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**GENERAL MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE
COMMONS
September 13, 2005
Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

FALL IS IN THE AIR By Scott Mayfield

It is cliché, but we all say it. We feel the drop in temperature, but seldom give credit to the phrase's other component, the odors of the season. Possibly the best explanation of this phrase was heard by fishermen making their way home one smoke stained Sunday evening. On his radio show, "A Prairie Home Companion," Garrison Keller explained...it is the smell that trigger memories from seasons gone by and foreshadow events to come.

The season's crisp air tingles the skin and excites nostrils on those perfect, early mornings. In the coolness you can smell the relief brought by cooler temperatures. It lifts odors from heat-stressed vegetation that is momentarily renewed before the quickening days and dying of the season. "It smells like steelhead," Bridget declares as she returns with coffee, the paper, and the Labrador with dew soaked paws. Early fall is the smell of a moments reprise and a warning; the remaining chores need to be completed, preparations for new adventures must be finalized, including the addition of rain gear and gloves to the dry-bag once more.

September is our reprise. Its shorter days and cooler temperature facilitate activity. Nature's way of granting one months grace. It is the time kids are back in school and thankfully their parents are back at work. Its aroma is the essence of, get it done and get it done now or you won't in the dark and cold to come. Tie the flies, the fish are in the water and more will be here soon. Paint the trim. Only two or three more times to mow the yard until the hoses can be wound-up and the sprinklers put away.

Describing a season's essence is like trying to describe water. Similar to fire, water has a hypnotic quality that inexplicitly draws you in. Thomas McGaune described water in the *Longest Silence* with three words: pellucid, gestalt, and another I don't remember. Out of bed to the dictionary I went. The musty dictionary reminded me of a girl in college who couldn't use the library because of an allergy. Pellucid –

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SEPTEMBER PROGRAM By Jerry Cartwright

The September program will feature Steve Raymond, the legendary fisherman and author whose works include the incomparable *Year of the Angler*. I have invited Steve to speak on whatever topic he feels like addressing.

JOHN PROPP'S STUFF By Jim Turner

At the September general meeting your Legacy Committee will present for sale and/or silent auction a selection of tying materials, clothing and gear owned and used by John Propp.

There is a lot of good stuff, so bring lots of money or checks. There will be several tables set up for display. We recommend that members plan to attend early as many items will go on a first come basis.

You will probably find a lot of things to your liking. Remember this is part of history, and you can have several pieces of it. If you really want to get an early view you can come at 4:00 PM and help haul in stuff and set it up.

John's widow, Patsy, asked Dick Odell for the Club's assistance and Dick stepped up to do the lion's share, if not all, of the categorizing for subsequent sale. All proceeds will go to Patsy. See you there.

Ed. Note: Dick has worked on this collection for a couple of months and has commented about it several times. There are some high quality reels, lots of hooks especially pike hooks. Some of the items will be sold within minutes of coming in the door. Other items might be on a silent auction so the bidding will continue for a while. Remember John owned a fly shop and had access to lots of equipment, etc. Don't miss out.

Permitting to a certain extent the passage of light. Gestalt – a synthesis of separate elements of emotion, experience, etc. that constitutes more than the mechanical sum of the parts. We call it fishing. It is as simple as water and as difficult to describe as comfortable cliché.

Fishing is the smell of an old friends car, a steaming cup of

coffee from a dented thermos along a riverbank. It is dust from the first blasts of a long-unused defroster, decaying fish, a wet dog, and a sleeping bag unrolled from a season's storage. Fishing is an addiction that few understand; yet some live by. Randy Shaber says, "the hardest addiction to break is one of long periods of monotony punctuated by intermittent, unpredictable reward." Fall is in the air. It is time to go.

IEFFC WORK CREW MAKES REGION 2 SIGNS READY FOR INSTALLATION

By Jerry McBride

As you probably recall, the Washington State Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers (WSCFFF) committed to get 10 signs for Region 2 lakes. These signs will be like the ones you have seen at the Lenice chain and at Amber Lake (near Cheney, WA) for a number of years. Ten sponsors have agreed to co-sponsor a sign with WSCFFF.

Here is where the signs will go:

<u>Lake Sign</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Lenice	Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club
Nunnally #1	Puget Sound Fly Fishers
Nunnally #2	Wenatchee Valley Fly Fishers
Lenore #1	Larry Gibbs
Lenore #2	Overlake Fly Fishing Club
Lenore #3	North West Fly Fishermen
Lenore #4	Yakima River Fly Fishers
Dusty #1	Seattle Police Department FFC
Dusty #2	Dry Side Fly Club
Beda	Dry Side Fly Club

Each sign will have a message specific to its location on fishing regulations and present the message in English, Spanish and Ukrainian. The sign will include a statement in English that says "In cooperation with sponsor's name and the Washington State Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers."

