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Meeting Notice

Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Association

PROGRAM: "The Willimantic River Project" featuring Ted Bampton and Cole Wilde; and the "FFF Conclave" featuring Ken Parkany.

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

WHEN: Wednesday, October 12, 1977.

TIME: Fly Tying - 6:45 p.m.
Program - 7:30 p.m.



Ted Bampton, Deputy Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, and Cole Wilde, Chief of the Fisheries and Waterlife Unit, will be on hand to discuss the upcoming final year of the three-year Willimantic River Project, as well as the four Salmon caught in Connecticut streams this year. Ken Parkany will also be on hand to present a brief slide show and discussion of his trip as the CFFA delegate to the Federation of Fly Fishermen's national conclave in Wyoming.

Committee Report

THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
by Ken Thompson

In its present capacity, the Education Committee coordinates all activities associated with CFFA's Fly Fishing School, Fly Tying School and the Advanced Fly Tying School. Although the committee was officially organized in 1975, the club has been conducting schools since 1973.

That year, primarily through the efforts of Ken Parkany, CFFA began the first fly fishing school in the state. The following year, the

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A Quill and a Flyrod



by Don Johnston

CFFA's motto, "Organized to Preserve and Promote the Pleasures and Traditions of Fly Fishing and to Conserve Game-Fish Waters" encompasses an enormous task. We've set our goals high because we have a strong club.

Ken Parkany has just returned from Jackson, Wyoming, where he represented CFFA at the National Federation of Fly Fishermen (FFF) conclave. He reports that he was besieged by dozens of other clubs from throughout the nation, asking how we accomplished the many achievements we've mastered in the past few years.

Our committee chairmen are charged the responsibility of organizing and leading our efforts in education and conservation, along with fund raising, program, publicity, membership, and indoor facilities. But our committee chairmen cannot do the work alone. It has to be a team effort.

On page 1 of this issue, we've begun a new series, "Committee Report". Each month, a different committee chairmen will present an insite into his committee, what it is responsible for, past accomplishments, current projects, and future plans.

Why are we doing this? Because CFFA is not a club for members. It is a club with members. As one of the largest and most successful fly fishing clubs in the nation, we have a wide spectrum of projects and duties to accomplish. You can help. Sign up for a committee at the October 12th membership meeting.

Speaking of work, don't forget the Farmington River clean-up on October 9th. Look for details elsewhere in this issue of
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* May. Meetings are held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 500 *
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Conservation Notebook

