

February 2021 Newsletter

The Tight Loop

a charter club of the Fly Fishers International

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Antietam Fly Anglers Zoom Meeting Minutes 1/21/2021

Attendance

Attendance was taken; 11 members attended the remote meeting and 1 guest.

(Bill Ruland, Dave Hellane, Pat Brezler, Frank Morrissey, Ken Oldham, Doug Hutzell, Walt Lachenmayr, Scott Robinson, Sandy Robinson, Bob Davis, Mike Saylor and guest speaker, Anastasia Allison).

Financial Report

Walt Lackenmayr, Treasurer, reported the current balance is \$1,158.03. An insurance payment is due in the near future.

A website renewal charge of \$430 for the next 3 years is due September 5, 2021. General consensus was to proceed with payment when due.

Adopt -a-Highway Program

Due to COVID-19, the program is on hold.

Rack Card Development

Bill contacted Livingston that prints these cards and they didn't seem have knowledge of previous discussions.

No progress on that front. Livingston to get back.

Calendar Year Discussions:

February 18 Zoom AFA Meeting

Bill Anderson to give a presentation titled "Little Juniata; from Sewer to Class A"

March 18 Zoom AFA Meeting

Bill has contacted Morgan Lyle, author of "Simple Flies". He is willing to give us a Zoom meeting at a cost of \$0 to \$100.

Bill suggested we offer a payment of \$50. The general consensus was to approve a \$50 expenditure and proceed.

March 6 & 7 Lancaster Fly Fishing Show

The show is apparently still on. We have previously paid for a booth at the show.

Maryland Fly Fishing & Collectible Tackle Show

Listed as date TBD on website.

April Pared down Rendezvous

We discussed whether if we should proceed with the Rendezvous in April. A firm decision is delayed pending investigation into COVID restrictions. Bob has reserved a date at River Bottom Park. Walt is to determine COVID restrictions. Bob is to determine if restrooms are available at the C&O National Park or if a Port-A- Potty is necessary. Bill will to call Dave Cleaves, a Master Casting Instructor, to see if he can support casting instruction. Dave to consider a pared down flier for the event. Other considerations include, providing hand sanitizer, bottled water, ½ day and lunch will not be provided.

May

Open to fishing events; nothing discussed at this time.

June.

Fishing at Mt Aetna Pond at June meeting date in lieu of Zoom meeting (tentative)

September AFA Picnic

A suggestion was made to delay the AFA picnic until September pending the COVID situation.

Fund Raisers

Kula Cloth: Anastasia Allison presented a power point program explaining options of using the Kula Cloth as a fund raiser for AFA. She listed 3 options: (1) Custom designed Kula Cloth to sell retail by AFA directly with no minimum order; (2) AFA purchases a small bundle to sell directly by AFA and on the Kula website and (3) Sell only on the Kula Website with \$5 per sale donated to AFA. The third option generated the most discussion. Design discussions included what custom design might sell best to the targeted female fly fishers or design something more generic like a mountain scene that might sell well.

Custom Coffee Mugs (Samples Shown AFA printing and flies)

The cost would be \$17 each and sell for \$25. Minimum order would be 24 at a total cost of \$204. There was a suggestion of presale, get order and ship when available. Scott says he has the ability to sell online. Scott is to send invite to the website to Bill via Mailchimp.

Bamboo Fly Rods

The question was asked how to proceed with raffle for bamboo fly rod, reel and line. Scott advised that he has sold tickets online.



Antietam Fly Anglers Calendar:

February 18—“Presentation by Bill Anderson, entitled, ‘Little Juniata—From Sewer to Class A,’ via a Zoom meeting.

