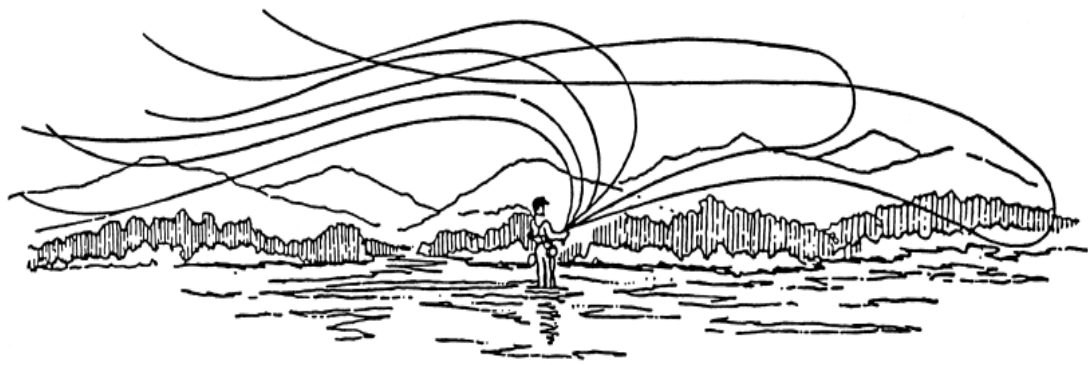


# Long Casts



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## Today's Youth, Tomorrow's Fly Fisher

*Larry Murphy, Editor*

"Passing the mantle from one generation to the next" is a phrase you may have heard before. First referenced when Elijah let fall his mantle to Elisha as he left in the fiery chariot. The meaning of which depicts responsibility passing from one person to another. Similar sounding but different, a mantel is the support structure which holds up the massive weight of stone and block above the fireplace hearth. The hearth is that part of the fireplace we all want to be near during the cold, wintry seasons. There we find warmth and comfort when a fire is present. Also our family and friends could be found close by enjoying the camaraderie and fellowship of kindred spirit. But when it comes time for spring and summer, we want nothing to do with the fire or its warmth or even the hearth and mantel. Quite the opposite is true; we long to find refreshing breezes



with which to cool our environment. But the mantel remains in place, even though we have become distracted for a period of time, continuing to do its job holding up the structure.

A generation is said to be approximately 22 years in length. At our upcoming Southern Council Conclave, look around and notice how many generations appear to be present. Then realize from the number found present, there are those who are hidden remaining at home, carrying on efforts to support the organization even though not in attendance. Now realize that unlike stone, brick and mortar, the components of our council structure are living matter. As living matter, we do not endure the effects of time. Therefore it is imperative that some consideration be given to what is to follow after you and me. What would it take to replace the mantel of an organization? We have upcoming elections covering the next two years of service by the Southern Council officers and board members. The leadership of our organization is an important consideration. But

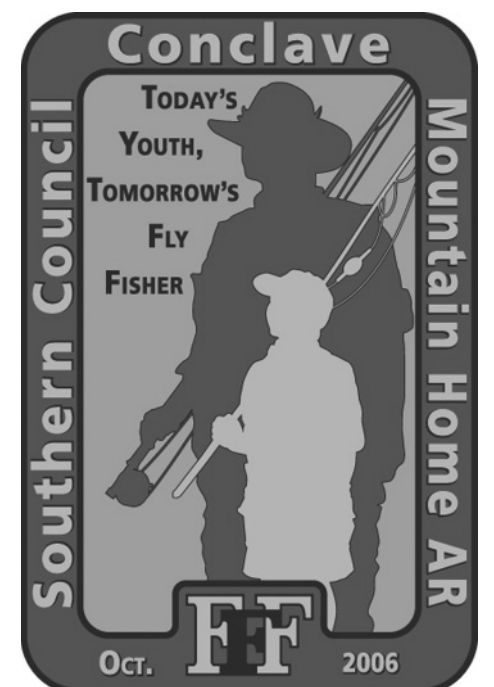
that is not what I intend to focus on with this article. It is the supportive structure portion of the earlier definition that needs to be addressed. We, each one of us, have a sphere of influence around us. Our influence can be narrow or it can be broad. It is what we make it to be.

Many are working and striving actively to build, recruit and mentor our replacements from the next generation or even the generation beyond that. We think, act and live beyond today, even the next day, week or month, into the future beyond what can be imagined. The generations - those from our past; today's members; our children, grandchildren and even our great-grandchildren - share a responsibility to shape and mould the council structure toward surviving solidly into the years ahead. It begins here with you and me. What are the expectations ahead of us? The expectation of passing our knowledge, love, and effort for the life sport of fly fishing on to another generation should be our number one goal. If we

do not concern ourselves with finding, as it were, our replacements for the future, what will be the condition of the Southern Council in the next 20, 30, 40 or 50 years?

An active effort is again taking place this year to pass on to our youth some of what we had passed on to us. Collectively we sponsor a youth conclave specifically for the benefit of the next generation. No charge is made for those participating in this event. Many hours, much thought, and lots of support have laid the groundwork for what will transpire on Saturday of the Southern Council Youth Conclave. You may notice several youth in uniform attending the conclave. Their admission is free also. The intention of the Southern Council is to get them involved and learn from the wealth of knowledge and wisdom of those who are actively tying flies and teaching fly fishing subjects.

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Encourage them by sharing, answering their questions and challenging their minds with new possibilities. Help to build a fire within their heart which will warm them and create fond memories and a desire to continue with the life sport of fly fishing and all that goes with it. Show and offer a little of yourself to those younger. It does not matter whether they are kids or adults. Both need compassionate and meaningful guidance. Some of us were or are blessed with the previous generation taking an interest in us and sharing instruction in the life sport of fly fishing. Not everyone has this same opportunity. Sometimes the generational link is broken. You, too, could be a suitable supplement (not replacement) for passing on many good and wonderful things about the life sport of fly fishing if you choose to do so.



When life continues and passes, to what will the Southern Council compare? Will it be the lone country homestead of yesterday with its hearth, mantel and stone fireplace found standing where no wall could be seen. Thus reminding us that its structure was sound and firm withstanding the passage of time, as if life had abandoned it and moved on toward other interests. Or will our legacy be

the intact home with its walls and roof holding and containing the laughter, fellowship and warmth from the heart of the hearth made strong and held together by a proper mantle? One that is still being used, enjoyed and able to be an inheritance. Who will receive the Southern Council's mantle? The answer is up to you, me, and of course, them – the future generations of fly fishers. ■

## Prez Letter

*Roger Maler, President*

Well folks, this will be my last such report to you as President of the Southern Council. Tracie and I certainly have enjoyed our involvement with our many friends through out the Council. From the Gulf to Oklahoma to western side of the State of Illinois, we have so many people to thank for this experience.

Hundreds of you have made the last six years most memorable with a lifetime of friendships to enjoy.

### My Memories

- Joe Butler zipping through the emcee job at conclave with absolutely no notes! We miss you, Joe.
- Jerry Clark struggling up the rear stairs at the Ramada in the beginning stages of his battle to survive. We miss you, too, Jerry.

