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Tippets, Tapers & Tales

President's Message - October 2020

As I write this message the traditional trout season closed yesterday. A little disappointing to think about but there is still plenty of rivers open for extended season fishing for trout, steelhead and salmon. There are also many warm water opportunities available yet this fall. I was out on a local lake last week to do some bass fishing and had a good time.



This month's meeting is set and will be another Zoom meeting. As it gets closer, watch for the details and log in credentials in your email and on our club Facebook page. We are also in the process of planning November and December's meetings and those will also be Zoom meetings. Until we get approvals from the state to be able to meet again in larger numbers, we will have to do things this way.

If you have not already done so, please remember to mail in your dues check to the club PO Box. The club still has obligations it has to meet and it is already challenging to raise funds with no in person meetings and no major fundraising project planned yet because of the current Virus situation.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone online for the October meeting!

Mark



1981 McKenzie Cup Winners

The Red Cedar Fly Fishers is a Charter Club of Fly Fishers International.

It's purpose is to promote fly-fishing through Education, Restoration and Conservation

A Little Michigan History

This is a copy of the original letter given to Bob McKeon from the Desert Fly Casters by Sis Schrems, Corny's wife. Schrems West Michigan TU is named after her.

George A. Griffith
 STAR ROUTE
 GRAYLING, MICHIGAN
 July 3, 1959

Mr. Cornelius Schrems
 Grand Rapids, Mich

Dear Corny:

For some time I and several others have been considering ways and means to protect and preserve Trout and Trout fishing, and have come up with the idea of forming an organization to be known as Trout Unlimited.

We are convinced that to achieve that objective, a united, organized effort is necessary;

Such an organization could work with state and federal agencies now charged with that responsibility. Through bulletins, Publications, and news releases it would help educate the public on the dire need of sound, practical, scientific Trout management and regulations to protect the Trout as well as satisfy fishermen.

As the first step I am inviting a dozen or more leaders of groups I know to be interested, to meet with me, Saturday morning, July 18 at my home on the An Sauble 12 miles east of Grayling. It is my hope that you will be able to attend this meeting. If so please advise me at your earliest convenience either by letter or phone. I am sure that you will enjoy meeting with the fine group I have invited to initiate what we hope will be a great step forward towards the preservation of our cherished sport.

Following is a list of those invited
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 Vic Beresford E. Lansing, Mich.
 Dr. John Kitchell Grand Haven, Mich

Our best to you both,

Sincerely,
George
 George A. Griffith

From our Zoom meeting last month. Thanks to all who joined us for the Scientific Angler's presentation and to Mark Johnston for hosting. Great job!



Steven Arnoczky's result from a recent trip as a guest to the Castalia Trout Club in Castalia, Ohio a member only club since 1890. Landed trout are strongly encouraged to not be released back to the water. This brown was over 20".



Please send your dues to:

Red Cedar Fly Fishers
PO Box 129
Okemos, MI 48805

\$15.00



Tracking fish movements with acoustic telemetry

By KAITLEN LANG
Michigan Department of Natural Resources

If you've ever been fishing, you know fish can be hard to locate. Many anglers have marked a high-quality fishing spot with a GPS coordinate, only to return the next day to find that all the fish have left. Fish movements can be influenced by many factors, including location of desirable habitat, water temperature and the seasons.



In addition to helping anglers target their catch, understanding fish movement can help develop more effective strategies for managing fish populations. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources employs a multitude of tools to study these movements.

One method involves marking fish by clipping off a portion of one fin on fish reared in DNR hatcheries, like salmon or trout. This fin clip indicates that an internal coded-wire tag has been inserted into the fish's head. This tag is microscopic and contains information that DNR staff can read with a microscope.