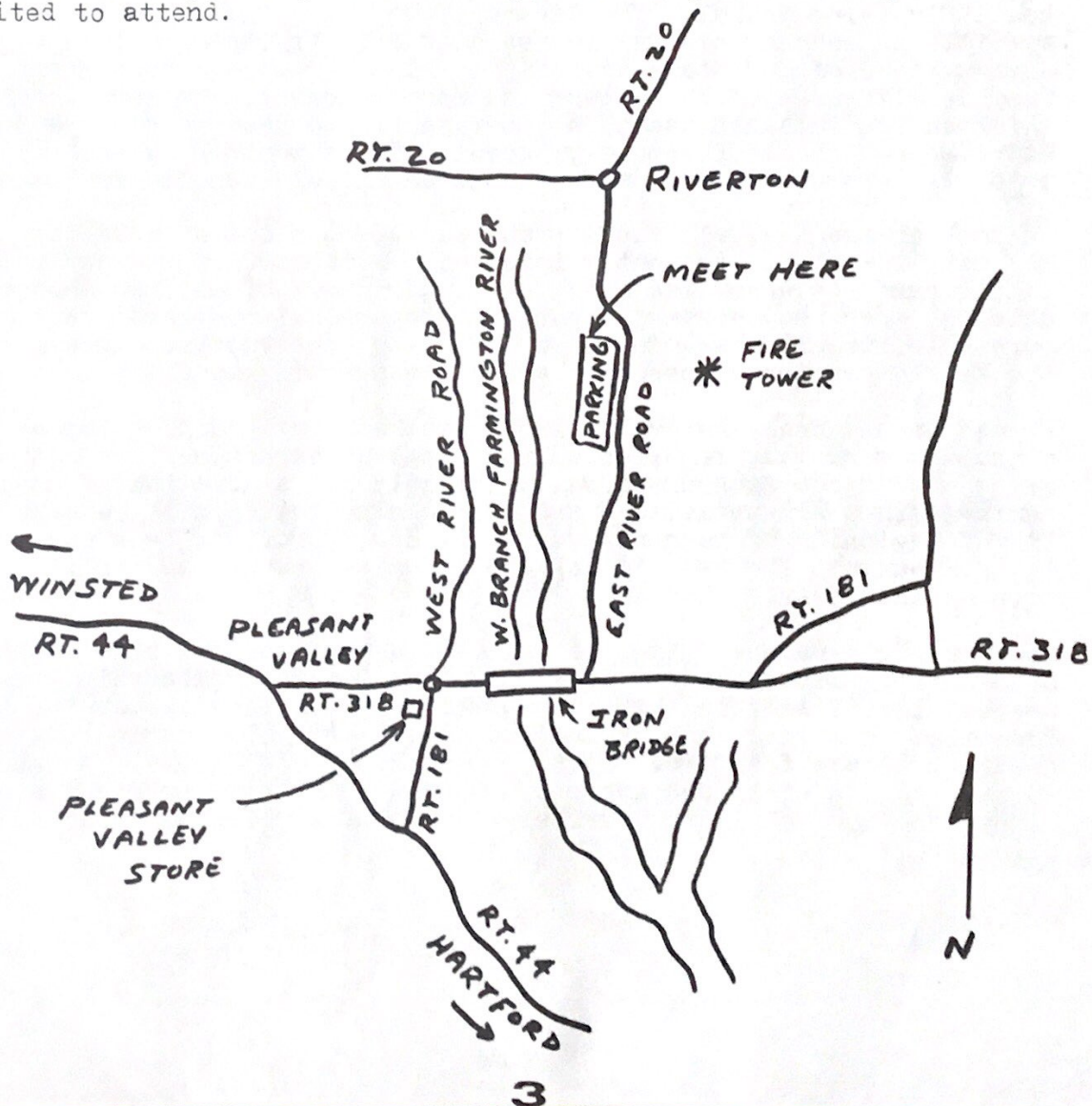
by Al Dixon

The Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Association, in cooperation with the Town of Hartland, the Town of Barkhamstead, the Department of Environmental Protection, Trout Unlimited, and the Farmington River Angler's Association, is conducting its annual Farmington River clean-up, Sunday, October 9th.

We will meet at the large parking area, almost directly across from the fire tower on East River Road in People's Forest (see map below). The meeting is set for 9 a.m., with a rain date of October 16th. Refreshments will be available.

Vern Nyquist has asked that all members attend this clean-up so that it can be made a huge success. Bring a friend, or a relative, your wife or husband, a son or a daughter. Also bring rakes, long handled nets, or anything that can be used to snare or grapple trash from the river.

The Conservation Committee will hold its October meeting at the East Hartford Library at 8 p.m. on Monday, October 31st. Everyone is invited to attend.



Committee Report

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fly tying schools were spawned under the direction of Myron Schulman and Mark Phillippe. Due to the overwhelming success of these programs the Education Committee was established with Mark as its director. I assumed the post in the spring of this year.

Since their inception, the schools have produced many hundreds of satisfied graduates. I have personally attended the Fly Fishing School and the Fly Tying School, and can honestly say there is no better way to begin to learn this fascinating sport.

The classes are informal, and cover the basics of all aspects important to the beginner and neophyte. In addition to the obvious educational benefits to the students, all personnel associated with the schools over the years have benefitted tremendously in a variety of ways. Ask them, they'll tell you! Also, these three programs contribute substantially to the general fund raising of CFFA.

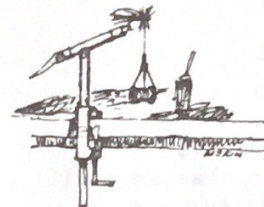
For the future, we plan to continue both the Fly Fishing School and the basic Fly Tying School. The Advanced Fly Tying classes might be changed a little to concentrate on new techniques in fly tying. This might attract some of you "seasoned" fly tyers as well as others who wish to keep up with some of the latest and most successful patterns. We also think enough interest has been generated for a need to start a Salt Water School and an Entomology School. These would be great additions to our program, and many of you could and should benefit from them.

