

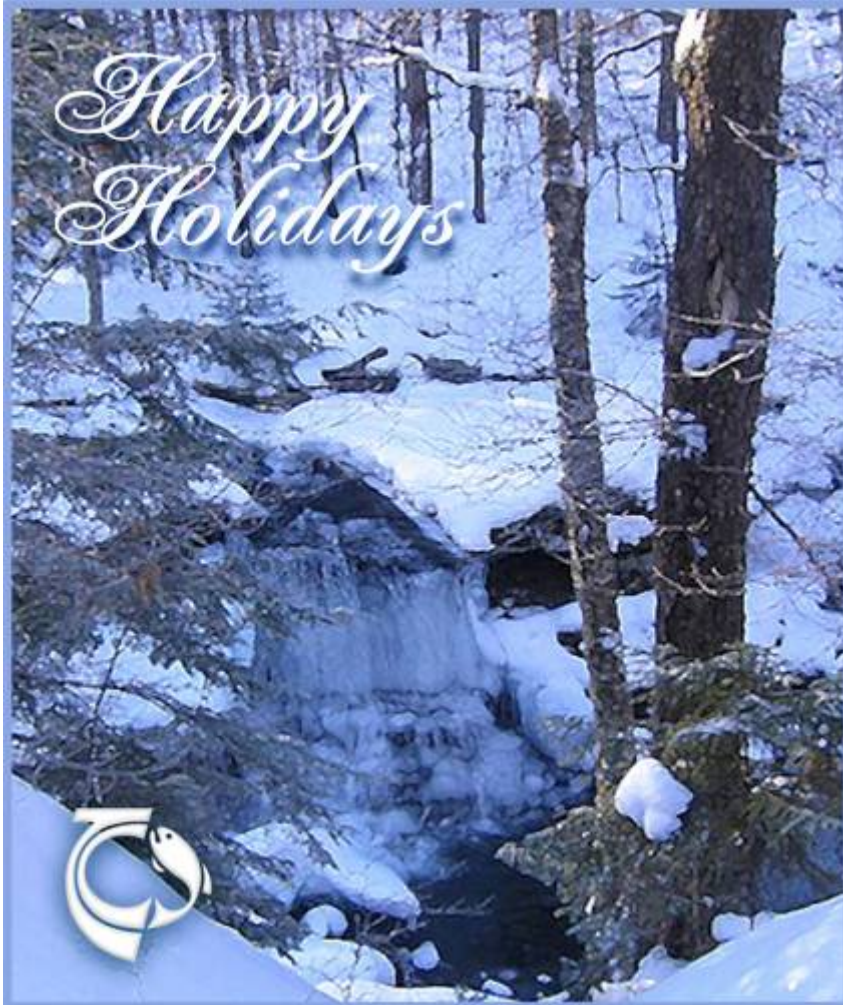
The Angler's Creel

The Cleveland Museum of Natural History Trout Club



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From The President's Desk



Upcoming Events

~ Dinner Programs ~

December 16, 2009: Landon Mayer— Fly Fishing Guide, Colorado Springs, CO, and Certified FFF Casting Instructor. **Topic:** “How To Catch The Biggest Trout Of Your Life”.

January 20, 2010: Laura Hewitt— Trout Unlimited Watershed Programs Director & Midwest Conservation Director. **Topic:** “River Restoration & How To Go About It”.

February 17, 2010: Greg Senyo— Endorsed Fly Fishing Guide & Owner of JazgFlyCo/Steelhead Alley Outfitters. **Topic:** “Fly Fishing for Steelhead With Tube Flies & How To Tie Them”.

March 17, 2010: Hoagy Carmichael— Rod Builder, Fly Fisher, Writer, and author. **Topic:** “Fly Fishing For Atlantic Salmon”.

January 16, 2010

Northern Ohio Fly Tying Expo

~ 9 am to 4 pm ~

Lakeland Community College Gymnasium

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www.expo2009.ncff.net

Fond memories do we all possess,
Of waters alive and youthful zest,
Electrically charged tension pulsating through
our line,
Creating a crystal splash upon Nature's wine,
Committed forever to heart and mind.
Throughout life gathered are these adventures,

losses lost,
Sometimes story embellished to up the score,
As it is human nature to want for more.
So out repeatedly do we venture,
To streams we've been before,
For one more chapter which we will tell,
Never letting it be known by smile or smirk,
What be truth or tale.

