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## October 2025 SFC Meeting

### Fishing the Fall River in Central Oregon with Marc Williamson.



In this presentation, Marc will share information specifically regarding Fall River. This is the Fall River in Central Oregon. He will discuss some general information that relates to fishing spring creeks and how to be successful in very difficult waters.

Marc share many of the changes that have taken place on Fall River since he began to fish it 50 plus years ago.

#### About Marc and his love of the Fall River and Fly Fishing.

*"My love of fly-fishing began on Fall River, in Central Oregon. In my early years my parents and I traveled, in our travels stayed at many different places to fish. My dad and I did a lot of fishing together, and on one stop at Fall River Lodge I fell in love with fly fishing. My dad bought me a JC Higgins fly rod and reel. It's was the beginning of a life-long love affair with fly fishing."*



For More about Marc - <https://fallriverflyfishing.weebly.com/>

#### Board Meeting - By Zoom

October 6- 6:30 pm

SFC Meeting

October 9 - 7:00 pm

Scottish Rite Center

4090 Commercial St. SE,  
Salem

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By Beth Jappay**

Many of you may not be aware that our Santiam Flycasters club is second to only the Bend fly club (Central Oregon Fly Casters) in size and activity level. We currently have ~110 members, including famous fly tyers, a couple of famous authors, and now a member competing on the U.S. fly fishing team—congratulations Kent! Although membership in our national FFI is neither required nor automatic when joining the Flycasters, today I would like to make an appeal for our members to become more aware of +/- involved in our Fly Fishers International organization.



**FLY FISHERS  
INTERNATIONAL**

Fly Fishers International's mission is to "foster the legacy of fly fishing for all fish in all waters through conservation, education, and inspiring a growing community of fly fishers." The national organization is active in conservation efforts and supports continued and improved access to fishing, as well as educational efforts. As a long-standing FFI member I am proud to

support their efforts with my annual dues. FFI membership benefits also include access to their magazines and newsletters as well as access to the FFI Learning Center's expanded educational materials. I personally pay a small additional fee to belong to their fly tying group, and am looking forward to that group soon resuming their Zoom skills sessions (usually a December through April thing). I also belong to the FFI Women's Connect group, which is free and has regular Zoom meetings and a few get-togethers each year. Joining FFI is also a first step in becoming active in local Oregon FFI issues and opportunities, which I plan to discuss in more detail in the future.

Regardless, I encourage all of you to check out the FFI website at [Flyfishersinternational.org](https://flyfishersinternational.org). There is a lot of information available that doesn't require membership to access, including beginner "How to" information about fly tying, fly casting and fly fishing in general. The free information includes an extensive number of videos, as well as information about fly fishing events.

## 2025 Outings-Santiam Flycasters

Here is the list of the remaining fly fishing outings our club has planned for 2025. The list includes opportunities to catch trout in streams and still waters, as well as opportunities for steelhead, chum salmon, and small mouth bass.

Most waters are best fished from a floating device (float tube, pontoon boat, or other boat). In the newsletter article for the outing, we will say if there are opportunities for bank access at that location. If you do not yet own a floating device but want to participate in the outing, let us know and we should be able to have someone lend you a device for the outing.

Obviously, when we are on or around the water, there is an element of risk. Please be aware of the disclaimer also in this newsletter. Also, please use a personal flotation device (PFD).

- ★  October 4 - Crooked River
- Open window for Chum on the Kilchis River
- October 18 - Deschutes River Warm Springs to Trout Creek
- October 25 - Marshall Island to Harrisburg
- November 8 - Mckenzie River
- November 15 - Detroit Reservoir

★ Joint outing with Linn Benton Fly Fishers

### SFC Outing Disclaimer

*Santiam Flycasters does not represent that any of these trips are suitable for any of its members. Each stream, river and lake present its own unique hazards and dangers. Each member must evaluate the suitability of his or her own physical condition, equipment and skills before participating in any of these trips. Each member that chooses to go on any of these trips personally assumes all risks of injury and damage while participating*



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## Walton Lake Outing Report By Herb Harry