As you can imagine, all these plans add up to a lot of work for just the very few people presently involved. With more of you actively taking part, (thereby lessening the load on all of us), we should be able to carry out our very important educational programs. Without more help, we all stand to loose. Proper, constructive education is the key to greater success and added pleasure in fly fishing.

Please do not feel that you will be "sucked" into doing a lot of time consuming work that requires a great deal of expertise. At most, it might mean a couple hours a week, but only for a duration of about two months, since all activities associated with this committee take place in the beginning of each new year. It could prove to be a good primer to get you into the "spirit" of the upcoming season, as was the case with me last year.

Now that I've made my pitch, I will ask any of you who might wish to help out to please contact me at the next general membership meeting, October 12. I will be there to answer any questions pertaining to the Education Committee and its various activities. If unable to attend the meeting, please feel free to call me at home. (267-2059) We are looking forward to the continued success and growth in this important area of education, and only with your help can we accomplish our goals. Come join us!

Under the Tyer's Lamp



Leo R. Leggitt

Mark S. Leggitt

PORTABLE STORAGE CABINET

Most of us fly-tying fishermen who are actively engaged in the hobby of creating our flies and lures soon find that we have collected an enormous quantity of materials consisting of fur pieces, feathered skins and animal tails as well as a varied assortment of natural and synthetic yarns, flosses, chenilles, tinsels, spools of threads, hanks of this and packets of that, glues & cements, paints & enamels and a conglomeration of tools such as tying-vises, thread bobbins, pliers, hackle guards, whip-finishers, bodkins and scissors along with boxes and boxes of hooks in all sizes and shapes.

It soon becomes a problem to not only locate some particular item when desired but also to find suitable storage space to keep this accumulated inventory of treasures from getting lost and eventually ending up in the trash barrel. Perhaps you have made an honest attempt to do something about this dilemma, even to the extent of confiscating the wife's or mother's sewing box or plastic shoe boxes or perhaps some empty cigar boxes to store your hoard in. We too, have had this experience and a couple of years ago undertook to arrive at a solution by designing and making a simple storage cabinet to contain much of the aforementioned paraphernalia.

The portable storage cabinet we are presenting this month is a refinement of that original design which to-date has had adequate usage and has proven to be quite satisfactory for its intended purpose. It is a functional cabinet, not fancy and easy to build with the use of a table-saw and some amateur wood-working ability. It's large enough to hold a great amount of material, but still not to big as to be cumbersome when taken to a fly-tying class or with you on a vacation fishing trip. Standard construction material thicknesses and elementary hardware have been specified to keep the cost low and insure easy availability. Hopefully, between the drawings, the text and the bill-of-material all information required to construct this project will be presented.

Basically, this cabinet consists of three open-sided boxes hinged together at the sides with the two smaller boxes (item #2) forming the doors to the larger box (item #1) when closed, refer to FIG I. Each box has rails fore and aft along the inside of its two sides which form supports and guides for the removable slide-in storage trays. The four top trays in each box are the same size and the space in the large box below the trays is storage for bulkier items such as the vise and lamp. There is one large drawer at the bottom in the side boxes. A carrying handle (item #5) is attached at the center on the forward edge of the large box and a closure latch or clasp (item #4) will be necessary between the door boxes to keep them from swinging open when transporting the cabinet.

The sides, top and bottom of the three boxes are made of 1/2 inch material and the back is 1/4 inch thick. All joints are to be glued together and may be held by finishing nails while the glue is drying. White glue such as ELMERS is quite satisfactory for use in this cabinet. The rails for the trays in all boxes are 1/4 x 1/4 square and are glued to the box sides where shown. All storage trays are of the same construction; bottom, sides and ends all made of 1/4 thick material glued together. Small brads may be used to hold joints while

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the glue is drying. Trays are designed to be 1/8 inch less in height and width so clearance will exist between tray and provided space when moderate construction tolerances are used. The difference between tray and box depth is 1/4 inch, which allows space for the pull knobs, which can be made of the 1/4 x 1/4 rail material. If knob location on small and large trays are not in-line when doors are closed, even larger pull knobs can be used. Fir plywood, grade A-C, may be used for constructing this cabinet; it is easily obtained and quite satisfactory, but any other wood or plywood could be used. Finish is optional.

