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ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR
NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE:

Saturday,
March 25, 2017

Next Meeting March 13, 2017

Presidential Banquet Center
4572 Presidential Way
(Directions on website)

DINNER RESERVATIONS
ARE REQUIRED

RSVP to Mike Wolford at (937)
671-2780 or toflyfish@woh.rr.com by
the Thursday prior to the upcoming
Monday meeting (March 9th).

Meal Price - \$15.00
The fun starts at 5:30 p.m.

MVFF Annual Auction



The 2017 MVFF Annual
Auction is almost here
(March 13th), so it is really
time to get cranking in your
preparation for this great

event. As we keep on saying time and
time again, the importance of the auction
cannot be over stated; the Annual Auction
generates about half of our revenue for the
year from this single event. That revenue
is essential in supporting our speaker
program, fly tying classes, and all the other
events of our great club.

Many of you are familiar with this annual
event. For the new members and those not
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 (so start tying
some collections for inclusion in this year's

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President's Thoughts

The calendar says it is winter, but it sure has felt like spring some days. Hopefully those warm days have you either on the water, or at least getting pumped about being on the water soon. The next day or two that follow those warm teaser days, when the temps dip back down to normal winter chills check us all back into reality and allow us more time to plan, tie, clean, polish, and preen all the gear we'll need for when it truly does turn and stay warm.

When we actually do get out, remember the club's mission; we are "dedicated to the improvement and preservation of fly fishing in Ohio. Our goal is cleaner water and brighter streams." Put a net bag, old potato sack, or something similar in your boat to put trash in while going down the river. Try to carry a small bag to pick up any fishing line that has been left behind, yours or not. All these little things can make a difference.

I want to take a moment and share a very special event with you that is available to many of the ones who mean so much to us. Honor Flight, whose mission is "to transport America's Veterans to Washington, DC to visit those memorials dedicated to honor the service and sacrifices of themselves and their friends" has a hub right here in Dayton, one of 130 around the country. Almost 160,000 veterans have flown to DC, free of charge, since 2005. I submitted an application for my own father and he recently received the call that he will be flying in April and

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President's Thoughts (cont'd)

I will have the greatest honor of accompanying him as his guardian. If you have someone who has served in WWII, Vietnam, or the Korean wars, visit www.HonorFlight.org and fill out an application. Top priority will be given to senior veterans (WWII) and those who are terminally ill. There also is an application for guardians to accompany the veteran on the trip. These folks help with getting on and off busses, making sure medications are taken on time, pushing wheelchairs from the bus to the memorial if needed, etc... There is a special mandatory training day just for the guardians so they know exactly what to expect. You can also be an Honor Flight volunteer, or simply donate to this worthy cause. Donations, volunteers and guardians are always needed. All the information can be found on the website.

A couple other opportunities we can all do to be part of this great service – (1) we can like the Honor Flight Dayton Facebook page, and watch for when the flights are returning. Then you can go to the airport and greet them as the veterans come back into the terminal. I have done this in Columbus, and let me tell you, it is quite emotional, and a very proud time. We could even go as MVFF with a PHWFF banner! They make a big deal out of it and every veteran is welcomed like a hero returning from war. (2) we can write cards or letters to the veterans, sent c/o Honor Flight, for when they have Mail Call on the plane. Every veteran gets a card or letter to read. It's a great opportunity to get the kids or grandkids together and write some cards and letters, too, and thank a veteran for their service.

Please check the MVFF website (www.mvff.us) for links to Honor Flight as well as a very read-worthy article from my sister-in-law, Susan Barr, who has been a major driving force in the effort, both here in Dayton and in Columbus. Will Rogers said, "We can't all be heroes, some of us have to stand on the curb and clap as they walk by." Well I'm happy to clap, hoot and holler for our men and women who have served!!

Kelly Kingery
MVFF President

MVFF Annual Auction (cont'd)

event or just pull together a collection of flies from the existing inventory you've tied in the past. (If you are like most of us, you have way more flies than you can use). This is a also 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.

Making the Most of the MVFF Facebook Page

Remember, we are trying to make better use of the club's Facebook page to keep the membership abreast of upcoming events. The plan at this point is to post any and every event that might be of interest to MVFF members. Preference will be given to the many outreaches MVFF has to offer, such as the Mad River Clean-Up, Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing and TNT outings. But other appropriate events will be listed as well.

