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A Message from the President

Spring is prime time season for Maryland anglers and brings new opportunities to the membership of Free State Fly Fishers. Sure you can go fishing

anytime of the year and have a rewarding experience, but spring is when you say, **“I’ve got to go fishing!”**

Although spring weather may not be ideal, it is generally better than the preceding months. The temperature is mild from the Atlantic Ocean off Ocean City to the mountains in the Garrett County, neither too cold nor too hot and unless it is raining, you can fish from dawn to dark.

For those who like to go trout fishing the water levels are typically better in May than anytime of the year. Heavy rains can make wading in streams dangerous, but the water level drops to ideal fishing depth in one or two days.

Shad fishing in Deer Creek may start in mid April. If you have never gone shad fishing in Deer Creek, you are missing a great time. So do yourself a favor, and go fishing often. Go with a friend or join club members on one of our scheduled outings and you’ll have twice as much fun.

Denis LaCroix continues to bring interesting speakers to our meetings and Rich Baituk has arranged another year of scheduled outings.

You can read more about these programs and outings in this issue of the newsletter.

Your involvement and participation in our meetings, outings and events will provide many opportunities for you to share in our fly fishing sport.

So spread the word and enjoy your membership in FSFF. 🍷

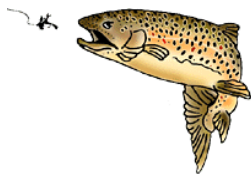
Monthly meetings are held in the FSFF Clubhouse

The **Free State Fly Fishers** meet the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM except December, June, July and August. The meeting site is located in Davidsonville, MD at the Davidsonville Family Recreation Center (DFRC) in the Clubhouse behind Ford Hall, on Queen Anne Bridge Road off of MD Route 214.

DIRECTIONS TO THE DAVIDSONVILLE FAMILY RECREATION CENTER

From Rt 50/301: Take Davidsonville Rd (Rt 424) south 3.2 miles to Rt 214. Go right 0.7 miles to 3727 Queen Anne Bridge Rd. Turn left and go 1.2 miles to the DFRC.

From Rt 2: Take Rt 214 west 3.7 miles to 3727 Queen Anne Bridge Rd. Turn left and go 1.2 miles to the DFRC.



Club Outings for 2013 - Rich Batiuk

According to the birds, spring peepers, and the trees, spring is already here...someone just needs to tell the weather to warm up so we can go fishing! Well, to get ready for the warmer weather, we have a great schedule of outings planned to date, spanning right now from April through September, and from Pennsylvania trout to Shenandoah smallmouth bass.

Details on each scheduled outing will be presented by the outing coordinator at the Free State Fly Fishers meeting prior to the outing. A one page description of outing logistics, including when, where, meeting location/time, target species, recommended equipment, recommended flies, license(s) needed, and any other instructions, will be emailed out to all club members several weeks prior to each outing. Copies of these one-page outing logistics are also included in this newsletter, with any updates to be included in the email just prior to the outing.

Date	Location	Target Species	Outing Coordinator(s)
April 1- May 15	Salmon River, New York	Steelhead	Norm Shackelton 410-266-0997 shackjudynorm@verizon.net
April 6	Muddy Creek, Pennsylvania	Trout	John Scarborough 410-757-6411 scarboroughj@hotmail.com
April 16	Gunpowder, River, Maryland	Trout	George Vincent 301-249-6399 k3gv@verizon.net
April 20	Deer Creek, Maryland	Shad	Tom Gooding 410-570-9433 goodingthomas@comcast.net
May 4	Clarks Creek, Pennsylvania	Trout	Rich Batiuk 410-268-5226 rbatiuk@aol.com
May 11	Trap Pond, Delaware	Bluegills, Largemouth Bass	John Donnelly 410-570-1493 johnamy89@comcast.net
May 18	Patapsco River, Maryland	Smallmouth Bass, Sunfish, Trout	Larry Meyer 410-465-4580 fammeyer@comcast.net
June TBD	Casselman River/Western Maryland Streams	Trout	Ken Moser 410-544-4861 mosemac@aol.com
June 11	Monocacy River, Maryland	Smallmouth Bass	Ray Cline 410-266-0860 cline@annapolis.net
June 15	South Fork Shenandoah River, VA (float trip)	Smallmouth Bass	Rich Batiuk 410-268-5226 rbatiuk@aol.com
July 10	Monocacy River, Maryland	Smallmouth Bass	Ray Cline 410-266-0860 cline@annapolis.net
July 27	Potomac River, Maryland	Smallmouth Bass, Sunfish	TBD
August 10	Rappahannock River, Virginia	Smallmouth Bass, Sunfish	Rich Batiuk 410-268-5226 rbatiuk@aol.com
Late Summer	West Branch Delaware River, New York	Trout	John Donnelly 410-570-1493 johnamy89@comcast.net

Our upcoming summer and fall newsletters will also include the updated outings schedule, information on the upcoming outings, and reports on outings already conducted.

