

Roaring River

Visalia, Ca

AUGUST 2010

Newsletter

Monthly Meeting:

Date: August 6th
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 own vise, tools and materials. There will be a donation cup to help pay for the materials provided and for future fly tying materials.

The Fly of the Month is " Multi-Color-Flot-N-Fool"

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Monthly Board Meeting:

Date: 9th
Day: Monday
Location: Life Style Center,
Address : 5105 W. Cypress, Visalia
Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm
All members are welcome to attend.

Meeting Program:

Marriane Emmendorfer presents an up-date of the Big Meadow Restoration

Marriane Emmendorfer has a Bachelors Degree in Science in Forestry, and a Masters of Science in Recreation with a focus on environmental education and heritage interpretation. She started working with the Forest Service in Idaho on a timber crew and has since worked in several different specialties such as fire fighting, recreation, silviculture (care and cultivation of forest trees) and hydrology over the years.



For the past 16 years Marriane has been the District Planner on Hume Lake Ranger District, and head of interpretation for the district as well. Marriane says "I've been lucky in being able to both plan and see several projects through implementation over the years".

Marriane will be presenting an up-date on the Big Meadows Restoration Project that our club participated in the fall of 2007, 3 years ago. She said that the presentation up date is at good time because the hydro crew will be out resurveying Big Meadows next week (July 26-30), so she should have the latest info for the club.

This is a great opportunity to see how our hard work turned out.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JIM

As most of you have seen the September Banquet and Fundraiser is quickly approaching. This is the one event that the club uses to fund all activities and events. Do you have items to donate for the auction? Maybe a local guided day trip? These are always very popular. Do you know of a business that would donate to our event? We need your help! To make the banquet a success takes the entire membership. If you have ideas please let a board member know.



The Kaweah Fly Fishers are lucky to be able to learn from a tying expert at the club meetings. Don Lieb teaches how to tie the fly of the month before most meetings. This is a great way to learn the basics or touch up on skills that you are having trouble mastering. For those of you that have not spent any time tying with Don, you need to do it. Don has a great way of teaching you how to tie great flies that catch fish. Don is also trying to set up some tying classes. Please get in touch with him if you are interested.

By now, I am sure that everyone has their summer fishing trips planned or completed. We are so lucky to live in this area. Any direction that we head we can be into fish pretty quickly. So what will it be? The mountains for trout, some warm water fishing, maybe to the ocean for some surf perch or halibut? Whatever you decide, make sure to tell us all about it. There is a great place on the club website to post your trip reports. Just go the forum section and write all about your trip. Go out and have fun and give us a report on how you did!

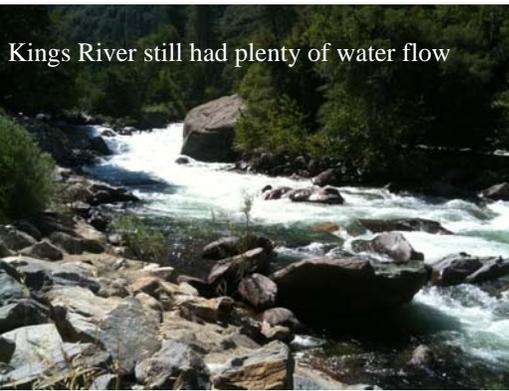
Kaweah Flyfishers Aims and Purposes

To improve and promote the sport of fly fishing as one means of enhancing and conserving high quality fisheries.

To educate the public as to conservation practices needed and used in fishing.

To promote and provide instruction in fly tying, fly rod building, fly casting and general stream-manship.

To promote and work for the betterment of all fisheries in the Central Sierra with particular interest in the Kaweah, Kings, Tule and Kern River watersheds.



Kings River still had plenty of water flow

When I got to Cedar Grove, Kings River I was surprised at the amount of snowmelt water flow; there was a lot of white water. The river level was about 2-3' lower than it was when I was here three weeks ago. There were a few more slower spots around the larger bolters below Grizzly Falls, but I did notice that that the water was calmer in more areas than the last time I was there. Roaring River below the bridge was still white water but Roaring River about 1/4 mile upstream from where it entered the Kings was a large log jam and I caught 4 fish in front of the jam using a #16 caddis pattern.

