



# “Fish Tales” of the



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## “Fish Tales” Editor Comments

I am pleased to welcome Al Kerner’s first article, titled “Kerner’s Korner”. We hope you will enjoy this monthly addition to “Fish Tales”. Well, the winter weather just won’t quit. Some of us have been fishing and doing OK, but it would be nice not to put 10 pounds of clothes on for a change. “Summers Coming” I hope. A belated Happy and Holy Easter to you all and your families from Chris and I. I failed to do that in last months issue. I am requesting a favor from all of you. I am taking a poll to see how many members do read Fish Tales. Please send me a short e-mail of acknowledgement. Thank You.

## The Month of May is National Military Appreciation Month

- 5/1 Loyalty Day. A day American Citizens reaffirm their loyalty to the US, and to recognize the heritage of American freedom.
- 5/1 Silver Star Service Banner Day
- 5/3 National Day of Prayer
- 5/8 VE Day
- 5/13 Children of Fallen Patriots Day
- 5/13 Mothers Day
- 5/20 Armed Forces Day
- 5/28 Memorial Day



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## Happy Mothers Day

to ALL the MOTHERS out there whether you are a Past, Present or Soon To be Moms. May your day be filled with love, joy and laughter..



REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

## TAPS

NO ONE IS INDISPENSABLE  
BUT SOME ARE  
IRREPLACEABLE

**Matthew L. Kochalski**

May 30, 1983 - April 13, 2008

**Thomas Waterman**  
2014

**Ray (Marks) Markiewicz**

February 4, 2015

**Jonathan M. Fabian**

October 26, 1973 - May 2, 2016

**William (Bill) Swartz**

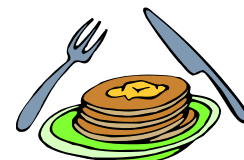
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## Sick Call

Jim Parks is home and doing well after his shoulder surgery. Ron Ziarnowski is doing well, he still has a ways to go. Please keep him is your thoughts and prayers.

## Members Breakfast

I apologize for missing the breakfast in March. I was invited to a 4 night fishing trip that I just could not pass up and I did catch fish. For May we will go back to the [Holiday Showcase](#) on [Monday the 7th, at 9 AM.](#)



This newsletter, named “Fish Tales” is my idea and creation. It is being published monthly for the benefit and enjoyment of the members of the LEC of FFI. Any errors in spelling, grammar or usage of words, may or may not be intentional. The subjects and content of such, are as accurate and complete as needed to get the subject matter across. Any corrections, complaints, additions or submissions are welcomed at any time, as long as they are sent to me. I hope you enjoy “Fish Tales”. Sincerely, Rich Siminski

### LEC Dates and Deadlines

**May Meeting** is at the American Legion post on Thursday the 17th. Fly tying at 6, meeting to start at 7. No presentation this month. Kid's Day will be the main focus of the meeting.

**Erie County Federation of Sportsman's Club** – May meeting is on the 24th. It will be at the Erie County Conservation Society, 13319 Miller Ave, Chaffee. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM, it's usually over by 9:00 PM.

### LEC News and Upcoming Events

**Ray's Kids Day** is on Saturday May 19th. On Friday the 18th at 1 PM we need help to assemble the rods at the event location, Reinstein Woods. This is a all hands on deck event. Please mark your calendar and plan to help out. Contact **Dave Rosner for a work assignment, at 716-913-0962**. We still have a few openings so spread the word.

**Fishing and Lunch on the Water is on June 9th.** Paul Doyka is running this event. It will start at 7:30 AM. The location is, Rt. 39 (Springville Sardinia Hwy) at Hake Rd. It is east of Springville, half way to Sardinia. Large parking lot on the south side of 39, with a bridge crossing the Catt. at Hake Rd. can't miss it. Hot dog lunch will be provided by the club. There will be a sign up sheet at all meetings. If you have any questions please call **Paul at 716-548-1172**.

**2018 Dream Catcher Trip** - Is on June 14, 15, 16 returning home on the 17th Fathers Day. All slots for this year are full. The cost is \$150 for all 3 nights, plus your share of the cost of 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners, lunch, water and coffee. All payments are non-refundable, unless someone takes your place. This year we have 7 teams going on a drift boat trip. The cost is \$175 PP plus tip if you are so inclined. 2 people per boat, payable at the end of the trip. Normal cost is around \$400 PP. for these waters. **Contact Rich Siminski at 716-675-9839 or e-mail at richchris13@aol.com .**