Clearly we still have room on our outings calendar for more fishing trips...we have not used up all 31 days in May, for example! Our objective is to schedule at least two, if not more, outings per month during any month when the fish are biting. We also want to introduce club members to waters where they may not have fished before. We are also working to schedule outings outside of the immediate Mid-Atlantic States, so there is no limit to where you can take your fellow club members.

So if you have a favorite place to fish you are willing to share with your fellow club members, then you can lead an outing. Here's how simple it is:

- Select the location and date for the outing
- Send Rich Batiuk a simple one-page outing logistics flyer with the relevant information
- Show up at the appointed time and location
- Lie like crazy about not even being able to make a single cast without hookin' another record setting fish following the outing.

Heck, even Martha Stewart can do this!

So, got an idea for an outing? Please contact Rich Batiuk, FSFF Outing Coordinator at 410-268-5226 or rbatiuk@aol.com or talk with me at an upcoming club meeting.

Tight Lines, Rich Batiuk



Monthly Programs - Denis LaCroix

On April 3rd, William Heresniak of Eastern Trophies Guide Service will speak about "Float Fishing the North Branch of the Potomac."

At the May 1st meeting, Outdoor Columnist for the Capital-Gazette newspapers and the Fishing Editor of Prop Talk magazine Chris Dollar of CD Outdoors will be speaking on "Light Tackle Kayak Fishing."

The club does not meet in June, July and August.

Be sure to mark your calendars and check your email to watch for monthly meeting reminders. 🌸

2013 Fly Tying Update - George Vincent



Fly tying opportunities at FSFF are expanding. At the conclusion of this year's class the members thought that we should get together more often for tying sessions. So after some discussion it was decided that in addition to the annual class during January and February, we would continue to get together the first Saturday of each month from 10AM till Noon throughout the year to tie various patterns of interest, while continuing to encourage the use of a variety of materials and be innovative in their application.

At our first monthly session in March we tied shad flies and will get together again in April to tie bass flies.

Last year's class saw the highest enrollment since we first started offering a fly tying class and we hope to increase interest in this addition to our sport of fly fishing.

So please consider joining us on Saturday mornings throughout the year at the clubhouse where tyers of all levels can tie new patterns, improve techniques and hone their skills.



2013 Membership Renewals

If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2013, it is not too late. Membership is only \$15 or \$10 for those members over 65. To renew your membership, please print the membership form in the newsletter and send it along with a check payable to the Free State Fly Fishers to:

Frank Bowne
3523 Tallyho Ct.
Davidsonville, MD 21035-2436

Each month you will receive an email notification reminding you of the monthly meeting and when a new on-line newsletter is available on the FSFF Listserve.

If your address, phone number or email address have changed, please be sure to highlight that on the form.

A membership application appears at the end of this newsletter. 🌸

FSFF Listserve Online

The FSFF Listserve is a gathering place for the members of Free State Fly Fishers. Our membership is drawn mostly from Annapolis, Bowie, Davidsonville, Anne Arundel and Prince George's Counties, Maryland.

As an added benefit of membership in the Free State Fly Fishers (FSFF), this Listserve is set up to help members stay in touch with each other. It is also a means of distributing meeting information to members.

All members are automatically subscribed to the club Listserve (Mailing List) when they provide an email address with their membership renewal. 🌸

For more information check out:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fs-ff/>



Spring 2013 Treasurer's Report - Tom Gooding

As of 27 March 2013, the FSFF account has a balance of \$4130.93. There have been no major expenses thus far since 2013. Our Federal tax exemption has been submitted for 2012 and I will be doing our state tax form in the near future (we are not tax exempt with Maryland).

FSFF coffee mugs and patches are available at the monthly meetings for \$3.00 each and the newly designed FSFF club hats with a longer bill are available for \$15.00 each. 🌸

SWAP MEET



The Free State Fly Fishers will hold a **SWAP MEET** in the FSFF clubhouse on Saturday May 4th from Noon to 2:00 PM following the morning fly tying session. This is an opportunity for members to buy, sell, or exchange fly fishing equipment. Space will be provided on a first come first serve basis. For more information contact George Vincent: 301-249-6399 🌸



Federation of Fly Fishers News and Items of Interest

Federation of Fly Fishers –
PO Box 1688, Livingston MT 59047
406-222-9369

Conservation News

Conservation is one of the founding principles of the Federation of Fly Fishers. Contributing over 40 years of conservation work, the Federation of Fly Fishers is proud to continue protecting our fisheries and angling opportunities for the future.

The grassroots activities done by the work of our many Clubs and Councils are the heart of our conservation efforts. River trash pick-up, stream habitat restoration or letter drives to local government officials are all examples of conservation work.

FFF Announcements

The Federation of Fly Fishers supports the rights of anglers to recreationally pursue fishing in the waters of the United States.

