



GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS
May 17th, 2016
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

MAY PROGRAM Skip Morris

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE By Skip Cavanaugh

Hope everyone has had a chance to get out and do a little fishing this month. I've been fortunate to get out a couple of times the past few weeks and it's been great fun! I even got the opportunity to get out this past weekend and chase around some turkeys with some good buddies. Was not able to get one on the ground myself, but my buddies dropped a couple of nice gobblers. It's such a thrill to try and call them in!

Thanks to all those who shared their thoughts and stories last month in honoring Hugh. It was special! I really thought Randy Osborne and Chad Jackson provided some very practical and valuable local information. I reached out personally to both on them on separate occasions for specifics on certain lakes and they were very responsive. I thought each presenting together was terrific! I will definitely be reaching out to them more often in the future.

I want to thank all those who participate in our different committees and projects that we have had so far this year. They have been very well supported.

We've had very good attendance at the meetings and we really appreciate the increase in the number of guests that members are bringing to the meetings. We are making significant progress toward our goal of obtaining full membership by year end.

Please note, we are always looking for new ideas and new members to join our committees. We are still in discussions about starting an Outings/Events committee and would welcome your thoughts and perspective, so please reach out to one of the board members. **See you at the May 17th meeting!**



Skip Morris will be our May speaker talking on "**Making Dry Fly and Emerger Fishing Work**".

He will also give a tying demo-seminar on "**Effective Dries and Emergers**" that will go nicely with his talk.

The seminar is in the meeting room at Mukagowa beginning at 1:00 pm. This class will last about 2 -2 1/2 hours and give everyone a chance to go home and regroup before the main meeting. The cost of the seminar is \$20.00 payable @ the door to defray the Club's cost.

The seminar and program will be both valuable and informative.

You won't want to miss this meeting.

REMEMBER: THE MAY MEETING IS THE THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH.

2016 ROSTER

You should have received your new roster in the mail by now. If you find errors or have changes, please let us know. Also let us know if those changes can be put in *The Fly Leaf*. There are blank pages at the end of the book to allow for new members and we will be updating the information throughout the year.

KID'S FISHING By Floyd Holmes

THIS YEARS KIDS FISHING DAY IS MAY 7TH AT THE FAIRCHILD AIR FORCE BASE RECREATION AREA AT CLEAR LAKE. THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE KID FISHING WILL BE ON FRIDAY MAY 6TH FROM 2:00 PM UNTIL ABOUT 5:00 PM.

There was a sign up sheet on the tables at the April meeting. If you volunteer for Saturday, May 7th, you should be at the lake by **7:30 am** for the orientation meeting.

If you sign up for the Ronald Mc Donald House fishing you should be at the house no later than **1:20pm** for the bus ride out.

All volunteers are welcome and they can work whatever hours fit in their schedule.

Please volunteer and come out to help as more people helping makes it easier for everyone.



FLIES NEEDED By Chet Allison

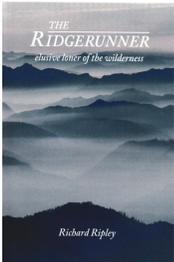
I recently visited a club member in the hospital and discovered I am so low on flies that I may be the sole source of flies for the sick. I will be at the May meeting and am asking each of you that tie flies to bring a dozen or so for the sick. I have one more box left and maybe enough flies for the visit that I am making April 20th. Today I have visited 9 sick fly club members which means I have given out 9 dozen flies. In the beginning I tied 3 dozen flies myself because I didn't have any flies from club members. The men like the flies and the visits are very good for me as well as the sick. I will continue to do the task of visiting the sick be it at home or the hospital but I need some help with the flies. **Please bring flies to the May 17th meeting to help the program continue.**

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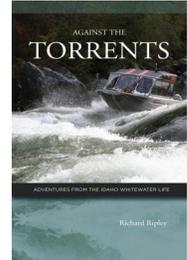
DID YOU KNOW

By Jerry McBride

May features another set of amazing things you probably didn't know about your fellow IEFEC members. As you can see, fishing isn't the only thing we do.



Rick Ripley is the published author of two books. His first, *The Ridgerunner*, published in 1986 is about a man who roamed the wilderness of Idaho in the early 1940's. Rick has just published a second book titled *Against the Torrents* about Darrell Bentz and his brother Rusty who have run many of the major whitewater rivers in the world in a jet boat, often only the first or second time the rivers have ever been run. Both books have been published by Backeddy Books of Boise and can be purchased at Backeddybooks.com.