As I was driving, looking at the river for some better water, I noticed through the trees some water appeared to be more fishable and there gravel bars. This section of the river had a long curve to the river and the inside curve looked to be good water and had some gravel bars, so I stopped parked the truck and got ready. The gravel bars were 4-8' wide and the river wadeable up to my knees.



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I only took two kinds of fly, caddis and ants, I left the rest in the truck. I tied on a #14 caddis, and no fooling— the first cast I caught a 8" rainbow. The water was great what looked look like over a quarter mile that I could see. Across the river was the River Road and there were some people relaxing by the river gave me the thumbs-up. I fished the caddis moving slowly up river for and did not catch another fish. So when I came to a section where trees branches, I knew this would be a good area for an ant pattern. I tied on a #14 ant pattern that I like to tie and after a few casts caught a nice rainbow; a few casts caught the low hanging branches but fortunately the line didn't tangled. I kept slowly fishing up river and caught fish as I went, at one spot I caught three rainbow and two browns. Two of the fish were caught on a sunken ant, the same fly I just let the ant sink and let it go with the flow; the fish seemed to like this.



I fished with an ant pattern on for the rest of the day, slowly moving up river casting the ant, both dry fly and sunken ant pattern. Both ways of fishing caught fish, but the top water caught the most this day. The count for the days fishing was 15 rainbows and two brown trout.

THE MOUNTAINS CALL

God's Wilderness is calling me
To shining summits, bright and cool.
The mountain trails from snow are free,
The flashing trout are in the pool.
All winter long, the lure and skill
Of glittering lakes and towering trees,
Of rushing streams and pine tree smell
And flowering meadows haunted me.

Of all the peace on earth there's none
Like evening in my campfire's gleam,
No shrine like God's own starlit dome
Nor wine like water from my stream.

What song like sylvan solitude
Stirred softly by the snow kissed breezes,
Or water ouzel's sweet notes tuned
To swirling stream's glad melodies?

Lure o f Sierra, wild and free,
Jewels deep set in shining skies,
Defiant mountains beckon me.
To glory and dream in their Paradise.
Walter A. Starr, Jr.
1933

Walter A. "Pete" Starr, Jr. (1903–1933) was an American lawyer and mountain climber.

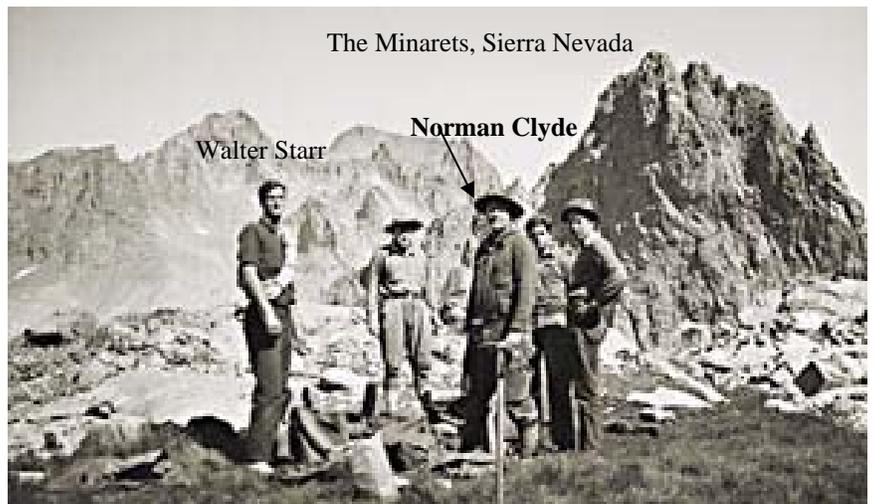
As a graduate of Stanford University, Starr was a respected lawyer in San Francisco, but he is better known for his abilities as a mountain climber and an explorer of the Sierra Nevada.

