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Global Warming - Local Effects by Jon Thames

Betsy Ehrlich (PVFF club member) will be the speaker at our September club meeting. The title of Betsy's presentation is Global Warming – Local Effect, albeit as part of her presentation, she will be offering insights into the often confusing and misunderstood "global warming" phenomenon.

Our national parks are treasured landscapes known by most for natural beauty and for recreational value, but our national parks also serve the scientific research community in multiple ways one of which is a source of data regarding global warming of our planet. Betsy will share site-specific stories from parks around the country, including some in our local area.

Please join us to learn more about the changes occurring in these parks and opportunities we all have in citizen science.

Fly Tying Roundtable-September 18th* by Don Fine

(*Note changes highlighted below regarding the club's monthly fly tying roundtable, both location and program structure) .

Plan to attend the kick off of PVFF's fall 2013 Fly Tying Roundtable on September 18th.

Location – for 2013/2014 and beyond, the new location for the monthly roundtable will be at Trinity United Methodist Church (room 108) at 703 West Patrick Street in Frederick. (For access to the church turn left off West Patrick Street onto Kline Blvd. and immediately turn left into the church entrance. Enter the church building at the rear entrance. Directions to room 108 will be posted at the church entrance).

Time – roundtable starts at 7:00 PM until ~8:30 PM.

Program structure for 2013/2014 – the monthly fly tying program for the coming year will include fly patterns for both novice and advanced fly tyers. Several experienced tyers have volunteered to assist tyers with less experience.

At the September 18th kick-off, yours truly will lead the tying of two proven trout flies; Walt's worm and a Czech-nymph (courtesy of Eric Stroup). While both patterns include weighting the hook and dubbing application, Walt's worm is a good warm-up pattern for the more challenging Czech-nymph.

Tyers for future months include:

October – Rick Loose – pattern TBD

November – James Harris – pattern TBD

December – Devin Angleberger – pattern TBD

January – Sterling (Buz) Buzzell – patterns representing the life cycle of the caddisfly

We welcome new tyers to the PVFF Roundtable, as well as those who just want to observe and learn.

New tyers: if you need equipment to get started tying, PVFF can loan you a set of tying tools. Call Don at 301-371-5617.

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Announcements :

(Editorial note: In the best interest of our membership, the Announcements Section of the monthly Streamlines, rather than email, is the primary vehicle for dissemination of information for club-sponsored activities as well as activities promoted by "outside" not-for-profit organizations. Those wishing to use Streamlines to announce an activity will need to provide a brief description of the activity, dates of the activity and contact information to the editor one week prior to the monthly Streamlines publication date, i.e. the last day of the month. Announcements will be edited to fit the Streamlines format.)

Club Loaner Rods by Lou Stohlman

The club has loaner rods for any member who is interested. The rods are available for short or long term loan. All rods are complete with reel, line and leader; we also have a few fanny packs stocked with a few

flies and extra leaders. If you have a child who is interested in fly fishing or just want to borrow a larger rod, feel free to take advantage. We currently have (3) 7-1/2' 5-weight and (1) 9' 8-weight rods available. The club also has a switch rod (used for 2-hand or single-handed casting) and a spey rod (used for 2-handed spey-casting). These rods are on loan currently but if you have interest we can make arrangements to get them to you. If you are interested in borrowing any of the loaner rods contact Lou Stohlman: cell 715-965-3271 or email lstohlman@comcast.net

Fly Fest at Harpers Ferry – October 4th – 6th, 2013.

Kellys White Fly Shoppe will be hosting a Fly Fest at Harpers Ferry on Friday, October 4th through Sunday, October 6th. For more information regarding this event go to the Harpers Ferry Fly Fest Facebook page and website: www.HarpersFerryFlyFest.com.

Volunteers Needed at the Frederick Fair

We are looking for PVFF members who are willing to represent PVFF at this year's Frederick Fair. As in several years past the Monocacy Catocin Watershed Alliance has offered PVFF space at their booth for display of the club's programs and distribution of information regarding the club. If you are available to volunteer, even a few hours during fair week, please contact Heather Montgomery at 301-600-1741.

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Up Coming PVFF Programs

Adult Learn to Fly Fish Clinic - PVFF in conjunction with Antietam Fly Anglers will hold our annual adult Learn to Fly Fish (LTFF) Clinic at Devils Backbone Park on Antietam Creek from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM on September 28th. This program is always well attended. For more information or registration please contact Don Fine at (dfine1443@gmail.com) or by phone at 301-371-5617.

