



SALINAS VALLEY FLY FISHERS

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FLY TIMES

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by Sonny Wun

Hi Folks. Not much time, I'm in the middle of packing for a week long trip to the Squaw Valley area. It will be nice to get away. In addition to doing some relaxing and shopping, I will be fishing with Brian Slusser, who is, by-the-way, this month's guest speaker. Brian is with Four Seasons Fly Fishing. (www.flyfishingtruckee-tahoe.com). It should be interesting with all the smoke from the Rim fire.. Brian's program will be all about fishing the Truckee area. I hope that you'll come out on Wednesday and hear what Brian has to share. And, Speaking of programs, I hope you were at last month's meeting to hear Grady Garlough his program that was an exciting combination of white water rafting and Fly Fishing on the American River

Now, a reminder for those that have signed up for the Sacra-

mento River outing coming up in October, you need to get busy and book at least one night, right away, in order to reserve your spot. When you call be sure to mention SVFF or Rod Sanchez so they will put you in the area that's been reserved for the club.

In other news, we now have a local Trout Unlimited Chapter. It's going to be called the Steinbeck Country Chapter. Congratulation and thanks to Dave Hilbert for stepping up to be a board member. I hope that all the SVFF members will consider getting involved and showing their support for the new local chapter.

I also want to thank Dave Hilbert and Mick Micheli for representing the club and helping out at the Rancho Cielo Fair. Well, it's time to finish packing....hope we don't get smoked out... See you at the meeting and don't forget flies for Casting for Recovery .

t'll then..keep that line wet..Sonny

September Meeting

Lot's of stuff in going on. This month's meeting features guest speaker Brian Slusser from Four Season's Fly Fishing. In addition to the program, the raffle, fish reports and the always present . fish talk B.S., We'll have the sign-up and more information regarding this month's outing to the Merced and the October outing on the Lower Sacramento River. Remember to show up at 6:00 if you want to join in for Dinner or 7:00 if your having dinner at home with your sweetie. when you're getting ready to head out to the meeting, remember our new member contest and consider bring a guest along.

What's going on in the world of fly fishing and tying?



Fly of the Month

Royal Wulff

Hook: Dry fly, #10-16

Thread: Gudebrod 8/0

Tail: Moose body hairs

Body: Peacock herl

Waist: Rayon floss, red

Wings: Calf body hairs

Hackle: Rooster, brown



Did you know:

[Lee Wulff](#) did not create the Royal Wulff. He created the Gray and White Wulff during his stay in the Adirondacks during the 1929. Q L Quackenbush, one of the early members of the Beaverkill Trout Club above Lew Beach in NY state, is credited with designing the [Royal Coachman](#) hair wing dry fly. He liked the fanwinged Royal Coachman but found the wings too flimsy and fragile. He asked tyer Reuben Cross of Neversink, New York to dress a Royal Coachman with a more robust wing. Reuben asked his suppliers to send him suitable material that was stiff, white and kinky. They sent him Impala tails that were ideal for the task. Today version is tied with calf body hair wings.

Don't Forget the: New Member Challenge

There are many benefits of bringing new members into the club. Not only do new members sustain the life of the club, but they also open up opportunities to fish with new partners, make new friends, and exchange new ideas. New member help to energize the club, renew the interest of current members and expand the club outing and activities. Please join the *challenge*.

The member who brings in the most new active* members between now and the end of 2013 will win a prize valued at over \$250.

Here is how it works:

Find someone who completes the club application, pays the membership dues for 2013 and 2014, and establishes themselves as an "active" member by attending at least two club functions. The new member must also indicate that you are responsible for their joining. A sign in sheet will be available at meetings to record attendance. The club Secretary will maintain the records necessary determine a winner after 31 December 2013. The winner will be announced at the annual banquet and awarded a very nice prize. (Ties will be broken by drawing names from a hat. There will only be one winner.)

We hope all members will put some energy into this effort and that it will result in some new fishing friends! If you have questions feel free to contact Mike Gilroy or any of the Board members.

Salinas Valley Flyfishers2013 Outing Schedule and Programs**

August 14th.	Monthly Meeting	Landing Zone	Dinner @ 6:00 Meeting @ 7:00	Sonny Wun	757-3676
August 17th.- 18th.or ?	Outing	Indian Creek Reservoir	Trout	Rick	385-4778
August 21st.	Fly Tying	Airport Board Room	Blue A.P. Emerger	Bill Pshide / Rick McCombs	424-3063 385-4778
August 27th	Board Meeting	Landing Zone @ the Airport	All Members welcome	Sonny Wun	757-3676
September 11th.	Monthly Meeting	Landing Zone	Dinner @ 6:00 Meeting @ 7:00	Sonny Wun	757-3676
September 14th.-15th.	Outing	Merced River	Trout	Rick	385-4778
September 18th.	Fly Tying	Airport Board Room		Bill Pshide	424-3063
October 12th.-13th.	Outing	Lower Sacramento River	Trout weekend	Rod	809-7499

Rod is suggesting that if you're planning to go to the Sacramento outing in October that you think about making your reservation now.

Sacramento River RV Park
 6596 Riverland Dr. Redding, CA 96002 Phone: (530)365-6402
 E-Mail: info@sacramentoriverrvresort.com or Google them

For all the latest info. in what's happening in the wide world of fishing and for club activities, Go to: salinasvalleyflyfishers.org

Special thanks to **Geoff Malloway** for his ongoing support of the Salinas Valley Fly Fishers and for his many efforts on behalf of stream habitat and the preservation of the fish that we all seek to catch. Next time you're out his way, stop by and say hi . If you need some supplies, advice or to tune up your casting in preparation for your next adventure, Geoff is the guy to see...

