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# Tippets, Tapers & Tales

November 7, 2023

## President's Message

This month's meeting will again be in person at Coral Gables in East Lansing. Note this slight Change\*\*\* November's meeting will be in the front of the restaurant in the Sun Room. The back Banquet Room was booked for a party that night. We should be back to the normal meeting room for December's meeting.

This month will be an interesting meeting. We have Zachary Pope, founder of TroutRoutes joining us by Zoom for an overview of the popular fishing app. See page 2 for more information on the presentation.

We are working on setting up our Sunday Tying nights again for the winter. Watch next months newsletter for all the details.

If you have not paid you club dues yet, please bring them to this month's meeting or mail them to the PO Box address on the last page of this newsletter.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting!

Mark Johnson



1981 McKenzie Cup Winners

The Red Cedar Fly Fishers is a Charter Club of Fly Fishers International.

It's purpose is to promote fly-fishing through Education, Restoration and Conservation

**November's Presentation****By: Mark Johnson**

Just a reminder that Novembers meeting will be in person at Coral Gables but in the front Sun Room and not the back Banquet Room this month. The restaurant has booked an event for the banquet room this month.

Our Presentation this month will be by Zachary Pope of TroutRoutes by way of Zoom at the meeting and for those that can't make the meeting in person. A little information on the presentation is below:

"Zachary Pope is the founder of TroutRoutes, a mapping application that helps anglers explore trout waters and public access. Zachary is from Minneapolis, Minnesota and has been fly fishing throughout the U.S. for about 20 years (fishless days are still common). Zachary has a background in software and electrical engineering, predominantly in the medical devices field. In 2018, he began the early work of synthesizing GIS mapping data to help guide his fishing exploration, using public datasets around trout populations and public land parcels. In 2019, Zach took this work launched what is now known as TroutRoutes. TroutRoutes has 5 employees and helps over 300,000 anglers around the U.S explore trout waters.

In this presentation, Zach will offer helpful (and free) tricks around mapping and GIS tools that can enhance an angler's ability to explore a fishing destination. Zach will also offer deep insights into the features and benefits of the TroutRoutes app as it relates to trip planning and trout water exploration. Live demo included!"

To fully benefit from the presentation it would be beneficial for everyone to download the app on their device first and be able to follow along during the presentation. This is a free download.

To get the app:

- on an iPhone, search TroutRoutes in the App Store
- on an android phone, search TroutRoutes in the Google Play store
- on a desktop computer, go to [maps.TroutRoutes.com](https://maps.TroutRoutes.com)

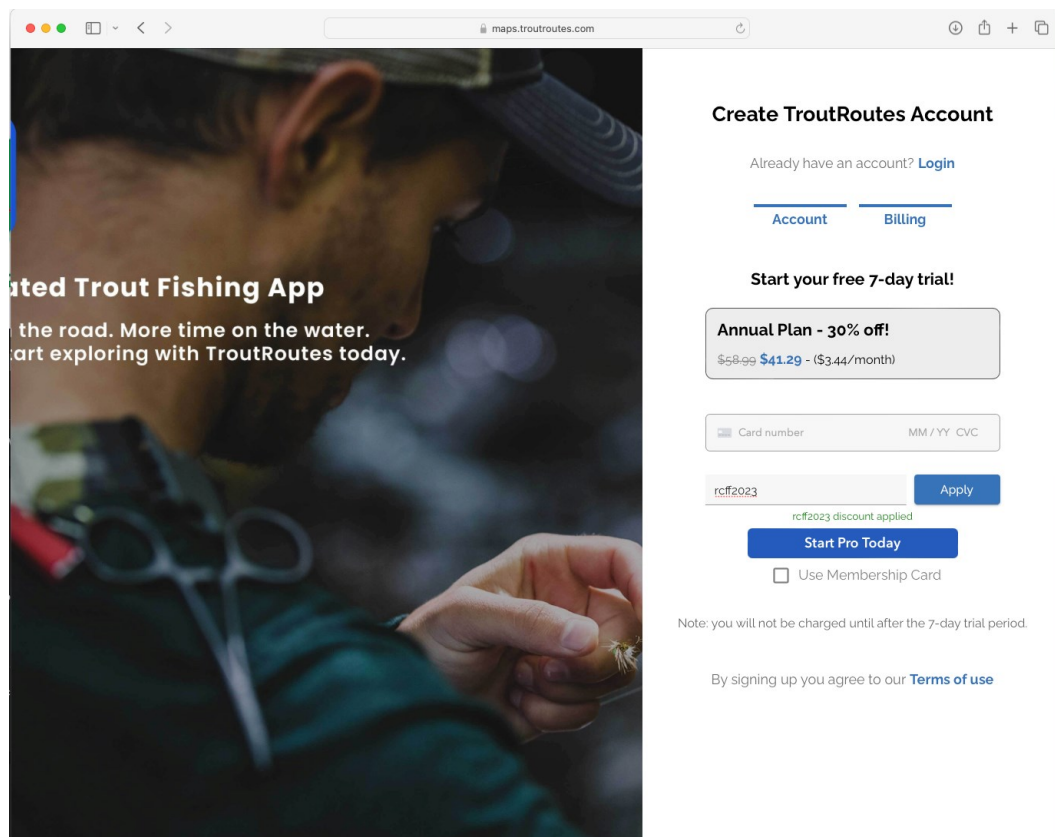
If you would like to get the TroutRoutes PRO version of the app, Zachary has graciously given our group a 30% discount off the price. Follow the steps below to get 30% off the TroutRoutes PRO annual membership.

