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## President's Fly by Line

“My mere presence has spoiled the fishing in half a dozen states.”  
— Art Scheck, Warmwater Fly Fishing Magazine (1998)

Welcome to a new year for Antietam Fly Anglers and our reincarnated newsletter! David Hellane has taken charge of the newsletter, and as you can see, it is a pleasure to behold. Now all we need is for you, the club members to fill it with the content that it deserves. Send in your articles, questions, and generally polite rants and we will try to include it. This year our main goal is to increase participation, which would include both “seasoned” members and to get new members into the fold. As you can see in what follows, we have planned our activities for the coming year, trying to emphasize the recently-renamed Fly Fishers' International's (FFi) three pillars of Education, Conservation, and Community. If you have an idea for a program or trip, let us know. BTW, AFA also has a facebook page. Give it a look and sign up!

Due to our recent new membership sign-ups, AFA has a credit with FFi to purchase a fly rod that we can auction at the banquet. More to follow at the September meeting.



Bill Ruland on the Madison River, Yellowstone



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## Antietam Fly Anglers Information:

### Next AFA Meeting

Mt. Aetna Retreat/Nature Center 7:00 PM  
Mt. Aetna is located off I 70 at Exit 35. Take  
Route 66 N and then Right on Mt. Aetna  
Road. Address is 21905 Mt. Aetna Road

**September 16**

**Creekside Tie-A-Thon—See page 5.**

**September 21**—monthly meeting with  
“Out West Travelogue” discussion with David Hellane.

**October 19**—monthly meeting with a presentation  
on knots led by Bill Ruland. All are welcome to give  
their own knot-tying expertise.

**November 16**—monthly meeting TBD

**November 2**—next board meeting

**December**—no meeting due to Christmas holiday

**January 5 to 7**—Edison, NJ, fly fishing show

**January 18**—monthly meeting with Mike Saylor  
giving a presentation on entomology.  
Elections will be held at the January meeting.

**February 1**-board meeting-discuss annual report et al

**February 15**—monthly meeting with James Harris  
giving a presentation on fly fishing equipment, new  
and old.

**March**—banquet at the Red Men club in William-  
sport, MD. Exact date TBD. No routine monthly  
meeting.

**March 3-4**—Lancaster Fly Fishing Show

**April**—Creekside Tie-A-Thon

**April 19**—monthly meeting with guide Tom Martin  
doing a fishing tips presentation for local streams.  
(or another guide)

**April 21 or 28**—Fly Casters’ Rendezvous.

**May 17**—last meeting of the year, fishing at the  
Retreat Center

**July**—picnic similar to what was done this past July.  
Bill to call Bob Abraham to schedule.

**Dates TBD**—WV trip to Harman’s  
([www.wvlogcabins.com](http://www.wvlogcabins.com)) to be organized by Scott;  
Susquehanna or Potomac float trip organized by  
Darren Wishard; Scott to arrange dates and times for  
beginners’ fly tying classes.

**Annual Banquet**—John DeMars gave a short  
presentation. We decided to hold it at the Red Men.  
Bill to communicate on auction item using our  
membership credit. We will hold a revolving slide  
show with individual discussions. Darren Wishard to  
act as auctioneer for auction items. Need sponsors  
for bucket raffles to insure improved quality. Plan to  
include non-fishing items too for auction. Will do a  
door prize. Cost ~ \$30 each person subject to actual  
cost. No silent auctions.

**Fly Casters’ Rendezvous**—Bob Davis discussed.  
MCI Phil Gay to help out. We need to pay his travel  
expenses.

**Fly Tyer’s Roundtable**—We will wait to start this  
after Scott sets up the beginners’ tying classes.

**Bob Abraham Casting Club**—We agreed to  
coordinate with the Beaver Creek Fly Shop on their  
events. We will have a table at each event. Goal is  
three times a year. We noted a small increase in the  
number of folks showing up for casting instruction.