- Michael Ames sitting in a wheel chair with a knee the size of a grapefruit not wishing to leave conclave to have an overdue operation.
- Mr. Smooth, Chet Smith, running conclave in a new GQ gray suit.
- The other Smith, Pat, of course, every day of her existence trying to keep me up to speed and out of trouble.
- The many capable Presidents that have preceded me and that handed me the best Council in the Federation as it's caretaker.
- Dennis Slane screaming at me to move my car from the VIP area at the fairgrounds the first year it was there. (Yes, you did do it!)

It's fitting, in this last month, to just learn that a project conceived 4 years ago has just come about. Insignificant to some, frustrating to many, you can

finally call the dam generation recording and not get a busy signal and computer gnome in my ear. A real person now spits out the needed critical information on 16 rotating toll-free lines thanks to John Kielczewski at the U.S. Corps of Engineers, your Southern Council Board, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission who funded the majority of the expense, North Arkansas Fly Fishers, Mid-South Fly Fishers and Capital City Fly Fishers who also contributed. When you get the message please think of that arrogant, pushy, opinionated S.O.B. that was always too impatient to redial that busy line, Yours Truly.

We will have a new president in October and my only advice is to follow your gut feelings, stay the course and keep fly fishing. You will certainly have much less time to do the latter as our new Prez. ■

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# One Man Show of Outdoor Art

*Art from, "A fly fisherman who paints & a painter who fly-fishes."* by Duane Hada

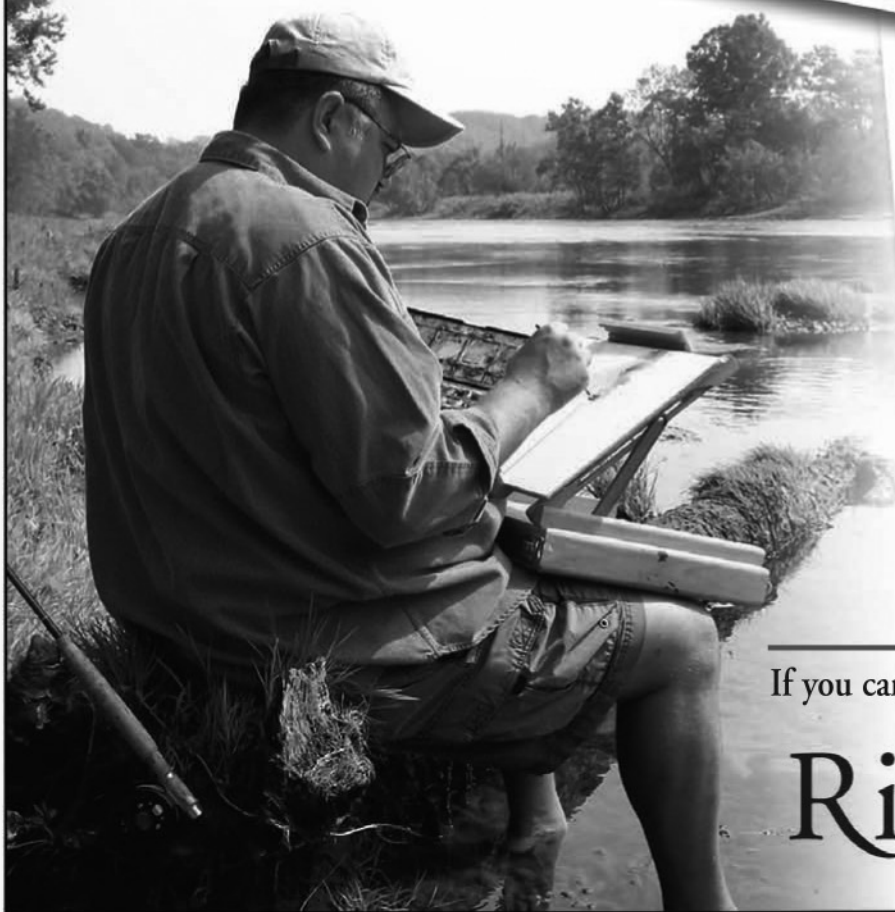
The Art Center at 104 N. 13th Street in Van Buren, Arkansas is hosting a showing of the wildlife and landscape art of Duane Hada, September 5 through the 29th.

Meet the artist at a special reception at **The Art Center** Friday, September 8, beginning at 5:30pm.

Hada, a native Arkansan, is a formally trained artist and works from his studio in his Rivertown Art Gallery in Cotter, Arkansas.

He's a professional fly fishing guide and a Fly Federation of Fly Fishers Certified Casting Instructor.

His work is based on extensive outdoor experience and keen observation. He shares his love for the streams, rivers and wonderful fish of the Ozarks by teaching painting classes.



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If you can't make the show, visit Duane at his gallery in Cotter.

**Duane Hada's Rivertown GALLERY** Located in Historic Downtown Cotter, Arkansas East End of the Rainbow Arch Bridge 870.435.ARTS (2787)

## Fly Tyer's Corner

### Trout Candy

By Mark Van Patten

This pattern was originated by Stephen Chaffins of the Roubidoux Fly Fishers Association. Stephen was good enough to share this productive and amazingly simple pattern with me for my television show on PBS, *The Tying Bench*. I have included tying instructions for those of you who are new at this fine art.

#### Recipe:

**Hook:** Mustad Signature Series R72, 9672 original Mustad hook, Size #14-18

**Thread:** Black 8/0

**Tail and Wing case:** Lemon Mallard or Wood Duck

**Body:** Peacock (or any color dubbing desired)

**Hackle:** Grizzly palmered (badger or brown are good options as well)

**Weight:** .020 non-lead weighted wire

#### Tying Instructions:

Cover the hook shank with thread stopping the thread at the back of the hook at a point directly above the hook barb. Wrap weighted wire around the hook shank covering the middle third of the hook. The number of wraps will be determined by the hook size. Use your thread to build a ramp of thread in front and behind the weighted wire. This will allow the body material to travel up and then down the ramp as it covers the weighted wire without a sudden drop off. This also locks the weighted wire into place so that it does not slide back and forth on the hook shank.

Bring the thread back to the point above the hook barb and let it hang. Select three or four full peacock herls and trim them even with each other. Secure the peacock herls to the hook shank at the point where the thread is hanging with four or five wraps of thread.



Select a grizzly rooster neck hackle (dry fly hackle) sized to the hook size. Tie in the hackle by the butt end after trimming off the waste portion at the same point where you tied in the peacock.

Next, select a wood duck body or flank feather and bunch up the end of the feather between your thumb and index finger leaving at least 1/2 an inch sticking out. This bundle of fibers will be the tail. Measure the ends of the fibers against the hook shank. The tail should not exceed the length of the hook shank. Tie in the fibers at the same point that you tied in the peacock herls. The rest of the feather will be the back of the fly or wing case, so don't cut it off. Fold it back out of the way while you secure the remaining materials.

You are now ready to begin the final assembly of this fish catcher. Begin by taking your thread forward and parking it one hook eye length from the hook eye. Let the thread hang. Next wrap your peacock forward with close side by side wraps making sure to cover the hook shank and weighted wire completely. Stop at the thread and make three wraps of thread behind the peacock excess and three wraps in front of the peacock excess to sufficiently trap the peacock to the hook shank. Allow your thread to hang with constant tension on the thread. Now you can cut off the excess peacock.

