

Alpine Fly Fishers

*No Meeting in July nor
August, the next meeting
will be on*

*September 27, 2011 at the
Puerto Vallarta
215 15th St. SE, Puyallup*



**Charter
Club**



The Dead Drift – July / August 2011

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By Larry Gibbs

Summer has been a long time coming this year, both here and in Montana. At nearly 200% of normal, the snowpack in the Rockies has kept us waiting to be able to fish the rivers of Montana. Soon, very soon, maybe. It looks like we may be able to hit the rivers around the third week of July, I hope.

I missed out on the Dad's Lake trip this year, much to my dismay. I really wanted to go there and spend some relaxing days out on the water catching big fish, moving around the lake on our Huckleberry Finn style rafts. Well, Huck didn't have an electric motor, but other than that.....

I suspect that trip will be available again next year so if you want to have a great time 'roughing it' on Dad's Lake way up in northeast Washington, keep it in mind.

No more meetings until the end of September, on the 27th. That does cause me some concern as I will be over in Montana then fishing the Clark Fork River. If anyone else wants to head over there with me let me know. I plan on fishing on the 27th and the 28th of September. This trip has been in the planning stage for over a year so I must be there at that time. Fall fishing in Montana can be spectacular.

We had a decent turnout for our annual AFF picnic last night. Thank you Duffy for letting us use your place again, we do appreciate it. We had good food, sat around the campfire outside (well not really, we didn't have a campfire, Duffy would have been a little irritated if we had set her lawn on fire) and enjoyed the weather as it did NOT rain, which was great.

Fred brought some games, thanks Fred for that. The washer toss and bachi or bocce ball games. Steve was hobbling around on crutches and on a 4 wheeled cart with his broken ankle, but he did manage to get in a game of washer tossing. Bill A and I lost a bocce ball game to Howard and Guy, but we only lost by one point so that wasn't too bad. We are thinking of entering the International Bocce Ball competitions (no, not really, it would be a slaughter. We are so good we would hate to show up everyone else).

You may have noticed that this is the July / August edition, I decided that the summer is for fishing so I will be doing as much of that as I can, hence there will not be an August newsletter.

Good fishing.

Larry

FFF Fly of the Month

Pink Pookie

By Bob Bates

July 2006 — FFF Fly Of The Month



Comments:

If you look around most fly fishing towns you will find chalk boards with river conditions and what flies fish are hitting. Such was the case, August 2005 in Livingston, Montana. As I waited to pay for my breakfast I studied the chalk board. It looked pretty normal: PMD (Pale Morning Dun), BWO (Blue Wing Olive), Pink Pookie, -- Pink Whaaaat? I looked at it several times, and it was still "Pink Pookie."

My question was answered at the 40th Anniversary FFF Show and Conclave. I stopped by the table where Koichi Kawai from the Hatch Finders Flyshop in Livingston, Montana, www.hatchfinders.com, was showing us how he tied the Pink Pookie.

Koichi told me some about its development, but Dean Reiner, Owner of Hatch Finders Flyshop sent me a more complete story about the Pink Pookie.

"At the beginning of the 2003 hopper season a guide from Bozeman came into the shop and asked if we had any pink body hoppers. Pink not being a standard color for hoppers. When I said we don't, he asked if we could come up with a pattern for the next day. My partner Koichi Kawai and I decided to give it a try. Just playing around we tied up 10 different patterns 6 each, and the next day we gave them out to him and the guides working out of my shop. Their reports -- pink was very attractive to the trout. We had tied hoppers the standard way and with foam for speed. The guides favored the foam hoppers because they floated well and didn't required dressing as often. Koichi and I kept playing around with different ways to tie the foam on the hook and with different colored legs until everyone agreed on the best pattern."

"The next step was coming up with a name for the fly. Just calling it a pink hopper would do nothing for the mystique of tying a new pattern, we needed a hook to get people interested in the pattern."

"In the course of tying many dozen flies a day some eventually end up on the floor. My dog Pookie never paid much attention to what we were tying, but when one of the pink hoppers fell on the floor, she jumped right on it and began tossing it into the air. Not wanting her to find a hook I took it away from her. Then she stood up on her hind legs pleading with me to let her have it. As she was standing up she exposed her very pink belly, Koichi and I thought that would be a great name for the fly, hence "The Pink Pookie."

"After a week of handing out the fly as an experimental pattern the number or requests for the fly grew to the point where we had to put it into the inventory. For the next 45 days we had guys standing 3 deep at the vise at 6 in the morning waiting for us to turn out the fly. We must have tied 200 dozen that first summer; for every year since it has been the most popular pattern for hoppers. Pookie has become the most popular dog on the river; everyone knows her."

For many of us a windy day in July or August is the best time to fish a hopper. The wind blows them off the vegetation and makes it hard for them to fly. They sometimes fall from streamside vegetation. Also when flying they sometimes run out of steam and crash. If over water they land with a splash, and so this is the usual way to land a hopper pattern. No delicate casting required. If you are fishing around cut banks always try to float the hopper right along the bank. You can never tell what kind of monster is waiting there. I have a friend who fishes small streams, and he often throws the hopper on the bank and then hops it into the water.

