

July 2006 Newsletter - Alpine Fly Fishers

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Meeting -

Tuesday, July. 25, 2006

Niftys Fiftys Pub and Grill,

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Wet Line 6:30 P.M., Dry Line 7:30 P.M.

Program: Tuesday on Tap

Although no formal speakers are planned for this month's meeting. President Bill Aubrey expects members to divulge information about favorite holes, flies and what they've accomplished in the water this summer. How about demonstrating a favorite pattern? Bring your tying gear.

Don't forget monthly meetings will continue the fourth Tuesday in July and August this summer.

Rocket Caddis

Hook: Mustad
94845 #12-18
Thread: Tan 6/0
Body: Gudebrod
EZ dub (tan, light
brown)

Antenna: Metallic
gold thread

Wing: Foam wing
caddis 2mm
(Wrightway
Sports)

Butt: Red or rose-
colored dubbing

Hackle: Brown or
grizzly

Tying steps:

1. Tie on antennae
2. Dub the butt
section
3. Attach body
material and stop
1/3-shank distance
behind eye
4. Attach wing at
this point
5. Wrap hackle
between 1/3 point
and eye

This is a tent-style
winged caddis, so
position your
wings accordingly.



Fly of the Month (Stolen by Fred Fishback)

Just another non-organic tie to add to your fly collection

Participated in a quick argument with Mrs. Fish the other day. She claims the Rocket Caddis is non-organic, not safe to eat and full of synthetic nasties. I tried convincing her of the positive aspects of using fly tying materials not taken from once-breathing creatures. It didn't work. She has always sympathized with our finned friends, and argues they deserve a better meal-deal than foam wings, red seal-clone butts, and tan polymer dubbing. About the only respectable part of this caddis is the hackle, I thought, but no doubt the chicken farmer force-fed it hormones. So once again I came in second in our dispute.

Despite the loss, I tied up a couple of these flies. Haven't fished them, although they float. They are easy to tie, meaning quick-and-dirty, and according to developer Eric Schubert of North Idaho Fly Caster Club, the fly provides excellent results in riffles and runs due to its excellent floatability and visibility.

When I tied this fly, I used plenty of substitutes. Like yellow thread (no gold in my house) for the antenna, golden brown synthetic dubbing (no EZ dubbing wrapped around an internal thread at my bench) and a TMC 100 hook. And I didn't have a pre-cut foam wing, so I made my own using 2mm closed-cell black and sharp scissors. It looked like this:

Schubert says these foam wings have a tendency to not lie flat on top of the hook shank (see picture), so he recommends applying some glue and holding the wing down on the shank until it dries. Good luck.

6th Annual Casting Expo

Washington State Council of the Federation of Flyfishers hosts the 6th annual Northwest Fly Casting Exposition on Saturday, Sept 23rd at Tolt MacDonald Park in Carnation. "This is a day for casting" according to Jim Higgins. Scheduled are:

- A chance to try out the latest fly rods by major manufacturers
- Fly tying demonstrations by some of the Northwest's best
- Homespun barbecue enjoyed by registered guests
- Beginning, intermediate and advanced casting classes taught by FFF staff
- Two-handed casting classes with spey rods taught by FFF certified instructors
- Distance and accuracy competitions
- Events for youth age 8-15
- Team competition

For more information, Higgins suggests visiting the website www.washingtoncouncilfff.org and clicking on NWFCE for registration information.

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