



NOTES FROM THE SEPTEMBERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

"Lines and Leaders" to be published by a different publisher. The cost will probably double.....Eastern Council of CFFA-work outing held on Bigelow Brook. To participate in National Hunting and Fishing Day. Question was raised as to whether the guide directory service should be continued. Fly tying school to be held again.....Shocking to be held on the Jeremy's on the 3rd Sunday of this month. Work outing on the Jeremy's in October. Blackledge to be investigated for possible stream work.....CFFA is looking for a speaker system for use at the general membership meetings. If anyone can help, please contact Jim May at 688-1254.....CFFA decals will be available soon. Day of fishing movies suggested as a fund raising project. An auction to be investigated. Any fund raising suggested will be appreciated.....Programs-October-Ron Kusse on the fly body hook and Leonard Rods, November-Fly Tying, December-fishing movies, May-Doug Swisher.....CFFA will not have a special dues for senior citizens. CFFA now has a membership mailing address: CFFA, P.O. Box 3191, Hartford, Ct.....Rearing pool will be stocked with brown trout this year and will cost \$250.00.

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Anyone who would like to contribute stories, tales, cartoons, ideas, jokes, or anything that would be of interest to the general membership, please forward it to:

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Also, anyone that would like to sell, swap, or needs a particular item, forward the information to the above address, and it will be printed in the next issue of "Lines and Leaders".

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REPORT ON THE ANNUAL BANQUET SURVEY by Howard Weldon

Some time ago a questionnaire was distributed at a general membership meeting in an attempt to gain information regarding what our general membership thought of past annual banquets and soliciting their suggestions for this year's banquet. Unfortunately, return from this questionnaire was poor and only about 10% of the membership responded. Presented here is a brief summary of the results of that questionnaire.

The average member who responded had attended 3 annual banquets. This implies members think our banquets are worth coming back to. Approximately 65% of the responders attended last year's banquet.

With regard to selection of site for the banquet and accommodations and services provided, there was about a 50-50 split between satisfied and dissatisfied customers at both previous sites. I guess this proves the old saying, "You can't please all the people all the time."

As to speakers and the raffle, general satisfaction was expressed with two comments outstanding: 1) Cut the program down to one speaker 2) Try to make the program more interesting for the ladies. This latter comment is a tough one--subjects that pertain to CFFA, ie fishing and conservation, that are still entertaining for the ladies are not a dime a dozen.

Last but not least, and the most depressing of all, is the nonwillingness of the general membership to help actively plan and work on the banquet. Only about 20% of those responding to the survey volunteered to serve on the annual dinner committee and some of them in a limited capacity. Everyone can consider this article as an open invitation to join the annual dinner committee and help make this year's banquet as great a success as those in the past.



CONNECTICUT FLY FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

NOTES from EASTERN COUNCIL of CFFA

OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WHEN - Wednesday evening, October 22, 1975.

WHERE - Mansfield Middle School (See map below).

PROGRAM - Beginning at 6:45 P.M., our expert flytiers will tie, step by step, favorite bass patterns, deer hair bugs, terrestrials, or "you name it".

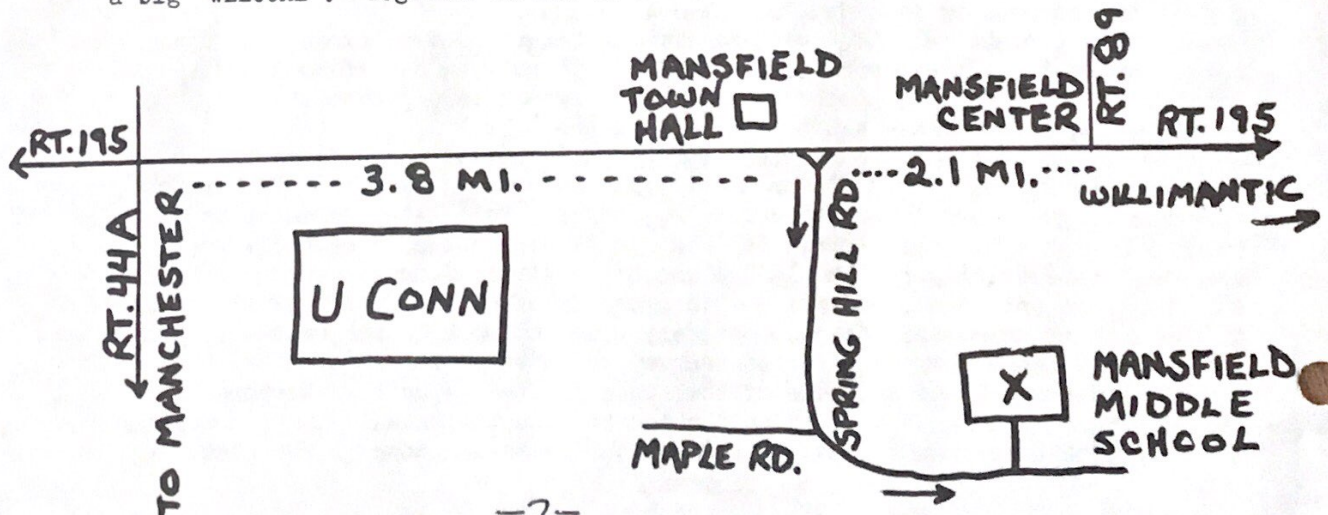
The main feature at 7:30 P.M. will begin with the film "Bigmouth", courtesy of the Shakespeare Corp. "Bigmouth" is to the bassin' man what "Way of the Trout" is to the trout angler. Many of our members enjoy flyrodding for bass so we will discuss "structure fishing", the right tackle and methods necessary to take bass, and ways of making your own bass enticers.