The signs with mounting frame cost \$250 each. WSCFFF is splitting the cost with the sponsors.

On July 7, 2005 a work crew consisting of IEFFC members Floyd Holmes, Gary Honeyman, Pat Kendall and Jerry McBride traveled to Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Region 2 Headquarters in Ephrata to mount the signs in the frames. Sixteen mounting holes were drilled in each 150 lb frame and the sign was attached using pop rivets.

The completed signs are now available for installation at their respective sites. An IEFFC crew will be going to Lenice this Fall to install the sign we have sponsored. If you would like to be on this crew contact Jerry McBride.

THE BACKCAST

By Leon Buckles

I am sure most of you know by now that Amber Lake has fished well this year, thanks to the efforts of the game department with support from our club. The Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club has had a long time love affair with the lake.

The first mention of Amber Lake, in club records, occurred early in club history. The monthly meeting was held at Decker's Resort on June 12, 1956, between 6 and 8 PM. At the January 10, 1961 club meeting, "President Rex Gerlach stated that the game commission acted affirmatively on our

request to make Bailey and the South end of Amber Lake, fly only lakes." [This side bar should grab the attention of our accounting friends. The club was in a very solvent state at this time with a total balance of \$13.17.]

The lake was rehabilitated in 1963 and planted with 75,000 Rainbow fry. Amber provided excellent fishing for many years. Yearling fish were typically 10 to 11 inches in length with carryover fish in the 15- to 16-inch bracket. Every year the lake gave up some fish in the 5-pound bracket.

INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB – SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

FLY OF THE MONTH

The Goldfish

September, 2005

Gene Lorenson

In preparation for a trip to Brabant Lodge in Canada's Northwest Territories, I tied a multitude of flies that I hoped would entice the large pike of the MacKenzie River. Almost every pattern I tried would take these voracious predators when they were on the feed. But there were times when the pike were definitely closed mouthed. I had one pattern, however, that produced vicious strikes even when other patterns were ignored. That's the good news! The bad news is that because of the bulky make-up of the fly the pike were often able to reject the fly without being hooked. I had 20 solid strikes on the pattern and landed four fish. (The fact that one of the landed pike was 45 inches long and weighed over 25 lbs. helped a bit.)

The pattern is tied with white, yellow, and bright orange saddle hackle and chartreuse and orange dubbed marabou which caused fishing partner, Russ Rowndy, to call it "the Goldfish." It indeed has the appearance and action of a plump goldfish in the water. The pike hit it on slow retrieves, fast retrieves, dead still, and even when dragged across the surface of the water. Why they liked it so much I do not know. I never saw a live goldfish in the MacKenzie. This brings me to the reason I decided to use the pattern as the Fly of the Month. We have lakes in our area that are infested with goldfish. They are taken enthusiastically by large brown and rainbow trout as well as pike, tiger muskies, and bass. Why not try the "Goldfish" in these goldfish-laden waters?

Hook: Sizes 4 — 4/0 2-3x long

Thread: Stout black or red

Wing: Saddle hackles, 2 white, 2 yellow, 4 florescent orange, several strands of pearl Krystal Flash or Krinkle Mirrow

Body: Mixture of chartreuse and hot orange Marabou

Head: Large orange chenille or trimmed wool

Eyes: Your favorite large eyes attached with Shoe Goo
(Be sure to use wire leader for pike.)



1 Pinch the barb and line the hook shank with tying thread. Tie in order: 2 white, 2 yellow, and 4 orange saddle hackles.

2. Wind in a mixture of chartreuse and hot orange Marabou fibers. I like to dub them together for a good mix. Leave room for a large head. Place several strands of the flash material along each side of the fly.

3. Make a large head of wool or chenille. Attach the eyes, using Shoe Goo for a permanent fix.



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Also Wanted

I need a pair of wheels for the rear of a car top boat. Also a rotary boat seat.

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GET WELL COMMITTEE

We now have an official Chairman for the Get Well Committee.

Contact Pat Kendall if you hear of any member who is on the sick list, injured or worse.



Hugh Evans went fishing during a break in our Summer Board Meeting. There were several witnesses to his catching a fish, but no matter how much I magnify the picture I can't see the fish. It is hidden by two or three fingers. Bob