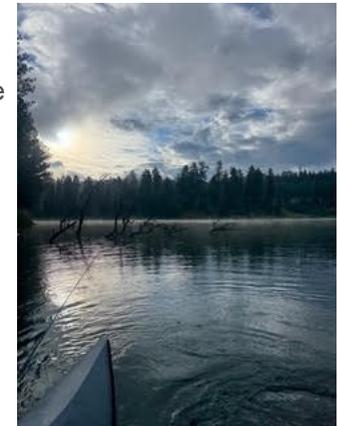
The Walton Lake outing on September 12, 13, and 4th had 4 members present - Herb and Kathy Harry, Chris Dudley with plus one Rene, and Lenny Moffo. The weather was perfect and the fishing was productive. The campground allowed fires so fun was had around the campfire in the evenings.



The lake was clear. Underwater vegetation was significantly reduced compared to previous years. There were just enough patches of submerged vegetation to hold and target the trout. Little to no algae was there to discolor the water.



A fire a week before the outing about 10 miles north of Walton Lake greatly reduced the number of campers and fishermen on the lake. ODFW planted 750 trophy trout on Monday, September 8th. When I scouted the lake on the 8th we were the only people on the lake and two campers came in as I was leaving. By Friday the camp was 3/4 filled.



I was able to land approximately 20 large rainbow on Thursday, 10+ on Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning. Less trout between 10 and 14 inches. I fished with Ricky's Olive Six-Pack (a damsel fly) and the Guarantee with good success. I also used a variety of black pheasant tails and beaded black soft hackles in sizes 14 and 16. Small black flies are always successful on Walton Lake. Lenny had success with a variety of flies, including woolly buggers and emergers. Chris had success on olive Damsel fly emergers.

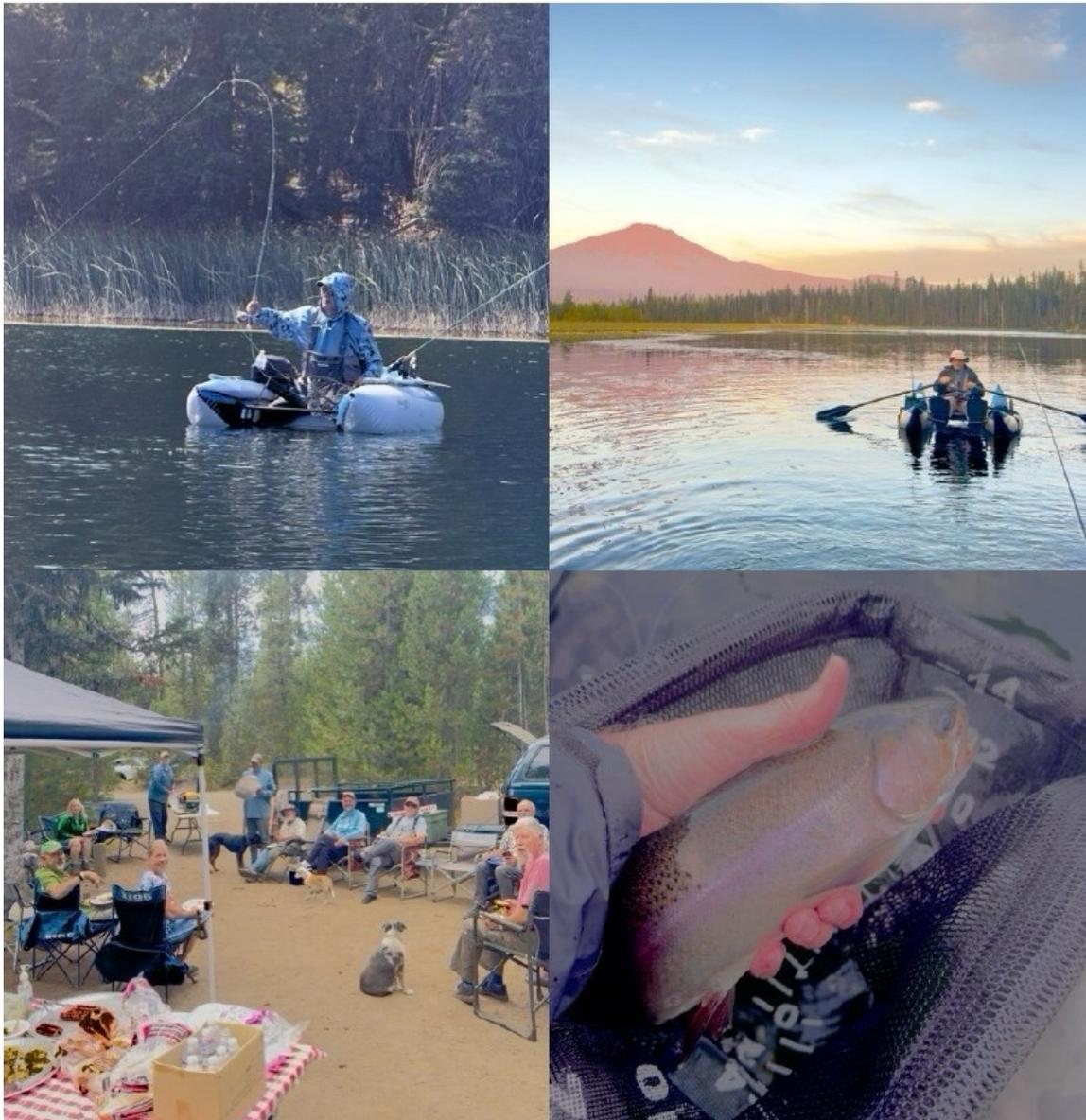
I was stripping and trolling in my pontoon, alternating between using my fins and sometimes rowing at a slow or fast pace with success. Lenny and Chris were stripping and also had success with dries. Dry fly fishing close to shore seemed very good, but few large fish were found next to shore and bank vegetation. The fish for me were holding near the bottom.

