

# Fly Times

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## President's Message

By: Jay Jefferson

Like to start by saying: "Hope to see you again soon" to John Schmidt. He and his family have made the big move to Northern California. I hope their adventures are great. John hadn't been in the club real long, but he had jumped in with both feet and was one of our Board member. He will be sourly missed. Greg Smith has agreed to step in and fill John's position on the Board.

For those who are able to go out on the weekend for the trout opener, I hope you had a good successful. We'd like to hear from anybody who got out and fished opening day, where they fished and how they did. Hopefully we'll have some good fish reports at the meeting on Wednesday. There is no official outing for the month of May although John Schmidt said he could help if anybody wanted to head up his way to fish the Yuba River. If you're interested just send him an email

(j.schmidt9965@sbcglobal.net)

For our meeting in this month, we will be talking about Spey rods and Spey casting. We will be discussing the different

types of rod and setups and the different line choices. For those who are interested, we hope to be out on the lawn in front of the restaurant around 5:30 before the meeting, so those who wish can try their hand at spey casting. We'll have both a 7 and a 5 weight rod available, so come on out a little early and give it a shot.

We are planning a outing to Davis Lake for the month of June hopefully the Damsel migration will be in full swing. Rick McCombs has offered to lead the way on this one. This may also match up with the Hexagenia hatch at Lake Almanor, so we might even get in a double header if the stars are alined just right. Also there is some talk about fishing some private water north of Sacramento this summer. We're not sure how many folks can go and what the might cost will be, but we'll have more information at the meeting.



## Upcoming Events:

Monthly meeting:

Kids Day FHL :

Fly Tying:

Board Meeting:

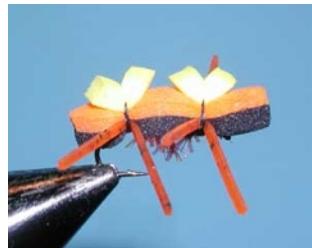
May's Fly of the Month:  
**The Chernobyl Ant**



Hook: Daiichi 1180 #10-12  
Thread: Black 6/0  
Body: Black (2mm) Fly Foam  
Belly: Olive Haretron dubbing  
Indicator: Yellow Fly Foam  
Legs: Black rubber leg material

Chernobyl Ant

This fly was the winner of the 1995 Jackson Hole One Fly Contest. It was designed by Mark Forslund and Allan Woolley, guides on the Green River below Flaming Gorge, Utah. Originally designed as a Mormon Cricket imitation for cutthroats, it has been successful throughout the Sierras with many species of trout. The high density foam gives the fly excellent floatation and the rubber legs give it life-like action. Use a twitching action to help make the legs move around. Many variations are possible with this pattern using various colors of foam, thus it is referred to as a "Mutant" ant and thus it's name, Chernobyl Ant. Best time to use this fly is from Late Summer to Fall from August through November. Should be good for the Merced outing.



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**Salinas Vally Fly Fishers Fly Tying**  
**Every 2nd Wednesday evening @ 6:00**

<p><b>May's monthly meeting</b>  <b>7:00 @ the Flying Artichoke</b>  <b>Dinner @6:00</b>  <b>May 12th.</b></p>	<p><i>Fly Tying</i>                  Airport Board Room  <b><u>Wednesday May 19 th @ 6:00</u></b></p>
<p>SVFF Board Meeting  <b><u>Wedn. May 26th</u></b>                  @ the Flying Artie.</p>	<p>No Outing Scheduled                  for May (Try the forebay)</p>

**All members are welcome and encouraged to attend the Board meetings.  
 Every third Wednesday of the month.**

**What's up for this coming meeting:** This Wednesday evening the topic of discussion will be on Spey casting. This should be of interest to everyone. Even if you're not interested in the two handed Spey rod and all that goes with it, the casting techniques are also applicable to casting a regular single handed fly rod. With a little practice, you'll be amazed and how much spey casting technique will help your everyday fishing. Also this month: in addition to the regular raffle, we'll be having the **white ticket drawing**. Not sure what the prize is, but it should aught be worth a trip to the airport to find out. **Roger Caton** won the *fly box* last month, so everybody should meet him at the door to see what kind of nifty flies he's bring to add into the mix.

