



Mid-Michigan Telegram



June 2008

President's Corner:

June is going to be a very busy month. On the 7th (free fishing weekend) we have two things going on. First Gerri & I will be with the Mid-Mich. Sportsmen 4 Youth at Burchfield Park. Second the chapter will be finishing the river cleanup. John informs me that he has some helpers coming but always could use more. Call him at 626-6194. Again there will be a lunch after the cleanup. June 14th Greg is the chairman for the Lake Erie outing out of Sterling, Anyone still needing a ride call him at 294-3003. Third up Thursday the 19th is our second annual Lug-nuts game. Interested ? Call the Quinn,s 541-1015. And don't forget the chapter meeting the 16th

Tight Lines

Larry

Elections

The chapter elections are coming soon. There are 2 officer positions (V.P. & Treas.) open and 2 directors at large. All are 3 year terms.

Vice Pres. Is responsible for helping arrange speakers and to fill in for President when necessary .

Treasurer of course is responsible for dispensing chapter funds upon directions of the board.

Directors at large will probably assume a committee.

If you want to give more to the chapter call Larry 243-1766.

MAY 19 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Mark VanKampen really gave some great tips just in time for our June 14 Walleye outing. Mark explained his preference for night crawler harnesses and bottom bouncers. He even gave us some of the newest tricks from the professional walleye trail.

He offered some of Lance Valentine's DVD's for sale. If you are interested in purchasing any of Lance's DVD's let Gerri know and we can order them.

Our thanks to Mark for giving this awesome presentation.

JUNE 7 RIVER CLEAN UP

John Hesse has organized a second day to finish the stretch of the Red Cedar River we adopted to clean. This is a very important community service that our chapter has taken on as a yearly project. So far volunteering for this date is John Hesse, Tony Pagliei, Jim Bedford, Steve Taylor, Seehla Hills. Marsha Baar (MSU) and Todd Walsh (Middle Grand River Group). If you would like to volunteer to help 9:00am-1:00pm on June 7, with a lunch following ; please contact John (517) 626-6194. They will be meeting in the parking lot at the end of Clippert St.

JUNE 16 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

You won't want to miss this one! We need to elect Vice President (incumbent Steve Markucki), Treasurer (incumbent Rick Travis) and 2 directors. Please consider being on the ballot and call Larry 243-1766, if you are interested.

We'll also have a report on our Walleye outing (June 14), last chance to pay your \$25 and reserve for the August campout and Lugnuts game (with Pat & Jenny Quinn \$9 per person), you can also make your reservation for the family picnic (see article), many of you have membership dues that are past due or due (great time to clear this up) and as always is awesome to get together with the wonderful members of our chapter and enjoy the good food & beverage at Buddies.

Our June speaker got a commitment he can't get out of and had to cancel. Please come and give your reports on the outings. We will also be discussing community service projects.

As always, we meet at Buddies in the Holt Plaza in Holt. Dinner/Social hour 6:00pm, meeting 7:00pm.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED ON SATURDAY JUNE 7. IF YOU CAN HELP JOHN HESSE'S GROUP WORKING ON THE RED CEDAR RIVER OR IF YOU CAN JOIN US AT THE YOUTH SPORTS EVENT HELPING WITH THE VIRTUAL FISHING MACHINE PLEASE CALL GERRI (517) 242-0190.

Chapter Members Cleanup Section of Red Cedar River

Submitted by: John Hesse, Stream Committee Chairperson

On May 17, 2008, seven members of the Mid-Michigan Chapter of MSFFA had a great time clearing litter from the banks and bottom of the Red Cedar River just downstream of the Michigan State University campus.

Those participating were Tony Pagliei, Keith Burton, Dan Thelen, Henry Hofstra, Dennis Dann, John Hesse, and Gerri Hoort. On this outing, we focused our efforts on the zone from Harrison Road to Kalamazoo Street. This beautiful stretch has considerable spawning gravel used by salmon in the Fall and steelhead in the Spring. Some Chapter members have landed good numbers of steelhead and salmon here on flies and hardware. In the summer months, fishing can be excellent for smallmouth bass, northern pike and even an occasional walleye.