## ***Hosmer Lake Trip Report***

### ***By Tim Johnson***

On the weekend of September 20, the Santiam Flycasters hosted an outing at Hosmer Lake, inviting members of Linn Benton Fly Fishers to join us. In total, 23 participants attended the outing, which may be a record turnout for this annual event. A group meal was held on Saturday afternoon. Thanks to Steve Reynolds and Ricky Love for their expertise with grilling.

The weather over the weekend was almost perfect, with above-average temperatures, light winds, and no rain. While fishing was challenging, it was also productive for those who invested the necessary time and effort. With patience, we were able to catch large rainbow trout, some reaching up to 19 inches in length. The most successful patterns were damselfly nymphs and leech patterns, which were best fished a foot or two below the water surface.



## Hosmer Lake Album



Pictures for Walton Lake and Hosmer Lake  
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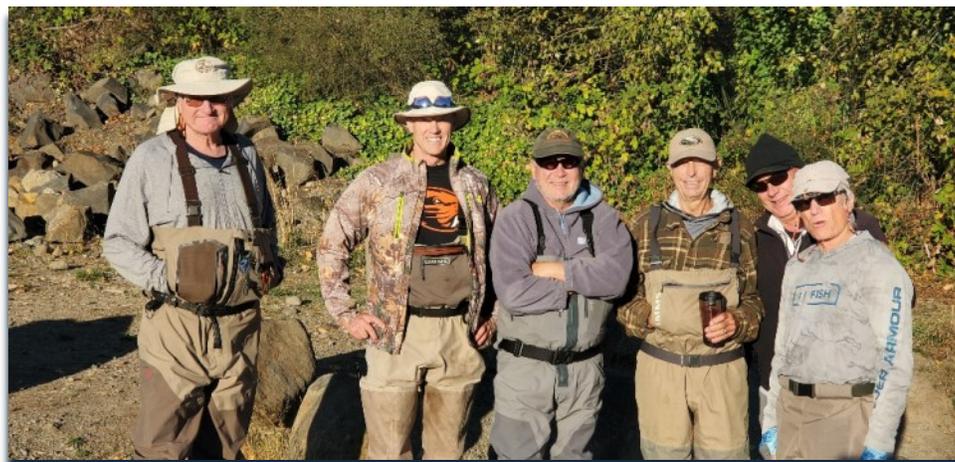
Tim Johnson

Ricky Love

Herb Harry

*Thank  
you!*

## North Santiam River Outing Report by Brian Hoag



September 27th six of us fished the North Santiam from Stayton to Shelburn. The river was in great shape, approximately 3.65 NOAA gauge measured at Mehama. It was a pleasantly mild bright sparkling early fall day. The fishing was good, and we all landed several fish. I think all fish were caught tight line Euro nymphing with several different fly patterns.

