



# LINES AND LEADERS

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Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Association

## Meeting Notice

The January meeting of the Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Association will be held at the Holiday Inn, Roberts Street, East Hartford, Conn., on Wednesday, January 9, 1980 at 7:30 p.m. (Silver Lane-Roberts Street exit off I-84).

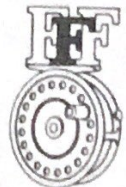
The meeting features the film The Aura of Salmo Salar narrated by Don Leydon. Prior to the meeting several members will be on hand to demonstrate fly tying.

## Annual Banquet

The annual CFFA Banquet will be held on Saturday, February 9, 1980 with speaker Dave Whitlock, who will present a program on Midge Fishing. Joanne Whitlock will present a special program for the ladies--please feel free to bring your spouse or a guest. Members wishing to donate prizes for the Conservation Drawing should contact Elmer Latham.

See page 7 for complete details.

An active member club of the Federation of Fly Fishermen



# Random Casts

## NEW MEETING LOCATION

CFFA will no longer be holding its monthly meetings in the Knights of Columbus Hall in Windsor. Starting with the January meeting, all regular monthly meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn in East Hartford. Take the Silver Lane-Roberts Street Exit off of I-84.

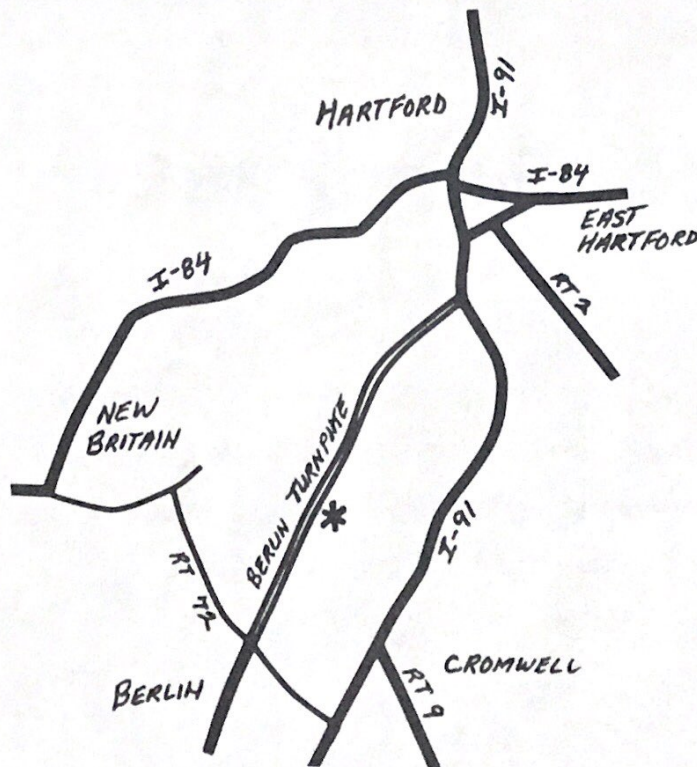
## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership renewals are due this month. If you have not already renewed your membership for 1980, you can use the form included in December's LINES and LEADERS or pick up a copy of the form at the January meeting.

## CFFA Fly Tying School

Fly tying classes will begin on Friday, January 4, 1980 and continue on Friday evenings for six weeks. Classes will meet at 7 p.m. in the Raymond Hall Library basement next to the Post Office, Main Street, East Hartford, Connecticut. The class will be limited to the first 25 persons applying. Interested persons who have not already applied should contact Gary Bogli, Director, Elizabeth Drive, Manchester, Conn. 06424. Phone: 649-4227.

# Banquet Directions



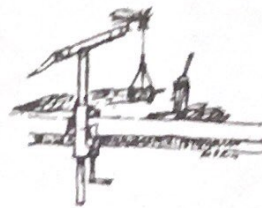
The 10th annual CFFA Banquet will be held at the former Grantmoor Hotel (now the Sphinx Temple) located adjacent to Two Guys Department Store on the northbound lane of the Berlin Turnpike in Newington.

From Hartford: Take I-91 south to the Rt. 15-Berlin Turnpike exit. Travel south on the Turnpike approximately 5.8 miles. Two Guys and a Grantmoor sign will be seen on the other side of the road. Make a U-turn at the next light and drive into the Grantmoor entrance.

From Berlin: Traveling north on the Berlin Turnpike from Berlin, the Grantmoor will be on your right, just past Two Guys, approximately 2.8 miles north of the Rt. 72 junction.

# Under the Tyer's Lamp

Leo R. Leggitt



Mark S. Leggitt

## Fuzzy Stonefly Nymph

The cold rain slapped down against my rain parka and misted my glasses into a fog. It was high noon on what should be one of the hottest days of the year in this state and yet I was near shivering despite my long underwear and wool shirt. But, it was clearing.