.....for more info paste this link in your browser: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MIDNR/bulletins/2981905>

Empire, MI - Several large lake sturgeon have been found along Lake Michigan at the

Dead lake sturgeon are being found on beaches at Sleeping Bear Dunes



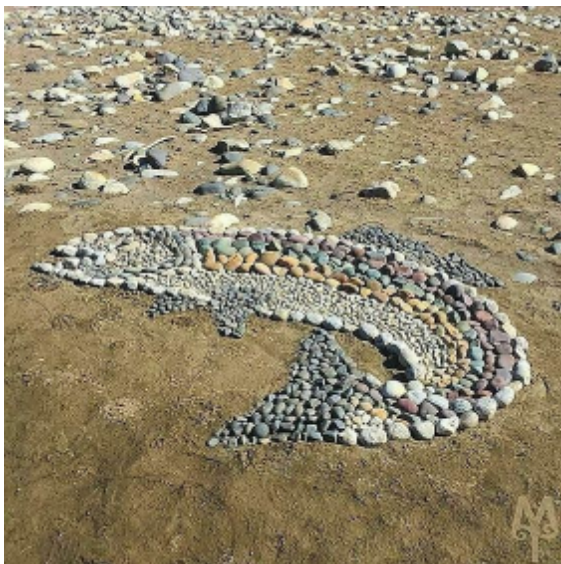
Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. They are easily identifiable thanks to their elongated bodies, flattened snout, toothless mouth on the underside of the head and body which is covered in five rows of large prominent bony plates, called scutes, instead of scales.

Lake sturgeon are listed on the Michigan Threatened Species List, even though the fish can live longer than most humans. They grow slowly but may reach 8 feet long and 300 pounds.

Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore partners with the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Natural Resources Department to protect lake sturgeon from over fishing and habitat loss. The population is currently at 1 percent of its historical abundance according to the NPS.

.....from Brandon Champion of mlive.com

Like to golf? Like to fly fish? Like to lose your golf balls? Here's an idea to combine both hobbies and head to the 19th hole in a good mood. Keep that fly rod handy in your bag for the caddy to hold while you're on the tee box. Check the date.



So you can't paint, sketch, draw or sculpt, well here's a new way to bring out your inner Van Gogh.

Instead of just hangin' out waiting for the hatch to start, why not make yourself useful with some fish art.

Head to your local Great Lakes beach, or favorite river and work on your own fish pattern.

Michigan Teachers Find Creative Ways to Create Salmon-In-The Classroom Journey

.....thefishingwire.com

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The future of 45,000 baby salmon hung in the balance as schools across Michigan abruptly closed their doors in March. The normal date for releasing fish raised as part of the DNR's Salmon in the Classroom program is between April 15 and May 15, but the state's coronavirus emergency required a swift change.

This year's program included nearly 300 teachers from across the state. Each classroom raises 150 Chinook salmon, from eggs to smolt—the “young adult” phase of life—followed by a spring release in an approved waterway. Students help care for the fish, while teachers use provided curriculum to teach about ecology, Great Lakes concerns, natural resources stewardship and more.



Sarah Cartwright, seventh grade science teacher at Berkley's Norup International school in Oakland County, had just 20 minutes to get fish out of the tank. “That was a challenge as they usually don't like getting caught,” Cartwright said. With her two young children in tow, she met the school's sixth grade science teacher in Rochester Hills at the Clinton River—a site approved by DNR biologists—to release Norup International School's 114 successfully raised and healthy fish.

“I'm so appreciative of these teachers' ingenuity and lengths they went to in order to educate their kids and care for this living resource,” Tracy Page, SIC Committee Member, said. “They created virtual lessons, used our Salmon in the Classroom activities, and showcased tank cameras and live Facebook releases.”

Most teachers are heavily involved in scheduling field trips, guiding students and other program logistics, but many never get to release a fish. This year, teacher efforts include:

- Amy Henning, teacher at Freeland Elementary in Saginaw County, worked fish releases into one-on-one virtual meetings with students, so each student felt like an integral part of the classroom project.
- Iron Mountain teacher Robin Marttila – with the help of his son and daughter – released his classroom's fish in the Cedar River. “Though we missed the seventh graders who wanted to take part in the final stage of this journey ... we were able to release 117 fish safely,” he said.
- Scott Steensma, teacher at Onaway Service Learning in Presque Isle County, made it a family adventure with his wife and two kids, releasing fish at Ocqueoc Falls.

