

# Alpine Fly Fishers

The next meeting will be

on

April 24, 2012 at the

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215 15th St. SE, Puyallup



Charter  
Club



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### **President's Line**

*By Larry Gibbs*

Guy Magno, get well!! Guy was involved in a bad bicycle accident and spent a couple weeks in the hospital. He is home now and on the road to recovery. Hang in there Guy.

In February we had our Lone Lake club outing which went over really well, the outing, not the fishing. The fishing was a challenge, but we had fun and I want to thank Steve Egge again for the use of his 'cabin'.

In March some of us made our yearly pilgrimage to Albany, OR for the NW Fly Tyers Expo. Stephen Neal, Howard Inks, Bill Fox, Bob Jacobs, and myself drove down there just to have fun, take some classes, buy some great equipment and volunteer to help out. Jim Higgins was also down there as a fly tyer, sitting many hours behind the table tying up a storm. Stephen Neal wrote an article about his experiences. Check out the article 'Back of Beyond' on pages 6 & 7.

Now it is time to get our new fishing licenses for 2012, as the old ones expired at the end of March. I just bought mine and when you figure in the cost of the Discover Pass, my Washington State annual fishing license actually cost me more than my Montana non-resident annual fishing license. Go figure. No, go to Montana. Yea!!!!

Speaking of March, it sure did come in like a lion. This weather has been hard on the fishing. I hope April settles down to just some light rain and maybe some decent days as well. I am sick and tired of the snow and hail and wind. Bring on the SUN!!!!

We only have three club meetings left before our summer break. That includes our annual picnic meeting in June which replaces our usual meeting. How about having a modified 5 weight casting game along with the Bocce Ball and the Washer Toss games.

Good fishing.

Larry

## Fire Fly

Fire Fly tied and photographed by

**Doug Korn**

Member of FAOL

—Fly Anglers On Line—

### Materials list:

**Hook:** scud heavy wire, #12-14

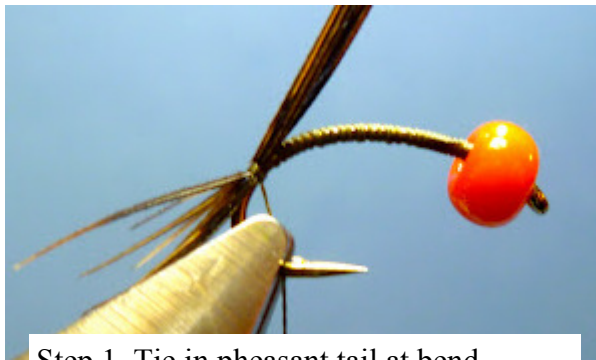
**Bead:** 6/0 Toho flo. orange bead

**Thread:** Serafil 120

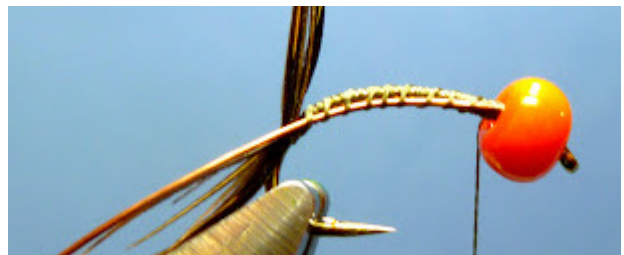
**Tail and Body:** pheasant tail

**Rib:** 28 ga. copper wire

**Thorax:** peacock bronze dubbing of choice



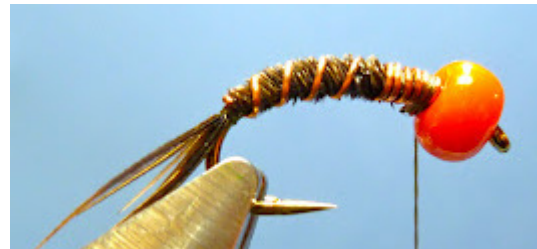
Step 1. Tie in pheasant tail at bend.



Step 2. Attach copper wire at bend with wire extending under bead. Wrap thread forward.