The U.S. Clean Water Act of 1972 establishes a policy of maintaining fishable waters. The Federation of Fly Fishers and its members wholeheartedly accept this provision and adopt the following pro-active policy in support of the Clean Water Act.

The Federation of Fly Fishers and its members shall...

- Support the Federal and State environmental agencies in their implementation and enforcement of water quality standards applicable to fish.
- Coordinate our volunteer activities and financial resources with other conservation and environmental organizations seeking to protect water quality;
- Participate in clean-up and restoration projects to build or improve fisheries;
- Encourage our members to monitor our favorite fishing streams and lakes by utilizing the appropriate tests from the FFF or other sources to measure temperatures, dissolved oxygen, turbidity, and other state and federal water quality measures to assure compliance with established standards;
- Report pollution events (oil and chemical spills, suspected polluting outfalls, violations of water quality standards, etc.) to emergency and enforcement officials.
- In appreciation of the quality resources gifted us by our forbearers; we shall leave these resources no less diminished to our children.



Help To Stop Poachers

Reminder - If you spot poaching please place a call to

Catch a Poacher Hotline at 1-800-635-6124

A cash reward is available for information leading to an arrest and conviction of a violator.

REPORT POACHERS!!





FREE STATE FLY FISHERS, INC.

2013 Membership Application

Name: _____
(First) (MI) (Last)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip code: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

If renewal → Is this a new address, phone number or email address?
___ yes or ___ no

Type of Membership:

_____ Senior (65 or older) \$10.00

_____ Junior (16 or younger) \$10.00

_____ Regular \$15.00

Payment Method: Cash _____ Check _____

Make checks payable to: FREE STATE FLY FISHERS, INC.

Renewal _____ **or New Member** _____

May we share your contact information with other club members?

___ Yes _____ No

Send Application and Payment to:
Frank Bowne
3523 Tallyho Ct.
Davidsonville, MD 21035-2436

Free State Fly Fishers Muddy Creek Outing

When: Friday, April 5th 2013

Where: Muddy Creek, Southeastern York County, Pennsylvania

Meeting Location/Time: Park & Ride on Veterans Highway in Severna Park near the intersection of I-97 and Benfield Boulevard at 7 AM

Directions to the Park & Ride: Going north on Interstate 97, take Exit 10/Benfield Boulevard. At the intersection with Veteran's Highway, take a left turn at the traffic light onto Veteran's Highway. Go straight through the intersection with Benfield Boulevard. Take the next left turn and drive around into the Park & Ride parking lot. The Park & Ride is located behind the Exxon Mini-Mart Gas Station.

Target Species: Trout

Recommended Equipment: 4-6 Weight Rod, floating line, waders

Recommended Flies: Black hare's ear nymphs, muddler minnows, Adams, midges. I found black hare's ear nymphs and muddler minnows to work best in early spring. The best dry fly fishing is along the steep bank at the hemlock trees. Sometimes the trout will take small adams and midges even when no insects are rising.

Licenses Needed: Pennsylvania license with trout stamp

Other Instructions: There are no places to eat or get fishing supplies in the area. So, bring along something to eat and drink.

Outing Coordinator: John Scarborough

Contact Information: Please contact me if you plan on going at scarboroughj@hotmail.com or call me at 410-757-6411. Leave a message if no one answers the phone.

Trip Logistics: Muddy Creek has a 3 miles section of flyfishing only section. Although the trout fishing season does not start until April 14th, the fly fishing only section is open as a catch and release area. It is stocked by the local TU Chapter which has its own trout nursery.

Directions: We'll meet at 7 a.m. at the Park & Ride on Veterans Highway in Severna Park near the intersection of I-97 and Benfield Boulevard. It will take about 90 minutes to drive to Muddy Creek. From the Baltimore Beltway take I-83 north to the Shewsbury/PA Route 851 exit. It's the first exit in Pennsylvania. Go east on Route 851 to Pennsylvania Route 425 to Woodbine. The bridge in Woodbine crosses Muddy Creek. Do not go over the bridge.

You may have a hard time realizing you are in Woodbine. There is nothing in Woodbine. In it's hay-day it had a gas station, a Post Office and a cannery. If you cross the abandoned railroad bed, you went too far. I don't know if the railroad track are still there. Turn left before the bridge in Woodbine, and go about 2 miles upstream, turn right, at the tee, cross over Muddy Creek, turn left on the gravel road. The flyfishing section starts a couple of hundred yards up the gravel road. Park your car along the road. Make sure other cars can get by you.

Free State Fly Fishers Club Gunpowder River Outing

When: April 16th 2013

Where: Gunpowder River

Meeting Location/Time: The Park & Ride on Veterans Highway off I-97 in Severna Park, Maryland at 7:00 AM.