You can help by passing along information on events that you think our members might be interested in. Send your event inputs to me, Ken Davy, either on Facebook or at tigr75@gmail.com and start watching the Events page to see what's coming up! Be sure to include as much information as possible including location and any "event icon" or graphic that will help make the posting stand out to visitors to our site.

Let's make the MVFF Facebook page a gathering place for even more outstanding anglers like the ones we already have!

And don't forget to visit the Miami Valley Fly Fishers Facebook page and Follow the page so you receive updates as they come in!

~ **Ken Davy**

<https://www.facebook.com/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/>



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 along a guest or two that have a passion for the sport. They will have an opportunity to pick up many quality items at a good price. The more members and guests that show up the more funds that will be generated for the club.

If anyone needs to drop off anything early or cannot make it to the auction, you can get in contact with Kenneth Hudak at 937-673-8869 to make those arrangements.

So be prepared to have a great time and come away with some nice items.

Also, check out the very special donation to the club from MVFF member Cliff Borowski for the upcoming auction on page 4.

March Fly of the Month



1. Crush the hook barb and place the hook in the vise. Make 10-12 wraps of lead wire in the middle of the hook shank. Tie-in the thread behind hook eye and wrap a thread dam in front of and behind the lead wire, then cover the lead with thread wraps before wrapping the thread back to the hook bend. Let the thread hang.
2. Select three peacock sword fibers and tie them in as a tail at the hook bend. Wrap over the fiber butts back to the back of the lead wraps. Trim off any excess butts.
3. Tie in a 3"-4" piece of oval tinsel ribbing at the back of the lead wraps and bind it down on top of the hook shank back to the hook bend.
4. Select 3-4 peacock herls and tie them in at the hook bend. Trim off any excess herl butts. Wrap the herls around the thread making a "herl" rope, then wrap the herl rope forward to a point about 1/8th " behind the hook eye and tie it off. Remove any excess herl.
5. Now grasp the tinsel ribbing and wrap it forward over the herl body in 5-6 evenly spaced wraps to the front of the herl body. Trim

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Update



MVFF & Dayton VAMC

by attending a bamboo rod building school or attending a PHWFF National fly fishing trip. The Rod Building Contest is a way for PHWFF program participants to showcase the skills, talents, and creativity garnered from program classes, meetings, and independent study in a casual, fun contest.

If you would like to get involved in MVFF's Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing program, contact Bill Grimpe - his contact information is on page 1.

Zug Bug

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward

Photograph by Bob Cain

Recipe

Hook..... Wet, 1X or 2X long, size 10 – 14
Thread..... Black 6/0
Weight..... Lead wire, .15 or .20 (Optional)
Tail..... Peacock Sword
Rib..... Oval silver tinsel, small
Body..... Peacock herl
Hackle..... Brown, Hen
Wingcase.... Mallard flank feather, dyed wood-duck
Head.....Thread

off any excess rib.

6. Select a suitable brown hen hackle feather and remove the fluff. Holding the tip, preen the barbs toward the butt end of the feather. Tie the feather in by the tip at the end of herl body, remove any excess tip, then make 3-4 turns of hackle around the hook shank, stroking the barbs back over the body as you wrap, and tie off. Remove any excess hackle.
7. Select a mallard flank feather and remove the fluff. Strip off the fibers from the base so that you are left with a feather tip that is as wide as the fly body. Trim the top of the remaining tip so that it is flat across the top. Tie the feather in by its butt as a wing case on top of the hook shank behind the hook eye. Trim off any excess feather butt.
8. Wrap a small neat thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread.

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward

Photograph by Bob Cain



The MVFF Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing rod building class kicked off on February 15th. We have 10 veterans from the Dayton VA participating in this class session so it is going to be a very busy time.

The rod kits have again been provided by The Hook and Hackle Company of Homestead, PA, at no cost to the veterans or MVFF. As in the past MVFF will provide the reels, lines and rod tubes so once the vets have completed their rods they will own full outfits ready to fish. Work on the rods will continue throughout March and into April. Once the rods are finished, they will be sent to the PHWFF National Office for judging, where the vets have the possibility to win prizes for their rod building abilities, including the opportunity to further their rod building experience

TU Madmen Annual Meeting

Please join Trout Unlimited - Mad Men Chapter for our annual meeting being held in March.