The pool that I had chosen was narrow yet deep; the ledge-rock shallows layering off to green sunken depths strewn with boulders that could harbor the legendary trout that this river is famous for. The water moved swiftly through the pool's throat and center sections slowing finally as the tail waters shallowed. The roar of the highway on the hill above was lost in the volume of the headwaters. It was a magnificent piece of water.

Recent screening samples had shown a proliferation of stonefly nymphs in the broken waters above the pool. Representatives of the *Taeniopteryx*, *Acroneuria*, and *Perla genrae* were found in both the immature and mature cycles of their lives. To best imitate this cross section, I chose a Fuzzy Stonefly Nymph from my flybooks and knotted it on. The fly was a large one, size 8 6X long and heavily weighted. This fished best on a .009 nylon tippet, 40 inches long, ahead of a high-density sink-belly line. This combination threw well with the 7 weight, slow action rod that I had come to favor for big fish.

I began fishing at the head of the pool, casting tight into the calmer backwaters, giving slack, and letting the fly swim deeply along the boulders as the line tightened up. There was little action in the first 20 yards.

By the time the pool's mid-point was reached, the sun had broken through and the rain stopped. The intensity of my fishing had relaxed and I slipped back the hood of the rain jacket to enjoy the sun and dry my face.

WHAM!... ZZZEEEEEEEE..... The rod jolted and bent under the weight of a heavy run. I was caught by surprise but reacted quickly. Lifting the rod high to clear boulders, I sidestepped out of the mainstream and into the quieter shallows. Cold hands trembled and my heart pounded wildly as I moved. The surroundings were a blur. 80 feet downstream she rolled on the surface, a trout as thick as a slab of firewood and near well as heavy. She rolled again and then sounded, leaving a foaming wake on the surface. I saw the hints of the reel's backing.

Suddenly, I felt my left foot sliding. Even the best felts wouldn't help, having put all of my weight on a slanted, moss covered slab of granite. My knee buckled as I went down and the line went limp. I had lost my treasure and much of my pride. But, I would be back.

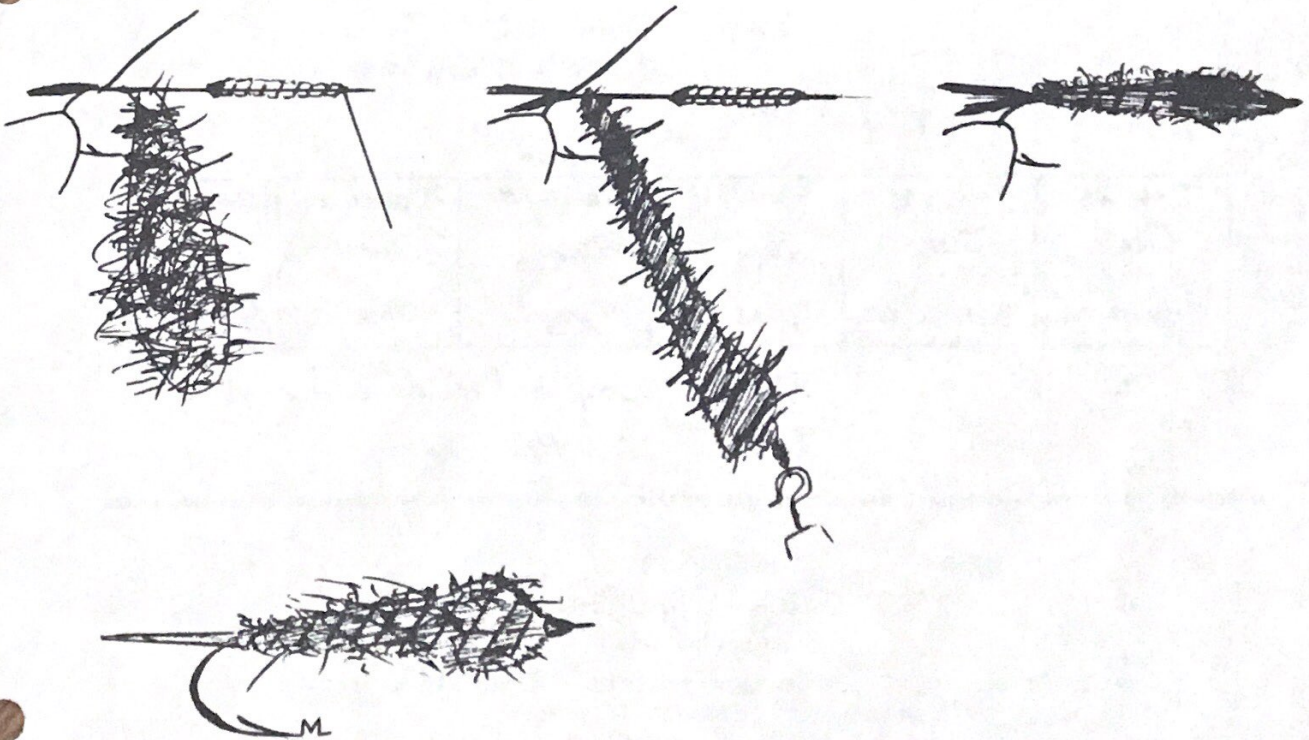
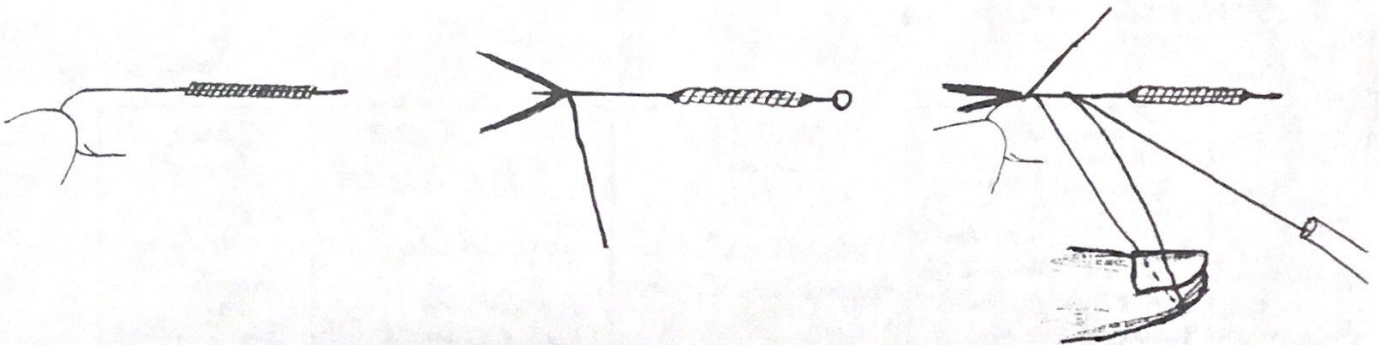
The Fuzzy Stonefly Nymph will be one of the easiest flies to tie that you will try. Very few materials are needed, little time or effort are required to turn out deadly imitations. Give this fly a go if you fish in rivers that have populations of the giant stoneflies. You'll love the results.

