



... featured presentation
for the June Meeting

Experiences and Impressions of the **2010 FFF Conclave**

This month's speakers are John and Barbara Lindner. John was first introduced to fly-fishing in 1973 by Tom Countway from Gunnison, CO. He got his start with a Fenwick 7' 6wt and a Pflueger reel. John then proceeded to fish Hat Creek and some spring streams near Susanville, CA. Without further training and discouraged from poor performance, John soon sank back to spincasting baits and lures until 1993. After taking fly-fishing and fly-tying classes, successes on the South Fork of Kern River soon followed. It has been non-stop success since. Then his wife Barbara was introduced to trout on the fly and John had found his life fishing partner. Amen!

Our presentation is about our experience and impressions of the 2010 FFF Conclave in W. Yellowstone, MT. We enthusiastically recommend this premier, world class event. Come and find out why at the June meeting.



"John fishing the Low O"

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Goodies for the
June Club Meeting
— Neal Barry —

Goodies for the
July Club Meeting
— No Meeting —

Up Around The Bend

Allen Bell, Programs

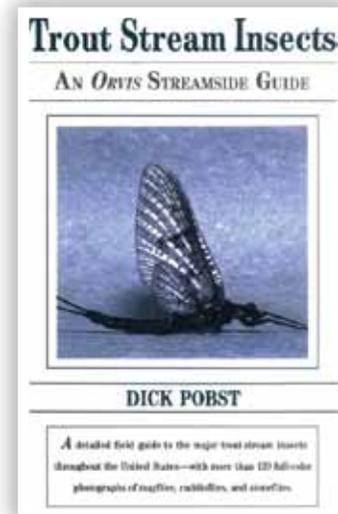
The tentative schedule of general meeting speakers and events is listed below.

June	John Linder Experiences and Impressions of the 2010 FFF Conclave
July	**No monthly meeting**
August	Club Picnic
September	To be announced
October	Mike Sinclair Bamboo Rod Building
November	Chuck Newmyer Alaska Fishing Trip
December	"Festival"
January 2012	Dave D'Beaupre
February 2012	Boomer Stout Green River
March 2012	Tim Tollett Frontier Anglers, Dillon MT.



Book of the Month

"Silent Auction"



The book for the June meeting silent auction will be "Trout Stream Insects" by Dick Pobst.

This compact little book, with more than 120 full-color photographs of the most important trout stream insects, is a must for all fly fishermen, nationwide. Its crisp text offers basic information on trout stream entomology and hatching cycles, and gives full information about the major American mayflies, caddisflies, stoneflies, and midges - their description, behavior, and fishing potential. Each natural fly is shown in its three chief stages - nymph, dun, and spinner - in full color. Helpful charts, diagrams, and actual size silhouettes enhance the text of this invaluable book.

If you can't make the meeting but want to bid on the book of the month, you can contact Chuck at (760) 375-1126 or hisifly@iwvisp.com to submit your bid. **Minimum bid is \$12.**

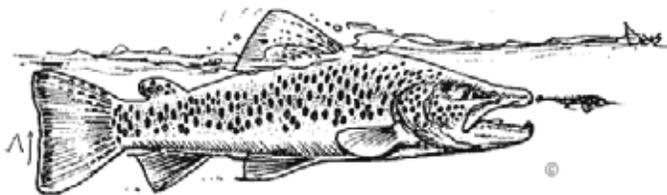
The Leader's Line

Hardy Tyson, President

The club outing to Lee's Ferry was fun. The scenery was breathtaking! The fishing was good once we figured it out. The night we arrived, the Bureau of Reclamation had increased the flow out of the dam from 14K cubic feet per second to 26K cubic feet per second! This completely changed the river dynamics so the fish were basically freaked.

Here's to good fishing with friends!

><((((('> Hardy <'))))><



"Hardy & Jim's Double Hookup"



"Bob's Beautiful Rainbow"



"Jay Land's Another Rainbow"

On the Hook

Oscar Felsen, Weekend Fly-Tying

The fly-tying sessions will be taking a break for the Summer months. The plan is to begin again after the August Picnic meeting.

Enjoy the Summer and may all your lines be tight with the rewards of our local waters. Here's two great patterns to tie for your fly box.

Oscar Felsen
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LEW'S MIDGE

Hook: Tiemco 2457 or 200R
Size: #14
Thread: Camel 8/0
Body: Thread
Ribbing: Wire ~ Silver ~ Fine
Bead: Tungsten ~ Silver ~ 1/8"

Use 3/0 thread to lock bead in; no throat or weight.