Page praised teachers for making the most of a challenging situation and showing a true sense of project and resource ownership. She closed out this year's program with virtual field trips to include students in the next steps for these fish. Future virtual programs are in the works, too.



Looking ahead, 22 new teachers plan to join the program next year. Learn more about Salmon in the Classroom at Michigan.gov/SIC or contact [Tracy Page](#) at 989-277-0630.

When fellow fishermen are getting just a bit close to your spot on the lake!



New products on the market for fly fishers

Refer to the July 2020 RCFF Bulletin to make a pair of “fish holders” to increase the size of your catch. Make a set for all of your friends.

DR DINGUS Finger Hands Finger Puppets in Gift Box (10 Hands / 5 Pairs) ~ Amazon for \$11.99



M. B. Hawxhurst

THE three trout flies I would use, regardless of weather, season or locality, I submit in the following order: Royal Coachman, Cahill and Sand Wasp.

I find that the first named fly can be used any time of the day; and throughout the entire season regardless of weather conditions with fairly good success. The size of the fly has a great deal to do with the success obtained. In

.....*American Angler* May 1919

the morning a No. 12 Royal Coachman secures the best results, while after five in the afternoon a No. 8 is best to use.

I have a great many varieties of trout flies, both dry and wet, and find that the standard patterns give the best results with few exceptions. Last summer I carried with me on the stream between seven hundred and fifty and eight hundred flies for the express purpose of determining what flies were the most successful, and it is my belief that standard patterns, as are sold by the fly-makers, secure the best results.



M. B. HAWXHURST WADES THE PERE MARQUETTE IN MICHIGAN EARLY AND LATE

Why You Should Always Have a Fly Rod In Your Car/Backpack/Luggage

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=6&v=lwO3GQVAcwM&feature=emb_logo



The Starfish Story – Adapted from The Star Thrower by Loren Eiseley

One day a man was walking along the beach when he noticed a boy picking something up and gently throwing it into the ocean. Approaching the boy he asked “What are you doing?”

The boy replied “Throwing starfish back into the ocean. The surf is up and the tide is going out. If I don’t throw them back, they will die.”

“Son,” the man replied, “don’t you realized there are miles and miles of beach and hundreds of starfish? You can’t make a difference.”

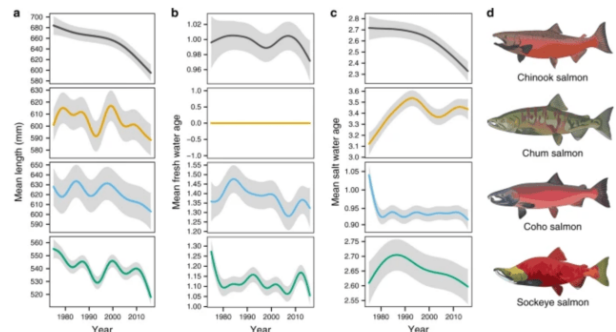
After listening politely, the boy bent down, picked up another starfish, and threw it back into the surf. then, smiling at the man, he said, “I made a difference to that one.”

Deprivation diet?

Alaska’s decades-long bonanza of pink salmon has now been fingered as one of the likely suspects in a roller-coaster decline in size of four other species of Pacific salmon.

After examining a dozen reasons why chum, coho, Chinook and sockeye salmon have been shrinking, researchers who published in the peer-reviewed Nature Communications on Wednesday said “the only consistently negative effect across all species was that of Alaskan pink salmon abundance, although this effect was weak in most species. Check here for the article: <https://craigmedred.news/2020/08/21/a-deprivation-diet/>

Fig. 2: Body size declines are significant and nonlinear.



Invasive European Water Plant Found in Mid-Michigan

The Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy recently confirmed the presence of European frog-bit, an aquatic invasive plant, in four lakes within the Waterloo Recreation Area in Jackson and Washtenaw counties and one impoundment in the Dansville State Game Area in Ingham County.

European frog-bit was first detected in southeast Michigan in 1996 and has since spread along the coastal areas of lakes Erie and Huron up to the eastern Upper Peninsula.

