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Many of you know AKid, so I don't need to spend much time on introductions. But for those who don't, picture a young and handsome Mickey Rooney. Anyhow, he is really laid back and I had a few opportunities to fish with him.

One occasion was on the Little J. We drove out from the Pittsburgh area together and set the parking break near Alexandria, PA. What was hatching, I can't recall, but I think Blue Winged Olives. In other words: Puteulanus Volatilis. Olives that is.

Funny thing about AKid, he doesn't take himself or this sport too seriously. At the time he was out of work, taking a mid-life retirement, something I recommend to our younger comrades. After I took off upstream heading for the Island, he had apparently moseyed-up in my direction, but still a full eighth of a mile downstream. Molasses had nothing on him, believe you me. So on my upstream journey, I landed a couple trout or so, but I was merely prospecting for trout on the surface and saw little to no rise activity. I decided to head back down to see how he was doing.

As I rounded the bend, I notice an angler in the distance perched aside the waters near a majestic Oak upon a dead fallen Locust. He was just staring at the water. This was not unusual enough to gain my attention, but I instinctively walk a wide path out of the water and approached him from the woods after signaling my presence behind him.

He was just sitting there staring at the water. So I asked him what was up and he pointed to a riser. I said "What are you waiting for," but he seemed content to just watch. He told me to "go ahead," if I wanted to... and I did. Cast, cast, flub, cast, flub. "Ahhhhhh!" Dang! I had missed a take. I thought I heard snickering, but my rearward glance revealed nothing of the sort. Cast, Cast, Cast, Cast.... If it took me 5 minutes, it took me 50, but I finally hooked that son of a gun, and brought him to hand triumphantly. Looking over my shoulder, I saw that Akid was smiling much broader than me.