"inch for inch and pound for pound" bass are the gamest sport fish around, he pursues his quarry on reaches of the upper Tittabawassee, the Pine near Midland, the upper and lower Chippewa and the Salt rivers. "In many, many of these places, I've never seen another angler."

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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

February 4

Speaker: Ray Schmidt

Topic: Tube flies

Clarenceville Middle School, Livonia, 7:30 p.m.

February 11

Board Meeting

Clarenceville Middle School, Livonia, 7:30 p.m.

February 18

Special Meeting

Speaker: Cpt. Brian Meszaros

Topic: Fly Fishing for muskies

Kolping Banquet Center, 24409 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores

February 25

Activity Night

Featured Tier: Al Haxton

Clarenceville Middle School, Livonia, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 26-March 1

Outdoorama

MFFC Youth Fly Tying

Rock Financial Showplace, Novi

February 28

MFFC Members' School

Northville High School

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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Sign up for Schott New-Member Outing

Paul DeJohn will start taking sign-ups for the Dick Schott New-Member Outing at the Feb. 4 meeting. The outing is scheduled for May 6-9 at WaWaSum. This outing fills fast; bring your \$130 check payable to Paul DeJohn to the Feb. 4 meeting and see Paul. More info is available at the club Web site and in the January *Hatch*.

Urban wilderness offers the promise of BIG smallmouth

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Contributing to that is the fact that he concentrates on areas that can be very difficult to access. "That's why I call it 'the urban wilderness.'"

Fishing for smallies, he said, is also a great way to extend your fishing season. If you're not among the ranks of anglers who pursue steelhead in some of the harshest conditions, you can still extend your fishing into November if you target smallmouths. "You can fish for smallmouth May through November in temperatures as low as the mid-40s," Johnson said. "In the colder temperatures," he advised, "you'll want to use deep-running flies and lines."

Some general advice: If you fish in the evening, your most productive times will be 60 minutes before sunset to an hour after sunset. If you fish in the morning, use wet flies before 9 a.m. In all cases, seek out log jams. "Log jams are magical places for smallmouth, even in low water conditions," he said.



Dr. James Alexander Henshall wrote the definitive bass-fishing books of his day – the 1880s.

He also offered information on his top-performing flies in various classifications:

Top wet flies: Chartreuse, Olive and yellow Matukas ("They can imitate small rock bass."); the Holschlag Hackle fly, Sparkle Grub and the Lead-eyed Bunny Booger.

Top attractor: the BE Wooly Booger.

Promising new flies: #2 Blunt-nose Minnow, #2 version of Kevin Feenstra's Desperate Housewife pattern, #2 FC (Feathercraft) Streamer, and the Tequeely.

Top dries: Dahlberg Divers, Deer Hair Frog, Poppers, and flat-faced Hoppers.

For more information about taking on the urban wilderness in pursuit of big smallmouth bass, Johnson recommended Tim Holschlag's book, "Smallmouth Fly Fishing: The Best Techniques, Flies & Destinations."

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On **Feb. 11**, there'll be a Board of Directors meeting at Clarenceville Middle School, but the school is not available to the club on **Feb. 18**. So the club is going east that day for a special meeting. The meeting will be held at the Kolping Banquet Center, 24409 Jefferson (between 9 Mile and 10 Mile roads) in St. Clair Shores. Capt. Brian Meszaros will be featured that evening, helping to introduce the MFFC to eastsiders and talking about fly fishing opportunities for muskies on Lake St. Clair.

A week later, on **Feb. 25**, the club regroups at Clarenceville for an activity meeting.

The Members' Fly Fishing School will be conducted on Saturday, **Feb. 28**, at Northville High School. As always, the member school is a great way for more experienced members to loosen up the casting muscles and learn some new fly tying techniques. For members new to the sport, it's a great way to get an intense introduction to all the major facets of the sport – knots and equipment, the basics of casting a fly rod, identifying hatches and some hands-on experience in tying the flies to match those hatches. Sign up at this month's meetings.