Triumphs
gleaned and

~Dave Salamone ~



Promoting knowledge of cold water fisheries, fish habitat, conservation, and stream ecology.

Casting-Fly Fishing Videos

<http://fishingkahuna.com/category/flyfishing/>

Embroidered fishing shirts, caps, jackets, etc.

<http://www.fishing-shirts.us/>

New England On The Fly—Tips & Techniques, Fly Tying, etc.

<http://www.newenglandonthefly.com/>

Fly Fishing For Trout—Book Promotions

<http://www.flyfishingfortrout.com/>

"RISE" DVD Preview

http://www.midcurrent.com/video/clips/rise_harrop.aspx

Fishing Caddis Fly Water Video Segment:

Fishing Caddis Fly Water is from "Successful Fly Fishing Strategies" (Miracle Productions, DVD, 100 minutes), an extensive video guide to how to observe and analyze a large variety of trout fishing situations, from deep water nymphing in high water to casting streamers to undercut banks. The DVD features Gary LaFontaine, the famed author, lecturer, publisher and fly fishing instructor, who died in 2002 of Lou Gehrig's Disease, and his fishing partner Dick Sharon, an outfitter and former major league outfielder.

DVD Excerpt: *"DURING A HATCH, emerging nymphs in the film escape their shucks and adults skitter across the surface, so you can fish the adults up and across with no drag. And then, after the dry fly has drifted downstream, twitch it and pull it back slowly. There are three possible spots from which to fish here. A is on the bank here. B is on the bottom of the run. And C is here, on the right side."*

NOAA Weather, Cleveland

<http://twister.sbs.ohio-state.edu/text/station/KCLE/FPUS51.KCLE>

Nearshore Marine Forecast

<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/productview.php?pil=NSHCLE&max=61>

USGS Stream Flow Data for Ohio

<http://waterdata.usgs.gov/oh/nwis/rt>

Steelhead Headquarters

<http://www.steelheadquarters.com/ohio.html>

Steelhead Fly Fishing Info

(Note: Some links are broken)

<http://www.ontheflyoutfitters.com/>

URGENT ACTION NEEDED TO STOP ASIAN CARP INVASION

<http://www.greatlakes.org/Page.aspx?pid=991>



The Alliance has joined other Great Lakes conservation groups in calling on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to take immediate emergency action to stop Asian carp (Silver Carp and Bighead Carp) from moving into Lake Michigan—the first of the Great Lakes.

The powerful, leaping Asian carp, which could devastate the region's \$4.5 billion fishing industry and are known to knock recreational boaters and anglers from their boats, have reached the electrical barrier operating in the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal.

Voltage at the barrier—erected to keep the Asian carp out of Lake Michigan and the other Great Lakes—was increased this fall from 1 volt to 2 volts, and experts monitoring the canal are confident the carp won't breach the barrier.

A new concern looms that could make the barrier irrelevant, however.

"There is an urgent threat of Asian carp entering Lake Michigan if the nearby waterways flood into the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal," said Joel Brammeier, acting president and CEO of the Alliance for the Great Lakes. "We are just one heavy rain away from this emergency becoming an epidemic."

Asian carp inhabiting the nearby Des Plaines River, in some places less than 100 feet from the canal, could make their way into Lake Michigan if floodwaters spill over the riverbanks during a heavy rain this fall, he said.

Another adjacent canal—the Illinois and Michigan Canal—is free of carp but presents a similar threat. Connected to the Sanitary and Ship Canal via small culverts, carp could invade the I&M Canal by navigating the culverts during heavy rains.

Asian carp are non-native fish that are already seriously damaging the environment and economy of the Mississippi River and are threatening to do the same in the Great Lakes. The carp—specifically the Silver and Bighead Carp—are voracious feeders that can grow to more than four feet and quickly dominate a body of water.

The Alliance, in hand with the conservation groups, issued a press release on Oct. 14, 2009 urging residents to contact their congressmen, senators, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, to immediately:

- A. Construct an emergency physical barrier (such as sandbags) between the Des Plaines River and the Sanitary and Ship Canal to prevent the river from flooding into the canal past the electrical barrier.
- B. Install an additional barrier to stop the invading carp from migrating upstream into the Des Plaines River.
- C. Fill critical sections of the I&M Canal to prevent carp from swimming into the Sanitary and Ship Canal during floods.