In 2016, the plant was discovered in Reeds and Fisk lakes in East Grand Rapids. It was found in several small bodies of water in Oakland County in 2018 and in the Lower Grand River in Ottawa County and Pentwater Lake in Oceana County in 2019.

While waterfowl, currents and stream flow can spread the plant and its seeds, European frog-bit, like most invasive species, travels farther and faster by human movement. Plant parts and seeds can become attached to boat motors, trailers, decoys and other recreational gear in an infested body of water and be transferred unintentionally to another location.

To prevent further spread of European frog-bit, boaters, waterfowl hunters and anglers should “Clean, Drain and Dry” boats, trailers and gear before moving them to a new location.

To find out more about European frog-bit and other aquatic invasive species, visit Michigan.gov/Invasives.



Michigan Grayling Initiative - September 17, the first year class was transferred From an isolated rearing facility at Oden State Fish Hatchery near Petoskey to Marquette State Fish Hatchery. Approximately 4,000 fish, averaging 6 1/2 inches Long, made the trip.

Roughly 10,000 eggs collected from Chena River Roughly 10,000 eggs collected from Chena River, a tributary to Alaska's Yukon River, were brought to Michigan in spring 2019. Because the eggs originated from outside of the Great Lakes basin, they had to be quarantined until three separate health exams could be completed to ensure a new pathogen won't inadvertently be introduced



to Michigan's waters. Before the Oden hatchery could house the grayling, it had to be outfitted with an ultraviolet filter on the outflow from the isolation facility to provide protection against the spread of unknown pathogens.

Growing Arctic grayling need water temperatures that change with the season, and the water source for the Marquette hatchery mimics their natural environment. Now that the fish have arrived at Marquette State Fish Hatchery, staff will care for this group of grayling until the fish are ready to begin producing eggs, usually when they are 4-6 years old.



Mosquitos got your number? Well when you get stung, here's a dandy \$10 new item that solves your problems. Works on the other critters as well.



Features

- When you remove the irritant, the body stops producing the reaction that causes the itching and swelling
- Unlike topical creams and ointments, the problem is eliminated, not masked
- Kid-friendly—no cream, no chemicals
- Reusable, compact and lightweight
- Suitable for use on splinters, as well as bites and stings caused by mosquitoes, bees, wasps, ants, biting flies and more

Fish the Impossible Places



Every fly fisherman has wished for a hook that can be “worked” in weedy places without entangling in the vegetation while still hooking fish. The concept of a snagless hook was created in 1967 by Dick Pobst and through his love of fly fishing the Keel-Fly was born. Through his experiments and field trips to the corners of Michigan’s Au Sable and Manistee Rivers, to name a few, he came up with a unique way of presenting a fly over some of the toughest vegetation habitat enticing fish to come out of hiding and sip a morsel.

Dick met Howard Overmeyer, who had a part-time fly business with a small private clientele. Howard agreed to tie Dick’s fly patterns and help experiment with the varied hooks charging him for materials alone. Howard seeing something in the hook design and the future of the fly wanted to be a part of its development.

In late summer and throughout the winter months the two developed existing patterns adopting them to this odd looking fly with the barb on top. Once the patterns were tied they tied on tippet material and “cast” them into a bathtub, to see whether they were satisfied with the fly’s action. Along the way there were plenty of rejections of the patterns and how they were tied on the hook. Dick and Howard learned that there was a certain way of tying materials to this new hook development.

In early spring and many casting hours into the bathtub, Dick and Howard were satisfied with the results and thought they were ready to introduce the new fly to the fly fishing public. They were wondering how all of this might be accepted...an “upside-down” fly. Before doing so Dick contacted Stan Lievensee of the Fish Division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) who was a top fly fisherman. After showing him some samples and asking a few questions, Stan agreed that the upward-riding hook would hook well. Stan noted, “first of all this hook will hook better in the upper jaw of a trout- it’s tougher than the lower. Hooking into the upper jaw is definitely better- jigs and baited hooks have proven this time and again.” Dick had

named the hook: “The Manistee Weightless-Weedless Fly,” it was considered his best attempt at a name. Stan thought for a few seconds and said, “The shank reminds me of a keel of a boat....why not call it the keel fly?” It took Dick all of 3 seconds to approve the suggestion of the name.