And then there's Outdoorama. The 36th Annual Outdoorama runs **Thursday, Feb. 26 to Sunday, March 1** at Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave. in Novi. It's one of Michigan's most popular shows for anglers, hunters, and outdoor enthusiasts. Show hours are Thursday and Friday, 2 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Recording Secretary Rick Gokenbach is seeking volunteers to help children tie woolly buggers.

The Master returns **A LaFontaine streamer is in the tying spotlight**

by Todd A. Schotts

When I was looking for “Featured Tiers” for our 2008-09 activity nights I thought it wouldn’t be right if I didn’t book the gentleman that started the “Featured Tying” activity about seven years ago. That would be none other than Al “The Hackleman” Haxton. Now some of you may be asking, “Isn’t that our club’s own Soft Hackle Guru?” Yes, it is.

Al has been in the Michigan Fly Fishing Club for about 20 years now. But he began with fly fishing about three years earlier. He began developing his tying skills at about the same time he joined the club. He took fly tying classes with Ron Angove and during the classes Ron kept mentioning the “Southfield Show” (a.k.a the Midwest Fly Fishing Expo) and the Michigan Fly Fishing Club. Soon thereafter, Al checked both out and he’s been an active fixture at the club ever since. He has served on the Board of Directors, been vice president and president, he has run the members’ raffle and annually serves as the master of ceremonies at the club’s Trout Opener celebration.

As previously mentioned, it was Al who started the “Featured Tier” gig. He said he noticed how many great tiers were in the club, and he thought why not showcase this talent for club members. Since that time, we’ve had dozens of club members in the spotlight, tying their favorite patterns.

What’s in store for the future for The Hackleman? Al said he is not retired yet, but if he was retired, he would love to spend his summers in the Yellowstone area. *(Now I think we all would like to do that.)*

When he sits down behind his tying vise on Feb. 25, he’ll be demonstrating two patterns he got from a buddy that lives out west. The pattern is attributed to Gary LaFontaine but he



Al Haxton prepares for the first official cast of 2008 at last year’s Trout Tune-Up on the Huron River.

said he felt it was more a “style” of tying than an actual pattern. Al said that he tied some of the originals and some variations. He also said that he ties many other streamer patterns with this “style” now. It got its name, according to Haxton, because the weight is tied parallel on either side of the hook shank – rather than on top of the hook shank – and this imparts a unique movement to the fly when it’s fished. On the strip the thing acts like any other streamer, but during the pause, it sort of wobbles side-to-side and sinks sideways, like a wounded or hurt minnow *(or like a drunken sailor when returning to the ship)*.

The Drunken Sailor (The original Lafontaine pattern)

Hook: 4xl streamer hook size 4 to 10
Thread: to match body
Weight: 2 non-lead strips
Body: antron yarn color of choice
Wing: marabou color of choice
Hackle: hen saddle feather - color to match body

The Haxton Variation

Hook: 4xl streamer hook 4-10
Thread: white or tan
Weight: 2 non-lead strips
Rib: copper wire
Body: white or silver antron yarn
Wing: olive marabou
Hackle: olive hen saddle wrapped at front

Thinking of taking The Pledge?

by Fred Field

Who took you fishing for the first time? Your dad, uncle, or best friend? For far too many people today there is not that person to take the time to “take someone fishing.” There are far too many reasons to go into as to why. The simple truth is that young people and others just don’t get exposed to fishing.

We see the results in the number of younger people glued to computer games, thumbing text messages into their cell phones rather than wading a stream, palming a fly reel or participating in other outdoor sports.

The Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF) has launched a program to get this turned around. They have launched a “take the pledge” drive to take someone new fishing every year. *(See the January edition of The Evening Hatch.)* The RBFF is a non-profit that is funded by a small portion of our fishing licenses, a tax on tackle, and boat gas.

The goal is to get more people participating in the sport. A secondary benefit will be that more people will care about the resources and get involved with conservation efforts.

The MFFC is following the lead of the Federation of Fly Fishers and is participating in the drive. We kicked off our participation at the first meeting in January. We will be asking you to “Take the pledge” to take someone new fishing this year. It only costs you your time. There is not a charge for this.

