# The Fly Leaf



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## GENERAL MEETING INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB MUKOGAWA FORT WRIGHT INSTITUTE COMMONS

September 9, 2008 Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 p.m. Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dwight Tipton

When we broke for the summer back in May the upcoming August BOD meeting seemed like it was a long time away. It wasn't. In about the time it takes to land a few Brookies the calendar moved from mid-May to the first week of August, so, your dedicated representatives, namely: Jason, Jon, Bob, Steve D., Steve W., Leon, Gene, Jim, Chet, Hube and I gathered on the banks of the Lochsa intent on representing your interests. We also intended to catch a few fish, seriously snooze under the stars, imbibe a few alcoholic beverages, eat a passle of groceries, and, last but by no means least, have a few giggles.

I'm proud to report that we accomplished all of our objectives. The fishing wasn't great, due primarily I suspect to numerous t-storms and related harsh barometric changes, but we all caught fish. I don't have a clue who released the biggest, but it's near certain the 3 incher bagged by Mr. Turner was the smallest.

Your president, with help from assistant chefs Steve Wittstock and Gene Lorenson, whipped up a dinner of barbecued pork tenderloin, accompanied by Santa Fe beans, hot French bread and fresh garden vegetables which seemed to satisfy the assembled diners. Gene delivered the piece de resistance with his Dutch oven peach-huckleberry cobbler--served with ice cream no less--which resulted in a bunch of loosened belts. Wild camping is tough, but we got 'er dun.

The business meeting was rife with good general discussion on a host of topics. Said discussions will

## **SEPTEMBER PROGRAM**By Jon Allen

September's program will take us north to Alaska. Leon Buckles will present on the trip that he and Lowell Tveit took to Saltery Lake Lodge.

This destination offers fishing, hunting and photography from its location on Saltery Lake near Ugak Bay, on the eastern side of Kodiak Island, Alaska. Nestled in a setting of rolling hills, mountains, and rivers, guests have numerous opportunities to view and photograph wildlife such as Sitka black tail deer, eagles, marine mammals, seabirds and Kodiak brown bears. This adventure offers Alaska fishing at its best.

move forward at our regular BOD meetings now that fall is upon us.

The good news about time going fast is that the summer doldrums are about over, which means that along with the St. Joe, several of our local lakes will turn on. I hear great things about Sprague. Jim T. and I know great things about McDowell. Both are musts for the coming weeks.

See y'all September 9.

#### MAILING PROBLEM By Bob Bates

We had a major problem with mailing the May Fly Leaf. The street address was omitted by the printer. As a result over 45 of the 74 Fly Leafs mailed were returned to us. Three were messed up so badly that we couldn't read the name. The printer re-mailed them at no cost to us. If you didn't get a May Fly Leaf and want one let me know and I'll print a copy.

The e-mail copy of The Fly Leaf went out as planned.



Stalwart anglers getting ready to do battle with Lochsa Cutthroat trout before the summer board meeting.



UPDATE ON MAY FLY OF THE MONTH

By Marc Chapman

I am Tom Chapman's son, and I love reading the monthly IEFFC Fly Leaf online, since living in the Seattle area doesn't lend itself to joining the club officially. Thanks for producing and posting them. You guys do a really nice job.

I would like to request an update to the May 2008 Fly Leaf as I'd like to give official credit to the originator of the double-chironomid pattern. The pattern was given to my friend and me by Darce Knobel, owner of the Desert Fly Angler in Ephrata, WA. Would you mind putting this information into the "Fly of the Month" section?

Thank you very much.

IEFFC Summer Board meeting in progress

### PLEASE REVIEW YOUR ROSTER

Unfortunately, errors get into the roster. Some in the past came from typing or retyping the information. Others from delays in letting us know about e-mail, address or similar changes.