KERN EMERGER

Basically a Hare's Ear pattern with a yellow craft foam wing case.

Hook: Mustad 3906B or TMC 3761
Size: #14 - #18
Thread: Flymaster 6/0 Black
Tail: Moose Body Hair
Rib: Copper Wire
Abdomen: Peacock
Thorax: Dubbing with some sparkle; needs to be picked out.
Wingcase: Yellow craft foam 2mm. thick can be tied with other colors.

Hooked on Fly Fishing

Chuck Newmyer, Education

We are going to be taking our Summer break. We'll start holding classes again in the Fall. Class information sheets and sign-up sheets for "Fly-Fishing", "Fly-Tying", and "Rod Building" will be available at the monthly meetings or you can request copies from Chuck.

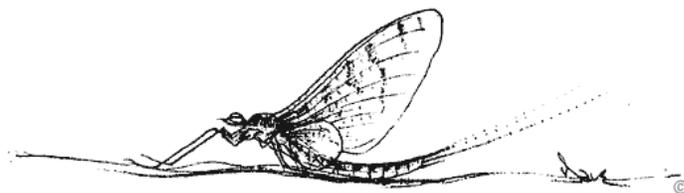
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Tip of the Month

Hardy Tyson

Working with Peacock Herl

Peacock Herl makes awesome flies. But who hasn't been frustrated by the stuff breaking as you're wrapping it on the hook? I've used a number of different methods to prevent this. Soak the barbs in water to soften them and they will not break as easily. Twist them with the thread and wrap them together around the hook. Use a strand of blue-green Crystal Flash and twist it around the herl before wrapping the fly body. Create chenille with herl by make a dubbing loop and twisting the herl in the loop.



Tale of the Fly

Hardy Tyson, President

One of the features of fishing lakes is that you can cast to specific fish. While standing on the shore of Heart Lake out of Onion Valley, I selected a rainbow cruising parallel to the bank and offered my fly, a Royal Trude. He ignored it. I offered it again, this time casting a little more carefully paying attention to presentation. Nothing. Next I tried presenting the fly farther ahead of the cruising fish. Still nothing. Getting a little frustrated I cast over the fish to see if I could get a reaction. He exploded at the fly, I landed him and discovered he had only one eye on the side opposite of all but my last presentation! The Royal Trude is a wonderful dry fly for the Sierra. I've added a few embellishments to the pattern to make it more attractive and durable.

Materials for THE ROYAL TRUDE

Hook:	TMC 100, Sizes 14 to 18
Thread:	Black
Tail:	Golden Pheasant Tippet Laced with Micro Fibbets for Strength
Abdomen:	Peacock Herl with Flourescent Pink Centers
Wing:	Flourescent Calf's Tail with Crystal Flash Under-wing
Thorax:	Brown Hackle



"When catching wild fish... impressionistic flies work better than imitations!"
— Hardy Tyson

Tippets from the Fly Addict

Allen Bell, Vice-President

How often has opportunity knocked and we were listening? For me, if I'm lucky, about half the time. I'm paying attention when opportunity comes calling. So a couple weekends ago, I was on the lucky side of things when I called a friend and he mentioned that he was going to have to do the Troutfest Day at the Kern Hatchery all by himself. I had plans for that day, but I didn't want my friend to be there working alone, so a few calls later, I was involved in Troutfest. Bright and early, well, around 9:00 and after breakfast, we showed up at the Hatchery. Shortly thereafter, we were joined by several members of other fly fishing clubs, including expert tier and all around good guy, Steve Garrison. Steve set up in the fly-tying tent, as my friend and I taught fly casting and helped the kids catch fish.

As the day went on, we were very busy. It was interesting to see how many kids were just engrossed in our sport. They would stop by to see what was going on and see fish we had caught. They were all ours after that. They really



My friend Shane Goslin teaches some fly casting

enjoyed tying the flies, many for the first time. We would tie their fly on for them and then they would proceed to catch a trout on the very fly they had just tied. It doesn't get much better than that. It was funny to see who did the best. Of course, it was the girls. They did just as we told them, and since most of them had never fished before, they didn't try to cast a fly-rod like a spinning rod. The boys were too busy showing off, and just,



Tying one on!!!!

well, being boys!! They all had fun and all got to catch a fish or two. I even had one of the parents, from Europe, ask if he could try. There weren't any kids around at the moment, so after making sure he had a fishing license, I let him go. He casted and jerked and flailed away for some time. I tried coaching him to get farther out there and maintaining a drift, but he knew what he was doing. I was informed that the fly was no good. I replied that I thought the fly was OK, he just needed to get the fly in the right place. Soon a pretty little girl popped up in line, so it was her turn. I placed the fly right where it needed to be and, you guessed it, first cast, a nice 16" fish. Adult left, child laughed. All was right in the world!!!

