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MONTHLY MEETINGS

Meetings at Miraflores Park
17th Avenue between
Belmont and LaRua

BUSINESS MEETING
1ST TUESDAY, 7 PM

BULL SESSION
2ND THURSDAY, 6:30
PM

**CASTING & TYING
CLINIC**
3RD SATURDAY, 9 AM

BOARD MEETING
1ST TUESDAY, 6:15PM

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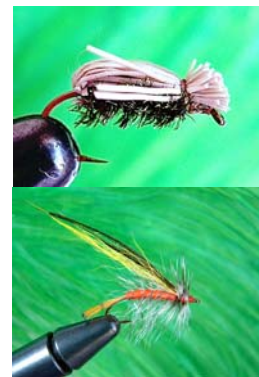
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October Fly Tying At the October 12 bull session starting at 6:30 PM Jerry Giles will lead us in tying an E-Z Beetle. On Saturday October 21 at 9:00 AM Klaus Gohrbandt will teach us to tie Jean-Guy Cote's Andre A streamer.

Your club will provide all the materials for both flies. If you have a vise and tools please bring them. If not the club will furnish them. And do bring a guest or two. We have a vise and tools for them also.

At the Saturday tying and casting clinic, Russ Shields and Jerry Giles will fix you a mighty fine lunch of bratwurst, sauerkraut and potato salad and provide adult and little peoples beverages. Bring a guest. Russ and Jerry put on a mighty fine feed of grilled mullet at the September tying and casting clinic.

President's MessageJay Williams

The last quarter of each fiscal year (calendar, for FFNWF) is probably the busiest time for your officers and BOD. The biggest single expense of the year is the Christmas Party and related expenses such as the consistently fine prizes we always have.

All of us should be thinking who we wish to receive the Angler of the Year award, and who we wish to be our Officers and At Large BOD members in the coming year. These votes will be taken at the November meeting. Any active member is eligible to vote and to hold office. Club service is a great gift and there is great satisfaction that comes to those who give it, not to forget the wonderful fellowship we all enjoy from our associations. Every position in the "leadership" is very important and all are interdependent, so please consider making yourself available for our open nominating process, BUT if elected, put the club responsibilities after your family and church, and be a dedicated servant to your club.

Due to a scheduling oversight, practically all the officers will be in N.C. fishing on November 7, the first Tuesday, and as noted, a super important meeting date. Therefore, the Board of Directors has rescheduled November general meeting for Tuesday, October 31st.

Tight Lines and a Natural Drift (courtesy: Jerry Giles)....Jay

General Business Meeting, Fly Fishers Of Northwest Florida,

The meeting was called to order by President Jay Williams. The minutes of the August 1, 2006, were approved as written. The treasurer's report was discussed and voted approved as presented. An appreciation letter from the family of our deceased member, Joe Morgan, was circulated for the membership to read.

Committee reports were presented. Of particular note was a report on the effort to provide fly tying kits to servicemen, and the difficulty determining who would benefit from those. Tom Birdwell suggested that we could contact "Stars and Stripes", the military newspaper. They could possibly print a notice for any interested personnel to contact us directly. Tom Birdwell also said that we should have a functioning web-site in November.

Our librarian, Bill Parrish, reports that we have a new CD, entitled "Saltwater Flycasting, 10 Steps To Distance and Power". It is available to any member wishing to view it. He also asks that anyone having, or knowing of a good fly fishing CD, to let him know.

On general discussion, Larry Sisney suggested that we patronize the "Church Mouse" fly shop in Fairhope. He says that Spencer Johnson, the proprietor has an excellent stock of fly tying merchandise, and is also helpful with information. If you recall, Spencer came to our club meeting and taught us a "Clouser" version he had learned from Bob Clouser himself.

