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Program: Fishing Lake Ontario
Place: Veterans' Memorial Clubhouse, Sunset Ridge Rd.,
East Hartford, Connecticut.
When: Wednesday, November 13, 1985
Time: Fly Tying--7:00 P.M.
Program --7:30 P.M.

Our speaker this month will be Fran Verdolina, who will present a program on how to fish Lake Ontario. This will include what to use and how to use it.

Several fly tyers will be present before the meeting to demonstrate patterns and techniques.

CFFA Survey Results

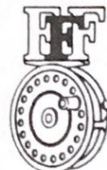
The written comments from the surveys have been printed and will be available at the November meeting. All comments on a specific topic will be on the same page of the report, so you will easily be able to see the range of member opinions. Your Board of Directors will be using these comments to determine next year's programs and activities, so let them know if you strongly agree or disagree with any of the suggestions made.

Material Needed For Newsletter

Most of the survey respondents wanted more new material on Connecticut and New England fishing locations, experiences, patterns and techniques. This cannot happen unless YOU, the members, write articles about what you have been doing this past fishing season. Many of you have had interesting fresh and salt water experiences this season, and some have been fortunate to go out west, to England and other places. The members really want to know what you have been doing and what worked or didn't work at a specific time and location. Your articles will help to maintain the quality of our newsletter, and you may win some spending money to buy equipment for next year.



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THE CORNER POOL

Ed Fidrych

Larry Johnson

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER - Ed Fidrych will be putting the December newsletter together, and the deadline for ready-to-print material (i.e. cleanly typed) will be the November membership meeting.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICES - will be mailed out shortly. Please renew promptly and save us the cost and hassle of a second mailing to you.

CFFA MEMBER MARK PHILIPPE - has two patterns in the Summer 1985 issue of 'Fly Tyer.' These are Blue Wing Olive and Trico comparaduns tied in sizes 20-28! They may be just the ticket for that tough Willi fishing, and will surely test your tying skills, not to mention your eyesight.

HOPPORTUNITY - an article on hopper techniques by Dave Whitlock in the September 'Fly Fisherman' may be of interest to those of you tying this month's fly pattern, the Henry's Fork Hopper. The same issue also has a few additional hopper patterns.

FLY LINE STORAGE REEL - This article by Bob Lester was originally printed in 1980. and the storage reel he donated to the Banquet conservation drawing drew a tub-full of tickets. We're sure a reel or two would be appreciated at next year's Banquet, too. (Very unsubtle hint to CFFA wood workers looking for something to donate.) The article appears this month due to a very unpleasant experience I recently had removing and rewinding a line and backing from a reel in anticipation of some salt-water fishing. Out went the line and backing into large, carefully placed loops. In came the backing in the most incredible snarl I have ever seen. The knife was given serious consideration, but the snarl dissolved after a healthy dose of fussing and bad language. And.....I don't need to detail how the line came in. Only its cost saved it from a severe shortening. And so I remembered this article and how much aggravation one of these could have saved me and thought that some of you just might feel the same way.

The TIP (Turn in Poachers) Program offers rewards for information leading to arrests on certain fish and wildlife violations. All callers remain anonymous. Reports may be called to 1-800-842-HELP. This number is toll-free. For further information on the program, call 566-5599.

COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 1985 CALENDAR

Nov. 6 Board of Director's Meeting
7 Rod Building Class 4
13 November CFFA Meeting
14 Rod Building Class 5

Dec. Tim Coleman-Freshwater Fishing
in New England

Jan. Paul Kokonen-flyfishing films

Note: All BOD meetings will be at the
Veterans' Memorial Clubhouse.

TIPS ON FLY TYING-PART 2

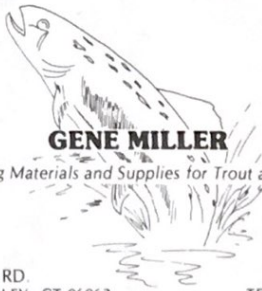
by Ernest Boutiette


The following fly tying tips continue an article begun in the September, 1985 issue of "Lines and Leaders."

1. Heavily lacquer hair where you are to tie it in. Keeps hair (deer, impala, etc.) from flaring and makes it much easier to tie in.
2. Use crewel yarn (a two-ply fine wool yarn) to make streamer and wet fly bodies. Untwist the yarn as you wind and you will get a fine, flat body. Crewel yarn is obtainable in such places as Knitters World in any color.
3. When ribbing flies with tinsel, take one or two turns behind the body and make the last turn at a slight angle toward the the head. This way you will not get a bump at the tail.
4. After putting in the wing on a muddler, put a good coat of lacquer where you tied in the wing and let it dry. Deer hair will spin better on a smooth, shiny surface. (I prefer the method listed below.)
5. Use a dubbing loop to make the head on muddlers or deer hair bodies. It is much neater and easier.
6. Substitute maribou for feather wings on streamers. It is very effective and easy to tie.
7. Substitute gray partridge or mallard sides for silver pheasant on gray ghosts. It is just as effective. To prove a point, I have caught over 50 trout on the Willi this year on gray ghosts made with mallard or partridge feathers. (Of course, I am retired and fish two or three mornings a week.)
8. Don't be afraid to substitute material when tying a particular pattern. It usually works out well. I never had any use for muddlers until I substituted large brown partridge for the bucktail hackle.

