

# Alpine Fly Fishers

*Our Next AFF Meeting*

*Will Be Tuesday*

*September 23*

*We will be meeting at the*

*Puerto Vallarta*

*215 15th St. SE*

*Puyallup at 6 PM*



## The Dead Drift - July 2014

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### **President's Line**

*By Larry Gibbs*

The year is half over. Talk about flying by. Serious dry fly fishing is here now, mixed in with some sub-surface action as well: fishing Woolly Buggers and nymphs and some big streamers for the lunkers down deep. The way the weather is shaping up it should be a great fishing season. Don't forget to take pictures so you can give them to Steve Egge for our annual fundraiser event in December. It is fun to look at the photos of club members from their fishing trips, the fish, the scenery, and wildlife. Maybe showing us where we should have been fishing so we can get ready for 2015.

I want to thank Carroll Hall for the casting workshops on Casting Essentials back on May 31 and Line Control on June 14. See page 8 for more and photos.

The Clark Fork River in western Montana is dropping nicely, it should be very fishable at anytime. The rivers over there had a good spring runoff and that will scrub the rocks and keep them mostly free of moss and slippery weeds. Should be a good year for fishing, I hope.

The Yakima River over in Ellensburg area is looking really good now, should give us a great summer of fishing and an even better fall and winter.

I had some space to fill so I started a spot in the newsletter showing a Google Earth snapshot of a 'local' lake. This month I picked Leech Lake over on White Pass. If you actually go to Google Earth and punch in Leech Lake to get this photo you can swoop down so close it is easy to see the pontoon boats out on the lake. Hope they were catching fish. They didn't know a satellite was up there taking their picture. So, next time you are out on a lake or river and look up, give a big smile for the camera then get back to some serious fishing.

Thanks to all of you who showed up at Stephen & Terry Neal's house for the club picnic. I really want to thank Terry & Stephen for opening thrir letting us use their place for such a great picnic. Their front yard is a great Bocce Ball area. There were at least 22 people at the picnic. We had a great selection of food and many hours of tall fishing tales being told. The person who drove the longest way to be there was Howard Inks, all the way from Montana! It was good to talk to him again and he had some stories to tell.

So, see you all again on the fourth Tuesday in September, the 23rd, if not before out on a river or lake somewhere. Have a great summer everyone, catch some fish. By the way, according to a couple club members, Leech is fishing good right now.

Good fishing.

Larry

## International Federation of Fly Fishers

### Fly of the Month ~ Pine Creek Special ~ July 2008

By  
Bob Bates

John Kimura from Alturas, CA was tying flies at the 2008 Fly Fishing Conclave in Ellensburg on May 3rd. All of us are looking for a fly that will catch fish in many different places and conditions. John has used this pattern successfully in streams and lakes. Also, it can be fished using a variety of techniques.

#### Materials List:

Hook: Mustad 3906 size 8

Thread: Black can use any size 6/0 to 14/0

Bead: White 1/8-inch

Body: Peacock herl

Hackle: Blue Grouse

#### Tying Steps:

1. Normally he smashes the barb, but while demonstration tying he leaves the barb on so people can put them on a card. Put bead on hook with small hole toward eye. He used one bead with a small hole that was large enough to go over the eye. He pushed it on after the hook was in the vise. Put thread on hook behind bead and wind to a point above the barb.

2. Wind thread forward to a little behind the bead. Tie in peacock herls by the tip. He didn't count the herls, but there could be a six or seven or so. With lesser quality strung herls you can use quite a few and come out with a nice body. Wind the thread back to a point above the barb. Put a little head cement on the secured peacock herls. Braid the peacock herl with a three legged braid. Could spin it on, but hand wrapping gives the whole thing a quarter turn and tightens everything. Spinning gives a tight thread but not the material. Wrap herl bundle forward to near bead then back to a little past the point of hook then forward to bead. Secure and trim excess. This gives a good fat tapered body.