#### Construction

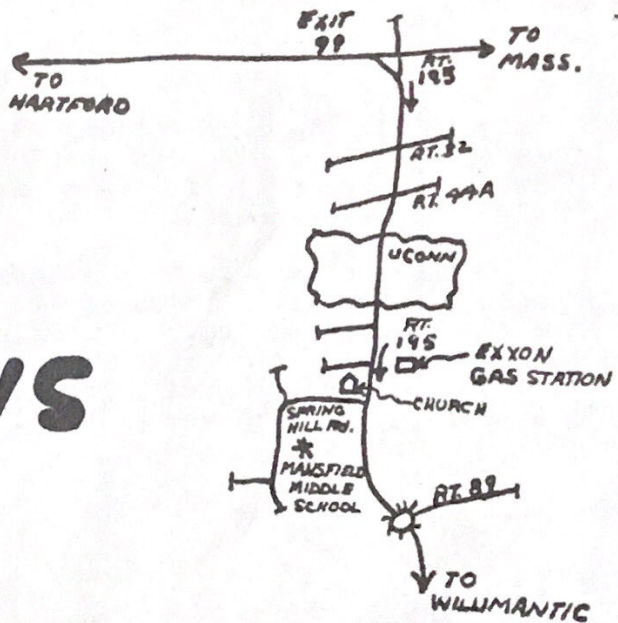
1. Place a Mustad #36620 6X long ring-eye hook in the vise. Gently straighten the bend out so that it is no longer offset. Sizes of #10 to #4 are best. (This hook is the Thunder Creek hook).
2. Wrap, in close turns, 8 to 25 turns of .015 lead wire onto the mid and forward portions of the hook. Tie in your thread (black Monocord is best) and wrap it back and forth over the lead to keep it anchored. Build up small tapered 'dams' at the ends of the lead. Coat the assembly with cement.
3. Tie in an opposite pair of feather barbules from the leading edge of the goose primary flight quill. These are short, quickly tapered fibers which look very much like stonefly tails. Try to have the natural fiber curve away from the hook when viewed from above. Tie in a 3" piece of heavy ribbing cord at this point and cement the thread.
4. Form a spinning loop. Place your left finger 4" from and below the hook, draw the tying thread down to the finger, go around it and back up to the hook. Wrap the thread back on itself (towards the bend) to secure the loop. Wax the finished loop well with Wonder Wax and wind the main thread forward to the hook eye.
5. Stuff the loop with dubbing. Try to taper in the amount as illustrated and pack as tightly as possible using your dubbing needle to maneuver the guard hairs and fibers. The blend of fur we use consists of Brown Seal and Dark Grey Wool, but the list of blends are up to the tyer. Try different combinations.  
Holding the loop open for stuffing can be done in several ways of which only one is easy. Most tyers put 2 fingers in the bottom of the loop while stuffing and then reduce this to 1 finger as the loop becomes full. Next month we'll describe and give directions for building a tool which will revolutionize your dubbing loops and let you use 2 hands to work with.
6. Spin the loop to braid the threads together and form your dubbing rope. This can be done by suspending hackle pliers from the end of the loop or with a commercially available dubbing loop twister.
7. Wind the body and thorax, tapering the abdomen as possible and building a heavy thorax. Tie off the dubbing rope at the head of the fly and rib the entire body in well spaced turns. Tie off the ribbing thread and wrap a head with monocord. Tie this off and cement.

