

Visalia, Ca .

MARCH 2013

Newsletter

**Monthly Meeting:**

Date: April 5th  
Day: Friday  
Place: Life Style Center,  
Address : 5105 W. Cypress, Visalia  
Time: 7:30pm—9:30pm

FLY of the MONTH TYING SESSION with Don Lieb, from 6:30pm to 7:30 pm before the meeting.  
Bring your vise and tools and tie along too

There will be a donation cup to help pay for the materials provided and for future fly tying materials.

See Page 9 for tying instructions

**Monthly Board Meeting:**

Date: April 8th  
Day: Monday  
Location: Life Style Center  
5105 W. Cypress  
Time: 700pm-900pm  
All members are welcome to attend.

**Meeting Program:**

Brian Adams and Guy Jeans goes to Washington

**April Meeting Program:**

Brian Adams and Guy Jeans

Brian Adams and Guy Jeans had the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. in December sponsored by Trout Unlimited.

The object was to have locals give input to legislators about the conditions in our area and the Kernville area.

There are 2 bills proposed that will make changes in wilderness areas that will have an impact. One is the Renewable Energy Act S1776 and the other is the Wilderness and Roadless Area Release Act Of 2011 HR1581.

Comer to the April meeting and hear the latest news on these two bills and how they will affect our local streams and rivers.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I I guess you could say that the Lower Owens was a bit crowded this year. With fourteen members of the Kaweah Flyfishers, something on the order of twenty from the Long Beach Club and we never did find out how many were there from the Kernville club, plus other members of the general public, it was a little more congested than in some of the previous years. But the fish didn't seem to notice. Several members claimed some pretty good numbers of fish caught (12 to 13/day), even if we did get into a dispute over whether two steps backward equaled two cranks of the reel or not. Hopefully, they weren't too worn out for the members of the Pasadena Casting Club who followed us the next weekend.

The weather could not have been much better, nice during the day and a bit cold at night. The food in the restaurants we visited was pretty good, certainly improved by the camaraderie, even if it didn't need it

I am reasonably sure that you all have heard by now about the trophy fish plants in the Kings. At last report, I believe there have been something on the order of 7,200 rainbows weighing at six pounds or more. Thanks are due to David Harris and several members of both the Kaweah Flyfishers and the Fresno Fly Fishers for Conservation for having ensured that the fish got distributed throughout the river rather than just deposited in a couple of easily accessed sites.

Enough with history, we have some good opportunities to get together coming up on the calendar: the Kaweah Crawl and the Kelsey Lake Memorial Day Outing. Mark Cave's casting classes are due to be starting on March 6<sup>th</sup> at the pond in Plaza Park. And if you have not already volunteered to assist the Trout in the Classroom program, George Pilling would certainly appreciate some support in the next couple of weeks

As if that is not enough, it's time that we start pulling together preparations for the fund raiser in September. We have a impressive speaker lined up for the evening and I believe Jim Wiswell is busy whittling on a couple of pretty neat projects. Let's see what we can all do to make this year's event a great one.

John

# Something To Think About

Ocean, interrupted

The Chico News & Review - 5/29/09

By Ryan Laine

Imagine a clogged toilet of colorful plastic confetti. As the water turns, the scraps wash against the porcelain rim and back again. The mechanical churning erodes the plastics, forming a swirling mass of debris.

Now imagine fishing here for dinner.

That's the North Pacific gyre: 10 million square miles of open ocean currents, circulating in a continental bowl formed by North America and Asia, littered like the morning after bar mitzvah.

Popular myth describes the gyre as a vortex of garbage twice the size of Texas, an island of waste suspended off the shipping lanes between California and Hawaii. But the Pacific "garbage patch" is more ocean than anything.

What exists is a stewing flotsam of convenience, fully enmeshed with the marine ecosystem, drifting to and fro among nations.

"This is what you get when you skim the ocean surface," said Marcus Eriksen, while holding up a syrup bottle of murky brown water to a group of Chico State students last week. "Two-thirds of the Earth's ocean is now a plastic soup."

Swirling the bottle, pale speckles of plastic no larger than a pearl clustered at the bottleneck. Eriksen said the worn and polished beads could have been anything, from water bottles to straws to picnic utensils from the Fourth of July of 1997. In a steady march toward the sea, the runoff of single-use plastics parade through watersheds to the Bay Delta, and then out to sea to float off to the great "away."

Eriksen knows all about the gyre and describes finding plastics there in a similar way to noticing cigarette butts on the street: "You can look across the sea and say, There's one, there's one, there's another, but then in some places, it looks like Wal-Mart washed up on a beach."

