



APRIL 2012 NEWSLETTER

The Officers and Directors of the **Antietam Fly Anglers**

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MARCH 15th MEETING MINUTES

1. The meeting was opened at 7:30 p.m. by Bill Lewis. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. There were about 11 members present.
2. The current leadership of the AFA appeals to the membership to assume the duties of Vice-President and Treasurer beginning September 2012. Both of these important positions are needed to help the club remain viable. Please come forward and volunteer. Call Bob Davis, Tom Scally, Bill Lewis or send an e-mail to whr3@verizon.net. There is no commitment to just discuss what the job entails. The jobs are just what you make it and you will be helping others enjoy our sport just a little more!
3. There was supposed to be a swap meet at this meeting but to no avail. If anyone has a suggestion on how to improve a swap night, or any other suggestion for a meeting, let me know. We might consider a process whereby folks e-mail me a description of what they would like to unload beforehand and we might be able to facilitate the swaps.

4. AFA hosted a Club Booth at the National Capital TU show on the 11th of March. It was our third year at the show and we had lots of action at the booth. The "come-on" was the Power Point of before, during and after restoration at Beaver Creek. Another positive was combining our booth with the Potomac Flyrodders, a fellow FFF Charter club.

FLYTYERS' ROUNDTABLE REPORT

Due to the sale of the Beaver Valley Fly shop, the group currently meets at the Mt. Aetna Campground and Retreat, on the first Thursday of the month, at 7:00 PM, as indicated below. Names of the flies will be published at soon as possible. Frank Thompson is looking for suggestions for the fly he will tie. John DeMars is the coordinator for the fly tying sessions. He can be reached at (304) 263-5470 or jdemars71@aol.com.

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April 5 Frank Thompson Jassid Beetle
Mr. Rapidan

Note: The tyers will be meeting beforehand at Tony's restaurant on Route US 11 at 5:00 p.m. north of Hagerstown near the airport for dinner, and afterward will drive to the Mt. Aetna center.

May 3 Don Fine Damsel Nymph

Our web site has a box in the home page for the "Fly of the Month" but it has never been changed since John Brognard made it available two years ago. Now that everyone knows how to photograph flies, courtesy of Jack DeHaven, please submit some pictures and accompanying recipe soT we can update it. Doesn't matter how many submissions we get, they will all be used eventually. Just send the recipe and photo to whr3@verizon.net for inclusion in the newsletter and to John at jb@flyfishwebdesign.com to have it posted on the web site.

WADING SAFETY

I received these links on wading safety from Jack DeHaven. Since we would all like to fish another day, you might consider reviewing the video and the article on wading safety. My guess you will learn at least one new thing that might help you if you were in trouble.

<http://www.flyfisherman.com/2012/01/23/wading-safely/>

<http://www.flyfisherman.com/2012/01/24/the-big-swim/>

NEWS IN THE HERALD-MAIL

There was a great story of our own Art Overcash in the March 26th edition of the paper. Here's the link:

<http://www.herald-mail.com/news/hm-fly-tying-skills-grew-from-casting-off-grief-20120325,0,2138458.story>

UPCOMING MEETINGS/ EVENTS

The AFA monthly meeting is at 7:30 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month from September through May at the Mt. Aetna Campground and Retreat Center. <http://www.mtaetnacamp.com/>

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March 31 – The Banquet will be held in Hagerstown on Saturday at the Ramada Plaza Hotel located across the road from the Halfway Blvd. Valley Mall. We will be using the “Pen-Mar Room,” located on the lower level. Access to the lower level is on the right of the hotel, through the double doors below the Fireside Restaurant and Lounge.

Social hour will start at 5 PM with a cash bar, and dinner will be served at 6 PM. This year we will have an expanded dinner buffet of Seafood Newburg, Beef Tips Burgundy over Noodles, Chicken Marsala and Stuffed Pasta Shells. Hot vegetables will be Au Gratin Potatoes and Steamed Broccoli, along with Tossed Garden Salad and Cole Slaw. The dessert we will be Sherbet. There will

also be an assorted Fruit and Cheese tray during social hour. Total cost with tax and gratuity will be \$35.00 per person.

The Club will be selling chances on two fly rods:

1. Two handed, Fenwick HMG Graphite, 9ft, 12 WT, with a Cortland Large Mosquito 1 reel.
2. Fisher Graphite, 8 ft, 3-4 WT, with an Orvis 3-4 Battenkill reel and line.