Our new system will minimize errors. It also makes assembling the roaster easier. Check your roster and send any changes to:

Steve Dixon: elrico9@comcast.net Bob Bates: bob-bates@msn.com

Or Mail to:

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#### FLY OF THE MONTH

#### Pheasant Tail Lightning Bug

September, 2008

Swede's Fly Shop

I stopped by Swede's Fly Shop the other day as another customer was purchasing a bunch of flies for the Clark's Fork River. They were all of one pattern, which he claimed would out fish any other fly on the river by 5 to 1. The pattern looked so good I bought one. (The first fly I've bought in many, many years.) Swede calls it the Pheasant Tail Lightning Bug. It incorporates the fish catching properties of both the pheasant tail and the lightning bug in one very effective pattern. Here it is for the September Fly of the Month. Give it a try on the Clark's Fork and your other favorite waters.

**Hook:** Tiemco 2487 #16-10

Thread: Fine black or brown monochord

**Bead:** Brass to fit hook size **Tail:** Pheasant tail fibers **Body:** Pheasant tail fibers

Shell back: Several strands of pearl Krystal Flash

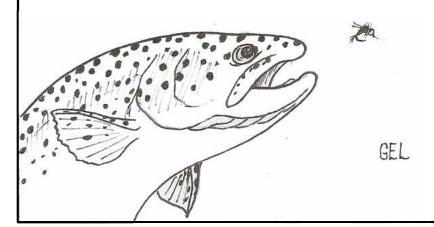
**Rib:** Fine copper wire

**Legs:** Fine rubber tarantula legs

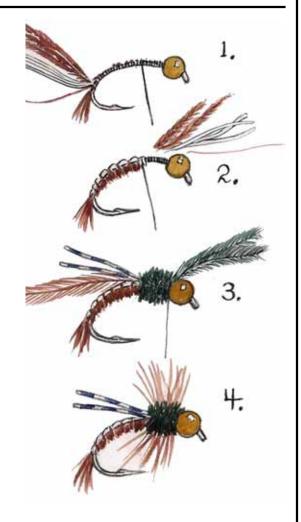
Thorax: Peacock herl

Hackle: Brown

- 1. Pinch the barb and slide the bead up to the eye. Line the hook shank with tying thread. Tie in a few pheasant tail fibers for a tail. Attach the wire rib, the Krystal Flash, and the pheasant tail for the body.
- 2. Wind a tapered body of pheasant tail 2/3 of the way up the hook. Fold the Krystal Flash over the top of the body and wind 5 or 6 turns of wire rib over the body and shell to hold them in place and segment the body. Trim excess.
- 3. Attach the rubber legs to form a V back along the body. Tie in the hackle and let it dangle. Tie in 2 or 3 peacock herls and wrap the thorax.
- 4. Palmer the hackle through the thorax and tie off behind the bead head. Whip finish and cement.







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#### DOUGLAS LAKES RANCH TRIP By Frank Faha

We are putting together another trip to Douglas Lakes Ranch. Dates are 5, 6, 7 and 8 June 2009. Package price is \$1082 per person which includes \$164 for taxes. Deposit is \$250.

Make your reservations in groups of two using your credit card. Call Shirley, 1 800 663 4834 or 1 250 350 3344.

More details available. Call me, 448 6605 or E-mail me, ffaha@msn.com

## **WANTED**By Ivan Lines

I'm looking to purchase used two-handed fly fishing gear-rods, reels, and lines-for steelhead fishing.

I would prefer 6, 7 or 8 weight gear not to exceed 14 feet length.

My office number is 465-4997 and home phone is 466-8622. E-mail: **ivan@iwjv.org** 

## WATER FESTIVAL By Dwight Tipton

The annual Water Festival has expanded to two days in September and the Spokane Club is short of volunteers. They can handle the 19th but not the 18th. The content is 15 minutes per group and is general fly fishing lore, capped by some casting demonstrations and basically, whatever else you think may be of interest to a bunch of 5th graders. The basic theme is the importance of water, hence the sponsorship of the NW Water Resource Institute. I am looking for two or three of you gentlemen to volunteer. Donuts, drinks and lunch are promised. Contact me: H 467-3057; W 276-5088; E-mail dwight@e-truss.net

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