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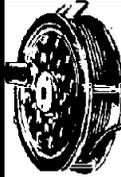
Missoula, Montana, July 2010

Left to Right: Peter Dubno, Bob Picciano, Jim Foley, Wolfgang Porté,
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Bill Teresco, Morty Schneiderman, Cliff Dies,
Dan Van Buskirk, Alan Manz, & Gil Padovani

Guest Speaker:

John Hildebrand

“The Housatonic - Trout and More.....”



President's message

Last month I had two opportunities to help others learn to fly fish. It's more rewarding than you can ever imagine and being able to share the excitement of someone catching his first fish gives a renewal to your spirits that is indescribable. Yes, we're excited when we feel a tug on our flyline, but that thrill is magnified when the person we're helping feels that tug on *his* line. Mentoring another fisherperson also gives you an opportunity to see things through they're eyes, things you used to think about, too, but have long forgotten.

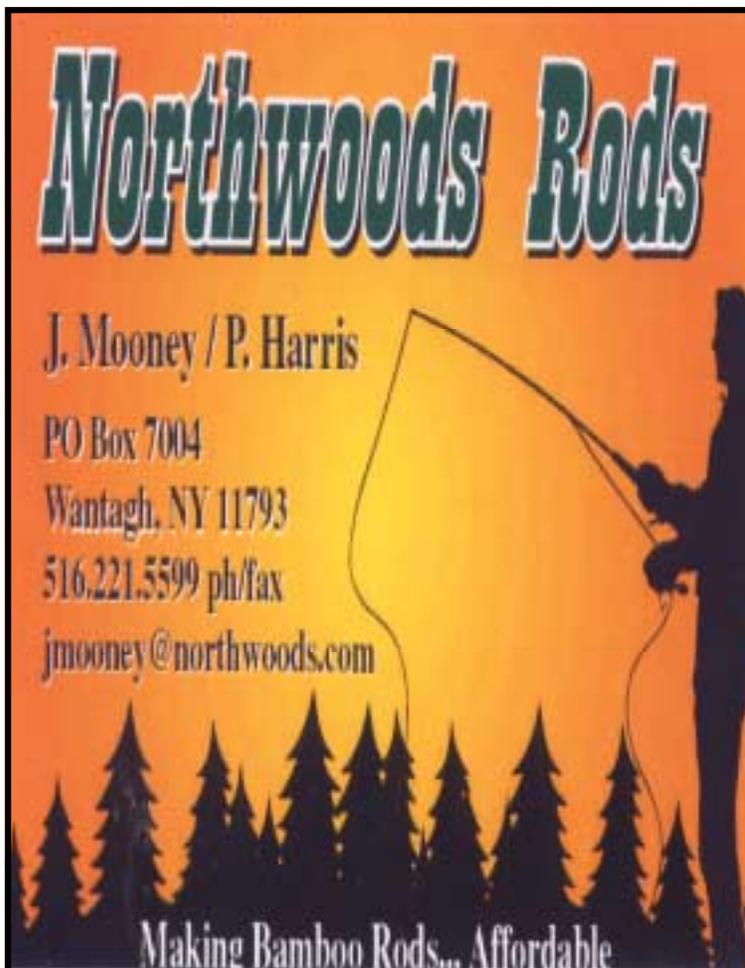
There are many opportunities in this club for you to volunteer to share your knowledge. River helpers are needed twice a year for Casting for Recovery, **Jerry LeBoyer** is looking for help with the Veterans and there

are always members who could benefit from your experience. Teach someone to flyfish; it's a wonderful thing.

It looks like all the talk about banning felt bottomed boots is coming to fruition. Starting in January, Maryland will no longer allow felt. Vermont will start enforcing their ban in April 2011. I feel really badly about replacing my old reliable felt bottom boots, but the writing is on the wall.

We'll be having one more summer cookout before the August meeting. The food will be available from 6 – 7:30. **Herman Abrams**, too, will be available to help with casting before the meeting.

Susan



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by Lee Weil



Long Island Redfish

You're standing in a gentle surf with the water lapping at the back of your legs, your fly rod tucked under your arm. Stripping the line in, hand over hand, you suddenly encounter a solid resistance and instinctively set the hook. The fish moves off, slow and heavy, and then picks up speed. It's on the reel now and when you lift the rod the spool begins to sing that happy song we all love to hear. The rod takes a hard bend as you put pressure on the fish, but the fight is just beginning. No blistering runs, just a steady planing acceleration as the flyline peels off your spool. Gradually the figure eights and loops begin to decrease in size and the fish gets closer. You finally see it roll in front of you, and the orange and white sides glisten in the sunshine.

