

Alpine Fly Fishers

*Our Next AFF Meeting
Will Be Tuesday*

September 27

*We will be meeting at the
Puerto Vallarta
215 15th St. SE
Puyallup at 6 PM*



The Dead Drift - September 2016

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President's Line

By Larry Gibbs

We have our first club meeting this month since the summer hiatus, I hope everyone had a great summer and took some pictures. I will have my laptop with me at the meeting. If you put your photos on a thumb drive or a CD I will transfer them to my computer and get them ready to give to Steve for our December program.

I have been asking for a new Programs Coordinator since the May meeting. It saddens me that no one has stepped up and said they would take over the duties from Dave. See page 8 for more info.

I think I am making my self fairly clear on that matter. Enough said. Maybe.

I went to Montana and did a little fishing on the Clark Fork and Flathead Rivers, and spent a couple of days at the IFFF's Fly Fishing Fair in Livingston. See pages 4 & 5 for a report.

I know I have said it before, but 2016 sure is flying by. When we have our September meeting 75% of this year will be gone. But, a very good time of the year will be upon us, yes, fly fishing in the fall. September and October are fantastic times for fly fishing. The October Caddis will be out in full force, and even if it isn't, the trout will respond to black and orange flies just out of instinct. The trees will be turning color, unfortunately dropping their leaves upon the water. Ever hook a leaf on a windy day on the Yakima River? The leaf acts like a propeller twisting your leader like crazy. But, that is one of the fun things you have to deal with when fishing the fall, that and those pesky trout trying to bulk up for the winter. They can really interfere with your casting practice when you are there.

When I was at the CdA, Idaho Fly Fishing Expo earlier this year I had a chance to talk to Lee Clark, creator of the Clark's Stonefly pattern. He had just developed a new variation of that fly and gave me one to try. I did cast it a little when I was fishing the Yakima this summer with Steve Worley, and Steve was very impressed with the fly and the way it floated in the water. The color of the fly has a lot of brown and orange in it so Steve and I will be trying it out again this fall on the Yakima River. Should be a very good fly to fish.

Good fishing.



Larry

Federation of Fly Fishers Fly of the Month

September 2012

Slump Buster

Published by Bob Bates

Federation of Fly Fishers - Washington Council



Opening Comments:

John Barr designed this pattern. It is very popular with many anglers because of its fantastic movement. As with any good pattern, there are many variations. Kit Seaton from Billings, MT was tying his version of it at the 2012 East Idaho Fly Tying Expo in Idaho Falls, ID.

If you are having trouble hooking into a fish try changing your fly to a Slump Buster, cast, retrieve and hang on. It can have an erratic movement through the water that drives fish crazy. In shallow water use a floating line and strip it with short jerks. When you strip this fly the head comes up and it dives down between strips. In deeper water use a full sinking line, let the line sink for a bit and again strip it erratically. This movement drives the fish crazy, and they have to hit it hard. It is a matuka-style streamer. Vary the speed of the retrieve until the fish tell you what they want. Sometimes long, slow strips are the answer while other times fast and furious produces. As always be sure to go fishing on overcast days. You'll like the fun!

Materials list:

Hook: 4X long, size 6

Weight: Cone head brass, large and lead wire, 0.030-inch

Thread: Flat wax nylon, heavy, black

Rib: Copper wire, size BR (brassy)

Body: Sculpin wool, white camo

Tail, fin and collar: Pine squirrel strips; natural, olive, brown and black

Step 1:

The original pattern calls for a tungsten cone, but a brass cone is less expensive. Put cone on hook and place hook in vise.



Step 2:

Put on 10 wraps of lead wire to make up for weight lost for using a brass cone in place of tungsten. Also, can use lead-free wire. The wire also builds up the body a little. Lead wraps take up about half the hook shank. Shove as much of the coil as possible into the cone.



Step 3: Put thread on hook behind the lead coil. Just enough to secure it.



Step 4:

Tie in the copper rib behind the lead coil, and wind over the wire to the bend. Keep the wire on top of the shank.



