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ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE:

Friday,
September 25, 2015

This Month:
Our Last Outdoor
Meeting of the Year.

Next Meeting

September 14, 2015

Dayton FOP Shelter
4275 Powell Road
(Directions on Website)

NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
Meal Price - \$10.00

Join us for our next outdoor meeting
and enjoy a grilled meal,
camaraderie, and casting competition!

Casting Competition News!

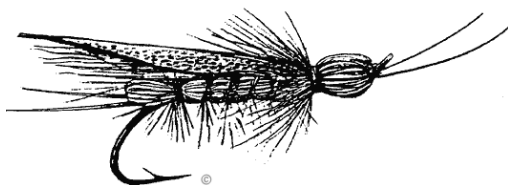
This will be the last casting event of the year and the end of our outdoor meetings. This is your last chance to come on over and cast a bit...regardless of your skill level. No water required this month, just grass (hope it's been mowed). Hopefully the wind will cooperate as well.

The only thing required to participate in the casting events is for you to show up. You don't even have to own a fly rod (although, if you do, you can cheat by practicing at home – just don't tell the judges; they might, no – they will – give you a hard time). There is no age requirement or limit, no height requirement, and no previous casting experience is needed.

Everyone is welcome!

CASTING COMPETITION CUT-OFF TIME

Casting will be held **ONLY** from **5:30 PM to 7:00 PM**. The cut-off time will help ensure we are not holding up the meeting with scoring, etc., so come on over and cast early.



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President's Thoughts

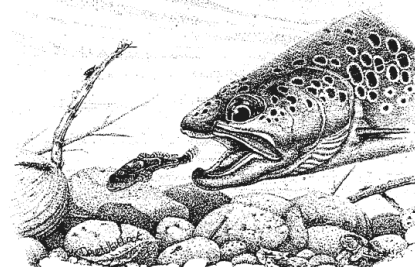


Hello friends,

The last outdoor meeting for 2015 is upon us. Once again despite numerous storms, challenges and scheduling issues, we came through unscathed and without cancelations. A lot of hard work and time was donated to the club by members who provided/procured food, drink, raffle items, raffle ticket sales, cooking, set up, tear down, grill prep, grill cleaning, trash removal and casting lessons. Not to mention, the casting contest, along with its set up and take down. There are too many names to thank, but I will try and recognize you at the September meeting.

MVFF has once again agreed to work with Five Rivers Metro parks for this year's Midwest Outdoor Experience. The event will take place at Eastwood Metro park on Friday October 2nd from 6pm to 10pm and Saturday October 3rd from 11am to 7 pm. WE NEED VOLUNTERS for tying, casting and ambassadorship. Please call or see me at this month's meeting.

As many of you know, I have been trying to interject more time into our Project Healing Waters outings this year. I last attended the outing at Mertensia Springs and with each outing, I have gotten to know the vets a little better and enjoy their edgy/cop like humor. These guys and gals really take it on the chin when they make fun of themselves and each other. This is sometimes a departure from our norm because let's face it; fly fishers can be a serious group of people. How many of us are engineers, teachers, craftsmen, chemists or scientists?



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With this in mind, I have to fill this writing slot and bore you with a story. I am a HUGE fan of the Orvis podcast with Tom Rosenbauer. Tom has created a weekly podcast that provides numerous tips, tricks and interviews of the leading experts in fly fishing. This is SERIOUS STUFF BY SERIOUS PEOPLE, but Tom has a great sense of humor.

I had the absolute pleasure of meeting Tom at this year's BUFF show. Did I ask my guru for some sage advice? No, not I said the Via. I asked about his interview with Lewis Coleman. For those of you who don't know, Lewis Coleman is a fictitious world renowned fly fishing expert created by Tom and his friends at Orvis. Coleman's ego and arrogance make Donald Trump look like Mother Teresa. Two minutes in a room or five minutes in a podcast and you want to beat this guy with a rock. This guy is a patchwork quilt of every self-absorbed person you know and hate.

On April 1st, 2014, Tom did a mock podcast with Coleman who he claims taught him all of the important things about fly fishing. You later hear Coleman claim he brought spey casting to America and offer to teach students to fly fish for the bargain basement price of \$17,500.00 per student. During the interview, Tom practically crawls on his knees while enduring insults and the monster ego of a character that he claims is his mentor. The post cast is as well acted as the War of the Worlds radio play by Orson Wells and Mercury Theater. Just like the War of the Worlds radio play, people thought Lewis Coleman was real. Orvis received a huge backlash from listeners of the podcast. Most couldn't believe the arrogance of "that jackass and I wouldn't pay \$1.75 to be around the Son of a \$%*&^".

Tom knows his audience and to me, this was pure comedy brilliance. I got the clues. The podcast aired on April Fool's Day. Coleman claims to have taught Lefty Krey who "Just never seemed to get it." And Coleman's latest project involves Tarpon fishing from a paddle board with a Tenkara rod. Many SERIOUS people took this hook, fly and sinker.....

Tom and I actually talked for quite some time about the podcast and his future fictitious guests. Tom's whole point was to poke fun at the serious fly fisher and at himself. I thank Tom and the vets for the gift of humor and I really try not to take myself so seriously.....

Enjoy a laugh the next time you see me standing on the river. Yep, that's me. The guy who is dressed like a bee keeper while waving a stick at a fish. I don't care who you are, that's some funny ^&&^\$%.

See you September 14th.

Nathan A. Via,
MVFF President

Casting Competition Continued from Page 1

Here are the results for the August Bass Bug Competition:

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| First Flight, Winner: | Michael Luby (95) |
| Seniors, Winner: | John Young (92) |
| Masters, Winner: | Ken Hudak (93) |

Casting Competition – this month is the **Distance Competition**.

