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Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Association

Program: Movie on the Jeremys River Project.

Place: Veterans' Memorial Clubhouse, Sunset Ridge Rd., East Hartford, Connecticut.

When: Wednesday, September 10, 1986.

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Our September program will feature Jim Randall, who will show a movie on the Jeremys River. This was the location of CFFA's first major conservation activity, in 1970, not long after the club was formed. Last year we returned to the Jeremys to build four low flow barriers to retain water during the summer. This will be a blast from the past for our old-timers, and an introduction to a new area for our more recent members..

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

New CFFA Mailing Address

Our volume of mail has exceeded the capacity of our post office box, and we have switched to another of twice the capacity at the same post office. Our new address is CFFA, P.O. Box 18268, Silver Lane, East Hartford, CT 06118.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

It's been talked about at meetings before, and we've all known it was inevitable. A CFFA dues increase is upon us! Your Board of Directors voted at its August meeting to present a proposed dues increase to the membership for approval. Consideration of the dues increase proposal by the membership will be the first order of business at the October membership meeting on October 8, 1986.



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



THE CORNER POOL

Ed Fidrych

Larry Johnson

Fly Fishing School

We want to thank the following CFFA members who assisted the 1986 Fly Fishing School by helping out with the classes, casting instruction and/or the on-stream instruction.


Gary Bogli	Dan Record	Myron Schulman
Mark Philippe	Ed Roberts	Mike Baio
Leo Leggitt	George Degen	Lionel MacDonald
Lynwood Smith	Peter Wilk	Vin Ringrose
Arnold Cosgrove	Ernie Boutiette	Gordon Bushee
Scott Bushee	Bob Shellard	John Weber

Rod Building School

Our 1986 rod building school will begin on Sept. 18. Ed Roberts will be at the September membership meeting to discuss the class. Enrollment will be limited, so sign up now! More details, an application form and directions to Veterans' Memorial are in this newsletter.

Change in Board of Directors

Program Chairman Errol Dudek has resigned his position, and will be replaced by George Degen. We want to thank Errol for the fine work he has done and welcome a new member to the Board. Remember that CFFA is run for the members, by the members. There's plenty of work for anyone who wants to help out.




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Notes From the Board of Directors

Our club balance as of July 30th was \$ 5,794.47. The membership has increased to 274, of which 29 are new members.

Most of our bitterroot trout were stocked in the Hogback Dam section of the Farmington River in early August. Some 75 larger trout will be held over for stocking in the Willi next year.

CFFA has agreed to sponsor a fund raising dinner-auction for the American Museum of Fly Fishing of Manchester, Vermont, later this Fall. The Board met with Museum representative Lyman Foss last month. The event will probably take place at Veterans' Memorial in late October. The Museum will pay expenses, mail invitations and provide most of the auction items. CFFA will arrange facilities, take reservations, keep records of purchases and seek local donations.

SEPTEMBER 1986 CALENDAR

- Sept. 3 Board of Directors
- 10 CFFA September Meeting
- 18 Rod Building-Class 1

Note: All BOD meetings will be at the Veterans' Memorial Clubhouse. Members are welcome to attend.

COMING EVENTS

- Oct. 1 Board of Directors
- 8 October CFFA Meeting
- 9 Rod Building-Class 2
- 23 Rod Building-Class 3

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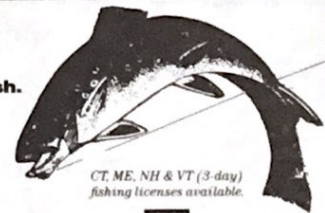
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Maynard's Marvel Demystified

Shortly after our May newsletter hit the mail, CFFA member Gene Miller sent me not one, but two dressings for this pattern.

Regarding the question in the May issue of Lines and Leaders seeking a dressing for the Maynard's Marvel the following information may be of use.

There are two similar patterns that are named "Maynard Marvel". The dressings follow:

Maynard Marvel

Thread	Black
Tail	Red Hackle Barbules or Red Wool
Body	Embossed Silver Tinsel.
Wing	Golden Pheasant Crest feathers curving down, over which is a small amount of Light Blue Calf Tail.
Topping	Mallard Flank feather tied flat.
Throat	Red Hackle Barbules, beard style.

Maynard Marvel

Thread	Black
Tail	Short red wool
Body	Flat silver tinsel
Wing	10 to 15 long golden pheasant crest feathers curving down.
Cheeks	Black medium wide neck feathers from a silver pheasant, a quarter of the length of the wing.
Eyes	Painted white with a red pupil.

This version is currently known as the Golden Marvel.

I hope this information will be of help.

Tight lines,

Gene

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A REACTION TO OVER REACTION

by

Gary Bogli

Vice President - Promotions

Soon after Dan Record's article "The Willi" appeared in the June issue of Fly Fisherman, I was surprised and disappointed in the reaction of a few of my friends. Now that the Willi had been openly discussed in a national magazine, it seemed to them that the fate of the river would inevitably be doomed to a constant opening-day-like madhouse by fishermen from all over the Northeast. Little evidence or background information was gathered by my friends, however, the verdict had been reached.