Next you will need to palmer the hackle forward to the same spot where you stopped with the peacock. Palmering requires that you leave an equal space between the wraps of the hackle so that the peacock is not covered by the hackle and shows through. Once you reach the thread tie the hackle off in the same manner that you secured the peacock to the hook shank and then cut off the excess hackle. Use your scissors to give the fly a flat top hair cut. Trim the hackles from the top side of the fly.

For the final steps you need to pull the excess wood duck feather over the back of the fly covering the entire top side of the hook shank. (See photo) Place three or four thread wraps over the feather just behind the hook eye to secure it to the hook shank. Pull up on the excess to ensure that the feather lies tight to the back of the fly. Add additional wraps and trim off the remaining excess. Build a neat, small head with the thread and whip finish. After placing a small drop of head cement on the thread head you have completed the fly.

Fish the fly as a nymph because that is essentially what it is. This is an easy to make nymph that catches fish. It is versatile and can be tied in many colors and in many sizes to match the aquatic life in your home waters. Good luck and "May your line always be tight with the fight." ■

## It Only Takes One

By Mike Wilhelm

Not one fish all day! Not even one! That was how my day was going. However, others were catching fish. My wife was catching fish (as she usually does). What I needed was a good excuse. I, again, generously, gave my wife the 'good' spot. The water was too low for my style of fishing. She has the only fly between us the trout will take. High pressure must have the fish turned off. A size 32 hatch I can't match is underway. Does anyone buy any of those? Probably not!

While I couldn't buy a take with a hundred-dollar bill, I did notice an obnoxious fish making a nuisance of itself rising loudly and often in shallow water off the far bank (the fish are always on the other side). After witnessing this flamboyant display for about twenty minutes, I decided it required investigation. Though it took a while, I managed to work my way into casting range (about 30 feet for me) without spooking the fish. Now came the dilemma. What delectable morsel was I to present to this boisterous fish? In such shallow water, I had one cast at this fish and it had to be a good one. Digging deep in the fly arsenal, I remembered watching a guy catch fish on a black ant a few weeks ago. Finding such an ant, I tied it on a long section of 6X tippet to provide a sufficiently subtle presentation.

Finally, the cast was made, the ant falling gently on the water just inches upstream from the location of the last rise. The ant sat high on the water with its rubber legs fluttering as the current moved it over the fish. All I saw was a nose stick up and the fly was gone. The hook was set, the rod bowed sharply and I smiled to myself in a self-congratulatory manner. The fish rushed to deeper water putting reasonable pressure on the line but I was able to hold the fish

in position adequately. Turning to my wife, I made some snide comment about "being able to catch fish, too". At about that time, my rod hand fell sharply downward from a tremendous pressure immediately snapping the 6X tippet and leaving me standing in a stream of embarrassment.

There I stood in shock. It was gone. Adding insult to my injury, the fish jumped several times as it ran away laughing (I swear it mooned me). Hind-sight (no pun intended) being what it is, the fish was much bigger than I had thought it to be and the 6X tippet was a huge mistake. Smashing my rod several times on the water surface seemed to make me feel better temporarily. However, it was some time before I could recover sufficiently to retie tippet and a new fly. Sheepishly, I wandered back to where my wife was patiently waiting. Much to her credit, she did not gloat or rub in the fact that she actually landed her fish. She is a good fishing partner.

On a day when only one fish was on the line all day, it would seem there would not be much to be excited about and, certainly, not much to write about. However, as it always is with fly fishers, the experience and the fish have grown outlandishly in my mind. It has been relived and agonized over time and time again. You know! What I should, could or would have done, if I could only do it again. Looking for the silver lining, I may be wiser and more humble for the experience but the sinister side of me has relished the thought of that fish jumping numerous times trying to rid itself of my firmly set black ant. It is disturbing to me to have spent so much time considering a fish I didn't even land. However, what would I have written about but for that one fish? That one, gigantic, once in a lifetime, makes you want to cry fish... ■

## Short and Sweet

By Mike Wilhelm

Due to circumstances beyond my control, there was only one hour available to fish last weekend. Other than desperately wanting to try out my new waders, normally, I wouldn't have bothered. The hour of opportunity came late Saturday. Grabbing my hat, waders and rod, I was off. Rushing to the river, I slipped on the waders and into the water. A zebra midge was the fly of choice. (My wife and I had good luck fishing the zebra midge on the shoal a couple of weeks ago.) The water was low but on a slow rise. The sun was dropping in the western sky. A blue heron perched on a log by the island squawked angrily at me as I approached. Apparently, we both wanted to fish the same riffle. I had to hurry. Time was short.

Working my way to the riffle, three small rainbows took the midge before I could get there. Once below the riffle, I immediately hooked and landed a fat, strong fifteen inch rainbow. The next two casts produced almost identical fish. My expectations had already been exceeded. Before my hour was up, a dozen trout had been landed (all released) and several missed. I could have caught more but for the mother of all wind knots entwining my rod looking more like a ball of yarn than leader and tippet.

The sun was getting low and my spirits were high. It was time to go. I would have been satisfied with this much action fishing all day, but in an hour was overwhelming. This experience has had me buzzing with excitement all week. It has had me tying zebra midges in various sizes, too.

Yesterday afternoon, after a nice lunch, required yard work and some fly tying, I decided about 4 PM to go fishing again. Similar to the previous Satur-

day, I arrived at the river with about an hour of daylight to fish. Once again, the blue heron greeted me at the riffle. Again, using the zebra midge, the trout were cooperative. Starting out using a size # 22 midge, several takes were missed. Changing to a size # 18, the hook ups were much better. Ten nice rainbows were caught and released by dark. One was a nice fat, sixteen inch fish. This was indeed *deja vu*.

Fishing like this could get to be a habit. I am considering setting aside an hour every Saturday afternoon to fish. Why take the entire day to do what can be accomplished in an hour? The old saying about good things coming in small packages applies to fly fishing also. Short and sweet could be best! This proves, too, beyond a shadow of doubt, there is no such thing as "not having enough time to fish". ■

## SIX FLIES REVISITED

by John Berry

About twelve years ago, I wrote an article, *Six Flies*, in which noted that I caught the vast majority of my trout with six flies. This is still true. Though I carry five fly boxes that are all loaded to the brim, I still catch most of my fish with six patterns. What has changed is the flies themselves. Half of the flies were unknown to me then and two of them did not exist. This says a lot about the dynamic nature of fly tying.

My original article listed the following: Partridge and Orange Soft Hackle, Woolly Bugger, Elk Hair Caddis, Gold Ribbed Hares Ear, Red Fox Squirrel Nymph, and Sow Bug. The first three are still on the list but the last three have changed.

I still fish Gold Ribbed Hares Ears. It is an ancient pattern probably unchanged in over one hundred and fifty years. It is an impressionistic fly to

imitate the may fly nymph. It is relatively easy to tie and it works everywhere. That said I have to come to rely more on the Copper John. It too is a may fly nymph and is relatively easy to tie. With its copper wire abdomen, brass bead, and epoxy reinforced thorax it sinks like a rock and is virtually indestructible. The copper wire, peacock hurl and flashabou are all fish attractors. It is now tied in a variety of colors and sizes. I still favor the original copper wire versions in size 14 through 20 because it a dead on imitation of the sulphur may fly nymph which is our most important may fly.