I will have sign-up forms at upcoming club meetings. Our goal is 100 percent participation of our members.



Midwest Fly Fishing Expo presenters really get into their work, as demonstrated by Lee Davison of Snake River Outfitters at the 2008 Expo.

16 and under are admitted free. Two-day passes can be purchased for \$15. Parking is free.

The Expo is the MFFC's only fund-raising event. The proceeds from the Expo help fund the club's education and conservation activities. Since the Expo's inception, the MFFC has directed more than \$400,000 to conservation efforts on such blue ribbon trout streams as the Au Sable, Manistee, Pere Marquette and Boardman as well as the Huron and Clinton rivers and Paint Creek in southeast Michigan.



The Expo's coming up fast; volunteers are needed

The 31st edition of the Midwest Fly Fishing Expo is fast approaching and volunteers are needed.

Sign-up sheets will be available at all the February meetings. Help is needed with set-up and tear-down, security, admissions, youth fly tying and assisting attendees and presenters in the presentation rooms.

"Club members and their involvement – whether it's helping exhibitors move in or helping out in the presentation rooms or with youth fly tying – really set us and the Expo apart from other fly fishing shows and events," said MFFC President Pat Brazzil. "I encourage every member to sign up. The Expo simply doesn't happen without the involvement of members."

Remember, assisting at the Expo gets each member free admission to one of the premier fly fishing events in the country as well as a commemorative "worker pin."

It's nearly Expo-time! Borger, Teeny, Jacklin, Feliu are headliners

Borger, Teeny, Jacklin and Feliu ... No, it's not a high-powered law firm, but this quartet is sure to put lots of information and advice into the hands of fly anglers when they visit southeast Michigan in early March.

Michigan Fly Fishing Club members may be bracing for the coldest blast of winter, but they're already thinking spring and its precursor, the 31st annual Midwest Fly Fishing Exposition.

Pioneering author Gary Borger; steelheading specialist Jim Teeny; Bob Jacklin, the dean of West Yellowstone fly angling; and Oscar Feliu, a Florida-based angler of many talents, will headline the 2009 Midwest Fly Fishing Expo March 7-8 at the Macomb Community College Sports and Expo Center in Warren, MI.

Presented annually by the MFFC, the Expo features a wide array of tackle dealers, rod builders, guides, fly tiers, artists, authors and conservation organizations, all specializing in one or more of the many facets of fly fishing.

The Expo features dozens of free seminars about technique, fly tying, equipment, and fly fishing destinations. Children, teens and the young at heart will get an opportunity to tie their first flies at a special fly tying area with instruction provided by MFFC volunteers. A 100-foot casting pond provides ample room for Expo attendees to test new fly rod offerings from an array of rod manufacturers.

"For 30 years the Michigan Fly Fishing Club has been able to bring in some of the biggest names in the world of fly fishing. This year is no exception. We think we've got an awesome lineup," said MFFC President Pat Brazzil. "Gary Borger and Bob Jacklin are names known to virtually every trout angler in America. If you're into chasing steelhead, whether it's in Michigan rivers or the big, brawling rivers of the Pacific Northwest, you'll likely have sought out articles about or by Jim Teeny. And Oscar Feliu is a Michigander turned Floridian who's at home with flies and techniques for virtually any style of fly angling from tying and casting flies to trout or bass or bonefish."

Expo hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday, March 7, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday, March 8. Admission is \$10 for adults. Children and teens age

Midwest Fly Fishing Expo Headliners



Gary Borger

Known as much for his skill with words as with a fly line, Gary Borger has written five best-selling books on fly fishing: “Nymphing,” which was named one of the most influential fly angling books of the last half century by Trout Unlimited; “Naturals;” “The Borger Color System;” “Designing Trout Flies;” and “Presentation.” He pioneered fly fishing video instruction with his release of “Nymphing” in 1982. Since then he has appeared in a number of videos for the 3M Company and, in cooperation with the Federation of Fly Fishers, produced the environmental video “Where the Trout Are.” His video production company has produced an additional 21, internationally acclaimed videos in the “Skills of Fly Fishing Series.” He and son Jason served as consultants on Robert Redford’s acclaimed film adaptation of Norman Maclean’s classic, “A River Runs Through It.” He is a recipient of the Ross Allen Merigold Complete Angler Memorial Award, the Charles K. Fox Rising Trout Award, the Joan and Lee Wulff Conservation Award, and was presented with the Lew Jewett Memorial Life Membership by the Federation of Fly Fishers in 1979 in recognition of his conservation activities.