It is amazing how good the water quality is in this urban section of the river. Unfortunately, the Red Cedar has had a poor reputation historically and is often abused by students and other community members who throw trash and various objects like shopping carts, bicycles, furniture, parking barriers, and just about everything else you can imagine into the river, particularly off the multiple bridges on the MSU campus.

Chapter members Tony Pagliei and Jim Bedford have a nice description of the river in their 2002 book "River Journal: Grand River" published by Frank Amato Publications, Inc, Portland, Oregon.

The river deserves much greater respect than it receives. Since 1999, student volunteers have conducted cleanups on the campus portion of the river every semester in an attempt to improve the river's image. The Impressions Five museum and the Lansing Board of Water and Light currently conduct cleanups of the Grand River in Lansing and the lower Red Cedar each Spring and Fall. However, the stretch from Harrison Road to Aurelius Road is pretty much ignored by both groups and this is some of the best fishing water in the river.

During the Chapter's cleanup on May 17th, we removed 3 bicycles, a large parking barrier, 4 parking cones, a 55-gal barrel, a shopping cart, and many miscellaneous smaller items including a dozen softballs and baseballs, a basketball, tennis balls, old shoes and sandals, a swimming flipper, a mirror, ropes, a rake, a neoprene Vodka body suit, a large grate, lots of beverage and food containers, and plastic bags galore. In the bushes along the bank, Henry found someone's briefcase with many personal items inside, all of which he will return to the owner. Our canoes were overflowing by the time we reached our take out point. Although this sounds like a lot of trash, the overall condition of the river looked very good. We saw many recent spawning beds used by steelhead this Spring. In a few casts before all the crew arrived, John landed a small northern pike.

Gerri Hoort met the work crew at the take out location and served hot pizza and cold beverages to the six hungry workers. Some of the pizzas were donated by Pizza Hut.

The Stream Committee would like to return to the river yet this summer to complete cleaning the stretch down to Aurelius Road. Volunteers should contact John Hesse (hessej@msu.edu, 626-6194) or Tony Pagliei. (info@tpagsco.com). Many thanks to those who participated on May 17th.



Olcott New York, May 15-18:

By Pam Bieganski

What can I say about our adventure to New York. First of all, there was never a dull moment. Considering I was the only female among 17 men, not to say that was a bad thing. They took good care of me as always, a fine group of gentlemen. Even at the local drinking hole on Saturday, they let me win in air hockey and never let me get thirsty. Someone in our group mentioned that the liver was evil and had to be punished. That's all I'm saying about that.

Fishing was our main objective and we all had success with that. We had 5 boats: Freebie, Fishacal Therapy, Deby Clare, R-Tyme & Wet Burrito. It was a mix of crews from Mid-Michigan and Metro-West. There wasn't a tournament, just a fun fishing weekend. Overall I believe we took at least 33 salmon throughout the weekend. It could have been higher had our boat, R-Tyme not broke down before we got lines set on Friday night. Now we are hoping to have it put back together and ready to go for Sterling State Park.

Weather on Thursday & Friday couldn't of been better. The water was flat like glass and just a little chilly on the lake. Saturday most of the guys went out in the morning, it was 2-3 foot waves and rain and cloudy skies were going to be moving in so it was a short trip. Things that seemed to be working was the green hooch/fly combo, green dolphin on copper, light purple spoon on copper, in 90 ft of water. Silver/blue ladderback on downrigger in 116ft water, 40ft down, 45 back. Some were being taken on sliders too. Speed seemed to be in the 2.4 range.

Good food, great time, and we are ready to go back next year!



Grand Haven

June 24th several of us went to Grand Haven for our first event of the season. Weather was nice not too cool even though we could see our breath all day. Lake conditions were ideal with waves only running a foot or so. However the water temps left a little to be desired still in the low 40's. In a close contest with less than 5 points between first and third *Insanity* came in first, *Freebee 2* second and *Nervous Wreck* coming third. "Big?" fish was also taken by *Insanity*. After a morning's fishing we dined on pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, and chips. Next event is planned for Sterling State Park June 14th. I'm sure Greg has a great event planned.



Typically I don't remember to take many pictures BUT this time I did remember the phone camera in time to take this shot of Doug Liu's first ever salmon. Doug joined the chapter at the swap meet and this was his first trip. Congratulations on your first Doug.