I seem to be fishing the Red Fox Squirrel Nymph less than before. I think that I like a lot of other fly fishers in the area I have discovered that midges are a more important food source than we ever realized. Sure we have been fishing midge emergers for years. Chuck Davidson, the Norfolk River Keeper, introduced them to us over twenty five years ago. What we needed was a good midge nymph. That is where the zebra midge came in. I first noted them a couple of years ago. I now fish them a lot and catch plenty of fish with them. Initially they all were size sixteen and black now they are available in a variety of sizes and colors. I prefer size sixteen to twenty two in black with silver bead and silver wire and brown with copper bead and copper wire.

Twelve years ago the Sowbug was my go to fly. In fact, if you were stopped by Arkansas Game and Fish Commission enforcement officers and they inspected your fly boxes they could give you a citation for not being serious if you did not have sow bugs with you. Years ago when you waded out of the river there would be a dozen or so sow bugs clinging to your gravel guards. Now it seems that the sow bugs that used to inhabit the White and Norfolk

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# 2006 Conclave Schedule

Activities - Thursday, October 5, 2006		
When	What	Where
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	<b>A Stranger in a Strange Land:</b> White River Workshop - Charles Jardine -Limit 10 -Fee - Fishing Gear Required - Join Charles Jardine in fishing a stretch of water he is not familiar with. Together you will learn to fish the White River as Charles teaches you techniques he successfully uses for fishing on unfamiliar streams. This will include Czech, Nymphing, Polish Nymphing and Upstream Nymphing, as well as how to read the water.	White River
	<b>Tricks for Trout - Ian Colin James</b> - Limit 10 - Fee - Fishing Gear Required If you want to catch more fish, take this seminar, it's that simple. Ian's enthusiasm is infectious, but not in a pandemic way, and in no time flat you will be painlessly picking up fish catching tips. Plus you won't even know your doing it. Ian's provides solid and practical advice in a clear and concise manner. Don't be afraid to ask questions, and he will hang around after the seminar is finished to make sure he answers them all.	White River
	<b>Nymphing Workshop - John Wilson</b> -Limit 12 - Fee Fishing Gear Required John will conduct an all day program on Advanced Nymph Fishing.	White River
	<b>Reel Women on Real Waters - Lori Ann Murphy</b> Learn "Tips & Techniques" from one of the West's premier guides who just happens to be a woman!	White River
	<b>Water Color Painting - Duane Hada</b> - Limit 10 - Fee + Materials Fee (\$25.00) Payable to Instructor You will complete two watercolor paintings - a trout and a river scene.	Big Spring Park Spring House in Cotter
	<b>Bugs - An In-Depth Study - Art Mazzier</b> - Limit 8 - Fee Up close and personal with the insects you pattern your flies after.	Ramada Inn
	<b>Kayaking - How To - Jodi Morris</b> - Limit 8 - Fee Learn how to handle a one-person water craft that is an inexpensive alternate to those big river boats!	Quarry Swimming Area - Lake Norfolk
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>River Boat Basics - John Berry &amp; Captain Sid Caradine</b> - Fee - Limit 12	Rim Shoals Trout Dock
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM	<b>Stream Strategies - Roger Maler</b> - Will need waders and polarized glasses. Rods optional. - Fee	White River - Shoestring Shoals
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM	<b>CCI Prep - Allen Crise et al</b> - Nervous about the CCI test on Saturday. Here's an opportunity to work some on those kinks out of your cast as well as your confidence before taking the test.	Quarry Park - Norfolk
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	<b>Sink Tip Symposium - Roger Maler</b> - Will need fishing gear - Fee	White River - Shoestring Shoals
5:30 PM -	<b>Welcoming Get Together</b> - Louisiana Clubs / Mid-South Fly Fishers	Ramada Inn
Activities - Friday, October 6, 2006		
When	What	Where
8 AM - 5PM	<b>Registration</b>	Education Bldg. Lobby
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	<b>Fly Tying Demonstrations Commercial Displays Silent Auction Casting Coach by Appointment Tying Coach by Appointment</b>	Education Building
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	<b>Fly Fishing for Steelhead in Wisconsin - Ed Strzelczyk</b>	Seminar Room I
	<b>Fly Fishing the Smith River in Montana - Mike Geary</b>	Building C-4

Activities - Friday, October 6, 2006		
When	What	Where
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	<b>Casting Clinic - Lori Ann Murphy</b> - Limit 10 - Rod Required	ASU Campus
	<b>Casting Clinic - Charles Jardine</b> - Limit 10 - Fee - Rod Required	
9AM-12PM	<b>Youth Fly Tying</b> - David Ames & Friends	Seminar Room
10:00 - 11:00 AM	<b>Getting Kids Started in Fly Fishing - Ian Colin James</b> Although it may sound like a good idea, backing the car over you kid's Xbox may not in fact be the best way to get them interested in fly fishing. There are alternatives and Ian can help you find them. Over the years, Ian has discovered that the key to getting kids into fly fishing is to listen to them and to follow their lead. A bag of Gummy Bears will also help as will the fine art of puddle jumping.	Seminar Room
	<b>Playing Big Fish - Jud Parker</b>	Bldg. C-4
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>Outreach Beading Workshop - The Beaded Path</b> - Limit 15 + Materials Charges. Each person will complete either a single strand necklace or bracelet. Total cost will depend on material selection. Fees are payable to the shop.	The Beaded Path
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>Fly Fishing the White Bass Spring Run - Stacy &amp; Capt. Billy Trimble</b>	Seminar Room
	<b>Conservation in the Southern Council - Sheryl Knight, VP of Conservation.</b> Anyone interested in conservation is encouraged to attend.	Bldg. C-4
12:30 PM - 4:30 PM	<b>Tying Czech Nymph and Classic UK Patterns for the US - Charles Jardine</b> - Limit 8 - Fee - Equipment: Standard tying tools. In this workshop Charles gives us a taste of European tying. He has selected patterns and techniques that should work well in North America. This is a great opportunity to learn new techniques and patterns that will work great for you.	Bldg. C-3
1:00 PM - Finish	<b>Casting Games</b> - Come give it a try. There are categories for both men and women, boys and girls in distance and accuracy.	Casting Pool
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	<b>Effortlessly Extending Your Cast by Loading the Rod from Tip to Butt, and Back Again - Dan Wright, FFF-MCCI</b> - Limit 6 - Fee - Intermediate Casters. Rods have built-in power. In this workshop we'll tap into that power by loading the entire rod through good loop structure, properly timing the double-haul, and smoothly extending our drifts. These moves are critical for casters wanting to develop an advanced skill set. We will explore effortless rod loading and using different sections of the rod for efficient casting at short and longer distances.	ASU Campus
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	<b>Stream Side Banquet with the Dutch Oven - Dennis Slane</b> There are other ways to prepare a mean than Dutch Oven cooking while you are out on the water.	Barn
	<b>Beginning Fly Casting - Chuck Easterling &amp; Art Mazzier</b> (Fee) - Limit 8 - Chuck is a member of the FFF's Casting Board of Governors and Art is Master Casting Instructor.	ASU Campus
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	<b>Flyfishing, an Invitation to the Outdoors - Lori Ann Murphy</b>	Seminar Room
	<b>Finding Bass in Your Own Back Yard - Colby "Pops" Sorrells</b>	Bldg. C-4

