



The Tippet

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January Meeting:

**Thursday, January 12, 2011
7:00 PM**

Featured Speaker

**Pat Ehlers
Of
The Fly Fishers, Inc.**

Subject

Ways to Become a Better Predator

Pat Ehlers opened his fly shop, The Fly Fishers Inc. in 1988 in Milwaukee. He has guided throughout Wisconsin and the Great Lakes as well as in Montana and Alaska. Pat has designed fly rods for Echo Rods, fly lines for both Airflo and Rainy's Flies, and is a technical advisor for Simms. Pat is a pro team or pro staff member for the following companies: Evinrude Outboards, Stratos Boats, Renzetti, Inc. Pro Staff Titusville, FL, Boulder Boat Works Boulder, CO, and Lowrance Electronics. On the conventional gear side he is on the pro-staff of Shimano.

Pat is a sought after fly tier, teacher, adviser, and speaker. Best of all Pat Ehlers is coming to our GBTU January 12th meeting to give a presentation called "Ways to Become a Better Predator". It is aimed at anyone that fishes, no matter what species, to have more success! This presentation comes with many rave reviews from those that have seen it... Don't Miss It! Pat's bringing with him plenty of products to spice up our raffle for this meeting.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO
www.garyborgertu.org

ARKANSAS TRIP 2012: ALL DEPOSITS ARE DUE TO KURT MEIER BY JAN. 15TH

The first GBTU trip of 2012 is now set. The location is Gene's Trout Fishing Resort, 324 River Acres Drive, Salesville, Arkansas 72653-9796. Website: www.norfork.com/genes/ Phone: (870)-499-5381

The resort overlooks the North Fork River. Our two cabins have 19 individual beds, a pool table, DVD, 2 televisions and a stereo. Check-in is Thursday, February 16th, and check-out is Sunday, February, 19th.

Meals

Dinner will be provided on two nights, including one dinner out at a nearby restaurant. Breakfast fixings will be provided for your use. Lunches will be cold cuts and snacks that will also be fix-it-yourself. Many snacks will be included in the costs, along with sodas and coffee. All alcoholic beverages are the responsibility of each individual. There is a large stocked kitchen on the premises.

Boats

You will likely need boats and motors when power generation is occurring at the upstream dam. Boats can be rented right there at Gene's Resort. When power generation is off, wading can be an alternative. As in all cases, these waters can be unpredictable and please use caution and good judgment. Buddy up with another person. We want this to be enjoyable experience for all attendees.

Guides

The use of guides is up to individuals, but we suggest arranging through Gene's Resort (see contact info above); or the Blue Ribbon Fly Shop. Website: www.blueribbonflyfish.com Phone: (870)-425-0447; or try www.ozarkflyfisher.com phone (870) 435-6166. All of these websites have a wealth of information on local fishing conditions.

Fly Tying

On one night after dinner, a fly tying jam will occur for anyone who is interested. Please bring your fly tying materials to demonstrate and/or learn new patterns. We are asking all participants to bring a fly tying exchange item – doesn't need to be expensive, just useful for fly tying – keep it under \$15.

Reservations

The cost to GBTU members is \$180. We would like your reservation as soon as possible. A \$50 deposit will be required on or before January 15, 2012. Beginning

January 16, 2012, any open spots will be offered to other TU chapters in Illinois and SEWTU. Anyone interested in making a reservation should e-mail Kurt Meier at wkurtmeier@hotmail.com See you in Arkansas!

GBTU LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD REPS

Gary Borger Chapter is looking for six (6 committed representatives to serve on the Illinois Trout Council of Trout Unlimited. If you want to help advance Trout Unlimited present in Illinois here is your chance. If you are interested, please contact Darwin Adams by January 17 darwinla@comcast.net.

FLY TYING UPDATE

Fly tying was great last month! We had a great group in attendance. Allen Rupp's presentation about making dubbing blends from an amazing variety of furs was outstanding. Allen provided the following link to a site where he purchases many of the furs he featured in his presentation: <http://www.flytyingfurs.com> Thanks Allen for showing us how people can really take fly tying to heart and personalize the experience through exploration. I hope all fly tiers will keep learning and keep sharing!

With that in mind, at the January 26th meeting we'll separate into two groups: An advanced group will do many types of comparadun style flies. Concentrating on picking hair and getting a perfect up-right proportioned wing.

