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## President's Corner

Firelands Fly Fishers ends its fifth full year of existence this month. How far and how little we have come as a club in those 5 years. Membership has steadily grown. The members are a great group; we work together, play together and eat together. Remember all the jokes about an Eating Club with a fishing problem or is it the other way??

A little history; the club was founded as a 100% Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) club meaning that all club members must be members of the FFF. The purpose of our club and the FFF is to promote fly fishing for all. Our way of achieving this purpose is through education of a fly fisher whether they are a newbie or a seasoned veteran. We have a unique group in our club with members having many different talents to share.

The problem is to get the members to come out and share their talents. One area that our club can improve on is the number of members sharing their time with others in the education of fly fishers. The same faces are always volunteering at the various events. If each member just volunteered for one event a year it would take some of the pressure of the current group. The benefits of volunteering are many; it's great to see the expression on a budding fly fisher's face when they have finally cast a fly or tied their first Wooly Bugger.

The Boy Scout Jamboree at Berea last week is a good example, there were about 1500 Scouts at the event and most either learned to tie a fly or cast a fly or both. I believe it makes you a better person and fly fisher when you share one of your talents with a rookie. Here's to seeing different faces at upcoming events. Really in the mood: Run for Office-the election is at the picnic. Lets all strive to make Firelands Fly Fishers the best possible club.

The picnic is on June 9, the day after we return from the Little Juniata trip. Don't forget to get/buy/sell your tickets for the club raffle. There are many good items included in the raffle this year.

The weather is cooperating for the Little J trip. Currently the Sulphurs are hatching on the Little J and we may finally see the elusive Green Drake hatch when we get there. Some of the guys are going to leave a day early to enjoy a longer fishing trip. We plan on getting bagels for breakfast and lunch meat and refreshments. Dinner is on your own as well as the Saturday food for those leaving early. Exact details will be forthcoming in an email to those attending the trip.

Speaking of volunteering: The OHC is seeking donations of warm water flies to be used as prizes for the Warm Water Conclave event in July. They don't need to be in a fly box, the OHC will package them.

Enjoy the summer, catch a lot of fish and I will see you on the stream.

Bill Grake,  
President, Firelands Fly Fishers

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## Future Events

### 2010 Events and Meetings

**June 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>** – Annual Club Trout Trip to PA – Little Juniata

**June 9<sup>th</sup>** – Summer Picnic/Raffle, French Creek Pine Tree Picnic Area

**September 8<sup>th</sup>** – First meeting of 2010/2011 season, speaker TBA

**September 24<sup>th</sup>** – Clam Bake, Beaver Creek Boat Club

**October 13<sup>th</sup>** – Skip Nault, Apple Creek and Clear Fork

**November 10<sup>th</sup>** – George Douglas, Publisher, *Kype Magazine*

**December 8<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Party Pot Luck

**April 13<sup>th</sup>** – Steve May, Fly Tier and Guide



### Firelands Fly Fishers – Summer Vacation

Firelands Fly Fishers will not meet in July and August. Our meeting schedule resumes September 8. Please feel free to contact your board members during the summer with questions, concerns or future ideas. The board is listed at the end of each newsletter.

### Fly Tying Classes are on Summer Vacation too

The last of the fly tying sessions has been held. We will resume in the fall. Please give a big thanks to Tom Zmina for organizing 9 months of fly tying! Also, kudos to the kind people at Gander Mountain who made the sessions possible by allowing us to use their Lodge Room.



### Previous Meeting – May 12<sup>th</sup> – Casting Night

32 Firelands members came out on a rather cold and windy evening for our Annual Casting Night. There were many types of fly rods present – from tiny 3 weights and 7 foot rods up to 8 weights and two handed spey or switch rods. Thanks to everyone that helped out with a quick lesson or pointer. Casting Night is always a learning experience, no matter your skill level.

### Next Meeting – June 9<sup>th</sup> - Summer Picnic and Raffle

The summer picnic will be at the French Creek Pine Tree Picnic Area #1 – same pavilion as last year's picnic. The entrance is on the north side of French Creek Road, just west of the railroad tracks, between Rt. 301 and E. River Road. The driveway to the picnic area follows a long tree-canopied road. Please note, this is not the same as the Nature Center.

Volunteer organizers and board members will begin setting up at 5:30; others should plan on arriving around 6:00 PM. The Club will provide plates, napkins, burgers, hot dogs, water and pop. Members are asked to bring a dish to share. The membership has been divided into the three groups below to even out the buffet.

Besides your dish of food, members may also bring a guest, including a child or spouse or significant. The election of officers and the raffle will take place after dinner.

**Each member is asked to bring an item to share:  
Last name initial A-F = salad dish or appetizer;  
J – R = vegetable or fruit; S – Z = dessert**



*The purple arrow on map indicates the entrance to the parkway and the red arrow shows the pavilion/parking location.*

### **Ohio Council Warm Water Conclave**

The Warm Water Conclave will be a one day event running from 9 AM through 4 PM on Saturday, July 17. It will be held at Penitentiary Glen Nature Center, located at 8668 Kirtland-Chardon Road in Kirtland, Ohio. Firelands Fly Fishers is taking part in this Ohio Council organized event. Members are invited to help promote not only our club, but also our sport and hobby. Please consider attending and lending a hand by tying flies (warm water patterns only), offering casting instruction, or just being a volunteer to help at the conclave. We hope you can attend, and please pass on word of this new event to others that enjoy fishing.