Tom Hoag is an avid big game hunter. Besides hunting here in the Northwest, he has traveled to hunt big game in Africa. His most recent trip was to New Zealand where after four hours of hiking from 3000 to 6500 feet in elevation he shot a red stag and a fallow deer.



Al McLeod purchased two Amphicars in 1980, one to drive and one for parts. The Amphicar is a car made in Germany from 1961 to 1968 that doubles as a boat. Al has had his 1967 Amphicar on most Spokane area lakes. Anywhere he went with the Amphicar it drew a crowd of people curious about a car that could double as a boat.



Scott Mayfield rebuilds old Airstream trailers. He has rebuilt six trailers so far and has another two in "barn-fresh" condition waiting to be rebuilt.



If you have a hidden talent, hobby, or past achievement, don't be shy...let Jerry know. It's fun to hear about these many interesting facts.

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Idaho Hydroelectric Project Snake River Cutthroats

This was received from the Snake River Cutthroats. It is being provided in its entirety as an informational piece to allow each of our members a chance to participate in the Cutthroats effort to curb this problem before it becomes an epidemic.

Folks. Here is the report that was in the Snake River Cutthroats newsletter with the link included. I hope you all sign the Bear Island Water Association petition at the link below. It is very easy. ...Jeff

Update on the County Line Road Hydroelectric Project by Jeff Armstrong Conservation VP

The Cutthroats first heard about the County Line Road Hydroelectric Project in 2011. The Idaho Irrigation and New Sweden canal companies' pre-application proposal was to divert 2000 cubic feet per second (cfs) during the winter from the Snake River into the canals, seven miles above Idaho Falls. With an average winter flow of 2750cfs, this would leave a minimum winter flow of less than 1000cfs in the river. There has been only one day in the last 30 years when the flow has been below 1000cfs.

As part of the FERC pre-application process, fish entrainment, hydrology and habitat studies were done by the canal companies. Stakeholders, composed of state and federal agencies, NGO's such as Trout Unlimited, and the Bear Island Water Association representing homeowners on the river, were allowed to review and provide comment during the study phase. Most Stakeholders hoped, at the very least, that there would be agreement on minimum flow.

As the studies progressed the Stakeholders continually expressed concern about the very limited scope of the analysis that looked only at brown and rainbow trout while neglecting other wildlife and winter ice conditions. The results of the studies were both surprising and disturbing suggesting that fish habitat would actually improve at extremely low flows of 1000cfs. Stakeholders said this was incompatible with habitat studies done on other rivers and that flawed computer modeling and neglect of ice formation resulted the contradictory conclusions.

The canal companies' final proposal was for a minimum flow of 1000cfs during the winter. This was after a failed attempt to compromise at a minimum flow of 2000cfs. Last April the final pre-application documents were filed with FERC.

A minimum flow of 1000cfs will condemn the river during winter to severe drought like conditions and extensive ice formation. According to state and federal agencies it could be very detrimental to fish and wildlife. The islands and back channels that provide habitat for fish and other wildlife will cease to exist in winter. This part of the river will likely no longer provide safe haven for migratory birds common along this stretch. Ice and freezing water in the canals during winter could introduce hazardous safety and flooding issues for area residence and potentially depress home values. Motorized vehicles will have access to the river bottom during winter. And all this to produce about one wind-mill's worth of electricity.

The FERC public scoping meeting was held last July. The purpose was to allow the public to comment on the scope of the upcoming application process. The meeting was attended by over 100 people jammed into the Temple View/ River View room at the Shilo. The overwhelming majority were opposed to the project.

In a recent article in the Post Register, despite public concerns, Mr. Thiel, a New Sweden Director, had no reservations about the project, that it is moving forward and that it will provide a new revenue stream for the canal districts. Mr. Bassista a biologist with IDFG indicated that if this project is successful other canal companies on the Snake will likely pursue similar projects. If this is true it does not bode well for other reaches of the Snake River. On the South Fork of the Snake alone there are 10 canals that divert water including the Great Feeder Canal.

What can we do? Our local club is a small player with limited resources. I am not sure what the government agencies like IDFG and national NGO's like TU are planning. Maybe Matt Woodard can give us more information on that front. I believe the governmental agencies and NGO's will continue to argue against the project but how effective that will be is hard to say. And obviously FERC's position is unknown.

One Stakeholder, the Bear Island Water Association has the most to lose and is determined to carry on the fight to oppose this project. They are looking for any support we can give them. One thing club members can do right now is sign their petition at the link below. It only takes a minute, so please sign up.