Another big thank you goes to Ken Karnosh for his continuing help with shuttling. David Looney also graciously helped with the shuttling again. It is so fortunate of us to have the help with this.



## ***Congratulations to Kent Toomb***



Congratulations to Kent Toomb who recently placed 23rd out of 40 competitors in the United States Fly Fishing Championships in Eastern Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming. The competition took place from September 14-17 and included five sessions; Sheridan Lake, Hebgen Lake, Greys River Upper, Greys River Lower, and Henrys Fork River.

After four sessions he was in 18th place. Despite winning his last session, he finished in 23rd place. This is a grueling competition that is physically and mentally demanding. Only the best get invited to participate in the event.

Congratulations and well done Kent.

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## ***October 4 Crooked River Outing***

On October 4, we will fish the Crooked River south of Prineville. You can stay at any of the several campgrounds, you can stay at a motel in Prineville, or you can just make it a long day trip from home. All fishing is walk and wade style. Most of the club normally stay at Cobble Rock Campground while those with larger RVs prefer to stay at Chimney Rock. 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 (Highway 17) sign in the middle of Prineville, and follow it about 17 miles to Cobble Rock campground – Chimney Rock is just prior to Cobble Rock. All campsites are first come, first served.

Suggested gear is a 4-6 weight rod with floating line or a Euro nymph outfit. Nymphs will probably be the most effective and include midge pupa, pheasant tails, hare's ears, etc. fished close to the bottom. Soft hackles may also be effective. Dry flies and emergers include blue wing olives, midges, caddis, and PMDs. Fly sizes normally are small, often in the size 16-20 range. Wading staffs are highly recommended since the rocks are uneven and slippery. Check the weather forecast for potential cold weather as it tends to get chilly at night.

The club will provide delicious protein in the form of Tri Tip so feel free to bring a side dish. The club will also provide water but you are responsible for any other beverages. The club meal is at Chimney Rock Campground at 1:30 pm. Specific campsite location will be sent later.

The outing sponsor is Ricky Love and he can be contacted at [rickylove20@aol.com](mailto:rickylove20@aol.com) or (253) 320-5699 for any questions.

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## ***October 18 Deschutes River***

On October 18, we will float and fish the Deschutes River from Warm Springs to Trout Creek. Some members plan to camp at the Deschutes River Fly Shop and Campground at the easterly edge of Warm Springs and others plan to camp at Trout Creek campground to access the fishable water there while camping. To get there, drive to Sandy on either I-5/I-205/ Highway 26 through Clackamas and Boring, or go through Woodburn/Molalla/Estacada, drive Highway 26 east over Mount Hood and through Warm Springs.

The Fly Shop/Campground is on the east (left) just past Warm Springs. To get to Trout Creek campground, continue past Warm Springs, turn left onto Gumwood or Columbia at the top of the hill, turn and drive north 3 miles to Juniper Lane, turn east and follow it to the community of Gateway, turn left near the railroad onto the road to Trout Creek, and follow it 6 miles to the campground/ takeout point. Campsites at Trout Creek are first come/ first served. A suggested shuttle service is Linda's Shuttle Service, with contact info online, or you may arrange a shuttle through the fly shop.

Remember your boating pass if you float the river. Also, you must buy a permit to fish the Tribal (west) side of the river below Dry Creek. You can buy both passes online. Plan to be at the Warm Springs launch site around 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. Suggested gear is a Euro nymph setup or 5-6 weight rods with floating line.

