

The flies for October are the Half-n half (carried over from last month) and the stimulator.

The stimulator can look like various kinds of trout food depending on the size and color combinations chosen by the tyer. This hugely popular pattern was first tied by Randall Kaufmann with a yellow abdomen and red thorax to imitate the adult stonefly. Stoneflies still love it in sizes around 4 to 10 on an extra long dry fly or streamer hook. Change the body colors and hook size to copy your local hoppers for a passable imitation. Tie in smaller sizes (12-20) and the appropriate colors and it makes a great down-wing caddis pattern. And finally it is a fine all around attractor or "strike indicator" .

Tom Regina asked me an innocent sounding question a couple weeks ago about organizing flies and fly boxes. My answers were vague enough to trigger some introspection and eventually the start of a complete reorganization of all my trout flies. Thanks a lot, Tom - I will be at it all winter!

When you first start tying (or buying) flies, organizing them is easy enough. You put them all in one box or maybe two, one for salt water and one for fresh. Later, you might separate your fresh water flies into trout, bass and panfish boxes. Your trout flies might expand to fill four boxes, one each for dries, nymphs, wets and streamers. Another box is filled with hoppers, and another with caddis that worked so well the last time.

And now it's time to load your fishing vest for that long-anticipated trip to the Smoky Mountains. You load your dries, wets, nymphs and streamers. Can't leave out the terrestrials or the caddis. Six fly boxes make it a little difficult to zip your vest but you can't leave any out. What happens when you want to add another box for blue wing olives or bead head nymphs?

Obviously, this has become totally chaotic as you would agree had you seen me wading the Green River this summer with half a dozen boxes in my vest and another dozen in a separate shoulder bag just for flies, griping because I did not have (or more likely, couldn't find) a size 24 spinner to match the bugs on the

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water.

Here are some thoughts about a better way. Let's limit the discussion to trout flies for now. (1) You don't have to carry every fly you own each time you step into the stream. (2) The box you carry in your vest should be small, water resistant and should float. (3) The box you carry should contain just those flies you should reasonably expect to need, probably a mix of dries, wets, nymphs, hoppers, streamers, etc. (4) The box or boxes you store your flies in at home can be large and don't need to float or resist water (hopefully). (5) Your storage boxes should be in categories that make sense to you so you can keep track.

My storage boxes are large (7"X11") and cheap. I tie and fish a lot so I have about 30 of them labeled adams, pale morning dun, wet flies, hoppers, midges, spinners, etc. Craft boxes from a discount store work just fine and cost a buck or so. If you tie less you may have just a few storage boxes - say one each for wets, dries, nymphs and streamers.

My fishing boxes are small, the foam kind with magnetic closures. They float well when I drop them and are water resistant. I load these boxes in one of two ways. The first is to load a box with the various flies you need to fish a particular stream, lake or region. For instance, I have a 4x6 "Smokies" box containing my favorites for that area. Another way is to load a box with the flies you need for a particular hatch or species. For instance, I have a BWO (blue wing olive mayfly) box containing nymph, emerger, dun and spinner stages of the BWO in sizes 14-26. So far, I have a dozen or so fishing boxes labeled Green River, Smokies, BWO, PMD (pale morning dun), stone flies, etc.

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### President's Report

AAnnual fall

family picnic - Saturday 5 October.  
Shoreline Park South, Gulf Breeze. 11  
AM til. Fresh fried fish and boiled shrimp.

Bring a covered dish. Five bucks each for persons 16 and older.  
Younger - Free. Your \$5 will also give you a chance to win a new 7  
wt., 4 piece Temple Fork Outfitters fly rod or an Orvis 5/6 large  
arbor Rocky Mountain fly reel. Please let Karen Brand 626-0642 or  
[kbrand@santarosamri.com](mailto:kbrand@santarosamri.com) know if you will attend.

David Lambert fly  
casting clinic - Saturday 16 November. David Bernard will provide  
the meal. And it is all free.

Christmas  
party - Thursday 12 December. Lighthouse Restaurant, NAS  
Pensacola. More information to follow.

Gone fishin' - *art made me do it!* Tom

### *Around the Bay...and Further Away*

Isidore is the only thing going on around the bay today - I hope no one is  
out and about in all this rain and wind. Hopefully, next week will bring some  
decent weather for a change. Have not heard much in the way of local fishing  
reports. I have been out in Santa Rosa sound a few times, once with Travis  
Akins and once with Kevin Cohenour and Don Barnhart and the fishing was only  
fair unless you count immature gag grouper. We caught a few specs including  
several on poppers and gurglers but it was hard to keep a fly in the water long  
enough to attract a speck because of the aggressive little grouper -we must have  
caught and released well over a hundred each day. Travis also had lots of fun  
with large lady fish casting from the end of Santa Rosa Island to the sound side.

