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September 2015

October Program—“Getting a Life” with Chip O’Brien



The premise is that, if you want "a life," you have to be willing to think big and GO big, you know, think outside the box! The program will feature photos from where my year in writing has taken me.

I started the year fishing remote northeastern California lakes, then Northern California's Pit River followed by a fishing/whitewater rafting trip down the upper Sac at high

springtime flows. I holed up in a Southern Oregon fire tower overlooking the Rogue River and the Pacific Ocean. I did some serious "research and development" discovering which northern California microbreweries were closest to which wild trout streams (tough assignment). There was a death march into Oregon's Waldo Lakes Wilderness, a week in California's Desolation Wilderness and a "fly in-float out" trip into Idaho's Frank Church/River of No Return Wilderness fishing the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. I spent a week in Fort Collins, Colorado interviewing colleagues, students and family of the late Robert Behnke, (Dr. Trout) the world's leading wild trout expert.

The point is, I put together a "bucket list" for fishing and writing this year and was able to do it all, mainly with other people's money! That's about it! I'm betting you see a lot of beautiful scenery, some amazing wild trout and parts of this country few people get a chance to see. I certainly did get a life!

Board Meeting

Monday October 5

7:00 PM

Garibaldi Family Restaurant

General Meeting

Thursday October 8

6:15 PM Casting Practice

7:00 PM General Meeting

Pringle Community Center

October Outings

Saturday October 10

Crooked River

Saturday October 24

Deschutes River

(Warm Springs to Trout Creek)

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Board Members Wanted

The Santiam Flycasters want you! We are looking for a few good men and women. If you are interested in helping decide who our presenters are and where we go for our outings, please join us. Or, if you just want to find out what goes on during the board meetings or want to share your opinion; please join us. No experience needed, just your interest in fly fishing is all it takes to be a board member.

**From the President
By Ken Karnosh**

I had made that mistake before and I swore that I would be organized enough to not do it again. Or, at least part of that statement is true.

Bob and I decided to drive over and fish Hosmer Lake. Since the weather was going to be a bit wet, we made sure to be prepared for that. We had driven through a short shower on the way up, but it wasn't raining when we got to the lake so we hustled to set up camp.

I set up my tent, inflated the air mattress, spread out my sleeping bag, and decided to put on my long johns since it was a bit cool. About the time I sat down to eat my sandwich and assemble my pontoon boat, I sensed that something was missing. Yup, my waders and boots were still safely back at home!

Well, as I said, part of my opening statement was true. We tore down camp, Bob fished for a couple of hours and caught a couple of nice fish, and we drove back home! It's still a fun place to fish and we'll be back.

Boy, we could sure use a lot of rain! When the Board switched one of our November outings to Detroit Reservoir a couple of weeks ago, there was about 15 feet of water above the bottom of the boat ramp. Now, the ramp is well out of the water! We'll see whether we can fish there or not. The trout, though, should be pretty plentiful with less water.

Davis Lake also is about 8 feet lower than when we were there in May.

Remember that we will nominate our 2016 officers and Board next month. We could use your help, expertise, and guidance.

See you on the water.

Ken



Welcome this New Member!

Andrew Ward, Salem

Salmon River Outing Report



Not often are you able to launch your pontoon boat to the sounds of a four piece brass band and crowds of people waving, "Farewell," as you push out into the river. The band and the people provided a pleasant background as the tide quickly carried us upriver in search of "bluebacks." Several of us found these feisty Sea Run Cutthroat (Larry, Bob, Jim, and Nancy). Others had bumps but no takers (Ken and Leroy).

It was a beautiful day to be on the Salmon River north of Lincoln

City. The parking lot at Knight's Park was full. Salmon Fishing was in full swing so there were a number of boats and trailers taking up space there. The park is also the starting point for the trail to climb Cascade Head. There was also a wedding across the river at Camp Westwind (that is where the brass band and the well-wishers came from). Several times we heard the phrase, "I wish I was fishing instead of going to this wedding," from the guests.



But, once we got away from the dock, we pretty much had the river to ourselves until you got to the hogline at the bend just west of the Hwy 101 bridge.



Bob's pontoon boat almost got away from him. The wind came up in the afternoon, so we had to help the outgoing tide a bit by rowing back. Other than that it was a great way to spend a Saturday. Better than being stuffed in a suit and going to a wedding anyway!



