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## *This Month's Meeting* *September 2, 2008*

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*Peter Van Buskirk, with a landlocked salmon caught  
in Maine, on the Moose River. Read why he calls it  
"The Fish of a Lifetime," on page 4.*

*Guest Speaker:*

**Jonas Price**

**"Fishing the Five Creeks of Central PA"**

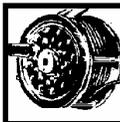


God Bless America

Fellow Flyrodders: We had our final 2008 club meeting Barbeque in August, and once again thanks to **Paul McCain** for preparing the vittles, and to **Gene Stevens** and others who pitched in. We also had an interesting demonstration of Spey Casting by the guest speaker, **Andrew Moy**, of East Coast Spey in NJ. Those of you who did not attend the meeting missed an opportunity to see how far one can shoot a line using a spey cast. Andrew used 9 and 10 foot rods in his demo, not the usually longer spey rods which can reach 14 feet and beyond. What I found most interesting is that these casts can be employed using single handed fly rods of normal length and weights, and are quite useful when stream conditions restrict a normal backcast due to bushes and such. Kudos to Andrew for a very informative presentation.

We had another successful club trip to the Yellow Breeches in Boiling Springs PA in August. Twenty one club members attended, and enjoyed the Allenberry resorts pool, hot tub and other amenities as well as the musical "Thoroughly Modern Millie". We hooked up a variety of trout on the beautiful Yellow Breeches stream that runs behind the resort, and only a short walk from the rooms.

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## President's message

treat will be held September 26 thru 28<sup>th</sup>, and once again we are looking for volunteers to assist the participants as river guides/helpers on Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> at Connectquot. Club members interested in helping out should contact **Mike Gelber** at 515 221 9508.

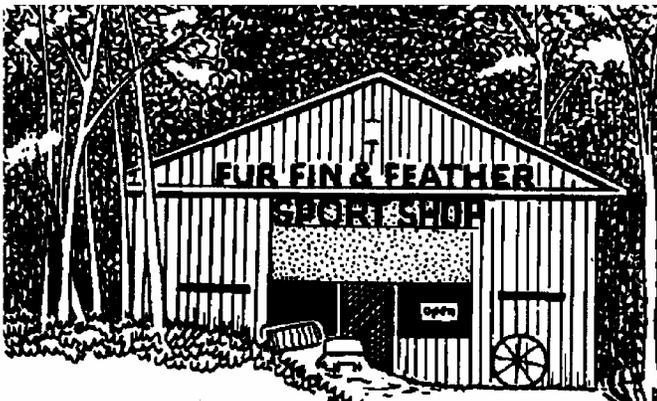
There is still some room left on the Housatonic River camping trip September 12 thru 14. This is a great camping trip with good fishing and camaraderie. If you wish to attend please contact trip captains **Mike and Coreen Gelber**. All meals are taken care of, so all you need to do is fish and enjoy yourselves.

The annual club awards dinner is scheduled for November 8<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn in Carle Place. Tickets are \$60 per person and include dinner, beer and wine, and desert. Please see **Susan and Howard Solomon** if you plan to attend, and please don't procrastinate as there are only 62 tickets available.

Please check the club website and newsletter for upcoming events. Our guest speaker in September will be **Jonas Price** from the Feathered Hook, Coburn, PA. He will speak about fly fishing on the 5 creeks of central PA.

Tight Lines and Best Regards

*Joe Otterstedt*



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# FoFYour Nymphomation

by Lee Weil



## Anglerthology: A Guide for Beginners

Anglers come in all shapes and sizes and their methods vary as much as their shoe sizes. I have noted in my fish log that I tend to describe those that I have encountered along the way by assigning them nick names. This helps me in my recollections and also provides amusement for Jeff and I when the fishing gets slow. Some fishermen combine their angling with bird-watching or plant hunting; I would go a step further and suggest watching your wader-clad counterparts when the bite is off. I have compiled a list of sub-species for the novice Angler Watcher below, complete with characteristics to make them easier to identify:

**Technocasterus** - Easy to spot; false casts for at least 10 minutes before allowing fly to land on water and will often pluck it out of the mouth of an eager fish because "the drift wasn't right". Owns at least 6 different 5 weights and never happens to have the right one on the stream.

**Gadgetopolus** - Can be identified by slouched position caused by carrying at least 45 to 50 lbs. of paraphernalia in vest. This species is in danger of possible extinction due to drowning in wading mishaps.

**Entomolopedia** - Usually seen crouching and squinting at water surface studying microscopic specks while fish rise all around him. Speaks Latin as much as possible to impress other anglers resulting in glassy stares, yawns and eventually excuses to leave; for example "I left my net at the car ..... oh, yeah, I mean my OTHER net".