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## November's Presentation Continued

By: Mark Johnson

1. On a web browser (preferably on a desktop computer, can be done on a phone as well), head to [maps.troutroutes.com](https://maps.troutroutes.com)
2. If you're a new user, enter the name, email and desired password. If you are an existing user, go ahead and login with your email and password.
3. On the upgrade screen, you'll be asked to enter credit card information with an optional box for a discount code. Enter "**RCFF2023**" and hit apply. You should see 30% off of the list price. This code is valid through the month of November! Attached is a screen shot of what you should see.
4. When the discount code is applied and you enter the CC info, you can hit submit and you will now be a PRO member of TroutRoutes. Your account can be accessed any time using your email and password. We **HIGHLY** recommend using the mobile app for best performance and features. This can be found on the Google Play store or Apple App store. Once you have a PRO account, just login on the mobile app.



## What's in Your Fly Vest?

By: Mark Johnson

I thought this might make an interesting article. "What's in Your Fly Vest, or Waist Pack, or Chest Pack, or Sling Pack? I thought I would go through what I have in my fly vest and list it and my hope is that others will send me a quick email, with or without pictures of what you carry on a fishing outing. It would be an interesting comparison and probably be helpful to some with ideas of other tools, etc. that may be beneficial to carry with them. So here goes:

On the outside of my fly vest, a landing net attached to the back, I don't always carry a net, nippers, dry fly floatant, forceps, fly drying patch and a small container for waste tippet.

In the various vest pockets, usually a couple fly boxes, contents depending on what is hatching or what type of flies I'll be using on the outing. Extra leaders, tippet, strike indicators, small tube of split shot, knot guide, measuring tape, bandaids, lighter, cap light, tick removal tool, hook eye buster, hook sharpening stone, and more floatant. I forgot to remove this floatant late summer when I got the bottle and holder attached to the outside of my vest. I certainly don't need all this floatant on an outing! Depending on where I am going and how long I plan to fish, I will also put a bottle or two of water in there, granola or protein bars and maybe a GPS.

I would like to hear from others about what they carry with them on an outing. Reply with an email to where you got this newsletter from and I will publish it in a future newsletter.





## Swap Meet Meeting??

By: Mark Johnson

As we were discussing meeting ideas at the last Zoom board meeting for the winter months, It was suggested as an idea for a meeting to just have a meeting “Swap Meet” where members could bring in fishing gear that they have outgrown or don’t use anymore and be able to offer it for sale or trade to other members. So let the board know your interest in this. You can just send a reply to me at the email that this newsletter came from if this is something you would like to have. I will ask in person at the meeting also to gauge interest. If there is the interest, we can do this, but we would like to have enough interest so that we don’t have just 1 or 2 people show with items to trade or sell.