If flooding occurs and the corps has failed to take action, Brammeier said all locks upstream of the electric barrier must be closed until it is determined that Asian carp haven't



swept into the Great Lakes watershed along with the floodwaters.

The Alliance and its partners say the corps must not stop there.

"Stopping the carp and future invaders permanently will require complete separation of the Great Lakes from the Mississippi River to stop this emergency from becoming an epidemic," said Joel Brammeier. His report on the subject last year has been attracting widespread support.

Once in the Great Lakes, the carp would cause irreversible harm by consuming large quantities of algae and zooplankton, thereby drastically reducing native fish populations.

View online video: www.tu-clev.org/conservation



Cuyahoga River

HEALTHY FISH, INSECTS SHOW CUYAHOGA RIVER ALSO MUCH HEALTHIER

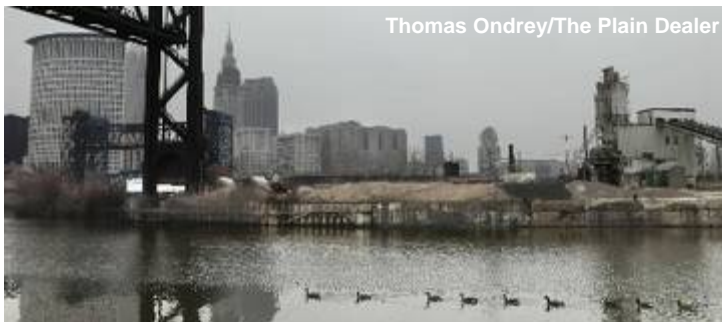
By Damon Sims, Cleveland.com

Anglers today routinely yank shiny, bulging steelhead trout from the rippling waters of the Cuyahoga River, just downstream from the Brecksville dam.

Kayakers carve through bubbling waters near Kent and Cuyahoga Falls as the river tumbles downstream toward Cleveland.

And river restoration leaders boast that the managed comeback of the Cuyahoga is an environmental coup: A once-dead river known mostly for a fire 40 years ago is thriving.

Well, not *thriving*, exactly.



Thomas Ondrey/The Plain Dealer

Because, for all of its improvements, the Cuyahoga is still failing in eight of 14 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency areas that determine whether a river is healthy.

And chances are that the Cuyahoga may never get a clean bill of health.

"There are just some standards that a river running through a suburban and urban area is not likely to ever meet," said Bill Zawiski, an Ohio Environmental Protection Agency scientist.

For example, the Cuyahoga is likely to be forever troubled by suburban runoff, which leads to the growth of algae—despite the multibillion-dollar efforts of sewer districts in Cleveland and Akron to catch and treat most of the water.

Michael Scott, James Owens/The Plain Dealer, Jim White, director of the Cuyahoga River Community Planning Organization, agreed.

"Well, sure, you can completely restore a river—make it 'fishable and swimmable' as the Clean Water Act requires—as soon as everyone

moves away," White said. "And no one wants, or expects, that to happen."

The 14 categories help the Ohio EPA define the problems along the nearly 100-mile run of the Cuyahoga, from its headwaters in Geauga County to its mouth at Lake Erie.

White's group, however, is concerned only about the 45-mile stretch from the Gorge Dam in Cuyahoga Falls north through Cleveland, including the shoreline of Lake Erie. That includes some of the most still-polluted areas of the river, the industrial areas in the Flats.

White—whose group is leading the "Year of the River" commemoration of the 1969 river fire this year—said that doesn't discourage him—nor should it taint the other accomplishments on the Cuyahoga over 40 years.

"Just because some areas will never be in attainment doesn't mean we give up or that we aren't having tremendous successes," he said. "Because this river is successfully recovering."

Perhaps. But the Cuyahoga is now making the grade in only four of the 14 EPA categories.

In short, that means the river is in great shape in two ways: wildlife health in and around the river; and that its water can be safely used for agriculture or industry.

"But those are no small things," White said. "I'm no scientist, but when you see eagles and osprey and great blue heron all around, it says something about the health of the river and the health of the fish."

The other two areas the agency says do not apply to the Cuyahoga are restrictions on drinking water and plankton health. That's because no community draws drinking water from the Cuyahoga and because plankton health is generally only an issue in lakes or bay areas, said Kelvin Rogers, of the EPA, who works with White's group on the lower river.

But river officials are most excited about the health of fish and bugs in the water, areas they believe will soon be removed from the list of problems.

