



Visalia, Ca February 2011 Newsletter

Monthly Meeting:
Date: Feb 4th
Day: Friday

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Place: Life Style Center,

Address: 5105 W. Cypress, Visalia

Time: 7:30pm—9:30pm

FLY of the MONTH.

The Fly of the Month is "Dave's Marabou Ghost" See Page 9 for tying instructions



Monthly Board Meeting:

Date: Feb 7th Day: Monday

Location: Life Style Center,

Address: 5105 W. Cypress, Visalia

Time: 700pm-900pm

All members are welcome to attend.

Meeting Program:

Carl "Boomer" Stout, Head guide for Trout Creek Flies, Presents FLY Fishing the Green River Utah.



Born and raised in Central Illinois, Boomer moved to Colorado in 1979 (the nickname 'Boomer' acquired by playing bass guitar.) He took a job with the City of Wheat Ridge, Colorado's forestry department. This was a great assignment for Boomer because it enabled him to fully indulge his passion for entomology.

He soon started fly fishing, built his own drift boat and eventually began guiding on local streams. Boomer also started writing articles about the waters he was guiding. And before long, he combined his knowledge of insects with his newly acquired skills of fly tying. Thus was born a career of inventing new fly patterns.

Boomer has created a number of legendary flies. Among these are the CDC Thorax BWO Dun, Spent Partridge Caddis, Orange Leg Cicada, Atomic egg, Barroom Gal and Pink & Purple Passion. He has traveled internationally to conduct fly tying classes and was even crowned the "Egg Prince" of Alaska by Outdoor Life magazine fishing editor Jerry Gibbs.

In 1988 Boomer made a life changing visit to the Green River. He fell in love with the thirty mile stretch from below Flaming Gorge to the Colorado state line. This portion of the river boasts a seemingly infinite variety of fishing opportunities. It has it all, from runs, to pools, to rapids and to spring creek like flats.

Not long after Boomer went to work for Denny and Grace, he become a member of the Umpqua Feather Merchants' exclusive 'Royalty Tiers.' Some of the popular patterns Boomer designed specifically for the Green are Carl's Cicada, WD-50, Parachute Cricket and the Foam Flying Ant. Because of his intense love for the river – and the never ending opportunity to cast dries to large brown trout – Boomer has found it impossible to leave the area!

So if you want to learn all about this great river, its abundant hatches, its three sections (Red Canyon – seven miles long, Devil's Hole – nine miles and Browns Park – 12 miles), what tackle and tactics to use, then join our friends Grace and Boomer for Wilderness Fly Fishers' first show of 2010.

Boomer will be tying flys from 6:30-7:30 before the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's a new year ahead for the Kaweah Fly fishers, and that new year holds some challenges for us. We have some "outreach" projects, at least three "annual" outings, our regular series of club meetings and the annual fundraiser in September. We need the participation of the membership in the meeting of all of these challenges



Our out reach projects include "Safari", a one day program held by a Sportsman's club at Lake Success. We have participated in the past by doing casting fly tying demonstration. We need volunteers for this very quickly. Another outreach project is Trout in the Classroom. Donna Luallen and George Pilling are doing superb work on this but need a lot of help, primarily during the week to make classroom presentations and to assist the teachers when their classes release their trout fry into the rivers. The third broad area of outreach is manning a booth at the upcoming Bakersfield Sportsman Show next month. We will be assisting the Bakersfield area clubs in manning a Southwest Council of the FFF booth talking about the Federation, fly fishing in general and our club in particular.

The outings we enjoy on an annual basis are the annual trip to Bishop in February, the Kaweah Crawl led by Mark Cave in the early spring, the Memorial Day outing at Kelsey Lake and the stupendous Kings River Classic in the early fall. Two of these outings, the Kelsey Lake trip and the Kings River Classic are funded to a degree by the club. Other outings will occur but they are usually sponsored by one of the members such as Dave Harris's outings to chase the mighty striped bass.

The monthly club meetings not only allow us to listen to knowledgeable speakers but also provide the opportunity to socialize with our fellow members and to greet new members. They also help raise enough money to defray the costs of the monthly raffles.