Additional Tips will appear in future issues.

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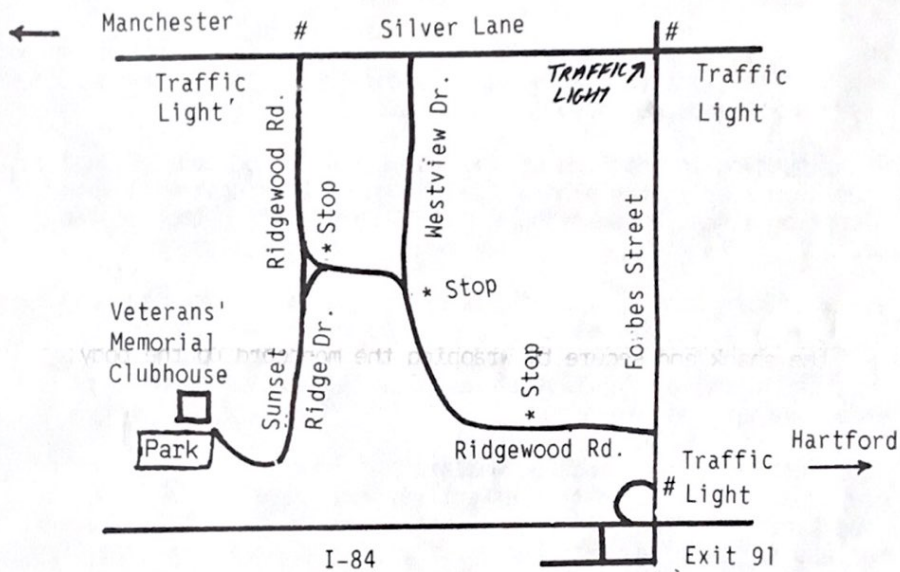
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Pattern of the Month—Henry's Fork Hopper

Reprinted from the newsletter of
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Grasshoppers, crickets and roaches are among the insects that scientists call Orthoptera. We fish them in a summer when terrestrials are the most prolific. In areas that are inhabited by hoppers the use of this terrestrial can meet with great success. They may be used where there are overhung banks, grassy or weedy fields and undercuts. When the wind is blowing you will often have luck on the windward side early in the day and the opposite bank in the evening, as the insects will be pushed across the water during the day.

One of the most effective patterns that I have fished is the Henry's Fork Hopper, developed by Mike Lawson and Rene Harrop. It sits low, is easy to tie and can be presented in a number of ways with equal success. This pattern is the most important terrestrial in my box.

Use yellow monocord and a light hook, #94831, in sizes 6-14. Tie on to the shank light colored deer hair, tips forward. Cement the underbody of monocord, leaving the cord in the rear. Pull the hair forward, two-thirds up the shank and secure by wrapping the monocord up the body. Tie in a few strands of deer hair, Plobond a mottled pheasant feather and lay it over the hair. Lay another clump of deer hair tips forward, and secure. This hair will be darker, and will be pulled back to the middle of the shank, so measure the distance before securing. Tie off in Thunder Creek fashion and go fishing.



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Fly-Line Storage Reel

by Robert Lester

A fly-line storage reel can be easily constructed in a couple of hours from common items found in ones workshop. The attached diagram outlines the one that I built for myself a couple of years ago.

The diagram is divided into two sections. The upper section is the assembly drawing showing the "storage reel" and the "stand." The lower section shows the individual parts with all the critical dimensions. The size of the storage reel is entirely arbitrary so don't be afraid to change the dimensions. The only major requirement is that when the unit is assembled, the "reel" fits freely into and turns in the stand.

A C-clamp is used to secure the stand to a table when the fly line is being transferred to the storage reel. In the fall or early winter I transfer my fly lines onto the storage reel and leave them there until spring. The reel can be removed from the stand and placed in a drawer or cabinet for the winter.

I hope that I have provided all the necessary dimensions. If something has been overlooked use your imagination or give me a call.

PHOTO CONTEST ANYONE-We didn't have a photo contest this year, and we are wondering if anyone missed it. If so, speak up. We would also be interested in suggestions for running a contest that would (1) cause a lot of members to take and enter photos and (2) give anyone entering a chance of winning something.

Did anybody notice anything unusual about the October issue of Lines and Leaders?

