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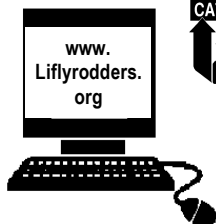
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Barbeque at the July 2012 Meeting

Photo by Susan Solomon

Guest Speaker:

Rod Stewart

During this short lull in fishing activity, my thoughts are focusing on planning for the fall and winter. We will start collecting flies at the September meeting 6 handmade or purchased, in groups of 12 freshwater or 10 saltwater, for our Somerset Raffle. It takes lots of flies to fill those boxes and make the display look enticing, so please be generous with your donations. You also have the option to donate money and we will purchase the flies in your name. All donors will be entered in a drawing for a special gift.

On September 8, **Gordon Mueller** will be leading a trip to the Croton. If you have any intentions of going, you must secure a Reservoir Permit in advance of the trip. See details in this newsletter.

Don't forget to save Saturday night, November 3, for our Annual Awards Banquet. If you haven't done anything to merit an award, there is still time to turn the tide. Show us what **you** can do to make The Long Island Flyrodders a better organization and we'll see what we can do to recognize your efforts. That said, you don't have to receive an award to have a good time at the Banquet. Come by yourself or bring your

significant other and schmooze the night away while enjoying a good meal and good company. It's always a challenge to see how many people you recognize in dress clothes when you're used to seeing them in waders.

The Arts of the Angler Show in Danbury, CT will be held on November 10 & 11. It's a great way to start off the show season.

Getting back to August! Once again we will be having a bar-b-que before the August meeting. Who knows what Chef **Paul McCain** and crew will be cooking up for us this time. Food is served until 7:30, so don't get there late and expect anything to be left.

We have two groups traveling to Alaska this summer. **Dan VanBuskirk, Cliff Dies, Gil Padovani** and **Frank Chin** will return the day before the meeting from their wilderness adventure. Then, on August 15, **Mike and Coreen Gelber, Linda Macy and Joe Otterstedt** and **Howie** and **I** will be off on our RV adventure; two different style trips, both exciting. Details will definitely be shared when everyone returns.

Susan

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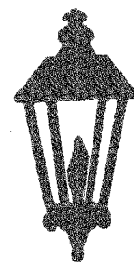
Thanks to **Bob Picciano**, our video library has been upgraded from VHS to DVD.

They cover a wide range of subjects like fly casting, fly tying, and the many techniques of fly fishing in the States and around the world.

See **Howie Solomon**
at the Monthly Meetings
to borrow a title.

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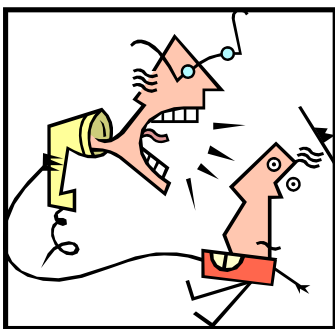
Last week I fished the Housatonic River, and was able to get up early enough (5:30 am) to make a cup of quick camp coffee and hit the river before anyone else was stirring in their tents. As I made my way out into the river, I was struck by how beautiful the scene was; the sun coming up through the pines and the birds working the shoreline. It was such a peaceful moment that I just stood and appreciated the quiet solitude.

I fished for awhile, catching a couple of ambitious little smallmouth, and when I turned to make a few casts in the opposite direction, I was surprised to see another angler just off to my left. He was nymphing a run behind me and was concentrating intensely. I watched as he hooked a fish, and after he released it he looked up and smiled at me. I nodded and gave him a thumbs up, before working my way slowly upstream. I skirted his water, giving him a wide berth, and he smiled again and waved.

I was impressed by the fact that he had entered the river and waded out without alerting me or the fish in that area, and also that he had acknowledged my courtesy, without a word spoken between us we had an understanding of respecting each other's space and serenity.