The fundraiser; here is where the rubber meets the road. Without a major fundraiser there will be no monthly speakers and no monetary support for the Kelsey and Kings River outings. The board needs your help to plan and put on the next fund raiser.

I look forward to seeing a new level of membership participation in all of these endeavors.

Wayne

The Owens River Fishing Outing, February 17-21.

By the time the news letter is sent out there will be about 17 days to the Club's Annual Owens River Flyfishing Outing. This is a great fishing outing and whether you are just a beginning or an experienced flyfisher, this river has always provided us with a good time. This is an easy river to fish whether nymph or dry fly fishing and there are plenty of fish in the river too.

The weather has been clear and pleasant in the Bishop area over the past week. The water is still cold, but the warm sunny days have made conditions very comfortable for winter anglers. Good to very good midge fishing is available on the Lower Owens River in the morning hours, working with FB Pheasant Tails, Copper Johns, Hares Ear, olive zebras, WD-40's are all good and midges always work well.

Most of the trout being caught run 9 to 14 inches.





There is a trico (mini mayfly) hatch each day as well as the last generations of Blue Wing Olives showing up around lunchtime; #16—20. For dry fly try a Parachute Adams in Gray or Olive size #18 or 20, BWO - #20, Griffith's Gnat-#20, Bieatis Dun-#18-20, or Elk Hair Caddis and emerger caddis will work too.

Water flow: 102 cfs, Visibility: 40 inches, Water temperature at mid-day: 36- 42 Degrees F, Water condition: Clear, Best time of day to fish: Midday Midges early, Baetis midday

If you are planning to go please contact me, Rick Hartley at rhartley@dinuba.ca.gov or 559–859-1435.

As of today I have 4 rooms reserved at the Days Inn in Bishop. There will be 3 to a room, the roll-away beds may not be avalible when we get there so st might be a good

idea for some to being a cot or air mattress.

Please contact me by February 1st, with the amount of snow that has fallen on Mammoth Mountain the skiers will have the rooms filled up fast.





Trout in the Classroom

More students than ever before are participating in the Trout in the Classroom program in Tulare and Kings Counties. In the fall there were 7 different locations that raised fish from eggs. This spring, there will be 29 classrooms and Kaweah Flyfishers is sponsoring 27 of them.

The Trout in the Classroom program, officially known as Salmonids in the Classroom or the Classroom Aquarium Education Project, started more than 20 years ago. Mickey Powell, then the owner of Buz's Fly Shop, found out about it and began the program in Tulare County.

Many states have Trout in the Classroom programs. In some states Trout Unlimited is the main agency in charge, but here in California it is the Department of Fish and Game. Part of the price of every fishing license is dedicated to education and this program is one way DFG spends that money. Two DFG staff members in the Fresno Office are assigned to coordinate the program in all of central California. They rely on volunteers — one of their duties is to recruit local fishing clubs and other organizations to help. This is where the Kaweah Flyfishers comes in.



Every teacher who participates has gone through a special DFG training which is given each fall. Early in the morning on February 15, Wayne Thompson will meet the DFG staff at the hatchery in Friant to pick up about 1800 trout eggs, all counted into 30 egg packets. He will meet KFF other volunteers at the Spike and Rail Restaurant in Selma. These volunteers will deliver the eggs to classrooms in Hanford, Visalia, Tulare, Woodlake, Exeter, Lindsay, Porterville, Earlimart, and places in between.

Students will monitor the tanks carefully, charting the temperature and observing water quality. The eggs undergo visible changes as the embryos develop, and in a week or so the little fry, at this stage called alevin, begin to curl out of the egg. The alevin burrow into the gravel at the bottom of the tanks, slowly absorbing their egg sacs as they grow. They start eating when the sac is mostly gone, and the children record the amount of special trout food they eat. A field trip to release the fry into a local river is scheduled for 8-12 weeks after hatching.

While the fish are growing, KFF offers a classroom visit to each classroom. This one-hour class teaches students to recognize and key out the common aquatic insects in our streams

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and demonstrated fly tying. Our volunteers go to the classrooms to teach and interact directly with the students.