Yes, the Willimantic was very crowded on some of those balmy 80 degree days in March and early April when the article first appeared, but the trout season hadn't opened yet in Connecticut, and the two Trout Management Areas were the only games in town. This meant fish the Willi or the Housatonic, and the latter is usually near flood stage at this time. If my friends had just waited until after "Opening Day" before passing judgment, they would have noticed that the fishing pressure was back to normal and that the crowds were gone.

I tended to take the more optimistic view of the situation, feeling that if the Willi became "over crowded", we would have good ammunition to ask the state for additional Trout Management Area waters. In fact, the state DEP gets pressure from people who want to see the Willi Trout Management Area "open" to all types of fishing - claiming that it is not being used enough by fly fishermen. Each year CFFA, in cooperation with the state, asks its members to fill out diaries for the Willimantic so that the case for continued "trout management" on the Willi can be further strengthened. It is obvious that by providing national recognition of the Willi as a prime fly-fishing stream, Dan's article will help the Willimantic River retain its present status.

I enjoy reading articles about other streams throughout the country, dreaming that someday I may fish them. Isn't it nice to be informed in this vicarious way? It would be great to be able to migrate to different streams and feel we would be accepted by other members of our fraternity and not be considered intruders.

Dan Record is an "educator". He is a secondary school physics teacher and the education chairman of our organization. He is the director of all educational activities for CFFA; which include schools and courses in fly tying, rod building, and

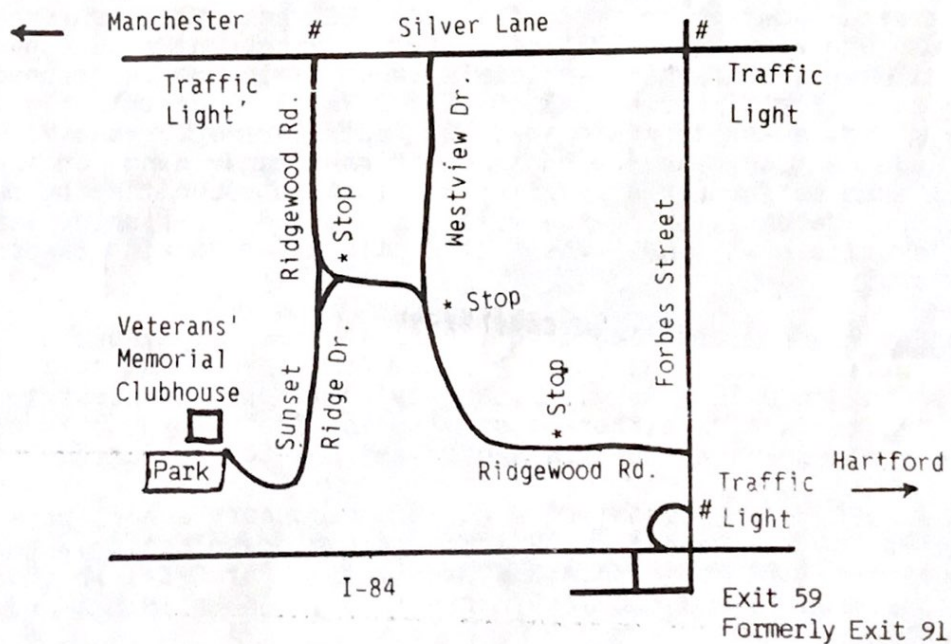
A REACTION TO OVER REACTION (Cont.)

fly fishing. He also serves as an "instructor" for all courses and is actively involved in conservation projects on the Willi. His main objective in writing the Fly Fisherman article was to promote the pleasures of fly fishing the Willimantic and to educate the public about catch-and-release fly fishing by inviting fishermen to try it - in the Willi Trout Management Area.

The article also received the full support of the CFFA Board of Directors. People join fly-fishing clubs to expand their knowledge and thus increase their pleasure in the sport. If club members only spoke in hushed tones and didn't share information, they would be doing a disservice by creating an elitist society. Our club has been handing out maps of the Willi for years, naming pools, and publicly heralding its fine fishing. The sharing of information is "key" to the success and purpose of CFFA.

I recently met a person who came to the world of the Willi as a result of reading Dan's article. He was from Boston via a recent move from Oregon. We stopped our fishing and chatted for awhile. I gave him a favorite McKim parachute pattern and then parted - hoping to meet again at the Tarzan Pool. I find that sharing my Willi with others gives me a great deal of pleasure. After all, isn't that what fly fishing is all about?

Directions to Veterans' Memorial Clubhouse



CONNECTICUT FLY FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

presents

"1986 ROD BUILDING SCHOOL"

CLASSES: There will be five classes. Classes will meet on the following Thursday evenings at 7:00 P.M. in the Veterans' Memorial Clubhouse (lower level), Sunset Ridge Drive, East Hartford, CT. Directions to the clubhouse are published in this issue of Lines and Leaders.

Class No. 1 -- September 18, 1985
Class No. 2 -- October 9, 1985
Class No. 3 -- October 23, 1985
Class No. 4 -- November 6, 1985
Class No. 5 -- November 13, 1985

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9 foot (7/8 line) Graphite

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CFFA RBS ENROLLMENT APPLICATION Date: _____

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