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Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Association

Meeting Notice

The December meeting of the Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Association will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 500 Bloomfield Avenue, Windsor, Connecticut in the downstairs meeting room on Wednesday, December 12, 1979, at 7:30 P.M.

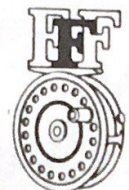
This month's program features the FFF film The Kings River Story as well as a slide show of good stream management. The program should give us ideas which we can apply to further improve the fishing in the Willimantic, our own reclamation story.

Random Casts

The annual CFFA Banquet will be held on February 9, 1980, with speaker Dave Whitlock. There will be a special program for the ladies--please feel free to bring your spouse or a guest. Members wishing to donate prizes should contact Elmer Latham. See page 7 for complete details.

Its time to renew your CFFA membership and sign up for the CFFA Fly Tying School. Either or both of these would make a great present.

'An active member club of the Federation of Fly Fishermen'



THE CORNER POOL

Ed Fidrych

Larry Johnson

The Christmas Holidays are upon us--we find ourselves at the end of one fishing season and the beginning of another. The coming activities of our club reflect this time of the year. Our annual banquet provides a time for joining together to discuss the past season and to plan for the season ahead. The fly tying school announced in this issue of Lines and Leaders, and the fly fishing school to be announced later on, offer opportunities for self-improvement and for helping others to enjoy fly fishing more fully. We urge you to support and participate in these CFFA activities.

With the publication of this issue of "LINES and LEADERS" we feel that we have solved the operational problems of assembling, printing and mailing the newsletter, and can spend more time worrying about its content. Several members have already promised to provide articles for future issues, and we hope that more of you will contribute articles, or suggestions for articles, that you have been thinking about.

Finally, on behalf of CFFA and Lines and Leaders, we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Notes from Eastern Council of CFFA

The January program will feature a film entitled Black Top Yellow Bulldozers and Brown Trout. As of this printing, the exact content of the film is not known; however, by the title, we assume the film relates to the effects of (highway) construction on the Brown Trout. This might be a very enlightening film to those of us who might be effected by the proposed construction of I-84 from Bolton to Willimantic.

Eastern Council will be teaching a beginners' fly tying class sometime in March 1980. Be on the lookout for the exact details in the January issue of Lines and Leaders.

Nov. 28	Dec	Jan 23	Feb. 27	Mar. 22
Low Tabory "Knots"	No Meeting Happy Holidays	"Film Black Top Yellow Bull- dozers and Brown Trout"	Pete Minta "Atlantic Salmon Conn. River" *Tentative	Eastern Council Tag Sale

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

Please check all appropriate boxes, print required information, and forward with check made out to "C. F. F. A."

Name _____ Home Phone _____
Address _____ Business Phone _____
City _____ State _____ Zip # _____
Occupation _____

Important: Learned of C.F.F.A. thru: (Check one) C.F.F.A. Member _____ (name)
 Newspaper Other (specify) _____
 Check if you will usually attend Eastern Council - C.F.F.A. meetings

ANNUAL DUES: (Check one)

- Junior (under 16) \$ 3.00 Supporting \$20.00
- Regular \$10.00 Contributing \$50.00
- Family \$12.50 Life \$100.00 or more

If Family Membership, please list names of family members who desire membership cards _____

Also, please select one or more of the Committees listed below to which you could appropriate some time and apply your talent:

- Conservation - Stream improvement, conservation education, special projects.
- Jeremy's - Maintain fishing census records and insect collection
- Outdoor Facilities - Maintain rearing pool and secure private waters
- Legislative - Represent CFFA interests to state and local governments
- Program - Provide entertaining and educational programs for regular and special meetings
- Indoor Facilities - Maintain and arrange for meeting places
- Membership - Solicit members, maintain lists and other related tasks
- Publicity - Plan and execute public relations and advertising
- Fund Raising - Plan and execute programs to enhance club treasury

Mail application and check to:

CFFA Membership Chairman
P.O. Box 18365
East Hartford, CT 06118

CONNECTICUT FLY FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Fly Tying School

CLASSES: There will be six lessons. Classes will meet on the following Friday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Raymond Hall Library basement next to the Post Office, Main Street, East Hartford, Connecticut.

NO.	DATE	SUBJECT
1	1/04/80	<u>Bucktails:</u> #8 Dark Edson Tiger; #8 Black-nose Dace
2	1/11/80	<u>Streamers:</u> #8 Black Ghost; #8 Black Marabou
3	1/18/80	<u>Wet Flies:</u> #10 Picket Pin; #10 Black Gnat; #12 Dk. Cahill
4	1/25/80	<u>Nymphs:</u> #10 Scraggley; #12 Dark Stenonema
5	2/01/80	<u>Dry Flies:</u> #14 Dun Variant; #14 Blue Dun
6	2/08/80	<u>Dry Flies:</u> #14 Adams; #16 Light Cahill
	2/15/80	SNOW DAY
	2/22/80	SNOW DAY

EQUIPMENT: All necessary hooks and materials will be furnished. Students must supply their own vise, bobbin, thread, scissors, etc. It is suggested that each tyer bring a portable lamp.

INSTRUCTORS: In addition to the main instructors, several expert tyers will be on hand to assist students.

CLASS SIZE: Limited to the first 25 people submitting applications.

TUITION: \$20.00

CFFA FTS Enrollment Application

DATE _____

Please print required information, check appropriate boxes, forward the tuition and a self-addressed stamped envelope, and mail to: John Cannata, Registrar, 19 Grande Road, East Hartford, Connecticut 06118.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

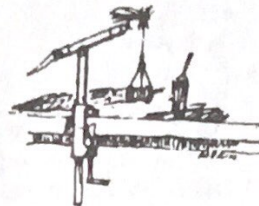
STREET _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

CFFA MEMBER _____ NON-MEMBER _____

Have you had prior tying experience? Yes ___ NO ___
A note of acknowledgement will be sent to all applicants.

