

# Mending Lines

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June and July 2011

## No Club Meeting

There are no club meetings now till August! Stay tuned for information about upcoming meeting events.

The Muskegon River outing is June 24 through the 26th. We will be going to Henning camp ground <http://www.countyofnewaygo.com/Parks/Henning/HenningHome.htm>.

It's a 3 hour and 45 minute drive from Fort Wayne. Maybe you can come up for a day if you did not make reservations at the campsite.

The Mottville, Small-mouth outing is on July 24th. Get ready to catch smallmouth!

## Don's Den By: Don Privett, Club President

As I begin the first part of the newsletter we have just returned from PA. The rivers were very high and the fish where uncooperative.

It rained every day. It rained intermittently every day, which did not help the rivers to go down. We fished up in the head waters where the streams are smaller and cough a few fish mostly Brook Trout.

At the end of the week, Kettle Creek and Cross forks came down a little and we took a few fish in the catch and release area. All and all we had a good time even though the week catch for me was only sixteen fish.

Do not forget the club outing on the Muskegon River on June 24-26. (I will be unable to attend due to a family emergency.) Someone always asks what they need to fish with so I will give you a list.

Blue wing olives 18-20, little black caddis 16-18, brown elk hair caddis 14-16, sulphur duns 16 and gray drakes 12-14 also terrestrials and streamers. I hope someone that goes will write an article and let us know how things went.

Last there will be no newsletter for July. This one is for both June and July.

Don't forget the Mottville, St. Joe river outing on July 24<sup>th</sup>. Take Michigan 12 west to Mottville turn on Thomas Rd. north heading to the river there is a boat ramp and picnic area directly across from County Road 130.

Come up when you can we will have a lunch at around noon bring a drink and anything else that you would like. It's always is a good time and everyone catches fish.

Tight lines!

Don



## **Watch Out for Stream Restoration the Wrong Way!**

Many of you may not be familiar with Montana's Cherry Creek. You should know about things that are happening, that could someday affect a stream near you.

There was a strong desire there to restore "native species" to these waters. The native species they wanted to repopulate the stream with are Westslope Cutthroat Trout.

The problem was that the state had been stocking it with Rainbow Trout. So they decided to "poison" the fish that was present and start stocking Westslope Cutthroat Trout. When they did so, they accidentally killed 1000-1200 trout in another section that was not supposed to be affected.

What is known is that the accident has revived the controversy surrounding efforts to kill every fish in a 60 mile section of Cherry Creek and its tributaries that runs through Ted Turner's Flying D Ranch west of Bozeman in order to restore the stream's Westslope Cutthroat Trout population -- the only species of trout native to the area.

After the accident, a lawsuit was filed, but was dismissed. There is another poisoning scheduled, and officials are going to carry it out.

The poison may affect other wildlife in the area, and improper studies have been done. So if you hear that someone wants to restore a native population, let's make sure it's done without poison.

## **2011 Conclave Announcement!**

It's OFFICIAL! Mark your calendars! The 46th Annual Fly Fishing Fair & Conclave will be held in West Yellowstone, MT on August 31<sup>st</sup> - September 3rd, 2011. Plan to attend this spectacular event for people of all ages and abilities! The fishing and educational opportunities will be outstanding! See the ad on page 3.

See you there!

## **GLCs Fly Fishing School & Conclave**

Don't miss the GLC Fly Fishing School & Conclave. The date is June 17-19 at the R.A. MacMullen Conference Center, Roscommon, Michigan.

Educational programs, classes and workshops will be offered Friday afternoon and all day Saturday. The schedule will contain programs for all levels. There will be a on-stream school for beginners, a on-stream workshop on streamer fishing and fly tying workshops on Friday afternoon, Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon.

Details and registration materials are on the GLC Website at [www.fffglc.org](http://www.fffglc.org). You can also call Jim Schramm at 231 869-5487 or 231-740-7278.

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See complete schedule and register for workshops at  
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**Calendar Of Events**

June 17-19 FFF GLS Fly Fishing School & Conclave  
MacMullen Conference Center  
Roscommon, Michigan

June 24-26 Muskegon River Club Outing  
Henning Camp Ground  
Sites 25-36  
Ed H. Henning County Park  
500 Croton Road, Newaygo MI  
(231) 652-1202

**CORRECTION!** (*Mottville is not the 25th*)

**July 24** St. Joseph River Outing  
Mottville, MI

*Please visit [www.3rff.org](http://www.3rff.org) to review old Club newsletters, fly patterns, and the club calendar.*

**Join the FFF**

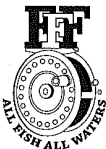
Did you know that the Three Fivers Fly Fishers is an affiliate Club of the Federation of Fly Fishers? The FFF is instrumental in promoting the sport of fly fishing and educating the public about conservation of our natural resources.

For new members, the Club is offering a one time \$5 discount for an FFF Membership. Complete the application form below and give to our Club Treasurer Gary Sanders at the next meeting. Gary will collect the membership fee and forward to the Federation.

**Membership Categories**

- Individual..... \$35
- Family..... \$45
- Youth under 18.....\$15
- Senior +65.....\$25
- Disabled Veterans are Free  
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- Life Individual.....\$500
- Life Couple.....\$750
- 3 Year Individual..... \$85
- 3 Year Family.....\$100
- Sustaining .....\$200  
(Commercial & Mfg. business)
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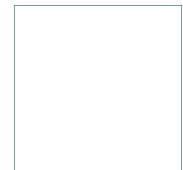
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