Two small butt-hinges per side, 2 x 1 inch. (item #3), is used for connecting the boxes or a continuous piano-type hinge may be used by cutting the 30 or 48 inch available sizes (STANLEY) to lengths of approximately 12 inches. Any type carrying handle (item #5) is suitable as long as it is strong enough to support the loaded cabinet. Some type of hardware (item #4) for retaining box doors may be obtained by consulting your local hardware dealer as there are many types available.

Here is a complete list of quantity and dimensions for all wooden parts in the cabinet:

ITEM	UNITS	SIZE	ITEM	UNITS	SIZE
#6	2	1/2 x 5 1/4 x 20	#14	8	1/4 x 1 5/8 x 4 1/2
#7	2	1/2 x 5 1/4 x 13	#15	4	1/4 x 4 1/2 x 18 7/8
#8	1	1/4 x 14 x 20	#16	8	1/4 x 1 7/8 x 18 7/8
#9	8	1/4 x 1/4 x 5 1/4	#17	16	1/4 x 1 5/8 x 3 1/2
#10	4	1/2 x 4 1/4 x 10	#18	8	1/4 x 3 1/2 x 8 7/8
#11	4	1/2 x 4 1/4 x 13	#19	16	1/4 x 1 7/8 x 8 7/8
#12	2	1/4 x 10 x 14	#20	4	1/4 x 3 5/8 x 3 1/2
#13	16	1/4 x 1/4 x 4 1/4	#21	2	1/4 x 3 1/2 x 8 7/8
			#22	4	1/4 x 3 7/8 x 8 7/8

We hope that the above description will enable those who so desire to build or have built for them a satisfactory portable storage cabinet. If your requirements dictate larger or smaller storage spaces than provided here-- the same construction practices may be employed to provide them, even different sizes and/or arrangements of trays could be incorporated.

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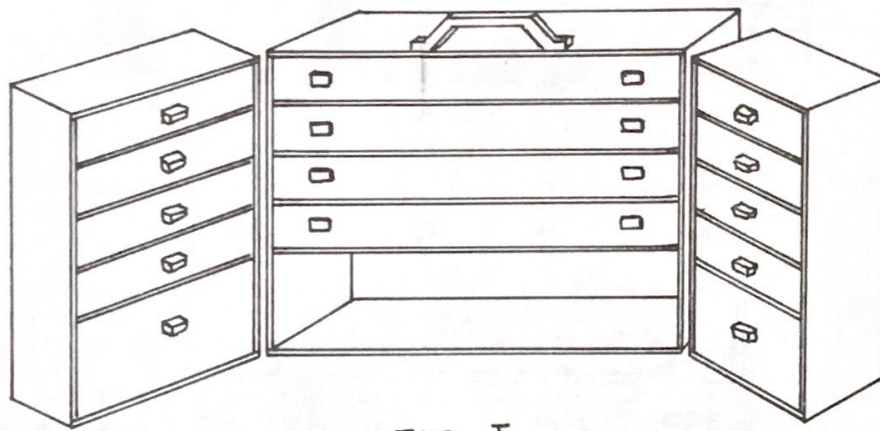


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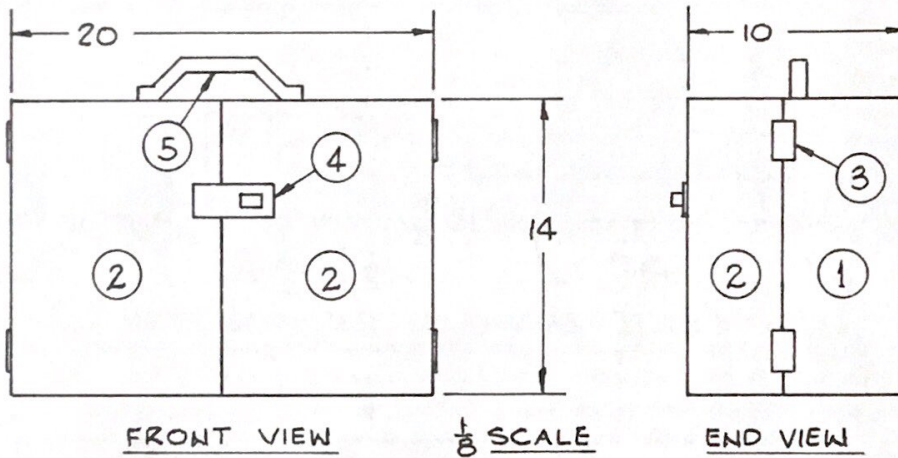


