



SALINAS VALLEY FLY FISHERS

April 2017

FLY TIMES

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"President's Message" Chapter 2.4

by: Richard Higgins

The weather has been warming up and the trout opener was the end of April. Hope everyone made it out and got their lines wet.

The club was a co-sponsor of the 2017 Youth Fishing Derby at Hunter Leggitt. The event was attended by 200 kids and their parents. As part of the event, each kid received a fishing pole, a variety of power bait products and a bobber. Mr. Jefferson was seen teaching his grandkids the proper way to use power bait (a product which he apparently has considerable experience with) and casting techniques. He also snuck a fly or two on their lines to mix it up. The base MWRF program also provided BBQ lunch for the attendees as well as a nice raffle at the conclusion of the event. The best part of the day was seeing the smiles on the kids' faces as they reeled in trout and held them up high for all to see.

The winner of the white ticket drawing last month was Greg. He took home a Wet Fly, 7/8 wt. reel. The next white ticket drawing prize will be a 7/8 wt. TFO rod and reel combo, which will be drawn at the Muddy River Classic on July 8th.

Don't forget that we are sell-

ing tickets for Al's boat. (14' Gregor with 20 hp. motor) Tickets are \$25.00 each and will be sold at the general meetings and the Muddy River Classic. The boat will be on display at the May general meeting. So, come on by and take a look!

Don Brown will be the guest speaker this month. He will be discussing fishing Lake Almanor and Lake Orville. The club has scheduled an outing at Lake Almanor on June 23- 25. If you're interested in going, be sure to come to the meeting and find out the ins and outs of fishing the Hex hatch or ask questions about other lakes or rivers in that area.

In *Bill's Tying Corner*, Bill showed the guys how to tie the Czech Nymph, a fairly easy fly to tie, along with giving out some helpful tips on items around the house to use for the shellback material for the fly. Next month's fly is the Zug Bug. Jay will lead the crew as Bill will be on vacation. Have fun Bill!

If you're interested, Trout Unlimited will be meeting on May 16th @ 6:45pm, at the Flying Artichoke. They will be discussing the Carmel River and there will be a guest speaker from NOAA who will be talking (Continued pg. 3)

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Fly of the Month: Czech Mate Nymph

Hook: [TMC 3761 #10-16](#)
Thread: [Danville Black 6/0](#)

Weighted: [Leadfree Wire](#)

Body: [Peacock Herl](#)

Ribbing: [Oval Silver Tinsel](#)

Hackle: [Brown Hackle](#)

Wingcase: [Lemon Wood Duck](#), Clipped

Tail: [Peacock Sword Fibers](#)

Zug Bug



More About the Zug Bug

Cliff Zug designed this fly in West Lawn, PA and it became a popular fly within the Catskills. During the 1940's, it made it's way West to Yellowstone and, subsequently the Sierras, through the accolades of Arnold Gingrich within his publications and articles. Today, like the Prince Nymph, this peacock-bodied nymph continues to be one of the top ten flies on many flyfishermen's lists. Since the Zug Bug imitates cased caddis and caddis larvae, it's important to develop a cigar-shaped body. Utilizing lead-free wire wraps on the middle of the shank helps to promote the proper profile. Unique to this fly is the wingcase which is only tied down at the front and gives the Zug a caddis-type wing appearance. The use of Peacock herl for the body and Peacock Sword for the tail also gives this fly a great attraction quality. On slow moving streams, fish the fly near the bottom as a dead drift. The Zug also makes a very good stillwater fly, particularly as a dropper behind a leech pattern.ed.

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The Salinas Airport is our home for **Fly Tying**. Come join us for a real treat: Make it your resolution to take the next step into the sport of fly fishing by learning how to tie your own flies. Bill Pshide continues to be "Professor in Charge" and does a great job of demonstrating how to tie a wide variety of flies. No materials or equipment are needed. Everyone is welcome. This month is the Zug Bug Nymph and Jay will be standing for Bill who will; be on vacation. This particular fly pattern is a great all around nymph for both streams and stillwater, and is a must for every fly box ed.

Salinas Valley Fly Fishers2017 Outing, Events and Programs**

May 10th	General Meeting	Flying Artichoke	Don Brown Lake Almanor	Richard Higgins	750-9132
May 17th.	Fly Tying	Salinas Airport Board Room	Zug Bug	Jay Jefferson	809-0290
May 20th.	Club Outing	Salinas River Beach	Surf Perch	Richard Higgins	750-9132
May 19-21st.	Club Outing	Trinity River	Trout	Jay Jefferson	809-0290
May 20th.	Club Outing	Salinas River Beach	Surf Perch	Richard Higgins	750-9132
May 24th.	Board Meeting	Salinas Airport Flying Artichoke	All Member Welcome	Richard Higgins	750-9132
June 14th.	General Meeting	Salinas Airport Flying Artichoke	TBA	Richard Higgins	750-9132
June 23-25th	Club Outing	Lake Almanor	Trout	Jack Clark	
July 28th	Muddy River Classic	Jefferson Ranch	Annual BBQ Shindig	Richard Higgins	750-9132

(Continued from pg. 1) about weather related issues. If have not made plans for the weekend of May 19th-21st, the club will be floating the Trinity River. This year, base camp will be at Bigfoot Campground and the float will be broken down into manageable sections to provide for 2 - 3 day of fishing on different parts of the river. Call Jay for more information (809-0290).