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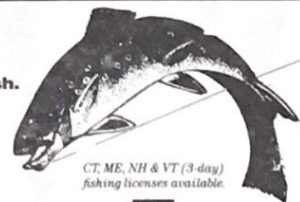
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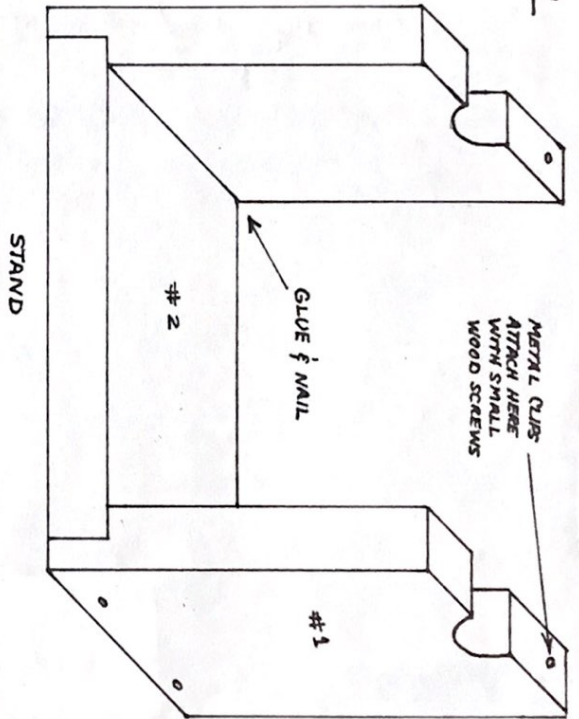
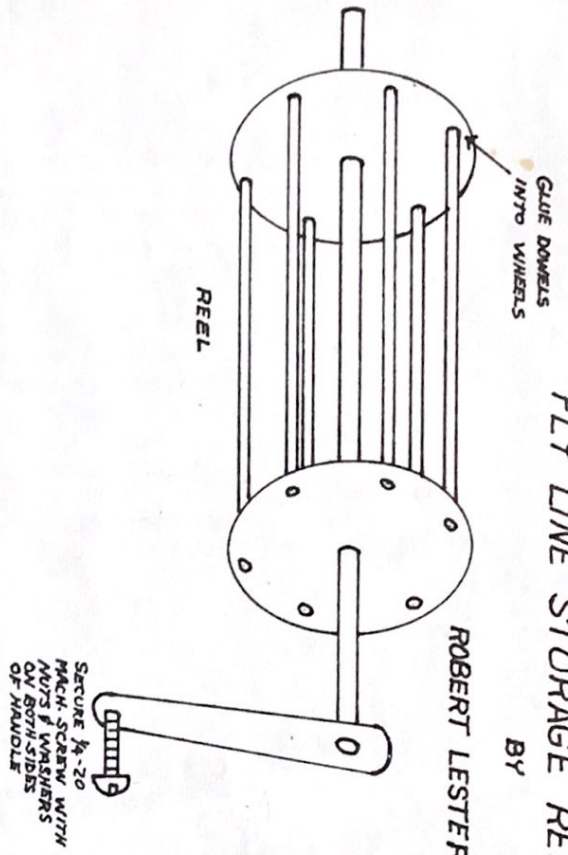
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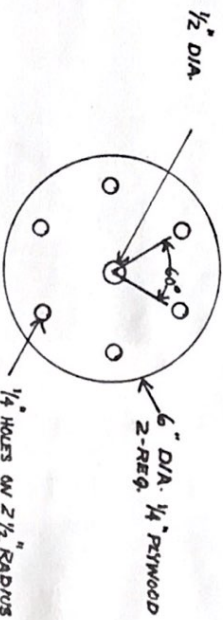
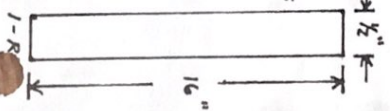
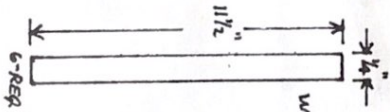
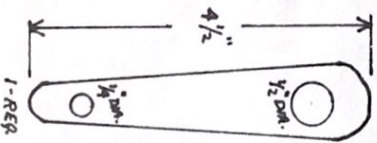
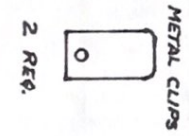
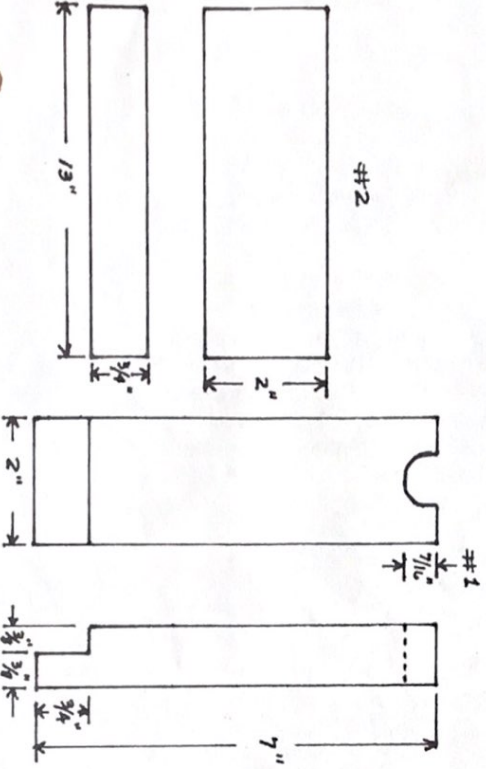
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ROBERT LESTER



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