8. Trim the fly top and bottom to form a flattened back and underside. Then pick out the fur along the sides and especially in the thorax area to give a shaggy, fuzzy appearance. The fly is now finished.

Because of the dubbing's looseness in this type of fly, it will pick up air bubbles as it is fished and will look quite like the natural in the water. This is especially true when the fly is fished in the faster flows where the naturals are found. The fly's construction will be made infinitely easier by use of the dubbing loop tool which we will present next month. Watch for it.



# EASTERN COUNCIL CFFA NEWS



## Monthly Programs

Jan. 23 Wed. Joe Goyette Conn. Dept. of Transp. (DOT) Film entitled "Black Top - Yellow Bulldozers & Brown Trout"	Feb. 27 Wed. Pete Minta Atlantic Salmon Restoration Conn. River	March 22 Sat. - 10AM Tag Sale Rockville Fish & Game Club	April 16 Wed. Lou Tabory Knots or Fly Casting
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Place: Mansfield Middle School

Time: 7:00 PM Fly Tying  
8:00 PM Main Program

## Beginners Fly Tying Classes

Feb-26 Tues. 'Streamers'	March 4 Tues. 'Bucktails'	March 11 Tues. 'wet'	March 18 Tues. 'Nymphs'	March 25 Tues. 'Dry'	April 1 Tues. 'General'
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Place: Mansfield Middle School

Time: 7:00 PM

## Custom Fly Rods

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CFFA 10th ANNUAL BANQUET

On February 9, 1980, CFFA will be holding their 10th annual banquet. Our guest speaker this year will be Mr. Dave Whitlock. While Mr. Whitlock is entertaining the men with his program, we are planning another program for the ladies. Watch for further details for our ladies program in our next newsletter.

The banquet this year will be held at the Grant Moor Hotel on the Berlin Turnpike. Your choice of dinners this year will be baked stuffed shrimp or roast prime ribs of beef. Included with the meal will be fruit cup, shells and meat sauce, tossed salad, baked potato, green beans, rolls and butter, coffee or tea, and nut roll cake.

As you can see, your banquet committee has been hard at work to provide you with an evening of entertainment and would you believe we're doing all of this for \$12.00 per person? (This is the same price as last years banquet). Last but not least we will also be having our conservation drawing that evening.

So come on gang, fill out the reservation form and mail it as soon as possible. Your banquet committee is looking forward to seeing each and everyone of you there.

Anyone wishing to donate prizes for our drawing may contact: Elmer Latham 742-6584. All prizes will be greatly appreciated.

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DINNER RESERVATION

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I will require reservations for \_\_\_\_\_ persons at \$12.00 per person.  
Check or Money Order in amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.  
(Make payable to "CFFA")

Mail Reservation form to: NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Joe D'Addario, Jr. ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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East Hartford, CT 06118

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\_\_\_\_ Prime Ribs of Beef

January 1980 Calendar

- January 2 Board of Director's Meeting
- 4 Fly Tying School-First Class
- 9 CFFA January Meeting
- 10 Deadline for Lines and Leaders
- 11 Fly Tying School-Second Class
- 18 Fly Tying School-Third Class
- 23 Eastern Council Meeting
- 25 Fly Tying School-Fourth Class

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Coming Events

- February 1 Fly Tying School-Fifth Class
- 2,3 Sports World Show-Hartford Civic Center
- 6 Board of Director's Meeting
- 8 Fly Tying School-Final Class
- 9 Annual CFFA Banquet-Dave Whitlock
- 26 Eastern Council Fly Tying-First Class
- 27 Eastern Council Meeting

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