That all for now. Keep your lines tight and your rod tips up.....Richard

Editor's note: I checked with Richard regarding the up coming Surf Perch Outing. that is scheduled for May 20th. He tells me that Greg Smith is still working out the details. Richard also mentioned that if things don't pan out for the outing he's planning a fly casting "tune-up clinic". So, stay tuned and plan to come to Wednesday's meeting for more details. In other news, I would like to add a "Buy, Sells Trade and Give Away" section to the newsletter if there is interest. If you have items that fit into any of those categories, please drop me an e-mail @ rickmcfly@sbcglobal.net. I'll be glad to include your stuffedmcfly

Salinas Valley Flyfishers

Featured Stream for May



North Fork of the Feather and Yellow Creek

For those planning the trip to Lake Almanor, here are some other venues in the area.....ed.

The **North Fork of the Feather** originates on the slopes of Mt Lassen and flows into Lake Almanor at Chester. Out of Lake Almanor, the North Fork of the Feather can be accessed by Seneca Rd. which follows the river at Belden Forebay until it swings over to Butt Valley Reservoir. From there, you can take Caribou Road and follow the river down to Hwy 70 at Belden where the river meets the East Branch of the North Fork. From Belden, the river follows Hwy 70 all the way to Lake Oroville.

Yellow Creek can be reached from Chester on Hwy 36; go SW 2 miles and turn South on Hwy 89, go 4.5 miles to County Rd 307-Humbug Rd. Turn West, and go 2 miles, cross Butt Creek, then go 5.5 miles to Humbug Meadow. Turn Left to PG&E campground. Rough dirt Roads.

Notes:

Heading south on Seneca Road from Lake Almanor, your first access to the NF Feather is at the Seneca Bridge. The fish in this area are rainbows and [browns](#) in the 8-12 inch class. The river consists of pools and riffles, going either upstream or downstream, the fishing gets better. There are some Browns up to 20 inches in this area. Seneca Road becomes paved at Caribou and the name of the road becomes Caribou Road. This is also the location of Belden Forebay. From Belden Forebay, the next 7 miles of river is very popular and is heavily stocked. Most large pools hold large browns and holdover Rainbows. The East Branch of the North Fork meets the North Fork at Gansner Bar and continues onto Lake Oroville. This entire area is heavily stocked by DFG with [rainbows](#). The lower sections of the Feather, below Storrie, are good flyfishing areas in the Spring until the weather warms up and the trout retreat to Lake Oroville. In the early part of the season, the best fishing is during the warmest part of the day. Fish the deep pockets by tight line nymphing with micro stonefly nymphs and beadhead nymphs. Some have good luck fishing an attractor dry with a beadhead nymph dropper.

In May and June, the Golden Stoneflies and Salmonflies start to hatch with the Yellow Sallies hatching by the end of May and continuing through July. During June, July and August, there is generally an evening hatch of caddis. PED's and Eporeus Mayflies can also show up in July. August will often be a mixed bag of evening hatches with midges, Mayflies, and Caddis. September will show some baetis hatches, particularly on cloudy days and these will continue into November. In October, the isonychia hatches will begin as well as BWO in the late afternoon around 4pm to dark and continue through November. Throughout the season, stonefly nymphs and mayfly nymphs will work by tight line nymphing the deeper pockets.

Yellow Creek is a special project undertaken by CalTrout, DFG, PG&E, and the Dye Creek Cattle Company to restore wild trout habitat, starting in 1976. This area was in poor shape during most of the 1900's through cattle use within the creekside areas. Split-rail fencing was erected throughout most of the Humbug Meadow in 1984-85. As a result, trout populations grew by more than 600%. Most of the fish within the stream are Browns as the creek is fed from mineral rich waters at Big Springs. The nutrients create an abundant weed bed environment causing many types of hatches to occur. Hatches are prolific with mayflies, caddisflies and stoneflies. In 2001-02, all cattle were removed and most of the cedar fence has also been dismantled. Recommended flies are Pheasant Tail Nymphs, Bird's Nest, Zug Bugs (#12-14), Ant and Grasshopper imitations for mid-summer. Local favorite is the Corkendall, a dark-bodied fly with a jungle-cock tail and buff-colored hackle. The larger fish of the Yellow Creek can be found below the Yellow Creek Campground where the stream drops into a canyon creating pocket-water.



Butt Valley Reservoir



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General Meeting
May 10th.
Salinas Airport
(Flying Artichoke)

May Outings
Surf Perch on May 20th.
Trinity River Float May 19-21st.

Fly Tying
Wedn. May 17th.
Salinas Airport Board Room
(ZUG BUG)

Board of Directors
Wednesday May 24th.
Flying Artichoke @
Salinas Airport

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