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**The Prez Sez**

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**For those of you who have known me a while**, you understand that I don't hear very well. It's not that I don't pay attention. I work really hard to do that. My hearing difficulties are due to a particularly nasty virus that hit me a few years ago and pretty much left me deaf in my right ear. So, if you say something and I don't acknowledge you, I'm not being rude. I simply didn't hear you.

**Unfortunately, this is exactly the sort of thing that can lead to severe misunderstandings.** For instance, I was headed to the store one day and my loving wife Cherrie, asked me to get her a new pot holder. I thought she said shot loader. While it did seem like an unusual request at the time, dove season was only a couple of weeks off so I was only too happy to oblige her!

**On another occasion, a birthday as I recall**, she asked me for a new coat. I thought she said new boat. While the idea of a sleek new boat thrilled me no end, the one we have is in pretty good shape plus I, really like it. So instead of going through all of the hassles and paperwork involved in buying and selling boats, I just bought her a new fly rod. **For those interested, the welts from a graphite five weight are about the size of a half-dollar.**

**To this very day, she still doesn't understand how a request for a new coat could end up as a fishing pole.** But you, as fishermen, can understand, right? We have a similar problem right here in the **FFF**. Most of you understand the **FFF**. Unfortunately, there are many, many exceptionally fine people that, for some reason, don't hear our message. It's not that they aren't paying attention. I think it's simply a situation where they misunderstand the **FFF**. And I think it's our own fault.

**We in the FFF** have done a poor job in publicizing the countless education and conservation programs that we have sponsored, or helped sponsor, over the years. As a result, there are a lot of misunderstandings concerning our primary role. We are much more than just a bunch of fun-loving folks that throw one heck of a party in Mountain Home, Arkansas once a year, Our true role is really quite simple. To improve fisheries, and therefore the fishing, through fly fishing related activities.

**We have done a fair job of reporting and publicizing our projects at the National and Council levels.** However, as a true grass roots organization, the great majority of the FFF's projects are performed by dedicated, individual members at the club level. And this is where we need your help.

**Just about every club I have ever heard of has sponsored some sort of education or conservation event** and we need to let everyone know about these great unselfish projects. How else are people going to understand the good we are doing in communities everywhere? So please, take just a few minutes and write up a report summarizing your clubs activities covering the last 5 years or so. The report can be brief; as in an outline, or as detailed as you like. E-mail your report to the Council's VP of Conservation, Paul "Sodie" Sodaman at <PAULS@manhattan.kl2.ks.us> and he'll report these activities in the next *Long Casts*.

**Your report will serve several important purposes.** It will spotlight your club as an active, vibrant organization that should be very good for your club's membership recruitment. It will help us all learn more about your club that will make us a stronger organization on the whole. Plus, our Council Awards will be coming up soon and we need a Club of the Year! Most importantly though, all of the non-FFF folks that read this newsletter will gain a much broader understanding on how your activities directly benefit them and, hopefully, they will want to become a part of that. It's a win-win deal. So please, don't put this off or wait for someone else in your club to do it. **Write something yourself and get it to Sodie today so we can proudly highlight your great club and its accomplishments in the next edition.**

**Before I go, I really want to thank all of the clubs and individual members that have been participating in the membership incentive plan.** We've added quite a few new members but there's always room for more! So if you haven't joined the FFF yet, see your club officers for details on **how you can win a new Sage or Thomas & Thomas, fly rod, Ross fly reel** and other great prizes simply by joining the greatest fishing organization in the world. Also, thanks to all of you that renew your membership this year. I've said it before but I really mean it when I call you the true backbone of our organization. I wish there was a way that I could award you all for your dedication and support. And special thanks go to all of you that have bought tickets in the Hyde Driftboat Sweepstakes. As you know, 100% of the proceeds from this event go to the fantastic All Fish, All Waters Foundation and I hear that ticket sales have been brisk within the **Council**. I sincerely hope that one of you wins this great boat and if you do, can I have a ride down the White River this O c t o b e r ?

**Just a minute, Cherrie is calling me.** What's that, dear? Dinner is almost ready but you need me to go to the store and get what? **Geez, I wonder how she would think of needing new waders. while she is cooking.** I guess I'll never understand a woman's train of thought. I hope she didn't say taters. Oh well, I hear they have some of those new breathable models in at **The Backwoods** and I just know she'll love 'em. Now that I think about it, I might could use a pair myself After all, a man can't have too many waders!