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Materials & Equipment:

Hook: Dai Riki 280 Sizes 8 and 10

Thread: Gudebrod, Red 6/0

Body: Pink foam, 2 mm

Overbody/Wing: Gray foam, 2 mm

Under wing: Elk hair

Legs: Centipede legs black and yellow, medium

Highlight: Red foam, 2 mm



Both the body and the wing foam are cut with foam cutters. The shape is Chernobyl Ant body with a tapered end. Use the medium cutter for the body and the large cutter for the wing. You can use the same cutters for many other patterns. If you are good with the scissors you can cut the shapes. The medium is 38 mm long by 6 mm wide. The large is 43 long by 7 mm wide.

Step 1: Get a dog named Pookie.

Step 2: Push hook through tapered end of body foam.



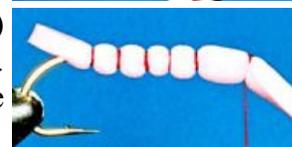
Step 3: Slide foam onto hook. Start thread about mid-shank and wrap rearward to bend.



Step 4: Secure foam to hook tightly by pulling the foam up around hook with the thread. Make the tie (segment) perpendicular to hook. Pull foam down and advance thread two or three wraps to position of next segment.



Step 5: Continue making segments until you are about two segments (about 3/16-inch) from the eye. Hold foam down and wrap thread to the eye. Secure foam close to eye. Koichi tied four segments before the large one, and a picture Dean sent to me had three before the large segment. So suit yourself, three or four.



Step 6: Trim foam close to thread and wrap thread to hide cut end. (I snip the foam on each side as close as possible to the thread wrap, and then pull down on the bill to snip the center.)



Step 7: Put some Zap-A-Gap on top of foam to be sure it is secure. While the Zap-A-Gap is setting you can go to the next step.



Step 8: : Bring thread to top of hook and move it rearward to put one wrap around foam and hook at the back of the big segment. Measure the wing foam to be a little longer than the hook. Then add a little more for the big segment and trim cut end to a taper. Tie the taper securely at the back of the big segment with the wing pointing forward. Then move the thread forward tightly over the foam and take two thread wraps behind the eye before moving the thread rearward to the back of the big segment.



Step 9: Trim a small bunch of deer hair, clean out the under fur and stack. Place on top of hook so tips are longer than body, trim just in front of where the thread is hanging and secure. Don't let the hair spin. Tipping up the back of the deer hair makes catching it with the thread easier.

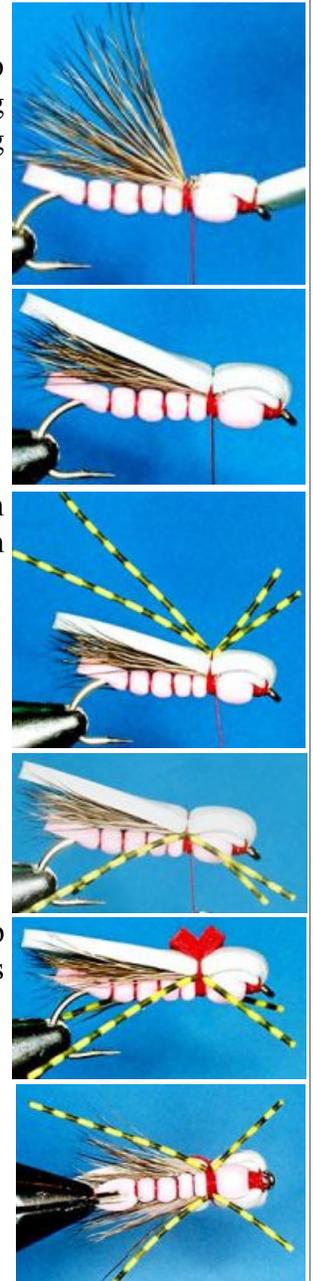
Step 10: Fold the wing back and secure.

Step 11: Take two pieces of round rubber legs about 1.5 inches long and place them on top of foam wing, put one or two thread wraps over both of them and let the bobbin hang. Adjust if necessary so 1/3rd of leg is in front.

Step 12: Then pull one pair of legs down to bottom of wing. Repeat on other side.

Step 13: Tie a piece of red foam on top of wing to make the hopper easier to see. Whip finish securely over the red foam. Put a little head cement on the bottom thread wraps if you like.

Step 14: This is what the fish sees.



This is a pretty easy fly to tie so get yourself ready for hopper time. Some of our hoppers have yellow bodies or even an orange shade. Try the pink first then, if necessary match your colors and invent a Yellow Pookie, Orange Pookie or what ever Pookie. The main thing is tie a few, go to your favorite water and use them to catch (and gently release) a few fish or a whole lot of fish.

I had a little trouble finding yellow and black centipede or tarantula legs, something about the factory that made them closing down. Dean has them at the Hatch Finders Flyshop and some are available through Cabela's. Also some shops now have black and medium yellow which works fine. Dean said that any color works.