EPA scientists last summer found 40 fish species in the segment of the river between Akron and Cleveland—excluding the shipping channel—including steelhead trout, northern pike, and other fish that can only live in clean water.

"The fish are healthy because the aquatic bugs are healthier and that means our river is healthier," White said. "We have little doubt that this impairment can come off the list."

River experts say several other problems are on their way to being solved, too.

Zawiski said researchers rarely find tumors on fish or deformed fins these days, but the federal standard is still out of reach.

"It's certainly not like the old days, when acid in the water literally ate away the fins on fish," he said. "But a few deformities pop up still—enough to make it impaired, but probably not forever."

But a few other problems aren't likely to ever come off the books.

Fish consumption advisories are one of them, although Rogers, White and Zawiski all argue that it is a pollution problem that goes well beyond the river itself.

"Frankly, the mercury problem in Ohio and elsewhere is pretty much atmospheric," Zawiski said. "It's not going to be gone from the water and the fish until it's gone from the air and that's a whole different issue having to do with burning coal in our power plants."

Zawiski also said increasingly fine measurements of water quality—and more stringent water-quality regulations—can give the appearance that the river is not improving.

That's why the EPA several years ago began to give credit for partial improvements—either for a small segment of the river or for a portion of a health category.

"Look, the things we can control are getting better," White said. "The things we can't, we just have to live with. "In the end, it's still a pretty positive story." ◆◆◆

Fly of the Month



**Grand River
Beady Zonker**
By John Nagy

The trend these days is to swing steelhead flies dressed with materials that impart movement to the fly as it “swims” down and across in the current flow. The Grand River Beady Zonker does just that, using a rabbit-fur strip for a wing, which undulates and “breathes” in the current as the fly swings. I developed this pattern on the Grand River in Ohio for spring-run, Little Manistee-strain steelhead, which feed voraciously on baitfish such as gizzard shad, smelt, and shiners in Lake Erie prior to entering the river.

The fly’s throat—olive dyed arctic fox tail—mimics the olive cast of a Lake Erie Emerald Shiner. The glass-bead body and fur-strip wing both help to sink the fly and keep it down during the swing. The epoxy eyes seem to trigger strikes, and the olive Krinkle Mirror Flash, silver-lined glass beads, and nickel-plated hook help steelhead see the fly in stained water. Sometimes I dead-drift this pattern in tandem with a bead-head nymph or egg pattern.

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MATERIALS:

- Hook:** Daiichi Alec Jackson Nickel 2052, sizes #5 to #7
- Thread:** White Danville 6/0
- Body:** Five large glass beads, clear/silver lined (or clear beads over silver)
- Wing:** White or “dirty” blond rabbit-fur strip, 0.125” wide, 1.5 times the length of the hook shank
- Throat:** Olive Orvis Krinkle Mirror Flash and dyed-olive arctic fox tail
- Eyes:** Green 0.125” prismatic epoxy eyes



Environment

The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative has gotten a single-year cash infusion of \$475 million. The Initiative is part of the Interior and Environment Appropriations Act of 2010 which was signed by President Obama on November 4, 2009.

Areas of focus will include toxic sludge, raw sewage, harmful algae blooms, 185 invasive species and damaged habitat.



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~ Featured Speaker ~

Landon Mayer

Fly Fishing Guide & Certified Casting Instructor

Topic: How To Catch The Biggest Trout Of Your Life



Landon Mayer is a fly fishing guide in the Colorado Springs, Colorado area—calling the South Platte River his home waters. He has been guiding in this region for the past 12 years. He is also a certified casting instructor with the Federation of Fly Fishers.

Landon harbors a fervent passion for the sport of fly fishing. His upbeat enthusiasm about the subject is reflected in the many speaking engagements he hosts. Those who attend are known to come away learning something new, and have a better visual understanding of what they just learned.

These engagements are not your average text-filled lectures—they are packed with visuals designed to make those in the audience feel they are there on the water. Landon believes the best way to teach is to walk participants through a step-by-step learning process on screen.

Landon is a contributing writer for High Country Angler magazine and has had several articles published in Fly Fisherman.

BOOKS:

How To Catch The Biggest Trout Of Your Life.

DINNER PROGRAM RESERVATION FORM

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Cocktails ~ 6 pm Dinner ~ 7 pm Program ~ 8 pm

December 16, 2009
Landon Mayer

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