

# TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE:

Friday,  
February 16, 2014

## NEXT MEETING February 9, 2015

Kohler Banquet Center  
4572 Presidential Way,  
Kettering, Ohio

Doors open at 5:30 P.M. ,  
Dinner at 6:30 P.M.  
(DINNER RESERVATIONS REQUIRED)

Directions on Website

RSVP to Mike Wolford at 937-667-9392 or  
E-Mail him at: [toflyfsh@woh.rr.com](mailto:toflyfsh@woh.rr.com)  
by **Thursday, February 6, 2015.**  
(Note - Dinner Price is now \$15.00)

### This Month:

Kevin Morlock

(See the article on page 2 for details.)

## Membership Renewal Reminder

### 2015 Membership Fees Are Due NOW.

The membership fee is \$35.00. If you have not yet  
paid your dues for 2015, please do so at the February  
meeting.

The club is counting on you!

## The Auction Is Coming—MARCH MEETING!

That's right - the auction will be here before you know  
it! See page 2 for more information...

## President's Thoughts



Greetings fellow members,

If you attended last month's MVFF meeting, you were treated to a great seminar about fishing the Mad River by our very own Ron Lewis. I want to thank Ron not only for stepping up and filling the gap when we experienced a speaker scheduling problem, but also for presenting an informative and inspiring seminar. Ron spoke until well after 9 pm. Most attendees stayed to hear him share his experience and knowledge about a local river that he clearly loves. This is just another example of the spirit that is shared by the members of this club and I am always reminded of why it is such an honor to serve as your president.

Oh yes, February is here. Longer, colder and snowier days are upon us. Those who have been fishing steelhead alley in December and early January claim great success. The expectation for early spring is even more optimistic. If challenging fishing is not quite your thing, there are plenty of other related activities and club events.

First and foremost; Valentine's Day. What, Valentine's Day you say? What's that got to do with fly fishing? Let's not forget our partners who fish with or support us while we are off waving sticks at fish or "Tie Flying." A nice dinner or get away weekend with a loved one might be just the ticket for some relationship investment banking. I'm just saying.....that expensive rod or fishing trip is an easier sell when our loved ones are happy!

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## UPCOMING SHOWS:

The Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show is coming to the Oasis Conference Center in Loveland on February 7<sup>th</sup>. This is always a fantastic show. The key speaker is **Orvis's** own Tom Rosenbauer. In addition to providing a seminar at the show, Tom will also be offering Fly Tying classes on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Call me or check the BUFF website for registration if you are interested. (Karen and I will be attending the morning class.)

On March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, the Midwest Fly Fishing Expo will be held at The Macomb Community College Sports and Expo Center in Warren Michigan. Everyone says this is the best show they have ever attended.

## CLUB EVENTS:

We still have openings for the fly tying classes that are offered by the club. Please check Tightlines or call me for details. The annual auction is coming soon and we are still accepting donations. The monies from our auction will provide for half of our annual operating budget, so bid often and please bring friends when you attend.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Please remember to get your dues paid for this calendar year. The club exists because we continue to support and promote our passion.

As many of you know, we lost a long standing member last month. Jack Ohmart was 96 at time of his passing. A beautiful and well attended wake was held for him at Spring Run Fishing Club on January 18<sup>th</sup>. He clearly lived a rich and full life. His smile and suspenders will be greatly missed.

See you at our next meeting on **February 9<sup>th</sup>**.

**Nathan Via**  
MVFF President

## February Speaker - Kevin Morlock

Kevin Morlock has been a full time guide for over fifteen years, calling the Pere Marquette River in west Michigan his home. In summer Kevin migrates to Beaver Island in northern Lake Michigan guiding for carp and smallmouth on the crystal clear flats.

Check out his website at <http://www.indigoguideservice.com/>



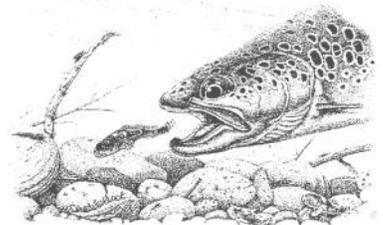
## MARCH Meeting—2015 Club AUCTION

The 2015 Auction will soon be here, so now is the time to begin preparing! The importance of this meeting cannot be stressed enough; the club generates about **half of our revenue** from this single event, which helps support our speaker program, fly tying classes, and all the other events participated in by the club.

Many of our members are familiar with this annual event. For the new members and those not be familiar, here are a few guidelines. As you begin to gather items for donation it is important to remember - **NO JUNK**. A good rule of thumb is - if you wouldn't pay money for it, most likely no one else will either.