Jim Teeny

Described as one of fly angling’s most prolific innovators, Jim Teeny turned a fly pattern, the Teeny Nymph, into an enterprise. Designed at age 16 to cast to cruising trout at Oregon’s East Lake, the Teeny Nymph led to the founding in 1971 of the Teeny Nymph Company, which like a nymph has metamorphosed into the Gresham, Ore.-based Jim Teeny, Inc. He has developed innovative sinking fly lines now used by fly anglers chasing sea- and lake-run steelhead as well as saltwater anglers. He is perhaps best known in the Midwest as a steelheader. He was featured in an award-winning video “Catching More Steelhead,” which was produced by Scientific Anglers.



Bob Jacklin

A member of the Fly Fishing Hall of Fame and owner of Jacklin’s Fly Shop in West Yellowstone, Bob Jacklin has been an ardent fly angler, fly tier and conservationist from his early days as he began working on trout stream improvement projects as a teenager. He started tying flies commercially in 1963, developing many unique and widely accepted patterns. Along with his many custom patterns, he was complimented by the late Lee Wulff, who celebrated the quality, durability, and pattern identity of the Wulff series

of flies as tied by Jacklin. Now recognized as the dean of Yellowstone-area guides, he began fishing in Montana in the mid-1960s. By 1970 he was a full-time guide and fly fishing instructor for Bud Lilly’s Trout Shop in West Yellowstone, Montana. This year, Jacklin celebrates his 38th consecutive year as a fly fishing guide and outfitter in the Yellowstone area. His many years of dedication to instruction and conservation were honored by the Federation of Fly Fishers, which named Jacklin its “Man of the Year” in 2004. That same year he was inducted to the Fly Fishing Hall of Fame at the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum in the heart of the region acknowledged as the birthplace of American dry fly fishing.



Oscar Feliu

Chilean-born, Michigan-raised and Florida-adopted, Oscar Feliu is a legend among the ranks of the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF), where he has helped hundreds – if not thousands – of anglers hone their fishing and tying skills. He is renowned for his entertaining style and perfectionism. Feliu came to the U.S. in 1969 and has been doing tying demonstrations and workshops for the FFF for more than 30 years. His fly tying has taken him throughout North America and Europe. While he currently resides in Florida, having attended Central Michigan University he is very well acquainted with Michigan and its blue-ribbon trout streams. He also attended University of Chile as well as Chile’s Conservatory of Music.

US Forest Service drops Mason Tract drilling appeal

In a major victory for anglers, hikers and canoeists, the U.S. Forest Service has dropped its appeal of a Federal Court decision to protect the Mason Tract and nearby Au Sable River from oil and gas drilling. The Au Sable River is one of the world's premier blue-ribbon trout streams.

The agency action follows a decision issued by Michigan Eastern District Federal Court Judge David M. Lawson in July. The decision came in response to concerns raised by the Sierra Club, Anglers of the Au Sable and Tim Mason about the Forest Service plan to allow Savoy Energy Company to clear-cut and drill on National Forest land adjacent to the Mason Tract and within earshot of the river.

"Clearly some considered oil and gas drilling more important than the solitude required by hunters, anglers and hikers in this spectacular area," said Marvin Roberson, Sierra Club Forest Ecologist. "Given the importance of this place to the people of the state of Michigan, we applaud this decision to abandon the appeal."