**Fabricator Exageratus** - Consistently reports catching more fish (and bigger fish) than everyone else. Rarely

seen in the company of other anglers since he insists upon fishing alone. Unfortunately (or fortunately) this allows no witnesses to his outstanding feats of angling.

**Walkantalkalottus** - Tends to migrate up and down stream, entering into conversation with any angler he passes, welcome or not. Usually wearing dry waders and (if no partner is available) a cell phone on the side of his head. Seldom seen with a fly on the water.

**Gottachangabug** - Easily identified by a fly patch (sometimes two) crammed with as many flies as possible. Behavior patterns include digging through vest pockets and mumbling to self, opening each fly box and shaking head before finally deciding on original fly from first box. After tying on the fly makes no more than 5 casts repeats entire process.

**Tyrannotredder** - Presence will be evident before actual sighting due to fleeing fish and shock waves generating from point of origin. Can often be heard saying "there was a big one in here a minute ago".

**Wadjaketchimon** - Avoid landing fish when one of these is present, as it will result in attracting him and lead into a series of inquiries on what fly was used, what size tippet, what brand of rod, which way the wind was blowing and what did you have for breakfast?

This is just a brief summary to get you started. If you recognize yourself in one of these categories don't take it too seriously; I know I fit into a couple of them from time to time.

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## The Fish of a Lifetime By Peter Van Buskirk



All fishermen have a different definition to a “Fish of a Lifetime”. To some it is that lunker often seen on the covers of the half dozen or so magazines we get every month. Maybe a female Brookie caught late in

September in full spawning colors. Maybe your quarry is a 30+ pound cow hooked off a jetty on the South Shore or a tailing Permit on the flats. Regardless, you get the idea.

Over the years, I have caught my fair share that warranted the tape measure from Blue Gills to Marlin. But the fish of this story is not one that would max out a scale or stretch out a tape measure, but one that would tell a story about itself and change the way I rank fish forever.

Let’s name this fish 940-174; it’s a Land Locked Salmon, female, wild 19-1/4 inches long with a girth of 10-1/2 inches and almost 2-1/2 pounds. She was caught in Maine on the Moose River on Sunday, June 1 at 5 AM. She took a Governor Barrows streamer on the swing; deep since I was using a sink tip line and a fluorocarbon leader, 6 foot, no tippet. She jumped two or three times and made a nice run up river. I brought her into a nice spot, clean of rocks and debris at the shore and as I tried to unhook her, I realized that she was doomed. The streamer, although barbless, was taken deep and made a mess of the gills. The bleeding made it evident to me that this salmon would be on the menu that week. After a quick snap of the neck, I took my time looking over the salmon. I noticed a heavy gauge wire about 10 inches long, hanging out of her half way down the body on the left side. I thought she may have been snagged, but then I noticed several stitches below her pectoral fin. At that time I realized this was a special fish. I have caught fish with fins clipped and some with tags, but this salmon had a radio transmitter surgically implanted in her.

Along all rivers in the Moosehead Lake area are survey boxes for anglers to record the day’s action. Around these boxes are also the notices informing fishermen of the regulations regarding that particular river.

There was a notice new to me, informing of the radio tagging of salmon and Brookies. The Maine Department of Game and Inland Fish was heading up a complete ecological survey of the Moose River water quality, everything from insects to the game and forage fish in the river was being studied for the re-licensing of the dam on Brassua Lake. The hydroelectric dam is due for re-licensing in 2010. The MDIFW conducts these surveys in different ways. On the Moose River they did it by placing several fine mesh nets rigged to wooden posts to capture forage fish, electro shocking specific holes and runs that historically could hold salmon and trout from the lake as they travel up river following spawning smelt. For the most part these staging fish, as they are called, are counted and released, documenting

wild fish from stocked, general health condition, stomach contents and in the process keep tabs on several species of fish illegally introduced into the lake. A small percentage of salmon and trout had radio transmitters surgically implanted. This study began on May 20 of this year and to date 28 salmon and 5 Brook Trout had these devices implanted, with a total of 50 fish to be surveyed. These devices can collect data for up to three years and are

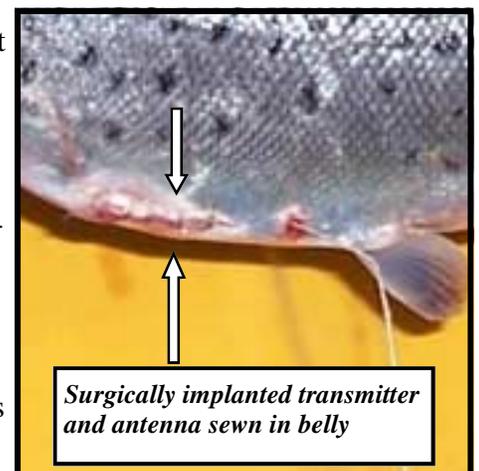
equipped with a mortality switch, so that they can be retrieved and downloaded.