**New This Year - A Members-Family Summer Picnic.** The cost will be \$5.00 PP, to help offset the cost of food, shelter rental, drinks and prizes. It is being held at Sprague Brook Park on Saturday August 4th. Starting at 11 AM. We will have a Fly Rod Casting contest, Cornhole Bean Bag tossing contest [its kind of like horse shoes without the horse shoes, stake or the horse] and my wife Chris, will bring her Left Center Right, dice game, which could last for hours. A sign up sheet will be at all meetings or you can call or email me. Family members, your children, grandchildren are all welcome. I need the money and head count in advance to insure correct amount of food and drinks. **Last day to pay and sign up will be at the July 19th meeting. Contact Rich Siminski, 716-675-9839, richchris13@aol.com or Al Kerner 716-474-1295 alkerner3@yahoo.com**

**Salmon River Trip 2018.** Contact Dave Rosner for information. 716-913-0962, dgrosner@aol.com

**Bill Canfield Fly Fishing School at the French Woods Sports and Arts Center Summer Camp.** Again this year, Friends of the Upper Delaware River [FUDR], Eastern Waters Council of Fly Fishers International [EWC-FFI] and our Lake Erie Chapter-FFI are sponsoring kids 12-17, to a 1 week class on June 24-July 1 or August 5-August 12, 2018. If you have kids or grandchildren you think may be interested in a week of Fly Fishing instruction Contact Joan Rosner at 716-913-9879. For more information go to [www.fudr.org](http://www.fudr.org) or [www.fwsportsarts.com](http://www.fwsportsarts.com). This is a world famous summer camp. Please take the time, and check out the web sites.

**Club Library and Club Assets.** Mike Fabian has added to his workload. He is in the process of gathering all the books and video's that belong to the club, and establishing a sign in-out process for our use. Also, if you have any assets that belong to the club, rod's, reels, paper clips, anything. Please let Mike know what you have. He is now in charge of keeping track of ALL club assets. He will be making a list of all items and will be in charge of where that item is, so if we need something we know what and where it is. He will not get or store items, just keep track of all items, who has it and were it went.

**Election of Officers** will be coming this year. Ron Ziarnowski is in charge of the election committee. If you are interested in being a board member, now is the time to start thinking about it and let your feeling's be known.

### President's Message

With Memorial Day approaching at the end of May, many ask themselves "What is the meaning of Memorial Day?" Simply stated, it is a day on which those who died in active military service are remembered.

From an article published in 2014, "It's a holiday with a lot of history and lasting significance. Approximately one million men and women have died in defense of the United States since 1775. "It's not about us," said Staff Sgt. Jay Arnold, a soldier with the Illinois Army National Guard. "It's about those who went before us." Tech Sgt. Bill Monahan, an airman serving at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base said "Memorial Day isn't about romanticizing war or worshiping military veterans. It's a day to recognize personal sacrifices of veterans and active military alike, regardless of their inclinations towards war."

With an Act of Congress in 1971, the day was proclaimed a national holiday for the last Monday in May and expanded to honor all who died in American wars."

We continue to struggle for peace and unity in today's world. I recently came across an article that was in the "CYAC Concord" from March of 1966, (the Viet Nam era.) I would like to share with you a reprint from Bishop O'Hern's High School Newspaper which was published in the CYAC's Concord.



"A SOLDIER CRIES" - author unknown  
"I don't want a flower for any old day  
Or a pretty pink package of sweets,  
Don't send me hand-drawn glittering hearts,  
If anything...send me peace.

I've seen too many hearts broken and torn,  
I've listened to dying hearts' please,  
I don't want a book full of romantic rhymes,  
If anything...send me peace.

Why must it go on day after day,  
The hate, the fighting, the grief,  
The cold of a heart cut down in its youth,  
If anything...send me peace.

The answer lies not in cold hard hearts,  
but in hearts of men learning to share,  
It lies within reach of each one of you,  
If anything...send me peace."



With the turmoil and uneasiness one faces in today's world, wouldn't it be a blessing if all were to realize the importance of unity and peace and remember those who fought and died for our freedom? We stand for our "National Anthem," we place our hand over our heart for the "Pledge of Allegiance" - "God Bless the USA." Joan



### First Club Trip of the Year



## KERNER,S KORNER

April 2018

Hello all- welcome to my monthly contribution to Fish Tales. Each month I will endeavor to write a small article on fly fishing in our area, methods, flies, and technique's used by members. Most of all what and where we been catching. Also stuff from the "Information Highway" where we can find useful info for our art.

Hopefully you will share my passion and by a simple phone call (716-474-1295) or E-mail ([alkerner3@yahoo.com](mailto:alkerner3@yahoo.com)) we can share stories that can be posted in Fish Tales.