This grim reality has propelled Eriksen over land and sea to make one point abundantly clear: Our relationship with single-use plastics must change.

"We're not anti-plastic; we're against the throw-away design," explained Eriksen in stern sincerity. "If you can live without that moment of convenience, you can find another way to live."

Eriksen, who has a doctorate in science education, is director of education for the California-based nonprofit Algalita Marine Research Foundation, and has gone beyond conventional research journals and seminars to expose the gyre to the world.

Last year, he and fellow researcher Joel Paschal set adrift from Long Beach through 2,600 miles of open ocean on a raft of recycled garbage for an Algalita research voyage titled "JUNK." Using a salvaged Cessna cabin, sailing masts and more than 15,000 plastic bottles held within fishing nets, Eriksen crafted a sea-worthy vessel to cross the gyre "Kon-Tiki style," and reach Hawaii. The effort took 87 days.

Now on a campaign aptly titled "Message in a Bottle," Eriksen and his fiancée, Anna Cummins, are traveling by bicycle from Vancouver to Tijuana. Along their 2,000-mile route, the couple are putting sample bottles of plastic debris collected from the gyre in the hands of legislators, educators and students.

The intention is to reveal the research of the expedition. During the voyage, Paschal and Eriksen collected plastic debris from the bellies of marine life, and skimmed the surface of the Pacific Ocean like a swimming pool. The findings left the crew appalled.

"We compared our research from 10 years ago," explained Cummins, alarm in her voice. "Where there was once six times the amount of plastic to plankton in the gyre, we are now finding that amount has doubled."

Drifting with the current, the plastic and its toxic properties are passed higher and higher up the food chain. From the lantern fish to the rainbow runner to the tuna; and then on to anyone fishing with a popper lure from the rocks beneath the Golden Gate or purchasing buy-catch sold at market. This marine life becomes fish tacos, sushi, and your favorite honeyed eggplant dish.

Plastic has returned from "away" and ended up on our dinner plates.

Another frightening thing about plastic: persistent organic pollutants (POP). These chemicals are resilient to deterioration and attach to plastics. During a straw's lifecycle in a gutter, for example, it will collect a variety of pollutants. POPs bioaccumulate in the fatty tissue of animals as they move up the food chain. They are known to affect the brain as well as the reproductive and immune systems, and are linked to breast cancer.

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## PRESIDENT'S DAY WEEKEND FISHING OUTING.

Presidents day weekend had finally arrived, something we had been waiting for since Presidents Day weekend last year. And that means the Club's annual Presidents Day weekend fishing outing on the Owen's River, at Bishop. There were 14 of us going this year, usually there around 10 that go, and the weather was predicted to be great; which it was.



Everyone made the long 5 hour drive except for three that flew over, Fred, Gary and Rick; the flyover only took one hour and ten minutes. But there was only three in the plane this year, last year took an hour and a half but there was four in the plane. So we took off at 1:00 Friday afternoon and was fishing the river by 3:00; after getting the room and rental vehicle.

That Friday afternoon we fished the catch and release section, we flew over that part over the river before landing at the Bishop Airport, so we drove to the river and parked next to John's vehicle, got our rods ready equipment on and set out to catch some fish; Gary and Fred went up stream and I went down stream.



In the years past I would fish until almost dark then hike back to the car, so I was always late getting back and we were usually late for the dinner bell. This year I brought a set of walkie-talkies so they would call when they are ready to head out, no I don't carry a watch, and it worked good too. Got remember for next year too. I caught 4 brown trout that afternoon which wasn't to bad, I have done worse. After leaving the river we met the others at Whiskey Creek Restaurant for a great dinner and fish stories; there were lots of those.



Saturday morning we all met at JACK'S for breakfast then headed out to the Owen's River. We three stopped and got lunch to go and coffee, of course—no coffee during the day makes a fisherman grumpy, and got to the river around 8:30am. The weather was great, the sun was shining and although the temperature was around 40 deg. when we got there it warmed up to 55 deg. in the afternoon, which is really warm for Bishop in February. We stopped and got all gear on the river. I walked about a 1/4 mile before starting fishing and fished down stream for a mile or so. I was surprised at how many fishermen were on the river, it seemed like someone was fishing at every turn and the many parking areas had lots of vehicles. It was tough finding a place to fish and no body else was there; we had heard that there were a couple of other club's there later on.



All the fishing that day was by nymph fishing, there was a mayfly hatch in the afternoon but it wasn't like the hatched we usually see on the river, the mayflies were hatching but the hatch was small and sporadic. The flies used were sized 18 & 20 & 22 and the best color was black pheasant tails, well at least for me, but midges, prince nymphs, Griffith's gnats, copper johns and emergers worked too. I caught 11 brown trout that Saturday, one of the best fishing days I ever had there.