Salmon River Outing - Oct. 4, 5, 6

Do you want to hook a 30 pound fish on a fly? Then please join the PVFF crew heading to the Salmon River in early October -prime time for huge king and chinook salmon. With a little luck, we may also land a few steelhead and brown trout. This trip is our annual *Take a Kid Fishing Trip*, but all anglers are welcome to enjoy this exciting weekend. It is a 6 hour drive to Pulaski, NY, straight north on I-81 from Hagerstown. The salmon river has 13 miles of public water, however we plan on fishing the Douglaston Salmon Run, (private section - \$50 daily rod fee - kids free with adult) on Saturday October 5. DSR passes should be purchased on-line for that specific date a week or two before the trip as only a limited number of DSR passes are available each day. Friday and Sunday we will fish public water. A meeting will be arranged for participating anglers to prepare rods/reels/terminal tackle and fly tying in mid September (date/time to be determined). Fly rods should be 8, 9 or 10 weight with big game reels are necessary to land these fish. Wader boots should have metal studs for safe wading (felt soles are still allowed). A NYS non-resident fishing license will cost \$15 (1-day), \$35 (7-day), \$70 (annual) for angler 16-yr old and up. Lodging and transportation need to be arranged between interested parties. Several PVFF anglers have already made camping reservations at

Selkirk Shores State Park. Contact Dan Neuland for more information at danneuland@verizon.net.

Oak Orchard Creek Outing - Nov. 1 & 2

There are still beds available for lodging at the Orleans Outdoor Fly Shop for the early November outing. Dan Neuland has reserved 10-12 beds (3 rooms) for PVFF members and friends. The rate is \$35 per night, per angler. If we have 10 or more anglers, the rate drops to \$30. Dan will need to confirm the reservation by Oct 1 and he will begin accepting payments at the September meeting to hold beds. Oak Orchard Creek is an easily waded stream with a moderate current. Big, lake-run browns, steelhead, atlantic salmon are the main targets but there may be a few late kings and cohos present as well. Seven weight rods are perfect for the steelhead and browns. Expect cold nights and daytime temperatures in the 50's. If interested please, contact Dan at danneuland@verizon.net.

PVFF Membership & Dues/Annual Banquet by Ruby Fine

This is your first reminder that dues for 2014 are to be paid before December 31, 2013. See me at the meetings or mail your check and registration form to me, as shown on the form at the end of this newsletter. Without the active membership we would not have such a great Club!

The PVFF 46th Anniversary banquet will be held on Oct. 19, 2013 at the AMVETS in Middletown, Maryland. This banquet is our only fundraiser to help support local and regional projects, i.e. raising trout for local stream stockings; stream cleanups, Project Healing Waters, etc. We rely on donations and services from businesses, members and friends for our silent and bucket raffles. If you have anything that you would like to

donate, including a personal service (*see below), please contact me or John Brognard. Details of the banquet can be found at the end of this newsletter. So sign up today and come out for a fun evening. *This year our silent auction will include services provided by club members. A guided trip on a local stream, fly tying and/or rod building instruction are examples of some of the services that have already been offered.

<u>MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS</u>	
Sept 10 th	Club meeting at Tuscarora High School, Frederick, Md. Room A170 – 7 PM
Sept 18 th	Fly Tyers Roundtable Trinity United Methodist Church 703 West Patrick Street, Frederick, Md. Room 108 – 7 PM
Sept 24 th	Board of Directors Meeting Trinity United Methodist Church 703 West Patrick Street, Frederick 7 PM in Room 109

The Negative Effects of Pesticides on Our Invaluable Ecosystems by Heather Montgomery

Recently there’s been a lot of talk about honey bees dying due to a phenomenon called Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD). Some may wonder why this is making the news, but it’s actually a very big deal. CCD has killed more than 10 million beehives in North America since 2007. Beehives are incredibly important – more than \$30 billion worth of crops in the U.S. could be at risk if honeybee mortality reaches critical levels.

In May, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released a report on honey bee health, showing scientific consensus that there are a complex set of stressors associated with honey bee declines that have lasted for

years. The effects include loss of habitat, parasites and disease, genetics, and poor nutrition. The stressor that is gaining a lot of attention for these effects is pesticide exposure.

Certain pesticide products contain neonicotinoids. Neonicotinoids are extremely toxic to bees, even in very small amounts. The pesticides are water-soluble and persist in the environment for years. In April, the European Commission adopted a proposal to restrict the use of specific neonicotinoids for a period of two years. In an effort to protect bees and other pollinators in the U.S., the EPA has developed new pesticide labels that prohibit use of some neonicotinoid pesticide products where bees are present.