Directions to the Park & Ride: Going north on Interstate 97, take Exit 10/Benfield Boulevard. At the intersection with Veteran's Highway, take a left turn at the traffic light onto Veteran's Highway. Go straight through the intersection with Benfield Boulevard. Take the next left turn and drive around into the Park & Ride parking lot. The Park & Ride is located behind the Exxon Mini-Mart Gas Station.

Target Species: Brown and rainbow trout

Recommended Equipment: 4 wt rods

Recommended Flies: various dry and nymph imitations

License Needed: Maryland freshwater fishing license with a trout stamp

Outing Coordinator: George Vincent

Contact Information: Please contact me if you plan on going at k3qv@verizon.net or call me at 301-249-6399. Leave a message if no one answers the phone.

Trip Logistics: We'll meet at 7 a.m. at the Park & Ride off Veterans Highway in Severna Park near the intersection of I-97 and Benfield Boulevard.

It will take about 60 minutes to drive to the Gunpowder. From the Baltimore Beltway take I-83 north to the Exit 27 for MD-137/Mt Carmel Rd toward Hereford. Turn left onto MD-137/Mt. Carmel Rd. and then turn right onto Macemoor Rd. We will rendezvous at the iron bridge crossing the Gunpowder. Access to the river is good both upstream and downstream. For those wishing to fish at Bunker Hill Rd., continue across the bridge to Bunker Hill Rd. and turn right and continue to the parking area at the river.

The Gunpowder River has stocked sections for fly fishing only catch and release at Masemore Rd and at Bunker Hill Rd. We will fish either or both of these areas.

There is parking next to the stream and stream access is good at both locations.

Free State Fly Fishers Deer Creek Outing

When: Saturday, April 20th 2013

Where: Deer Creek, Maryland

Meeting Time/Location: Park & Ride off Veterans Highway in Severna Park near the intersection of I-97 and Benfield Boulevard at 2 PM

Directions to the Park & Ride: Going north on Interstate 97, take Exit 10/Benfield Boulevard. At the intersection with Veteran's Highway, take a left turn at the traffic light onto Veteran's Highway. Go straight through the intersection with Benfield Boulevard. Take the next left turn and drive around into the Park & Ride parking lot. The Park & Ride is located behind the Exxon Mini-Mart Gas Station.

Species of Interest: Hickory Shad

Equipment Needed: 4-7 Weight Rod, floating line (a short 3-4 ft section of lead core can help keep the fly under), waders

Recommended Flies: Shad Flies

License Required: Maryland License (non-tidal)

Outing Coordinator: Tom Gooding

Contact Information: Please contact me if you plan on going at goodingthomas@comcast.net or call me at 410-570-9433. Leave a message if no one answers the phone.

Trip Logistics: We're heading up to Deer Creek, just off of the Susquehanna River near Havre De Grace to fish the annual Hickory Shad run. Deer Creek is one of the best known streams in Maryland for fishing the Hickory Shad run. All shad fishing in the state of Maryland is catch and release (there is a moratorium on taking shad in Maryland). The stream has a pretty good flow, the water is pretty cold in April, and there is a rocky bottom. While not necessary a wading staff is not a bad idea. There is plenty of room along the stream to fish but the area can become crowded during the Shad run (parking area is more of a problem than finding room on the stream). The best fishing is at dusk unless it is overcast in which case it can be good all day. We'll go up early to find parking and space on the stream.

We'll meet at 2 p.m. at the Park & Ride on Veterans Highway in Severna Park near the intersection of I-97 and Benfield Boulevard. It will take about 60 minutes to drive to Muddy Creek. Take I-95 north to the Havre de-Grace exit. It's the last exit before crossing the Susquehanna river (if you cross the river turn around). Turn left at the end of the exit ramp onto Level Rd (Rt 155), drive about 2 miles, turn right onto Darlington Road, drive less than ½ mile, turn right onto Rock Run Road. Drive about 1.5 miles and at fork, take left fork, Craigs Corner Road. Follow the road 2.5 miles to Deer Creek (power plant on left) and park along guard rail. There are two good areas to fish (the parking area going up stream) and from the bridge ½ mile further on the road heading down stream for about 1 mile. We'll fish till it's too dark to see your fly (not a bad idea to have a flashlight to tie that last fly on or to find your way back to the car).

Free State Fly Fisher Clarks Creek Outing

Where: Clarks Creek, Pennsylvania

When: Saturday, May 4th

Meeting Location/Time: The Park & Ride off Veterans Highway in Severna Park near the intersection of I-97 and Benfield Boulevard at 7 AM

Directions to the Park & Ride: Going north on Interstate 97, take Exit 10/Benfield Boulevard. At the intersection with Veteran's Highway, take a left turn at the traffic light onto Veteran's Highway. Go straight through the intersection with Benfield Boulevard. Take the next left turn and drive around into the Park & Ride parking lot. The Park & Ride is located behind the Exxon Mini-Mart Gas Station.