Walter Starr climbed and hike throughout the Sierra Nevada and a lot of the climbing routs up the mountains were made by him. No mention if he was fisher man or not but it seems that he blazed many trail in our mountains; he was also friends with Ansell Adams.

In August 1933, he failed to return from a month-long hike in the Minarets. The search that followed, which led to the eventual discovery of his body by Norman Clyde, also a well known mountaineer and friend, is one of the most dramatic true tales of the Sierra exploration. His body was buried where it was found.

Starr's final notes were compiled and edited by his father into "Starr's Guide to the John Muir Trail and the High Sierra Region" which was published a year after his death by the Sierra Club. This book has been edited and revised many times and served hikers and climbers for many years as the standard reference to the trails of the Sierra. A revised version is currently available.

His story is an interesting one to read, just Google -Walter A Starr.



This fly was one of the many used by “Buz” Buszek. It is tied in different versions, such as Badger, Blue Dun, Brown, Furnace and Grizzly. The fly became quite popular and is still used by many anglers.

Materials

Hook: Standard dry fly hook sizes 12-14
Thread: 6/0 match color of pattern
Tail: White calf tail or body hair
Post: Butt ends of tail
Body: Peacock herl
Rib: Fine gold wire
Hackle: Grizzly

Tying Sequence

1. Attach the tying thread at the midpoint of the hook and wrap it to the bend. Form a bundle of calf tail hair and secure, leaving the tips extending to the rear forming the tail. Bind the bundle forward covering 80% of the shank. Raise the butt ends of the hair and place 4 or 5 wraps of thread in front to form a dam. Pull up on the butt ends and form a post with tying thread.
2. Tie in a grizzle and a brown hackle securing them to the post.
3. Return the tying thread to the bend of the hook and tie in a piece of brass wire and two barbs of peacock herl.
4. Finish. Return the thread to the post. Wrap the peacock herl to the post and secure. Counter wrap the herl with the wire, secure, and remove the excess material. Wind the hackles around the post counter clockwise, placing each wrap below the previous wrap. Tie off the hackle, whip finish, clip the post to proper length, and apply head cement.



This is prime fishing season, what's needed for the newsletter are your fishing stories, pictures places you have fished etc. We would all like to read where you have fished and a few pictures too.

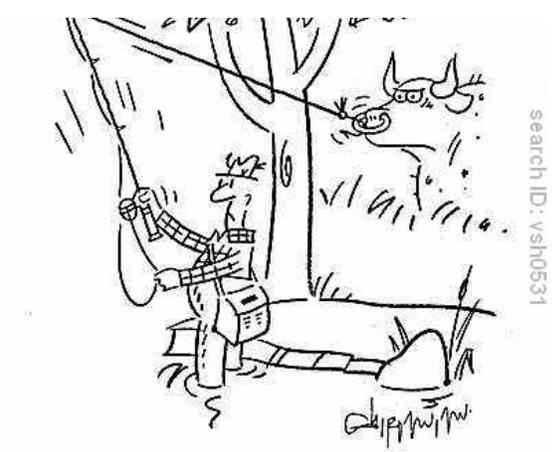
So what ever you have send them please to me at rhartley@dinuba.ca.gov so I can put them in the newsletter.

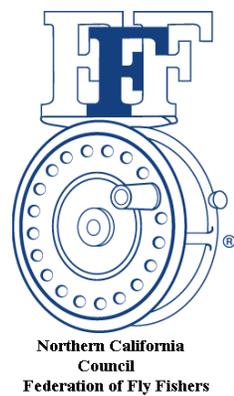
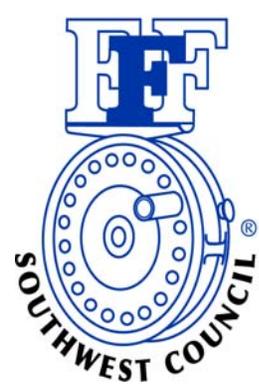
That's what the paper is all about.