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Step 5 : The body braid used by John Barr makes a thin body. So Kit uses sculpin wool, but not in the usual way. He pulls it off in a long piece and makes a point at one end so he can tie it on the hook behind the lead coil. It helps the transition between the lead coil and the shank. Wrap over the wool back to the bend.



Step 6: Grab all the dubbing and the thread. Twist them together a half turn, as they are wrapped forward they make a cord. The thread is completely hidden in the dubbin. Leave a gap behind the cone just about the size of the pine squirrel strip you will be using.



Step 7: Strip off some of the fur so you get a firm hold on the strip when you tie it behind the cone. Tie it in so the fur flows toward the back of the hook.



Step 8: Divide the fur just above the back wire tie down point. Then make a turn of copper wire through the gap. This lets you get on top of the pine squirrel strip and body. Now, start spiraling the wire forward. Divide the fur where you want the wire pass and wrap it through. You may moisten the fur a little to make it easier to control dividing the fur. Make about five evenly spaced turns of wire to the cone. The even spacing probably doesn't catch more fish, but it looks nicer. Secure wire and trim excess with the back part of the scissors. To trim the tail, bring the strip forward, pass your scissors through the fur about at the back of the cone and cut the strip square. If you cut the leather carefully there will be no Pine squirrel guard hairs flying around. Pine squirrel gives a nice taper, even with the square cut.



Step 9: Kit ties the collar on separately which is another variation from John Barr. At home he puts Zap-a-Gap into the cone. Trim off some fur, and tie it on top of the hook. Lay the strip on at an angle in the direction that you are going to wrap it. He doesn't count the first go around as a wrap because of the fur trim. When he gets to the bottom again he counts it as the first wrap. On the second wrap he pulls the strip tightly so it slides off the first wrap and into the cone. If it doesn't slide into the cone he will cram it in. He puts on two wraps unless he encounters poor quality hair. Then he will put on three wraps. Whip finish behind the cone. Sometimes he trims the collar on the bottom to give it a sculpin appearance.



Closing Comments:

Kit recommends buying the pine squirrel Matuka strips on the entire pelt. They are usually more uniform than packaged strips. This pattern could be tied with rabbit like a Zonker, but the pine squirrel has fantastic action. He likes to fish smaller rivers by walking the bank. The pattern could be used from a boat also. He has tied this pattern in any pine squirrel color he could find. He is thinking about bleaching the Pine squirrel so he will have lighter fur to use. In the meantime he uses the lightest he can find on the pelt

Back of Beyond

By Stephen Neal

In Wildness is the Preservation of the World "Henry David Thoreau"

Dear readers, sorry for missing last month's article. The hard drive on this computer gave up on me as I began writing and necessitated a trip to the computer hospital for a hard drive replacement. The good news is that I'm back up and running but minuses all my previous work; all attempts to resurrect the old drive have failed so it has to be sent off to a specialist to see what they can do. Here is to hoping for the best. I'm in the process of piecing it all back together and it has been slow going.

Dedicated to Women of Vision

Coming home from work this evening the sky was full of temperature dropping gray clouds and the sun's low to the horizon shafts of light, turned the cloud's heavy bellies golden. What a gift, refreshing coolness and a rich golden hue to end the day. I haven't been fishing since my sea bass trip with Chonly and Howard but I have been hitting the mountain trails on and around Mount Rainer. When Cy was here in July we took a day off from home repair projects and met up with Sean. Sean had been wishing to show me one of his treasured hikes and we took him up on his offer. He introduced us to Grand Park via the Lake Eleanor trail.

The day opened with the threat of rain but that was the only path open to us so that's the one we took. A rain jacket in the backpack is just one of the essentials that are always at hand, so soggy or not we were on our way. Grand Park in July is a high mountain bench meadow, miles long and wide hanging above the Carbon River. In July and early August it can be covered by an expansive display of wild flowers. It is home to elk, bear and other critters that make the meadow and tree copses their homes. Sean waxed reverently on the beauty of the view we would see when we arrived in the meadow. But on that day we walked into low clouds and Rainer and other surrounding peaks and ridge lines were ghosts who failed to show themselves.