You might be on the coast of Louisiana, or Florida, or maybe Long Island ... (WHAT?) There are no redfish in the Northeast, you say. Ah, but that's where you're wrong, friend. Yes, Virginia – there are redfish on Long Island, and they have wings!

Years ago I used to say that the sea robin would become a targeted game fish in the year 2000. Perhaps that was jumping the gun, but depending on whom you ask their status may be improving. Jeff and I have actually become quite enamored with "birds", especially on the long rod. We have favorite spots where we have had success catching huge robins on flies, bucktails, and even poppers. After you've witnessed a 4 lb. sea robin rocket up off the bottom through 3 feet of water to take a foam popper you develop a new respect for this creature with a face only a mother could love. They are always willing to grab a fly, and because they inhabit the same haunts as fluke you can target both

species at the same time and place. Since they eat the same bait, they will hit the same flies.

My favorite fly for birds is a Clouser, tied with white bucktail, red and gold Flashabou and topped off with a raccoon wing. Of course, they will take almost anything that's fished on the bottom, and a lot of patterns fished mid level as well. Hook points must be kept razor sharp, since their mouths are like sandpaper covered bone. I carry a hook hone in the pocket of my stripping basket for touch ups after landing a fish. Don't forget a pair of needlenose pliers to save your fingers when removing your fly. I find the best way to handle these spiny headed fellows is to lip them like a bass and get the pliers in the corner of their mouth.

One of the best things about bird fishing is the fight. Let's face it, with a wingspan of 3 feet, a big bird will give you a run for your money and test your drag. Just when you think you've got them beat they will use those broad wings to take off again. Trash fish? I don't think so. After all, why do we hunt bonefish and tarpon? Certainly not for their culinary value. Think of all the trouble and expense we go to just to catch fish we cannot eat. We prize them for their fight. The way I see it the lowly sea robin, like Rodney Dangerfield, deserves some respect. So the next time you see me on the beach, with a big bend in my rod and a huge smile on my face, don't be so quick to assume I'm hooked up to a big bass or bluefish. It may just be a big sea robin, and I may just be imagining I'm into a Florida redfish Or maybe not. Hello, my name is Lee and I'm a bird fan!

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REPORT FROM NORTHPORT

We had a great day on Sunday July 11 when Captain Lou, of Freeport, donated half a day of fishing for 28 veterans from the Northport Veterans medical center. A sumptuous lunch was provided by Montana's Pizzeria Restaurant. The weather was fine and the fish were cooperating. A good time was had by all.

The Vets have been practicing their fly casting in anticipation of our fishing trip now planned for Sunday July 25, at Belmont Lake. However, they will need a little help and guidance, and they would appreciate a little help.

All Flyrodders would be able to help please call me, Jerry LeBoyer, at 516-766-3284, or e-mail: Jleb1000@aol.com

In the meantime we will be practicing our casting or learning to tie flies, on the first and third Tuesdays at building 63 at 9:00 and the second and fourth Wednesday at building 92 at 1:00. All Flyrodders are welcome to join them.

Jerry LeBoyer

For those who like to plan ahead, here are some 2010 upcoming event dates:

Housatonic Camping Trip	September 24 - 26
Orvis Days	October 9 & 10
Orvis Days II	October 16 & 17
Jones Beach Trip	October 16
<i>Flyrodder Banquet</i>	<i>November 6</i>
Arts of the Angler, Danbury	November 6 & 7
Fly Tying Symposium	November 20 & 21
Somerset Fly Fishing Show	January 21-23, 2011



**Missouri River
Montana, July 2010**

LIFR PHOTO CONTEST RULES

- 1a. Contestants must be LIFR members.
- 1b. Subject must be related to Fly Fishing.
- 1c. Prints, (no transparencies), size 4" X 6" in color or black & white.
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., Flyrodder and lifr.org)
4. There will be play-off contests in July and October
5. Three winners will be picked by members present at each of those meetings
6. All winning photos will be entered in the Annual Awards Dinner GRAND CONTEST
7. Members present at the Annual Awards Dinner will select the three Grand Prize winners
8. In case of a tie or dispute, the decision of the Chair will be final
- 9a. Submit photos at the meeting, do not e-mail

Tom Cooleen
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Fly in the Jar Raffle

Why not try your luck at this new raffle? All you have to do is:

1. Bring a new, unused fly to the meeting
2. Get a ticket from Dave and place the fly in the jar.
3. See if you win the drawing for all the flies in the jar.

