

# Alpine Fly Fishers

Our Next AFF Meeting

Tuesday

April 26

In-Person, at the

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1000 Stewards member



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### President's Line

*By Larry Gibbs*

Over the past 2+ years of no contact meetings, I have slowly acquired a fairly nice inventory of neat 'stuff' for our raffles. They vary in price up into the many hundreds of dollars. Many of these items will go in our monthly raffles but some are too expensive for that and will be used in our raffle boards in the future. Other items may get donated to various fly fishing events as fundraisers for their group.

We had our first in-person meeting last night, more on that in a bit. Keeping with the theme about raffle items, since I have a fairly large inventory of items and there is such a wide range of their value, I proposed the following to the club members who were at the meeting. There will be three raffle boards going at the same time. A \$100 board, a \$250 board and a board somewhere in the \$400+ range (after I size up the inventory). All the boards will have a nice selection for the winner to choose from.

I do this to try to bolster up our checking account. As I told the members last night, we had a rather low balance back in 2012 but by the end of 2019 (just prior to the Covid hit) we had a rather nice balance (I never print how much we actually have, as it is only our business and not the business of others). But the past two years with virtually no funds coming in, we are again at a rather low balance. I told the group last night that I was going to donate some funds to get us a kick start and between that and the money we do bring in from the raffle boards, we should have enough money to pay for our club obligations and end this year still in the black.

Yes, we finally had an in-person meeting last night. FANTASTIC!!!! There were 12 of us there for this historic event. Nine other members had contacted us to let us know that they would not be able to attend but are looking forward to the April meeting. We still have the side room at the Puerto Vallarta. Everyone had a good time, with lots of talking to cover the past two years, wow too years of not having meetings, that was rough. Bill Fox volunteered to be the Gillie (in this case he who sells the raffle tickets). There were fishing stories as well as what they have been doing this past two years stories being told and laughed about. We passed the Liar's Cup around and we actually had some fishing stories being told.

I had a raffle table set out with some nice items: Five fly cups of various flies, a Worley Bugger Buff, a wooden fly box with the club name on it and a waterproof clear double sided fly box. Oh yea, and two cake plates with Lynne's homemade New York style cheesecake and cherry sauce. Bob won one of those and Carole won the other one.

Plus, as promised by me, everyone was able to sort through a bag of fly cups and pick a dozen or so flies to take home with them. I will not be doing that at every meeting, just this once. So, I sure hope we see all of you at the April meeting.

*"Time is but the stream I go a-fishing in. I drink at it; but while I drink, I see the sandy bottom and detect how shallow it is. Its thin current slides away, but eternity remains." Henry David Thoreau*

Good Fishing & Stay Safe



Larry



# Fly Fishing International

## Fly of the Month

April 2008

### Stimulator

By Bob Bates



The Stimulator is a long time favorite for many anglers throughout the world. Its popularity is undoubtedly because of its versatility for many different situations. All that is needed is a change in size, 4 to 18, and color to make fish think that they are going after a huge spring *Pteronarcys californica* stonefly, a summer grasshopper or any season caddis. Even its developer Randall Kaufmann encourages variations in color and size. In *Tying Dry Flies*, 1991 Kaufmann says: "Even a subtle change, like thread color, sometimes seems to make a difference."

Al Beatty, BT's Fly Tying Products, <http://www.btsflyfishing.com>, tied this version at the Western Rocky Mountain Council (FFF) Fly Fishing Exposition in West Yellowstone, Montana, June 30, 2007. It is a proven fish getter that can be easily changed for fussy fish by something as simple as changing the color of the Touch Dubbing where it is used. Touch Dubbing, a sparkly Antron material, is available in a dozen colors. See LaFontaine Private Label, Helena, MT 800-874-4171 <http://thebookmailer.com/index.html>. You can make your own by cutting Antron yarn in 1/4-inch pieces and mixing it in a blender. The website claims that their material is "painstakingly prepared by elves."

Fishing the Stimulator is a wide open opportunity. Use a floating line and cast so the fly drifts drag free. A reach cast sometimes does the trick. At other times a mend will be necessary, but mending should be done carefully so the fly isn't moved out of a proper line to the fish. If there is no action on the drag free float then a twitch might be in order. Some anglers give the fish a choice of the big floating Stimulator and a nymph hanging below it. The Stimulator becomes a strike indicator so watch it carefully. There will not be the sound of a splash to attract your attention.

