



# SANTIAM FLYCASTERS

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## October Meeting: *The Oregon Trout Trail* with Joel La Follette



When it comes to fly fishing we all find ourselves in a rut at times, doing the same thing over and over because we know it and it's in our comfort zone. Joel La Follette is constantly looking for something new to experience with a fly rod in hand and shares his discoveries as he travels our state and the world. A few years ago he came up with the concept of the Oregon Trout Trail in an effort to get his customers and newsletter readership to rediscover the wonderful native Trout fisheries we have in Oregon. Joel also wanted to challenge himself to explore more of the state his family has called home for 6 generations and learn more about how they helped shape Oregon. The Oregon Trout Trail winds through the mountains and valleys of Oregon from the high deserts in the east to the Pacific Ocean in the west. It's a trail of discovery that challenges us all to explore our state to learn more about our native Trout and ourselves.

Join Joel La Follette, angler, author, artist and adventurer, as he shares tales and images of exploration on the Oregon Trout Trail .

Joel La Follette learned the art of fly-fishing in the cool pine forest along the banks of the Metolius River at the ripe old age of 9. His grandfather had brought him there like his father before him, to share some of the joys of his childhood fishing that same stream. Since that first outing Joel has fished the wilds of Venezuela, Belize, Mexico, the Bahamas and Christmas Island for Bonefish, Tarpon, Permit, Trevally and other saltwater fishes. He's traveled the Northeast for Brookies, Browns and Stripers. In the South he's tried his luck

### **Board Meeting**

Monday October 9

7:00 pm

Garibaldi Family Restaurant

### **General Meeting**

Thursday October 12

7:00 pm

Pringle Community Center

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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.

with Redfish and giant Tarpon and in less humid lands of Canada and Alaska he has sought the giant Steelhead of northern BC and the mouse eating Rainbows of our largest state. Great adventures all, but the home waters of Oregon have always been where Joel finds his heart.

After an adventurous career that has included commercial fisherman, professional photographer, race car driving instructor, and over 18 years in the Fly Fishing Industry, Joel has settled in as the owner of Royal Treatment Fly Fishing in West Linn, Oregon. He can be found in the shop most days writing his weekly newsletter, but still gets out on the water when the shop is closed, or when the conditions are just too perfect to miss. To beat the winter blues, Joel still hosts fishing trips around the globe to warmer climates.

Joel and his lovely wife Kellie live in West Linn in a home they've named Woodsprite Lodge. They share their tree top view with a variety of birds, squirrels and other woody creatures.

For fishing reports, short stories, tips and photos from Oregon and beyond check out [www.royaltreatmentflyfishing.com](http://www.royaltreatmentflyfishing.com)

## **Willamette River Outing**

### **By Ken Karnosh**

Ten of us fished the Willamette River on September 9 for smallmouth bass, since fire danger made us cancel our outing to Hosmer Lake.

The weather was nice and the fishing was about normal, except for the weeds that kept getting on the hook.

Fishing success varied from not very good to quite good, with some anglers landing a dozen or so. Check out Jim's 17" fish in the photo. It was another fun day on the water.



**Welcome  
New Members in  
September  
Kristian Barajas,  
Salem  
Earla Horstman,  
Salem**

**Fly Tying Group  
Wednesday  
October 18**

We will meet on the Wednesday after our October 12 club meeting at Garibaldi's Family Mexican Restaurant in West Salem from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Come join us to tie, learn, or just visit about fishing. Enjoy some tasty food or a beverage, if you wish, as well.

We try to demonstrate a pattern to tie, if you wish, or each person can tie a pattern of their choice. It's very laid back and it is for all levels of tying ability.

If you have questions, contact Kent Toomb at [kent.toomb@gmail.com](mailto:kent.toomb@gmail.com) or by phone at (541) 990-3964.

Hope to see you there.

## September 23 Umpqua River Outing Report

**By Leroy Shepherd**

As I understand it, last year when the weather was HOT, so was the fishing for smallmouth bass residing in the Umpqua River near Elkton. This year, however, was a different story. The weather was cooler reaching a high of only about 70 by the time we reached the takeout and so was the fishing; cooler that is. Instead of catching 20 or more, most caught 2 or 3, and some like me only had nibbles. We had a number of good excuses, chief of which was the higher than anticipated water level thanks to the preceding week's rain.



Jim Nichols was the big winner hooking into what looks to be a summer steelhead.

Nevertheless, nine of us floated the river on a beautiful fall day. Some caught fish. Some didn't. Our appreciation goes out to Ken Karnosh for providing shuttle service.



## October 14, Crooked River Outing



On October 14, we will fish the Crooked River south of Prineville. You can camp at 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.

To get there, drive Highway 22 east to Sisters, turn left onto Highway 126 on the east edge 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.

We have heard that there are plenty of fish in the river, although the number of larger fish may be less.

Suggested gear is 4-6 weight rods with floating line. Nymphs include midge pupa, pheasant tails, and hare's ears, best in small sizes 16-20 and fished right along the bottom. Dry flies include midges, caddis, and PMDs or blue wing olives. Soft hackles also may work.

Remember your wading staff, since the rocks are uneven and slippery!

The club will provide hamburgers for a mid-day meal on Saturday. Bring a small side dish to share, if you wish, as well as your own beverage.

## **October 21 Deschutes River Outing**



Jerrold at Mecca

We will float and fish the Deschutes River from Warm Springs to Trout Creek on October 21. If you do not have a pontoon boat or drift boat, there is a lot of fishable water near the campground.