3. Select a feather with speckles on it and barbs long enough to reach from the bead to the bend. Strip off the fuzzy material carefully. Hold the feather by its tip and stroke the barbs back so the feather can be tied in right behind the bead. Short fibers can be cut off. Curved side toward the body, concave side out. John ties the feather on the side of the hook.

4. Moisten fingers and fold the fibers back as the feather is wound. Tie off, whip finish, put head cement on it and trim thread.

5. Pull bead back to cover the tie down for the hackle. Reattach the thread in front of the bead and build a small head. Whip finish, trim thread and put on some head cement.

**Closing comments:** John uses different feathers for special purposes. Partridge is a good substitute for the grouse. He uses quite a few different bead colors: red, yellow, green, burnt orange, gold and silver. He and his friends use a lot of burnt orange in one lake because the water boatman have a little orange in them, and rainbows love flies with a little burnt orange in them. Try a few Pine Creek Specials they might help your success rate.





# Head for Montana this Summer

## Great Fishing

## Great Fly Fishing Fair

### August 5 - 9 in Livingston

### A Fly Fishing Quote:

*“It is the constant - or inconstant - change,  
The infinite variety in fly - fishing that binds us fast.  
It is impossible to grow weary of a sport  
That is never the same on any two days of the year.”*

*~ Theodore Gordon (1914) ~*

### Alpine Fly Fishers Meetings in 2014

**July & August (No Meetings)** — **September 23** — October 28  
November 25 — December 16 (Fund Raiser Raffle)



### New WSCIFFF Logo

When the FFF changed its name to the IFFF that required the WA State Council to change its name as well. That seemed like a good time to introduce a new logo for the council. We have been using the trout head/fly graphic for a few years on our Fly Fishing Fair pins so we decided to keep that and incorporate into the new logo.

### IFFF's TFO Fly Rod Program

The IFFF has a program where for every new IFFF member who joined using our club name, we get credit and when we have 12 new IFFF members we then get a free Temple Fork Outfitters fly rod. We should be almost to that level. I suspect by this fall when we start our meetings up again we will be there. So, which Lefty Kreh Professional Series fly rod would you like us to acquire? We will have a rod raffle of 45 spaces selling for \$3 each. Actual value of the rod is \$150 to \$160 depending upon which one we pick. If you have a preference, please email me with your suggested selection.

#### Lefty Kreh Professional Series

- TFO 03 76 4 P (3 weight - 7'6" - 4 pc)
- TFO 04 80 4 P (4 weight - 8'0" - 4 pc)
- TFO 05 86 4 P (5 weight - 8'6" - 4 pc)
- TFO 07 90 4 P (7 weight - 9'0" - 4 pc)
- TFO 08 90 4 P (8 weight - 9'0" - 4 pc)
- TFO 10 90 4 P (10 weight - 9'0" - 4 pc)

## WHAT'S OBSOLETE?

*Neil Travis*

*February 7, 2011 FAOL (Fly Anglers On Line)*

Recently I have been reviewing the writings in some of the classic angling literature, and if you have been following those articles you will notice a common thread emerging. While there are obvious differences between the types of equipment that they used – rods were longer, slower and heavier, lines were made of silk and leaders from silk worm gut, and reels were made from brass or hard rubber – the equipment that they used is still serviceable today. Certainly most of us, yours truly included, would not wish to return to using the silk lines and gut leaders, brass reels, and long, heavy bamboo fly rods of former times. Today's equipment is lighter and certainly requires less hands-on attention on the part of the user; however the improvements have not necessarily made the older equipment obsolete.

While tackle; rods, reels, and lines, to some extent change every year the basic configuration has remained unchanged since Halfords time, and in some cases even before. It is still possible to secure a fly rod from the turn of the 20th century and turn it into a serviceable fishing tool. Old fly reels are still serviceable, and in some cases are equal to or even better than some modern models.