Fishing reports were a bit sketchy, what with the scorching heat. Also, some of our more prolific producers are on various "Piscatorial Pursuits", and unavailable for comment. Subsequent to proper motions, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted....Jerry Giles

A Trip Worth Taking... Bob Willice

While celebrating our 45th wedding anniversary in August my wife and I toured the Georgia Aquarium. If you fly fish north Georgia or North Carolina or are anywhere near Atlanta take time out to visit this magnificent structure. Built to the tune of 300 million (all private donations) and occupying 9 acres the entire aquarium contains more than 8 million gallons of water and is said to be the largest aquarium in the world. It is filtered through more than 60 miles of pipe and that is longer than the I-285 beltway around the city of Atlanta. It contains approximately 120,000 aquatic animals representing more than 500 species from around the globe. The OCEAN VOYAGER exhibit contains 6.2 million gallons of salt water and is said to be the largest aquarium exhibit in the world. The volume would approximate the size of a football field (284ftx126ft) and be 33ft deep in its deepest part. This exhibit is filtered entirely every 87 minutes. The aquarium creates its own salt water with a salt product called INSTANT OCEAN. They buy it in 2000 lb bags and it took 18 million lbs to just get the OCEAN VOYAGER exhibit up and running. In addition to the more than 86000 fish in this exhibit are four huge whale sharks. They are the largest fish on the planet and can grow to more than 40 feet in length. The TROPICAL DIVER exhibit is an underwater reef with many tropical fish. At present 40% of the coral on the reef is alive, the rest is artificial. When it reaches 100% the exhibit will be the largest coral exhibit in the world.

The exhibits are viewed from a walkthrough acrylic tunnel or by standing in front of giant acrylic viewing windows some of which extend from beneath floor level to the ceiling. It makes you feel like you are part of the exhibit; as if you were a scuba diver looking into the sea with all the fish swimming around you.

Some tips if you visit: Senior admission of \$19 is a bargain. Make reservations for as early in the day as you can get them. It gets you ahead of the crowd which by noon must be in the thousands. Plan four to five hours to see everything and plan on doing some walking. Lunch is fairly expensive but is offset by convenience. The behind the scenes tour I felt was extremely interesting but the \$50 charge was too high. Parking fee \$10 is again worth it for convenience. There a

Jerry's E-Z Beetle... Jerry Giles

Terrestrials are abundant along most trout waters from early summer into autumn. Few anglers recognize just how often land-based bugs end up in the water as a meal for fish. Wind knocks flying insects onto the water and shakes crawling insects from river and stream bank vegetation.

Among the most common terrestrials trout feed on are beetles. Beetles occur in many sizes and colors, but prospecting with a black beetle frequently catches feeding trout. A beetle is big enough to make a fish-attracting splat and commotion when it hits smooth water. Beetles are mostly fished close to stream banks and under or just down stream from overhanging foliage where trout lay in wait in anticipation of a meal.

Materials

Hook	Mustad standard dry fly 94840 size 12 - 18
Thread	6/0 black
Shell back	Black deer or elk hair
Body	Peacock herl or black wool yarn

Tying Steps

1. Start the thread at the center of the hook shank.
2. Snip a small bundle of hair about the size of a pencil from the base of the deer or elk hide.
3. Hold the hair by the tips and comb out the underfur.
4. Tie in the butt ends of the hair at the middle and on top of the hook shank with the hair tips extending back over the rear of the hook. (*Don't worry if the butts flare slightly*). Wrap thread over the butt ends to bind them to the top of the hook shank. Cut away excess hair butt tag ends and return the thread to the hook bend.
5. Tie in several peacock herls and cut away the herl butt tag ends. Twist the herls around the thread to form a herl rope. Palmer the herl rope forward to form the body stopping 1/8" behind the hook eye. Tie off and cut away the herl tag ends.
6. Bring the hair forward over the top of the herl body and tie the hair down just behind the hook eye to form the shellback. Make several firm thread wraps and whip finish the thread wraps. Cut away the excess hair tag ends beyond the front of the hook eye to form a head similar to that of an Elk Hair Caddis fly. Apply head cement to the thread wraps.
7. Using micro tip scissors snip two or three hairs at the rear of each side of the shellback to form the legs. (*The snipped hair will flare out to form the legs*).