(pictures by Jim Nichols and Leroy Shepherd)

2015 Upcoming Outings

Oct. 10	Crooked River
Oct. 24	Deschutes River (Warm Springs to
Nov. 14	Detroit Lake
Nov. 21	Nestucca River

If you have suggestions or ideas for an outing in 2016 please let one of the Board Members know.

Big Fish Hero Awards

If you catch a nice fish, remember to measure at least its length, take a picture, and submit it for a chance to win a Big Fish Hero award! Look for information on our club website.

Middle Fork Willamette Outing



Ken's 14" Rainbow

At least five of us fished the Middle Fork Willamette last Saturday. And, we caught trout, some up to 14"!

The day started with some rain and remained mostly cloudy, which I think helps the fishing. Although we caught fish on most setups, a dry and dropper seemed to catch the most. We also had very little competition!

This is definitely a trip that we need to do again. It would also appear to be a good float trip from the RV Park to

Black Canyon campground, which would allow one to fish many spots not easily accessible from the roadways. (photo by Tim Johnson)

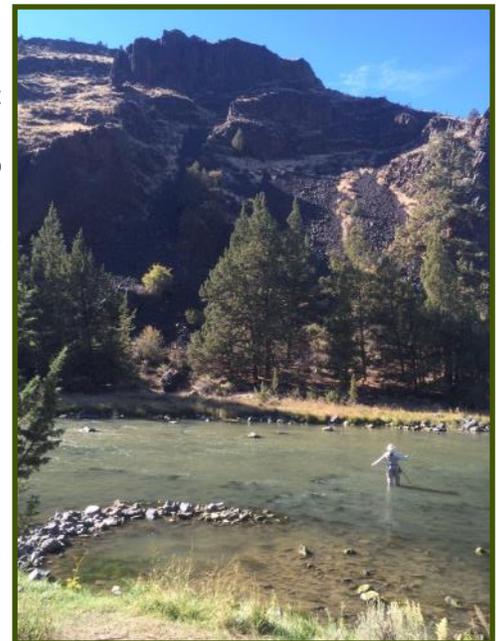
October 10 Crooked River Outing

On October 10, we will fish the Crooked River south of Prineville. To get there, drive Highway 22 east to Sisters, turn left onto Highway 126 on the east end of Sisters and follow it through Redmond to Prineville, turn right (south) at the Bowman Dam sign in the middle of Prineville, and drive about 17 miles to Cobble Rock campground.

You can camp in any of the several campgrounds (we will be in Cobble Rock), or you can spend the night at a motel in Prineville, or you can just make it a long day trip from Salem.

Suggested gear is 4 to 6 weight rods with floating line. Dry flies include midges, caddis, and blue wing olives. Nymphs include midge pupa, pheasant tails, and hare's ears. Generally, small flies in sizes 16-20 seem to work best. Remember your wading staff, since the rocks are uneven and slippery.

Although this is an informal outing, the club will provide hot dogs for a noon meal on Saturday. Bring a small side dish to share if you wish, as well as your own beverage.



October 24 Deschutes River Outing

On October 24, we will float and fish the Deschutes River from Warm Springs to Trout Creek. If you do not have a drift or pontoon boat, there is a lot of fishable bank area near Trout Creek campground.

To get to Trout Creek campground, I prefer to drive I-5 to Woodburn, drive Highway 213 through Molalla to Estacada, drive Highway 211 to Sandy, drive US 26 over Mount Hood through Warm Springs, turn left onto Gumwood or Columbia at the top of the hill, turn or drive north about 5 miles to Juniper Lane, turn east and follow it to the community of Gateway, turn left onto the road to Trout Creek near the railroad, and follow it about 6 miles to the campground.

Suggested gear is 5 or 6 weight rods with floating line. Dry flies include caddis and October Caddis. Nymphs include soft hackles, prince, pheasant tail, hare's ear, green rock worm, and midge pupa, often fished under an indicator. The rocks are slippery, so a wading staff and proper boots are recommended.

Remember your Boating pass if you float the river. Also, buy a permit if you plan to fish the Indian (west) side of the river. The penalty is significant! You can buy both of these passes through links on our website.

The club will provide an entrée for a Saturday evening meal, so bring a small side dish to share if you wish.

Also, we will need to use trailers or a drift boat to shuttle ourselves from the campground to Warm Springs to launch, so we could use your help on that. You will also need to arrange a shuttle to get it back to Trout Creek.