We still had a wonderful time exploring and dining on sustainable sardines and crackers amidst the plethora of young wild flowers. Catching the musky sent of Elk forted up in the Western Hemlock groves that dot the meadow.

It wetted my appetite for further exploration and I have been back twice since my first exploration. The second time Terry and I made the 10 mile round trip and then last Friday I took Darren and Colin with me. Terry and I had a close encounter with a mama black bear and her cubs passage in front of us. She crossed to a grove of Hemlocks and then stood tall to sniff the air and appraise us before returning to her journey. As you come up and onto Grand Park from the conifer forest below, you are greeted with a magnificent view of Willis Wall and expanse of ice and rock that is climbable in the winter, but spectacular anytime of the year. Willis Wall, the Nordwand (North Face) of Mount Rainer, is a route known for loose boulders, cliffs of frozen mud, frequent rock falls, and sporadic massive ice avalanches from the 300 foot ice cliffs hanging above the climbing routes. Grand Park is separated from Mount Rainer by the Carbon River valley. From the Meadow it appears as if you could reach out and touch it but Nature rules here and you must earn the right to touch it by crossing the mountain valley between you and your goal.



The twins are nearing their eighth birthday in September, they have grown from park, glen and river rambles with me to mountain hikers and high vantage point viewers, what a blessing they are to have in my life. One of the joys of mountain rambles is side trips. On the Grand Park adventure tours Sean also introduced Cy and I to the Federation Forest. The Federation Forest is found on Washington State Route 410 just before you get to Greenwater. The Federation Forest is a protected old growth forest.

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This is not a place of spectacular views. But it is a small piece of the old growth forest that used to cover Washington's low-lands before the timber companies pushed to convert the vast forests to cash. Its beauty lies with-in, in its back story and in what lies beneath our feet out of sight. This remnant of old growth forest, was saved by a group of forward seeing women who recognized that we were rapidly losing the beauty of Washington in a rush for cash.

In 1920's The General Federation of Women's Club's of Washington State began to raise money to preserve a part of the old growth forest before it disappeared under the lumbermen's axes and saws. A member of Washington State Federation of Women's Clubs, Miss Caithness Greenlee an Everett High School teacher had witnessed the destruction of the mighty forests in her home state of Wisconsin and did not wish the same fate for Washington's majestic stands of tall, old trees. Her idea of saving a sample of great trees for future generations was embraced by the women's club. Over a two year period the club raised 25 thousand dollars and they bought their first 62.89 acres of land near Snoqualmie Pass.

Among the members of The General Federation of Women's Clubs was Miss Catherine Montgomery a Teacher of Teachers at Western Washington University and avid outdoors women, who upon her passing in 1957 bequeathed her estate to The General Federation of Women's Clubs. This seed money was used to build the interpretive center named in her honor.

But wait, Miss Montgomery is part of another fascinating back-story. As a teacher she bought text books for the school and on January 13, 1926 she had a meeting with Joseph Hazard. At that time Hazard was a well known mountaineer who sold textbooks for H. Sanborn & Co. In his book Pacific Crest Trails, Hazard talks about this meeting.

"Do you know what I have been thinking about, Mr. Hazard, for the last twenty minutes?"

"I had hoped you were considering the merits of my presentation of certain English texts for adoption!"

"Oh that! Before your call I had considered them the best – I still do! But why do not you mountaineers do something big for Western America?"

"Just what do you have in mind, Miss Montgomery?"

"A high winding trail down the heights of our western mountains with mile markers and shelter huts – like these pictures I'll show you of the Long Trail of the Appalachians" - from the Canadian Border to the Mexican Boundary Line!" That very evening I carried the plan to the Mount Baker Club of Bellingham. Favorable action was taken. The rest of the mountain clubs of the Pacific Northwest promptly contacted all other organizations. All adopted the project with enthusiasm and organized to promote it.