#### Materials list:

Hook: Tiemco 200 R, sizes 4 to 18

Thread: 6/0 Brown

Hackle: Long saddle, brown or furnace

Tail: Elk hair

Abdomen: Peacock herl

Highlights: Touch Dubbing: light green, black or orange

Wing: Elk hair

#### Tying Steps:

1. Make a thread base between mid shank and a point on the hook just in front of the barb.
2. Move thread to bend and tie on the feather for hackle by the butt. Al likes shiny side forward, but "It is important to make your materials do what you want them to do." Return thread to mid shank. (While doing this Al talked about using Static Guard when tying with deer or elk hair. Spray it on materials and yourself. It avoids a lot of problems with hair sticking to things that it shouldn't.) Cut off a bunch of elk hair, remove under fur, stack and place on top of hook so the tail is about 1-1/2 to 2 gap widths long. Secure at mid shank. Wind thread to rear while holding the elk hair on top of the hook, and return thread to mid shank. Trim butts of elk hair on a slope.
3. Tie In three peacock herls by the tips on top of the elk hair. (Do not twist peacock herls.) Put some tacky dubbing wax on thread then tap the Touch Dubbing ball on the thread. Your fingers never have to touch the tacky thread. Make a dubbing loop, and put herls and thread loop parallel.
4. Since tying thread is at back of the hook bring the thread and feather forward together. Secure feather, and pull it back out of the way.
5. Cut another bunch of elk hair, remove under fur and stack. Place elk hair on hook so it will make a wing that extends to the end of the tail. Put 4 or 5 looser thread turns to control wing then wind tighter.
6. Cut butts of elk hair on a slope and wind thread tightly over the cut area. Leave the thread about an eye width behind the eye.
7. Put a little dubbing wax on thread, apply Touch Dubbing and wind thread rearward to just in front of wing.
8. Bring hackle that had been pulled back out of the way forward. Then advance feather and thread together. Secure feather, trim excess, shape a small head and put on a whip finish. Or you can put two thread winds on a half hitch tool and slip them onto the head. If you do this twice it is as good as a whip finish with a tool. A little head cement as a final touch is always a good idea.

**Closing comments:** Tie up some of these Stimulators to try on your next trip. If it is stonefly time tie big ones, if is hopper time maybe not so big and almost anytime for caddis size flies.

# Back of Beyond

Stephen Neal

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

## Journey

"The further you get from nature the harder the road". When I first heard that quote, I knew I would use it in a future article, I had no idea that I would be sitting in a Covid Isolation Unit writing that article. How I got here is a long and winding road.

A week ago, I was on the Olympic Peninsula, exploring beaches, tide pools, waterfalls, and rivers. A phone call from my wife, brought disquieting news, her mother had been transported from Elko, Nevada to Salt Lake City, Utah to have her leg removed. A blood clot and a blocked artery necessitated that action.

When I returned home, Terry and I made plans to drive to Elko to reconfigure Betty's home to meet her new circumstances. Plans change, a positive Covid test after surgery required a transfer to a rehabilitation care facility with a covid isolation ward. Terry and I packed our bags and headed to Murray Utah right next door to Salt Lake City. Our journey followed ancient rivers that carved and shaped the lands of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, on our way to Utah.



In today's age of electronic marvels, it is easy to rely on modern navigational aids to get from point A to Z. Early mankind honed their innate wayfaring skills, as they explored and populated the world as they left the human cradle in Africa. Those latent skills are still around today, many people still instinctively know North, South, East and West. But our ancestors were highly attuned to their environment. They read the land, stars, sun, water, wind and marked the season and animal migrations to know their whereabouts. They sailed the open oceans reading tides, currents, water temperatures, stars, and winds to navigate. On land they followed rivers, seasons, animals, grasses, stars, and winds. Our ancestors would be amazed to learn how easily we get lost, and disorientated, when we are out and about in the world. Situational awareness has been lost due to lack of use, when you are reading water looking for fish, don't forget to look up and orientate yourself, know where you are and what is happening around you.

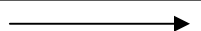
One of electronic navigational aids downfall, is its lack of connection to the land that one crosses. In its bare bone's configuration, it shows roads on a flat plane, and even if it shows contour lines, on such a small screen the detail of whether your journey is up, or downhill will only be known once you are there. It is really good at showing you where you are, but poor about showing where you are in relation to anything else. Before you rely solely on today's modern navigational aids one must know their limitations.