Activities - Friday, October 6, 2006		
When	What	Where
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	<b>Getting Started - Lori Sloas</b> This program designed to take the mystery out of learning to fly fish. The class is introduced to the equipment necessary for the sport in a basic non-intimidating format. Learn what gear is necessary and what is not. Each item is demonstrated and its use is carefully explained. This class is geared to the novice or some one interested in taking up the sport.	Seminar Room
	<b>Everglades National Park and the Ten Thousand Islands - Capt. Charles Wright</b> - The fishery is very special and one that Capt. Wright is quite passionate about. Though he strictly fly fishes for saltwater species such as tarpon, snook, redfish, permit, mackerel, and etc. We're sure that the audience would enjoy hearing about this wonderful place and his fly fishing techniques and opportunities...first hand.	Building C-4
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	<b>Becoming a Fly Fishing Boy Scout Merit Badge Counselor - Brandon Simmons</b>	Seminar Room
	<b>Outreach Committee Meeting</b>	Bldg. C-4
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	<b>Social Hour</b> – hosted by Mid-South Fly Fishers	Pool Area - Ramada Inn
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	<b>Casting Games Awards / Photo Contest Winners Program: "Changes in the World that I Fish" - Charles Jardine</b>	Convention Room - Ramada Inn
7:30 PM - Finish	<b>Live Auction - Part 1</b>	
	<b>Social Hour Resumes</b>	
Activities - Saturday, October 7, 2007		
When	What	Where
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM	<b>Registration</b>	Education Bldg. Lobby
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	<b>Fly Tying Demonstrations</b>	Education Building
	<b>Commercial Displays</b>	
	<b>Silent Auction</b>	
	<b>Casting Coach by Appointment</b>	
	<b>Tying Coach by Appointment</b>	
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	<b>Casting Clinic - Lori Ann Murphy</b>	ASU Campus
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	<b>Wayne E &amp; Catherine Moore Youth Conclave</b> -Lunch included. Each child must bring a hat, sun screen and sunglasses. Registration required and permission slip signed by parent/guardian prior to outing. Permission slips available at registration desk. Must be under 16 years of age - children under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult.	Norfolk Fish Hatchery & Dry Run Creek
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	<b>The Elements of Fly Fishing Saltwater and Ready-Set-Go Fly Casting for Shallow Water -Stacy &amp; Capt. Billy Trimble</b> The first hour of this program is devoted to a lecture on how to fish saltwater. The second hour is a hands on session at the casting pool of how to cast in shallow water for maximum efficiency.	Bldg. C-4 & Casting Pool
	<b>Fly Tying Clinic - Woven Body Flies - Dennis "Wild Bear" Reed</b> - Limit 12	Bldg. C-3
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	<b>Fly Fishing in Alaska - Tom Hawthorne</b>	Seminar Room
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>Introduction to Dutch Oven Cooking - Dennis Slane</b> An introduction to Dutch Oven Cooking that will show you all the required equipment, their care and maintenance.	Barn

Activities - Saturday, October 7, 2007		
When	What	Where
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	<b>Carp Fishing and The Lighter Side of Fly Fishing - Ian Colin James</b> "I love the smell of waders in the morning." In a slightly irreverent and tongue in cheek manner, Ian will expose the funnier side of fly fishing. Countless hours of one-on-one instruction have given Ian a unique insight into the "human condition of the fly fisherman," and for the most part it's funny. He will also throw in a few pointers on catching one of the top North America game fish ... the uberselective carp	Seminar Room
	<b>Fishing &amp; Photography - Lefty Ray Chapa</b>	Bldg. C-4
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>Fly Fishing in the Bahamas - Jud Parker</b>	Seminar Room
	<b>Fishing the Blackfoot and Missouri Rivers - Mike Geary</b>	Bldg. C-4
11:30 AM - 2:30 PM	<b>Outreach Luncheon</b>	Van Matre Sr. Citizens Center
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	<b>Fly Fishing the Green River in Utah - Tom Hawthorne</b>	Seminar Rom
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	<b>What to Look For In a Bass Fly - Colby "Pops" Sorrells</b> 2005 FFF-SOC Fly Tyer of the Year	Seminar Room
	<b>Fly Fishing for 'Poons on the Florida Panhandle - Capt. Hugh "Unk" Smith and Capt. Scud Yates</b>	Bldg. C-4
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	<b>Federation of Fly Fishers Southern Council General Membership Meeting</b> – All Federation Members are welcome and encouraged to attend.	Seminar Room
5:30 PM - 6:00 PM	<b>Social Hour</b> – hosted by Mid-South Fly Fishers	Pool Area - Ramada Inn
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	<b>Awards Banquet &amp; Awards Presentation</b>	Convention Room - Ramada
7:30 PM - Finish	<b>Live Auction - Part 2</b>	Convention Room - Ramada
7:30 PM - Finish	<b>Social Hour Resumes</b>	Pool Area - Ramada Inn
Activities - Sunday, October 8, 2007		
When	What	Where
8:30 AM - Finish	<b>Board of Directors' Meeting</b> (All Council Officers & Club Presidents must attend.) Federation Members are welcome.	Education Bldg. - Fairgrounds

**Southern Council Shirts available with or without club identification. See the Web sie for more details.**



**Six Flies,** Continued from Page 6  
River have all but disappeared. They are still important on the Little Red River and Dry Run Creek and I always have them in my fly boxes. However, the food source that has superseded them is scuds. Scuds are essentially fresh water shrimp and the White and Norfolk are teeming with them. I carry scuds in olive, tan, and orange (they turn orange when they die) in sizes 16 thru 20.

My list of six indispensable flies is now: Partridge and Orange

## Conservation Update –

*Sheryl Knight, VP Conservation*

Two years – I find it hard to believe that two years have passed since I was elected to the role of VP Conservation for the Southern Council. I found the task daunting at that time and now I find that even having distributed almost \$20,000.00 in our council there remain projects that need our attention. It has always been the council's goal to see that our funds are distributed throughout our council; warm water, cold water, north, south, east and west, and to enlist the aid of FFF and other organizations to see the projects come to fruition and I think the last two years have met those goals. If you missed the Conservation Update last year please try to find the time to squeeze it in during this year's conclave – see the conclave schedule for the date and time --you will hear, and see, the latest update.

Robert Bayes has been nominated to for the role of VP Conservation for the next term and my discussions with Robert confirm that our nominating committee has taken their job seriously and done an excellent job. Robert has already begun the process of making contacts to launch next year's conservation projects. Well done Robert!

Soft Hackle, Woolly Bugger, Elk Hair Caddis, Copper John, Zebra Midge and Scud. The thing that makes fly fishing so exciting is change. When I started fly fishing many years ago, my first rod was fiber glass, my first waders were rubberized cotton boot foots and my first flies were Gold ribbed Hares Ears. To excel at this sport you must embrace change. I believe that if I look at this list in another twelve years it will be very different from today's. ■

Speaking of next year's conservation projects remember it is time to submit your funding requests. The application is available on the Southern Council Web site, <http://www.southerncouncilfff.org> – and if you can't access it please give me a call or send an email and I will make sure you get the necessary documents. Remember that the Southern Council and FFF are bottom up organizations. We don't tell you want projects you will do – you tell us! Quite frankly the most frustrating part of the role of VP Conservation was trying to find worthy projects to fund. This is going to sound like a complaint and, well, --- it is --- but last year I had to beg for clubs to submit funding requests. If you have a project submit a request – we can't fund the all but we can't fund anything if we don't know about your project.

