



**Monthly Meeting**

Monthly meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at All Saints Episcopal Church 501 S Phoenix in Russellville at 7:00 PM. The Board meeting begins at 6:00 PM.

**Fly Tying**

The fly tiers meet every Monday except the Monday of the monthly meeting at All Saints Episcopal Church 501 S Phoenix in Russellville. We begin at 7:00 PM.

Come on down to tie, tell your latest fish story, or just be around other folks who also have this fly-fishing thing real bad.

**Good Fishing Links  
CADDIS on line**

[www.caddisflyfishers.org](http://www.caddisflyfishers.org)

**Water levels and releases**

Check 'em out before you leave:

[www.swpa.gov/generation.html](http://www.swpa.gov/generation.html)

Also available at

[www.caddisflyfishers.org](http://www.caddisflyfishers.org)

**A site of sites**

These folks are trying to tie all US fly fishing related sites together.

[www.usaonthefly.com](http://www.usaonthefly.com)

**A Warmwater Tying Site**

Colorful with great graphics:

[www.warmwaterflytyer.com](http://www.warmwaterflytyer.com)

**CADDIS CALENDAR 2009**

**April 20:** Monthly CADDIS club meeting.

**May 1-2:** Smallmouth Rendezvous in Tahlequah, Oklahoma

**May 2:** Arkansas Fly Fishers One-Fly

**Caddis fly fisher's please remember:**

Let our local and national vendors know when you're buying or talking with them that we greatly appreciate their contributions.

**Now That Just Caps It All!**

Jerry McKaughan showed up at tying this week with the long awaited new CADDIS caps. Olive green with tan logo in a soft low crown style - they are just pretty sharp. Everybody needs one of these.

**CADDIS Does the Sow Bug**

This year the annual Sow Bug Roundup was taken in by Ron Schwartz, Jerry McKaughan, and Dan Terry, all hospitably chauffeured by Martin Dill. This fly tiers show left us all spinning with new ideas and possibilities. The addage that everything new in fly tying is just a combination of what's already out there just ain't so.

We will now inflict some of these fresh ideas upon the Monday fly tying bunch.

**Monthly Meeting Fly Box**

We have a new program at the monthly CADDIS meetings - a fly box give away. It goes like this:

You either bring 2 tied flies or \$2.00 if you want in on the drawing. The flies go in a container for the winner and the money to the club. We draw at the end of the meeting and one of those participating takes home a box of club flies.



Why not to use a bungee cord on you net....



**Fly Tiers Corner**

Robert Farnam from New Blaine has lately been attending our Monday night tying sessions. Robert is old school having been flyfishing since the 60's when he used automatic reels on glass rods. He sure ties a mean bream fly. We can learn from his experience. Welcome Robert.

**Sweat the Small Stuff**

Cameron Mortenson and Joe Cornwall of Ohio Flyfishers



The world is a different place when you gaze at life in a macro mode. Cameron Mortenson knows this fact intimately. Cameron fishes for trout, sometimes very big trout, with flies that *start* at size 20 and go down from there. It's a rarified and specialized world. It's a world where every detail bears equal significance; from the knot used to tie on the fly to the materials used to construct the bug itself. Primarily fishing the six patterns in the variety of colors pictured below, Cameron is able to fool tough fish. By using miniature tippetts and finely crafted fiberglass rods he often pays his dues for membership in the famed 20/20 club. Lee Wulff would be proud!

"Midges will work on any river that has a significant midge base during the day to day diet of the trout in that water. I take at least one fully stocked midge box on any trip...just in case" says Cameron. "Two years ago I

learned that the game does go anywhere as a couple friends and I took a spring trip to the Grey Reef section of the North Platte River in Wyoming. Besides a few worm patterns, RS-2's and Krystal Flash Midges fished deep took some amazing trout. The biggest surprise was that we were fishing size 20 and 22 midges off of 3X tippet. That would be unheard of back here on rivers in the Appalachia."

Cameron learned to fish small on the waters of northern Colorado nearly a decade ago. He says he was surprised at first to see solid fish move from slack water behind a rock to snatch up a tiny midge in the flow of the riffle water. "I became a believer...FAST!" says Cameron. His favorite set-up is a double midge nymph rig. "A grey CDC wing RS-2 and a black Krystal Flash Midge are at the top of the rotation of tandem rigs I use."