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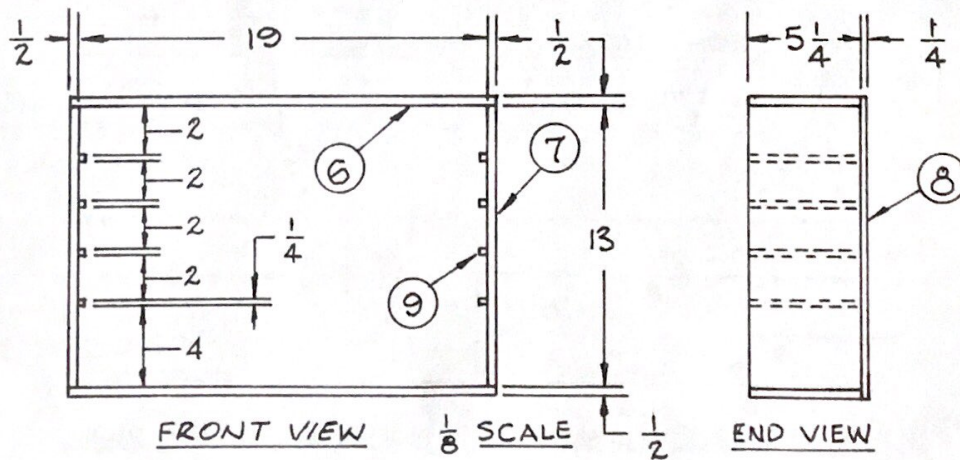


FIG. III DETAIL OF ITEM ①

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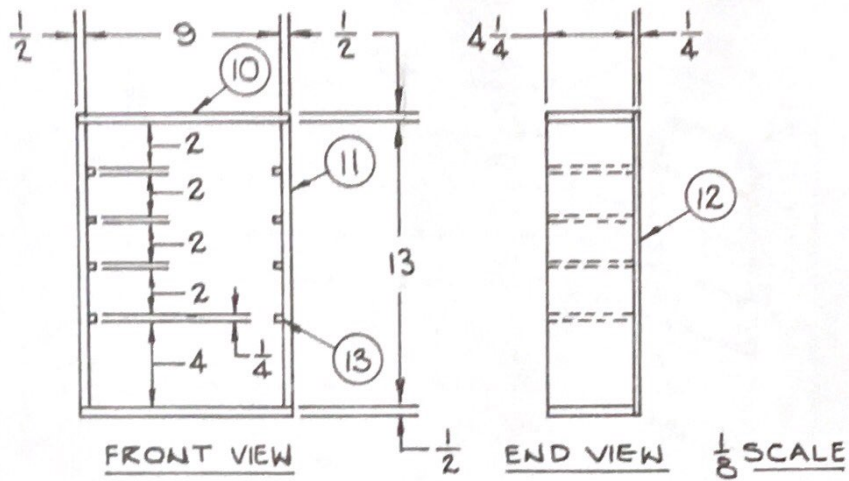


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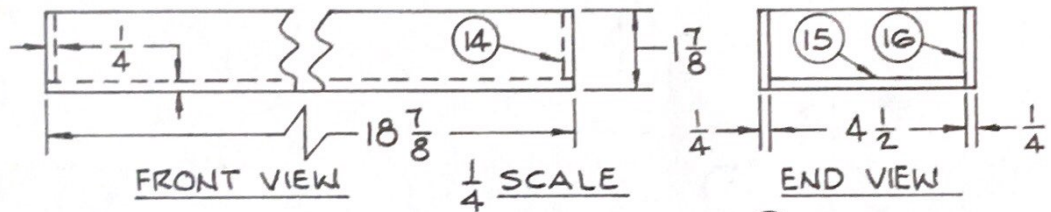