I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve the Southern Council the last two years, as I mentioned it has at times been daunting but the rewards have far exceed my expectations. The Southern Council is always in need of hard workers – if you have ever considered volunteering for a cause you believe in then let me encourage you to consider offering you skills and expertise to the Southern Council. Every two years our nominating commit-

tee begins scouring our membership for able bodied volunteers and just like conservation funding we may never know about you if you don't tell us.

See you at the Conservation Update.

## Norfolk River Update

Many of you know of the devastation that has been wrought on the Norfolk as a result of the Homeport Land Co.'s clearing for a subdivision. Leon Alexander has been the Southern Council's point-man on this and has provided an update. I can't say it any better, so I won't try. I have submitted this information to FFF and have recommended filing an amicus curiae "Friend of the Court" brief. I know we have individuals that can assist with this type or endeavor – so please volunteer if you can help!

## Well it finally happened...

ADEQ filed a lawsuit against Benny Doyal and his Homeport Land Co. in Baxter County Circuit Court today. According to The Baxter Bulletin, Homeport failed to obtain an ADEQ permit, violated state and federal regulations, failed to install erosion control measures and failed to stabilize the site. Not to mention, failing to obey the ADEQ Emergency Order to stop the runoff immediately.

If you have been following this situation, you will know that we had a major rain event on August 11 dropping about 5" of rain at the Overlook site causing all the erosion measures to fail. According to the ADEQ Field Report many of the silt fences failed, many of the rip rap check dams failed and the remaining ones filled with sediment. The big dam failed resulting in the contents being discharged into the Norfolk River via the tributary. The northern slopes were highly eroded and virtually all of the hydro-mulch was washed away. In other words, almost every

erosion control devise failed to some extent. It was a disaster of the highest magnitude.

There was also a report printed in the Baxter Bulletin today from Erica Shelby, ADEQ aquatic biologist, reporting on the effects that the runoff from Overlook Estates has had on the Norfolk River. This report covered inspections of the river bottom over several months and was quite revealing. This is the report that I have been waiting on. It is obvious to all that damage had occurred due to the lack of protection from the runoff but, just how much damage? Well, according to the ADEQ report, they set up five sample points with the base information coming from just below the Norfolk Dam 150 feet above the confluence of the Overlook Tributary. The report showed that there were 518 organisms found above the confluence and only 276 organisms found below the confluence. A distance of only 150 feet. That is a reduction of 50% which is very abnormal. As they went downstream to other riffles, they found a reduction of organisms that require burrowing. The result was that 70 to 80 percent of the aquatic life was scuds. According to Shelby "There's only one food source. There's no competition. Something is going on." Her comments were, there are "acute effects" due to sedimentation in the river. She also stated that the effects are chronic and are not known and further study is needed. Shelby plans to take water samples this fall and next spring to determine the effects over a period of time.

The ADEQ lawsuit issued today seeks injunctive relief and money damages for allegedly failing to comply with state law resulting in sediment being discharged via stormwater runoff into the North Fork and White rivers and causing pollution. "The pollution of the waters of the state resulting from the actions and inactions of the

defendant...have resulted in damages to the natural resources of the state...,specifically the surface water, fish and biota contained in the North Fork River and White River," the ADEQ alleges in its lawsuit.

Here comes the good part.... ADEQ asks the court to grant a temporary and a permanent injunction against Homeport directing that it cease and desist from polluting state waters, that it be ordered to remove pollutants resulting from erosion at the site, that it be ordered to install effective erosion control measures and that it be ordered to pay penalties and costs and pay for damages to the natural resources of the state. In other words, they are totally responsible for correcting the site and responsible for all costs.

Well, it took a long time coming, but it appears that the ADEQ has stepped up and taken appropriate action. To add to the situation and increase the consequences, Trout Unlimited has also filed a notice to Homeport of their intent to file suit in Federal Court. According to the local radio station, their suit will be considered as a "Secondary Suit". Many Thanks to the AR Chapter of Trout Unlimited for making this happen.

## LIGHTNING QUICK

By Mike Wilhelm

You won't be surprised to hear my wife, Cathy, and I went to the river last weekend. You may be surprised to hear it rained almost five inches in Cotter. North Arkansas has been in the clutches of a drought for several months. I should have known the drought would end on a weekend I wanted to fish. Saturday, the river muddied up like the Mississippi and raged like the Colorado. It stayed that way until we departed late Sunday. I was told it cleared up by Monday morning. Go figure!

There are many other things happening on this issue, but for now, it appears that the situation has finally reached the Court and Punishment Stage. Hopefully the courts will recognize the damage caused by the irresponsible actions of this developer and will act accordingly.

On a positive note and resulting from this situation at Overlook Estates, the Baxter County Planning Commission is reviewing their subdivision regulations with the intent to strengthen them with more concern to the environmental impact and back up those regulations with stiffer fines and penalties. Hopefully, the "Automatic Permitting" will be a thing of the past. One thing for sure, we have the attention of the local developers in the area and are already seeing efforts of their part to secure and abide by the current regulations as it relates to the environment and specifically, the river systems.

Just a word of Thanks to all that supported and contributed to these efforts. It is finally paying off.

Best Regards,  
Leon Alexander ■

Though Cathy and I had a good time, the only redeeming fishing experience of the weekend came immediately after arriving Friday afternoon. The weatherman had been forecasting storms for the evening but it was sunny and hot when we got to the river about 4 PM. It felt good wet wading in the cool current. Though the water was low, generation had begun earlier in the day and rising water was expected soon. Additionally, the barometer was falling fast. Conditions were perfect. As I worked toward one of my favorite fishing spots, I noticed a dark cloud to the southwest but, casually, ignored

it. There was no time to waste worrying about rain. I was too excited.

Drifting a nymph through the shallow riffle, several trout began fighting for, not the fly, but my red strike indicator. Quickly changing flies, I put on a "red ass" soft hackle and began picking up nice trout. These weren't the "stockers" we often see but fat, strong fighting rainbows in the 13 to 15 inch class. Frequently, two or three fish would go for the fly at the same time. In less than 20 minutes, I had landed seven good fish and lost five more. Who knows how many takes I missed altogether! It was fast and furious fly fishing action. The kind one dreams about!

In fact, the action was so brisk I had paid little attention to the rumbling thunder in the distance until a sudden streak of light soared from the now bigger and much closer, darker clouds overhead. The loud explosion of thunder got my attention. Moments later, the wind began to bend the treetops and more lightning zinged toward the ground from the heavens above. What a dilemma! There I was with good trout in a feeding frenzy and lightning popping all around me. Looking around, the few other folks fishing in the area were scrambling for cover. I could fish on chancing suicide by lightning or go home. Giving careful consideration to the alternatives,

my will to live overpowered my desire to fish. I reluctantly walked backward out of the riffle casting and weeping as I departed. In fact, the volume of my despair likely contributed significantly to the rising water as it came up quickly soon after I departed. (SOB!)

So what did I learn, confirm or suspect from this brief encounter? First, get an earlier start when expecting a storm, a low barometer and/or rising water. Second, I have previously found trout feeding like this in similar conditions so it seems to be more than a coincidence. Third, this is the second time in the last two months that I have had a terrific response to a red fly. I have no idea what it is supposed to imitate but, by golly, it worked. This is a tactic worth trying again.