The field trip is the culmination of Trout in the Classroom. Schoolchildren, some of them having never been to the foothills, travel to the Tule, Kaweah, or Kings River to let the little fish go. KFF volunteers meet them there with several educational stations set up. The students rotate through the stations as they release the trout. These stations are:



Water Quality (Temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen)

Stream soils and gravels including sedimentation

Aquatic insects

Fly casting

The students may also participate in journal writing and art at tables set up by their teachers.

The students have a picnic lunch and then may play a game like chutes and ladders, which shows them the problems for Salmon trying to get upstream to spawn. Before leaving, they carefully police the area.

KFF volunteers are needed for all parts of this program. If you can give a day or two for field trips sometime between April 9 and April 30, please contact Geroge Pilling at gppilling@gmail.com.

Some web sites you can look at about Trout in the Classroom:

www.troutintheclassroom.org – the volunteer site, with many resources

http://www.dfg.ca.gov/caep - The CA DFG site also has many resources

http://visalia.k12.ca.us/library/tic - The videos and lesson plans we use here in Tulare County.

Wayne "Buz" Buszek's "Kings River Caddis"

Many of our members are aware that Buz Buszek developed the fly, the Kings River Caddis, but how many have actually seen one tied by Buz? It is thought that this photo, taken of a fly in the collection of Bob Hendricks, was tied by Buz in either 1960 or 1961.

Buz described the pattern and a bit of the fly's development history as follows:

Tail: None.

Body: Coon fur; dub fairly heavy and shaggy.

Wing: Mottled brown turkey lacquered. Tie in the thinner tip ends. Wing

is quite long; clip to shape after fly is tied.

Hackle: Brown.



"Several seasons ago a population of large rainbow appeared below the dam on the Kings River. They were heavily fished and soon began refusing every offering. Caddis flys were common on the river, hatching in droves late in the evening. I worked out this pattern to match the hatch and it proved, and still is, successful."

Wayne Luallen

Cold Weather Fly Fishing Tips

Rick Hartley

Some may say that flyfishing when it's cold can be the best time to fly fish. The cold could be a blessing because it scares most anglers away and allows for some real solitude while fishing, something that is hard to have in the warmer months. If the temperature rises above 32 degrees in the mountains, on the lower Kings River, Kaweah River it's possible to fish in relative comfort. I have fished the Marble Fork with snow on the ground and the Kaweah River in the cold and damp fog or just cold and as long as I went prepared it wasn't to bad.

Cold weather trout fishing offers some unique challenges, not the least of which is the fact that the cold weather can be really quite uncomfortable if you are not prepared for it. Besides being uncomfortable, cold weather means the fishing will normally be much tougher. When the temperature drops, so does the water temperature, and as the water temperature drops, so does the trout's body temperature. As trout become colder and colder, their metabolism slows down, which means they feed less. Unlike fish, our bodies don't adjust to the cold so we need to be prepared.

BODY. Dressing for the cold is as much necessity as casting techniques or choosing the correct fly. There are "rights" and "wrongs" in selecting what to wear, and it seems that every year there is more and more selections in the sports stores. Look for a material that is lightweight, waterproof, that insulates and wicks away moisture. Cotton is out and wool is in. Wool is good because it can insulate even when wet, synthetics are even better because they are lighter, insulate extremely well and are best at wicking away moisture from the skin. Remember being cold, wet is bad, dry is good. If we are bundled under 50 lbs. of heavy clothing, moving around and working up a sweat, our skin will get clammy and sweaty and we will be uncomfortable and eventually cold.

Materials to mix with wool in our clothing are Goretex, thermax, Thinsulate, polar fleece, etc., and have the ability to insulate and wick away moisture from the skin. Down is a wonderful insulator, but becomes almost useless when wet. Layer these materials with the first layer - some synthetic, wicking material. Thermax or polypropolene underwear work great. However, you have to match the type of clothing with what the temperatures will be or how much hiking or walking while fishing you will be doing; over dressing can be just as uncomfortable.

WADERS. Neoprene waders are usually recommended for cold weather and cold water conditions but I have kept warm in the cold with light nylon waders over a layers of long underwear or long underwear and flannel pants. Neoprene will keep one warm even if the skin gets wet so a wader leak isn't an end to the day. Along with the waders a good pair of wool, thermax, Thinsulate or polar fleece socks are a must; cold hands are just as bad as cold feet.