Now, back to my fish, which I named 940-174 after the Identification number on the transmitter. Although only gathering a little over a weeks worth of data, she had quite a bit of information. She moved only 100 yards from where she was first caught and implanted, had very little food in her stomach. Almost seven grams of roe was already present in her, putting her about five years old.

All the knowledge and history that I learned about my salmon, along with a week of good fishing with friends, makes this “The Fish of a Lifetime” for me.



*Radio transmitter with antenna wire*



*Surgically implanted transmitter and antenna sewn in belly*

## A 19 FOOT STURGEON AND A TROUT ON THE NEVERSINK RIVER (What do they have in common?)

There are many organizations that are involved in conservation activities where fish and habitat are concerned. In 2004, The Nature Conservancy helped to remove the Cuddebackville dam on the Neversink River in the Catskills. This was done to restore the natural water flow so migratory animals like shad and eel could move. In the spring of 2008, The Nature Conservancy received reports of shad 10 miles upstream from the dam site. In nearly a century they had not been seen that far north.

There is a Preserve that you can visit and a color-coded trail system takes you through the terrain. See the kiosk at the entrance for details on the trails. There are mammals, birds, trees and wildflowers, as well as fish, amphibians, and reptiles to see and 30 are considered rare.

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- From Route 17 west, take exit 113 (Rt. 209) south.
- Travel for about 8.5 miles, and after crossing the green steel bridge, take your second left onto Canal Drive.
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A more recent plan to set aside more than 18 miles of the Kootenai River (Montana and Idaho) as critical habitat for white sturgeon involves The Center for Biological Diversity. They brought a lawsuit and the courts agreed that more needs to be done so that these fish can spawn successfully. Most of the 24 species of sturgeon worldwide are threatened with extinction.

The Kootenai sturgeon has been listed as endangered since 1994. These fish can grow to 19 feet, weigh 350 pounds, and live a hundred years. Low water temperature, large spring river flows, and a gravel riverbed are needed for them to spawn. The Kootenai River white sturgeon has not successfully spawned since the Libby Dam was built 34 years ago.

The Endangered Species Act requires that habitat critical to threatened or endangered species be specially managed. The Center for Biological Diversity has brought this to the attention of the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

You might want to review the activity of environmental organizations where fish and habitats are concerned. I know that there are so many organizations, but many of their activities are making a difference in the human assault on our environment.

You might want to haul in a 19 foot long sturgeon someday or catch a trout on the Neversink River.

### *Annual Awards Banquet*

Although tickets may be purchased up until the October meeting, this is your last chance to have your name entered in the **early bird drawing**. If you're planning to attend the banquet, why not buy your tickets now?

Only 62 tickets are available.

Details are as follows:

**Date: Saturday November 8, 2008**

**Time: 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm**

**Place: Holiday Inn, Old Country Road,  
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**Cost: \$60.00 per person**

Please give your check to **Susan or Howie Solomon** at the meetings to buy tickets or checks can be mailed to the Solomons at:  
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**Raffle tickets are: \$5 each or 3 for \$10, or 7 for \$20.**  
Drawing will be held at the September meeting.

## DECISIONS

By John P. Manz

Over the years I have discovered that fly fishing is a thought provoking sport; in the space between thinking about going fishing and actually putting your fly on the water—a lot of decisions have to be made.

This was the case last Sunday when the weather forecast for rain cancelled out my outside home projects and I had to decide between fly fishing and inside home projects ( a no brainer ). My next decision on where to fish was equally easy; for I love the clear cool water's of the Farmington River. Rod selection was also easy for unlike most of the Flyrodders I only have three rods—a two piece, a four piece and a five piece—keeping it simple I selected the two piece.

Thus began the more difficult decisions—upon checking my leader I discovered that it had been reduced to about 4 ft. during my last excursion to the river and I could not face the task of tying on four surgeon's knots so I skipped the 3X.

What to tie on is always a challenge and very rarely logical—since I tied on 6X—I decided to start with a dry fly and since my size 16 tan caddis still had it's Cabela's tag on it ( the only way I can actually tell it from the other caddis in my box) I tied it on. It was at this point I remembered I had to grease up my line a task I usually find quite challenging especially trying to keep it off the floor.