I thought about the disappointing lack of such respect on the part of some of our own club members. A few months ago, I received several complaints about one such member, a Connecticut angler who

was having an extremely loud, prolonged conversation on his cell phone while on the river. Some one even went so far as to suggest we prohibit the use of cell phones while fishing! Unbelievable as it may seem, it was not the first time this issue has come up. It's one thing to have your phone on in case of emergency (i.e. you might have a pregnant wife at home), but to be conducting business on the stream is rude and distracting to the other anglers. Fly fishing is an excellent way to relax and leave the stress of the job, and I personally find it annoying to have my "quiet time" disrupted by a guy on the bank yelling "Can you hear me now?" It's enough to make you want to grab the phone and pitch it underhand into the strike zone of Beat # 11. (A great mental image for me.)



Another pet peeve (as long as I'm on my soap box) is the exuberance with which some anglers express their success when they catch a fish. Save the whoops and hollers for the Super Bowl touchdowns; we don't need to hear how big he was and what you caught him on from 1/2 mile downstream.

Hopefully, some of you will read this and reflect on the message. And perhaps you can pass it on to the rest of the members who don't read the newsletter.

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Delaware Trip—June 2012

Photos by Sue Solomon



Trip Leader Dan pointing out all the good spots on the river



Nick and Frank check to see what's keeping the steaks from cooking.



Flyrodders manage to get wet even when it doesn't rain. Clothes drying in the sun after a day on the river.

Delaware Trip a Learning Experience - by Susan Solomon

We drove through a terrible thunderstorm to get to Smith's Colonial Motel in Hancock, the site of Dan Van-Buskirk's Delaware trip. Much to our surprise, there was no rain as we neared our destination and Howie and I were able to stop and fish on the way up.

I still had my notes from last year's trip, but I was able to pick up a few more pointers at this year's orientation. Dan is a wealth of information on this section of the Delaware and is eager to share his knowledge. He showed us good spots to fish, places to avoid, and put ins and take outs for our canoes. Friday night most of us had dinner at a little restaurant/bar across the State Line and figured out our strategies for fishing on Saturday.

While others went back to places which Dan had suggested, Lee and Jeff and Howie and I canoed down the river from Balls Eddy to Hancock. The winds were 10-15 mph, not an ideal day for canoeing, but we went anyway. Our goal was to reach the good fishing waters only accessible by boat. Due to the wind, our trip didn't take very long and although we tried several times, it was just too windy to fish from canoes.

We remembered what Dan had told us about avoiding the riffles near our exit point, and everything was going fine—until the wind caught the stern of the canoe and flipped us over. One broken rod and one drowned cell phone later, we were hanging our laundry out to dry. Our motel room looked like a fly shop as we took all the flies out of the wet boxes and everything out of our vests.

We weren't the only ones who got wet for one reason or another and by the time everyone hung their stuff out to dry, the parking lot resembled a Shanty Town.

The highlight of the trip was Saturday night's meal. Frank Chin took over the job of Grill Master and even after a few technical difficulties; we all enjoyed grilled rib eye steaks. Bar-b-ques are always better when you can heckle the chef!

If Dan runs the trip again, I strongly recommend you attend. The Delaware is a beautiful river with many opportunities to wade or canoe and Dan's the Man to tell you about them. Just add the address of the nearest laundromat to your notes.

Croton Trip to be Held on Saturday September 8

Our Webmanager, Gordon Mueller, will be running this year's trip to the Croton on Saturday, September 8. A signup sheet will be available at the August meeting, or you can contact Gordon at webmanager@liftyrodders.org.

This is a trip that was run annually by Herman Abrams, who loved the river and knew all the best spots. Gordon will show you what he learned from Herman.

In addition to a current New York State fishing license, a New York City DEP Access Permit is required. You can apply for the Permit on line (it's free), but it takes about a week to get the actual permit in the mail. If you have any ideas about going on this trip, please make sure you leave yourself enough time to obtain the permit.



Croton Watershed, September 8, 2012

This will be a quick day trip to the excellent tail water fisheries of the Croton Reservoir System for stocked and wild trout. In the past, this trip was run every spring by the late Herman Abrams, who knew all the best spots.

The stream we'll probably start with is the West Branch Croton River - Croton Falls Reservoir Outlet, in Putnam County. This section of the West Branch has been under a "No Kill" regulation since 1995, which has allowed the Browns to grow quite large. (i.e. Catch and Release).