**News from the Board Room**

Well first of all the Board Treasure reports that we have \$7,793.32 in the coffers. That's a tidy sum. We need to come up with some ideas for how we can spend that down a bit. I'm thinking raffle prizes for the annual Muddy River Classic in July. There's also some talk of a private water outing this summer and probably a bunch of worthy conservation efforts that could use a little help. If you've got an idea, send it along to one of the Board members. The Board is also making plans for their annual Board retreat to Fiddleback Ranch. If you'd like to go to this little shindig...It's pretty easy, just volunteer to be on the Board and you'll be in for next year. The other issue of concern is getting guest speakers for our upcoming meetings. If you have ideas, please let us know.

**Interesting Sierra trout facts**

- There are 20 major Rivers, 14 on the West Side and 6 on the East Side. These are within over 24 watershed areas.
- Historically, there were no trout in the Sierra above 6000 feet. Except for Goldens in the Upper Kern and Lahontan Cutthroats within the Carson, Walker, and Truckee River Drainage.
- Starting in the mid 1800's, trout have been stocked into 85% of all the lakes in the Sierra over 2 acres in size.
- There are 649 lakes in Inyo, Sierra, and Toiyabe National Forests of at least 25 acres between 10660' and 11,480' elevation. 85% of these lakes contain trout:

## **Fishing reports:**

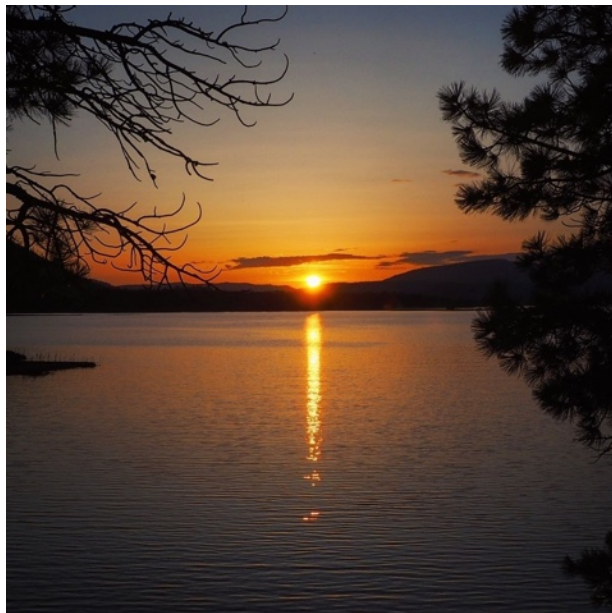
Jay J. reports that he and friend Larry Ellis and Dave Gambetta headed out to Nacimiento last month. In Jay's words they got blown out on the whites that they were after, but managed to catch a pot full of Spotted Bass.

Rick McCombs and Frank Cunha spent a couple of afternoons fishing for Bass at the lakes at Rancho Murrieta near Sutter Creek and had good success on Jay Fairs Wiggley Tail pattern and Woolly Buggers. They got lots of little guys, but on the second day got into some big females up in the 5 lb. range.

Sutter Creek, Tim Murphy took a solo trip to Rancho Seco (East of Stockton) after he and Frank and Rick had had a pretty productive day the week before. According to Tim, he had an awesome day and hooked the biggest Bass of his life, but after 15 minutes lost it in the weeds. He ended up bringing two huge trout home to smoke. When asked how big they were he said: "I gutted them and took the heads off and what was left weighed **11lbs.**" He must have really pissed the fish God's off by keeping those two fish, because when an excited Tim went back the next day in anticipation of a repeat performance...He go zilch, zero, nada, he got blanked. That will teach the big guy.

**Fishing Reports:** It's that time of year again when we're all dragging out the fishing tackle and making plans to go fishing. Half the fun and learning experience of being in a club is hearing what, how and where other angler are catching fish, so please share. E-mail me: [rickmcfly@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rickmcfly@sbcglobal.net) and share your fishing with the other members. It really doesn't matter whether you do well or get skunked, it's all good. Let me know where you went, what you caught, and how you caught it. While you're at it send me a picture. ....ed.