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Shane with another future Fly Fisher

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The best part of the day for me was when a bunch of Boy Scouts came in. I looked behind me and saw a young man in a wheelchair. He for sure wanted to catch a fish, so I cast the fly out there and immediately hooked up. He caught the biggest fish of the day, a 19". His smile was my pay for the day.

Sometimes, opportunity is something that benefits us. Most of the time we would look at opportunity as something that will increase our wealth, status, or whatever. Earlier in the day I had planned on a great fishing trip in a place I



Never too young with the Aguabonita crew around

knew I would catch fish and that I would remember for a long time. What I ended up with was a memory of a small face in a chair with a big grin. I'll never forget how I felt right then. I know what I was meant to do on this day, I am truly happy that for once I was listening when Opportunity knocked.

Blue Skies and Fishy Flies, Allen



Hey, Am I about to lose my job???



Busy times at Troutfest!!!!

FREE KIDS FISHING DAY

**Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery,
Independence, CA**

Saturday June 25, 2011

All kids 8 and younger 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM

All kids 15 years and younger 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

Two fish limit.

"No" Catch and Release

Bring your own equipment

(Some equipment will be available for those without)

Free games, fly fishing instructions.

T-Shirt fish painting will be available for \$5.00

\$0.50 Donuts and \$1.00 Sodas

Bottled water will be available for purchase

**Sponsored by the
Friends of Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery**

Club Outreach Projects

Recently, two unique opportunities allowed the Aguabonita Flyfishers Club to not only present and share the rich and fascinating history surrounding fly-fishing but also who we are as a club.

Through the efforts of club members; many pictures, posters, carvings and various fly-fishing equipment and paraphernalia were creatively



↑ Display cases located within the Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery Wildlife Interpretive Center, Independence, California. ↓



↑ Display case located within the Kern County Public Library, Ridgecrest, California ↓



set-up in display cases at two different locations along the Eastern Sierra corridor.

Visitors received a firsthand look into the Aguabonitas efforts to promote the sport of fly-fishing, the conservation of valuable watersheds, waterways, and fisheries throughout California and the United States. Additionally, the Club's outreach programs to schools and other organizations have helped promoted the need to protect and preserve our natural resources.

Trout In the Classroom

Release Day for the "Small Fry"





Southwest Council FFF News

SWCFFF & California Trout

Establish “Trout in the Classroom” Fund

A joint fund with \$1,000 in “seed money” has been established collaboratively by California Trout and the Southwest Council Federation of Fly Fishers to bring Trout in the Classroom to local area elementary schools.

Trout in the Classroom (TIC) is a hands-on environmental education program in which students in grades K through 12 raise trout from eggs to fry, learn to monitor tank water quality, engage in stream habitat study, learn to appreciate water resources, begin to foster a conservation ethic and grow to understand ecosystems.

“While TIC is designed for grades K through 12, it seems best suited for the 5th grade. Activities include: science and art projects, journaling, measuring, math skills, and visual and language arts. TIC crosses all scholastic disciplines and results in stronger understanding of math, science and social studies,” according to Rich Bollinger, Southwest Council FFF volunteer coordinator.

“The enthusiasm of students and teachers involved in TIC is manifest in the amazing variety and number of activities and projects. Not only are teachers using TIC in the classroom, sometimes whole schools and even communities turn out for the release. Some have made release day a ‘mini-Earth Day,’ with educational booths, field projects, river clean-up and more,” said Nica Knite, CalTrout Regional Coordinator.

Trout in the Classroom projects will be funded one-third by the combined Southwest Council FFF and California Trout fund, one-third by the class participating in the program and one-third by a local fly-fishing club.