Target Species: Trout (rainbow, brown, brookie)

Recommended Equipment: 3-5 Weight Rod, floating line, waders (hip boots will also work), long leaders (10') with light tippets (6-7x)

Recommended Flies: Sulphur #16; March brown #12 and 14; Blue-winged olive #14 and 16; Light Cahill #14; Tan Caddis #16; and terrestrials (ants, beetles, inch worms, caterpillar); wooly buggers (#8-12)

Licenses Needed: Pennsylvania license with trout stamp

Other Instructions: Bring something to eat and drink for lunch.

Outing Coordinator: Rich Batiuk

Contact Information: 410-268-5226 rbatiuk@aol.com

Trip Logistics: Many years ago, the club has several outings to Clarks Creek, a wonderful tailwater fishing below Dehart Reservoir just north (about 20 minutes) of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. It time to head back to experience the delayed harvest, flyfishing only section of this unique trout stream. The stream averages 30-40 feet in width, with cool gin-clear waters and a lot of streamside forest canopy, and good riffle to pool ratio.

Directions: From the Park & Ride, we will be heading up 97 to 695 West around Baltimore, than taking 83 up into Pennsylvania. Once we reach Harrisburg, we will take Route 22 up through and north out of the city, following 22/322 up to Dauphin. At Dauphin, we will take Route 225/Claster Boulevard to a right onto Route 325/Clarks Valley Road. We will park at one of the Pennsylvania Game Commission parking lots and fish the flyfishing only section of the stream.

Free State Fly Fishers Trap Pond Outing

When: Saturday, May 11, 2013.

Where: Trap Pond State Park, Delaware

Meeting Location: Harry S. Truman Park & Ride off of Riva Rd, Annapolis at 7:00 AM
(We can consider leaving earlier if group is willing.)

Species of Interest: Largemouth bass, bluegill, pickerel, crappie

Equipment Needed: 4-6 Weight Rod, floating line, canoe, kayak

Recommended Flies: poppers, terrestrials (ants, hoppers, beetles, etc), dragonflies, clousers, and deceivers, pretty much anything...

License Required: Delaware license. A license is available on-line with credit card purchase. A seven day tourist (non-resident) license costs \$12.50 + \$1 handling, or \$20 for the year. The following is the link to website to acquire your DE Fishing license:

<https://egov.dnrec.delaware.gov/egovpublic/dnrec/dispatch?doc=publicsubmenu&op=fwlicense&dept=5>

Follow instructions from this page forward, including printing of sample license, then proceed to link under step 3.

(NOTE: I encourage all to acquire the license on-line, or purchase beforehand. The park office no longer issues licenses, and vendors are a drive from the park – I.e., you'll miss valuable fishing time.)

Outing Coordinator: John Donnelly (johnamy89@comcast.net or 410-570-1493).

Trip Logistics: Meet at Harry S. Truman Park & Ride between 6:30 and 7 AM, departing at 7 AM. (Directions to the Park & Ride: take the Riva Road exits off either Route 50 or Route 665 and head west on Riva Road. Take a right turn onto Truman Parkway and then a right into the Park & Ride.) We will plan to car pool as needed.

Drive approximately 1 ¾ - 2 hours to park. The following is the link to map for driving directions from Park and Ride:

<http://maps.google.com/maps?saddr=Harry+S+Truman+Pkwy&daddr=Trap+Pond+State+Park,+Laurel,+DE&hl=en&ll=38.973156,-76.541491&ssp=0.034632,0.077162&geocode=FcXAUgldFtdv-w%3BFTrOSwldakuA-yH3pb-0z-lcdQ&oq=Trap+Pond+&mra=dme&mrsp=0&sz=14&t=m&z=14>

Trap Pond State Park is located at 33587 Baldcypress Lane, Laurel, DE 19956 and open daily from 8 a.m. to sunset. However, access to fishing and boat launch is anytime, so group can begin fishing early and stay late. You'll need a watercraft of some type (canoe, kayak, rowboat, powerboat (I think there is a hp limit) to fish the entire pond. Shore fishing is available, although you are limited. Access fee before official hours is honor system. Phone number to contact the Park is (302) 875-5153. Park Daily access fee is \$6 for the day-out of state.

Map of Park is accessed at the following link:

<http://www.destateparks.com/downloads/maps/trap-pond/trap-pond-2009.pdf>

Boat Rentals: Beginning May 1, you can rent for the day a rowboat, canoe, kayak or tandem kayak for \$25, \$30, \$30, and \$40, respectively. Concession stand that rents watercraft is open between 8 and 9 AM. (I have verified with park office boat rentals are available as of May 1.)

History: Freshwater wetlands once covered a large portion of southwestern Sussex County. Trap Pond State Park retains a part of the swamp's original beauty and mystery, and features the northernmost natural stand of baldcypress trees in the United States. The pond was created in the late 1700s to power a sawmill during the harvest of large baldcypress from the area. The Federal Government later purchased the pond and surrounding farmland during the 1930s and the Civilian Conservation Corps began to develop the area for recreation. Trap Pond became one of Delaware's first state parks in 1951.