**I guess I'd better be off to the fly shop now before she changes her mind.** Until next time, be sure and talk loudly when you're around me and...

**Good Fly Fishing!**  
**Brian Camp**

About *Long Casts*

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## Wayne And Catherine Moore Youth Fund

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### APPLICATION FOR SUPPORT

**REQUIREMENTS:** The stipulated purpose of the Southern Council's Wayne and Catherine Moore Youth Fund is to provide limited funding in support of youth fly fishing and/or fly tying activities. Specifically, the fund provides money for the purchase of food items (such as hot dogs, hamburgers, soda pop, etc.) when such items are consumed in conjunction with a sponsored youth activity conducted by a recognized club of the **Southern Council, Federation of Fly Fishers**. The fund is not to be used for travel expenses or purchase of equipment and/or materials. It is expected that clubs requesting funding will be frugal with their request.

**As a requirement of successful funding**, the sponsoring club is to formally designate their activity a "**Wayne and Catherine Moore Youth Activity**" and to spend a moment telling the youth about the Moores. Essentially, the Moores were dedicated supporters of the **Federation of Fly Fishers and the Southern Council**. Originally from Wisconsin, they retired to Mountain Home in the 1970s where they became very active in fly tying and fly fishing. Wayne Moore passed away suddenly in 1984 and it was Catherine's bequest that established the youth fund. Catherine had always maintained a very strong interest in youth activities. Catherine ultimately moved to Washington State where she passed away in 1995.

**Upon completion of the activity**, the sponsoring club is to send a brief summary of the event including number of participants and what activities were held.

### APPLICATION

**Name of sponsoring organization** (must be in good standing with the Southern Council): \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of the proposed activity** (please allow at least 30 days for processing):  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Brief statement on the nature of the proposed activity or event:**  
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**Number and age group of youth expected to participate:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount requested:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Return the completed application to:** Steve Jensen 4514 West Coach Drive Battlefield, MO 65619-9711

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## "Conservation" And I quote!

by Paul "Sodie" Sodamann  
VP-Conservation

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In my opening article several issues ago, I mentioned that my views of conservation are probably different from that of a true conservationist. I believe that part of my role as conservation officer is **to conserve that which makes FFF and Southern Council what it is: it's members!** True, we can work long and hard to conserve fisheries and environmentally related biotic and abiotic factors. However, if we do not have our members, we might as well stop wasting our money time and energy and just go fish.

**There always have been and always will be** members and clubs who ask **“what is in it for me, why should I/we be FFF members?”** To some of those people there will never be a good answer that totally justifies membership. But I feel that all those people who constantly question the mason for **FFF** need to stop and take a long hard look in the eyes of their sons and daughters. Can you honestly tell them: “Don’t get involved in anything, just go fish? I am reminded of a quote I hold dear to my heart which came from Eldridge Cleaver in 1968: **“Either you are part of the solution, or you are part of the problem.”** True, your club may be a long way from national headquarters or Mountain Home, however, you still play a major role in FFF. Everything you do as a fly fisher is also something you do as a member of and for **FFF**. That may sound trite, but it is a very important reality of how **FFF** functions. **We are a grassroots organization which functions best from the bottom up, not from the top down.**

**As FFF members,** we all need to do our individual parts no matter how small or large in order for the organization as a whole to be successful. Take a kid fly fishing, put on a program for a local scout troop, start a water monitoring program, work with a local school teacher on stream ecology. The list goes on and on. The point is, when you are asking what is in it for you, you are asking the wrong question. It is a worn out paraphrase, **however, don’t ask what FFF can do for you, but rather what you can do for FFF.** For some, active participation in **FFF** may only be a simple as current membership. And if that is all you are capable of providing, that is a big help. Your dues dollars help provide the physical environmental impacts I mentioned in the first paragraph along with many educational programs. For others even the slightest involvement in fly fishing education or conservation at a local level speaks volumes for what **FFF** can and does do. Again we are a grassroots organization that depends on its members casting the fly, and not being spectators on the side lines.