Step 3. Wrap PT forward counter-clockwise, then bring wire forward with clockwise turns



Step 4. At the thorax wrap wire in close turns (5 or 6) to the bead. This adds weight and avoids using lead. Tie off and break wire



Step 5. Dub thread using the split thread technique or direct dubbing method.

Step 6. Wrap thorax with dubbing needle and whip finish behind the bead.

Editors Note: This fly can be modified in so many ways to adjust it to the waters you are fishing. You can change the color of the bead, the dubbing, the rib, even the tail and body. Quick adjustments to fit the conditions. This nymph will become a favorite of mine.





April Guest Speaker

**Stan Calavan**

Trophy trout fishing in the upper Columbia and Lake Roosevelt

*Washington State*  
**Washington**



*Council of the FFF*  
**Fly Fishing Fair**

Plan to attend the Washington Fly Fishing Fair in Ellensburg this **May 4 & 5**. It is being held at the Kittitas Valley Event Center. There are lots of workshops, classes, nearly 100 tyers, many vendors and raffles and auctions for your enjoyment. Come and check us out.



**In The FFF Corner**

<http://www.fedflyfishers.org>

**Upcoming FFF Events**

**FFF International Fly Fishing Fair**

**July 12 thru July 14, 2012**

**Spokane, WA**



**International  
Fly Fishing  
Fair**

**July 10 - 14**

**Spokane**

Regarding the dates in Spokane.

The main floor and vendors booths are open Thursday thru Saturday, July 12—14.

However, there are some workshops being offered that start on Tuesday, July 10.

When the registration is posted check the dates.



There are 96 workshops being offered this year at this great event.

See pages 4 & 5 for a list of those workshops.



## Scheduled Workshops at the International Fly Fishing Fair in Spokane

These workshops take place over a five day period from July 10 thru July 14. Check with the actual FFF list when it is published, in the very near future, for the date each workshop is being offered.