The Forest Service failed to adequately consider the environmental impacts and alternatives to address concerns including noise and habitat destruction in its plan. As a result the court enjoined the Forest Service from engaging in any activities. Savoy Energy Company was denied a last-minute attempt to intervene in the case on appeal in front of the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals. The decision by the Forest Service to drop its appeal leaves the lower court decision and injunction in place and protects the Au Sable River from destructive drilling.

"This portion of the Au Sable is the most pristine trout stream in the lower peninsula," said Rusty Gates, president of the Anglers of the Au Sable.

"People come here from all over the world to enjoy the beauty and solitude

afforded by this river. We're glad to see that it remains protected."

The Mason Tract was established in 1955 when Tim Mason's grandfather, George Mason, bequeathed a 1,500-acre parcel with 11 miles of frontage on the South Branch of the Au Sable River to the State of Michigan. George Mason's gift was conditioned on maintaining the pristine condition of the Tract. Today, the Mason Tract covers approximately 4,500 acres, but the oil and gas rights under the Tract were at least in part owned by the federal government and were leased by the Bureau of Land Management.

According to Tim Mason, who represented the living Mason heirs in this suit, "this recent development will allow my grandfather's vision to carry on and provide people an opportunity to enjoy the quiet solitude he found so therapeutic and relaxing."

"This unique gift that he left to the people of Michigan and this country has provided recreational hikers, skiers, canoeists and dedicated fishermen and sportsmen an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors in ways that are rare and hard to find these days. On behalf of our Grandfather and the rest of the Mason family we are grateful for the efforts of the Sierra Club, The Anglers of the Au Sable and all of the volunteers that made this happen."

No drilling is allowed on the Mason Tract itself however oil and gas could potentially be retrieved through Forest Service lands abutting the Mason Tract. Savoy Energy Company proposed to set up a drilling platform in an old growth portion of the South Branch Area of the Huron Manistee National Forest.

The drilling platform would have been near enough to impact the Mason Tract and the only two-track trail that leads to the Mason Chapel within the Tract.

New electric barrier to protect Great Lakes to be activated in Chicago

U.S. Rep. Candice Miller, R-Harrison Township and a member of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, reports receiving confirmation from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that it has completed safety testing and will activate a new "electric dispersal barrier" in the Chicago Ship Canal. Activation was slated for the end of January 2009. The electric barrier will prevent invasive species from entering into the Great Lakes and disrupting its fragile ecosystem.

"I'm pleased with the bipartisan efforts of my Great Lakes colleagues to ensure a quick and proper implementation of this barrier," Miller said. "The recent announcement by the Corps of Engineers is welcome news that will greatly assist in efforts to preserve the fisheries and unique species found in our Great Lakes. The northward migration of invasive aquatic species such as Asian Carp, through the Mississippi River has been a long-term concern of advocates for the Great Lakes." Asian carp can weigh up to 100 pounds and consume up to 40 percent of their body weight in one day. Their consumption habits could cause tremendous harm to native species in the world's largest freshwater ecosystem.

"I appreciate the thorough safety precautions which the U.S. Coast Guard and Army Corps of Engineers have taken to ensure the safety of this electric barrier and applaud their decision to activate the permanent barrier ... in order to prevent these dangerous species from entering into our precious Great Lakes," said Miller.

A series of electric dispersal barriers in the Chicago Ship and Sanitary Canal are all that prevent these carp from entering in to the Great Lakes.

MFFC Board Meeting Minutes December 10, 2008

Call to Order: J. McGowan called meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: P. Brazzil, J. McGowan, R. Gokenbach, E. Center, A. Bullock, J. Long, S. Freeburg, B. Kramer, C. Hunter

Visitors: Mike Matuszewski, A.L. Bulszewicz, Fred Field

Review of November 19, 2008

Minutes: Corrected as directed by board. Motion to accept as corrected, Al Bullock Second Bruce Kramer, **Motion Passed.**

Approval of Agenda: No additions or changes. Motion to accept the agenda; Bruce Kramer, Second Al Bullock, Motion Passed.

