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Our speakers will be Jason Orzechowski and Zach King from the fly shop Wolf Creek Angler located in Wolf Creek Montana. I have stayed at the cabins and shopped in the fly shop for a number of years and found them both to be very helpful with advice to make my friends and I have good fishing on the Missouri River. Jason puts out pictures over the winter on his Facebook page and I find them a great way to stay in touch with a river I truly enjoy very much. I think you will find his photography outstanding. This is the first time they have done a zoom meeting and I am sure Zach will be as funny as he is in the shop.

Here is the link to the meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89325186556?pwd=bU1Mci9xb0pyVEtoYTZGdU54TzdyUT09>

From the vest of the President



Our October zoom meeting featuring Tim Flagler went very well. We had 40 participants tune in to learn the basics of Euro Nymphing. Tim showed us everything that is needed to get started with this type of fly fishing that is the current rage. There were some excellent questions asked and Tim took the time to answer each and every one of them. Whether you are a fly tier or not do yourself a favor and visit Tim's selection of fly tying videos along with his tips & techniques, I guarantee you won't be disappointed and you will learn a lot. This link will bring you where you need to go. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIdIkp_uBiYEw-Pb4-BDBjw

I want to thank all of you that took the time to reply to our question about attending an in person meeting during this pandemic. The yes replies outnumbered the no replies but not by much. After talking over these numbers at our October BOD meeting we decided to present one more Zoom meeting in November and for December we have scheduled a in person meeting. Let's hope things continue to improve regarding the pandemic and our in person meetings become a regular monthly happening after that. All of our other major events are on hold for now. Roger is going to question all of the vendors that have participated in our annual expo over the years to see if they are willing to participate this year before we actually book a facility for the event. If we don't get a good number of vendors to say yes the event will unfortunately not happen. Without the vendors there is not much we can do. Our banquet planning is happening but before we book a facility we would like to hear from you. Would you feel safe enough to attend if one is held? Your response will help us choose the featured guest and the proper location as some banquet facilities require a minimum of 100 peo-

ple. The date of this years banquet would be February 5, 2022. Please take the time to go to our CFFA website at www.ctflyfish.org and click on the CONTACT TAB and submit us your answer yes or no. If you are one of our members that receive a printed issue of our newsletter and do not have access to our website please call Kurt at 203-314-5871 and give him your reply. Your input is is very important. As we move forward we will also be making a decision about conducting our Fly Tying and Fly Fishing classes and we will keep you informed about their status also.

As I write this the fall stocking of trout and salmon is happening throughout our state in the lakes, ponds, rivers and streams designated to receive them. This fall unlike our last few has great water levels so the fishing should be excellent for those willing to try. This link will tell you when a body of water was last stocked. https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/fishing/weekly_reports/CurrentStockingReport.pdf

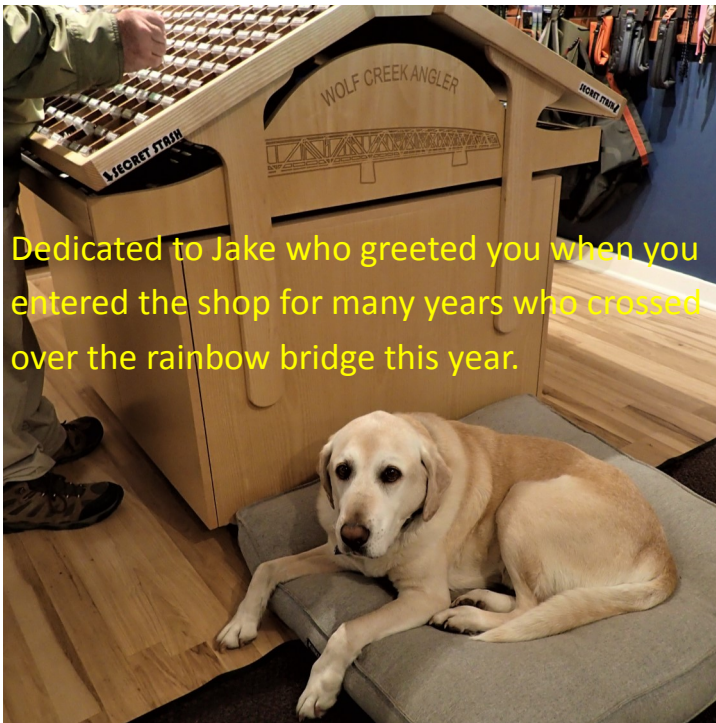
Gary



The ONE fly

By John Springer

After losing our trip to Montana because of Covid this year's trip was something we were looking forward to a great deal. I'm sure there were thousands more like us without a doubt. The thin man and I bought our tickets the first week of December and rented a car also. From what I heard from others renting the car turned out to be one of my smartest moves. People that waited paid a stiff price as well as shortages of cars. We met 3 people alone in Wolf Creek driving rental trucks you get for \$20 a day plus mileage.