Lunch: We plan to rent the pavilion adjacent to concession stand for Lunch. I [John Donnelly] will bring a grill to cook lunch. We can coordinate a lunch, such as grilled chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, etc. We can discuss additional details at March and April meeting or via email.

Additional: This was an enjoyable trip last year, and lunch provided us an opportunity to sit down, relax and have conversation. The food was excellent and plentiful. You can fish late, and if interested in camping there are a number of options available at the park for overnight camping.

Free State Fly Fishers Patapsco River Outing

When: Saturday, May 18th 2013

Where: Patapsco River, Maryland

Meeting Location/Time: Daniels Parking Lot, below the dam next to the river 8:00 AM

Target Species: Smallmouth bass, green ear sunfish, redeye bass, trout

Recommended Equipment: 4-6 weight flyrod, floating weight forward line, spare spool with a sinking tip line, waders, wading staff.

Recommended Flies: Crystal bugger: size #8-10, Colors: chartreuse and yellow or white tail, rootbeer and olive or black tail; black and black or olive tail; olive and brown or brown olive mix tail; peacock and olive or brown trail.

San juan worm, #16 red.

Streamers: Matuka minnows, #6-10; Zonker, #6-10; Mickey fin #8-10; Black nose dace, #8-10; Muddler minnow, #8.

Nymphs: Gold ribbed hares ear, bead head nymph, black stone fly, yellow stone fly.

Scud patterns: #16 gray, white, tan, brown, olive pink.

Caddis: #16 green, tan, brown, olive w/contrasting dark collar, Pheasant tail

Dry Flies: March brown #12, Gray fox #12, Pale Evening Dun #16-18, Sulphur Dun #18, Hendrickson #14, Light Cahill, Little Yellow Stone fly #12, Adams #14, Quill Gordon #14, Elk hair caddis #12-14, Blue wing olive #16-18, emerger 12-16.

Fishing Licenses Required: Maryland License (non-tidal)

Other Instructions: Bring a lunch and something to drink.

Outing Coordinator: Larry Meyer

Contact Information: 410-465-4580 fammeyer@comcast.net

Trip Logistics: We'll meet at the river at the parking lot just below Daniels Dam. From the Annapolis area, take Interstate 97 North to Route 32 North to Route 29 North towards Columbia. Pass over the intersection with Interstate 70. At the T intersection and the traffic light, take a right onto Rogers Avenue. At the circle, go $\frac{3}{4}$ around to Old Frederick Road. From Old Frederick Road, take a left onto Daniels Road which you will follow to the end at Daniels Dam and the parking lot. Travel time from Annapolis is about 1 hour.

We will be fishing downstream from the parking lot.

Free State Fly Fishers Western Maryland Outing

When: June TBD (Exact number of days may vary depending on water condition and weather)

Where: Fishing the trout streams of western Maryland, with the main focus on the Casselman River in Grantsville.

Meeting Location/Time: We will meet at Park & Ride on Veterans Highway in Severna Park near the intersection of I-97 and Benfield Boulevard at 7 AM if you plan on going on the [TBD].

Directions to the Park & Ride: Going north on Interstate 97, take Exit 10/Benfield Boulevard. At the intersection with Veteran's Highway, take a left turn at the traffic light onto Veteran's Highway. Go straight through the intersection with Benfield Boulevard. Take the next left turn and drive around into the Park & Ride parking lot. The Park & Ride is located behind the Exxon Mini-Mart Gas Station.

We want to be on the river by 10:00 AM as there is usually a hatch that comes off at that time. Let me know if you plan to attend and if you plan on driving and willing to take others, need a ride, or driving but do not want company due to scheduling.

Lodging: We will be staying at The Casselman Inn, 113 Main Street, Grantsville, Maryland 21536. Call the front desk at 301-895-5055 or go on-line at www.thecasselman.com. Splitting a room will run about \$30 per night. The Inn has a restaurant for meals. Also, Burger King, Pizza, Subway, etc. nearby.

Target Species: Brown, rainbow, and brook trout

Recommended Equipment: Waders are needed, (no felt sole boots or shoes), wading staff if you're a bit unsteady, 2 to 5 wt rods, with reels, floating lines only since water is not that deep.

Recommended Flies: Caddis patterns work well, terrestrials, wooly buggers, March Browns, and for late evenings, extended body Mayfly patterns. Sizes can range from 12 to 20's.

License Needed: Maryland freshwater license with trout stamp

Outing Coordinator: Ken Moser

Contact Information: 443-717-2621 mosemac@aol.com

Please let me know if you plan to join us so that if the trip is cancelled due to weather I can let you know. Look forward to seeing many of you there. Can't make it all the days, no problem—meet us up there for a day or two.