Clinton C. Clark is known as the Father of the Pacific Crest Trail, but 6 years before at that foggy January meeting Miss Catherine Montgomery planted a seed that finally flourished and grew into being through Clinton C. Clark.

There are too many important women in The General Federation of Women's Clubs who helped the two women mentioned in this article to bring the Federation forest into reality, for me to mention let alone cover in detail. As a lover of the outdoors and knowing nature's intrinsic value to mankind, I am indebted to each and every one of them for saving the Federation Forest for all of us.

You can read more at this website: http://www.orgsites.com/wa/gfwcwashington/_pgg1.php3

Hope to see you on the water soon.

Side trips lead to wonder, amazement and discovery.

Stephen

"Many go fishing all their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after"

Henry David Thoreau



Fishing Report
Two Days On The Clark Fork & Flathead Rivers
& A Couple Days At The
IFFF's Fly Fishing Fair in Livingston, MT

By Larry Gibbs

“That is why they call it fishing and not catching”

I headed off for Montana to spend a couple days at the IFFF's Fly Fishing Fair in Livingston. On my way there since I drive right past it :) I stopped in St. Regis to do spend two days on the Clark Fork River. Brooks Sanford was my guide, operating out of Steve Temple's Clark Fork Trout guide service. Steve is building a fly shop in St. Regis. It is still a work in progress but should be done by the end of summer.

The warm and dry summer is starting to catch up to Montana. Hoot Owl restrictions (no fishing from 2PM to Midnight) have been imposed on a number of Montana rivers. I have been keeping a very close eye on the levels and temperature of the Clark Fork and as I feared, right at the end of July they imposed the Hoot Owl on the upper waters of the Clark Fork, east of Missoula. While the Clark Fork is heating up so is the Flathead River, but, the Flathead has many Smallmouth Bass in it, a very aggressive warm water fish.

Turns out we fished both rivers. The Clark Fork River fishing for trout, from what they call the Cascade Rapids put-in, (a total joke of a put-in) located just below the Cascade rapids, down to the confluence of the Flathead where we started fishing for smallmouth bass on our way to the Paradise take-out.

Fishing report for Tuesday (day one):

The Clark Fork had a flow rate of 2180 in the morning The Flathead was running at 6490 down near the confluence. Brooks picked me up at 7:15 AM, as we wanted to get an early start due to the projected highs of mid-90's. It actually got to 94 degrees that day, virtually no cloud cover, but also no wind. So, it was very hot with an intense sunshine slamming onto the water. The actual temperature of the water was between 62 in the morning and 67 in the afternoon, so not as hot as I had feared.

The trout fishing was slower than I anticipated. We had many trout slowly swimming up to look at the flies offered but they only made halfhearted attempts at taking the flies. By the time we hit the confluence of the Clark Fork and Flathead Rivers, I only had 8 trout to the boat. But, then the real fun started. Casting big streamers for Smallmouth Bass. They were very hungry that day. We had 42 smallies to the boat in just a few hours. So, that made the Tuesday fishing a 50 fish day. Just prior to getting out at the Paradise take-out, the wind started kicking up really heavy.

Oh yea, I had one other hook up on Monday. A beaver. I was casting double streamers into the large rocks along the bank of the river. A huge beaver slipped into the water from one of the rocks, right where I was casting, so I stopped. The wind was picking up by that time and sometimes the surface of the water was rippled making it hard to see my flies. So, not wanting to hook a beaver, I stopped casting. Then a beaver crawled out of the river onto some other rocks a little way down stream, so I figured I was safe to start casting. Nope. My first cast and I hooked up on something, just about the time the wind stopped, making it easy to see under the surface. There had been a second beaver swimming under the water near the other beaver and I had it by the tail. I gave a strong steady pull and the streamer slipped off the tail of the beaver, thank goodness. I was so glad that I had not seriously hooked the beaver. Doing a Catch & Release on it would be a bit tricky. :)

Fishing report for Wednesday (day two):

Storm systems started moving in Tuesday evening. No rain, but lots of wind and clouds. Wednesday morning was a total change from Tuesday morning. Strong winds 12 to 15 mph with gusts hitting near 20 to 25 at times. There were dark clouds rolling in over us all day long. I had high hopes that the trout fishing would be better on Wednesday, with the cloud cover, but Mother Nature tricked us. The fish had a serious case of lock jaw. From the Cascade Rapids put-in to the confluence, I only had 3 trout to the boat, plus one Northern Pike Minnow. Then I started casting for some Smallmouth Bass. Oh what a difference a day can make.