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## A Couple Links of Interest

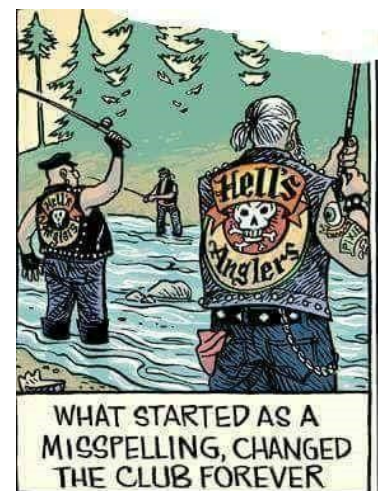
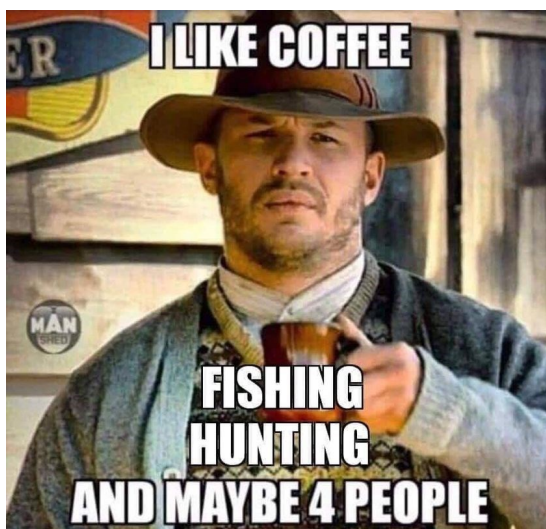
By: Mark Johnson

Here are a couple links to articles of interest:

<https://www.bridgemi.com/michigan-environment-watch/gone-nearly-century-michigan-anglers-can-again-catch-arctic-grayling?amp>

[https://apple.news/A4GnNFizjROCsE2s\\_-mmcw](https://apple.news/A4GnNFizjROCsE2s_-mmcw)

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## Flyfishing and Phobias

By: Bob Kren

### Flyfishing and Phobias

by Bob Kren, RCFer and frequently Mr. Flyfisherpersonguy

In one of his almost always hilariously weird comic strips, Gary Larson – “The Far Side” -- referred to “anataophobia, the fear that a duck may be watching you.” Mr. Larson, Patrick McManus -- himself always uproarious but in a gentler way -- and I share something in our backgrounds: the three of us attended Washington State University. Maybe we all contracted “The Curse of Wazoo\*,” I dunno, but here’s my feeble try at their levels of humor and insights. A few of the following are real, but sometimes it’s hard to tell “humor” from “serious stuff” from “crap.” Then again, how serious can reality be?

Below is a list of phobias, some of them real, some of them made up, some of them mixes, but all of them possibly relatable to flyfishing. See whether you can tell the real from the phony from the hybrids. Good Luck.

**Achluozoöphobia:** Fear of animals and darkness. What’s that noise in the woods? Why am I here at midnight?

**Araholochibutyrophobia:** Fear of donuts and peanut butter.

**Aichmophobia:** Fear of needles or pointed objects, like 2/0 hooks, or maybe #28 Mustad 94840’s in your cereal. Not to be confused with **Belonephobia**, a fear of pins and needles.

**Arachnophobia:** Fear of spiders and 18/0 thread.

**Annabarbaraceliadebraestafeliciagalateahecubaidajakaralaluraminarananaopheliaphilomenaq’allahondasusanatararsulawandaxenayolandazenaphobia** Fear of women whose name ends in “a.”

