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IMO, Michael Moore is to Ann Coulter as Bill O'Reilly is to Randi Rhodes is to Clarabell is to Ernie The Armpit Flatulence Simulator, who I went to high school with. All part of a general and ongoing coarsening of the culture where making fart noises has replaced meaningful political dialogue.

A pox on the whole bamn dunch of them..

I don't float tube and I don't plan to, although it certainly is a way to reach water you can't get to by wading and without having to buy a boat. Back in the mid-80's (I think..) I won a float tube at a TU banquet, so I ran over to Eaton Reservoir to use it to fish for smallies. I had to stop to blow the thing up, so I stopped at a self serve air nozzle at a gas station in North East. I didn't have an air gauge and neither did the air station. But the instructions said to inflate to 3 psi, which I took to mean don't put a lot of air in it. So, I didn't.

I got over to Eaton, put the fins and all that crap on and crawled in the harness. I paddled out a ways into about 10 feet of water and made for the near shoreline to start casting. Over the next minute or so, I noticed that in order to look at what should be straight ahead, I had to look down. And when I actually looked straight ahead, all I could see was sky.

It was then that I figured out that there was water running into the unfilled space between the tube and the nylon case and that all in all, this was not good... I was being slowly tipped backwards to eventually better allow water to run into my nostrils..

I started working the fins as fast as I could towards the bank. It was a very near thing, but I finally got to a place where I could stick the fins straight down and catch the bottom. I kind of stilt walked my way in until I could travel flat foot. Then I crawled out of the harness and took off the fins and put both of them in the convenient trash barrels provided by the North East JCs.

Like I say, I think in the right hands, a float tube could be way cool and very useful. I just don't think I have enough common sense to be trusted with one....:)