1. THCI Certification – Al Buhr.
2. Fly Casting Basics and a Bit Beyond – Bryan Martin.
3. Walk & Wade Fishing the Spokane River – Wayne Jordan.
4. Fish the Super Secret High Desert Spring Creek – Len Zickler.
5. Masters Prep Workshop – Bruce Richards.
6. Instruction for Instructors – John Van Dalen.
7. Master Certified Instructor Testing.
8. How to custom build or repair fly lines – Al Buhr.
9. Casting and Mending to Catch More Fish – Floyd Dean, Janet Dean.
10. Fly Casting Faults: How to Identify and Correct – Bryan Martin.
11. Advanced Fly Casting – Bruce Richards.
12. Casting Instructor Certification Workshop and Written Exam.
13. Introduction to Spey Casting – RickWilliams, Jim Valle, Raf Mascaro.
14. Advanced Single-Handed Spey Casting Techniques – Leslie Holmes.
15. Tying Small Flies – Charlie Schillinsky.
16. Blending Dubbing and Tying the DDH Leech – Stuart Thompson.
17. Tying Effective Lake Flies – Norm Domagala.
18. Tying and Fishing with the Life Cycle of a Mayfly – Nate Brumley.
19. Why Fish Chironomids – BobWolfe.
20. Walk & Wade Fishing the Spokane River – Wayne Jordan.
21. Tenkara Fishing on Water – Misako Ishimura.
22. Do It Yourself Line Welding Workshop – Lee Davison.
23. Dutch Oven Cooking – Lew Evans.
24. Winemaking 101 – Ellen Clark.
25. Improve Your Fishing by Tightening your Loops – Mary Ann Dozer, John MacDiarmid.
26. Catching Bigger Fish with Smaller Flies: Tactical Fishing Techniques – Chase Jablonski.
27. Ground School: Jump Starting Beginners and Intermediates – Bill Keister.
28. Casting Rendezvous – Jim Valle.
29. Intermediate Casting Class – John Van Dalen.
30. Certified Casting Instructor TEST – Performance Portion (this is the performance portion of the FFF CCI program).
31. 5-Weight Games Workshop – Chase Jablonski.
32. Presentation Casts for Trout – Phil Gay.
33. MCCI Examiners Continuing Education: The Path to Becoming a Good Examiner, Going Beyond the Checkbox – Eric Cook.
34. Teaching Casting to Those with Disabilities and Impairments – Macauley Lord.
35. Advanced Fly Casting – Bruce Richards.
36. Learn From Your Loop – BruceWilliams, Todd Somsel.
37. Getting to the Next Level in Mastering Spey – Al Buhr.
38. Weaving Hair Hackle: Tying Pott Hair Flies – Frank Johnson.
39. Inshore and Offshore Saltwater Fly Tying and Leader Building – Gary Hall.
40. Fly Tying Tips and Tricks: 50 Years Under the Influence of a Vise – Michael T. Williams.
41. Fly Tying 101 – Sherry Steele.
42. Creating Fly Displays – Gil Nyerges.
43. Fishing Chironomids in Lakes and Ponds – Bob Wolfe.
44. Fishing Wet Flies and Flymphs for Trout – Bud Frasca.
45. How to Be a Better Demonstration Tier – Jim Ferguson.
46. Fishing Lines Explained – Lee Davison.
47. Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing – Carole Katz, Pat Damico, David Folkerts, Tamar P. Martin-Franklin, Warren Phillips.
48. Fly Tying and Fly Casting for Veterans Limited to the Use of One Arm – Ken Brunskill.
49. Fly Tying Instructor's Workshop – Jim Ferguson.
50. Simple Knots for Fly Fishers and Fly Fishing – Harley Reno.
51. Spokane's Urban Redband Trout: Challenges and Opportunities – Bart Mihailovich, Rick Eichstaedt, Doug Pineo.
52. An Introduction to Genealogy – Juanita McBride, Barbara Brazington, Dolly Webb.
53. Wine Tour of Spokane – Chet Allison, Jo Ann Allison.
54. 12 Most Common Casting Errors: Spotting and Fixing Them – Dave Barron, Scott Kessler.
55. Loop Dynamics for the Instructor – Soon Lee, Bruce Richards.
56. Learn The Most Elegant Skill in Fly Casting, the Double Haul – Les Rosenthal.
57. Casting Rendezvous – Chase Jablonski.

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## Scheduled Workshops at the International Fly Fishing Fair in Spokane (Cont.)

58. Double Haul: Add Distance, Smoothness and Loop Control – Floyd Dean, Janet Dean.
59. “Fear No Tree,” the Many Uses for a Roll Cast – Molly Semenik.
60. From Trout to the Tropics – Pete Greenan.
61. The Double Haul from A to Z – Rhea Topping.
62. Loops 101 – Steve Hollensed.
63. Backcast: The Key to the Forward Cast – Tim Lawson.
64. Step by Step to Better Distance – Pat Peterman.
65. Switch Rods: A Versatile Casting and Fishing Tool – RickWilliams, Mark Huber.
66. Single-handed Spey for Fishing – David Diaz.
67. Casts for Tight Quarters – Carl Zarelli.
68. Tying Grant Style Flies – Todd Collins, James Flaherty.
69. Tying Soft Hackle Flies – Mike Stewart.
70. Introduction to Fly Tying – Jim Ferguson.
71. Lessons from Latitude 65: A Scholarly, Systematic Approach to Fly Tying Instruction – Scott Murdock, Shann Jones.
72. Coq (Gallo) de Leon: History of The Feathers and Traditional Spanish Fly Patterns – LeslieWrixon.
73. Let’s Go Fishing with a Spey Rod – Lee Davison.
74. Fish the Super Secret High Desert Spring Creek - Len Zickler.
75. Steelhead Catching Techniques – Mac Huff.
76. Antique Angler: Making the Antique Hook and Tying the First English Pattern (1651) – Darrel Martin, Sandra Martin.
77. Do It Yourself Chile – Bill Keister, Dean Keister.
78. Dutch Oven Cooking – Lew Evans.
79. Rafting on the Lower Spokane River – Nick Farline.
80. Taking Your Spey Casting Talents to the Next Level – Lee Davison.
81. Casting Efficiency – Chase Jablonski.
82. Learn The Most Elegant Skill in Fly Casting, the Double Haul – Les Rosenthal.
83. Advanced Fly Casting Techniques – Don Simonson.
84. Modern Northwest Spey Casting: The Evolution of Efficiency – Brian Niska.
85. Step by Step to Better Distance – Pat Peterman.
86. Casting in Wind Conditions – Don Simonson.
87. Distance Casting and Efficient Use of the Rod – Greg Bencivenga.
88. Two-hand Casts with a Single-handed Rod - Carl Zarelli.
89. History, Tying and Fishing Soft Hackles – J.C. Childress.
90. Introduction to Fly Tying for Women – Frank Johnson, Jim Ferguson.
91. Survey of Woven Nymphs – LeslieWrixon.
92. Steelhead Catching Techniques – Mac Huff.
93. Streamside Examination of Stoneflies – David Nelson.
94. Fly Tying and Fly Casting for Veterans Limited to the Use of One Arm – Ken Brunskill.
95. Spokane River Kayak Adventure – Len Zickler.
96. Rafting on the Lower Spokane River – Nick Farline.