<http://www.upperSnakeAdvocates.com/sign-petition/>

Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club—Spokane, Washington

FLY OF THE MONTH

Double Posted Parachute Ant

May 2016

Jerry McBride

This blast from the past offering solves several problems seen when fishing fast water with small ant patterns. First, one must be able to see the fly. Takes are often very subtle, and the bright double post makes for good visibility. Jerry says treating only the posts with floatant makes the ant float properly upright and not on its side. Secondly, a problem with tiny flies is keeping the hook gape clear of body material. In this pattern the material is mainly on top of the hook shank, leaving the gape wide for good hook ups. When a small ant is called for, this pattern fills the bill.

Hook: Tiemco 921, size 16-20

Thread: Black 8/0

Posts: White or high visibility poly yarn

Body: Black dubbing (Fly Rite or equiv.)

Wing: Black hackle

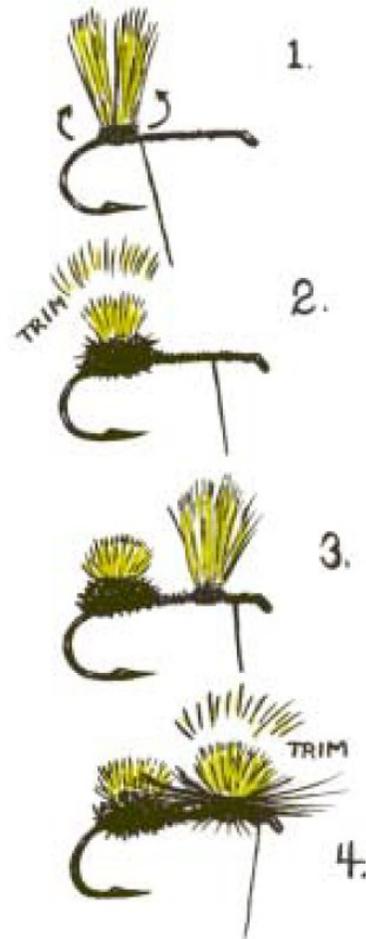


1. Pinch the barb and line the hook shank with tying thread. Take a 2-inch length of poly yarn and tie it securely just forward of the hook bend. Pull the two ends up and wrap the thread around the base of the yarn, creating the post.

2. Apply dubbing to the thread and then wrap around the post, placing each successive wrap below the previous one. When the body is large enough, tie off and wrap thread forward to a point just behind the eye of the hook. Trim post so it sticks above the body about the same height as the body.

3. Lash down another piece of poly and form another post as described in step 1.

4. Tie in the black hackle, wrap it around the post and tie off. Whip finish behind the eye. Trim the front post to the same height as the rear post.



IFFF Report By Chet Allison

IFFF Youth Fly Fishing Camp 2016

Livingston, Montana
August 2 & 3, 2016

This year's Youth Camp will be an exciting two-day program, full of learning, fun, and fishing. It is designed for ages 8-17 and will offer a wide variety of angling and aquatic education topics. The first day classroom portion of the Youth Camp will be held at the high school in Livingston, the casting will be conducted on the school grounds. We have reserved a pond and a shelter for the fishing day of the camp.

Folks interested in volunteering for this event, please go to the Fly Fishing Fair tab at our website www.fedflyfishers.org to sign up. Volunteers will be needed to insure the youth are safe and having fun. A number of the youth will be new to fly fishing and guidance will be appreciated.

Instructional topics will include entomology, fly tying, equipment and accessories, explanation of the balanced system, angler ethics, fishing safety, abeyance to regulations, catch and release, fly casting and last but not least, FISHING! I am a registered Fly Fishing Merit Badge counselor with the Pacific Harbors Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Any scouts interested in obtaining credit for requirements, please bring your own blue card and I'd be happy to sign off those that are earned

Class will be limited to the first 20 registrants for each day. All youth 11 and under must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Plans for transportation are being looked into; kids will ride via private vehicles to the fishing. Everyone will be notified of transportation plans prior to the camp.

If anyone has any questions of me in the meantime, feel free to email me at mtclancy39@comcast.net or call my cell phone 253-278-0061. I'm looking forward to meeting our participants and another great IFFF Youth Camp experience.

Tight Lines

Mike Clancy, Life Member IFFF, Member WSCIFFF Council, Co-Director, NWYCFFAcademy

IEFFC Members,

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<http://www.fedflyfishers.org/>, click Membership, click join then the blue round button Join the FFF today



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Submissions for publication in the Fly Leaf can be made by contacting Lee Funkhouser at flyleaf.ieffc@gmail.com. Articles should be submitted by the last Friday of the month for inclusion in the following months newsletter.