



SEPTEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

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Minutes from May 19, 2011, Meeting

1. Bill Lewis opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.
2. Bill Lewis and Bob Davis handed out the Treasurer's report.
3. Bill Lewis and Tom Scally reported that we have priced the projector at ~\$600 and the camera at ~\$279. HD is sharper but the cost is much higher. Motion was made by Buz Buzzell and seconded by Tom Scally to go forward. It was unanimously approved Sony.
4. Doug Hutzell recommended that we make a cash contribution to Mt. Aetna.
5. Lee Gillespie reported on Boonsboro & Clear Spring Days. Williamsport Days is in August. Lee will continue to explore.
6. Doug Hutzell said that October 8th is Project Healing Waters on Beaver Creek.
7. Bill Lewis said that John Demars is home from the hospital, has O₂ 24/7 but not happy.

8. Creekside Anglers invited AFA to a covered dish picnic scheduled for July 10th.
9. Tom Scally reported that Falling Waters TU gets a good price on rods, reels etc. Bill will call the Federation to see if we can get a good price through them.
10. Doug Alexander gave his presentation on Bamboo. He said that there were hundreds of species of bamboo, with Tonkin being the best for fly rods. He said that bamboo has a softer action but is stronger than high modulus graphite. He described construction techniques, including splitting bamboo, tool use, and glues. He highlighted that tubular split bamboo is the latest split bamboo, which makes a lighter rod.

--submitted by Larry Harnish, Secretary

FLYTYERS' ROUNDTABLE REPORT

Thanks to the generosity of the Beaver Creek Fly Shop, the Antietam Fly Tiers Group will be meeting there on the 1st Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM. Names of the flies will be published as soon as possible. Art and Frank are looking for suggestions for the flies they will tie. Please call Bill Wells at 301-582-4519 or e-mail him at ninawells@myactv.net with questions, suggestions or comments.

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September 1	Ray Gano	Crystal Caddis ¹
October 6	John Demars	TBA
November 3	Bill Lewis	TBA
December 1	Art Overcash	TBA

¹ Please bring dark olive thread size 6 or 8 and a size 12 dry fly hook.

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January 5	Tom Scally	TBA
February 2	Dale Reed	TBA
March 1	Doug Alexander (?)	TBA
April 5	Frank Thompson	TBA
May 3	Don Fine	TBA

Please bring a folding chair because Matt says he may not have enough chairs at the shop

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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Sept. 15 – This will be an organizational meeting with the election of officers. There will also be a presentation on the construction of graphite rods.

Oct. 8 – Project Healing Waters on Beaver Creek.

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. 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 check out the schedule on our website.

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.



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.