Free State Fly Fishers Club Monocacy River Outing

When: Tuesday, June 11, 2013 (Rain date: June 18)

Where: Upper Monocacy River at intersection with MD Rte 77 Rocky Ridge Road

Meeting Location/Time: Park & Ride on Veterans Highway in Severna Park near the intersection of I-97 and Benfield Boulevard at 1 PM

Directions to the Park & Ride: Going north on Interstate 97, take Exit 10/Benfield Boulevard. At the intersection with Veteran's Highway, take a left turn at the traffic light onto Veteran's Highway. Go straight through the intersection with Benfield Boulevard. Take the next left turn and drive around into the Park & Ride parking lot. The Park & Ride is located behind the Exxon Mini-Mart Gas Station.

Target Species: Smallmouth bass, greenear sunfish, redeye bass

Recommended Equipment: Wet wading is not uncomfortable, but bring waders if you wish (remember: no felt soles). The water is cool and clear, and the river bottom varies from sand and gravel to occasional rocks and boulders and infrequent ledges. Sunglasses with polarized lenses are very helpful. A landing net can be convenient, but not necessary.

Recommended Flies: Smallies feed on crawfish, which are abundant, and minnows. Work the bottom during bright days with streamers, zonkers, and terrestrials; and move to topwaters later in the day.

License Needed: Maryland freshwater fishing license

Outing Coordinator: Ray Cline

Contact Information: 443-837-6242 cline@annapolis.net

Trip Logistics: We can consolidate at the 'Park & Ride' or drive individually if you prefer. Driving directions are provided below. Approximately 75 miles from Annapolis – 1 ½ - 2 hour drive. This access point is also the start of the Monocacy Water Trail that ends 42 miles downstream at the Potomac River. Park along the south side of the road at the western end of the bridge.

This is a scenic stretch of the Monocacy, with wading upstream for approx ½ mile to RR bridge, or downstream 2-3 miles. There are many access points along the Monocacy, but I have had the best results here. There is a good population of smallies averaging 10-14 inches, with an occasional 16 or 17 inch fish. They are great fighters, and if you hook a 12 inch smallie, you will think it's a 2-pound largemouth until it starts leaping!

Driving Directions to the Monocacy River at Route 77: From the 'Park & Ride' use I-97 south to MD 32 or north to MD 100 to access I-70. West on I-70 to Exit 62 MD 75 North (Green Valley Road). Approximately 10 miles to Libertytown – turn left at the light on Main Street, proceed about ¼ mile, then right on MD 550 North (Woodsboro Road). Approximately 5 miles to right on MD 194 North (Woodsboro Pike). Proceed approximately 3 miles through New Midway, then left on Detour Road Detour Road ends at MD 77 Rocky Ridge Road. Turn left, go 1 mile to cross bridge and park on south side of the road.

Free State Fly Fisher South Fork Shenandoah River Outing

Where: South Fork Shenandoah River, Virginia

When: Saturday, June 15th 2013

Meeting Location/Time: 'Park & Ride' at the intersection of Route 424 and Route 50 in Davidsonville, Maryland at 6:00 AM

Species of Interest: Smallmouth bass, greenear sunfish, bluegills, rock bass (aka, red-eye bass)

Equipment Needed: 5-7 weight fly rod, floating weight forward line, spare spool with a sinking tip line, waders (or plan to wet wade with wading boots), wading staff, seat cushion (optional), small anchor or length of rope to tie on a rock to act as an anchor. (I usually bring at least two rods, one set for popper action and one set up for subsurface)

Recommended Flies: Bring your favorite smallmouth bass flies, including: Clousers, Sneaky Pete's, Woolly buggers, crawfish imitations, dragonfly and damselfly imitations, leech and hellgrammite imitations, and (of course!) Ken Moser's infamous 'Fly Alternative'. For the greenear sunfish, bluegills and rock bass, bring an assortment of smaller poppers.

Fishing Licenses Required: Virginia License (non-tidal)

Other Instructions: Bring something to eat and drink for lunch and to snack on during the float trip as between canoeing and wade fishing you will be thirsty and hungry.

Outing Coordinator: Rich Batiuk

Contact Information: 410-268-5226 rbatiuk@aol.com

Trip Logistics: This early summer float trip down the South Fork Shenandoah River was a long held FSFF club outing until the massive fish kills on the river in the early to mid-2000s. Well the smallies are back in good numbers and the river is well on the road to recovery, so time to re-start the tradition. Unfortunately, the outfitter the club used for two decades (Shenandoah River Trips) went out of business a number of years ago (but Trace and Edith are still doing well!), so we will starting to be use Front Royal Canoe located at 8567 Stonewall Jackson Highway, Front Royal, VA 22630 and accessible at 800-270-8808 and www.frontroyalcanoe.com. They offer a multitude of different length float trips down the river. We will sign waivers, pay for Virginia fishing licenses, and select which float trip we want when we arrive. The outfitter will bus us to the put-in point and make arrangements for pick up times as well as provide for canoes, paddles and lifejackets. Plan to meet at the Park 'n Ride and we will car pool from there.