**I, for one, have pushed hard for our local club to become a 100% FFF membership club: and we are 100%! I did this,** not because I felt strong about sending more money to headquarters even though I support the programs developed out of headquarters; I did this because I feel strongly about what we represent at the local level, right here in **Manhattan, Kansas. That’s right! A 100% FFF club of fifty members right in the middle of Kansas!** I am damn proud to say **“Eich sein ein Federator!”** I know, I know, a little over kill on the quote thing, but I hope my point is getting across. It is up to you to accomplish the **FFF** goals, not some nebulous thing called headquarters to do it for you.  
[e-mail@pauls@manhattan.kl2.ks.us](mailto:e-mail@pauls@manhattan.kl2.ks.us)

**In the last issue of *Long Casts***, I mentioned the **Strawberry River** in Arkansas as a beautiful and unique river. Since then, the **Southern Council** has provided \$2000 toward conservation and education projects designed to preserve this wonderful fishery. What I hope to be the beginning of a great working partnership has also developed, because the agency making the request was **The Nature Conservancy**. This is the first time I am aware that the two organizations have teamed up to 'work towards preserving a body of water and I hope it is not the last.' I would hope that some of the **FFF** clubs in the Strawberry River area could check in-as to what they could do as far as -providing "people power" to help with these projects.

**The Guadalupe River in Texas is under attack.** It appears the water is being sold off at a rate faster than it is coming into Canyon Lake. Not that trout are native to Texas, however the trout fishery below the lake may not get enough cold water over the summer to keep the fish alive, if something is not done. A series of hydrology studies are being conducted to determine just how much water is available with eventual hopes of maintaining a minimum flow rate. The water which flows down the Guadalupe is vital to the salt water fishery of Texas as well. If not enough fresh water flows into the bay, the water gets too salty and the fishing there goes belly up! **If saving the Red fish requires saving the trout, I am all for it!** (I am a salt water nut--living in Kansas-go figure!) The **Southern Council** donated \$2000 to go toward partial payment of these hydrology studies.

**Stream Teams in Missouri have a problem.** They clean up the streams and monitor the water quality for all those who fish and enjoy the use of these beautiful places. However, after they remove the debris such as tires, they run into bureaucratic red tape in coming up with the necessary funds to dispose of the tires. These teams (usually schools) do not have the up front funding to dispose of the tires and the paper chase to get the money takes time. The **Southern Council** has donated \$500 towards a seed fund for these teams. This way the teams can have the funds when needed to dispose of the tires and reimburse the fund with the money they eventually receive through Department of Natural Resources red tape.

**If you enjoy fishing clean water and maintaining a wide variety of fish, you should be proud of what Southern Council and FFF are doing for you in the area of conservation.**

**If you have projects which need funding** or fisheries with which you are concerned, please contact me at the e-mail address below. We will be happy to look into your request and do what we can to help. **e-mail** <[pauls@manhattan.k12.ks.us](mailto:pauls@manhattan.k12.ks.us)>

**FFF National Conclave Set for July 31- Aug. 5**

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**The Federation of Fly Fishers**, hosting their **35th Annual National Fly Fishing Conclave in Livingston MT**, this summer, will feature a lineup of more than **60 workshops**, conducted by those who know the craft, and wonderful fishing opportunities

**Previous National Conclaves** held in Livingston have been praised by attendees as well worth attending. To find out more about the Conclave in Livingston, or to register, go to <[www.fedflyfishers.org](http://www.fedflyfishers.org)>

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Due to the move of the **Southern Council Conclave** to the **Baxter County Fair Grounds in Mountain Home**, we have more room than ever before. For the **2000 Conclave** we have space available for additional commercial exhibitors. If you are interested in joining the ranks of exhibitors in the largest regional **Federation Conclave**, please call **Chet Smith, Conclave Commercial Co-Chairman**, at 877-664-4401, or e-mail him at [cpsmh@centurytel.net](mailto:cpsmh@centurytel.net). These prime spaces will go fast, so don't delay.

**Southern Council Scholarship**

By **Chuck Easterling, VP-Education**

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**The Southern Council** annually awards a scholarship of **\$1,000** to a deserving student who is in his or her second or later year of college study. The recipient of this scholarship is announced each year, at the Southern Council Conclave. The application deadline is each August 31st., for that year's conclave.

**The requirements for the scholarship are:** The applicant must reside within the geographical boundaries of the **Southern Council**; be in his or her second or later year of college study; be pursuing a degree in a field consistent with the goals of the **Federation of Fly Fishers**; and either be a member or be sponsored by a member of the **Federation**.