"Son, that's not what's meant by fly fishing."

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Lifetime Fishing Licenses for the DFG Biologists Children

On January 5, 2010, the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) suffered a tragic loss of three employees in a helicopter crash while on a routine serial deer survey. Clu Cotter, Associate Biologist (48 years old), Kevin O'Connor, Senior Biologist Supervisor (40 years old), and Tom Stolberg, Scientific Aid (31 years old), all of Fresno, were esteemed colleagues and are greatly missed.

DFG and the hunting and fishing communities recognize the importance of California's sporting heritage, and need to pass it along to the next generations. These biologists are survived by six children (3 boys and 3 girls, ages 4 to 12), and in an effort to help perpetuate their connection to resource conservation and enjoyment, members of the hunting and fishing communities are asking for help in securing lifetime fishing licenses for all six children. Lifetime hunting licenses already have been secured.

Since DFG is legally prohibited from funding the purchase or giving away the fishing licenses, the NCCFFF and the SWCFFF are taking the lead in gathering donations for the fishing licenses. We are asking for each of the clubs in our respective councils to donate \$50 towards the purchase of 2 lifetime fishing licenses for the children. The purchase price is approximately \$1250.00 each, with all the stamps. Any additional monies raised will be used to purchase the additional licenses for the children, or be put in a fund for them.

Not only will you help nurture future resource stewards, you will help carry their dads' legacy of respect and dedication for California's fish and Wildlife.

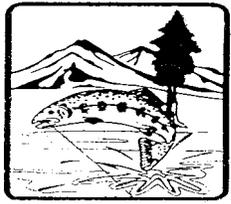
Please donate by visiting our website NCCFFF.org or send a check to NCCFFF, c/o Bobbie Armor, P.O. Box 7480, Fremont, CA 94537

CALANDER OF EVENTS

DAY	DATE	EVENT	INFORMATION
Tuesday Night	August 3rd	Fly Tying with Don Lieb, 7pm - 9pm Parachute Adams	Where: 4520 W Cypress Ave, Visalia. (corner Linwood St) Quail Park Retirement Village 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.
Wednesday	August 4th	Fly Casting Practice with Mark Cave 6pm - 7pm	Where: Visalia's Plaza Park on the pond's west bank
Friday night	August 6th	7:30pm Club Meeting, Lifestyle Center, 5105 W. Cypress, Visalia,	6:30pm—7:30pm, Fly tying with Don Lieb before the meeting, Multi-Color-Flot-N-Fool. Program: Marianne M. Emmendorfer, District Planner for the Sequoia NF/Giant Sequoia NM, will be giving an update on the improvement and condition of Big Meadow after the restoration project.
Monday	August 9th	Kaweah Flyfisher's Monthly Board Meeting. Lifestyle Center, 5105 W. Cypress, Visalia,	All members are welcome to attend
Wednesday	August 11th	Fly Casting Practice with Mark Cave 6pm - 7pm	Where: Visalia's Plaza Park on the pond's west bank
Saturday through Monday	August 14— August 16	Edison Lake Fishout Club Outing	Edison Lake ,Mark Says "Edison overflow is free and quiet. folks can either go to Mono creek in or out of Edison, Florence, or Bear Creek diversion. Contact Mark Cave if interested, mdcave@sbcglobal.net, or 559-36-1452
Tuesday Night	August 17th	Fly Tying with Don Lieb, 7pm - 9pm Royal Trude Coachman	Where: 4520 W Cypress Ave, Visalia. (corner Linwood St) Quail Park Retirement Village 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.
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Saturday	September 18th	Kaweah Flyfishers Club Fall Banquet & Fundraiser	Where: St. Paul's Hall in Visalia. A flyer will be sent with all the information you need

For September and October 's Calendar

Visit the Clubs web site at www.kaweahflyfishers.org



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