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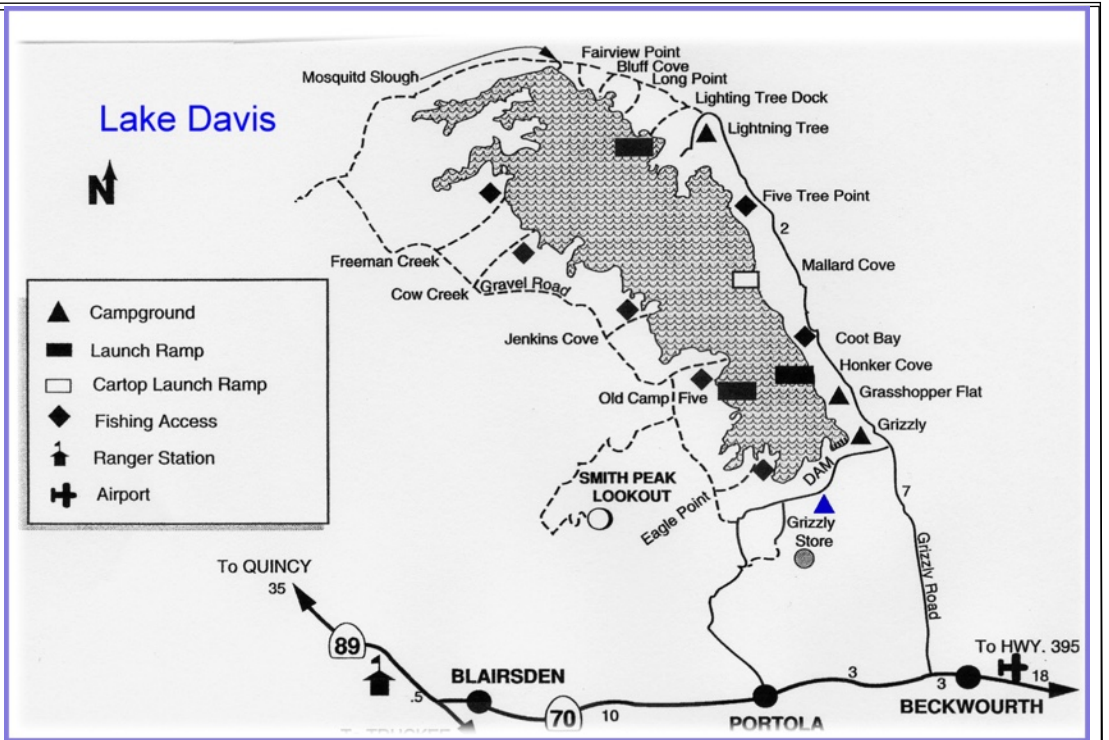


## Event Calendar / Maps

Date	Event	Location	Contact
May 12th.	Monthly Meeting	The Flying Artichoke	Jay Jefferson (809-0290)
May 19th.	Fly Tying	Salinas Airport	Bill Pshide (424-3063)
May 26th.	March Board Meeting	The Flying Artichoke	Jay Jefferson (809-0290)
May 17-19th	Board Retreat	Fiddle Back Ranch	Jay Jefferson (809-0290)
June 22-23rd. (tentative)	Club Outing	Davis Lake / Almanor?	Rick McCombs (209) 267-8088 / 418-8425
July 13th.	Muddy River Classic	Jefferson's Ranch	Jay Jefferson (809-0290)
August 17th.	Los Padres Outing	Los Padres Dam	Fred DeYoung (229-1916)

If you are thinking about going to Davis Lake in June, the prime fishing areas tend to be on the West side of the lake and the campground on the east side. In past years we've stayed at Lightning Tree Campground which is a short run to Mosquito slough and fairly close to the Freeman and Cow Creek fishing areas. You can go on line to reserve camping.

More info to follow.....Rick



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