At this time of year, many of our lakes and ponds are returning to prime fishing temperatures. So, call your favorite fishing buddy, and make this meeting to learn how to make more of your fishing time.

As always, door prizes, refreshments, friendly people, and more than enough fishing stories will be available. REMEMBER - Admission is always free.

SPECIAL NOTE - The Eastern Council of the CFFA would like to extend a special thanks to the residents of Mansfield, Conn. who devoted their time and work to our conservation program at Bigelow Brook.

To our newer members in ECCFFA, if you feel you can help out in any way, grab a member at any of the programs, and let us know. To you we extend a big "WELCOME". Together we can do much.



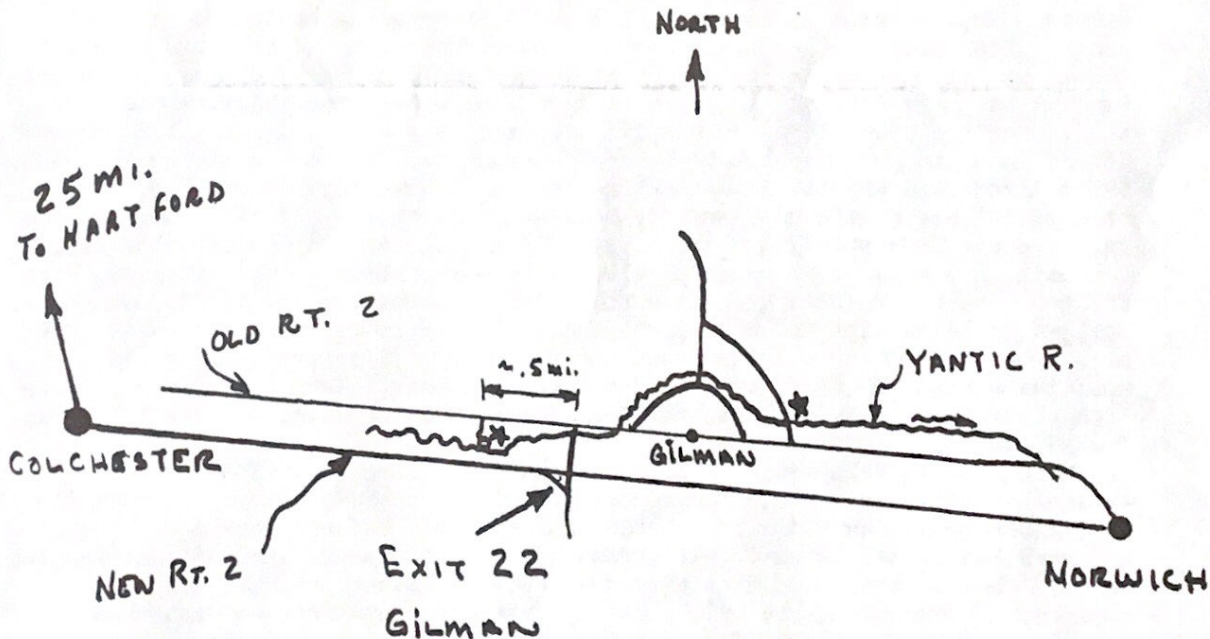
## FRANTIC? TRY THE YANTIC!

When two or more anglers get together, the talk inevitably leads to the topic of one's favorite flies, stream, or techniques. Just as sure as a trout faces upstream, it will happen. If the location is Connecticut, and the topic is streams, there is no doubt that the Yantic River would be mentioned. Riffle for riffle and pool for pool, the Yantic has more to offer the flyfisherman than any other stream of its size in Connecticut.