Officer Reports:

President – Brazzil, Pat wanted to thank Todd Schotts for his help printing out 20,000 postcards for the EXPO and Mike Matuszewski help with advertising. A special meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2009 on the east side at Kolping Banquet Hall, 24409 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, 48080. Captain Brian Meszaros will be the speaker. Pat would like to create the Carl Glotzhober Award for individuals that go above and beyond the call of duty for the promotion of Fly Fishing. The idea is to select a committee that would award a trophy/plaque and a donation on their behalf to a fly fishing cause of their choosing.

Motion is to create the Carl Glotzhober annual award for individuals that go above and beyond the call of duty for the promotion of Fly Fishing. With the details to be worked out by a committee and to be awarded at the Expo. P. Brazzil, Second J. Long, Motion Passed.

Pat would like to thank Bill Shannon, Dan Finstad and Terry Drinkwine for

supporting the club booth at the FFF show in Mason, MI.

Michigan TU has passed a resolution dissolving their relationship with MUCC.

The P.O. Box number has changed. The new P.O. Box number is P.O. Box 530861, Livonia, 48153.

Treasurer – Freeburg, Jeff inquired about a disbursement report for the month. Scott does one every month to keep with the monthly statements, he will generate the report for the board meetings. Scott noted the treasurer's report has a new column for income and there is a new check request form. Motion to accept the treasurer's report, B. Kramer, Second E. Center, Motion Passed.

Tax Return – Freeburg, The taxes are done and are ready to file and were similar to last year's. Scott indicated we will be including a W-9 form with all contracts for speakers. Motion to file the taxes as presented, P. Brazzil, Second A. Bullock, Motion Passed.

Corresponding Secretary – Kramer, Speaker for January is John Johnson and for February, Ray Schmidt. We also need to get the web site up to date with the Expo getting closer.

Membership – Center, Membership is at 283 paid.

Events and Outings

Youth School, MAY 2, 2009 - A.L. Bulszewicz – A.L. presented the budget to the board and based it on 75 people. She would like to place a poster for the youth school in the club booth and in the youth fly tying area, the board had no objections.

Wa Wa Sum Family Outing – We need a chairman for this event and our reservation is confirmed for July 16 – 19, 2009.

Youth Fly Tying Ultimate Fishing Show and Outdoorama – R.

Gokenbach, Would like to get some donations from club members for the shows. B. Kramer will send out an email asking for donations.

Kwagama Lake – J. Long, Kwagama Lake has offered another trip for 2009. J. Long motion to print tickets for the raffle for \$100 from the special grants fund with the trip with the proceeds going to the Special Grants, Second E. Center, Motion Passed. The board would like to thank Pat and Anne-Marie Henry from the Kwagama Lake Lodge for their generosity.

Public School is June 6, 2009

MFFC Club Picnic is August 1, 2009

New Business:

Conservation Requests – E. Center, No Information at this time.

Old Business:

Anglers Legacy – F. Field, Sponsored by the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation is a program to pledge to take a new person fishing. The program is funded by tax dollars and FFF is also getting behind this program with a FFF goal of 1000 pledges. The pledge is you will take a person fishing once a year. Pat added this program is consistent with the MFFC charter. P. Brazzil made a motion to make this program available to the club members and to encourage them to pledge, Second S. Freeburg, Motion Passed.

“Drift” Film Screening – M. Matuszewski, S. Freeburg motioned to table Second P. Brazzil, Motion Passed.

MUCC Membership / Dues – P. Brazzil will make an announcement regarding the changes at the next club meeting.

Visitor Comment: None.

Adjournment: Motion: Motion to adjourn by B. Kramer and seconded by J. Long and carried at 9:44:45 p.m.



Ties of memory for youngsters and the young-at-heart

Talk to MFFC members who volunteered to help introduce youths and the young-at-heart to the art of fly tying at the Ultimate Fishing Show last month and you'll find many a story of amusement, delight and satisfaction in helping to pass on our fly angling knowledge to newcomers ... even if it meant tying flies in intriguing color combinations. MFFC members who want to get in on the action have opportunities to introduce kids to the art of fly tying coming up at Outdoorama and our own Expo.

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