Unfortunately, we may not realize just how prevalent these pesticides are. Friends of the Earth and the Pesticide Research Institute released a report in August 2013 showing that some “bee friendly” home garden plants sold at Home Depot, Lowe’s and other garden centers have been pre-treated with pesticides that have been shown to harm and kill bees. The pilot study found seven of thirteen samples of garden plants purchased at top retailers in Washington DC, the San Francisco Bay Area, and Minneapolis contain neonicotinoids.

Furthermore and perhaps of particular interest to our fly-fishing community- a study released this year found statistically-significant effects from pesticides on the reduction of regional biodiversity of stream invertebrates. The analysis showed that pesticides may cause declines of up to 42% of stream invertebrates species’ pools in study sites located in Germany, France, and Australia. Pesticide use is predicted to increase in the next decades due to climate change, and thus may be a more important driver of biodiversity loss in the future.

References: *Pesticides reduce biological biodiversity of stream invertebrates*. Mikhail A. Beketov, Ben J. Kefford, Ralf B. Schafer, and Matthias Liess, March 25, 2013.

EPA Debuts Bee-Protective Pesticide Labels, Enviros Demand More. Environment News Service, August 16, 2013.

Bee Colony Collapses Are More Complex Than We Thought. Jeff Nesbit, US News & World Report, August 7, 2013.

Practice Catch and Release/Another Great Example – by Don Fine

This summer Ruby and I had the pleasure of spending several days at Upper Canyon Ranch (UCR), near Alder, MT. At the ranch we became acquainted with a fellow fly fisher Al Roy from Pittsburg, PA. Shortly after returning from our vacation Al sent me the following note regarding the large 25” brown trout that he caught on his last day of fishing at UCR.

Don and Ruby,
It was a pleasure meeting you and sharing stories of travel and fishing. UCO was once again a wonderful vacation for us, as I hope it was for you. My experience was topped by a true trophy from the Ruby River. Attached are a couple of pictures. Mitch, of course, was a great guide as we both ran down the river, hoping to find some slow water to net the monster before it was stressed too badly. As we landed the brown, I think Mitch was as excited as I was. Our photos will be a great endorsement for the ranch by our smiles and wearing our Upper Canyon hats.

The most interesting part of the story was when we looked at pictures later with Donna and Rocko. Two years ago, UCO had sponsored a vacation for a teenage girl who was a cancer survivor along with her family. She caught a 22” brown from the Timber Creek Ranch.

Comparing marks - this was the Same Fish! It

had grown 3” and about 1.5 lbs. in 2 years, and it still liked hoppers.

Indeed Al’s words echo those of Lee Wulff, ‘a fish is too beautiful a creature to be caught just once’.



Al Roy with his large brown trout

Last Cast/An Adventure to Southwestern Montana and Upper Canyon Ranch by Don Fine

I asked our club president John Brognard if I could write the last cast this month, and he graciously acknowledged my request. On August 7th Ruby and I left for ten days of vacation; fly fishing and sight-seeing throughout southwest Montana (MT). The focus of our trip was to check a few more items on my fly fishing “bucket list”. In past years, Ruby and I had spent several of our summer vacations fishing on a number of streams and rivers in Montana, Wyoming, and adjacent western states. Nevertheless, we had never fished the Gallatin, Ruby and Beaverhead Rivers of MT. So the focus of our trip this year was to travel throughout southwestern Montana, fishing along our way to Upper Canyon Ranch (UCR), that is located along the Ruby River, south of Alder, MT. We had learned about UCR through Jeff and Joanie Brubaker (PVFF members) and from Dusty Wismuth, guest speaker at an earlier PVFF club meeting.

Boseman was our initial destination city having flown from Baltimore. Then with a rented SUV we left Boseman and traveled via route 191 along the scenic Gallatin Canyon south of Big Sky. Along the way we stopped for several hours to fish this section of the Gallatin River. A number of nice rainbow trout were landed. As we traveled toward Yellowstone Park on day 3, we fished more of the upper Gallatin River as well as a small tributary of the Madison River, north of West Yellowstone.

The next morning we headed for UCR, but along the way stopped between Hebgden and Quake Lakes for several hours on the Madison River. By 2 PM that day we had traveled through Ennis, Twin Bridges and Alder and were well on our way to UCR, where we would spend the next 5 days fishing, relaxing and enjoying the amenities of the ranch. Upon arrival, we were greeted by our hosts; Donna and Jake McDonald, owners of UCR. UCR has been in their family for over 100 years. Donna's grandfather Peck Tate, homesteaded this valley in 1910, coming to Montana initially to train horses. (Note: one of the side benefits to vacationing in Montana is reliving some of American history). UCR is nestled between three mountain ranges and along the banks of the Ruby River. And if you haven't already heard, the Ruby River is one of the best uncrowned waters in Montana.