October Caddis will be active and those dry or nymph patterns may be effective. Otherwise, nymphs like October Caddis, prince, stoneflies, hare's ear, green rock worm, midge, etc., fished right along the bottom will be most effective. There may be some surface action on caddis, etc. At least the trailer fly should be small (#16-20).

The club will not provide a meal, so bring adequate food and beverage, as well as your PFD and required passes. Brian Hoge is outing sponsor and can be contacted at [brianhoag@comcast.net](mailto:brianhoag@comcast.net).

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## **October 25 Willamette River**

On October 25, we will float the Willamette River from Marshall Island to Harrisburg to fish for native cutthroats and rainbows. Drift boats are nice and offer a bit more opportunity to fish, but pontoon boats work well. The float is about 8 miles with minor rapids and we will reach the takeout around 4:00. Plan to meet at the Harrisburg Park boat ramp at 8:00 a.m. We will combine boats as much as possible before driving to the launch site.

To get to Harrisburg, drive I-5 south, turn right (west) at the Halsey exit 216, drive west to Halsey, turn left (south) onto Highway 99E, drive about 7 miles to Harrisburg, and turn right after the traffic signal to the Harrisburg City Park boat ramp.

Suggested gear is a 4-6 weight rod with floating line, or a Euro nymph outfit. Fishing nymphs close to the bottom should be effective, but swinging a bead head with soft hackle/nymph trailer should also catch fish. The October Caddis should be active. There also may be some dry fly action.

The club will not provide a meal, so remember your lunch and PFD. The outing sponsor is TBD.

### **Interested in Improving Your Casting?**

**Teaching by certified instructors is available on Saturdays**

**Wallace Marine Park in West Salem**

**Spey Casting—9 am at the gravel bar near the walking bridge.**

**Single Hand—10:30 am also at the gravel bar near the walking bridge.**

**For more information, contact Beth at**

**[EJappay@comcast.net](mailto:EJappay@comcast.net)**

## ***Chef Mort's Corner: Beer Cans to the Moon***



A very large number popped up on my news thread recently. The One Big Beautiful Bill is projected to add a squig over 3 trillion dollars to the existing federal debt in the next ten years. Now that is a staggering number. As fishermen we are accustomed to staggering numbers. Like the number of fish I am projected not to catch in the next ten years! Or the number of household chores I'm projected not to finish in the same amount of time. Inflation is no stranger to fisherman either. We inflate almost all our numbers while simultaneously inflating our float tubes and deflated egos.

I think the reason I was struck by this figure of over three trillion is because I had recently been admiring a pile of beer cans that had built up at the base of our steelhead camp on the Kispiox river. We had the opportunity to be camping under a Canadian harvest moon, and I was contemplating what would happen if I started stacking every beer can in front of me? And of course what about every beer can my buddy Todd and I had ever tossed aside on all our fishing trips combined? Would they hypothetically reach say, the moon.

Our beer can piles are noticeably epic. I admit to occasionally using the supercomputer in my pocket. Well, ironically the number that popped up was startlingly like our projected national debt! If I were to

stack 3,333,333,333,333 beer cans end to end they would stretch from our Kispiox camp all the way to that beautiful golden orb tightrope walking across the Canadian night sky.

For me these kinds of mental projects require intense effort. I get thirsty just thinking about it. The good news is, after we stack all these beer cans, we can unstack them and return them for 10 cents a can back in Oregon. Good old Oregon, the tiny state that is perpetually in the back water of the political arena. Headline: Oregon literally helps bail out the proverbial boat carrying this country's ridiculous national debt! Bottle drops will never be the same though. Nobody will be the same. With ideas like this perhaps it's not too late for me? I could run for office. 'Be the voice of reason in this world of craziness. Or maybe just go fishing instead. Don't forget the beer!