GLOVES. For me, the hands, will get colder than any thing else, and there is nothing worse than fishing with really cold hands. For the hands I use or wool gloves, and Neoprene work too since the hands are likely to get wet. Fingerless gloves will work just fine, if they keep the palms sufficiently warm. The warmed blood from the palm flows through and warms the fingers, most of the time this is true. If you prefer to use full gloves and remove them when you have to tie knots, be sure and warm them up before you insert your cold hands inside. I can tell you from experience that being on the river and feeling like your hand is going to fall off, because that hand got wet releasing a freezing cold trout, is no fun at all.

HAT. One of the best cold weather hats I've found uses is either a wool "beanie" cap or an insulated hat with built-in ear flaps (my ears get cold easily). Consider some sort of hood that insulates and protects the neck and head, you would be surprised how much heat is lost from your head. A waterproof heat may be necessary if rain is in the forecast.

These are just some my suggestions from the cold weather fishing I have experienced, you may have other ways to stay warm. What ever works for you stay with it.

And of course a nice hot thermos of coffee when you get to your vehicle is always nice too!

Fishing for Steelhead

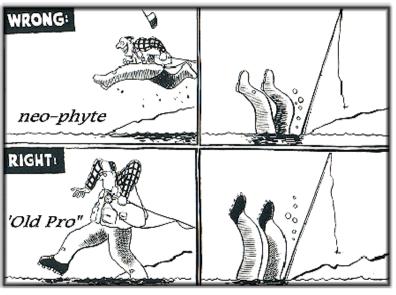
Three city slickers were sitting by the side of a river holding fishing poles with the lines in the water. A game warden came up behind them, tapped one on the shoulder and said, "Excuse me, gents; I'd like to see your fishing licenses." "We don't have any." replied the first city dude.

"Well, if you're going to fish, you need fishing licenses."

"But officer," replied the second city slicker, "we aren't fishing, we all have magnets at the end of our lines and we're collecting junk and debris off the bottom of the river."

The warden lifted up all the lines and, sure enough, there were magnets tied on the end of each line. "Well, I know of no law against it," said the warden, "take all the debris you want." And with that, he left.

As soon as he was out of sight, the three city slickers started laughing hysterically. "What a dumb cop," the one said to the other two, "doesn't he know that there are steelhead trout in this river?!"







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Occasionally we may rent our roster to fly fishing related vendors. If you do not want your name to be included, please so indicate by checking the following: __I do not want my name included on mailing list releases.

Dave's Marabou Ghost

Steps tied by Don Lieb

Don Lieb

Photos by Chuck Wilcox

Dave Harris has found this fly to be very effective on the lower Kings River, especially during the winter months.

This pattern fishes very well during the early season at Hume Lake.

Materials

Hook: 4x Long streamer hook size 8 to 4

Thread: Black 3/0 or A

Body: Pearl Mylar braid (or similar substitute)

Underwing: White Marabou

Overwing: Olive Marabou topped with 3 or 4 strands of

black or brown Ostrich herl.

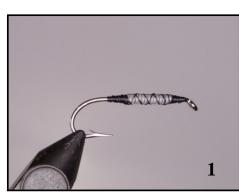
Head: Black thread

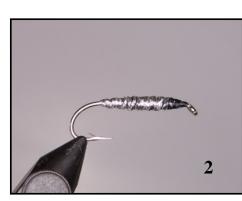
Eye: White with black pupil (painted or stick on)

Tying Sequence

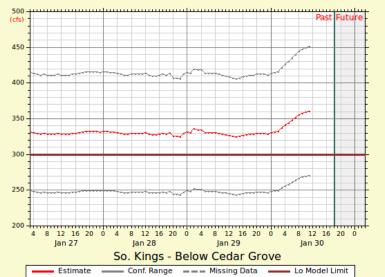
- Cover the front ½ of the hook shank with 10-12 wraps of .020 lead wire. Secure the lead front and back with the thread wraps, creating a tapered body. Cover the body with a coat of head cement.
- 2. Attach the body material one eye length behind the eye. Spiral the material back to the bend of the hook then tightly back over itself to the tie-in point and secure. Apply another coat of head cement.
- 3. Build the wing in three steps starting with the white marabou. Create a large somewhat flat head to accommodate the eyes. Note: Untwisting the tying thread during this process will help create a smooth head base.
- 4. Finish: Whip finish, apply the eyes, and cover with a coat of epoxy.