Andre A with Klaus Gohrbandt... (original recipe by Jean-Guy Cote)

Jean-Guy Cote originally tied the AndreA to honor his friend AndreA Bellemare. Jean-Guy intended the fly as a presentation fly to be admired and perhaps mounted for display. AndreA however liked the look of the fly and tied up a bunch for a fishing trip. As happened the "presentation" fly proved to be a great streamer for taking trout after trout....brook, brown, and rainbow, along with salmon and bronzebacks.

Materials

Hook	Mustad C53S long curved nymph size 8
Thread	Gudebrod 6/0 red, BCS 85
Tail	Golden pheasant tippet fibers
Rib	Grizzly neck hackle
Body	DMC 6-strand cotton embroidery floss 946, orange
Wing	Yellow bucktail
Topping	Peacock herl
Collar	Grizzly neck hackle
Head	Tying thread



Tying Instructions



1. Debarb the hook and secure it in the vise. Tie on the thread three hook eyes distance back from the hook eye. (*Note: Do not encroach the hook eye during steps 1 through 5 of these tying instructions*). Wrap a neat thread base back over the hook shank to a point directly over the hook barb. Tie on the tail of golden pheasant tippet fibers.



2. At the base of the tail tie on the grizzle hackle rib feather by its tip. The length of the feather barbs should be equal to about one or two hook gap distance.



3. Also at the base of the tail tie on about a 10-inch length of embroidery floss. Bind down the tag end of the floss along the top of the hook shank to the thread tie on point. *Don't encroach the hook eye*. Cut away the excess body floss tag.

4. Lift the rib hackle out of the way and make one wrap of body floss behind the hackle. Lay the feather back over the back of the hook and wrap the floss forward in touching turns to form the streamer body. Stop and tie off the body floss wraps at the thread tie on point. *Don't encroach the hook eye*. Cut away the floss tag end.



5. Palmer the rib hackle forward with 5 or 6 spiral wraps to the thread tie on point. Without encroaching the hook eye tie off the rib hackle and cut away the hackle tag.



6. Form a "forward" thread base to a point one hook eye distance in back of the hook eye. For the wing, cut, clean, and stack a bundle of bucktail equal to about one-half the diameter of a wood match stick. Measure the wing to extend over the back of the hook to a distance equal to the back of the tail. Cut this wing bundle butt at about a 45 degree angle. Tie the wing on top of the "forward" thread base.



7. Over the wing tie on thread wraps, tie on 4 to 6 peacock herls the same length as the wing.

8. Select a grizzly neck hackle with barb lengths 2 or 3 times greater than the hook gap. Strip the fuzz from the base of the feather. By the butt, tie this collar hackle feather on the hook at the front of the wing/topping. To form the collar take three touching forward wraps with the hackle. Tie off and cut away the excess feather. Stroke the collar back and make several thread wraps over the base of the collar causing it to slant back slightly. Form a neat tapered thread head. Cement the thread

BOAT FOR SALE

**14' Sundance Skiff, Fiberglass Hull
25 HP Tohatsu Motor**

40 pound foot control Motor Glide electric motor (bow mounted)

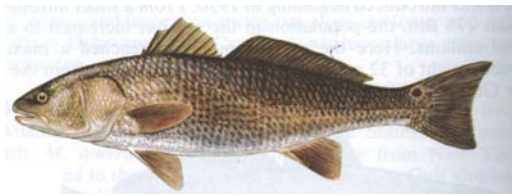
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1 Fall Picnic	2	3 Business Meeting 7 PM	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Bull Session-Tying & Tall Tales 6:30 PM	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Clinic - Casting, tying gourmet lunch 9 AM
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29	30	31 November Business Meeting. 7 PM				