LAKE ERIE – STERLING STATE PARK – JUNE 14

LAKE ERIE WALLEYE! This year's outing should be great, as the walleye should be running bigger (18"-22") than last year. Quick limits should still be the norm.

We will have hot dogs around the campfire on Friday and Saturday nights.

If you're still looking for a ride, contact either:

Chairperson: Greg Blankstrom (517) 294-3003

MID-MICHIGAN STEELHEADERS GOING NUTS

(Lugnuts that is)

A FAMILY FUN NIGHT! Thursday June 19th come watch the Lansing Lugnuts verses the Great Lakes Loons. Molson Thursday (beer & pop specials \$2.00). "Reggie the Purple Party Dude" will keep the kids entertained. Tickets (Box Seats) are \$9.00 each. Please call Jenny Quinn (517) 580-4983 with a count of how many people you'll have going. The game starts at 7:05 pm. See you then and **GO NUTS!**

AUGUST CAMPOUT

This is our premiere outing of the year!!!! August 16-17 at Insta-Launch Campground, Manistee. You need to RSVP early! The cost is only \$25 PER MEMBER (a membership is member, spouse, and minor children). Hot dogs, soda (7-up products), bottled water, s'mores, a Saturday fishboil (members bring a dish to pass). Camping lots are provided and many members do share lots. We have 2 community lots, where a campfire is going all the time; a canopy is on 1 of these lots where members bring snacks to share.

RSVP with your \$25 now!!! Don't miss out on this awesome outing! Call Gerri (517) 242-0190

I AM TURNING IN THE EXTRA LOTS ON JUNE 17, THE DAY AFTER THE JUNE MEETING. YOU DON'T HAVE A RESERVATION IF I DON'T HAVE YOUR MONEY! PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU RESERVE BY JUNE 16.

SEPTEMBER 20-21

Doug Herbrucks "SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE" outing at Wellston is another outing you need to plan now for and RSVP. This great outing includes river, stream and boat fishing people. Wellston has the best river and stream fishing.

When you call Twin Oaks Campground (877) 442-3102 to make your reservation,

MID-MICHIGAN STEELHEADERS FAMILY PICNIC

This is a great day to just have fun! Awesome food, relax and really get to know your fellow steelheaders.

THE CLUB furnishes the fishboil (YES Don Cunningham and his assistant Mark Redburn do a fantastic fishboil), table service and lemonade.

YOU bring your favorite dish to pass (salads, side dishes or deserts) and any other beverage you want.

There is a small playground (for the kids), horseshoes, fishing in the Grand River, and members bring outdoor games. Of course, there will be cards and euchre.

PLACE AND TIME: JULY 20 NOON TILL ??? DINNER AT 3:00

LYONS PARK IN DIMONDALE

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED CONTACT GERRI (517) 242-0190 ASAP

COME JOIN US FOR THIS LOCAL DAY OF FUN!

The Steelheaders State Board Report

May 21, 2008

By Ron Hunt State Director

There were reports of Club activities around the State, Flint is having a Kids fishing day on June 7th, and there is a Sportsmen's Youth day at Hoffmaster also on June 7th.

The State web site update was that they are in the process of placing the chapter member list on which will allow the membership board person to upload and maintain their own list to verify that the state list is correct. This will ensure that our members get the paper and any other information that is put out at the State level.

Discussion about the Cormorant control and the news is not good, it seems that at the State level it is believed that this is a federal issue and that all the funds should come from there. This view is not shared by the fishing organization and some steps from a local chapter of Flint have started.

The DNR is proposing some major changes for fishing one change is to have a 5 Salmon limit instead of the 3 we have today the, Steelheaders have come out in support of this change. The second one is making 3 rod per person standard statewide on all waters not just for Salmon fishing on the Great Lakes. There was a large amount of discussion about this proposed change, but after all the discussion the Steelheaders supported this change to three lines statewide for all waters.

MEMBERSHIPS

Many of your membership are due, past due or you are deleted!

Due to the information in this newsletter, there is not room for a membership page! Please check May's newsletter for the list. If your membership was due before April 2008 you are in delete status. Please contact Gerri, mail your \$35 or pay at the June 16 meeting.



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