So we did. Cathy and I went back early Saturday morning but were soon chased out by a torrential downpour that soaked us to the bone before we could get to cover. (My truck seats are still wet) Fighting our way up the bluff against the wind and heavy (and I mean heavy) rain, we saw our friend, John Berry, dressed head to toe in appropriate rain gear, walking down the bluff towards us laughing. In his infinite wisdom, John chuckled as he spoke, "Always remember three basic rules of fishing. Keep your hook sharp, your line in  
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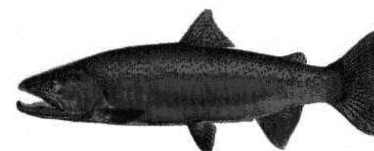
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## NORFORK ADVENTURE

by John Berry

Yesterday I took my client, Greg, on his first visit on the Norfolk River. Greg had taken a fly-fishing class from my brother, Dan, and me ten years ago but hasn't fished much since then. We arrived at the river a little after eight AM and quickly donned our waders and waded far from the access to one of my favorite spots. There was only one other person that we encountered on our way in. It was a fellow guide, George Peters. He told us that he had just caught and released a nice eighteen inch rainbow.

We settled in and began fishing a variety of small nymphs. The going was incredibly slow. At ten thirty we had only caught one small rainbow. It was taking Greg a little time to get the hang of high sticking nymphs and we had missed a few fish. We decided to try a different spot. We waded to a short but very deep run nearby. I took the time to carefully re-rig. I tied on a new eighteen inch 6X tippet and a size eight worm brown San Juan worm. I set the strike indicator for the depth of the water and I checked the lead wrapped around the leader just

above the knot securing the tippet to the leader to be sure that it was snug.

I showed Greg where to place the fly. He made the perfect cast and the strike indicator drifted about two feet and before it went down like the Titanic.

He set the hook and all we heard was the reel screaming. The fish made a short violent run and rolled on the top. We both gasped! It was a huge male rainbow in full spawning color. Where it would normally have a pink stripe it was deep beet red. He had a pronounced kype that was rubbed raw from digging redds with his chin. I reminded Greg that he was fishing 6X tippet and to play the fish on the reel. After a spirited fight we finally landed the rainbow. He measured just over twenty four inches.

We decided to give the run another go and cast the worm back into the water. This time it drifted three feet and disappeared into the depths of the hole. Greg deftly set the hook and was rewarded with the sound of the reel screaming again. This fish ran further and fought harder than the previous rainbow. After what seemed like an eternity, I was finally able to net the beast. It was a

fine twenty inch cutthroat. We fished the run a bit longer and pulled a rainbow and a wild brown out but nothing like the fish we caught earlier.

I looked down stream and noted that George had moved out. He had been in my favorite spot to fish dry flies. I gathered up Greg and we walked over to the run. We tried hoppers and some small dries. We had a few refusals but no takers. After about thirty minutes, we decided to go back to our original spot and see if we could make some thing happen.

We got into position and were immediately into a nice fish. We landed it and several others. It was happening! About noon, I started thinking food. About this time Greg hooked a big one. This trout was having his way with us. We waded into quieter water so that it would be easier to land him there. He made one long run after another. We finally saw him and realized that we had hooked a really nice Cutthroat. He was substantially bigger than the first and had a much larger girth. After a spirited fight, we finally landed him and he measured a righteous twenty two inches. We decided to fish through lunch and stay there until the water came up even if it took a couple of days.

About two PM, I noticed a change in the sound of the water. It was coming up. Greg cranked his line in and we walked back to the access. It came up fast. I set up lunch and we sat down for the first time that day. It was nice to relax and talk about the successes of the day. We loaded up into the car when we finished and drove over to the White River to fish at Rim Shoals. We caught fish but it was nothing like the action on the Norfolk that day. ■

## Texas Flyfisher's Annual Redfish Rodeo

**Greg Ford,  
Houston, Texas  
1st Place Largest Redfish**



Picture above (and below) is a 28 1/2 inch Redfish, caught and released in Rockport, Texas using 17 -year old Orvis HLS 8 Wt., Orvis Redfish Line, a "vintage" Orvis 7/8 DXR reel and a white shrimp pattern. I spotted the wake of this red going away from about 200 yards away. Rather than chase him, I watched and waited. After a few minutes he turned and began making his way towards me. Before long he was directly in front of me moving parallel to my position (12 to 15 yards away) and he stopped dead in his tracks.

I cast in front of him and stripped the fly in front of his nose. Nothing. Second cast, same thing. Nothing. After about ten more casts similar the first two it occurred to me this big redfish was taking a nap.

What to do? Well I thought to myself that when I wake up from a nap it is always nice to have a snack, so I laid the shrimp pattern fly about 18 inches in front of him and waited. And waited. And waited some more. Finally he sluggishly inched forward, towards the after-nap snack and WHAM! Nap over. Fish on.

Truly a fun catch-and-release experience. ■



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the water and your rain jacket with you at all times." Sage advice, but, too late for this "dripping duo". And the rain did not let up as we slipped and slid up the muddy bank to the truck.

As we loaded our completely soaked gear and selves into the truck, we were laughing hysterically at our situation: wet, cold and fish-less. We could go home, change clothes, dress for the inclement weather and go out again. Or, we could go home, take a warm bath and relax the rest of the day. The bath felt really good. ■

## Education Report

*Allen Crise*

### Mid South Fly Fishers Memphis, TN

NAME: MSFF Members - Mac Caradine, Past President and Special Events, and Mike Isom, Vice-President with their committee.

AGENCY:  
Mid South Fly Fishers

ADDRESS: On the grounds, in the theatre, gym and meeting rooms of the Germantown Performing Arts Center, Exeter Rd., Germantown, TN in association with the Germantown Parks and Recreation Dept.

PRESENTATION TOPIC: Fly Fishing Exposition which included 94 exhibitors, 4 national speakers, 4 national/regional fly tyers, classes, seminars and demonstrations.

LENGTH OF PRESENTATION: Expo set up Friday morning 8:00 AM. Opened to the public Friday 3:00 - 6:00 PM, Saturday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, and Sunday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS: 17 Board and Committee Members plus 43 club members and family volunteers for a total of 60 Expo workers.

HOURS OF PREP TIME: Committee had 816 plus hours of meetings and countless (over 500) hours of preparation work. The volunteers spent approximately 516 hours working at the show.

ROUND TRIP MILEAGE: Undetermined, well in excess of 4,000 plus miles for our national guests flown in for the show.

SIGNATURE: Tom Burkett, Education Director, MSFF, Expo Committee.

DATE: July 7th, 8th, and 9th, 2006

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: The MSFF Home Waters Expo was a celebration of fly fishing for warm and cold water fisheries in our region. Exhibitors included artists, conservation groups, wildlife agencies, fly

fishing retailers, general sporting goods retailers, rod manufacturers, sporting good manufacturers, guides and guide services, and lodges. We had as guest major names in fly fishing including Lefty Kreh, Cindy Garrison of ESPN, Dave Whitlock, and Jason Borger, numerous fly tyers from the Southern Council and our own club. The program was advertised in national fly fishing mags, regional fly fishing and sporting good stores and on local radio, TV and newspapers.