FIG. V DETAIL OF TRAY FOR ITEM ① - 4 REQ'D

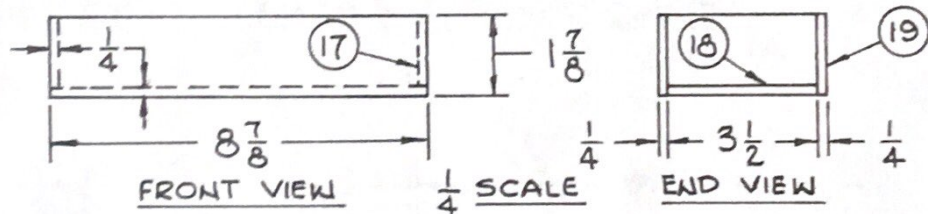


FIG. VI DETAIL OF TRAY FOR ITEM ② - 8 REQ'D

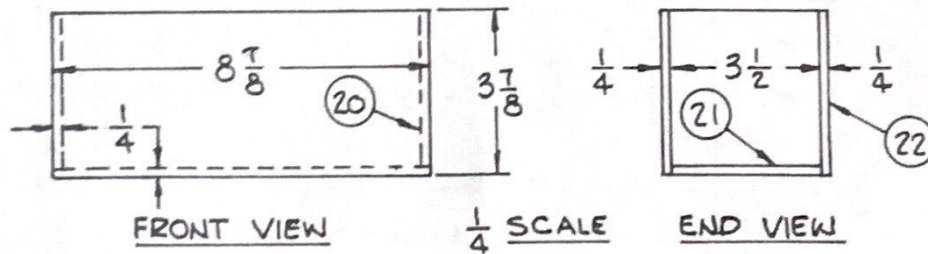


FIG. VII DETAIL OF DRAWER FOR ITEM ② - 2 REQ'D



CONNECTICUT FLY FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

DIRECTOR'S MEETING

September 7, 1977 Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 8:35 p.m. at Blast & Cast Club. Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as read.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Ted Barbieri, Joe D'Addario, Al Dixon, John Kowalski Vern Nyquist, Billy Dailey, and Bob Lester.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The balance as of 8-31-77 was \$4,902.50 Report was accepted as read.

SPECIAL GUEST: Ed Ertel of Eastern Council CFFA.

EASTERN COUNCIL OF CFFA: Arrangements being made with Town of Mansfield to use Mansfield Middle School for its meeting.

CONSERVATION: A work outing is set for the Willi on September 11 to install deflectors.

INDOOR FACILITIES: Report made that K of C was not notified of no summer meetings. Bob Frank reported he did call K of C

FUND RAISING: Discussed under new business.

LEGISLATIVE: Bentston Amendment was defeated, following CFFA's telegrams to Senator's Ribicoff and Weiker. Roaring Brook relocation was started, stopped, started and stopped again. No action has been taken on PCB's in Housatonic. The last check showed approximately 3700 fingerling Montana trout.

PROGRAM: Still shopping for a projector. Bampton and Wilde will be at October meeting. Ken Parkany will also report of FFF conclave.

MEMBERSHIP: No new members. New brochures being printed.

PUBLICITY: Summer has been slow. Publicity will go out on Hunting and Fishing Day and Farmington River Clean-up.

EDUCATION: No Report.

UN-FINISHED BUSINESS: Written report handed out on Fund Raising. Legal aspect to be checked. Directors are requested to review report and discuss at next Board meeting. Ken Parkany reported a great educational benefit from the FFF conclave. He was also besieged by many smaller clubs for tips on CFFA's success.

NEW BUSINESS: Attendance policy for Board members discussed. A Board member who is absent for three consecutive meetings is subject to automatic suspension. If a Board member must be absent, please notify the President or arrange for a substitute.

NEXT DIRECTOR'S MEETING: October 5, 1977 at Blast & Cast.

Dinner Hosts: Bob Anderson
Al Dixon
Ken Coppinger

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald W. Johnston

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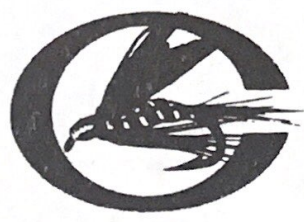
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OCTOBER 1977 CALENDAR

- October 5 Board of Director's Meeting
- October 9 Farmington River Clean-Up, see page 3
- October 12 CFFA Membership Meeting, see page 1
- October 15 Deadline for LINES AND LEADERS
- October 16 Raindate for Farmington River Clean-Up
- October 31 Conservation Committee Meeting, see page 3

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