In The FFF Corner
<http://www.fedflyfishers.org>

Upcoming FFF Events



**FFF Fly Fishing Fair / Conclave — West Yellowstone, MT,
August 30 thru September 3, 2011**

Lewis and Clark exhibit now online.

A new exhibit by the FFF that features the fish and fishing of the Lewis and Clark Expedition can now be accessed online. The exhibit offers a comprehensive look at the fish species encountered by Lewis and Clark, who relied heavily on fish to survive their expedition across the unknown of the United States. Curator Seonaid B. Campbell designed and produced the landmark exhibit to depict the species of fish first documented for science by Lewis and Clark and the ways in which fish and fishing were integral to the cultures of western Native American tribes. Campbell's



original research revealed a startling fact - that over the course of the expedition the Corps became entirely dependent upon native fish and Native American fishing knowledge and techniques for survival and success. To bring the narrative to life, Campbell designed 46 educational panels comprised of maps, illustrations, fish species data, fishing anecdotes, excerpts from The Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, historical and contemporary art, and photos. She commissioned replica fishing artifacts made by Native Americans, assembled numerous other artifacts, gathered hundreds of images, and wrote a 35,000-word script. While the physical exhibit has been placed with the Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Interpretive Trail and Visitors Center in Nebraska City, Nebraska, the online exhibit can be found at www.undauntedanglers.org

Renew Your FFF Membership



We have been a FFF Charter Club for over one year. That means that those of you who joined at the end of 2009 or start of 2010 are at or near your expiration date. Please make sure you renew your FFF membership.

Thanks, Larry



About Our WSCFFF

Washington State Council Federation of Fly Fishers

www.washingtoncouncilfff.org

By Larry Gibbs



At many of the events that the Washington State Council FFF attends and has a booth, one of the key things we do is support and promote fly casting. Some of your very own Alpine Fly Fishers & Puget Sound Flyfishers FFF Certified Casting Instructors and Certified Master Instructors attend these events and are there to give casting demonstrations and often will give one-on-one casting tips. Look for them at the below shows.

WSCFFF Booth Show Schedule

- o Jimmy Green Memorial Fly Fishing Fair- Monroe—July 30
- o Wenatchee River Salmon Festival - October 1—2
- o Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show - Pasco, Jan 2012
- o Washington Sportsman Show - Puyallup, Jan 2012
- o Central Washington Sportsman Show -Yakima, Feb 2012
- o Olympic Peninsula Fly Fishing Show— Sequim, April 2012
- o **2012 Washington Fly Fishing Fair - May 4 — 5, 2012**

2011 FFF Fly Fishing Fair / Conclave Announcement

By Larry Gibbs

It's OFFICIAL! Mark your calendars! The 46th Annual Fly Fishing Fair & Conclave will be held in West Yellowstone, MT on August 30th - September 3rd, 2011.

Plan to attend this spectacular event for people of all ages and abilities! The fishing and educational opportunities will be outstanding! More details to come soon! See you there!

West Yellowstone has to be one of the all time favorite locations for the FFF annual gathering. You can bring the entire family and be assured of finding many things to do that fly fishing enthusiasts as well as family members can enjoy.

One of the great things about the Fly Fishing Fair is that there are many activities going on at any time. Primarily the FFF presents the Fair to provide an educational experience for the beginner fly fisher to the advanced by providing topics on anything and everything about fly fishing. These opportunities come in the form of workshops which are available for a fee, to other offerings such as free programs and demonstrations.

Workshops will start on Tuesday August 30 and run through Saturday September 3. They are taught by experts on topics such as fly tying, fly casting, rod building, and on water fishing. Workshops with a classroom setting will take place in various locations including the Holiday Inn and various other meeting spaces. On water classes will take the attendee to nearby stream and standing water locations. All on stream classes (including casting) require a MT fishing license. In addition to general workshops, there will be a women's program and a kid's camp.

For those interested in attending the Exhibit hall and free demonstrations these will be available August 31 - September 3. The exhibit hall will be located at the Holiday Inn with indoor and some outdoor spaces that will include both commercial and non-profit exhibitors. Show hours are August 31st from 9am to 4pm, September 1st from 11am to 8pm and entry is FREE on this day, September 2nd from 9am to 5pm and September 3rd from 9am to 2pm.

Entrance to the Fair is included with your advanced registration or by just showing up and paying the day pass fee. The day pass fee can be purchased at the show and is only \$5.00 for adults, kids 15 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. Thursday, September 1st will be FREE entry for everyone.

Costs to take workshops vary so check our schedules and registration pages for more information. The line-up of workshops will be available to view in May, 2011. We will be offering numerous walk-up workshops on-site. To ensure a place in a workshop, it is requested to sign up in advance.

\$5

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\$5

There were 36 chances to win a very nice rod and reel

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TFO Lefty Kreh Professional Series, 5 wt, 4 piece 8'6" graphite rod
And an Albright Topwater 5/6 disc drag reel

If you win it you can always sell it for a very nice profit!!!! Buy some squares!!

The remaining squares will be sold in the fall.

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GO FISHING!!!!!!!!!!!!**

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