While fishing the Ruby River was the primary reason for our going to UCR, our experiences were so much more than the fishing, which in itself was awesome. For example, on the day of our arrival we were treated to an exhibition of Greek folk dancing provided by four children of a guest family. On another day we went for a 4-wheel "buggy ride" and hike to a nearby mountain crest where we saw *Craters of the Moon*.



Craters of the Moon

Throughout the week we saw various wildlife (bald and golden eagles, buffalo, sandhill cranes, prairie dogs, badgers, pronghorn antelope, and deer), hiked in the Robb/Ledford Wildlife Management Area, and attended a ranch rodeo event at the county fair in Twin Bridges at the end of our UCR stay.

Fly fishing guests at UCR have the exclusive use of over two miles of the Ruby River and a private spring fed pond on the ranch. As for the local trout populations, the lower part of the river contains redominantly Brown trout, while the upper river contains Rainbows, Cutthroat, Browns and Grayling. UCR's central location is key for some of Montana's best fly fishing.



Ruby River brown trout

Dry fly fishing starts around the first of July and runs to mid-September. With the

Beaverhead National Forest close by, there are miles and miles of fishing on the Ruby river and many small streams. Full-time fly fishing guides are available at the ranch for instruction, float trips, walk/wade trips, trips into mountain spring creeks and for information on water conditions. Speaking of guides, the two gentlemen who guided us (Lance and Mitchell) were not only outstanding, putting us on fish throughout the day but also provided Ruby and me with well-needed instructions that made our days on the river most productive. (This personal instruction in nymph fishing was indeed a bonus to me.)



Ruby, her guide Lance Wilt and brown trout

At the end of each day's outing, we were able to enjoy great panoramic views of the mountains from the front deck of the lodge. Speaking of accommodations the food and lodging at UCR were superb. The comfortable private guest rooms with daily cleaning service and three hearty, home style meals made us want to stay longer, and hopefully we can return with friends or family in the coming years.

In summary our vacation in Montana, and in particular the time spent at UCR, was outstanding. Perhaps you will consider

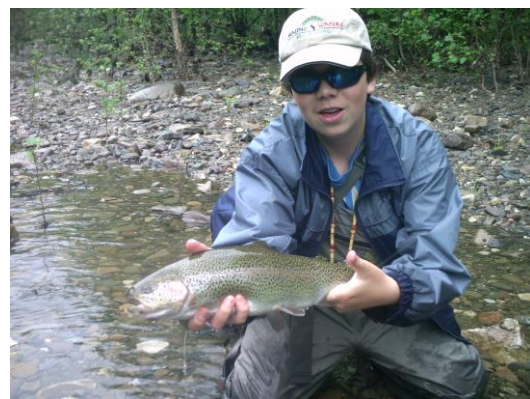
adding "a fly fishing adventure to UCR and southwestern Montana" to your bucket list.

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West Virginia Outing by Ruby Fine

On June 7th, a number of PVFF members spent the weekend fishing. We stayed at the Harman's North Fork Cottages, Cabin, WV where we fished on the north fork of the south branch of the Potomac (west of Petersburg, WV; east of Seneca Rocks, WV; and 2 miles from the Smoke Hall Caverns). You fish practically right on the stream outside of your cabin door. Fishing was great, food was good and just being with and watching club members fishing made the trip very memorable. Thank you Chris King for organizing this trip again this year.



Devin, PVFF Youth Rep, with another one of his trophy fish caught at Harman's.

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POTOMAC VALLEY FLY FISHERS MEMBERSHIP and RENEWAL APPLICATION

The purpose of the Potomac Valley Fly Fishers is (1) to promote fly fishing as the most sportsman-like and enjoyable way of fishing and the most consistent with the preservation and wise use of our resources; (2) to provide advice, suggestions and assistance to club members; (3) to publicize the best practices and techniques of fly fishing, fly tying, fly casting and other related subjects; and (4) to maintain liaison with other organizations of sportsmen and conservationists.

The undersigned being in agreement with the above purpose does hereby apply for membership/renewal in the Potomac Valley Fly Fishers.

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(Last) (First)

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Are you a member of the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF)? Yes No **Membership Yearly Dues: \$12.00 single or \$17.00 family**

How did you hear about PVFF? Outdoor Show Website Friend Newspaper Other _____

Please make check payable to Potomac Valley Fly Fishers or PVFF and mail with completed form to:

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