The program is set up along the lines of our national and regional conclaves with the intention of bringing fly fishing to the public in the Memphis, TN region not just the existing federation and local club members. The idea to bring in new people to our sport and club (50+ new members) along with raising funds for our club's projects, conservation efforts and classes.

### Acadiana Fly Rodders Lafayette, LA

NAME: Rusty Dunn, 2nd Vice Pres., Bob Tabbert, Secretary

AGENCY: Acadiana Fly Rodders, Lafayette, La. Presentation Topics for the year have included the following topics:

- Steps to Evaluation the Cast
- Tailing Loops and How to Correct Them

- Mechanics of Distance Casting
- Positive and Negative Curve Casts
- Casting for Accuracy
- Leader Building
- All You Ever Wanted to Know About Fly Lines
- Rod Building
- Bamboo Rod Building
- Topography Maps and Planning Your Next Trip
- Spring Creek Fishing in Louisiana
- Mechanics of Roll Casting
- Strategies for Coping with the Wind
- Fighting Techniques for Big Fish

We have done 12 CCI preparatory casting clinics for 3 CCI candidates.

All topics are 30 min. to 1 hour presentations and may involve casting sessions.

We have had 1 CCI Instructor, 3 CCI candidates and 7 volunteers perform the in-services

Approx. 30 hours prep. time. We meet 1st Tues. of each month (12 months out of the year) along with 2nd and 4th Sun. each month for 6 months for the casting clinics.

Keith Richard  
AFR President. 2006 ■

## "You Take the Prize!!"

### 2006 Southern Council Conclave - Special Drawing and Auction Items

#### River Boat Package ~ [www.southerncouncilfff.org](http://www.southerncouncilfff.org)

**Designs for your Dream Home** ~ [www.ryanhomeplans.com](http://www.ryanhomeplans.com) - donation by Hunter Ryan, an avid fly-fisher and homeowner in Cotter. He is the principle in his own Home Design business. Ryan Home Designers & Associates, Inc., Memphis, Tennessee.

He has donated one (1) house plan from their collection of over 200 home designs.

This includes eight (8) sets of building plans and a plot plan when and if the winner provides a survey.

#### 2007 Conclave VIP Package ~ Southern Council - FFF

**"An Electrifying Night on the River"** - A Trout Sampling Excursion - hosted by Darrell Bowman, Trout Management Supervisor, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission.

(Visit [www.southerncouncilfff.org](http://www.southerncouncilfff.org) for more details on these and other donations)

An early and sincere "Thank you" to all who have made donations to the 2006 Conclave  
Keep 'em coming!! - Denis Dunderdale, Jane Darr, Chuck Orvis

## FFF Membership

There are 2 ways to become a member of the Southern Council Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF). One way is to join the FFF and live within the boundaries of the Council. The Council domain includes the states of Arkansas, Kansas, northern and western Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas. The other way to join is appropriate only if you live outside of the geographic boundaries of the Southern Council. If you join the FFF, you can declare to the FFF that you want to be affiliated with the Southern Council, no matter where you live.

Member clubs listed in the Local Clubs section of the Southern Council's Web site are affiliates of the council. Members of these local clubs are members of the Southern Council only if they are also members of the FFF.

A local club in Memphis, Tennessee and a local club in Omaha, Nebraska are part of the Southern Council, even though they are outside of the boundaries of the Southern Council.

Members of the FFF (who live within the boundaries of the Southern Council) get a copy of the *Long Casts* mailed to their home every quarter.

If you are not getting your copy of *Long Casts* contact Pat Smith, Managing Director. Give her your name, address, any local club affiliation, and when you joined. If you have other membership concerns contact Pat or VP of Membership Walter McLendon. Their contact info is listed in the Officers' section on the council's Web site ([www.southerncouncilfff.org](http://www.southerncouncilfff.org)). ■

## Southern Council Clubs

### Arkansas

Batesville

#### Batesville Fly Fishers

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday

Fort Smith

#### Fort Smith Fly Fishers

Steve Mattax Newsletter Editor

smattax@ipa.net

2nd VP Meetings: 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month in building 1627, Ft. Chaffee, AR

Little Rock

#### Arkansas Flyfishers

[www.affonline.com](http://www.affonline.com)

Russellville

#### CADDIs (Central Arkansas Dead Drifters Ichthyological Society)

Contact: Marvin Morris

(smattax@ipa.net)

Meetings: 2nd Monday (except July), 7 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church.

Mountain Home

#### North Arkansas Flyfishers

[www.northarkansasflyfisher.org](http://www.northarkansasflyfisher.org)

Rogers

#### Tightlines Flyfishers

[www.geocities.com/tightlinesff/](http://www.geocities.com/tightlinesff/)

Meetings: see Web site for details

State University

#### N.E. Arkansas Flyfishers

[www.neaff.com](http://www.neaff.com)

### Illinois

Quincy

#### Western Illinois Fly Tyers

### Kansas

Lawrence

#### Free State Fly Fishers

[freestateflyfishers.org](http://freestateflyfishers.org)

Mission

#### Heart of America Fly Fishers

[www.hoaff.org](http://www.hoaff.org)

Wichita

#### Flatland Fly Fishers

[www.flyfishingdestinations.com/flatlandflyfishers.asp](http://www.flyfishingdestinations.com/flatlandflyfishers.asp) (use no hyphen)

### Louisiana

Lafayette

#### Acadiana Fly Rodders

Meetings: 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m.,

Grace Presbyterian Church, 518 Roselawn Blvd

Shreveport

#### North Louisiana Fly Fishers

[www.northlaflyfishers.org](http://www.northlaflyfishers.org)

West Monroe

#### Ouachita River Fly Fishers

[orff.squarespace.com](http://orff.squarespace.com)

### Missouri

Bolivar

#### Tri-Lakes Fly Fishers

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Jefferson City

#### Capitol City Fly Fishers

[www.capitalcityflyfishers.org](http://www.capitalcityflyfishers.org)

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Meetings: see Web site calendar.

Joplin

#### M-A-K-O Flyfishers

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Kansas City

#### MO Trout Fishermen's Association, KC Chapter

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#### Southwest Missouri Fly Fishers

[smff\\_fff.tripod.com](http://smff_fff.tripod.com)

St Louis

#### Ozark Fly Fishers

[www.ozarkflyfishers.org](http://www.ozarkflyfishers.org)

Waynesville

#### Roubidoux Fly Fishers

[www.windrushfarms.com/roub.shtml](http://www.windrushfarms.com/roub.shtml)

#### Waynesville High School FlyFishers Club

### Nebraska

Omaha

#### Cornhusker Fly Fishers

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Bartlesville

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Tulsa

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#### Mid-South Fly Fishers

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#### Austin Fly Fishers

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#### Texas Women Fly Fishers

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San Antonio

#### The Alamo Fly Fishers

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San Marcos

#### Central Texas Fly Fishers

[www.ctff.org](http://www.ctff.org)

Tom Bear

#### Red River Fly Fishers

[www.rrff.org](http://www.rrff.org)

Tyler

#### Lone Star Fly Fishers

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The Woodlands

#### Montgomery CO Flyrodders

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Texarkana

#### Texarkana Area Fly Fishers

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Baylor (TDS Building)

Waco

#### Jack Sparks Central Texas Flyrodders

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