One thing that I have always found to be interesting is the number of flies that have come and gone over the years. Back in the early 70's I worked for Dan Bailey's in Livingston, Montana for a couple years. At that time Dan employed a number of fly tiers, mostly ladies that cranked out a steady supply of flies for fly fishers around the world. At that time I was doing some guiding for Bailey's and I would meet my clients at the shop before we headed out for the day. That was the time to check to make certain that they had Montana fishing licenses and to see if they had the necessary gear. If we were fishing the Yellowstone River I would fill my guide box with Royal Wulff's, some Goofus bugs, and a few Trudes. If it was later summer I would add a few Joe's Hoppers. It was a rare day that these flies would not produce.

Fast forward 40 years and if you did a quick check of the guide box of most guides on the Yellowstone River it's unlikely that you would find any of the flies that we considered essential back 'in the day.' Today we have Chernobyl ants, Stimulators, Tarantulas, Foam beetles, bead head nymphs, and a variety of other patterns unlike anything we used just a few years ago.

What happened? Do fish still eat Wulff patterns? Have they stopped eating Goofus bugs or Humpies? Will a trout still rise to a Trude floated along the bank next to the riprap? The answer is yes but few anglers still use them on a regular basis.

Now I admit that I rarely use any of those patterns today, however it has nothing to do with their effectiveness. I fish very few attractor patterns preferring to fish flies that are more representative of the types of food that trout normally eat, but under the right circumstance attractor patterns are very effective. Today anglers will reach for a Chernobyl ant before they tie on a Royal Wulff or a Goofus Bug. Is a Chernobyl ant representative of anything that you have seen floating down your local trout stream? They are certainly no more a close representative of any known trout food that a Royal Wulff or a Goofus bug, but the Chernobyl ant is a current favorite and the other flies have fallen out of favor with modern anglers.

There are literally thousands of fly patterns. Some have risen to prominence only to disappear into obscurity. We all have fly patterns in our fly boxes that we created. Some are adaptations on existing patterns and others are pure innovation that has sprung from our own fertile imagination. There are numerous books on fly patterns including one 11 pound volume called *Forgotten Flies*. [see <http://flyangersonline.com/review/week141.php>] Will these patterns still catch fish or are they obsolete? They are only obsolete because no one uses them anymore. Like bamboo rods and silk lines they may no longer be in vogue but they are far from obsolete.



Goofus Bug — Later known as the Humpy



Trude style fly



Joes Hopper

# Back of Beyond

By Stephen Neal

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

## Stars

I live just far enough away from the cities influence of light, that at night I can see the stars. I draw comfort from this seemingly small thing. Since the beginning of time, people have been fascinated by the heavens. Our ancestors lived beneath the stars, the night sky was as know to them as the land/sea that they worked, herded, hunted and roamed. They navigated the land and sailed the seas by the stars. Polaris (North Star) Southern Cross, these were sky land marks that guided them on life's journeys. The chuck wagon cook's last act before bedding down for the night was to point the wagon tongue towards the North Star, as there were no landmarks, on those wide and trackless plains. Hunters, gathers and traders sat around their campfires or on the decks of their ships and found their place in the stars and plotted their courses.

Our ancestor's dreams, teachings and aspirations are reflected in their naming of the constellations. The constellation we call the Swan is known as the Great Snow Goose by the Salish Indians. The Pleiades is called the Seven Sisters by the Nez Perces or the dancing children by the Onondaga. The Big Dipper is Ursa Major (Greater She-Bear) always to be hunted by Canes Venatici (The Hunting Dogs) placed there by Coyote, North American Indian myth. The stars were used to tell stories of life's lessons, creation and the wonder of our universe, all stories important to the survival of our people. Cassiopeia, Andromeda, Draco (Dragon) these names bring with them history, myth and wonder. Astrology, the stars were researched for their portent of the future, fortune telling, Gemini, Aries, Aquarius, Leo, etc.. Astronomy, the rotation of the stars and planets (Sun, Moon, Mars, Venus, etc.), the coming of spring, the advent of winter, the planting and harvesting of crops or the hunting and gathering of food sources. The history, values and survival of our people is written in our night skies; our future in dreams of space exploration and discovery.