Welcome New Members:

Walter Garcia

Ronald Powell



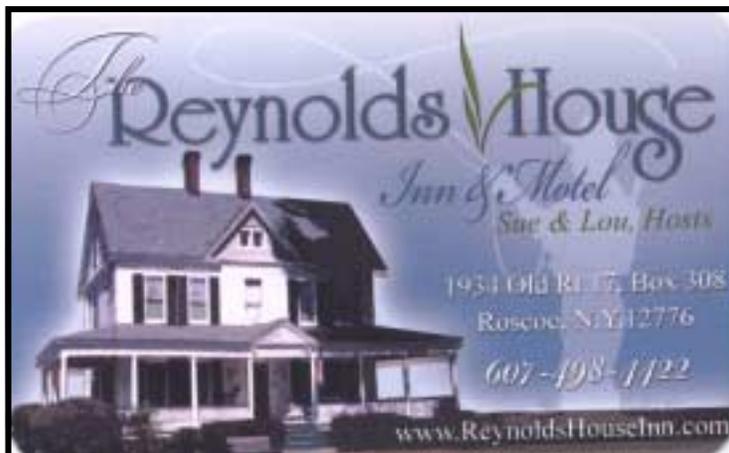
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Fishing Reports

Hey, Flyrodders. How's the fishing been lately?

Let's let our members know.

Send reports and/or pics to

LIFRnews@aol.com for publication in *the Flyrodder*, or see me at the meeting.

Thanks, Morty



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The undersigned hereby applies for membership or renewal, in the **LONG ISLAND FLYRODDERS, INC.** ("LIFR"). I understand the inherent risk in participating in the activities of **LIFR**, including fishing trips, of one day or longer, which **LIFR** may make available to members. I understand that **LIFR** activities may take me into remote areas, and that I may not be able to be promptly evacuated or receive proper medical care in the event of injury or disease. I further understand that I am solely responsible for all costs of medical treatment and transportation.

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Consent given to post e-mail address on LIFR Web Site: Yes () No ()