The remaining decisions on waders, wading boots , walking staff, water bottle and vest were easy—but which fishing hat and rain poncho were tricky—so I took all of them.

My journey to the river started out dry and worked its way to a steady down pour just as I proceeded to put my waders on—so I had to swap over to my rain hat and substantial rain poncho and settled for only getting a little wet in

the process.

Plying through the heavy under growth in what felt like a tropical rain forest--my glasses, Polaroid over glasses and magnifier all fogged up. To make matters a little more interesting the river was up and ripping through what usually is a calm pool.

After two blind casts along the edge of the pool I realized that all my decision making had been done in vain and I cut back my leader and tied on two nymphs (Montana Style) and worked my way up river through the jungle fighting off sweat enticed mosquito's and wishing I had selected the inside home projects.

I eventually arrived at the deep hole I sought—of course the rain stopped and I was fully soaked from sweat and weighed down with the heavy poncho I no longer needed.

I proceeded to work my way downstream and the cold water of the river gradually balanced out the heat of the poncho—unfortunately the trout ignored my bugs which eventually worked themselves into a bird's nest.

I could not face tying on another set up through semi fogged glasses—so my last decision of the day was to tie on a wooly buggler and weigh it down with split shot (maybe I could knock one out!).

Needless to say I succeeded in catching a couple of rocks and was about to give up when my fly rod came to life and a beautifully colored Brown Trout broke through the surface of the river.

After releasing the trout the rest of the day only reinforced the fact that—my first decision was the right one!



*Andrew Moy, at the August meeting, demonstrating spey casting on the lawn.*

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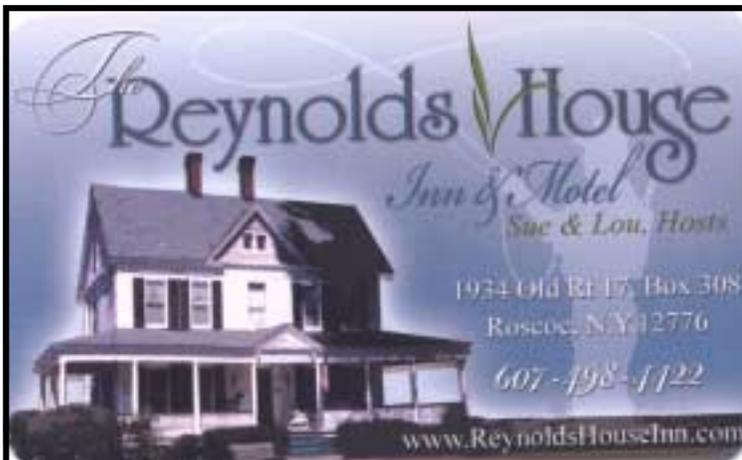
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- 1c. Prints, (no transparencies), size 4" X 6" in color or black & white.
- 1d. Digital photos, minimum size 800 X 600 megapixels.
2. Put your name and phone number on back of the prints in small letters
3. All photos submitted may be used by LIFR. (e.g., Fly-rodder and lifr.org)
4. There will be play-off contests at each Club meeting May through October
5. Three winners will be picked by members present at each of those meetings
6. All winning photos will be entered in the Dinner Dance GRAND CONTEST
7. Members present at the Dinner Dance will select the three Grand Prize winners
8. In case of a tie or dispute, the decision of the Chair will be final
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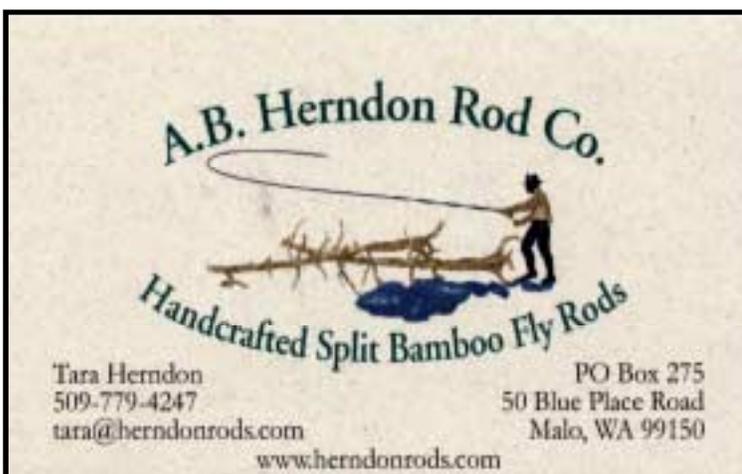