### **Beer Can Cheddar Biscuits**

2 ½ cups all-purpose flour

½ cup shredded cheddar

1/3 cup shortening

1/2 tsp baking soda

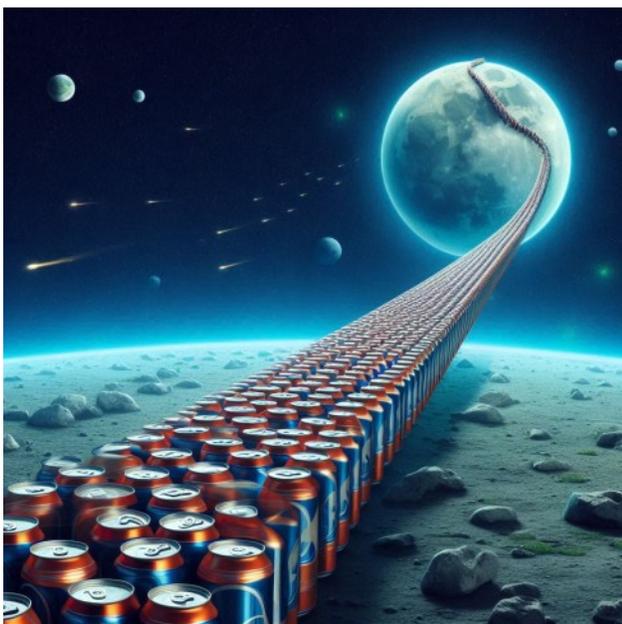
1 tablespoon baking powder

1 tsp of salt

¾ cup beer

Mix flour, cheese, and all dry ingredients well. Cut in shortening until crumbly. Fold in beer and lightly form biscuits. Do not overwork the biscuit dough. They can be a bit shaggy. It will make the biscuits lighter. Cut out the biscuits with a glass or in a pinch a sawed-off beer can. Arrange on baking sheet and bake in a preheated oven at 400 F until golden. 10-12 minutes.

Enjoy, Mort



**October 2025 Fly of the Month**  
**John Barr's Vis-A-Dun, Blue Wing Olive**  
**By**  
**Robert LeClerc**



The Vis-a-Dun in Blue Wing Olive is a very effective fly when the BWO's are hatching. It has worked well for me in many different waters across several states. Fishing Fall River and Crooked River the second week of September it was the hot dry fly that brought many trout to the net.

**List of Materials:**

Hook: TMC 100 or 101, sizes 18-24, I find that size 18 and size 20 work most of the time.