Directions: Take Interstate 66 West from Washington DC to Exit 13 (Linden Road/Front Royal) Take U.S. Route 55 West into Front Royal. At the fourth traffic light inside of Front Royal, take a left onto U.S. Route 340 South (Stonewall Jackson Highway...this is the south, you know!). Front Royal Canoe is on the right hand side approximately 3 miles past the entrance to the Shenandoah National Park/Skyline Drive at 8567 Stonewall Jackson Highway. Look for their highway sign with the red canoe on top.

Free State Fly Fisher Potomac River Outing

Where: Potomac River, Maryland

When: Saturday, July 27th 1:00 PM

Meeting Location: Park & Ride off Veterans Highway in Severna Park near the intersection of I-97 and Benfield Boulevard at 1 PM

Directions to the Park & Ride: Going north on Interstate 97, take Exit 10/Benfield Boulevard. At the intersection with Veteran's Highway, take a left turn at the traffic light onto Veteran's Highway. Go straight through the intersection with Benfield Boulevard. Take the next left turn and drive around into the Park & Ride parking lot. The Park & Ride is located behind the Exxon Mini-Mart Gas Station.

Species of Interest: Smallmouth bass, bluegills, rock bass (aka, red-eye bass)

Equipment Needed: 5-7 weight fly rod, floating weight forward line, spare spool with a sinking tip line, waders (or plan to wet wade with wading boots), wading staff.

Recommended Flies: Bring your favorite smallmouth bass flies, including: Clousers, Sneaky Pete's, Woolly buggers, Ken Moser's infamous 'Fly Alternative' (not to worry, between Ken and Rich Batiuk, they will have plenty to share!). For the bluegills and rock bass, bring small poppers and size 10 to 12 wet flies. For the evening white fly hatch, bring White Wulffs in sizes 10 to 14 if you have them, otherwise just about any small white dry fly will work.

Fishing Licenses Required: Maryland License (non-tidal)

Other Instructions: Bring something to eat and drink for dinner as we will take a break from fishing (yeah, for a few minutes) in the early evening prior to the beginning of the white fly hatch.

Outing Coordinator: Rich Batiuk

Contact Information: 410-268-5226 rbatiuk@aol.com

Trip Logistics: This mid-summer trip to wade fish the Potomac is a long held FSFF club outing timed with the infamous white fly hatch. In the past we have either: 1) hit the hatch and caught massive numbers of smallies, 2) gotten chased off the river with a BIG thunderstorm coming down the river, 3) missed the hatch, but caught enough fish to keep us flyfishing for another day, or 4) went fishing at an alternative location due to the high river level from prior storms. Plan to meet at the Park 'n Ride and we will car pool from there.

Directions: Directions to where we park besides the river are: Interstate 97 to Interstate 695 West to Interstate 70 West (towards Frederick), Route 340 to Route 180 West (Jefferson Pike) to Route 79 South (Petersville Road) to Brunswick. In Brunswick, continue straight on Route 17 (still Petersville Road) to left onto Maple Avenue, across the railroad tracks and into the parking lot at the C&O National Historic Park.

Free State Fly Fisher Rappahannock River Outing

Where: Rappahannock River, Virginia

When: Saturday, August 10th 7:00 AM

Meeting Location: 'Park & Ride' at the intersection of Route 424 and Route 50 in Davidsonville, Maryland

Species of Interest: Smallmouth bass, bluegills, rock bass (aka, red-eye bass)

Equipment Needed: 5-7 weight fly rod, floating weight forward line, waders (or plan to wet wade with wading boots), wading staff. Bring good wading boots as there are A LOT of rocks to navigate in the river

Recommended Flies: Bring your favorite smallmouth bass flies, including: Clousers, Sneaky Pete's, Wooly buggers, Ken Moser's infamous 'Fly Alternative' (not to worry, between Ken and Rich Batiuk, they will have plenty to share!). For the bluegills and rock bass, bring small poppers and size 10 to 12 wet flies.

Fishing Licenses Required: Virginia License (freshwater)

Other Instructions: Bring something to eat and drink for lunch.

Outing Coordinator: Rich Batiuk

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Trip Logistics: This end of summer trip to wade fish the Rappahannock is geared towards introducing FSFF club members to another larger smallmouth river, but to the south of the Potomac. Depending on the river conditions and how much walking to get to the river, we will plan to fish one of locations on the river upstream of Fredericksburg: Kelly's Ford, C.F.Phelps Wildlife Management Area or the confluence of the Rappahannock and Rapidan Rivers.

Plan to meet at the Park 'n Ride and we will car pool from there and determine our final fishing destination on the Rappahannock.

Directions: Copies of the specific driving directions will be provided along with GPS coordinates or location at the Park 'n Ride.