Clark Fork/Flathead fishing report cont:

I had a few bumps, but the fish were not serious about eating. After many hours of casting a wide variety of streamers I finally hooked up on one smallie and got it to the boat.

That gave me a grand total of 5 fish to the boat on Wednesday. 1/10th the number I had caught the day before. I guess that is why they call it fishing and not catching. You just never know.

But, I had a great time out on the water with Brooks. We can't control the weather, we can simply take what nature gives us and be happy with that.

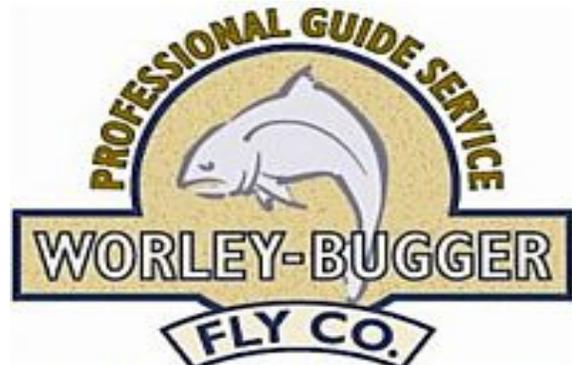
Livingston and the International Federation of Fly Fishers' Fly Fishing Fair.

I got up very early Thursday morning and headed for Livingston. The speed limit on many portions of the freeways in Montana is now 80 MPH. It only took me 4 hours to get to Livingston. I volunteered on various details to help out at the event on both Thursday and Friday. I did take one of my favorite workshops on Friday morning. Lew Evans from Colorado is a dedicated Dutch Oven chef and he puts on two of these workshops every year, much to the delight of the 6 or 7 in each class. He tells us what to do and we do the cooking, then for lunch we get to totally enjoy the fruits of our labors. Aside from eating good food that we cooked, we get to talk to people we haven't seen before or haven't seen in a year, since the last show.

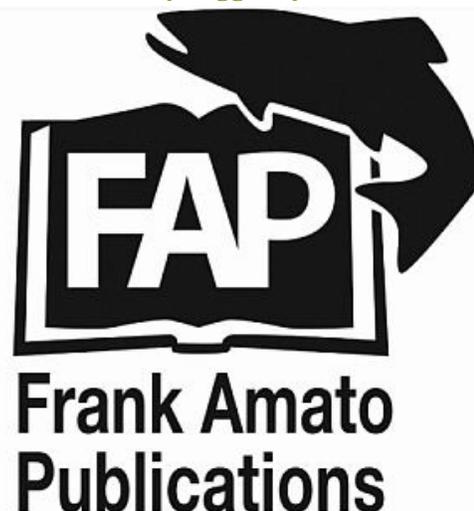
That is one of the main reasons I go to the Fly Fishing Fair put on by the IFFF, being able to visit with people that I only see at these shows. The people come from all over North America and for that matter, the world. The IFFF's top casters and fly tyers are there and are very willing to 'shoot the breeze' with you. Some year you owe it to yourself to attend one of these great events put on by the IFFF.

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"Whacha usin'?" "Flies." "What kinda flies?" "Hoppers." "Why?" "Cause they worked last year." "But there's no hoppers out this time o'year." "Yea, but the fish like 'em. They bit 'em last year, so they should bite 'em now." "Caught any?" "Naw, they ain't bitin'."