**If you know of a potential applicant**, please contact me at the address below, for an application.

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Date: September 16 & 17 Fee: \$50.00 per person per night for the cabins; \$15.00 per person per night for camping Where On the Llano River outside Mason Mail Check To: Constance Whiston 7310 South Congress #106 Austin, Texas 78745 For details cwhiston@io.com

**Conclave Schedule**

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<b>ACTIVITIES - FRIDAY, OCTOBER, 6th</b>		
<b>TENTATIVE SCHEDULE - SUBJECT TO CHANGE</b>		
<b>WHEN</b>	<b>WHAT</b>	<b>WHERE</b>
8:00 - 5:00 pm	<b>Registration</b>	Education Building Lobby
9:00 - 4:00 pm	<b>Fly Tying Demonstrations</b>	Education Building
9:00 - 4:00 pm	<b>Commercial Displays</b>	Education Building

9:00 - 4:00 pm	<b>Silent Auction</b>	Education Building
9:00 - 4:00 pm	<b>Casting Coach - by appointment</b>	Education Building Lobby
9:00 - 4:00 pm	<b>Tying Coach - by appointment</b>	Education Building Lobby
9:00 - 12:00 am	<b>Fly Tying Clinic: Quill Bodies and Parachutes - A. K. Best - Fee - limited to 10</b>	University Campus Rm.
9:00 - 11:00 am	<b>Distance Casting - Bill Gammell - Fee - limited to 8</b>	University Campus - Grounds
9:00 - 10:00 am	<b>Flyfishing The Little Red River - Tom Hawthorne</b>	Seminar Room
9:00 - 10:00 am	<b>Flyfishing the Texas Coast - Cary Marcus</b>	Bldg. C-1
9:00 - 12:00 pm	<b>Introduction to Fly Fishing - Constance Whiston - Women's Outreach - Open to everyone</b>	Bldg. C-4
10:00 am - 4:00 pm	<b>Display of Auction / Raffle Items</b>	Education Building
10:00 - 11:00 am	<b>pura vida en Costa Rica - Shawn &amp; Christina Taylor</b>	Seminar Room
10:00 - 11:00 am	<b>Flyfishing Alaska on Your Budget, Not Theirs - Gary Key</b>	Bldg. C-1
10:00 - 11:00 am	<b>Dried Flower Wreaths - Karla Axel - Women's Outreach</b>	Bldg. C-4
10:30 am - 1:30 pm	<b>Sink Tip Symposium - Roger Maler - Limited to 16 - Fee</b>	Maler Cabin
11:00am - 12:00 pm	<b>Knot Tying - Chico Fernandez</b>	Bldg. C-4
11:00am - 12:00 pm	<b>The Art &amp; Science of Casting - Art Mazzier</b>	Seminar Room
1:00 - Finish	<b>Casting Games - Jerry Clark &amp; Steve Antonic</b>	Casting Pool
1:00 - 4:00 pm	<b>Fly Tying Clinic: Caddis Patterns - A. K. Best - Fee - Limited to 8</b>	University Campus Rm.
1:00 - 2:30 pm	<b>Casting - Chico Fernandez - Fee - Limited to 8</b>	University Campus - Grounds
1:00 - 3:00 pm	<b>Dutch Oven Cooking - Phyllis Speer - Limited to 16 - Must be registered - No Fee</b>	Cattle Barn
1:00 - 2:00 pm	<b>Fly Fishing the Tailwaters - Ed Engle</b>	Seminar Room
1:00 - 2:00 pm	<b>Update on Arkansas Trout - John Stark</b>	Bldg. C-1
1:00 - 2:00 pm	<b>Woodcarver Demonstration - Mountain Home Woodcarvers Club</b>	Bldg. C-4
2:00 - 3:00 pm	<b>Missouri Trout - Chuck Tryon</b>	Seminar Room
2:00 - 3:00 pm	<b>Fly Fishing Belize - Duane Hada</b>	Bldg. C-1
2:00 - 3:00 pm	<b>Learning to Fish a Trout River: An Interactive Approach - Amy Galyardt &amp; Becky Rogers</b>	Bldg. C-4
3:00 - 4:00 pm	<b>European Techniques on American Rivers - Davy Wotton</b>	Seminar Room
3:00 - 4:00 pm	<b>How to Teach Casting - Art Mazzier &amp; Bill Gammel</b>	University Campus - Grounds
4:00 pm	<b>Silent Auction Closes</b>	Education Building
4:00 - 5:00 pm	<b>Fly Fishing the Texas Coast - Chuck Scates</b>	Seminar Room