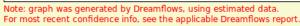


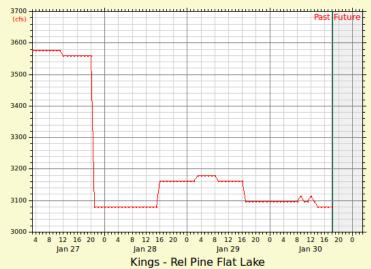




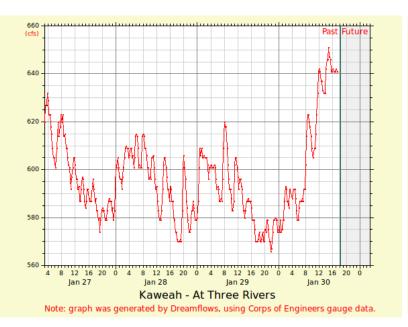


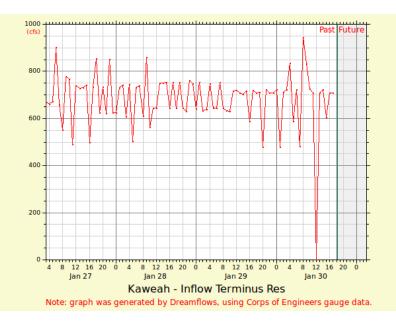






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For other Calendar Dates Visit the Clubs web-site at www.kaweahflyfishers.org

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Tuesday	February 1st	Fly Tying with Don Lieb	7pm – 9pm , Where 4520 W Cypress Ave, Visalia. (corner Linwood St) Quail Park Retirement Village Fly to Tie: The Zoo Cougar– this is a favorite streamer of many Tying instructor Don Lieb has material and tools or better yet bring your own. We usually give Don a couple of bucks each as he pays for the hooks and material himself.
Friday	February 4th	Monthly Club Meeting	Where Life Style Center, 5105 Cypress, Visalia 6:30pm – 7:30pm, Fly tying session with Don Lieb 7:30 to 9:30, Meeting, and the evenings program- Carl "Boomer" Stout, head guide for Trout Creek Outfitter
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Tuesday	February 15th	Fly tying class with Don Lieb	7pm – 9pm, 4520 W. Cypress Ave, Visalia. (corner Linwood St) Quail Park Retirement Village, Flys to tie, WD-40 & RS2; in small sizes. Tying instructor Don Lieb has material and tools or better yet bring your own. We usually give Don a couple of bucks each as he pays for the hooks and material himself
Thursday through Monday	Feb. 17th— 21st	Owens River Flyfishing Outing	This is our annual fishing trio to the Owens River. 4 rooms at the Bishop Days Inn have been reserved; 3 to a room. Contact Rick Hartley: rhartley@dinuba.ca.gov
Saturday— Monday	Feb 19– 21st	Pasadena Fly Fishing Show Pasadena Convention Center - 300 E. Green Street, Pasadena, CA 91101	Show Hours: Sat 9 - 5:30; Sun 9 - 4:30 Admission: Adult: \$15 for one day, \$25 for two-day pass, Children under 5 free, under 12: \$2 Scouts under 16 in uniform: free Active Military: \$10 Announcement: The Federation of Fly Fishers is pleased to offer FREE fly fishing instruction at the FFF Learning Center located at the FFF booth. Basic fly casting- fly tying- knot tying will be taught throughout the day-every day of the Fly Fishing Show.
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Fri.	March 4th	Kaweah Flyfishers Meeting, Life- Style Center, 5105 Cypress, Visalia	6:30 to 7:300pm Fly tying before meeting - Carl "Boomer" Stout, head guide for Trout Creek Outfitter will tie his favorite flies 7:30, Club meeting- tonight's program- Fly fishing the Green River, Utah with Carl "Boomer" Stout



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