Many of our members have strayed further away for some trout fishing.  
Mitch Abernethy fishing a "club sandwich" brought this nice rainbow to the boat  
during his recent outing to Montana. Art deTonnancourt and Tom Regina are  
somewhere out west trying out their new pontoon boats. Kevin Cohenour just  
returned from a Colorado / Montana / Utah trip and reports great fishing on the  
Green River. He encountered a mid-day "pseudo" hatch but did not report how  
he solved it, perhaps with the size 32 adams he showed at the last bull session.  
Tom Finkle reports great weather and good fishing from Maine. The brookies are  
in their splendid spawning colors - Tom caught a hook-jawed male brighter than  
any he had seen before.

Sorry about the cancellation of the September clinic. The Bream Club  
forgot that the 3rd Saturday belongs to us and scheduled their annual fish fry on

that day. When we  
discovered the conflict it  
appeared easier to cancel our  
clinic than their fish fry. They  
promise not to do it again.

Thought from long  
ago - "You must not be too  
greedy in catching your said  
game fish, as in taking too  
much at one time....That  
could easily be the occasion  
of destroying your own sport  
and other men's also. DAME  
JULIANA BERNERS (1450



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### MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

**BUSINESS MEETING - 1ST TUESDAY, 7 PM**  
**BULL SESSION - 2ND THURSDAY, 6:30 PM**  
**CLINIC - 3RD SATURDAY, 9 AM**  
**BOARD MEETING-4TH THURSDAY,**  
**6:30PM**  
**FISHING TRIPS - AS SCHEDULED**

**Meetings at Miraflores Park, 17th  
Avenue between Belmont and LaRue  
St**

## *Yellow Stimulator*

Hook: Long shank dry fly, sizes 10 to 18  
Thread: Orange 3/0 (size 10 to 14) or 6/0 (size 16 to 18)  
Tail: Elk body hair  
Rib: Furnace or brown hackle palmered, fine gold wire  
Abdomen: Bright yellow dubbing  
Wing: Elk body hair  
Thorax: Amber goat  
Hackle: Grizzly hackle palmered up thorax

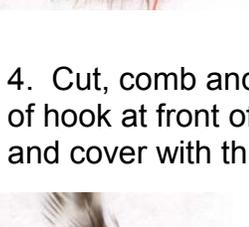


1. Start thread at 1/3 back from eye position. Cut, clean and stack a small size bunch of elk hair. Tie in elk at 1/3 position. Hold elk together on top shank and spiral thread back to bend. Tail length should be one hook gape. Trim elk butts. Wind thread to 1/3 position. Secure wire from 1/3 position back to bend.

2. Dub body from bend to the 1/3 position, tapering wider to the front. Strip fuzz from base of furnace or brown hackle. Cut a 1/4" stem and secure in front of dubbed body.



3. Palmer hackle back to bend. Secure tip at bend with two to three turns of wire. Spiral wire forward through hackle to front of body and secure. Trim hackle tip and excess wire.



4. Cut, comb and stack a larger size bunch of elk. Using pinch, tie in elk on top of hook at front of body, extending to back of hook bend. Trim butts at an angle and cover with thread.



5. Strip fuzz from base of grizzly hackle. Cut a 1/4" stem and secure in front of wing. Dub thread with amber goat and wrap thorax. Stop thread about one "hook eye" distance back from hook eye.

6. Palmer hackle through thorax in about four turns. Secure hackle and cut excess. Wind a neat head, whip, cut thread and cement.

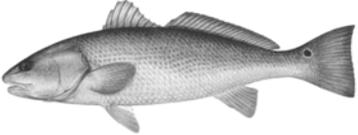
Note: The fly's originator, Randall Kauffman, prefers to tie it on a Tiemco 200 hook. This is what was used in the fly pictured. A standard "bend" long shank dry fly hook will work fine. Try this fly with a yellow, green or black body.

*Kevin Cohenour*





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		<b>1 Business Meeting 7 PM</b>	2	3	4	5
<b>October 5th, 11 AM - Fall fish fry - \$5 per adult - Pot luck, fish, shrimp, beverages, prizes(rod &amp; reel), casting games</b>						
6	7	8	9	<b>10 Bull Session Fly tying and fish stories 6:30 PM</b>	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	<b>19 Clinic-Casting, tying, tall tales, gourmet lunch 9 AM</b>
20	21	<b>22 Board Meeting 6:30 PM</b>	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		