2011 Fly Fishing Fair & Conclave

Special Workshops Schedule

by Herb Kettler

Once again this year the FFF is offering a fabulous lineup of workshops designed to appeal to a broad range of interests and skill levels of attendees, and we couldn't pull it off without the help of the many volunteers who teach them. Among the 73+ workshops being offered there is something for everyone. We have some outstanding on-water workshops including those with Bob Jacklin, Craig Mathews and Bob Krumm. Check out our website for last minute additions to the on-water workshops. These programs offer a unique opportunity to get to know and master the local pristine waters.

Casting leads the show with 32 workshops this year including the certification programs. The FFF instructor's program is recognized worldwide and we have the cream of the crop with us for the Fly Fishing Fair. This is a great opportunity to take your casting to the next level. There are so many fine workshops that it would take two pages to do the program justice. Thanks to the Casting Board of Governor's for a great set of workshops!

This year's tying line-up includes 13 workshops. We have a lot of fresh faces this year with some very interesting ideas. These new faces include Craig Riendeau, Mike George, Larry Nicholas and more. Also, don't miss Scott Sanchez, the most recent Buszek winner and a very dynamic instructor. Finally, Leslie Wrixon is back with some great woven body patterns.

Check the FFF Conclave website for last minute additions to this exciting lineup of workshops

www.federationconclave.org

HOT News!!!

How I Do Fly Plates!!!

Gary Davis is contemplating doing a class on "How I Do Fly Plates". There will be considerable effort required on his part for the planning and scheduling of a class so, if you are interested please contact him at gdavis2@hughes.net. The class will be limited to 3 or 4 individuals and will tentatively start in the fall of 2011.



Club Library

The following Aguabonita Flyfishers Library books/videos are still missing:

- 86 Anatomy of a Trout Stream
- Rick Hafele
- 91 Fishing Damsels and Dragons
- Gary Borger
- 130 The Art of Fly Tying (CD)
- Cy DeCosse
- 314 Improve Your Fly Casting (DVD)
- Jack Dennis
- 320 Benchside Introduction to Fly Tying
- Ted Lesson and Jim Schollmeyer

The return of these items will be appreciated.

Aguabonita Flyfishers Rod & Reel Inventory

RODS:

1.	G. Loomis	7'9"	2wt
2.	Fisher	8'6"	3/4wt
3.	Sage	9'0"	4wt
4.	Fisher	9'0"	6wt
5.	Fisher	8'6"	5/6wt
6.	Fisher	8'0"	6/7wt
7.	Fisher	9'6"	7/8wt
8.	Fisher	9'0"	10wt
9.	Sage	9'0"	5wt
10.	G. Loomis	8'0"	3wt
11.	Winston	8'6"	6wt
12.	Cortland	8'0"	5/6wt
13.	Powell	9'0"	5/6wt
14.	St. Croix	9'0"	6/7wt
15.	St. Croix	9'0"	3wt (NEW)

REELS:

1.	Berkley	DT2F
2.	Cortland	DT3F
3.	Cortland	DT4F
4.	Cortland	DT5F
5.	Cortland	DT6F
6.	Cortland	WF7F
7.	Cortland	WF9F
8.	STH	10 F/S

We also have 3 pairs of wading boots. 2 pairs at size-10 and 1 pair at size-14.

Presently, all rods and reels are located at 145B Panamint Avenue. To check out a rod or reel, call Lew Albright at 375-8725 and he will meet you at the address above. The club requires a nominal fee of \$5.00 to check out a rod or reel. The money will be used for maintenance of the equipment. When you check out a rod or reel, please return the item as soon as possible so other club members may use them too. If you break a rod or reel, let Lew know so that it can be repaired.

Monthly Club Meeting

General membership meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the first Tuesday of each month at the Ridgecrest United Methodist Church (RUMC) Fellowship Hall (639 N. Norma St., Ridgecrest, CA). Everyone is welcome to attend! Our meetings feature guest speaker presentations, brief club news, refreshments, and a raffle.