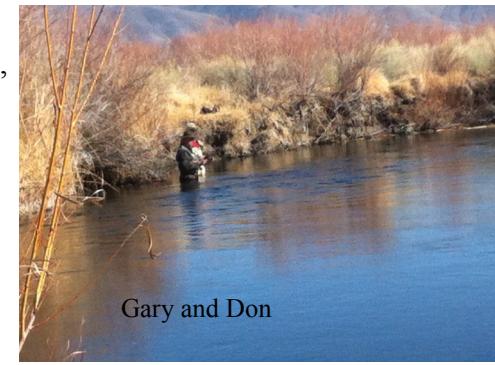


Sunday Fred, Gary, and I decided to fish the "gorge". We got there and saw that there were a lot of hikers headed down to hike along the river. We looked down the gorge and the way down and up again and saw a few landslides that had covered the river, the river flowed under the slides, and saw how bushy it would be and decided we would be better to fish below the "powerhouse" so that's where we went. When we got to the parking lot it was full, cars everywhere. We found a parking space, got out our fishing gear and started to get ready. Another fisherman walked to his truck and started to "ungear" He asked if we were going to the river, we said yes". He said we should consider going somewhere else, that there must be 75 people fishing the river, people were everywhere, he had never seen it so crowded and it's like the pictures you see of the salmon fishermen fishing side by side. We said well maybe we will go the upper Owens and the guy said that there is another club there with about 50 members. He said he went to a place on the lower Owens on Saturday and he had the river to himself and told us where it was. So we decided to go and besides we have not fished there before.

The area we went to was closer to Bishop and only about 15 minutes from the motel, that's +. So we got to this place at about 10:00am and only one other person was there, no another car in site, we had the place to our self!! It was nice, quite and good fishing water. The first pool I fished I caught three 10-12" brown trout, from there I was able to walk in the river up stream to another spot and caught a couple more then at another hole caught one brown trout.

We usually fish the morning before we fly back home so, but Fred, Gary and I went back to the same place as on Sunday. However, Monday morning the weather was changing, a storm was coming to the area so the nice warm weather of the past three days had left and it was now getting colder. And of course the fishing got worse too, we caught nothing that morning, but we had fun anyways.

As we head back home we thought of the good time with the others and the great fishing. Some people caught more than others but we always have a great time. Looking forward to next year.



Gary and Don



The gorge



# FLY FISHERS FOR CONSERVATION

Hi all. It's that time of year again.....time for the 2013 Fresno Fly Fisher's for Conservation annual fund raising banquet! Jack Leveque has got another outstanding evening planned. He's scored well over fifteen thousand dollars worth of live auction, silent auction and raffle prizes. We have the same great caterer lined up. Same great location. This is one evening where you're sure to see friends from the club, and local fly fishing community, that you may not have seen since the last banquet! It means that much to current, and past members. Everybody comes to support the club so we can continue to do the many kids, veterans and community events that we support throughout the year. It really is quite the event.

This banquet ALWAYS sells out. So get your reservations in early. The early bird raffle is a \$200 gift card to Herb Bauer's. The deadline for the early bird is April 10th. [The reservation form is attached to this e-mail.](#)

Scott

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**FLY FISHERS FOR CONSERVATION  
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# Hydropsyche Larva

Don Lieb

Steps tied by Don Lieb

Photos by Chuck Wilcox

This imitation is similar to one developed by the talented Macedonian fly tiers Nadica and Igor Stoncev. The Hydropsyche Caddis Fly is abundant through out North America and is available to the trout during all stages of the insect's life cycle.

## Materials

Hook: Tiemco 2487 or 2457 sizes 10-14  
Thread: 8/0 (70 denier)  
Weight: Fine lead wire  
Tail: Light dun cul de Canard\* & Pearl ice dubbing  
Abdomen: Olive & Pearl uv ice dubbing  
Thorax: Black & dark brown squirrel dubbing  
Back: 3-4 mm wide strip of clear Scud back  
Rib: Size A olive thread or 20" clear monofilament



4-Finish

\***Cul De Canard (CDC)** (*French for "Duck bottom"*) are the fluffiest down feathers from the bottom of a duck; they are very buoyant and are used when tying dry flies. They owe their buoyancy to their proximity to the ducks preen gland which secretes an oil distributed by the duck as a cleaning and waterproofing measure. It is unnecessary for the angler to add additional oil by way of floatant. [Wikipedia](#)

## Tying Sequence

1. Attach the thread and cover the entire shank with the lead wire. Tie in a small clump of CDC and pearl ice dubbing to form the tail.
2. Secure a 3mm strip of clear scud back and a section of olive thread or clear monofilament for the ribs.
3. Form the abdomen with a mixture of olive and pearl ice dubbing and then the thorax with dark brown squirrel or equivalent.
4. Fold the scud back up over the back of the fly and secure behind the eye of the hook. Wrap the ribbing forward with 5 or 6 evenly spaced spirals. Form a tapered head, whip finish, and apply head cement.
5. **-Finish** Color the scud back with permanent marker to match the naturals. Pick out dubbing to form legs and gills.