Items that sell well are fishing items of course, as well as camping and hunting gear. A sample of your favorite wine or spirits and your favorite patterns of flies are also perennial favorites. If you have received well intentioned gifts that failed to hit the mark, then perhaps this would be the perfect time to recycle that gift and generate some money for the club. This is a great time to go through all of your gear and pull out the stuff you no longer need or use, and bring it to the auction. One man's junk is another man's treasure. If you have a particular skill or a membership to various clubs, these make excellent items for bid. Examples are members who offer guided trips to their favorite body of water, or a half day of fishing or golfing at a private club. These have been very popular in recent years.

Whatever it is you can donate to the auction, the most important thing is to make a donation. Secondly, be sure to show up and bid on the items! This would be an excellent meeting to bring a guest or two that have a passion for the sport. They will have an opportunity to pick up many items of good quality at a good price. The more members and guests that show up the more funds will be generated for the club.



# This Month's Fly – February 2015 Edition

## STREAKING CADDIS

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward  
Photograph by Bob Cain



### Recipe

Hook.....Curved Caddis, size 12-14  
Thread.....Color to match body, 6/0 or 8/0  
Body.....Spikey dubbing, your choice of color  
Wing.....Deer hair  
Head.....Deer hair

1. Attach the thread in the middle of the hook shank and wrap a tight thread base back to halfway down the hook bend.
2. Dub the thread and wrap a tapered body forward on the hook shank to slightly in front of the hook point. Tie off the dubbing and remove any excess. The thread should now be at the front of the dubbed body.
3. Cut, clean, and stack a small bunch of deer hair as a wing and tie it in on top of the hook shank at the end of the dubbed body using a pinch wrap and several tight thread wraps. The hair tips should project back to or slightly past the hook bend with the hair butts projecting over the hook eye. **DO NOT LET THE HAIR SPIN AROUND THE HOOK SHANK.** Pack the hair back against the dubbed body and bring the thread in front of the hair.
4. Cut, clean, and stack another bunch of deer hair. Trim off the hair tips and **SPIN** this hair in front of the hair wing. Pack the hair back and repeat this step until the spun hair reaches the back of the hook eye.
5. Now do a whip finish behind the hook eye and cut the thread.
6. Brush the butt ends of the hair upright and trim it into a tapered bullet head back to the hair wing. The hair on the bottom of the head should be trimmed flat in line with the bottom of the dubbed body.

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**Kevin Morlock**  
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# Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show

February 7, 2015 9am - 4pm

## Oasis Conference Center

*Make sure to stop by the Miami Valley Fly Fishers booth and say "howdy"!*

# 2015 Fly-Tying Class Schedules

**LOCATION:** The Lodge at Gander Mountain, 8001 Old Troy Pike, Huber Heights, OH.

The room is reserved from **5:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.** on the following dates for these classes.

## BEGINNER'S 2015 CLASS SCHEDULE

(All Tuesdays)

January 6  
January 13  
January 20  
January 27  
February 3  
February 10  
February 17  
February 24  
March 3  
March 10  
March 17  
March 24

## INTERMEDIATE 2015 CLASS SCHEDULE

(All Thursdays)

January 8  
January 15  
January 22  
January 29  
February 5  
February 12  
February 19  
February 26  
March 5  
March 12  
March 19  
March 26

## 2015 Midwest Fly Fishing Expo

**Saturday March 14 and  
Sunday March 15, 2015**

Macomb Community College  
Sports & Expo Center, Warren  
Michigan— [http://  
midwestflyfishingexpo.com/](http://midwestflyfishingexpo.com/)

## Fly Fishing Film Tour 2015

Gateway Film Center  
Thursday, March 05, 2015 at 7:00 PM  
Columbus, Ohio



## REMINDER FOR CLUB PURCHASES

ALL CLUB PURCHASES MUST RECEIVE PRE-APPROVAL IN ORDER TO BE REIMBURSED. AMOUNTS OVER \$50 REQUIRE BOARD PRE-APPROVAL. AMOUNTS UNDER \$50 CONTACT THE CLUB TREASURER FOR PRE-APPROVAL. PLEASE BE SURE TO USE THE EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT FORM, WHICH CAN BE FOUND ON THE CLUB'S WEBSITE AT THE FOLLOWING LINKS:

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For more information, contact Scott Davis; Orvis of Dayton. Free tickets, limited amount; to venues and VIP events are still available  
*(first come, first serve)*

Orvis Guide Rendezvous (open to all guides) and the Down the Hatch Fishing Festival (open to all fishy folk) are coming to Asheville, North Carolina.

Wednesday the 18th start the event right with the "Down the Hatch" Fly-Fishing Festival and the Orvis Film Fest. Join us at Highland Brewing Company for rod casting, the fishing Olympics, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, live music from Carolina Call Time, and the highly anticipated "Down the Hatch" film festival.

Thursday the 19th brings the Orvis Guide Rendezvous Meeting—a day of guide conferences where you can take advantage of screaming deals on gear, network like crazy, attend marketing workshops, and explore best practice panel discussions. Lunch is included.

Make sure to touch base with our DTH / OGR sponsors for event special offers. We look forward to seeing you in Asheville!