## New FFF website features educational videos

[www.fedflyfishers.org](http://www.fedflyfishers.org).

The Federation of Fly Fishers introduced a new website this past month. Many people participated in the project, but the key components were developed by Jeff Reed, owner of Riversbend Lodge in Montana. Keokee Publishing designed the “look and feel,” while photographs were donated by Brian O’Keefe and Dan Anthon. We will address key features to the site in our upcoming e-news and this month we would like to introduce you to the educational videos that are now available.

The video series is a cooperative effort between the Federation of Fly Fishers and On the Fly Productions. We plan to post 12 "featurettes" in 2012. Two are on the website now. Carl McNeil introduces the series in one feature and provides educational tips regarding roll casts in the other.

## Felt Soled Boots Banned In The Following States

As best I can determine the following states have banned the wearing of felt soled wading boots. If you are going to be fishing any state other than WA, check the local regulations to confirm the status of felt soles.

**Alaska; Maryland; Vermont; Missouri; New Jersey and Rhode Island**



## Back of Beyond

By Stephen Neal

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

### NW Fly Tying and Fly Fishing Expo

Solar flare activity reached a peak on the 8th of March, the hoped for view of the aurora borealis never materialized, low clouds on the northern horizon obscured our view. My ride arrived at 4 AM, long before the break of day. A brief good morn was exchanged and a spare key was handed off. The truck tires gritted upon the loose gravel on the black top, before grabbing a firm grip on the damp asphalt. We had one more pick-up and a Starbucks drive up before we settled in for a 4 1/2 hour south bond drive. Coffee and tea firmly in hand we rolled south.

Larry Gibbs, Howard Inks and I began getting to know each other; we were headed to Albany, Oregon or more correctly the Linn County fairgrounds for the NW Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Expo. If you are a fly fisher it's a hard show to pass up. For me personally it was a great way to connect with the members of the Alpine Fly Fishers and to reconnect with members of the Fly Fishers for Conservation. I knew I was going to see Roger Miller in Albany, but I was also in for an unexpected treat.

Larry, Howard and I traded stories as the miles slipped beneath the tires and the night gave way to day. Those of you who have been following my writing know that I am an introvert; it is not easy for me to meet new people. My normal activity is to set back and observe, before I enter the give and take of casual conversation. But I am in a new state, and I need to meet new people so the old ways of observation before action needed to be modified. So this trip was out of my comfort zone. I was in a truck with two strangers one of which was going to be my roommate to help defray expenses. We were going to be in the same vehicle for 4 and half hours to a town I had never been before, to an event I had never heard about until I moved up here. And to top it off I was not working the event, I was only a participant. To ease into organizations I normally volunteer, that way I can observe but still have a responsibility to focus on, I feel less exposed.