Fish Hero Awards

This year, we will implement a Fish Hero Award to recognize the person who catches the largest fish in any of six categories-Rainbow trout, Cutthroat trout, Brown trout, Steelhead, Largemouth Bass, and Smallmouth Bass plus a bonus award for largest fish caught during a club outing. We will recognize the winners at our December meeting. All fish must be caught on a fly rod and fly, according to ODFW definitions. We are not restricting it to Oregon.

When you catch that big one, measure its length, preferably take a picture, or have your partner witness the measurement, and record the girth if possible. Then, submit your entry using the entry form on our club website. For 2015, fish must be caught between April 1 and October 31 and submitted by November 1.

Fishing with the Frog—*The Autumn of My Life*

By Howard Palmer

It has been driven home to me, time and time again, that once you reach the ripe old age of 75, you have arrived at the “Autumn of your Life”. Well I have news for those who view this in a negative manner. Although I may be turning 75 this month, it really is a glorious time; both as a season, and as an integral part of my life.

As I have mentioned before; my knees do not respond to my needs when I am in the river, and my joints don’t seem to understand what I am telling them whenever I am wading some of our streams. The rocks too, also appear to have grown over the years to a point where the pebbles of “yesterday” have grown to the size of watermelons, and my balance no longer supports me. (Right now, I am looking for a “Bigger” wading staff.)

That being said, Autumn ain’t such a bad deal when you come right down to it. The Salmon are returning to our coastal rivers (although I cannot personally attest to it yet), and the leaves are turning in anticipation of the colder weather that is just around the corner.

My wife and I just returned from an RV trip to Wallowa Lake with our RV club, where we found the nights somewhat crisp, and the surrounding Eagle Cap mountains covered with a recent dusting of snow. Our trip home took us by way of Crooked River Ranch for a visit with our son; and the ensuing trip down the Santiam Canyon, found it resplendent in the red, yellow, and orange, that the Vine Maples bring to us this time of year. If you are contemplating a “color tour”, now is the time to do it.

We also found Detroit Lake almost void of water, yet the promise of the coming fall rains, promises that we will indeed be fishing this trout laden jewel soon. (Well, hopefully by Thanksgiving).

So yes, Autumn does in fact forebode the coming of winter, but it also gives us a most delightful time of the year that beckons us to tie bigger flies, in order to pursue bigger fish. It is indeed a glorious time of the year, and as for me: a most glorious time in my life.

See you on the water—

Howard



FLY OF THE MONTH

By Jim Ferguson

OCTOBER CADDIS

aka Fall Caddis



The originator of this pattern was Polly Rosborough. This pattern represents the very large caddis that appears over Western waters in the Fall. While driving up or down the Santiam River Canyon you will occasionally experience the announcement of this hatch by first hearing loud splats on your car body and windshield, then seeing the 50 cent sized yellow goop splats on the windshield, and finally the large smear of bug guts as you try to use the windshield washer to give you a clean line of sight down the road. Your best bet is to get to the river and cast out a good imitation of the October Caddis. It may not be as spectacular as the stone fly hatch on the Deschutes but it does create some nice action involving some larger fish.

Hook: #6 - 8 standard dry (TMC 5212 #8 used here - this has a 1xl shank)

Thread: Black

Body Hackle: Dark brown dry-fly

Body: Orange dubbing (mix of October Caddis orange and orange Seal used here)