To help navigate our beautiful and sparse western landscape, I draw mental pictures. I put together the pieces to make it whole, to know where I am in the bigger picture. Terry and I were traversing the Columbia River drainage basin; it covers 258,000 square miles. The picture I hold in my mind of the drainage basin, is a hand folded to use one's pointer finger, laid on its back, my palm creases are the river channels. The pointer finger points to the Colombia's source in Canada. The Columbia River is the main stem and the feeder stems all flowing into the main stem from Alberta, and British Columbia Canada in the North, Western Montana, and Wyoming in the east, most of Idaho, Washington, and Oregon, and bits of Nevada, and Utah. The rivers that we crossed are all older than the land they shaped. Earthquakes and volcanic action folded and raised this land up and altered the rivers flow, blocking their course to the Pacific. The waters were unceasing in their efforts to reach the mother waters, successive monster floods cut through the mountains or circumventing them, leaving old channels and dry falls in their wake as they sought the ocean.

The roads we traveled, followed the Columbia River and the rivers that flowed into the Columbia. Many of our modern roads and highways today are the same trails that the Native Americans used and were used again by the flood of pilgrims during the great western migration. One can almost see Conestoga wagons and hand pulled carts making their way west, dust slowly rising from the wheels and livestock's hooves. The smoke from their campfires is still carried on the wind. As we survey the surrounding hills, and canyon walls, one can see ancient riverbeds, the cobbled rocks laid down by ancient waters, their courses changed by floods, earthquakes, and volcanic eruption. Old floods buried them, and erosion has laid them bare again. Flat top buttes and bluffs also reveal old riverbeds, their hard surfaces scored clean while the looser material eroded away below them as the water dug deeper into the earth crust seeking release in their rush to the great oceans.

From the eastern slope of Washington's Cascades, we followed the Yakama River to the Columbia, we entered Oregon where the Umatilla River mixes its waters with the Columbia.

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Below us the Columbia's broad waters flowing east to west were cloudy with the influx of earth rich water from the runoff of heavy rain. As we drove east towards Pendleton Oregon, we were bracketed by the Columbia on our left and the Umatilla River on our right, after summiting Deadman Pass, we dropped south to follow the Grande Ronde River. As we followed Highway 84 through Oregon down into Idaho we met up with the Snake River, near Boise Idaho we crossed the Payette and Boise Rivers just above their confluence with the Snake. From Mountain Home Idaho we bent eastward and were never far from the Snake and did not leave it drainage until we dropped down into Utah.



The picture in my mind grew in rich detail as I noted the differences in terrain, vegetation, and river flow orientation. South of the Columbia the feeder river flow northward. The land to the south is more arid and the river canyons cut deeper into the earth's crust. Each river contains different colored rocks that are deposited upon its riverbed. The minerals from a rivers source taint the water and leave their color on the rocks that it distributes along its route.

Geologist can trace the old river channels back to their source waters based upon the color of the rocks they find. At one time the Columbia River flowed over the same area of the Yakama River now flows near Ellensburg Washington. Geological river history is written all over the Columbia River Drainage area and it is still being written. All of these geological markers become navigational aids to help the wayfarer in his journey across the 258,000 square miles of land that encompasses this great North American water drainage. As we neared Salt Lake City, we entered another major watershed the Great Basin. The Great Basin encompasses western Utah, all but a small portion of Nevada, eastern California, and southern Idaho, it stretches westward from the Wasatch Mountains to the Sierra Nevada Mountains. All the moisture that falls in the great basin stays in the great basin there are no outlets to the sea. Salt Lake City is built upon a shelf of the Wasatch Mountain Range. This shelf was formally under the waters of Lake Bonneville of which the Great Salt Lake is a small remnant. As we neared Ogden Utah near the northern end of the Wasatch Mountain Range, we turned on our GPS because my navigational skills of the plains and mountains are not up to the demands of navigating in an unknown manmade city, that in essence stretches 60 miles, along the length of the Wasatch Mountain Range. After 12 hours of driving the 13th hour of the trip was the longest as we found our way through the jungle of concrete and steel to the rehabilitation center to where Terry's Mother was in need of, tender loving care.

That last 40 miles verified the quote: "The further you get from nature the harder the road.". Always practice your situational awareness and draw pictures in your mind and the wide-open spaces will fill you with wonder and nourish your soul. We sighed with relief as we pulled into the parking lot of the rehabilitation center and walked in to sit and visit with Betty.

Stephen

PS: Terry's Mom continues to improve but she still has a long recovery in front of her but by small steps she is reclaiming her future.