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**Conservation and PHW support**—Doug Hutzell said that DNR is interested in building a kiosk near Beaver Creek on the recently purchased property. We will monitor progress to see how we can help. October 21st (rain date 28th) is the date when AFA and Seneca Valley TU plans to work on Beaver Creek. More information to be supplied at the September meeting.

**Fishing/Float trips**—see above

**Fundraising ideas**—We are moving forward on the Simms hat/AFA logo hat fund raiser. We need to finalize plans for the FFi supported fund raiser. See the September meeting.

**Publicity/Recruiting/web site/facebook/Twitter**—Bill to add events on our facebook page. We need to develop flyer to be handed out at the fly shop. We are looking for someone to step forward to be in charge of our publicity efforts.

**Bob held the first organizational meeting for the 2018 Rendezvous. Contact Bob if you would like to help out with this effort.**

**Day Trip**

Conococheague Creek Stream Restoration in the restored section is in PA. with Janes Crowell, Bill Ruland, Dob Davis, Don Harsh, Dave Hellane.



**Bob Abraham Casting Club** will continue to meet every Saturday for breakfast at 7:45 am and casting at River Bottom Park in Williamsport, MD, at 9 a.m. **Bob Davis will continue to coordinate, also those interested can contact Bob Davis by email. bob2soni3@myactv.net**





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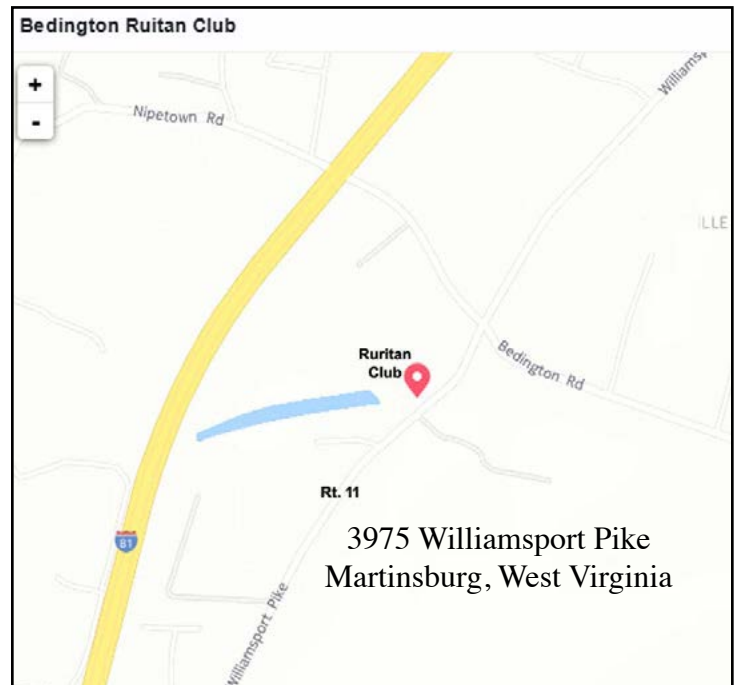
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## 2017 FALL TYATHON



Come join with Creekside Anglers at our annual Fall Tyathon. Bring your fly tying equipment & materials and spend the day tying flies with us. If you are new to fly tying, we will have equipment & materials for you to use. We will teach you to tie flies.

Free to all to come and learn what you can about fly tying and fly fishing from folks who are experienced and skilled.



**WHEN:** Saturday, September 16  
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**WHERE:** at the Ruritan building on Rt. 11N  
just before the Beddington Crossroads  
Call John DeMars at 304-263-5470  
if you have questions  
Refreshments will be served



Special Thanks to Darren Wishard for the smoke pork and turkey he prepared for the Bob Abraham picnic.

AFA Website: <http://antietamflyanglers.org>  
and checkout AFA on Facebook.  
Other Dates of Upcoming Events

**Don't forget to support your local fly shops:**

Beaver Creek Fly Shop 970-926-0900  
Hunting Creek Outfitters 301-668-4333  
White Fly Outfitters 304-876-8030