The other group will work on thread control for the beginners. Including pinch raps, flat vs. mono threads and what they're better for, and finally half hitch vs. whip finish. Then finish up with a couple basic flies including making the perfect Elk Hair Caddis!

We meet at 175 East Hawthorn Pkwy. Vernon Hill, Illinois 60061, in the conference room of the Housing Headquarters. (As you enter the building it is the first office on the right.) From 6:30-9:00. Bring your own drinks, and money to pitch in for pizza! Contact Matt Jennings for more details at mattsbug@comcast.net.

GREAT OUTDOOR EXPO

Once again the Gary Borger Chapter will be participating in the Great Outdoor Expo in Woodstock, IL. The dates of the Expo are Saturday March 3rd and Sunday March 4th at the Woodstock North High School. Like last year we will be hosting a booth where we can inform the folks at the Expo about Trout Unlimited, learn about our conservation efforts, see the trout the kids are raising in the Trout in the Classroom program.

The organizers of the Expo have really worked hard on reaching out to the youth in the area for this year's

show. We will be needing folks for a variety of activities we are going to be involved with ranging from manning the GBTU booth answering questions, managing the raffle, tying flies, to working with kids on activities tied to the Boy Scout Merit Badge program. We will need volunteers for tying flies, teaching the basic knots of fly fishing, stream safety and ethics and casting.

Please try and find some time on one of the days to help out. If you have any questions or want to volunteer contact Barry Coddens at bac248@northwestern.edu.

OUR WINTER HOLIDAY PARTY – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

The GBTU Winter Party is all set for Thursday, February 9 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. The location will be the Heller Nature Center, located at 2821 Ridge Road, Highland Park, IL (just north of Half Day Road - Rte. 22).

There will be cross country skiing, an outdoor bonfire, indoor and outdoor games, warm drinks and the renewal of many a warm friendship, as we share this beautiful facility together. Plan to bring your family and friends. The cost is just \$15 per person, with kids under 16 free.

The Chapter will provide hot chocolate, soft drinks and coffee as well as the main entrée. We are asking folks to bring a dish to share; organized by last names:

A to G – an appetizer;

H to M – a salad; and

N to Z – a dessert.

Don't forget to bring your head lamps or flashlights for the cross country skiing (not to mention the snipe hunt). You can even try out those snow shoes the family gave you. For details, please contact Kurt Meier at: wkurtmeier@hotmail.com

SPRING TRIP TO FENNIMORE – SAVE THE DATES – APRIL 13 AND 14 – BOOK YOUR ROOM SOON

Great news! Our GBTU Chapter is headed back to Fennimore, WI for our first Spring outing. Kurt is reserving a block of rooms at the Fenway House Hotel for Friday and Saturday, April 13 and 14. You should call the hotel to reserve your room directly: (608) 822-3782.

Be sure to mention that you are with the GBTU in order to qualify for our 10% discount on the rooms. Each room is a bit different, and they can be previewed at: www.thesilentwoman.com/hotel Yes, that is the web site for the hotel – and the restaurant.

Please call the hotel and reserve your room ASAP.

TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

While most of the schools fish survived the holiday break well, the fish at Hubbard Woods school suffered very high attrition. The likely cause for this was the premature release of the fish from the breeding nets. It is the natural instinct of the fish is to hunker down into the gravel and as a result, many of them do not learn how to feed effectively, which results in high mortality. This problem has been reported at a significant number of sites in the Trout in the Classroom program across the country. Now that the root cause has been identified, this problem can be mitigated in the future.

The Illinois DNR and Marv Strauch have come to the rescue with the delivery of 100 new fish this past Monday. Thanks to GBTU member Jim Tingey for assisting with the delivery. The program at Hubbard Woods looks to be

NOTE: The next outreach program for Trout in the Classroom will be when GBTU displays the “traveling trout show” at the Woodstock Outdoor Show on March 3 & 4.

DEC - JAN EVENTS	DATES
Chapter Meeting – Bylaws Approval	Thursday, Jan 12
Board Meeting	Thursday, Jan 19
Fly Tying Night	Thursday, Jan 26
GBTU Winter Party	Thursday, Feb 9th
Fly Tying Night	Thursday, Feb 16th
Arkansas Trip	Feb 17 th -19th
Woodstock Show	Sat/Sun Mar. 3 rd and 4th

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