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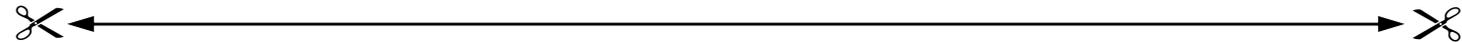
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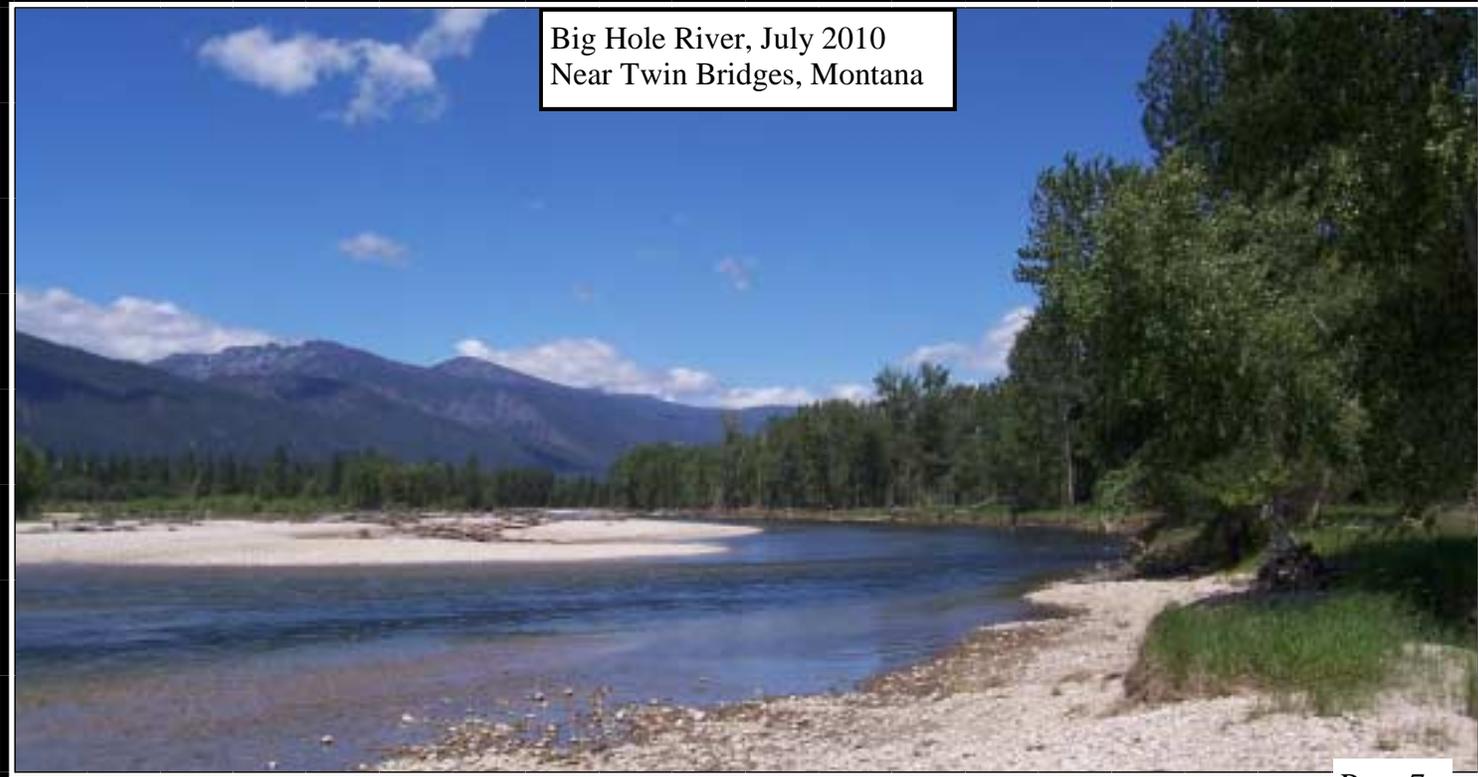
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Big Hole River, July 2010
Near Twin Bridges, Montana



LONG ISLAND FLYRODDERS COMING EVENTS

August - 2010

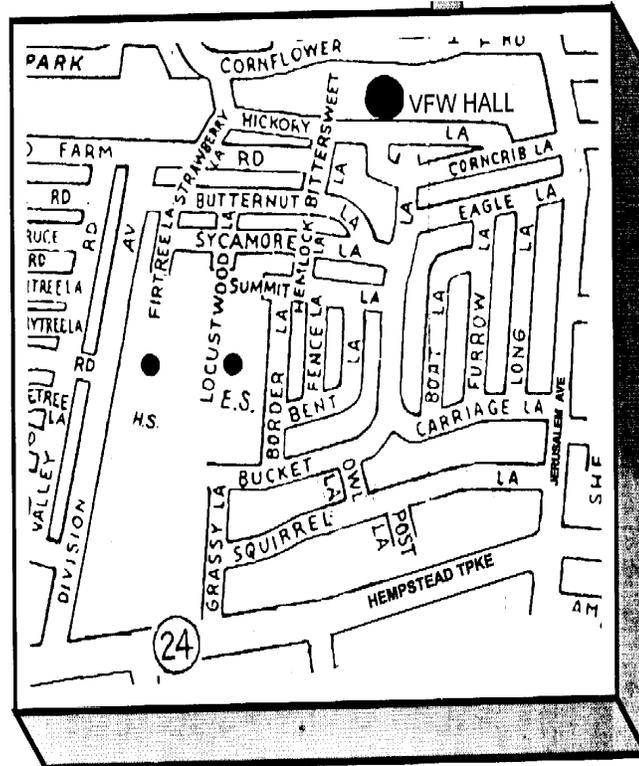
- August 3 **General Meeting - 8:00 P.M.**

B-B-Q with Paul McCain - 6:00 to 7:30

Casting instruction with Herman Abrams

Speaker: **John Hildebrand**
"The Housatonic - Trout & More..."

Special Raffle for Yankee Tickets at Meeting
- August 2 - 4 **Mongaup Pond Camping Trip**
Contact: Tom Cooleen (516) 270-4000
- August 13-15 **Allenberry Inn, PA (Yellow Breeches)**
Contact: Linda Macy (631) 232-5318
Joe Otterstedt (631) 361-8145
- August 24 **Board Meeting**
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