To get to Trout Creek campground, drive to Sandy either on I-5/I-205 through Clackamas and Boring or through Woodburn/Molalla/Estacada, drive Highway 26 east over Mount Hood and through Warm Springs, turn left onto Gumwood or Columbia at the top of the hill, turn or drive north about 3 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 5-6 weight rods with floating line. Dry flies include caddis and October Caddis. Nymphs are probably the most productive, often fished under an indicator and weighted to fish along the bottom, and include soft hackles, prince, pheasant tail, hare's ear, green rock worm, and midge pupa. At least the trailing fly probably should be size 16-18.

Remember your boating pass if you float the river. Also, buy a permit if you plan to fish the Tribal (west) side of the river, or risk a significant penalty! You can buy both of these passes through links on our club website.

The club will not provide a meal, so bring your own food and drink.

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## **Added Detroit Lake Outing—November 4**

Now that the weather is cooling and the lake level is dropping, fishing can be pretty good at Detroit Lake. So, the Board decided to add an outing on November 4 to Detroit Lake. Any floating device will get you to the fish. More details in the next newsletter. Or, you may want to fish it sooner. Just launch at Mongold ramp.

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## **November Officer/Board Election**

Yes, it will be time again next month for the Board to nominate club officers for the next year. It's hard to believe that it's been almost a year since our national presidential election, isn't it? Or, maybe not!!

This is the time to do your campaigning so the Board knows that you want to be a club officer. Or, do some arm-twisting on that person who you would like to be an officer!

Also, we welcome any and all who are willing to join our club Board to help plan our activities. Our Board has a monthly meeting of about an hour. We welcome your participation.

Anyway, the Board will nominate officers for 2018 at its November 6 meeting and the club will vote to confirm those nominations at the November 9 meeting. Remember those dates.

## **2017 Remaining SFC Outings**

**October 14—Crooked River**

**October 21—Deschutes River (Trout Creek)**

**November 4—Detroit Lake**

**November 11—Devils Lake**

**FLY OF THE MONTH**  
**OCTOBER CADDIS**  
*aka Fall Caddis*

*By Jim Ferguson*



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 1x1 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

## ***October Caddis 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.

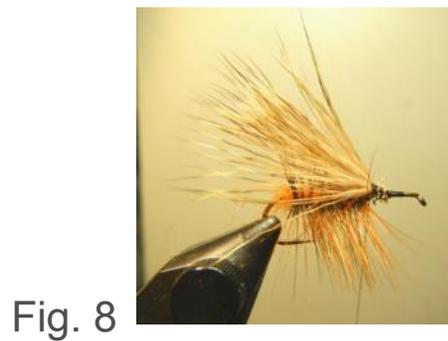
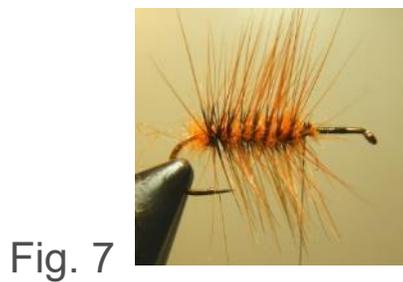
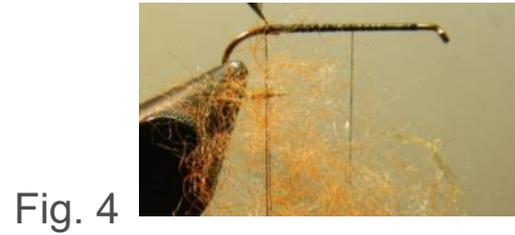
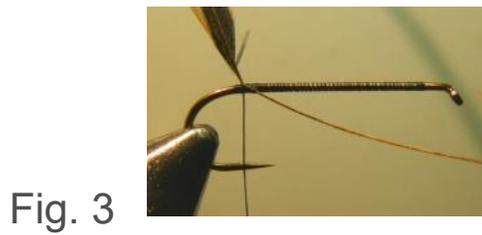
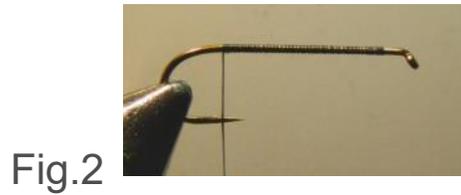




Fig. 9



Fig. 10



Fig. 11



Fig. 12



Fig. 13



Fig. 14

A Couple of Last Looks From the Umpqua Outing





# Santiam Flycasters

## 2017 Membership Form

The Santiam Flycasters, Inc. is a group of men, women, and youths in the Salem area who have a common interest in flyfishing and have joined together to share their experiences and knowledge of the sport since 1975. The club was incorporated as an Oregon non-profit organization in March of 1977. The Santiam Flycasters, Inc. is affiliated with the Federation of Fly Fishers.

The mission of the Santiam Flycasters is to promote the sport of fly-fishing for all interested individuals of every generation now and into the future. Through fellowship, education, conservation practices, promoting research, guardianship of proper regulations and support the Santiam Flycasters can succeed in this mission.

**We meet in Salem the second Thursday of each month (no meeting in July)  
at the Pringle Park Community Building  
606 Church Street at 7:00 pm.  
www.santiamflycasters.com**

Mail the completed signed form to: *The Santiam Flycasters, P.O. Box 691, Salem, OR 97308*, or drop it off in person at our next meeting. \*Dues are from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. For new members, there is a 50% reduction after July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Regular -- \$25    Family -- \$30    Youth--\$10

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS/CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please tell us why you want to be 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 about fishing in the area,  other (please specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

**Are you an FFF Member?** Yes    No

**Are you interested in obtaining an SFC Name Tag?** Yes    No

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

### LIABILITY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

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 remise, 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 waving 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.

X \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

Print Name

Date