4:00 - 5:00 pm	<b>Warm Water Strategies and Tactics - Tom Nixon</b>	Bldg. C-1
4:00 - 5:00 pm	<b>Women's Outreach Business Meeting</b>	Bldg. C-4
5:00 - 6:30 pm	<b>Social Hour - hosted by Arkansas Fly Fishers</b>	Pool Area - Ramada Inn
6:30 - 7:00 pm	<b>A Western Flyfisher's Life - Ed Engle</b>	Convention Room - Ramada Inn
7:00 - 7:45 pm	<b>Fly Fishing over the Course of Time - Dave Whitlock</b>	Convention Room - Ramada Inn
7:45 pm - Finish	<b>Live Auction I</b>	Convention Room - Ramada Inn
7:45 pm - Finish	<b>Social Hour Resumes</b>	Indoor Pool Area

**ACTIVITIES - SATURDAY, OCTOBER, 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE- SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

<b>WHEN</b>	<b>WHAT</b>	<b>WHERE</b>
8:00 - 10:00 am	<b>Women's Outreach Casting Clinic - Emily Whitlock - <i>Must be registered - no fee - limit 15</i></b>	Burnett's Pond on Buttercup Drive
8:00 - 11:00 am	<b>Nymphing Strategies - Tom Hawthorne - Limited to 8 - Fee</b>	Rim Shoals
8:00 - 4:00 pm	<b>Registration</b>	Education Building Lobby
9:00 - 3:00 pm	<b>Youth Activities: Fishing Outing on Dry Run Creek - James Duncan - Lunch included - Registration &amp; Permission Slip required.</b>	Meet in Lobby at Fair Grounds
9:00 - 4:00 pm	<b>Silent Auction</b>	Education Building
9:00 - 4:00 pm	<b>Fly Tying Demonstrations</b>	Education Building
9:00 - 4:00 pm	<b>Commercial Displays</b>	Education Building
9:00 - 4:00 pm	<b>Casting Coach - by appointment</b>	Education Building Lobby
9:00 - 4:00 pm	<b>Tying Coach - by appointment</b>	Education Building Lobby
9:00 - 12:00 am	<b>Fly Tying Clinic: Spinners and Clumsy Duns - A. K. Best - Fee - limited to 8</b>	University Campus Rm.
9:00 - 11:00 am	<b>Fly Fishing Etiquette - Rona Fulton</b>	Seminar Room
9:00 - 11:00 am	<b>Visual Clues in Fishing - Brian Gambill</b>	Bldg. C-1
9:00 - 11:00 am	<b>Quilts - Women's Outreach</b>	Bldg. C-4
10:00 am - 4:00 pm	<b>Display of Auction / Raffle Items</b>	Education Building
10:00 - 11:30 pm	<b>Casting - Chico Fernandez - Fee - limited to 10</b>	University Campus - Grounds
10:00 - 11:00 am	TBA - Dave Whitlock	Seminar Room
10:00 - 11:00 am	<b>Warmwater Fly Fishing - Terry &amp; Roxanne Wilson</b>	Bldg. C-4
11:00 am - 2:00 pm	<b>Women's Outreach Luncheon - Streamside Wildflowers - Emily Whitlock</b>	Van Mater Senior Citizens Center - Cooper Park
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	<b>Fly Fishing the Tailwaters - Ed Engle</b>	Seminar Room
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	<b>Fly Tying - Chuck Scates</b>	Bldg. C-4
1:00 - 2:00 pm	<b>Home Waters - John &amp; Dan Berry</b>	Seminar Room
1:00 - 2:00 pm	<b>Fly Presentation - Chico Fernandez</b>	Bldg. C-4
2:00 - 3:00 pm	<b>Shallow Water Redfish - Chuck Scates</b>	Seminar Room
2:00 - 3:00 pm	<b>Fly Tying - Davy Wotton</b>	Bldg. C-4

2:30 - 4:30 pm	<b>Women's Outreach - Advanced Casting Clinic - Emily Whitlock - <i>Must be registered - Limit 12</i></b>	Burnett's Pond
3:00 - 4:00 pm	<b>Panel Discussion: Chico, Ed, A.K. &amp; Dave - Opportunity to get answers to your most nagging questions from the pros!!</b>	Seminar Room
4:00 pm	<b>Silent Auction Closes</b>	Education Building
4:30 - 6:00 pm	<b>Social Hour - hosted by Arkansas Fly Fishers</b>	Pool Area - Ramada Inn
6:00 - 7:30 pm	<b>Awards Banquet &amp; Presentation</b>	Convention Room - Ramada Inn
7:30 - 8:00 pm	<b>Evening Program - Chico Fernandez</b>	
8:00 pm - Finish	<b>Live Auction II</b>	Convention Room - Ramada Inn
8:00 pm - Finish	<b>Social Hour Resumes</b>	Indoor Pool Area
<b>ACTIVITIES - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>th</sup></b>		
8:00 am - 8:30 am	<b>Federation of Fly Fishers™, Southern Council, General Business Meeting - All Members are Welcome</b>	Convention Room - Ramada Inn
8:30 am - Finish	<b>Board of Directors Meeting (All Council Officers &amp; Club Presidents must attend.)</b>	Meeting Room - Ramada Inn