Tickets will be \$5.00 each. The winner can select the rod they wish and the rod that is not chosen will be sold next year. Winner does not have to be present to win. Tickets will be available at Club meetings. Take some tickets and sell them to your friends and neighbors.

Bring one, Get one

We will also have our traditional “Bring one, Get one” gift table. Bring one moderately priced gift (\$10.00) for the table; you will get one ticket good for a gift from the table. Be sure to include the ladies when you select your gift.

ANTIETAM FLY ROD

The Antietam Fly Rod, custom built by Don Fine, will be raffled off at the banquet. The lucky winner will be able to keep and use the rod for a year, then return it to the Club to be raffled at the next Annual Banquet. The rod is a two section, 5 ½ ft, 3/4 weight with a Pflueger Supreme, Model 1834 reel and line, all in a wooden carrying case. Raffle tickets for \$1.00 each will be sold at the banquet. Ken Working won the rod last year. We will raffle the rod for \$1.00 a chance the night of the Banquet.

If anyone has any special items for the Silent Auction or items for Bucket Raffles, let Buz know. The Auction will feature Ruby's Apple Pie, Bill Lewis Streamers, and antique reels, among other items.

March 31 – This is also the day for the Bob Abraham Cast Club's (BACC) Third Annual Fly Casting Rendezvous at Williamsport's River Bottom Park. Bob Stouffer and others have put a

lot of work into this event, and this year we have some special guests. Set up starts at 8 a.m. and it closes at 3:30 p.m. for a nominal fee of \$10. Come out and learn from some terrific instructors! Call Bob Stouffer at (301) 791-4594 if you have any questions.

April 14 – Creekside Youth Camp. Call Bill Lewis for further details.

April 19 – Jungle Cock night. Bring your fly tying gear and help to tie some AFA streamers for the Brotherhood of the Jungle Cock. No experience necessary!

April 21 and 22 – Virginia Fly Fishing Festival in Waynesboro, VA – The AFA is assisting in hosting a shared educational booth with the Potomac Flyrodders. Call Bob Stouffer to volunteer your services. Bob would like two fly tyers to help attract attention to the booth. Good looks are not a requirement. Here's the link for this show:

<http://www.vaflyfishingfestival.org>

May 17 – TBD

If you have any ideas for meeting topics or programs, wish to volunteer for a program, or you have a correction or addition, please call Bill Lewis at (304) 754-3918 or send me an e-mail at whr3@verizon.net and we'll make sure it gets attention.

May 19 – Billy Noland reported that the Boy Scouts will be running a training program for the Fly Fishing Merit Badge in Emmitsburg, MD, at the National Emergency Management Institute from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Tom's Creek. It's the same weekend as the Jungle Cock. They are looking for 10 instructors. If you are interested, call Larry McKenna, the point of contact, at (301) 514-9127 (cell) or (301) 447-2157 (home).

Bob Abraham AFA Casting Club

--submitted by Bob Stouffer

The casting club meets from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. on selected Saturday mornings at the Williamsport River Bottom Park to share casting ideas, learn

techniques to improve our casting. Please join us. The most useful outfit to bring, unless otherwise noted below, is a 5, 6 or 7 WT rod, 9 feet long (or your favorite outfit) with a 1X leader and yarn fly. A few of us meet for breakfast at the Hagerstown Farmer's Market beforehand at 7:45 a.m. Please join us or suggest this to your friends who are interested in our sport. For further information, please contact Bob Stouffer at (301) 791-4594 or at rstouf@mail.com. The next two casting club meetings will be on April 14 and 21. Go fishing on April 7th.

Visit the local fly fishing stores that support the Antietam Fly Anglers.

KEYSTONE SPORTING GOODS STORE

13611 Pennsylvania Ave at Maugans Ave
<http://www.keystone-sports.com/home.html>

KELLY'S WHITE FLY SHOPPE

133W German St, Shepherdstown, WV
<http://www.kellyswhitefly.net/>

HUNTING CREEK OUTFITTERS

29 North Main St, Frederick, MD 21701
<http://www.huntingcreekoutfitters.com/>

BEAVER CREEK FLY SHOP

9720 Country Store Lane, Hagerstown, MD 21740
<http://www.beavercreekflyshop.com/>

Important Web sites links:

<http://www.antietamflyanglers.org/>

<http://www.macfff.org/>

<http://www.fedflyfishers.org/>

Remember AFA Club Number is 99147.

