



March 2011 NEWSLETTER

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Minutes from February 17, 2011, Meeting

1. President Bill Lewis opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.
2. Bob Davis provided the Treasurer's report, which was unanimously approved.
3. President Lewis reported that the directors decided to move the Fly Tyers' Roundtable from Keystone Sporting Goods to the Beaver Creek Fly Shop, effective September 2011.
4. Next month is Jungle Cock Tying at the regular meeting. Buzz will e-mail the recipe to Bill Ruland for inclusion in next month's newsletter.
5. Doug Hutzell reported that a Beaver Dam on Beaver Creek (no irony?) has been destroyed. Doug is planning on adding tree trunk protectors to the trees near the creek. Doug needs help adding the protectors on February 26th and March 5th. Please contact

Doug at (301) 797-8454 or Dhutzell@aol.com to volunteer.

6. Bill Ruland reported that the Mid-Atlantic Fly Fishing newsletter and the Herald-Mail have been notified of our monthly meetings and notices were in each publication to that effect.
7. Bill Gillespie suggested that we should set up a display of tying and casting during Boonsboro Days. We will need volunteers for it this September. Other possibilities include Earth Day at Renfrew in April and C&O Canal Days in Williamsport in August. More to come next month.
8. Chuck Dinkel gave a presentation on stream entomology. He described the presentations he has given to folks new to fly fishing, showed several displays of stream insects, discussed a DVD entitled, "Bugs for Beginners", and recommended a book, "Trout Stream Insects" by Dick Probst, an Orvis Streamside Guide.
9. Larry Harmish won the 50/50 raffle.
10. Dick Lewis adjourned the meeting at about 8:30 p.m. Sixteen members attended the meeting.

--submitted by Larry Harnish, Secretary

FLYTYERS' ROUNDTABLE REPORT

The Antietam Fly Tiers Group will meet at the Keystone Sporting Goods Store on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. All lead tiers have not been determined, but will be named in upcoming newsletters. Please call Bill Wells at 301-582-4519 or e-mail him at ninawells@myactv.net to volunteer or with questions, suggestions or comments.

March 3	Dale Reed	Little black stone fly
April 7	Frank Thompson	requests?
May 5	Don Fine	new Foam Hopper

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 12 – 36th Annual National Capital Angling Show, sponsored by the National Capital Chapter of TU, 10:00 a.m to 5:30 p.m, Georgetown Preparatory Academy, Bethesda, MD; an AFA booth is planned.

March 17 – Monthly meeting, Jungle Cock tying. Here is the recipe for the fly:

Hook: Size 8 – (3X Long)
Thread: Red 6/0
Tail: Red Hackle barbs
Body: Flat Silver tinsel
Throat: Red Hackle barbs
Underwing: White marabou
Overwing: 3 strands of Peacock herl
Head: Red Thread

Buzz will supply the materials and will provide coaching on how to tie the fly if needed. Bring your fly tying gear and join us!

April 2 – Fly casters' rendezvous will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at River Bottom Park in Williamsport, MD. A \$5 donation is requested. Beginners can learn to fly cast and equipment will be provided. For experienced fly casters, bring your favorite outfit and you can learn to improve your technique. Finally, there will be continuing education for fly casting instructors. It will be held rain or shine so dress for the weather. Bring your own lunch. Please wear eye glasses or bring eye protections. Contact Robert Stouffer, 301 791 4594, email rstouf@mail.com. You can also check out the AFA web site for information.

April 2 – The Annual AFA Banquet will be held in Hagerstown on Saturday, April 2, 2011, at the Ramada Plaza Hotel located across the road from the Halfway Blvd. Valley Mall. We will be using the *Pen-Mar Room*, which is the same as last year,

located on the lower level. Access to the lower level is on the right side of the hotel, through the double doors below the Fireside Restaurant and Lounge. Social hour will start at 5 p.m. with a cash bar, and dinner will be served at 6 p.m.

This year we will have an expanded dinner buffet of Beef Burgundy over Noodles, Seafood Newburg, and Chicken Marsala with Stuffed Pasta Shells. Hot vegetables will be Au Gratin Potatoes and California Blend along with Tossed Garden Salad and Pasta Salad. The dessert 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.

Special Silent Auction Items

We will have some nice silent auction items this year. One item of interest will be the Stoneflies of the Creek Side Anglers 2007 Fly Plate. This item was purchased by the late "Al" O'Keeffe and donated to the club. There will be many other items from the O'Keeffe estate, and also items donated by Art Overcash. If anyone has any other special items for the Silent Auction, let Buz know.

We will have our traditional "**Bring one, Get one**" gift table. Bring one moderately priced gift of about (\$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 for the 2012 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. Please mark your calendars

*****If you plan to attend the banquet**, you must let Buz know by March 25th so final arrangements can be made with the hotel. Please phone Buz at (717) 794-2237 or E-Mail him at flycaster@centurylink.net.

April 21 – Tom Baltz will be tying flies for Cumberland Valley streams and rivers. Starting time for the meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. instead of the normal 7:30 p.m.

May 19 – A guiding service talk (Tentative)

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 I'll make sure it gets attention.

Bob Abraham AFA Casting Club

The casting club meets at 9:00 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. Future activities are listed below. 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.

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>

LL BEAN FACTORY STORE

http://www.llbean.com/shop/factoryStores/map_hagerstown.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.



Editor's Note: Submissions should be made to Bill Ruland, Editor, by email (whr3@verizon.net), or 10800 Honeyfield Rd, Williamsport, MD 21795, no later than the 25th of the prior month. We welcome your ideas on how to improve the newsletter.