This month is off to a rough start cold weather and rain put a hurtin on opening week. But all is not lost- fish the headwaters! Elton Creek, McKinstry, Hosmer and feeders into the Catt are a win when the main streams run high. Do your homework on the DEC website and with a great app New York Pocket Ranger, look them up. Prior to the opener myself, Rich and Larry caught fresh stocked Browns on the Catt. It was a great time some 2 year olds in the mix. Talked to Conservation Officer Jamie Powers while on the creek and he said another heavy stocking is to come. Flies used- all nymphs with bead heads and Larry got a couple on Squirmyies.

Recently Rich and I made a journey to Central PA during what was to be continued bad weather of cold and snow. Few fish were caught but we learned plenty about free stone streams and the methods and techniques used to fish them. No major hatches were witness but we did see some BWO's in the evening.

Last meeting a book was circulating around Bill Trowman's table that caught my eye. I flipped through it and liked it enough I bought one on Amazon (cost only a few bucks with shipping). Book arrived in mint condition and has been great reading. The book reveals a great system for two fly rigs, and how to tie them and fish them. PATTERNS, HATCHES, TACTICS, and TROUT by Charles Meck has earned a place in my library as a go to reference.

Well Sports Fans Its snowing pretty good outside at this writing. More gloom and doom to a already bad start to our season, but better days are coming. See you at the next outing. Looking forward to members input. Tight Lines. -Al

### Club Fishing Shirts

**Ron Ziarnowski** will be taking orders at the May meeting only, for the long sleeve button down fishing shirts that many of the members wear that has the embroidered logo's. The cost for the shirt alone is \$33.00. For more info go to [www.pacificfly.com](http://www.pacificfly.com) To get the club logo, FFI logo and your name embroidered on, that will be done separately, by a local store at extra cost.

### Club Silkscreened Shirts

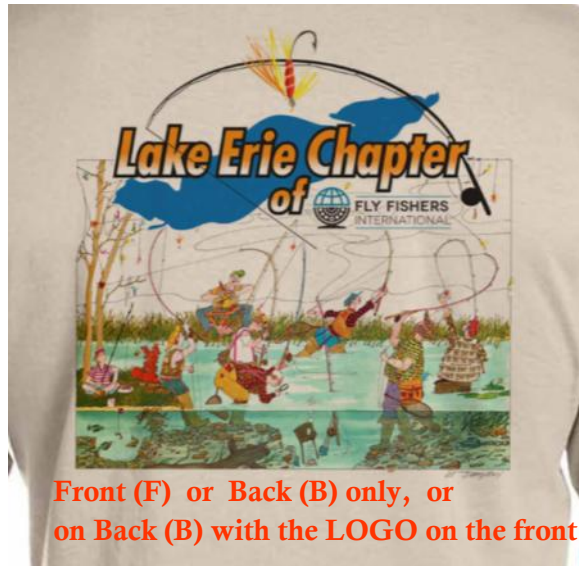
All the changes have been made and the price finalized. The board approved paying the screen charges that come to \$175.00 for 2 different screens. A motion was made for that at the April meeting, and the membership approved the spending. Below is all the info needed to order. The last day to put your order in and payment in full will be at the June 21st meeting. Below is a order form and a sample of both art works. There is 2 different prices for each type of shirt. The lower price is for only 1 screen either on the front or the back. The higher price is for both screens, 1 in front the other on the back. If you want your name on the front that will add \$4.00 to any shirt.

**For all types of shirts, sizes 2X & 3X add \$2.00, for sizes 4X & 5X add \$5.00 per shirt.** Any questions please call or e-mail me at [716-675-9839](tel:716-675-9839) or [richchris13@aol.com](mailto:richchris13@aol.com).

Front (F) LOGO only



As of today, I do not have corrected copies of either art work. The logo above LEC of, will be all orange. The art work to the right will have the above logo at the top, not the one shown.



Front (F) or Back (B) only, or on Back (B) with the LOGO on the front

**Silk screened shirts, order form**

Colors **W = white T = tan G = gray**

For All types of shirts for 2x & 3x add \$2.00 for 4X & 5X add \$5.00 Per Shirt.

Shirt Type	size	Color			Art work F = front or B = back or F & B	Cost each		How many	Total cost per style
		W	T	G		F or B	F & B		
T-Shirt						\$11.50 or \$15.50			
Long Sleeve T - Shirt						\$14.50 or \$18.50			
Sweat Shirt						\$17.25 or \$21.25			
Hooded Sweat Shirt						\$24.50 or \$28.50			
Golf Shirt						\$21.00 or \$25.00			
						<b>Total pieces Ordered =</b>			
							<b>Total Cost =</b>		

Print Name

Phone Number

E-Mail

**Payment in full no later than at the June 21st meeting. Cash or check made out to LEC-FFI**