<b>Club Tables At Conclave</b>	<b>By Chet Smith Conclave Commercial Co-Chairman</b>	<a href="#">return to ToC</a>
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**Based on requests from several clubs**, space will be set aside on a first come first served basis for club tables at the Southern Council Conclave.

**Space is limited** so reserve your space early. There are three (3) basic rules:

1. **Clubs must furnish their own table and chairs.**
2. **No competing with commercial vendors through sales of items.** If you sell you will have to paid for your space the same as other commercial vendors. This means no sales of flies, equipment, etc. You may sell club T-shirts, caps, and club publications.
3. **No raffles or auctions to compete with Conclave raffles and auctions.** This means no raffles or auctions running concurrent with the Conclave. If you have a long term raffle with the drawing to be held after Conclave week, you may sell those raffle tickets. Anyone violating the above rules will be asked to stop. If they don't their table will be removed. If your club desires to have a club table please contact me as soon as possible to get on the list. You may call toll free to **877.664.4401**. See you at Conclave!

<b>Conclave 2000 Countdown</b>	<b>By Chuck Easterling and Brooks Handly Conclave 2000 Co-Chairmen</b>	<a href="#">return to ToC</a>
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**We have had** several Conclave Meetings since the last Conclave Countdown and we are really getting excited. As I said in the last Conclave Countdown, I have enjoyed every conclave that I have been to, but Brooks and I think this Conclave may be just a little bit extra special.

**As you will recall in the Last Countdown**, we advised that **Chico Fernandez** will be our featured speaker. Chico is simply a fantastic person to have on the program but as we said, **he "...is not the only speaker."**

We asked if you would like to sit in a tie flies with one of the "Best" tyers in the country. Well, you will have the chance to do just that, **A.K. Best will be one of our featured presenters** and will conduct **three tying clinics**. This is a unique opportunity to sit in tie with a master craftsman. If you have read AK's book or watched his video you will want to sign up and learn how to tie his quill bodies, parachutes and my favorite, clumsey duns.

In the last Countdown, I mentioned that at times we all find tailwaters to be curiously frustrating. Well, the master of tailwaters that we promised you is the man who literally wrote the book, **Ed Engle**. As you know, Ed is an author, guide and prolific fishing writer, who, along with AK., is frequently mentioned in **John Gierach** stories. **Ed will give two**

programs on **Fishing Tailwaters** and be one of our featured evening speakers. This is a great opportunity to learn how to solve some of the more perplexing problems in fishing tailwaters.

**Are you interested in more?** Did you ever wonder about origins of the Southern Council, or how flyfishing really got started in this part of the country. The man who truly knows the answers to these questions, **Dave Whitlock**, will be giving a very special evening program "**Fly Fishing over the Course of Time**" as well as giving a day program. If you ever have had the opportunity to listen to Dave or read one of his books you just can't help being excited about the opportunity to attend one of his talks or classes.


**Conclave 2000, with Chico, AK., Ed, and Dave, will be a very special event.** But you know what, we have much more! There are more speakers and programs that are sure to please. For instance we have, well I think I'll just wait to the next Countdown to tell you more.

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<b>Flint Hills Club Honored - NAMED FFF CLUB OF THE YEAR!</b>	<a href="#">return to ToC</a>
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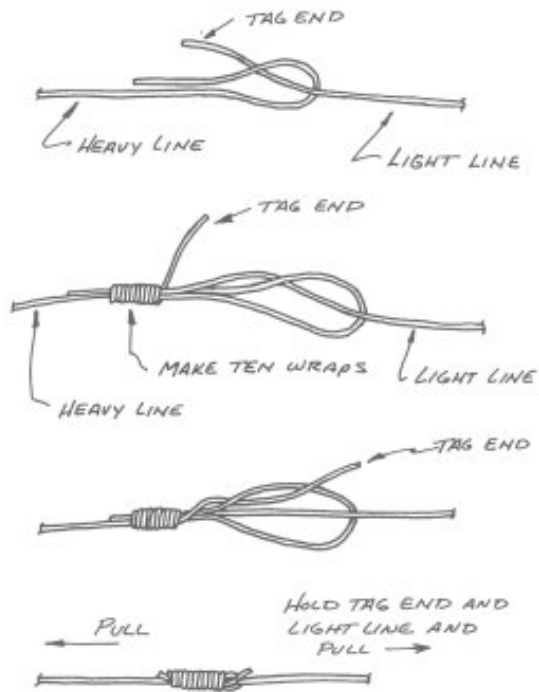
**The Flint Hills Fly Fishing Club** has been awarded the **McKenzie Cup for 2000!** That is the award given to the **most outstanding club in all of FFF** for the past year.