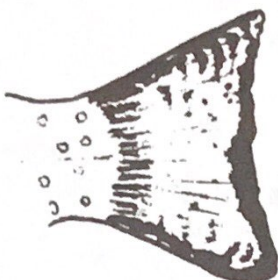
The aquatic life is abundant and free rising trout are not in short supply. The Yantic is classic. Not just every stream has a Hendrickson hatch that causes the surface to literally to boil with rising fish. Not just every stream HAS a Hendrickson Hatch. And the fish aren't always easy pickin's. Just ask Joe D'Addario, My Schulman, Mark Phillippe, or Bob Frank, a few who have witnessed the activity that started on opening day and lasts well into June: the Quill Gordons, the Hendricksons, and the Pale Evening Duns.

As the water level drops and the temperature rises in late June, the action is confined to early morning and late evening. The ants and caddis reign supreme then.

This is but a capsule mention of a fabulous fishery (on "fly only" water, to boot!). So, follow the directions below and as the locals say: "if your frantic, try the Yantic!"



★ = ACCESS TO "FLY ONLY" WATER  
(UPPER STRETCH VIA NARROW DIRT ROAD)



## CAUDAL FINIS

by Ken Parkany

According to recent angling statistics fly fishermen are a minority. This being so, then fly fishermen who occasionally record their experiences astream are rare individuals, and those who religiously keep an "angling diary", are damn near extinct. Just for the record, I don't consider myself rare let alone near extinct, yet I must confess to having recorded the following incident:

Date - May 27, 1974 (Memorial Day Holiday)

Place - Blackberry River, E. Canaan, Ct.

Arrived on stream at 10:30 A.M., after first stopping at a used book store. Began fishing wet in old abutment pool. A family of six arrived. Since this pool would be crowded with only two anglers and I didn't want to disrupt the family "picnic", I made my way upstream. Took two dace in pockets under bridge.

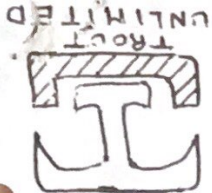
Rich Colo arrived at 12:30 P.M.. Said he stopped upstream at stone furnace and saw two fish caught — "gonna be a good day". Standing on bridge we saw rise in pool downstream. While Rich rigged up I headed in the direction of rise. By the time I got there, four spinning lines were slicing up the pool. Too many anglers beginning to perturb me.

Rich and I hastily made our way downstream away from road and others! Fished "backyard" pool — Rich lost one on dark stonema and took a dace on ginger caddis. Kept working downstream, Rich and I alternating heads and tails of pools. Rich took another small brown on dark stonema. I switched from dry to two wet fly set-up: hatchery fly stretcher and honeybug dropper. Three dace fancied hatchery fly. Rich took a real scrappy brown from under an old tree root. Further down, I put on a split shot to try a deep hole. Hooked "trophy". He sat on bottom shaking head. Tore off downstream — reel screaming, me running. Several runs and minutes later (but not before I tore hole in waders), netted trophy: 12" brown with hatchery fly hooked in his back. Mid-afternoon now and Pale Evening Duns starting to come off. Rich took dace on #16 light cahill.

Getting hungry (must be my problem). We walked back to car via road. Rich fished. I ate. Watched Rich miss five fish on revolutionary(?) fly body hook. Stepped in below Rich and cast light cahill to a more deliberate rise — must be a trout. Four casts later trout confirmed — a 9" deformed brown that would have been 11" if it weren't for a hunched back. Having good day, just as Rich predicted: lots of dace, one foul-hooked trout and the other a freak, and "holy" waders.

Hatch now in full swing — flies everywhere, rises too. About 22 dace apiece later Rich and I decided to try pocket water above bridge. Caddis now coming off too. Saw showy rise beside large rock. Before I could false cast a Henryville twice, he rose four times. His fifth was his last of that feeding spree. Good battle. Wouldn't give up. Finally beached spunky, brightly colored, 13" brown. Maybe wild? Heard noises from upstream — Rich's luck changing: "left fly in big fish, \*#!& knot came out!" Getting dark. Rich fascinated by this stretch of water — said we spent best part of day on wrong stretch of river. I said we fished right stretch of river at wrong time of day.

All things considered, Rich definitely having better day up til now. He decided on making one final try for big one missed earlier. Noticed his casting off a little. Problem not Rich. Problem with rod — broken tip of \$290. Leonard. What a climax! Returned to car and gave Rich book I picked up that morning on my way to stream — "To Hell With Fishing", by Ed Zern. "My sentiments exactly," Rich laughed.



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OCTOBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Program: Ron Kusse from the Leonard Rod Company on tying the Flybody fly.

Where: Knight's of Columbus Hall on Bloomfield Avenue in Windsor.

When: Wednesday, October 8, 1975.

Time: Fly tying-6:45 P.M.  
Program-7:30 P.M.

This program should be of special interest to those innovative fly tiers that want to learn something new as well as anyone that wants to keep up with the latest in the fly tying art. Ron Kusse will also have a collection of Leonard Rods for display for anyone that is interested. This program is open to the public so bring a friend. As usual, doorprizes and refreshments will be provided.

THE FLYBODY FLY