We measure ourselves against the stars; when we view the stars we begin to understand the immensity of our universe, our world. Once we get beyond the abstract of viewing the night sky and begin to fully see, we find our right place in the world. Our egos begin to diminish and we understand that we are part of a much greater whole. The world does not revolve around us but we revolve with the world and we begin to be in balance with life. From space, viewing earth has the same effect on Astronauts'; they talk about the humbling experience of seeing how small earth is in comparison with the universe.

The cities light are moving closer to our home and I will miss the night sky from my yard. Street lights do not always illuminate, sometimes they actually hide us from our world. To find ourselves sometimes we must go into the dark, openings are not always in the light. If you cannot see the stars from your back yard, then make sure and take a trip to a less well lighted spot and look up into the night sky and reconnect with this world and your ancestors. On your next fishing/camping trip step away from the campfire and look up, there is a world of wonder, immensity and a path back towards the whole, just waiting to be rediscovered.

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



## FLY FISHING ONLY

WAC 220-56-210 Fly fishing.

(1) It is unlawful to fish in waters restricted to "fly fishing only" with the use of:

(a) A fixed spool reel.

(b) Fishing line other than conventional fly line, except that other line may be used for backing and leader if it is attached to not less than 25 feet of conventional fly line.

(c) Hooks that exceed 1/2 inch when measured from point to shank.

(d) Not more than two flies each with a barbless single hook.

(e) Bait.

(f) Weight attached to the leader or line.

(2) Only knotless nets may be used to land fish in waters restricted to "fly fishing only."

(3) Violation of this subsection is an infraction, punishable under RCW 77.15.160.

It is unlawful to possess fish taken with gear in violation of the provisions of this section. Possession of fish while using gear in violation of the provisions of this section is a rebuttable presumption that the fish were taken with such gear. Possession of such fish is punishable under RCW 77.15.380 Unlawful recreational fishing in the second degree—Penalty, unless the fish are taken in the amounts or manner to constitute a violation of RCW 77.15.370 Unlawful recreational fishing in the first degree—Penalty.

(4) "Fly" means a lure on which thread, feathers, hackle, or yarn cover a minimum of half the shank of the hook. Metallic colored tape, tinsel, mylar, or beadeyes may be used as an integral part of the design of the fly pattern.



### Western Libraries Heritage Resources Presents: **A Quest for Native Golden Trout**

July 8, 2014 1:00-3:00 pm

Presentation at 1:30 pm, Wilson Library 6th Floor

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Western Libraries Special Collections, a department of Heritage Resources

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## Casting Workshop - May 31

I want to thank Carroll Hall for the casting workshop on Casting Essentials back on May 31. Twelve of us showed up for the event. Catherine Walters, Kevin Gill, Ellen Gill, Bob Koehne, Mary Etta Alberts, Dick Knudson, Duffy Christy, PJ Hicks, JackLynn Scott, Bill Scott, Brian Miller and myself. I want to thank all of you for your donations to the SKIFF fund, those children will really appreciate it.