**It is about the biggest award** given at the **National Conclave** in Livingston, Montana in August. All Council members should be proud of the efforts put forth by the **Flint Hills Club!**

The next issue of *Long Casts* will feature an article detailing the many activities and achievements of the Club over the past year.

**Congratulations, Flint Hills! Way to go!!**

<b>The Albright Knot</b>	By Larry Notley, Dallas Fly Fishers	<a href="#">return to ToC</a>
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**All's bright** and good when you tie the Albright Knot for attaching backing to fly line and fly line to leader. The Albright Knot should be in everyone's arsenal. It is the most reliable connection for lines of unequal diameters or of different materials, such as mono to braided line or single-strand wire. The Albright may be slightly bulkier when compared to the Nail Knot or Huffnagle, but if you don't have a nail knot tool, the Albright is the best thing to use.

**Owner of Pockit Sports Co.**, a manufacturer of fly tying equipment, **Larry Notley** is the author of *Fly Leaders & Knots*, *Guide to Fly Fishing Knots*, and *Knots Just a Reminder*.

<b>The Fly Corner</b>	<b>By Terry Tanner, Southwest Missouri Fly fishers</b>	<a href="#">return</a> <a href="#">to</a> <a href="#">ToC</a>
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## The Pine-A-Bou Sculpin

I worked **The Pine-A-Bou Sculpin** up the other day, just to use up some spare materials lying on top of my bench. I really have not had time to fish the fly as yet, but it ought to be good on smallmouth and trout.

**Royce Dam** showed me a neat method of attaching a single clump of hair, so that no trimming is needed afterwards. The secret is to cut the hair so as to just fill the gap between the body and the eye of the hook, by trimming the hair off-the hide the length you want the head to be, plus a little to tie it in with.

**Cut the hair, leaving the tips**, and attach the thread about 1/3 of an inch up from where the hair was cut off the hide. Grip the hair well, and lay it onto the hook shank at the tie in point. Then make two loose turns over the hair, tighten your thread and pull straight down, slowly releasing your grip on the hair, and it will spin around the hook shank, -making a nice neat head. Add one or two more wraps behind the head, then pull the thread up behind the eye from underneath and whip finish.

### Materials List

**Thread** - 8/0 brown Unithread plus any good hair spinning thread

**Ribbing** - Medium gold wire.

**Body** - Possum - brown & and gray blend, &:light brown antron

**Matuka style tail** - 1/8 inch wide strip of natural pine squirrel

**Hook** - #6 200 R TMC hook

**Head** - Caribou body hair

**Cement** - Use Dave's Flex-a-ment -or Flex-seal

**Figure #1** - Tie in medium gold wire or small gold tinsel, and dub in brown and gray mixed "Awesome Possum", with a little brown antron. Dub this mix about 2/3rds of the way up toward the eye of the hook .

**Figure #2** - Tie in natural pine squirrel strip and wind the segmenting wire or tinsel up the hook shank, toward the eye of the hook. It may be easier to wet the squirrel strip first, since each time the wire comes over the strip, the hair on the strip, must be separated, so that it is not bound down under the wire.

**Figure #3** - Whip finish and cut off the 8/0 thread. Tie in some stronger thread, like flat waxed nylon, Wapsi's new hair thread, or Flymaster +, and attach a bunch of caribou body hair, using Royce Dam's method of spinning, so no trimming is

needed. Whip finish and add cement. Done! .

## FFF Southern Council Changes Web Address

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The web page address of the **Southern Council** has changed to : <[www.SouthernCouncilFFF.org](http://www.SouthernCouncilFFF.org)> The old address will stay active for a while, but please bookmark the new one when convenient.

## National FFF offers chance -To Win Hyde Drift Boat

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## From the Editor...