It was almost the end of winter in the Midwest, and Dick couldn’t wait for opening season to try his new snagless hook, and resorted to talking someone into using a trout pond for further experiments. There were about 15 trout ponds within a given area and Dick finally convinced an owner to open a trout pond early. And, with trout ponds there came a rude awakening- Pond trout are disinclined to strike at flies in the wintertime. They would slash at pellets all around the fly, but refused to touch any offering. Desperation led to using every trick in the book, when Dick bumped onto a fast stripping retrieve action that would excite the trout into taking the fly. Bam! Dick had his proof. The design of a hook that would hook and hold fish and was virtually snagless without being cumbersome in any way.

As with any new idea- it all has to be tested and proven that it all works. The fly had to be given out to selected people to fish this new snag-resistant hook...photos alone wouldn’t do. And, photos in action on a stream was foremost. At this point Dick wrote up a one page explanation of the idea and sent it out to a handful of nationally-known authorities on fly fishing. The first to respond was John Voelker, who under the name of Robert Traver wrote the best selling book Anatomy of a Murder (also made into a movie starring James Stewart) along with penned books such as: Trout Madness, Trout Magic, among others. Another respondent was Bing McClellan, who had started a career in the fishing field, in which he had become recognized as a leading authority. Bing’s comment in a note to Dick, was: “Why didn’t I think of that?” Bing became enthused with this new fly and made it his mission to talk about it along with demonstrating it.

Bing made a phone call to A.J. McClane of Field & Stream magazine and upon describing the fly, McClane picked the first available date and he and Bing spent a couple of days on the Michigan Au Sable river, where McClane, too, became a convert to this new fly called the Keel-Fly. McClane’s article in the April 1969 the issue of Field & Stream, was accompanied by over a dozen pictures of all types of the keel flies. McClane saw that the concept was applicable to virtually every type of fly, and after the fishing samples under



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....varying conditions, he went all the way with the idea and article. Within a year after McClane's article the fly was being used all throughout the United States, and inquiries were beginning to come in from abroad as well. Almost every major fly fishing writer had mentioned it in articles. And, as it was said: "The rest was history!"

I've known Dick and Nancy Pobst ever since I got the bug to wade the waters and trout fish. Dick and I have done business together while I lived in Michigan over 10 years ago. I always enjoyed stopping in his shop, just to visit and touch base with what was hatching on the near-by river. Dick set me up and sold me an Orvis, Far & Fine 5wt rod back then, which I'll never forget. (I sure wish I had that rod today in my collection.)

While writing this article for my DFC Trout Bum friends, I contacted Dick and asked if he would help add his own thoughts on his Keel-Fly. Dick was kind enough to put the finishing touches to this article by "highlighting" the hook and events in his own words. You might say this is now ".... the rest of the story."

"I was a novice fisherman when I decided life was too short to keep getting flies hung up on logs and weeds. I took a couple of my streamer flies, twisted the dressing to the other side of the fly, then bent the hook. The result was the hook shank served as a keel, and the dressing and the hook point were on the top, therefore snag-less."

I patented and trademarked the Keel Fly, and the subordinate Keel Hook. A.J. McClane introduced the fly on the front cover of Field and Stream, with a major article inside. I licensed the product to Bing McClellan in the U.S. Bing and I designed several new styles of the flies, including dry flies, bass bugs, and saltwater flies. A Saltwater Pink Shrimp caught a world record permit at Grand Bahama the second year the fly was offered. I then licensed the flies to Dermot Wilson, the guru of British fly fishing, who offered them in his catalog, asserting the dry flies floated, cocked, and hooked fish better than the old standards.



After a few years, I bought back the license from Bing, and my wife, Nancy, and I, ran the business from our home in Toledo. When we started our Thornapple Orvis Shop outside Grand Rapids, Michigan, we were too busy to manage the fly business, so we sold the business to Mustad. I think that accurately describes the highlights. We credit the Keel Fly with launching us on a productive career in the fly fishing business."