**Astratriskaidekaphobia:** Fear of thunder and lightning while wading, carrying a ten-foot graphite rod.

**Barobathmophobia:** Fear of gravity while walking down stairs or steep slopes. Me, too!

**Batrachophobia:** Fear of amphibians and baseball caps.

**Coulropoliticophobia:** Fear of clowns and politicians, not that there’s much difference. See **scumophobia**.

**Dendrophobia:** Fear of trees, and how they have a bad habit of eating flies, especially ones you bought.

**DeptNatResophobia:** Fear of badges.

**Epebifloataphobia:** Fear of teenagers tubing down a river through a good run.

**Genugereophobia:** Fear of knees that are giving out as you age. “Giving out” while you’re wading, that is.

**Grabshredophobia:** Fear of barbed wire tearing your new waders

**Helioglarophobia:** Fear of the sun being right in your eyes, no matter where you’re standing.

**Hemopokophobia:** Fear of bleeding on your chestpack from a finger-eating fly.

**Impossophobia:** Fear that Tom Cruise will jump over you, clear to the other side of the river, on a motorcycle.

**JoAnnophobia:** Fear of huge bundles of chenille and yarn, when you only need a yard or two of it.

**Koumpounoripophobia:** Fear of buttons and velcro®, but not zippers or laces.

**Megalomicrophobia:** Fear of large things and small things, but not things that are just right.

**Obesophobia:** Fear of gaining weight and outgrowing your new fishing vest, again.

**Obscurophobia:** Fear of slang and jargon you don’t recognize, even vaguely.

**Omygodwhereisitophobia:** Fear of forgetting some obscure piece of equipment that you suddenly really need

**Ophidioornithophobia:** Fear of snakes and birds. What next, strawberry milkshakes and black coffee?

**OrviScottSimmsPatagoniaphobia:** Fear of the price of flyfishing stuff.

**Phewophobia:** Fear of soap and deodorants.

**Raffleophobia:** Fear of banquets.

**Robmickrenophobia:** Fear of big words, bad jokes, and obscure references.

**Scumophobia:** Fear of politicians.

**Slickophobia:** Fear of boulders and large cobblestones.

**Smearonophobia:** Fear of mistaking Chapstick® for thread wax, but mostly *vice versa*.

**Snarloselenophobia:** Fear of tying weak knots when the only light you have is from the Moon.

**Somnichronophobia:** Fear of sleeping too late to get a good spot on the river at dawn.

**Technostenchophobia:** Fear of fresh “smart” technology and well-aged roadkill.

**Toocutesophobia:** Fear of emojis.

**Zoözoomophobia:** Fear of otters and beavers, especially if you get zoom-bombed during a remote presentation.

Bob K

\*A friend from the Seattle area tells me that the Regents of Washington State U have outlawed the use of “Wazoo,” or its variant “Wazzu,” on any objects sold on-campus. Might Wayne State U have a problem?

## Member Photos

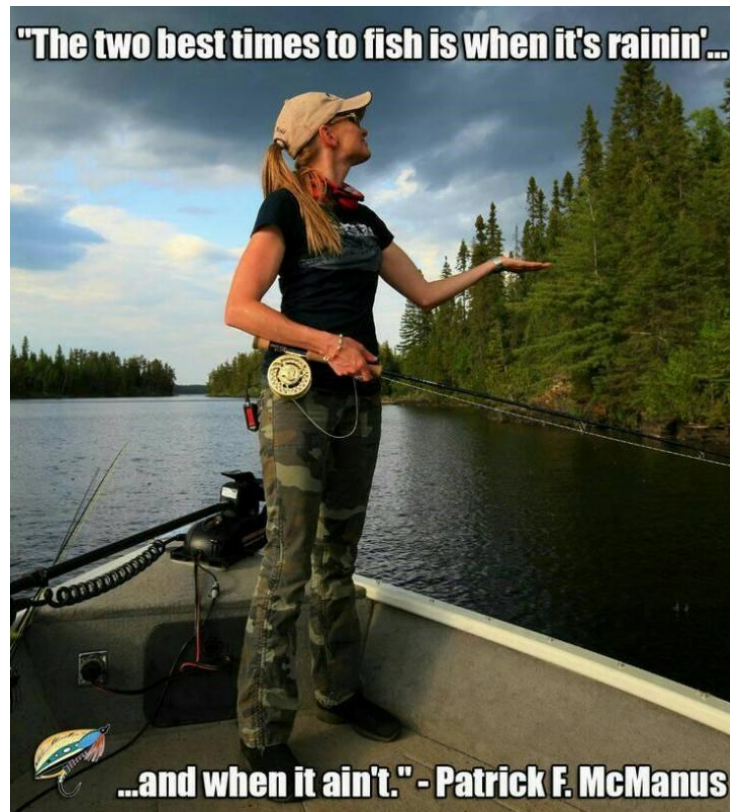
A few pictures from a trip Mark and Dr. J went on and some from a trip Dennis and Gary were on. Both on the Muskegon River.





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**Refrigerator Reminders**

**November**

14th: RCFF Monthly Meeting, 6:30 P.M. At Coral Gables in East Lansing.

This month the meeting will take place in the front of the restaurant in The Sun Room.

**December**

12th: RCFF Monthly Meeting, 6:30 P.M. At Coral Gables in East Lansing in the back Banquet Room.