Dedicated to Jake who greeted you when you entered the shop for many years who crossed over the rainbow bridge this year.

The thing you can never plan on was an early drought and early fire season. Because of the drought and higher than normal air temps turns Hoot Owl rules were applied. This is when you must stop fishing at 2 PM and cannot start again till midnight because of water temperatures. Our first week fishing plans were changed as we were to fish a river these rules applied to, not the big-

gest deal as we were able to get our room in Wolf Creek early. Like my friend Carl wrote a while ago in a story, you must be flexible.

Wolf Creek has been changing over the past 5 years, not for the better. Frenchmen and Me has



been gutted and is all brand new inside, depending on what you like this can be great or in my case, I miss the old place. It had character, old pictures of the towns and a real bar menus. They even had one of those manual slicers to make French fries mounted on the wall. No frozen fries here! Today they got fancy, as I said depending on what you're looking for it can be real nice. Of course they were closed 2 days a week and no lunch several days a week either. Signs saying can't get help and help wanted were posted in many places. The Oasis did away with food accept frozen pizza, and that's if it gets delivered to them. Years ago they had no food 2 days a week but were open 7 days. Now 6 days a week and all



the people we use to see are not around, for the life of me I'll never figure out where they went.

There are 2 businesses that have not changed the gas station general store and the Wolf Creek Angler. Shawn's gas station has anything from cap-

puccino to fancy beer! He has already made sandwiches both hot and cold, heat and serves burgers and burritos. Breakfast sandwiches and Johnsonville products with buns for lunch. My



favorites are the Brats. He is open from 7 AM till 9PM he also has some flies for sale and lures as well as bait; he has a broad customer base. Right up the road is The Wolf Creek Angler run by Jason and Zach. Don't look for fly tying supplies The Trout Shop in Craig has that. What they do have is everything else you will need, drift boats,



guides and flies. Lots of flies. Now all shops have flies we know that and all shops that are located on or near a river will have a board and they list what flies are working. On a technical river it can be many depending what area you're fishing for sure as well as the time of day your fishing. We were there a few days when I went in and mentioned to Jason about some fish feeding and like many times I could not catch. We talked about the rise forms and where I was fishing and he came over and pointed out few patterns I should have. I bought 2 of each, one of them I knew would not work just by looking at it. It was gaudy

and I was sure too big for low water on the Missouri River. We all know what they say about having confidence in the flies we are using; I gotta tell you I had none with this one fly I could not have been more wrong. Next day we were back and I bought a dozen as did the thin man. They worked for 2 weeks and accounted for many fish we caught. Jason smiled when I told him what I thought of his recommendation, I



apologized for doubting him.

Interesting enough several years ago this same thing happened to me. There is a spot where you park and when you leave the parking lot there is a back eddy that always has rising fish, it draws you in, at least it does me. It's really a fools pool as everyone fishes it with gobs of worms to dry flies these fish have seen it all. In mentioning



this spot to Zach one day he walked over to the beautifully custom made fly storage area picked out a caddis fly and told me how to fish it. That night went back and did as I was told and caught a very nice rainbow, a very difficult fish for sure and it was very rewarding.

Think about the thousands of dollars we spend on a fly fishing trip plane tickets, car, housing, food and drink, guides and at the end of the day some advice from a fly shop owner can really

The end of Frenchy's Wolf Creek Mt.

About 30 years ago my good friend Terp told me about Wolf Creek and Frenchy's motel. Not fancy he said and cheap run by nice people. So for almost 30 years we stayed there. The end came several years ago when the owner passed away. What you see is when it was in its hay day until this fall. We had many good times there and it was in walking distance to the bars, life was good. Perhaps you know a place like this, treasure it.



Paul's Fly Box

Tying instructions & a video on how to tie the pattern can be found at

<http://tightlinesflyfishing.blogspot.com/>



Spent Early Smoky-Winged Caddis

Hook: Size #18 1X Dry Fly Hook.

Thread: Black.

Body: Brown Super Fine Dry Fly Dubbing.

Wing: Western Caddis Grey EP Trigger Point Fibers or similar wing material.



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