Editors final notes... Mustad kept the Keel-Fly hook in it's catalog for a short period of time and by all accounts hasn't been seen on the fishing market since. Looking back on that time period, there were rumors floating (ahh, ain't "puns" fun?) around that Mustad was concerned that the "upward-riding" hook design would alter the entire hook industry along with destroying the sales of traditional hooks found on the market. Hence the hook "mysteriously" disappeared altogether. R. McKeon

Dick Pobst: Dick and his wife Nancy operated the Thornapple Orvis Shop in Grand Rapids, MI from 1975 to 1995. They also served as Regional Managers for the Orvis Co. for: Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin. Dick wrote books: Fish the Impossible Places - the story of the Keel Fly, Trout Stream Insects, The Caddisfly Handbook, co-authored with Carl Richards, Vest Pocket book of Mayflies, and Vest Pocket book of Caddisflies. He published two videos, Trout Madness and Super Hatches.



Pobst, Dick 8/19/1931 - 7/18/2020 Grand Rapids J. Richard (Dick) Pobst was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on August 19, 1931. Dick met Nancy Stewart in high school in Kalamazoo, Michigan, where they were married in 1953. After graduation from Denison University Dick was drafted and served as a sergeant in the US Infantry in Ft. Lewis Washington. He studied at the American Institute of Foreign Trade in Arizona. He worked in international business, lived in Panama City and Buenos Aires and travelled overseas while employed by Caterpillar Tractor Co., Aeroquip Corporation, and Libbey-Owens-Ford. In 1975, Dick and Nancy established the Thornapple Orvis Shop, a fly fishing shop in Grand Rapids, Michigan. They became Regional Business Managers for the Orvis Company of Vermont, working in that capacity until they retired in 2000.

Streamer Chucker

- Thinks all other fly fishing tactics are for pussies.
- Rips heaters and drinks a flask of Wild Turkey out on the river.
- Probably was a bass angler earlier in life.

Dry-Fly Guy

- Absolutely despises all other methods of fishing.
- Has to post "Hitting dries!" on every post they make.
- Claims to only fish with bamboo but uses TFO and Redington rods.

Euro-Bro

- Euro nymphs because they can't catch fish with any other method.
- Doesn't understand hatches, or even knows the bugs that live in the water.
- Thinks they need a bunch of shit that they don't actually need.

Spey Swinger

- Just a strange dude.
- They're favorite color is pink.
- Thinks nymphing for steelhead should be illegal.
- Can perform a perfect snake roll but hasn't caught a fish in 2 years.



A Small Suggestion Suggesting a Tiny but Sensible yet Realistic Change to our Method of Referring to Fishes that Migrate from Larger Bodies of Water into Streams That Feed Those Larger Water Bodies, Which Behavior Supports the Purpose of Fishy l'Amour and Survival of the Species, Without The Aforementioned Fishes Having to Resort to Such Artificial Things as Salmon/trout in the Classroom, or Stocking

By Bob Kren, RCFFer, and Mr. Flyfisherpersonguy

Let's face it, people, "anadromous" doesn't describe what's going on, no way! They're there to fan the gravel, to make babies, to pass on the old dna -- in short, they're "amorous," not "anadromous." So, let's tell it like it is, and call them "amorous" fishes. Male, and female, alike. Simple. Glad to help.

The Ten Original Commandments* **, adapted to flyfishing
By The Right Reverend Bob Kren, RCFFer and Mr. Flyfisherpersonguy

You shall have no other sports before Me. How many sports can you think of where you can make the utensils yourself? The more you can eliminate manufactured items, the better. Of course, there's the reel, and the line, and the leader material, and hooks, and a few other items – many of them, in fact – but tying a fly and wrapping a rod, and making up your own “style” of casting, and releasing, and falling down, they're all yours and yours alone.