Thread: Iron Grey 8/0

Tail: 6-8 strands of watery dun hackle fibers

Wing: Light Gray poly yarn

Abdomen: Blue Wing Olive Superfine dubbing

Hackle: Light dun rooster

Thorax: Blue Wing Olive Superfine dubbing

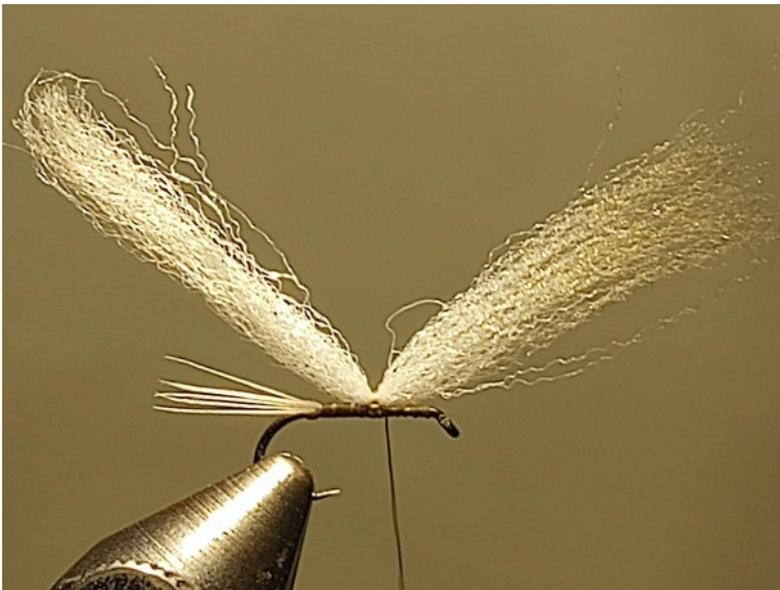
Head: Blue Wing Olive Superfine dubbing

## Tying Instructions:

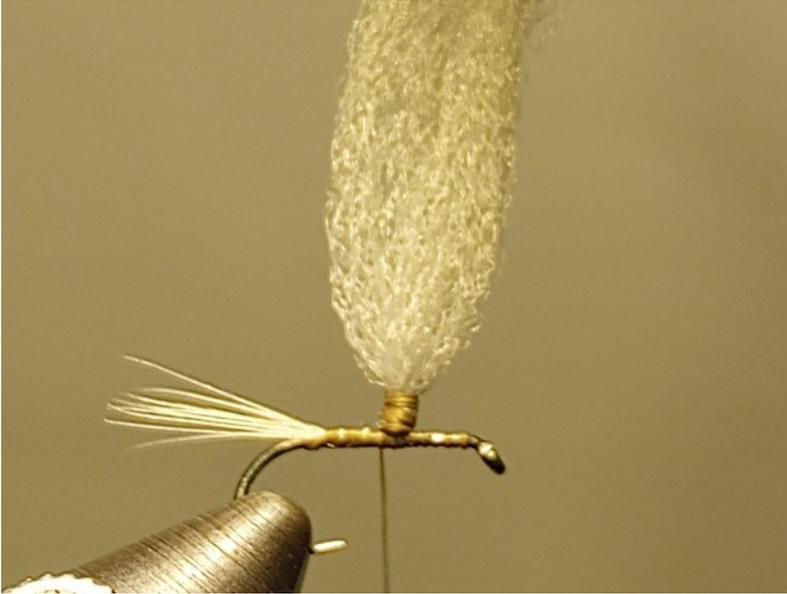
1. Mount hook, debarb if necessary and tie in thread. Take 6-8 strands of dun hackle fibers and tie in. The tail should be one shank length long.



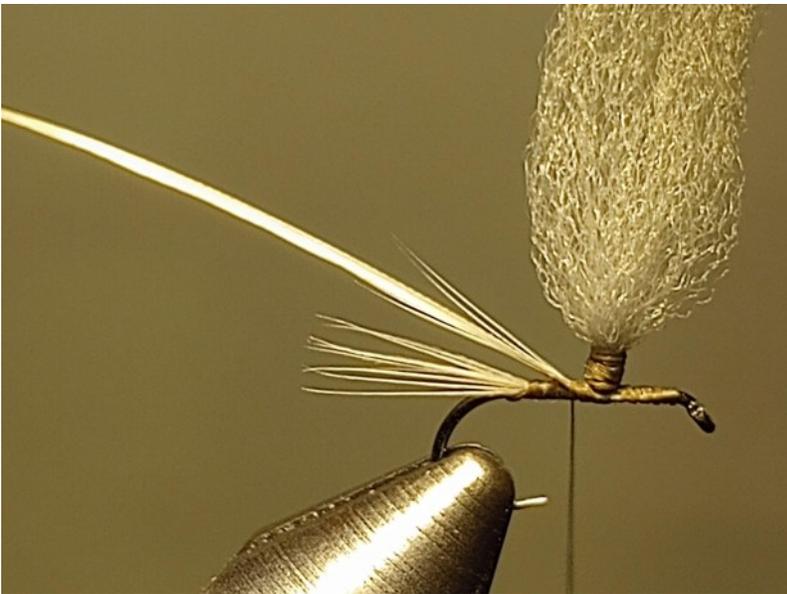
2. Tie in the wing (poly yarn) at the midpoint of the shank of the hooks.