- Distance Rules: (No Water Needed!)
- Make 5 casts (in 5 minutes).
- While we may not enforce the 5 minute rule, we do want to give everyone a chance to cast and still have time to eat dinner. No fly, just a piece of yarn.

Tip: While there are no rules about how many false casts you can make, the fewer you make, the better your results will be. And don't rush the cast – give the rod time to load.

Scoring:

Scores Will Be Based on the **Average** of the Longest **4** out of **5** casts.

Casting Competition Guidelines:

The monthly competitions, Divisions, and scoring guidelines can now be found on the club web site at the following link:

http://mvff.tripod.com/Reference/MVFF_Casting_Competition_Guidelines.pdf

Remember - although we do keep score and everyone would like to win, the real point of doing this (other than just to have a good time) is to improve our casting abilities.

Good luck!
Jeff Warden

This Month's Fly – September 2015 Edition

GALLOUP'S ANT ACID

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photograph by Bob Cain

Recipe

Hook.....Dry, size 12-16 1XL
Thread.....Brown/Tan/Black, 6/0 or 8/0
Abdomen.....Fine and Dry Dubbing, tan
Under wing.....Flashabou Accent, holographic gold/copper
Wing.....Deer hair
Thorax.....Fine and Dry dubbing, Rusty Brown/dark brown
Legs.....Centipede legs



1. Place the hook in the vise, then tie-in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap a thread base back to the hook bend.
2. Dub the thread thinly with dark dubbing and wrap a football shaped abdomen between the hook bend to slightly behind the middle of the hook shank. Tie off the dubbing and remove any excess. The thread should now be at the front of abdomen.
3. Cut 7 - 8 strands of flash legging material and tie them in on top of the hook shank by one end tight against the front of the abdomen. Trim off any excess flash butts and cover them with thread wraps. The length of the flash should be going back over the hook bend as an underwing. Trim the flash even with the back of the hook bend.
4. Dub the thread with a lighter contrasting dubbing and wrap a **small** ball over the thread wraps tying in the flash underwing. This ball should be about equal in thickness to the abdomen thickness and should extend from the front of the abdomen to slightly past the middle of the hook shank. Tie off the dubbing and remove any excess. Remember, keep this ball small.
5. Cut, clean, and stack a small batch of deer hair and measure the tips to reach back to the end of the flash underwing. Tie the hair in on top of the hook shank in front of the small ball with tight thread wraps, then trim the butts close to the wing and cover any remaining butts with thread wraps. You should now have about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the hook shank bare between the wing and hook eye.
6. Dub the thread with the dark dubbing and wrap a thorax similar in shape (football) to the abdomen and tie it off. Remove any excess dubbing. Be sure to end tying the thorax with the thread in front of the wing ready for tying in the legs.
7. Cut two 1" - 2" pieces of legging material and tie one in by its middle on each side of fly right between the back of the thorax and the front of the wing. Do a whip finish right in front of the legs and cut the thread. Trim the legs so that the back legs reach back to the end of the wing and the front legs reach to slightly in front of the hook eye.



Nymphing Workshop - October 11th

Our October 12th speaker will be Jason Randall. Jason has been an outdoor writer for the last twelve years with feature articles appearing regularly in *American Angler*, as well as *Fly Fisherman*, *Eastern Fly Fishing*, *Northwest Fly Fishing* and many other outdoor magazines. He is a veterinarian certified in fish health and medicine. He is also a member of the World Aquatic Veterinary Medical Association and the Society for Freshwater Science. Check out his website: <http://jrflyfishing.com>.

Also - on the afternoon of Sunday, October 11, Jason will be conducting a 3 hour workshop for us on nymphing methods and tactics. The cost for MVFF members is \$50. The workshop will be held at Mertensia Springs Clubhouse. Start time is 2 PM. Plan on about 3 hrs. **Workshop size is limited to 16 people so sign-ups will be first come first served** . Contact John Young by phone (937-470-1211) or e mail (jyoung29@woh.rr.com) to sign up.

Outdoor Equipment Yard Sale

Bob Stroup is having a garage sale on **Friday and Saturday, September 4 & 5**, from **9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** each day. Among the items being offered - fishing equipment: bamboo fly rod, fiberglass rod, spinning rods . Plus fly tying material, tackle boxes, boots, waders; antique tools, modern tools, power tools, tool boxes. Electronic supplies, speakers, etc.

Bob will be running ads Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the Dayton Daily News, Springfield Daily News, Troy and Piqua Daily News, etc.

For more information, please contact Bob:

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Project Healing Waters



Pictures from the outing at Ludlow Falls on Saturday, August 22, 2015



Pictures from the Silver Lake Trip on Saturday, August 29, 2015

(Pictures once again courtesy of our good friend, Karla Riste!)

MVFF CALENDAR For September, 2015

- 4, 5 - **Bob Stroup's Yard Sale** (See article on Page 4 for Details.)
- 10, 24 - **Casual Fly Tying**, Gander Mountain, 8001 Old Troy Pike, Huber Heights, OH 45424, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
- 14 - **MVFF Outdoor Meeting** (Reservations Not Required - See Page 1 for Details.)
- 25 - Deadline for Articles for Next Month's Issue of **Tightlines**

MVFF Message Board

The MVFF Message Board now has over **470** registered members!

Also, you can now read messages without registering or logging in. Just go to the club's web site at <http://www.mvff.us> and you will find a link to the board in the upper left-hand corner.



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