But with no responsibilities in Linn County I jumped in to participating with both feet, I took three casting classes and a fly tying class and sat down with two or three tyers. It was a wonderful experience. Fly Fishing gave us all a common interest that brings people together. Larry is retired from Pierce County and served in the Navy on Aircraft Carriers. Howard retired from Safeway; he is a Vietnam veteran who served in the Navy in communications and on river boats. We stopped in Centralia for Breakfast and met Bill Fox and Bob Jacobs, we had planned on riding together, but Bob at the last minute decide to join in the expedition and Bill opted to drive his own car and chauffer Bob. Breakfast was country style, with bacon, sausage, eggs, potatoes, biscuits, gravy and pancakes. The atmosphere was 1950 country with chicken wire, chickens (stuffed), plastic eggs, tractors (models), wooden tables and chairs, friendly service and great food. I'm sure that it all felt surreal to Bob who had just landed from a trip to Thailand and who was very much on Thailand time. The good food helped him rally and we were soon, back on the road.

We arrived at the expo at 9 AM and split up Larry to work the event and Howard and I to check in and attend classes. The NW Fly Tying and Fly Fishing Expo is world class. The main building is filled with fly tiers and vendors but the Fly Tiers are featured. Their tables are set up in the middle of the room and as you walk into the main room you face row upon row of tables filled with tyers and all have two to three chairs in front of them for the opportunity to set down and learn. There are 50 vendors and their booths frame the fly tyers with the silent auction in the back and the raffle front right. There is an adjacent building that is an indoor arena where all the casting clinics are held and fly fishing seminars are held in class rooms in the main exposition hall. First class is the best description of this event.

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The bonus for me was I got to visit with Roger & Sandy Miller and their grand children, well not so much the grand children as they spent most of their time climbing on around and pulling grandma and grandpa this way and that way. Hugs were exchanged as well as stories. Roger and I reiterated our commitment to fish Dunsmuir in the fall and plan on working the FFF booth together in Spokane in July. I also ran into Bob Scheidt and Mike Telford and his wife Susan. Mike and Sue live in Bend, Oregon and try and make the Albany show every year. Bob would like to come every year but Virginia City, NV, leprechauns, chocolate and kids interfere. Had lunch with all three and then visited with Bob while he tied. It was great catching up and sharing stories, Bob and Mike share a great camaraderie, and their joy of fly tying and fly fishing is infectious. They keep up a good natured banter while tying and entertaining. My fly casting instructors passed on casting tips and shared fishing stories and fishing locations. I now have some ideas on where to fish while in Spokane in July.

Larry, Howard and I, visited as event schedules crossed and parted, we had breakfast and dinner together and sometimes lunch. Howard is a remarkable roommate we shared lots of laughter while navigating computers, old movies and the purchase of pontoon boats. I blamed Howard for my pontoon boat purchase and in turn he paid for my breakfast tea to help defray my monetary exposure. PS Howard my wife does not hold you responsible, so you are safe. At the banquet dinner Bob, Bill, Howard, Larry, Roger and I sat together; Howard won a door prize and Larry and Roger supported FFF through winning bids.

It was a great trip, fly fishing, while a solitary pursuit on the water, bring people together, we share, we learn and we celebrate this thing call life through a shared love of fish water and the outdoors.

To old and new friends thank you.



*“Many go fishing all their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after” Henry David Thoreau*

### Events in 2013



Next year this great show, the Northwest Fly Tyers Expo will be held again in Albany, Oregon , on Friday and Saturday, March 8 & 9, 2013. Plan to attend.



Also next year, the Washington State Council will bring you the Washington Fly Fishing Fair in Ellensburg, on Friday and Saturday, May 3 & 4, 2013. Don't miss this one it is a great event!!!!



As of right now, I am not sure where or when the Federation of Fly Fishers International Fly Fishing Fair will be held, but I am sure it will be at a great location sometime during the summer months of 2013.

# April / May

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>April 1</b>	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	<b>24 Club Meeting</b>	25	26	27	28
29	30					
		<b>May 1</b>	2	3	<b>4 E'Burg Fly Fishing Fair</b>	<b>5 E'Burg Fly Fishing Fair</b>
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	<b>22 Club Meeting</b>	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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