March 6-7— Cancelled— Lancaster Fly Fishing Show <https://flyfishingshow.com/lancaster-pa/>

March—TBD—Maryland Fly Fishing and Collectible Show <https://marylandflyfishingshow.com/>

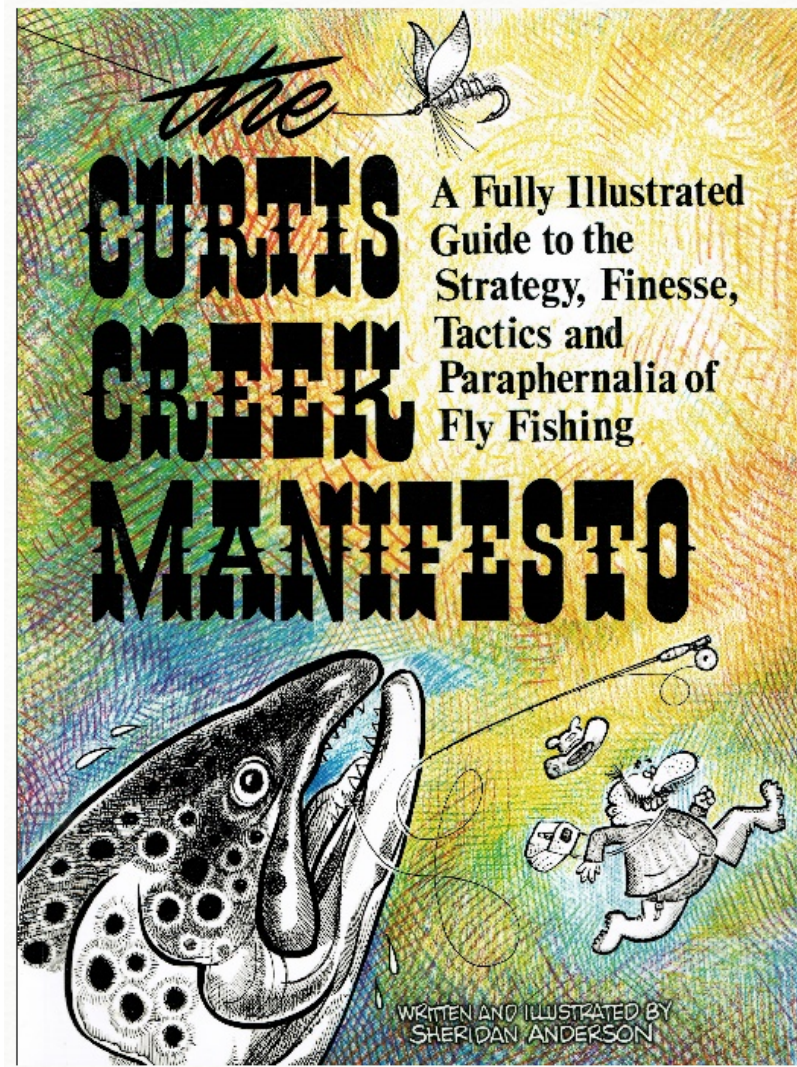
March 18— Zoom meeting with the presentation, “Simple Flies” by Lyle Morgan.

April 15—No meeting due to Rendezvous

April 24—Rendezvous (tentative)

May 20 meeting— tentative—, “Presentation by DNR Police on their enforcement program.”

June 17—Fishing at Mt. Aetna pond



“Curtis Creek Manifesto Review”

If you are not familiar with this 48-page book, you are either already a knowledgeable fly fisherman or you are missing out on a great book. Published in 1978, it has a few tackle suggestions that have been superseded but the rest of the advice is timeless. For those of a certain age, you may remember the 60's comic character, Mr. Natural. Well, this is Mr. Natural goes fly fishing. It is in the style of a black and white comic book but don't let that fool you.

Just a few of the subjects covered: refraction, spooking fish, reading the water, insects, playing the fish, tackle, flies, knots...the list goes on. He even describes how to clean a trout. No less a publication as the Fly Fishing Journal reviewed *The Curtis Creek Manifesto* only several years ago, giving it a glowing review. On top of all that, it sells for less than 10 bucks. Give it as a gift to that fly fisher to be that you know.



“In the recollection of the trout fisherman it is always spring. The blackbird sings of a May morning. The little trout jump in the riffles, and the German brown comes surely to the fly on the evening rise.”—*R. Palmer Baker, The Sweet of the Year (1965)*

AFA information:

Just a reminder.

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