Larry

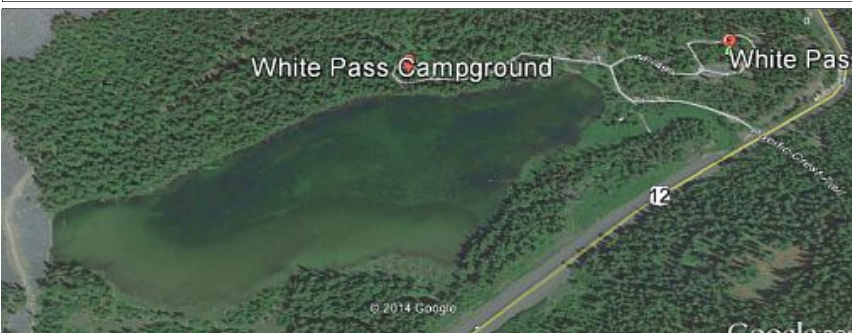
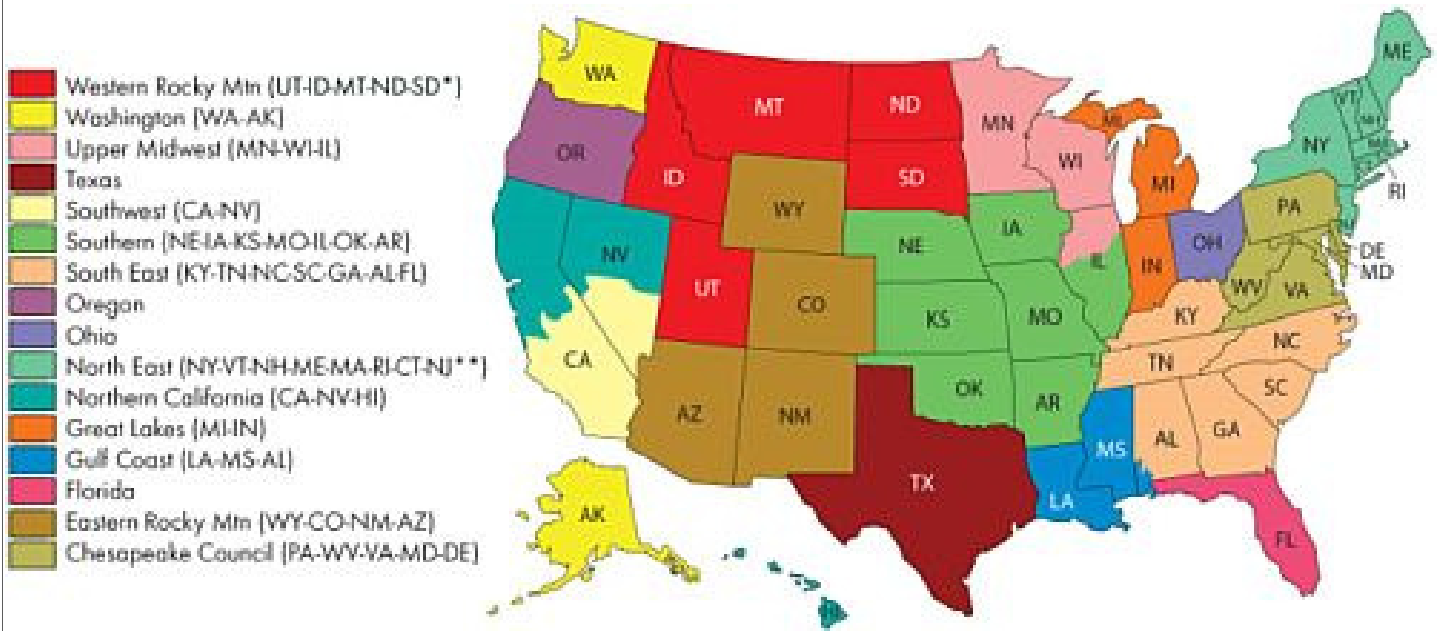


## Casting Workshop - June 14

Again I want to thank Carroll Hall for giving us another casting workshop, this time on Line Control. Six of us were there for this event. Kevin & Ellen Gill, Duffy Christy, Mary Etta Alberts, Nancy Hall and myself. We didn't get rained on and the wind cooperated very nicely with the instruction.

Larry

## The sixteen councils of the IFFF



## Leech Lake

### Wild Brook trout and big Triploids

220-310-195 Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules—Eastside

(207) Leech Lake (Yakima County):

- (a) Open for fly fishing only.
- (b) It is unlawful to fish from a floating device equipped with a motor.
- (c) Trout: It is unlawful to retain more than one trout over 14 inches in length.



# July / August 2014

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