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If you're headed up this way, please be sure to stop in and say hello.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
*For other Calendar Dates*  
 Visit the Clubs web-site at [www.kaweahflyfishers.org](http://www.kaweahflyfishers.org)

DAY	DATE	EVENT	INFORMATION
Friday	March 1st	Kaweah FlyFishers March Meeting Life Style Center 5105 W. Cypress Time: 7:30pm-9:30pm	Dinner with the evening's program, - at <b>Denny's, 200, South Akers Street , Visalia</b> 5:00pm – 6:30pm Fly tying before meeting with Don Lieb 6:30—7:30pm <b>Club Business:</b> <b>Evening's Program:</b>
Monday	March 4th	March Board Meeting	Life Style Center, 5105 W. Cypress, 7:30pm-9:00pm
Wed	March 7th	<b>KFFF Casting Classes</b>	From 6pm – 7pm, Plaza Park pond 's west bank. the Kaweah Fly Fishers' Casting Class held each Wednesday evening from 6:00-7:00pm, March through mid October, at Plaza Park pond 's west bank. For more information or to reserve a spot contact mdcave@sbcglobal.net
Tuesday	March 12th	Fly Tying with Don Lieb	7pm – 9pm ,at 4520 W Cypress Ave, Visalia. (corner Linwood St) Quail Park Retirement Village. We usually give Don a couple of bucks each as he pays for the hooks and material himself. Contact Done if you are going so he can plan on bring the materials he will need at 559-734-5153 or d.lieb@sbcglobal.net
Wed	March 13th	<b>KFFF Casting Classes</b>	From 6pm – 7pm, Plaza Park pond 's west bank. the Kaweah Fly Fishers' Casting Class held each Wednesday evening from 6:00-7:00pm, March through mid October, at Plaza Park pond 's west bank. For more information or to reserve a spot contact mdcave@sbcglobal.net
Wed	March 20th	<b>KFFF Casting Classes</b>	From 6pm – 7pm, Plaza Park pond 's west bank. the Kaweah Fly Fishers' Casting Class held each Wednesday evening from 6:00-7:00pm, March through mid October, at Plaza Park pond 's west bank. For more information or to reserve a spot contact mdcave@sbcglobal.net
Tuesday	March 26th	Fly Tying with Don Lieb	7pm – 9pm ,at 4520 W Cypress Ave, Visalia. (corner Linwood St) Quail Park Retirement Village. We usually give Don a couple of bucks each as he pays for the hooks and material himself. Contact Done if you are going so he can plan on bring the materials he will need at 559-734-5153 or d.lieb@sbcglobal.net
Wed	March 27th	<b>KFFF Casting Classes</b>	From 6pm – 7pm, Plaza Park pond 's west bank. the Kaweah Fly Fishers' Casting Class held each Wednesday evening from 6:00-7:00pm, March through mid October, at Plaza Park pond 's west bank. For more information or to reserve a spot contact mdcave@sbcglobal.net
Sunday	March 31st	<b>Upper Kings river above Pine Flat.</b> <b>March Brown Mayfly hatch with Jimmie Morales</b>	<b>Sun, March 31, 8am – 5pm. Where: Upper Kings river above Pine Flat. Description of the event. Upper Kings river above Pine Flat. March Brown Mayfly hatch. Contact Jimmie Morales sierraflyfisher@sti.net (559) 641-7788</b>
Wed	April 1st	<b>KFFF Casting Classes</b>	From 6pm – 7pm, Plaza Park pond 's west bank. the Kaweah Fly Fishers' Casting Class held each Wednesday evening from 6:00-7:00pm, March through mid October, at Plaza Park pond 's west bank. For more information or to reserve a spot contact mdcave@sbcglobal.net
Fri, Sat & Sun	Apr 5 – 7	36th Annual Sportsmen's Boat, RV, and Outdoor Living	KERN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 11425 P. Street Bakersfield, CA 93307 . Description; <a href="http://calshows.com/">http://calshows.com/</a>
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