You shall not make idols. Who's your “idol?” Even if you never met Joan Wulff, or Lefty Kreh, or Tom Rosenmacallit, you've seen the videos and listened to the lectures and podcasts, and watched the demos. But whose advice do you take seriously? The answer is “all of them.” That way, you don't play favorites, everybody's an idol, none of them is taken seriously, and you're off the hook. Manner of speaking, that is.

You shall not take the name of THE SPORT, your God, in vain. When you've gotten addicted to flyfishing, you have a certain air about you, like cheap cologne. You look aloof, in a non-haughty way, approachable yet mysterious. A certain person who calls himself “The River God” embodies this ethos, except for the smell, which is nowhere near “cologne.”

Remember the Opening Day, to keep it holy. The buildup can be brutal: what will the weather be?; where will be best?; which fly? what time of day? Ah, but the day has come, you've made all your decisions, made it to your destination, assembled everything, and find that you've forgotten your boots. Never happened to me, more than twice. Street shoes are not a good substitute, but beat wearing holes in your wader's feet by walking around shoeless.

Honor your father and your mother. No-brainer. Without F&M, there wouldn't be you. Whom else are you going to blame for you? The flyfishing gene is recessive, can be passed on to successive generations of offspring who will ignore your passionate advocacy, and then, suddenly, be roused. The signs are all there that the gene is present: a certain way of throwing a ball or swinging a tennis racquet, that is mostly wrist and forearm with a brisk snap-to-a-stop; a graceful clumsiness; a love of water without feeling the need to get wet.

You shall not murder. What part of ‘catch and release’ escapes you? On the other hand, what do you do with an obvious predator? Pike, you merely release into the woods and trust they'll jog back home. But how do you scare away a blue heron that, by the way, is carnivorous enough to look hungrily at you? What about the worm-drowner on the aptly-named Holy Water? A surreptitious shove in the right direction helps define “drowner.”

You shall not commit adultery. While in waders. Or at least within sight of your spouse. This is not a gender-specific admonition, so the ladies can unbutton the old Simms as easily as the men. At least retreat to the bushes, so you don't frighten the fish, and you may even find all those flies that you and others have been storing away while leering at the hottie down the river instead of paying attention to your backcast. A certain Vice President won't eat pancakes with Aunt Jemima, but most of us are neither that prudish nor that inexperienced.

You shall not steal. Let the other guy keep his stretch of river, even while you're telling him that a tornado is approaching. The price of flyfishing stuff is exorbitant enough to resemble theft, but it's NOT! Shop owners work hard enough, and put up with our fondling their wares and then leaving without buying, to insult by shoplifting. **Honor your flyshop owner** might be a good number eleven.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. So your fishing buddy forgot his license, and so did you. Tell the warden that you put it in his wallet for safe keeping, and he forgot both. We've all seen people keeping more than their limit, or ripping a lead rapala through a school of salmon. When the DNR Gestapo – to borrow the offending party's term – pounces, never say “Oh, yeah, I saw him/her snagging.” Instead, remind the officers to confiscate his/her equipment, as well as slapping on a large fine. It's your duty, as a law-abiding citizen. OK, make that “sometimes law-abiding.”

You shall not covet. When your rod has tip bounce, and nobody else's does, do you merely curse that you know what “tip bounce” is, even if you don't know why it's bad? Do you have to buy the latest Orvis Helios, now up to 3, and you already have a 2 and a . . . zero? Face it, if you didn't covet, your local flyfishing pusher would go, as they say, belly up. Covet away, that's what Christmas and birthdays and Father's/Mother's Day, and gift cards, are for.

* Not to be confused with “The Kren Kommandments,” more than 30 bits of whiz-dumb aphorisms, sayings, and parables, generously sprinkled with plagiarism. ** The lawyers' arguments have already been published back in February of '20 – this is the original Ten, with my own notes and advice. No extra charge.



Bob McKeon is the newsletter editor of the Desert Fly Casters in Arizona. He used to live in Grand Rapids for many years before moving west. Pictured above and below are a couple of his paintings he did from several years ago of some Michigan rivers. A third one will be in next month's issue.