*The world is out there, the journey starts the minute you leave the door, go outside and truly live.*

*"When given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind – Dr. Wayne W. Dyer*

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

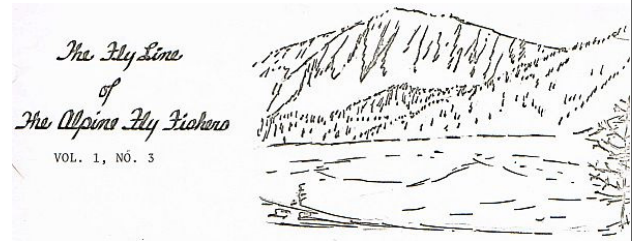


*~ In The Past ~*

The Newsletter of the Alpine Fly Fishers  
'The Fly Line' -  
Vol. 6, No. 7

July of 1978

Gary Ritchie, Editor



This *~ In The Past ~* article was published in 1978. The information it contains is **44** years out of date and is not accurate.

*This is a historical document only.*

**Program:** Top X-Rated Movies:

1. "Secrets of Fly Casting"
2. "HMG - The Spoiler, produced by Fenwick"

**Door Prizes:** Diamond knife sharpener

**Trustees Report:** None

**Fishing Report:** None

This month the Fly Line has set a new standard for brevity.

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**Program:** Our own **Pat Trotter** will present "Coastal Cutthroat Trout"

**Door Prizes:** Orvis Leader Reel  
One dozen flies

**Trustees Report:** You guessed it. Those lazy good-for-nothing Turstees didn't meet again this month.

**Fish-Out Report:** Cal asked me to notify all members that the famous Elwha River Fishout will be coming up in September. Tentative plans are for two trips - one on Labor Day weekend and another the following weekend. The upper Elwha is perhaps the finest native rainbow fishery in Western Washington, along with being a classically beautiful stream. **Phil White** will be handling the arrangements so give him a call if you are interested.

**RITCHIE RESIGNS AS "FLY LINE" EDITOR:**

Washington D.C. (UPI). The White House reported today that Gary A. Ritchie has resigned as editor of the AFF newsletter "The Fly Line". President Carter expressed "shock and disbelief" at the announcement, indicating that this set-back could not have come at a worse time in his Administration. "The impact of Ritchie's resignation on our Middle-East policy is incalculable". Carter remarked at his press conference this morning, "to say nothing of its long term implications on our fiscal stability efforts."

President Carter has directed AFF President George Vaars to begin a nationwide search for a new Editor immediately.

# Alpine Fly Fishers



## Future Meetings

**April 26, 2022**

May 24 / June ??

No meetings in July or August

September 27 / October 25 / November 22 / December 20

## Washington FFI joins the Amazon Smile Program



You can donate to the state FFI council with every purchase at [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com)

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Amazon Smile donates 0.5% of the price of every purchase to the non-profit of your choice. It doesn't change the price you pay for goods. Amazon takes a sliver of its earnings from the transaction to donate to the non-profit you choose.

Washington FFI supports a range of education and conservation efforts every year from cash contributions. We support Casting for Recovery for women cancer survivors and Project Healing Waters serving wounded veterans. For years we've backed the annual Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy that has introduced a generation of teens to our sport. Last year we helped organize and fund a successful effort to preserve public ownership of the Ebsen Fishing Access on the Grand Ronde and we helped fund new signage for fishers on the Yakima River.

It takes cash to sustain these efforts, cash we usually raise through our annual Fly Fishing Fair and other events. That hasn't been possible lately. But everyone still shops. Many FFI members shop online at Amazon. Directors of the Washington State Council have joined the Amazon Smile program to help fund our work. You can help by shopping through Amazon Smile.

To join follow these steps:

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Every time you shop through Amazon Smile a portion of every purchase you make will help fund FFI education and environmental stewardship in Washington. Several FFI councils nationwide participate in the program so be sure to select Fly Fishers International Inc. Seattle WA when you sign up.

Since our founding 56 years ago, Washington FFI has worked to support the 22 FFI member clubs in Washington and Alaska and design ways to promote and conserve fly fishing for all fish in all waters. Washington FFI pursues projects and partnerships that educate the public about our sport and the habitats that sustain salt and freshwater fisheries. We have a track record of success creating innovative education programs, sound conservation efforts and a strong community of fly fishers statewide. Help Washington FFI continue that success by signing up at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and selecting:

**Fly Fishers International Inc. Seattle WA** as your non-profit of choice. Thank you.

*Editors Note: I already had a link to Amazon on my computer but it did not open to Amazon Smile, so I copied the URL to the Smile site and opened up my link and pasted the new URL in it. Now I open to Amazon Smile when I click the link. It doesn't cost me any more money and the WA State Council FFI gets a donation from Amazon.*

Larry

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- The FFI Learning Center's wealth of fly fishing knowledge and resources
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FFI continues to focus on conservation, education, and community as the underpinning of our work. Our commitment to these principles provides the rock-solid foundation as we lean into the challenge of unprecedented times, and ascend to meet the needs of the evolving demographics of fly fishing.