3. Tie wing up into a vertical position.



4. Tie in hackle, leaving a small space behind the wing post.



5. Apply dubbing up thread.

Fig. 9



6. Wrap dubbing forward and just forward of the wind post. Leave a small space behind the eye of the hook.



7. Wrap hackle forward and stop just forward of the wing post.



8. Build thorax behind the eye and tie off. Cement the thread.

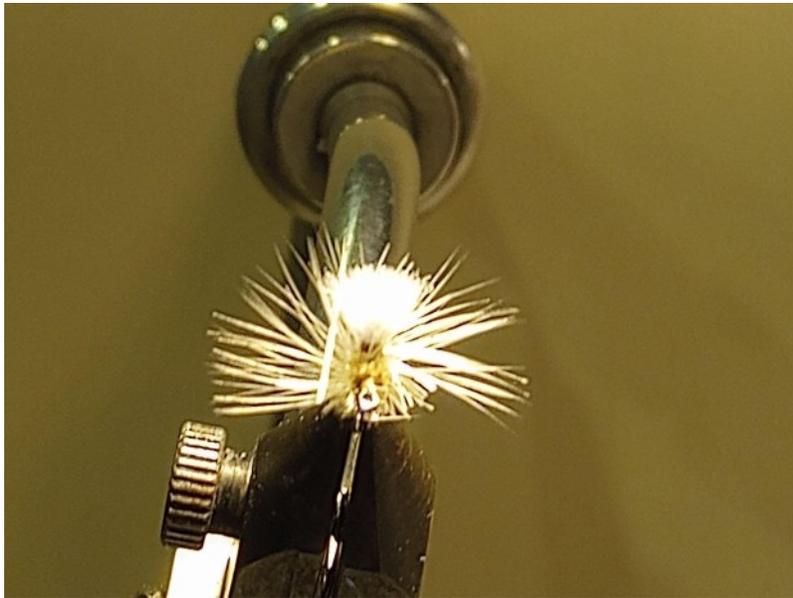


9. Trim wind to one shank length of hook.



10. Trim hackle flat on the bottom of the fly. This will ensure the fly lands in the correct position on the water.



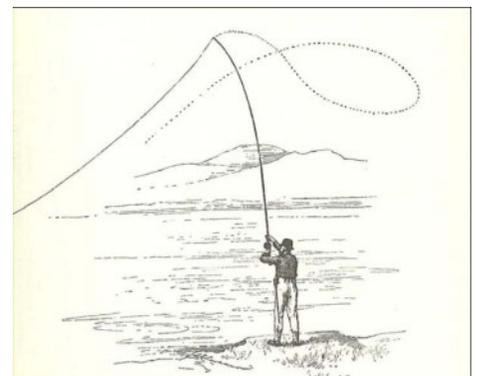
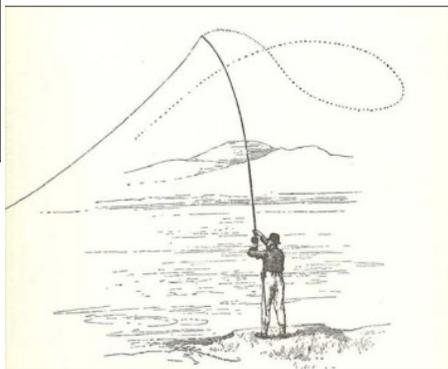
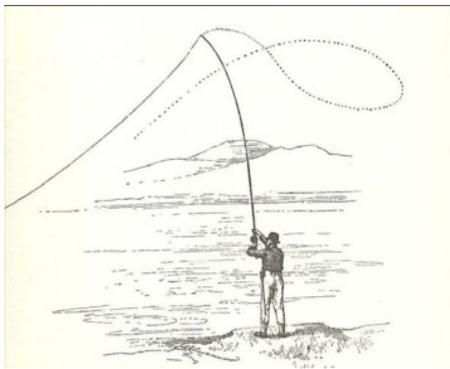


Another method to fish this fly is to attach 8-10 inches of leader off the bend of the hook and attach an emerger pattern to it.

To create a PMD fly, tie with PMD Superfine Dubbing instead of BWO Superfine Dubbing.

Tightlines

Robert LeClerc





# Santiam Flycasters

## 2025 Membership Form

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.

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 an affiliated club of the Fly Fishers International.

**We meet in Salem the second Thursday of each month (no meeting in July)**

[www.santiamflycasters.com](http://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. \*Memberships 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>. There is no midyear discount for Life Membership.

Life membership -- \$300 Regular -- \$30 Family -- \$35

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

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

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

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

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

Are you an Fly Fishers International 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