Michigan Closes Betsie River Homestead Dam Salmon Fishing

.....from thefishingwire

The Michigan Natural Resources Commission today adopted regulation changes to Fisheries Order 204 – in effect starting Friday, Sept. 11, and for the remainder of the 2020 fall salmon run – that closes the Betsie River Homestead Dam in Benzie County to fishing within 300 feet of the lamprey barrier and fish passage facility from Aug. 1 to Nov. 15.

In recent years, Betsie River salmon fishing has been immensely popular, attracting thousands of anglers to the area annually. Some high-use access sites, including the Homestead Dam site, have been severely degraded by bank erosion, littering and unlawful activities. Department of Natural Resources conservation officers have responded to hundreds of complaints from the area, including illegal snagging, exceeding daily fish limits, cutting trees, illegal fires, trespassing and angler conflicts.

The new fishing regulations came in response to these reports, with recommendations by DNR staff.

“These new regulations will reduce the degrading land use practices currently happening, reduce the amount of illegal fishing activity, and provide protection for the current population of wild run Chinook salmon in the Betsie River and to ensure that population continues to provide a world-class fishery into the future,” said Scott Heintzelman, Fisheries Division’s Central Lake Michigan Unit manager.

Recent changes to the DNR land-use order for the Homestead Dam access site also prohibits, between 1 and 4 a.m., the use or occupancy of certain state forest lands in the area to prevent camping and tending fires, which have caused extensive resource damage at these locations.

October Program & Speaker



Norm Zeigler grew up gauging the seasons by the weather and wildlife on the marshes, estuaries and kettlehole ponds of Cape Cod. He earned a BA in English, with a minor in biology, from Clark University in Worcester, Mass. He traveled extensively around the United States and Canada before moving to Germany in 1979.

From 1979-1994 Norm worked for *European Stars and Stripes*, the daily newspaper for Americans in Europe. From 1988-1994 he was the paper’s travel/outdoor writer.

His outdoor assignments included: goose hunting in Eastern Germany; chamois hunting in the Bavarian Alps; trout fishing in Scotland, Denmark, Spain, Germany and other places; pheasant hunting in Yugoslavia (when it still was Yugoslavia); skiing in Austria; and camping throughout Europe.

Norm is a member of Trout Unlimited, the Federation of Fly Fishers, the Outdoor Writers Association of America, and Ducks Unlimited. He speaks and writes fluent German and has a private pilot’s license.

Norm is the author of three books: *Rivers of Shadow*, *Rivers of Sun: A Fly Fisher's European Journal*, and *Snook on a Fly*.

He’s also the owner of “Norm’s Fly Shop” on Sanibel Island.



Field Notes:

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So if a club yurt isn't in the cards, how 'bout a 1937 Kenworth Ranier tour bus for a vehicle to get members to work outings?

- Check Your Basement For Old Fishing Gear...It Might Be Worth Thousands At Auction:
<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/08/17/style/fishing-antiques-auctions.html>



The Giant Haskell Minnow sold at auction

- **Podcasts:** Want to learn more from the experts? Check out this site and sign up to hear from their latest speakers or from their archives:
https://www.askaboutflyfishing.com/?mc_cid=dfc18ca128&mc_eid=d7b6734e13
- “Maybe your stature as a fly fisherman isn't determined by how big a trout you can catch, but by how small a trout you can catch without being disappointed.”
 ~ John Gierach

Refrigerator Reminders

October

9th - Leif Erikson Day - recognized as the first European to set foot in America. Rumor has it that he used a drift boat as his dingy from the main ship to touch base on shore. No truth that he carried a fly rod when he stepped foot on land.

13th - Red Cedar club meeting by Zoom. Program by Norm Ziegler on fly fishing around Sanibel Island, Florida. 7:00 general meeting, presentation to follow.

Remember wishing the weekend would last forever? Happy now?!?!

November

10th - Red Cedar club meeting with a discussion by John Bollman of the Friends of the Red Cedar on their project to improve this river for kayaking, fishing, etc. Also that night will be fly tying by a guide/former member.

22nd - National 'Go for a ride day' ~ as in a drift boat, kayak, canoe, long boat, float tube, jet boat.

26th -