For additional information contact Gary Bogli, Director, Elizabeth Drive, Manchester, Connecticut 06424. Phone: 649-4227

Under the Tyer's Lamp



Leo R. Leggitt

Mark S. Leggitt

Mighty Mystery Midge

The water was the lowest that it had been in 10 years. Most of the Beaverkill regulars hadn't seen anything like it before. Favorite runs were gone. Eddies had dried up. Feeder streams were empty beds of sun bleached stones and rocks. Only the deepest pools required waders; hipsters or sneakers and long pants were the order of the day.

The trout were different too. Runs that gave openly of their riches during the spring Stenonema hatches now produced only small dace and an occasional river smallmouth. Oh, but the trout were still in the river. Few had left. And the young boys who had found the spring holes knew their whereabouts. Dozens in a hole. Sometimes hundreds. Yearlings to 6 pounders, side by side in the coolness. You could see them with Polaroids.

Despite the drought, the hatches survived. And in the mornings if it were cool enough, there would be a good rise of trout. First to the hatching Tricorythodes duns. Then to the Chironomid midge pupa. Later, to the spectacle of the spent Trico spinners.

The trout fed heavily on this tiny but ample fare. And because of the length of the activities, some very fine fish came out of the depths of Cairns pool to feed at its head waters. Not only the 12 to 14 inch regulars, but 2 or 3 good fish; 16 to 18 inches long and heavy. These would give an angler using conventional tackle a workout. It's hard to imagine what would happen with my 2 weight rod and 8X tippet.

Dad and I fished these hatches. And we did pretty well too. 3 to 5 fish landed in a morning. That's landed fish. There were 3 hooked fish for every one landed. And 5 strikes for every hooked fish. That's an awful lot of action in just a few short morning hours. It's a shame our sense of striking was off the way it was.

We used a variety of tiny flies, sized from 20 to 28. Surprisingly, only one produced with any kind of lasting success. It didn't exactly match any of the hatches on the water. But it was suggestive of many. It didn't have a name that I knew of, and few trout had seen it before. Ken Parkany had shown me an example of one year before claiming that it was a killer on the Beaverkill. Dad and I sure do agree.

If fishing the hatches that can't be seen interests you, be sure to give this fly a try. It's easy to tie, easy to see on the water, and easy to cast. The perfect combination.

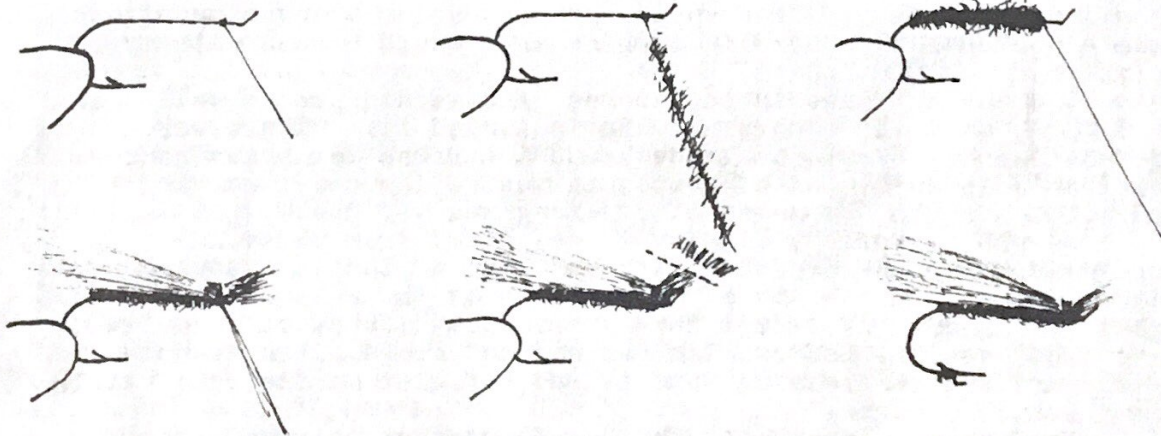
Construction

1. Place a number 20 to 28 Mustad #94842 up eye or #94859 ring eye hook in your midge vise.
2. Tie in your favorite midge thread. The best is Engerbretson's

Ultra Midge, which is a white colored 18/0 fine diametered thread. It will tie well, is strong for it's small size (.002) and can be tinted any color with a marking pen if desired.

3. Wax the thread and spin on a pinch of super fine poly dubbing. Fly Rite or Leonards are two of the finest. The original pattern calls for a light olive green body. We've changed this to black to match the predominate midge body colors where we fish and to imitate the Trico dun's colors. Try to keep the body slim and finish it just in back of the hook eye.
4. Select a small bunch of grey or white deer hair for the wing. This hair should be the super fine, small diameter solid hair located either on the legs or the snout portion of the mask. Keep the bunch small and the tips even. Hold the bunch between your left thumb and forefinger so that the tips extend slightly beyond the bend of the hook. Tie the bunch to the hook wrapping only at the head. Use several wraps and place a drop of cement on them when finished.
5. Lift up the butts of the deer hair wing and wrap a few turns in front of them. This will create a small head and help to hold the butts out of the hook eye.
6. Trim the butts off, leaving a little flair. Tie off the head and place a tiny drop of cement on it.

That's it. Simple. Super. We like the white deer hair wing because you can see it at greater distances and it doesn't seem to scare the majority of the fish. On bright days though, the grey hair would be advised.



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