JOIN FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL TODAY to help ensure that fly fishing can continue to instill the kind of passion it does today in so many of us.

**WHY JOIN FFI? TOGETHER WE:**

- **PROTECT THREATENED WATERS AND HABITATS** for current and future generations.
- **BRING TOGETHER EXPERTISE** in fly casting, fly tying, fly fishing skills, and conservation education and development programs.
- **ADVOCATE FOR POLICIES** and initiatives for conservation issues.
- **STRENGTHEN THE FLY FISHING COMMUNITY** by sharing knowledge and experiences.
- **PROVIDE RESOURCES** for fly fishing educators and professionals.
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We've got momentum— Help us keep it going as a member of FFI. As participation in fly fishing has grown, FFI is providing enhanced opportunities to learn, sustained our commitment to conservation, and offers new and exciting opportunities to expand our community. JOIN US!



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# Northwest Youth Conservation & Fly Fishing Academy

## SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED FOR NW YOUTH CONSERVATION & FLY FISHING ACADEMY

The staff and students of the 2019 Academy would like to thank all the organizations and individuals for their generous support in donating funds and sponsoring our youth in 2019. A very successful Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy was held during June 2019. There were 21 well-behaved, enthusiastic boys and girls, ages 12 to 16 attending. All were a pleasure to be around. Each learned a wealth of information for use in their life as future conservationists and fly fishers. Many caught their first fish on a fly they learned to tie at The Academy. Application for the 2022 Academy is now open.

2020 was going to be Jim and my last Academy. Jim has been involved for 16 years, I have been involved for 14 years and we are going to pass the Academy onto 3 solid, dedicated new Co-Directors. John Gravendyk, Bruce Merighi and Carol Anderson, all from the flyfishing community. and Pat Hesselgesser, Chair (WCTU), is also going to volunteer. The group has decided to attempt to conduct an Academy this year, 2022 at Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA. at the Gwinwood Christian Center. However; we are limiting the applicants to 12 this year. We will be following TU National, CDC and local health recommended regulations during camp.

The Academy is a youth education project of the Washington Council of Trout Unlimited and is made possible with the help and support of The Washington State Council of Fly Fishers International clubs. Our goal is to open the door for today's youth to learn conservation and fly fishing, regardless of financial means, for any serious minded youth willing to do the work.

Organizations of TU and the FFI have been the main financial source of support, along with some very generous individuals and businesses; we trust this will continue in the future. TU chapters and FFI clubs have generously sponsored youth to attend the Academy.

The Academy Steering Committee is requesting TU chapters and Fly Fishing Clubs to donate at the \$500 level. Enrollment fee is \$300.00 per student. However, it costs approximately \$1000 total per youth for the 7 days. And no applicant is turned away because of funding.

The Academy can be a life changing experience of our youth's attitude about stewardship, conservation, and fly fishing. The knowledge they learn about the abundance of life in our rivers, lakes and streams is invaluable and it is imperative that we preserve this event for our current youth so they become our future conservationists and fly fishers.

Our request to you is that your organization budget to contribute to the Academy in 2022. Your support is needed to make the Academy a success. Please send your contributions payable to: WCTU, and "Academy" listed in the "For" section of the check, c/o Mike Clancy, 2531 Simon Lane NE, Olympia, WA 98506. Our updated website – [www.nwycffa.com](http://www.nwycffa.com)

*We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can always build our youth for their future. FDR*

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# Fly Casting Fair

August 13 · 9 a.m.

*Lake Ballinger Park, Mountlake Terrace, WA*

- › Walk-in Casting Clinic
- › Casting Skills Development
- › Casting Workshops
- › Fly Tying



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# April / May 2022

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"Now that the winter's gone, the earth hath lost Her snow-white robes, and now no more the frost Candies the grass, or casts an icy cream Upon the silver lake or crystal stream; But the warm sun thaws the benumbed earth, And makes it tender; gives a sacred birth To the dead swallow; wakes in hollow tree The drowsy cuckoo and the humble-bee. Now do a choir of chirping minstrels bring In triumph to the world the youthful spring." - Thomas Carew, The Spring, 1630

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29	30	31	<p>"Tis like the birthday of the world, when earth was born in bloom; The light is made of many dyes, The air is all perfume: There's crimson buds, and white and blue, The very rainbow showers Have turned to blossoms where they fell, And sown the earth with flowers." - Thomas Hood - 1799 - 1845</p>			

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