Sound a little familiar? I've heard conversations like this one many times in the 50 plus years I've been fly fishing. You'll have a hard time convincing the guy with the hopper that the reason they aren't biting is because he's using the wrong fly. After all, hoppers worked great last August, therefore, they must be a good fly. Trout loved them last year, so they must love them this year.

Baetis Spinner

How do you select the right fly for the job? Do you rely on the advice of someone who isn't catching fish? What's your favorite fly? Do you use it all of the time, or do you use it only when the insect it matches is present? Do you know what flies are hatching? How, you might ask, does anyone really know what fly to use?

You need to forget about asking the guy who's not catching fish. The only advice he'll give you is bad advice. The only advantage you gain by asking a fish-less person what he's using is knowing what not to use.

You also need to forget the notion that one fly works better than the rest. Sure, certain flies are consistently more productive during the summer than some other flies, but that's because the insects they imitate are present that time of year. Hoppers, for instance, are abundant in August, and a hopper pattern is a great choice then. But, they aren't likely to work in March. The fish only eat what's on the floating menu in front of them, and hoppers aren't on that menu in the spring.

Stone Fly

The first step to successful fly fishing, is not fishing. First, you need to observe what's happening around you. Put on your Sherlock Holmes hat and do some investigating, maybe fifteen minutes worth. What are the fish doing? What clues are around you that will lead you to any hatches that are occurring?

Stone Fly Nymph Case

Take a look at grass stems and weeds near the shore line for clues of a recent hatch. Stonefly nymphs crawl out of the water to hatch into adults. This transformation occurs on weeds, grass, rocks and anything else handy near the shore line. Are their cases present anywhere? Mayflies molt after they hatch. This also occurs on grass and weeds. Can you find any clues of a recent mayfly hatch?

Pale Morning Dun

While you look for clues of a recent hatch, see if any aquatic insects are crawling around on nearby bushes. Stream side brush is a great hangout for aquatic insects that have recently hatched and are waiting their turn in the egg laying cycle. If you see a lot of a certain kind of insect hanging around the brush, you can bet on patterns that imitate that insect when you get to the stream.

Spider webs are a great place to look for clues. Spiders make a habit of catching insects that fly around their web. If the web is loaded with unfortunate mayflies, the fish are probably loaded with them too. Here's a perfect opportunity to match the size, shape and color of the fly without trying to catch one on the water.

Cranefly

What are the fish doing? Are they rising to flies, and can you see the fly they're eating? If you don't see rising fish, it's not very likely that they'll eat a fly floating on the surface. If you don't see them rising, a nymph might be in order. After all, nymphs are available to them all of the time.

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Is there a cloud of caddis flies hovering above stream side brush? Caddisflies are a common sight in the summer hovering above willows and brush. If you see something that looks like a cloud of tiny moths dancing around a stream side willow, grab your box of caddis imitations and start flogging the water with one, you've just solved a mystery.

Caddis

I'm not fond of stomach pumps, they can kill fish if they're used wrong. But, if you catch a fish and check the contents of it's stomach, you will have a good idea of what that fish was eating. If it has a belly full of green beetles, all the hoppers in your fly box won't change it's mind about what's on the menu.

A net made of fine mesh stretched between two rods is a good tool to find out what's floating down the stream. Stretch the net across the water near the shore, and see what floats into it. Then try the same thing in the middle of the stream. The results might differ a little between the middle and the edge of the stream, but if you see lots of the same insect in both nettings, you'll have a good idea of what you should be using.

A notebook to record your findings for future reference is a valuable tool. You might be surprised how accurately those findings compare with your observations a year later on the same body of water. In a couple of years you should have a good data base to use when selecting flies for your upcoming fishing trip.

Midge

Fifteen minutes spent searching for evidence of the current insect hatches can save you hours of pure frustration on the water.

While the other fishermen are flogging the water with the flies that worked last August, or the fly the last fish-less angler was using, you can have your list of flies reduced to the few insects that are currently active on the water. All it takes is a few minutes of observation without a fly rod in your hand.~ Al Campbell

Yes, the column above was written by the late Al Campbell - and it is just one of the excellent columns written for the FAOL Fly Fishing 101section. Yes, knowing which fly to choose is an important part of "Presentation."