Wing: Dark brown or natural dark deer hair

Hackle: Dark brown dry-fly

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Step - By - Step Directions

1. De-barb the hook if needed and mount the hook in the vise as in Fig. 1.
2. Attach the tying thread about 1 eye length back from the hook eye and lay a thread base to the rear. Stop at a position a few turns to the right of the normal tail tie in position (Fig. 2)
3. Strip the fuzz from the shaft of the body hackle and tie it in at the rear with some of the bare stem above the tie in position. You will be dubbing behind this stem and this bare spot will keep you from trapping fibers while wrapping the body. Make a few wraps of thread base behind the hackle tie in spot. Place the thread behind the hackle stem as in Fig. 3.
4. Either make a dubbing loop for the dubbing as in Fig. 4, or attach the dubbing directly to the thread. I used a dubbing loop. Form the loop, take the thread to the 2/3 body position, and distribute the dubbing material inside the loop (Fig. 4.)
5. Twist the dubbing loop to form a dubbing rope, tease out the fibers, and wrap several wraps behind the hackle stem. Wrap the dubbing forward to the 2/3 body position and tie off the dubbing (Fig. 6.) Trim off the waste end of the dubbing loop.
6. Wrap the body hackle forward making 8 to 10 turns of hackle. You want these turns to be close to each other to help the fly skate over the water (Fig. 7.) Trim off the hackle waste and let the thread hang in front of the body.
7. Prepare the deer body hair wing by cleaning out the underfur, stacking the hair, removing errant fibers, pre-gluing and pre-cutting the butts . Set the hair bundle over the shank of the hook, make two soft turns around the butts and then tighten up the wraps by pulling upwards while holding the hair fibers in position over the body with the left hand. The hair should extend back to the hook bend. Some tiers like the tail to go a little past the bend (Fig. 8.)
8. Wrap the butt ends of the wing down with flat turns of tying thread to form a thread foundation that tapers towards the hook eye. By using your thumb nail to put pressure at the base of the wing bundle you can make the hair bundle splay out into a tent shape over the shank (Fig. 9 & 10.) This gives the fly the caddis shape as seen from underneath with the wings forming a tent cover over the bug's body.
9. Attach the front hackle at the base of the wing. Secure the stem with several wraps going forward and trim the butt waste. Take the hackle to the front about 3 or 4 wraps shy of the hook eye (Fig. 11.)
10. Wrap the hackle forward to the tie off position. Tie off the hackle (Fig 12), trim the waste, form the head of the fly, whip finish the head, cut the thread waste, and cement the head of the fly (Fig. 13.)

The use of deer hair and lots of hackle makes this fly sit high on the water and allows it to be skated and twitched as you fish it across the water. This imitates the returning egg laying female adult. Sometimes in pocket water, you want the fly to sit lower into the water column. If you desire, you can trim the bottom hackle fibers as well as the top front hackles to produce something like Fig. 14. Trimming the fly will make it behave differently and the skating action may be compromised to produce more of a wake than desired.



Fig. 1

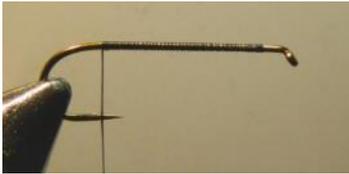


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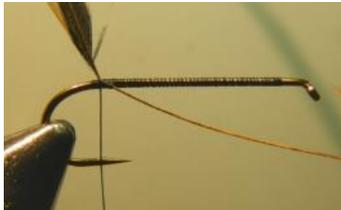


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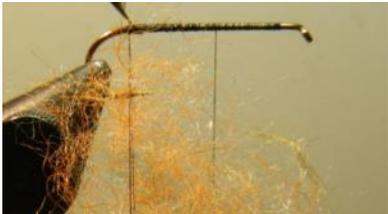


Fig. 4



Fig. 5



Fig. 6



Fig. 7



Fig. 8



Fig. 9



Fig. 10



Fig. 11



Fig. 12



Fig. 13



Fig. 14



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2015 Membership Application

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Type of Membership (circle one) Regular \$25 Family \$30

*Note: Dues are from January 1st to December 31st. There is a 50% reduction after July 1st for new members.

Name _____

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Family Members: _____

Are you an FFF Member? (circle one) Yes No

Please tell us why you want to be a member (please check all that apply):

Hear presentations on various fly-fishing topics

Improve my Fly Tying skills

Improve my Fly Casting skills

Participate in fishing stream and lake improvement projects

Go on fishing trips with other club members

Learn more about fishing in the area

Other, Please specify _____

You must sign this release each year when you renew to participate in club activities.

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As a condition of membership or of participation in any activity encouraged or publicized by the Santiam Flycasters, I voluntarily assume all risks of my participation. In acknowledgment that I am doing so entirely upon my own initiative, risk and responsibility I do hereby for myself, heirs, executors, and administrators agree to re-mise, fully release, hold harmless, and forever discharge the Santiam Flycasters, all its officers, board members and volunteers, acting officially or otherwise, from any and all claims, demands, actions or causes of actions, on account of my death or on account of any injury to me or my property that may occur from any cause whatsoever while participating in any such Santiam Flycasters activity. I acknowledge that I have carefully read this hold harmless and release agreement, and fully understand that it is a release of liability. I further acknowledge that I am waiving any rights that I may have to bring legal action to assert a claim against the Santiam Flycasters for its negligence.

I have read the above statement and agree to its terms as a condition of my membership in the Santiam Flycasters.

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