Geoff Malloway
Central Coast Fly Fishing
 Home of "Grumpy Old Fart Peanut Brittle"
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Tips and Tackle

Looking for some fall fishing? How about Kirman Lake and the West Walker area ??

Starting at the Sonora bridge, you're at about 6,800 ft. From Sonora Bridge at Hwy 108 to Hwy 395, it's fishable for 2 miles. Otherwise accessed from the highways taking care not to trespass. Kirman Lake is accessed by a 3 mile trail from Hwy 108. An orange ladder on Hwy 108, about 1/2 mile from Hwy 395 junction, marks the access point.

The **West Walker River** is relatively small and resembles a creek in many places. Its headwaters lie in the mountains south of Sonora Pass, on the eastern crest. The water flows down to Leavitt Meadows at Highway 108. This area has lots of riffles with large boulders and pools. Pickle Meadows is in this area containing [Brooks](#), [Rainbows](#), [Browns](#), and Mountain Whitefish. It is a classic freestone stream with easy wading. The fish tend to be small, averaging about 8". An attractor dry such as a Royal Wulff with a PT nymph or Hare's Ear dropper is an effective rig. Midge larva patterns also work well in the deeper pools. The West Walker turns northward through a canyon at the junction of Hwy 108 and 395. It flows along Hwy 395 through this canyon. The West Walker usually clears by late June where fishing is productive using large weighted nymphs. Also effective are muddler minnows size 8-12 on a sink tip. Fishing is best when flows reach 150 cfs or less. Dry Fly fishing is usually during the last 2 hours of light, using an Elk Hair Caddis in tan, green, or brown. Another good pattern is the Royal Trude to imitate caddis. A Hopper with a dropper (BH Nymph) rig is a good mid-summer choice.

Kirman Lake (45 acres) at 7,200' containing Brookies and Lahonton Cutthroats. Kirman Lake was named after Richard Kirman, a wealthy banker out of Reno who owned much of the land within this area during the late 1800's. Most of the Brookies are in the 14-16" range with some monsters up to eight pounds. The Cutthroats are usually within the deeper portions of the lake. Kirman is a trophy trout lake with special regulations of barbless flies or lures only, 16" minimum, and 2 trout limit. The shoreline is thick with weedbeds and reeds, so it is best float tubed. You have to hike into Kirman, a 3 mile walk from the Sonora Campground Trailhead. It is a fairly flat dirt road that winds up into the foothills. From there, it gets steep and then drops into a small valley that holds the lake. Good patterns for Kirman are: Green Scuds 10-16, Olive Leeches 10-12, Zug Bugs 14-18, BH Prince Nymphs 14-18, Palomino Midges 14-18 and BH Hare's Ear 12-16. The large size of the fish in Kirman is due to the immense population of Gammarus scuds that reside in the lake. The fish feed through thick concentrations of these scuds and gorge themselves into girthy football-sized fish. Try Scud patterns in orange, green and olive colors.

Poore Lake (77 acres) at 7,214' is a trophy Brookie Lake similar to Kirman with fish up to 5 lbs. Poore also contains Lahonton cutthroats and Rainbows in the 13-15 inch class. It is about a 3 mile hike from the Leavitt Trailhead. Take the trail east fork just south of Secret Lake. At Poore, use Mohair Leech patterns and Marabou Muddlers which have red and gold coloration to the flies. The Brookies tend to feed on Lahonton Redside suckers in the early and late parts of the days within the shallows. These streamer patterns do an excellent job representing the baitfish. The lake is relatively shallow in the upper reaches and deepens towards the dam to about 85 feet. During midday and throughout the summer, fishing the lower third of the reservoir is generally better. Poore also has a number of hatches that come off, particularly along the eastern shoreline during the evening hours. Try Caddis imitations, Callibaetis and Adams in size 14-16.

Roosevelt Lake and Lane Lake (8 acres each) sit at about 7,300'. These two lakes are connected by a narrow creek. They are about 3.2 miles from the trailhead. Roosevelt is particularly good at both the inlet and the outlet. They are part of the Catch & Release program with the State of California with a 2 trout limit. Lane has a rocky shoreline but fishes well along the western side where a channel extends to about a 30' depth. Each lake contains brookies in the 10-12" range as well as Lahonton Cutthroats. Since the lakes are at relatively low elevations, the best time for fishing is early and late season. There are good dry fly opportunities at the inlets and outlets, particularly during the evenings.

Secret Lake (7 acres) is difficult to fish without a float tube as the shoreline contains dense weedbeds. About 2 miles from trailhead. The lake contains cutthroats in the 13-16" range.

Fremont Lake (40 acres) at 8,250 feet. The lake developed from a moraine dam created by past glaciation. Granitic



West Walker River and Kirman Lake



This Map and information was provided courtesy of the Steve Ojai web-site. Please check it out for some neat stuff.

*August is open for an Outing:
give Rick or Rod a call if you'd
like to go fishing this month.
Or talk to them at the meeting*

**General meeting
August 14th.
6:00 Dinner
7:00 Meeting**

**Fly Tying
@
The Board Room
Salinas Airport
Aug 21st. @ 6:00**

**Board of Directors
Meeting @ the
Landing Zone
Aug 27th. @ 6:00**

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