Annual Cost for Membership

General membership	\$20.00
Associate membership	\$ 5.00
Youth membership	\$ 5.00
One time initiation fee	\$10.00

Board of Directors Meeting

The board usually meets at 7:00 p.m. on the last Tuesday of each month to transact the business of the club. The board meetings are open to anyone with agenda items to share. To be placed on the next meeting's agenda, please send items to Bob Smith at rdsmith1@mchsi.com



"The finest gift you can give to any fisherman is to put a good fish back, and who knows if the fish that you caught isn't someone else's gift to you?" — Lee Wulff

Club Officers

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June 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 ● New Moon	2	3	4 National Fishing and Boating Week Begins
5	6	7 Monthly Club Meeting 7:30pm - 9:00pm	8	9 ● First Quarter	10	11
12	13	14 FLAG DAY	15 Great Smokie Mountain National Park Created 1934 ○ Full Moon	16	17	18 TU Stream Clean-up Day
19 FATHER'S DAY	20	21	22	23 ● Last Quarter	24	25 Rush Creek Clean-up Kid's Free Fishing Day Mt Whitney Fish Hatchery 8:00am - Noon 
26	27	28 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00pm	29 Olympic National Park Created 1938 ● New Moon	30		

Upcoming Events

👍 **Federation of Flyfishers** – Mark your calendars for the 46th Annual Fly-Fishing Fair & Conclave. This year's event will be held in West Yellowstone, MT. from August 30th - September 3rd, 2011. For more details and updates check out: <http://www.federationconclave.org>

👍 **Hot Creek Kiosk** – We will be putting together a work party to go up to Hot Creek to do some touch-up work on the structure and do some weeding. You can indicate your interest by signing up at the June meeting or by contacting Chuck at (760) 375-1126 or hisifly@iwvisp.com.

👍 **Hot Creek Ranch** – Chuck has some openings for Hot Creek Ranch. There's room for one person on Friday and Saturday, July 1 and 2, and for two people on Sunday, July 3. Check out the ranch web site at www.hotcreekranch.com. If you are interested contact Chuck at: (760) 375-1126 or email hisifly@iwvisp.com.

👍 **Kids Free Fishing Day** – We need volunteers. If we can get enough people we'll have a fly-tying station set-up. ****See above calendar for date****

There will be a sign-up sheet at the June meeting or you can contact Chuck at: (760) 375-1126 or email hisifly@iwvisp.com.

The Editor's Spool

Neal Barry

First, I wanted to let everyone know that "The Flyline" will be taking a short break for the summer. That's right, you heard me correctly. No newsletter for the month of July. That also means I won't be sending out a nagging email in June informing everyone of the fast approaching deadline for inputs.

The flipside is, I'll be sending out an email reminder in late July for inputs to the August "The Flyline".

I would also like to mention that one of the newsletter readers has suggested that I should change the title of this column from "The Editor's Spool" to "Rants From A Mapaholic". Ha! Very funny! (I hope their GPS unit short-circuits).

Anyway, I hope that you all had the chance to explore the possibilities of Google Earth. Maybe you downloaded it to your computer and are using it for finding your next place to fish.

One of the other web sites I like to go to for map information is the USGS (United States Geological Survey) Store. Not only can you purchase beautiful color maps and publications, but you can download

digital scans of their topographic maps in the PDF format. Did I forget to mention that these downloadable maps are "free", sorry about that.

For more information, go to their web site at:

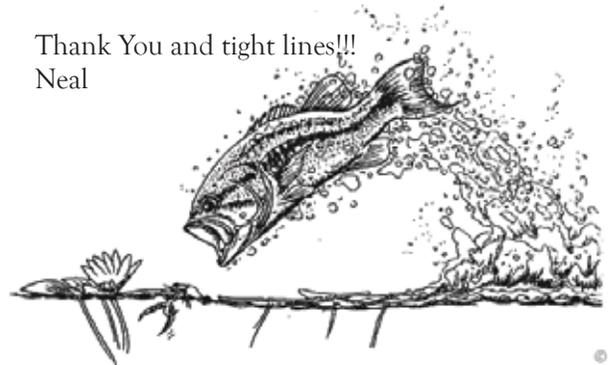
<http://www.usgs.gov/pubprod/>

Under the heading **Maps**, click on the link for • **Download digital scans of topo maps**. From there you'll have to navigate a little bit further to the link that says **Map Locator**.

[Those of you who receive the newsletter electronically can click on the link above. It's commonly referred to as a "hot link". Otherwise, you can type the whole URL into your browser address window.]

Well, I hope everyone has a fantastic summer with family and friends.

Thank You and tight lines!!!
Neal



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Aims and Purposes of the Aguabonita Flyfishers:

- To improve and increase the sport of fly fishing
- To promote and work for the betterment of fishing waters
- To provide assistance to club members to help them become more effective fly fishermen and to promote the fellowship of the membership
- To encourage and assist others to become fly fishermen and true sportsmen
- To encourage and advocate conservation of fisheries, waters, and watersheds