The genesis of this profile started with some posts on the [Fiberglass Flyrodders](#) Internet forum. Pictures of beautiful rainbow trout and tiny, tiny flies prompted an invitation to join the Fly Fish Ohio team in a *Fly Box Porn* installment. "Over the past year and a half I've rediscovered the joys of fishing fiberglass and have added rods to my collection from six and a half to eight foot in length." he confided. "For the narrow tree covered waters that I fish in

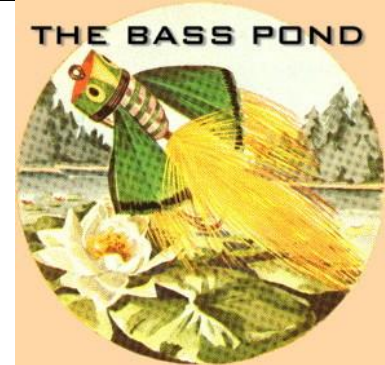
North Carolina, I've found that a seven foot five weight is the perfect fly rod for me. I've also shortened up my leaders to about seven feet as well. The short rod allows me to cast in places that an eight to nine foot rod would be limited and I am not catching tree limbs overhead on missed hook sets. The shorter leader has given me more control when roll or flip casting with just a few feet of fly line past the rod tip. A lot of what I am doing is short line high stick nymphing tandem midge rigs with a bit of weight to get the flies down through shallow riffles and runs. The shorter leader lends to getting better drifts and hook sets since there is less fly line and leader to contend with on the trout's take of the fly."

Just because the flies are microscopic doesn't mean the tackle is scaled back. After all, the fish are still just as big! Cameron favors three to five weight rods. He matches his gear to the fish and water, not the fly. Says Cameron, "Last spring I found myself under gunned trying to hook up with sixteen plus inch trout in tight fast water with a fiberglass seven foot three weight. After lunch I switched to a seven foot five weight rod...problem solved."

When asked if he finds the fish to be truly selective to pattern at these small sizes, Cameron is quick to answer that color and

size are most important. Red and black midges are his top producers, but occasionally something flashy in green, gold, or silver can make a reluctant fish move. "I've found that getting creative at the vise, even on these small flies, can yield some interesting and effective midge patterns."

Cameron has some advice for those of you who are planning on getting serious about the midge game. "Know this one thing," he says. "The advantage is ALWAYS to the fish. When you are casting size 20 and smaller flies on light tippet to large fish in skinny or structure filled water...you are at their will. It is easy to get really frustrated when you regularly get busted off; the hook comes unbuttoned or even straightens under the weight of a large fish on the run. Realize this...it happens...and it will happen again. As you are sliding your net under a twenty plus inch fish that took a size 22 midge and then fought a spirited fight for the past five minutes...well...all the memories of a missed trout will melt away and be forgotten."



### Just one more Papa

Granddaughter Maddie showed great interest as I gathered stuff together for the weekly CADDIS fly tying session. Looking me dead in the eye she asked, "Pappa will you take me fishing now?" Wondering just how many more fishing trips we will be allowed I could only opt for playing hooky.

The water was very still two hours before dark as we eased the pond boat out. A little action among the willows caught our attention and Maddie cast her "silly bee" her regulation distance of 12 feet.

From there on it was game on. She caught bass after bass and could do no wrong even with all the dropped paddles, miscasts, splashy releases, and screams at the jumpers.

Crows were eagles. A bullfrogs groan was surly a goat. Every distant engine was Uncle Cooter's four wheeler on his way to join us. Three captured minnows swimming up



the flat bottoms keel groove took on the importance of a salmon migration. Certain and unquestioned pronouncements from a five year old always make me smile.

She hooked 15 and landed a dozen even though wound to the rod tip. We've let this pond overpopulate with willing little bass. Size isn't as important as the body count when you're young.

When it was so dark that all I could see was a big white grin and one little finger held high against the sky that little voice begged "Just one more Papa!".



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It's been a fairly smooth float these several years now. The launch was a bit shaky and I've missed or muffed some casts at several likely looking coverts along the way. Much understanding has been netted and hopefully a bit was cast out.

Time has come to put another in the bow seat with a new box of ideas and fresh approaches to use around the next bend. The guy at the oars

and I aren't reading the seams and flows the same way. It's best to step ashore before a boat broaches in disturbed waters. An upstream mend of the CADDIS Flylines is in order to straighten out the drift.

Thanks to the many who have bestowed ideas and words of encouragement along the trip. I'll give the one that steps up a strong shove downriver with all the help I can muster. Fish on!

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"By the time I had turned thirty, I'd realized two important things. One, I had to fish. Two, I had to work for a living."  
Mallory Burton

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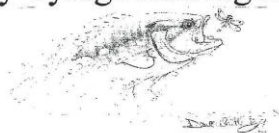
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