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Northern Arizona Flycasters
An active member club of the World Wide organization
"Fly Fishers International"

"Conservation, Restoration, and Education through Fly Fishing"

We support active involvement in cold water fisheries conservation. We work to insure that Arizona's habitat is not degraded and in the development and maintenance of fly fishing opportunities.

We support the practice of "catch and release", the use of barbless hooks, and quick and harmless release practices. Fish should never be kept out of the water for over 60 seconds.

Northern Arizona Flycasters meets the first Wednesday of the month
(Meetings currently on hold) at the Arizona Game and Fish Regional
office at 3500 S. Lake Mary Road, Flagstaff. Meetings start at 7 PM with
a board meeting at 6:00 PM.

The meetings are free and the public is invited.

PRESIDENT'S DRIFT :

On vacation.

Every club member is important to the wellbeing of our club and to our local fisheries.

NAF needs your involvement and there are many volunteer venues available such as fishing trips, conservation, writing about club activities, and fund raising. Remember, NAF raises funds to support conservation efforts; we are a non-profit organization. You can sign-up to volunteer on our web site. <http://nazflycasters.com/volunteer/>

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EDUCATION

Best Flies for the Late-Summer Fishing Season

August 22, 2018 | By Jess McGlothlin

Know these flies and techniques when most anglers are getting a little antsy with late-summer fly fishing conditions.

Terrestrial fishermen revel in the season, With a bit of thoughtful preparation, late summer can bring some of the year's most productive fishing. Here are some of our favorite patterns to stow in the fly box.

Late-Summer Fly Fishing: Terrestrials

For many anglers, late summer is synonymous with terrestrial fishing. Fishing big, foamy hoppers, ants, and beetles fits well with the relaxed “dog days” vibe of late summer. It's the perfect time of year to introduce new anglers to dry fly fishing, as these flies are hard to sink and easy to see on the water.

Chernobyl Ant:



Kin to the [Chubby Chernobyl](#) — one of the most beloved terrestrial flies around — the Chernobyl Ant is a foam monster found in many fly boxes around the country. Ideal for fishing close to grassy banks on windy days, this ant is a winner for hungry trout.

Fish the Chernobyl Ant in a variety of ways; throwing it hard onto the water with a “splat!” (the way real ants hit the water) often incites a hard strike. And don't be afraid to dead-drift it if a more active presentation isn't working.

Black and tan (tan underbelly layered under black foam) is the most common coloring, and sizes range from 8 to 12.

Letort Hopper:



The Letort Hopper is one of the oldest and best-known grasshopper patterns in the U.S. Designed by Pennsylvania's Ed Shenk in 1960, this traditional pattern is a solid choice anytime hoppers are present. Be sure to coat it thoroughly in floatant, as the lack of foam means this hopper is naturally less buoyant than its foamy cousins.

This easy-to-tie hopper can be tied in a variety of neutral colors; tan is the most popular. Available in sizes 8, 10, and 12.

Big Eye Hopper:



The Big Eye Hopper is a fun pattern to fish and easy to spot in nearly all water conditions. The fly's large foam body keeps it on the surface, while googly eyes and plenty of legs make it a favorite of large trout.

Fish this pattern close to grassy banks, especially on windy days. Fish often prefer hoppers presented with a little "twitch," so don't be afraid to give it a shake here and there — and get a good dead drift if that doesn't work. Tan and yellow are popular colors, and sizes 8 and 10 the most common.

Travis Para Ant:



Ask any Montana fishing guide, and they'll tell you that one of their favorite late-summer tactics is prospecting with ant patterns. Tom Travis of Livingston, Mont., is wise to the power of these little creatures and so created this parachute ant.

The bright, parachute-style post on this pattern solves the common ant-fishing problem of hard-to-see flies, making it a great pattern for low light. Consider stocking up on both cinnamon and black in sizes ranging from 12 to 18.

Quick-Sight Beetle



Another late-summer winner, beetle patterns appeal to a trout's natural instincts. When there are terrestrials crawling on land, it's well worth tying on a beetle pattern and, just like with ants and hoppers, plying grassy banks and shorelines.

The Quick-Sight Beetle is a very simple pattern — basically just foam, legs and a hook — but features a bright-orange dot on the back to increase visibility, making it a good choice for evenings and low-visibility situations.

Black is the traditional beetle color and tends to be wickedly effective. If fish are snubbing hoppers and ants, tie one on and see what happens. Available in sizes 12-16; try to match size to the insects you see on shore.

ITEMS FOR SALE

This is an experiment. If there is interest in posting items for sale by club members it may be continued. If you are interested in purchasing an item contact the person who posted the item. Do not contact me.

Rods and gear for sale Selling these for a gentleman who has fallen ill. Herters – Made in England 9' bamboo 2-piece flyrod , h7639 \$75 I believe it is a 7wt but no designation on the rod other than the h7639. Plastic Fenwick by Algonquin Made in Canadas Model FF858, 8.5' \$50 8wt 2-piece flyrod NO 3-piece bamboo flyrod 9' with spare tip. The gold circle label \$75 is gone so no other information. Plastic Fenwick FF605 5wt 2-piece fiberglass flyrod \$50 Plastic Fenwick by Algonquin Model FF107 9' 9wt fiberglass 2-piece fly rod \$50 Alum Eagle Claw Blue Diamond Wright and McGill BDF7624 8.5' \$50 7wt graphite 2-piece flyrod NO Shakespere No 1254 5' spinning rod \$5 Plastic Fenwick HMG Graphite GFF9010 9' 10 Wt flyrod 2-piece \$75 ALUM Wright and McGill 6.5' trail master spin rod \$20 Alum 10' flyrod, graphite I believe, 9WT?, 2-piece \$50 Alum Shakespeare No 1453 8.5' 3 piece fly rod. Guess a 6wt. \$20 Alum Wright and McGill AMSS-7 Ambassador spin rod \$20 Alum Steffen Bros High Modulus graphite 9.5' 4-5wt 3-piece \$200 Reel Garciamatic 1430 fly reel \$5 Lures Box of spoons, various sizes, 48 total \$30 Flies Nice Wood box with 8 flies \$20 A 2-foot square wooden box with 19 drawers containing an estimated \$1000 worth of fly-tying material. Tinsel, yarn, hooks, thread, floss, chenille, maribou, fly tying tools, hackle, dubbing. Asking \$500. If you are interested in any of the above items I have pictures I can email to you. Thanks for taking a look and helping out. Dave Wolf dwwdewolf@gmail.com

NAF EVENTS SCHEDULE

On hold due to the X#%&*@x Virus.

Under discussion by board

Fishing outings to local lakes

Fly casting sessions on a regular basis.

Zoom meetings

The Board welcomes suggestions from members.

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