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**Well, it is time for another Conclave Issue.** This will be my **6th Conclave issue** as the editor of *Long Casts*, and, as I reflect back, I remember that the first one did not get to some of the members of the Council **until after the Conclave was over** (problems getting the issue paid for and mailed). Shortly after that, we began putting the **Conclave Issue out during the summer, rather than having it be the Sept. Issue.** To the officers in the Council, this makes sense, what with families having to plan in advance and all.

**Every Conclave that I've attended has been wonderful**, and I've watched each year, along with many of you, as the event continually improved, **noting additions of educational programs, and an increase in programming directed at conservation and preservation of our resources.** I am so proud of our Council, and the fantastic Conclave we put on each year.

**When I read the information about the activities planned this year, I was amazed** that there will be so many marvelous opportunities to learn and get help, and so many chances to have fun! Please note some the **following FREE activities** to be offered at Conclave 2000:

**To begin with, early on Friday morning, Oct. 6th**, you may work **with either a casting coach, or a tying coach.** You must sign up for this, but it will be offered all day, both Friday and Saturday. **Isn't that cool!** Then, there's the great variety of programs throughout the day, on Friday: **Dutch oven cooking; fly fishing the Little Red River; fly fishing the Texas Coast; Alaska on a budget, yours, not theirs; Chico's knot tying; fly fishing tailwaters; fly fishing Belize; warm water strategies;** and many more.

Then, on Saturday, many of Friday's activities will be offered again, plus: **Women's Outreach casting clinic; a day of youth activities; fly fishing etiquette; quilt making, warmwater fly fishing; Chico's fly presentation; shallow water redfish;** and many more. **All are free!**

**With the move to the fairgrounds**, there is a lot more room for commercial booths, and fly tyers. This conclave will be the best yet, by far! **You don't want to miss this one!**

**So, if you haven't ever been to a Conclave**, or, if you only go to one every once in a while, **this is the year to get to Mountain Home**, on the first full weekend in October, and have the most fun a fly fisher can have, without being on the stream. **By the way, the fishing in October is absolutely marvelous! Please come!**

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<b>Saturday Evening Banquet</b> (must be registered to attend) .....	\$15.00	\$15.00	-----
<b>Saturday Women Outreach Luncheon</b> (must be registered to attend) .....	\$11.00	\$11.00	-----
<b>Fly Tying with A.K. Best</b> - Intermediate to Advanced ( class limited to 8) (Please bring tying tools) <input type="checkbox"/> Friday -9am-noon ~ <input type="checkbox"/> Friday -1pm - 4 pm ~ <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday - 9 am - noon .....	\$55.00	\$75.00	-----
<b>Fly Casting Clinic with Chico Fernandez</b> - (registration required - limited to 8 per class) Please bring you favorite rod! <input type="checkbox"/> Friday - 1 pm- 2:30 pm ~ <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday - 10 am - 11:30 am .....	\$45.00	\$65.00	-----
<b>Distance Casting with Bill Gammel</b> -(Equipment required)- Limit 8 .....	\$35.00	\$45.00	-----
<b>Sink Tip Symposium with Roger Maler</b> - on the White River at Rim Shoals in a limited access area - will need fishing gear. May stay after symposium to continue fishing. Lunch provided. Location approximately 20 minutes from fair grounds. Limited to 20 - Friday 10:30 am - 1 pm .....	\$35.00	\$45.00	-----
<b>Nymphing Strategies</b> - with Tom Hawthorne - on the White River at Rim Shoals - will need fishing gear - Limited to 8 - Saturday 8am - 11am .....	\$35.00	\$45.00	-----
<b>Wayne E &amp; Catherine Moore Youth Conclave</b> - (Must be under 16 Years of Age) Saturday Outing - Lunch Included Each child must bring a hat, sunscreen and sunglasses (Requirements: registration and permission slip signed by parent/guardian prior to Outing. Permission slips available at registration desk.) .....	N/C	N/C	-----
<b>Women's Outreach Casting with Emily Whitlock</b> -Intermediate to Advanced (registration required - no .....	N/C	N/C	-----

tee) (Limited to 12) Saturday 8:50 am. ....	N/C	N/C	_____	_____
<b>Women's Outreach Casting with Emily Whitlock - Advanced</b> (registration required - no fee) (Limited to 12) Saturday 2:30 pm. ....	N/C	N/C	_____	_____
<b>Dutch Oven Cooking with Phyllis Speer</b> (Limit 16) .....	N/C	\$15.00	_____	_____
<b>Millennium Conclave Pin</b> .....		\$5.00	_____	_____
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