The meeting and lodging will be held at the Holiday Inn Asheville-Biltmore West, 435 Smokey Park Highway, Asheville, NC 28806. Please call 828-665-2161 and mention "Orvis" for our special room rate of \$79 single/double, which includes breakfast.

## How to Make a "Slinky" Indicator for Light Nymph Fishing:

*(With permission from Orvis Pro Tips/News)*

Slinky sighters are quick and easy to make, and the increased sensitivity they provide, makes the process well worth the effort. The idea behind this sighter is to create tight, closely placed coils that, when greased thoroughly, will float on the surface of the water suspending your favorite nymph pattern. If you keep all of the slack line out of the rig as it floats down the river, the slinky will stretch out slightly. And when a fish strikes or your flies become snagged, the sighter will completely straighten out.

The few materials you will need when making a slinky are:

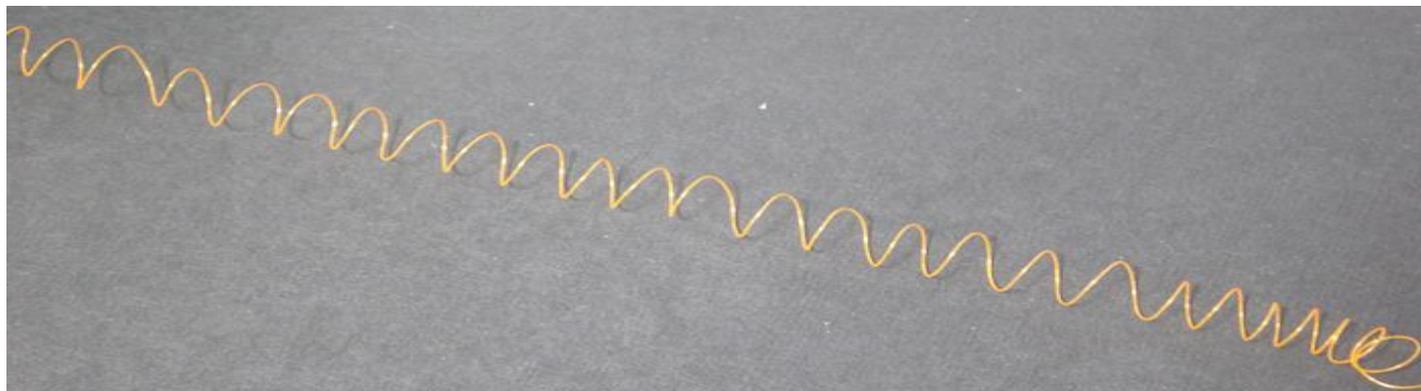
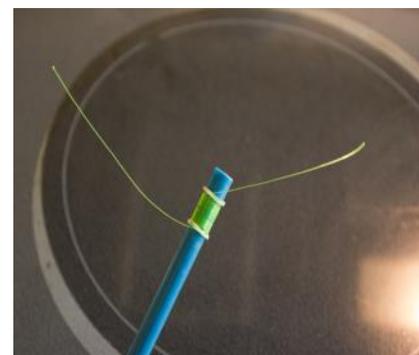
- ⇒ A small dowel or the case of a ball-point pen
- ⇒ Small pot
- ⇒ Duct tape or even better, very small rubber bands
- ⇒ Fluorescent fishing line such as P-Line in Optic Green, Stren in a bright orange or yellow shades, or any of the fluorescent sighter materials made by fly fishing brands in a 6-8 pound breaking strength. (You will want to purchase multiple colors and make sighters with all of them because some show up better than others in different light conditions and although radar and forecast can tell us a lot about the kind of lighting we may face on the river, you will not know for certain the conditions until you are actually on the river and experiencing them.)

**Step 1:** Cut off a 2 foot section of the hi-vis material and attach the filament to the pen casing using either a rubber band or tape. Make sure that when you do this, you leave 3 to 4 inches of material hanging out one side and the rest of the filament in the opposite direction.

**Step 2:** Now you can wrap the long section of filament along the case, making sure to place the wraps as closely together as possible. This will make the slinky's coils even tighter and therefore will make it float and detect strikes more effectively. Once you have wrapped all the material, leave another 3 inch section of the filament unwrapped and then using another rubber band or the tape, tie down the end of the filament so it does not unwind off of the casing.

**Step 3:** Heat water in a small pot until it is boiling. Set a timer for 2 minutes and drop the pen case into the pot. If the case does not sink on its own, use a fork or tongs (or any other kitchen utensil you feel fits the task) and submerge the tube until the two minutes have elapsed.

**Step 4:** Remove your sighter from the water and place it in the freezer overnight. This will make sure that the coils will be permanently set into the filament. When you are ready to go fishing the next day, simply remove the sighter from the freezer and put it in your pack or vest. On the river, you can undo the tape or rubber band, pull your slinky off the case, tie it on, and fish!



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