Membership is not required to attend, so come join like-minded individuals, and perhaps become part of the team that carries the Mad River watershed into the future. There is new energy in the air . . . TU Madmen needs your support and participation to capitalize on it and succeed.

Location: Champaign County Public Library,
Urbana, Ohio

Time: 0930 hrs.

Date: March 18, 2017

We hope to see you all there.

For additional information feel free to contact Ron Lewis at 937-608-7183.

Thank you!

~ Ron Lewis



Very Special Auction Offering

MVFF member Cliff Borowski has made a donation to the auction that you just might want to bid on.

It's a Coleman 15' canoe with trailer. Both are in great condition and lightly used. Includes: Minn Kota Sonar 35 trolling motor, mounting bracket, paddles, jackets, throw cushions and anchor.

You can also view this item on the Home Page of the MVFF website - <http://www.mvff.us>



Ohio Power Outing 2017 Dates Set

Never too early to think about the Ohio Power trip. The 2017 outing is June 2-4.

Put this on your calendar and plan on participating in one of the largest fishing events of the year. If you have never been, you really ought to seriously consider doing it this year. Talk to some other members to find out just what a memorable event it is. Plenty of good fishing and overall fun!



April Speaker - Jason Randall

Our speaker in April will be Jason Randall. Jason has been here before and he was a very popular and knowledgeable speaker. We look forward to having him return to teach us even more.

You can find much more information about Jason at his website <http://jrflyfishing.com/>



Help!

I need material for this newsletter. So if you have been on a fishing trip and want to write an article and share pictures, please send info my way. Maybe you have tactics, equipment tips or some other knowledge you would like to share. We would welcome the contributions.

Or if you have ideas on what you would like to see in Tightlines let me know. My contact information is on page 1.

Thanks.

~ Tom Arnold

Quote of the Month

"Some act and talk as though casting were the entire art of fly fishing, and grade an angler solely by the distance he can cover with his flies. This is a great mistake and pernicious in it's influence. Casting is but a method of placing a fly before the trout without alarming it and within it's reach. It is merely placing food before a guest. The selection of such food as will suit, and so serving it as to pleasure a fastidious and fickle taste, still remain indispensably necessary to induce it's acceptance."

Henry P Wells

Fly-Rods and Fly Tackle (1885)

CALENDAR

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Intermediate Fly Tying Class
March 4, 11	Rod Building Class
March 7, 14, 21, 28	Beginners Fly Tying Class
March 11-12	Midwest Fly Fishing Expo Warren, MI
March 13	MVFF Indoor Meeting, Presidential Banquet Center 4572 Presidential Way 5:30 p.m.
March 25	Deadline for April Tightlines articles

Reminder: Our March meeting will be in the Presidential Banquet Center (the larger building to the left of our usual meeting location)

Check our Facebook
Events page for updates & details

<https://www.facebook.com/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/>

2017 MVFF MEMBERSHIP DUES

We still have members who have not renewed their membership. If you are among those who haven't paid your 2017 dues by now you are severely delinquent. Paid membership is required to participate in all club activities including:

- ✓ Receiving the monthly edition of TIGHTLINES
- ✓ Participation in FLY TYING CLASSES
- ✓ Participation in the CLUB RAFFLES
- ✓ Participation in our ANNUAL AUCTION
- ✓ Participation in SPRING FLING
- ✓ ETC.

The roster of current paid members will be strictly followed, so get your dues into the club NOW so that you don't miss out.

Dues can be paid at the door when you attend our monthly meetings or sent to:

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Thanks!

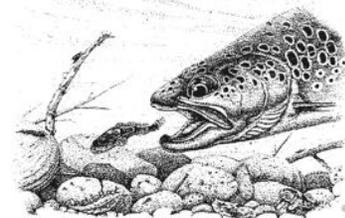
Buy / Sell / Trade

Got gear you need or want to unload? Give us the info and we can post it here for you as well as on the Message Board. Please let us know when to remove the listing.

Send your request to tarnoldjr@me.com

DVD Library

The club has an extensive library of DVD's. There is a link to the list on the Home page of our website (www.mvff.us). Take a look and I bet you'll find something of interest . . . there have been some recent additions. If you have questions contact Richard Quigley at quigleyfam@sbcglobal.net.





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