We can also fish the Croton East Branch, which depending on the water levels and temperature, has a mix of trout and warm water species like largemouth bass. The trip will be held rain or shine. Dress warmly, especially under your waders. These streams are VERY cold. We'll meet between 8-9 am at the rest stop on I-684 North and then follow Gordon to the streams (which are near Brewster, NY). To reach I-684, take the Throgs Neck or Whitestone Bridge to the Hutchison Parkway. Take the Hutch north to I-684 north, just before it turns into the Merritt Parkway.

In addition to a current New York State fishing license, a New York City DEP Watershed Access Permit is required. (This permit went into effect in 2002, so earlier watershed permits are invalid). The Access Permit can be retrieved from this web site:

www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/watershed_protection/access.shtml

Contact Gordon Mueller at (516) 850-3689 or Webmanager@liftyrodders.org for any questions.

For additional information about the streams of the Croton Watershed, click on this web site:
www.dec.ny.gov/docs/fish_marine_pdf/nycfshwestput.pdf



**Fat largemouth caught by Lee Weil at the Peconic River Trip.
Lee used a Foam Popper to land this 20" bass**



**Frank Chin, Ralph Napolitano, Charlie Riddle, Bob Picciano and John Menendez
Streamside in Quechee, Vermont**

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Our club needs volunteers.

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If you can spare a little of your time, please see Pres. Susan, Wolfgang Porté, or any Board Member for information.

Thank You

Attention Flyrodders

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Email can be addressed to **Gordon Mueller**, our webmaster at:

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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
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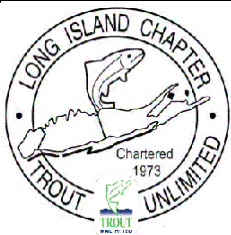
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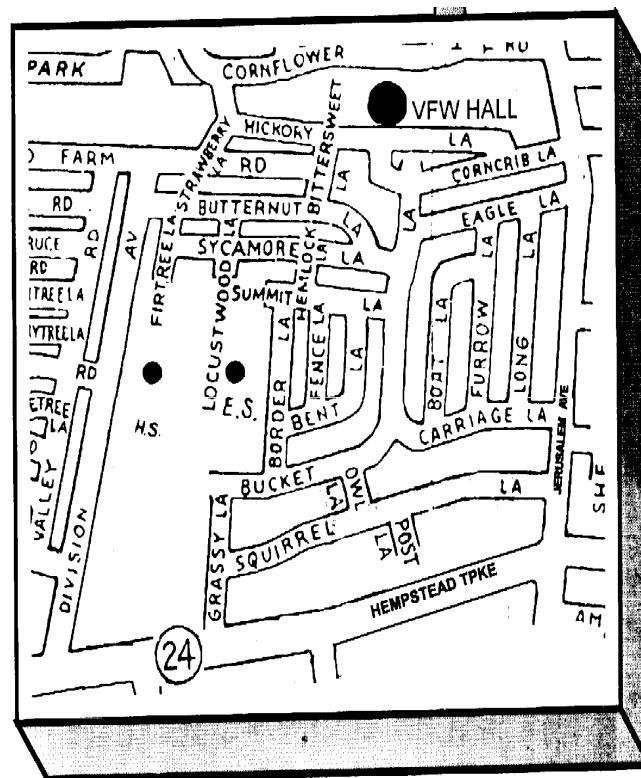
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LONG ISLAND FLYRODDERS COMING EVENTS
August/September - 2012

- August 7 **General Meeting - 8:00 pm**
Cook-out with Paul before the meeting
Food served until 7:30

Speaker: Rod Stewart
- August 28 **Board Meeting**
7:30 P.M. at the Levittown VFW Hall
- September 8 **Croton Watershed, Brewster, NY**
(Saturday) Contact: Gordon Mueller
See details & info on page 5, or on website
- Sept. 21 - 23 **Housatonic River, CT Camping Trip**
(Fri - Sunday) Contact: Mike & Coreen Gelber

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