### **Clam Bake – Save the Date**

Please remember to mark your calendars now for the Annual Clam Bake on September 24, 2010. This event is open to everyone and has always been a good time, with huge portions of excellent food and good beer. We hope you will plan on joining us and bringing some friends for an early fall night out. Details on the menu and ticket prices will be available in late August.

## *Fly of the Month, June – Chernobyl Ant (Black/Orange)*

**Hook:** Mustad # 9672 or Daiichi #1180 in size 10 or 12.

**Thread:** Size 6/0 or 140 denier black thread.

**Body:** Black and Orange Foam, 2mm.

**Legs:** Orange "Living Rubber" leg material.

**Belly:** Krystal Flash Chenille, Rusty Brown.

**Indicator:** Yellow Foam, 2mm.



photo #1

**Photo # 1** Tie in a solid base of thread along the length of the hook shank. Tie in the Krystal Flash Chenille on the hook shank at the position that is even with the hook point. Wind the chenille two revolutions toward the hook eye then back two more revolutions back toward the hook bend to form a belly ball. Tie this off and trim off the excess chenille.

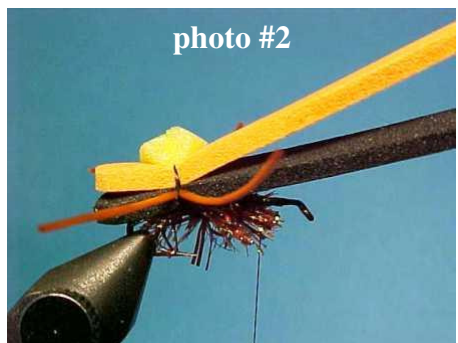


photo #2

**Photo # 2** Trim the black Orange and yellow foam into a strip about 3/16" wide. Stack the black, then orange, then a small portion of the yellow foam over the top of each other. Position them over the hook shank with just about 1/4" hanging out past the hook bend and tie them in at the position above the hook point. Tie in a two inch section of the living rubber legs on each side, even with the black base foam. Lift the black and yellow foam away from the hook and advance the thread along the hook shank to a position just behind the hook eye.

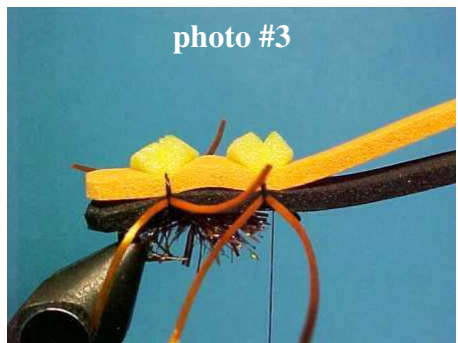


photo #3

**Photo # 3** Tie down the black, orange and a small portion of the yellow foam at this position again. Add the living rubber legs as you did on the last step.



photo #4, Completed Fly

**Photo # 4** Bring the thread below the foam to the hook eye and tie it off with 5 half hitches. Add black accent stripes to the legs with a Sharpie permanent marker pen. Add a few black dots along the body to break up the solid orange and yellow coloration. Touch the orange and black tips together with "Super Glue." Trim off the front and rear to bevel the body into rounded ends to complete the fly.

*For Fly of the Month recipes and patterns, please visit our web site at*

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**Tom Zmina, Director of Fly Tying, Firelands Fly Fishers**

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## **Editor's Notes**

### **Library Reminder – please return videos and books to club library**

Mike Janosko, club librarian, ([mjanosko@aol.com](mailto:mjanosko@aol.com)) is reminding those that have items checked out to please return them at the June 9<sup>th</sup> Picnic. Remember – you will receive your \$5 deposit back!!



### **Rocky River Watershed Clean-ups**

The Cleveland Metroparks and the Rocky River Watershed Council have one remaining cleanup scheduled for this Saturday, June 5. This one is for the lower river or northern section. Meet at 9:00 AM at the Scenic Park Picnic Area (just south of boat launch). For more info, please contact Jared Bartley, RR Watershed Coordinator, at [jbartley@cuyahogawcd.org](mailto:jbartley@cuyahogawcd.org) Long pants and work gloves are recommended.

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## **Firelands Fly Fishers Annual Summer Raffle**

Each member of Firelands is asked to sell/buy at least two tickets at \$10 each and return ticket with money by the night of the drawing. Please remember to sell (or buy yourself) the two tickets you received. The picnic is always enjoyable and a good place to add on a couple pounds, talk about fishing and have a chance at great prizes. Funds from the raffle go towards next year's meetings, including bringing in guest speakers, buying needed supplies, food for picnic and Christmas Party, mailings, printing, etc...

### **2010 Raffle Prizes**

**Grand Prize** – Guided Fishing Trip for 2 with Indigo Guide Service, in Michigan

**2nd Prize** – 10' 8" – 7 weight Switch Rod Building Kit

**3rd Prize** – Teton 3 weight reel

**4th Prize** – Shark Skin fly line

**5th Prize** - Fishing at Sunnybrook Trout Club with lunch for 2

**6th Prize** – Orvis Fly Tying Travel Bag

**7th Prize** – Float Master Flowing Waters Kit

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## **Firelands Fly Fishers Board of Directors**

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