This could be a long, cold winter - but it could also be a wonderful opportunity to go back through the archived articles here on FAOL. I'd hate to think you missed something really helpful.

Alpine Fly Fisher Meeting Dates in 2017

Our club meetings are on the fourth (4th) Tuesday of each month except for December and no meetings in July or August.

January 24; February 28; March 28; April 25; May 23; June ?? Club Picnic;
July & August (No Meetings); September 26; October 24; November 28; December 19

2017 ORCIFFF Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo

The Oregon Council is holding their Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo
In Albany, OR on **March 10 & 11**

2017 WSCIFFF Fly Fishing Fair

The Washington State Council is holding their Fly Fishing Fair
in Ellensburg on Friday and Saturday, **May 5 & 6**

2017 WRMCIFFF Fly Fishing Expo

The Western Rocky Mountain Council & the North Idaho Fly Casters club are holding their
Fly Fishing Expo In Cd'A, Idaho on Friday and Saturday, **May 20 & 21**



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There are several of us at AFF who belong to FAOL. It is a great site for fly fishers, lots of helpful information and many fly tying recipes and articles about all aspects of fly fishing and fly fishing gear. Check it out.

www.flyanglersonline.com

A Fly Fishing Quote:

“If one is not an absolute grouch, he will invariably meet other fishermen along the trout stream who, from strangers, will turn into friends.....I have met many more who would share with me, a perfect stranger, his flies, leaders, and his most productive water.”

The Soft-Hackled Fly and Tiny Soft Hackles

Sylvester Nemes - 1922 - 2011

Alpine Fly Fishers Meetings in 2016

September 27 — October 25 — November 22 — December 13

We Need A Programs Coordinator

At the May meeting, I announced that Dave Alberts had asked me to find another person to be the Programs Coordinator. He has done this for almost 3 years, having taken over the job back in November of 2013.

I thank him for his service to our club. He came up with some really good speakers.

So, we need someone to step up and take over that very important job of finding guest speakers, both from within our club and outside of our club.

Here is how it looks for the rest of the 2016/2017 season thru September of 2017.

- ◆ We have no meetings in July or August, so no speakers are needed.
- ◆ We don't need anyone in September since that is our meeting to tell our stories about our summer fishing experiences.
- ◆ In October, Steve Egge is going to do one about his trip to Mexico, so no other speaker is needed.
- ◆ That leaves the November meeting. However, Bill Aubrey has indicated that if someone would take over the Programs Coordinators duties, Bill would be willing to do a presentation on fishing in some of the lakes of Montana (what? They have more than rivers in Montana? Wow!) . If that is the case then we would not need an additional speaker in November. We will have to confirm Bill's offer.
- ◆ The December meeting is our Christmas meeting so no need for a speaker (**but we do need photos!**)
- ◆ That means the first time the new Programs Coordinator would have to come up with a speaker would be at the January of 2017 meeting. This gives you plenty of time to line up some speakers for 2017.
- ◆ Then we would also need guest speakers for February through May of 2017. We have our June picnic and our two months of no meetings and then the September of 2017 meeting will be story telling.
- ◆ Meaning we may only need 5 speakers for the next 18 months.

I suspect we will get at least one more and possibly two from within the club, so we really only need 3 or 4 outside guest speakers. Not so bad now that we break it down that way is it?

So, please, if you are interested in being a Programs Coordinator send me an email.

Larry

September / October 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
"September twenty-second, Sir, the bough cracks with unpicked apples, and at dawn the small-mouth bass breaks water, gorged with spawn." - Robert Lowell (1917 - 1977)				1 September	2	3
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"The sweet calm sunshine of October, now warms the low spot; upon its grassy mold,
The purple oak-leaf falls; the birchen bough drops its bright spoil like arrow-heads of gold."
- William Cullen Bryant — 1794 - 1878 -

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