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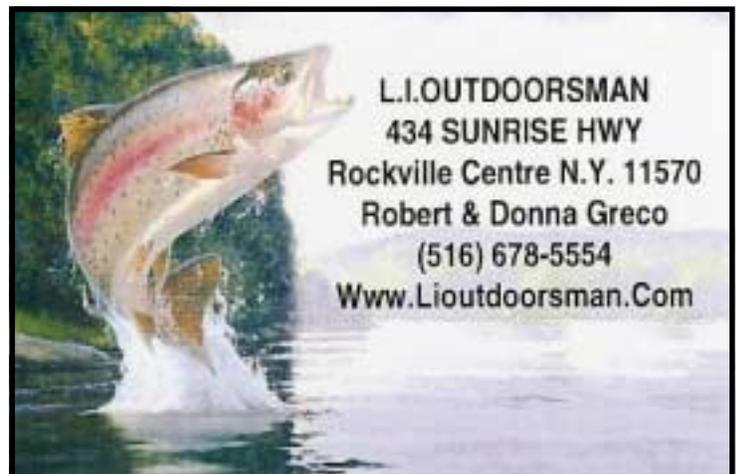
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Hey, Flyrodders. How's the fishing been lately? Let's let our members know. Send reports and/or pics to [LIFRnews@aol.com](mailto:LIFRnews@aol.com) for publication in *the Flyrodder*, or see me at the meeting.

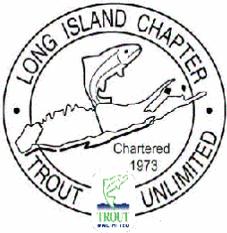
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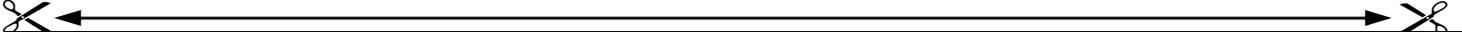
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**No advance reservations will be accepted.**

**Hours:** 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM & 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

**For Details call: Lee Weil - (516) 997-6743**

**CONNETQUOT DATES - 2008**

<b>September 15</b>	<b>October 20</b>
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**Rubber-soled Hip Boots Only**

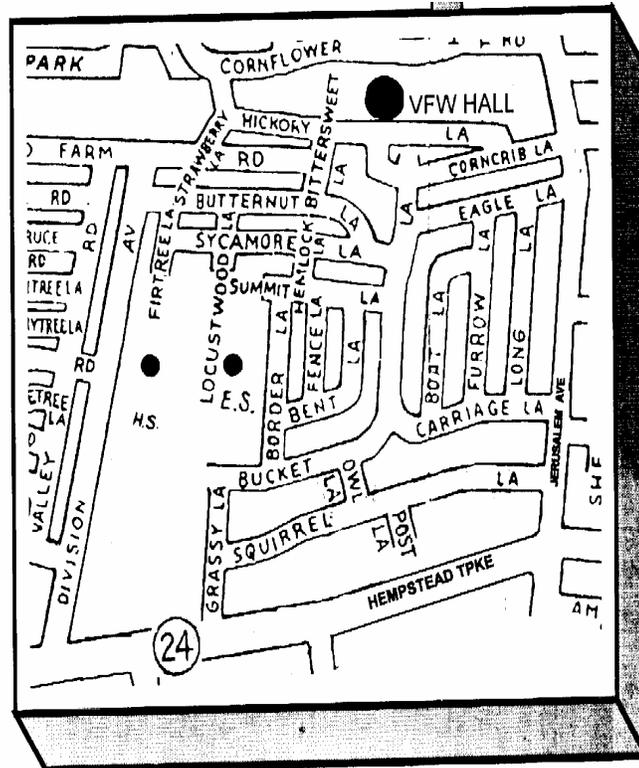
**You must have a creel in your possession to fish in the park and on the stream**

**Only members with 4 weight rods or larger will be allowed to fish on the Monday Sessions**

**LONG ISLAND FLYRODDERS COMING EVENTS**

**September - 2008**

- September 2     **General Meeting - 8:00 P.M.**  
Guest Speaker: Jonas Price  
"Fishing the Five Creeks of Central PA"  
LIFR Photo Contest - See page 7 for rules
- September 6     **Smith's Point, NY (Saltwater)**  
Contact: Herman Abrams - (516) 593-6024
- September  
12 to 14     **Housatonic River, CT (Camping)**  
Contact: Mike Gelber - (516) 221-9508  
See website for details & info
- September 15   **Connetquot State Park - Monday Fishing Trip**  
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Contact: Lee Weil - (516) 997-6743
- September 23   **Board Meeting**  
7:30 P.M. at the Levittown VFW Hall
- September  
26 to 28     **Casting for Recovery**  
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