



CALENDAR
2011

Aug 15th Regular Meeting
Sept 19th Regular Meeting
Oct 1st Fly Tie-In
Oct 6th – 8th SOCFE Conclave



CADDIS
Monthly Meeting

Monthly meetings are held on the Third Monday of each month except July when were out fishing and October for the Conclave, at the Western Sizzlin Restaurant in Russellville at 7:00 PM. Except as noted in the calendar.

Club Finance Report
July 20, 2011

Beg. Bal.	\$ 6,041.26
Income	79.00
Expenses	175.57
Ending Bal.	\$ 5,944.69

Fly Tiers Corner



Flyters are meeting on Monday nights at the Russellville Airport, we are now doing more of a fly tying class style meeting for the new comers.

CADDIS Meeting July

No meeting

Message from the President:

Well it appears that summer has arrived. I'm betting that the rain has ceased and were in for a long have period with no moisture and probably plenty of high water. Hope that everyone gets in some good trout fishing this year.

Bad news from New Mexico, forest are closed due to fires, so made a alternate plan. Going to Lyons, CO for the Cane Conclave, will be rubbing shoulders with the likes of " AK Best, John Barr, and John Gierach". Will still be at the enchanted circle in North East New Mexico for a few days and maybe things in the forest will improve. I hope to have some good stories to tell when I return.

Trying to put together a speaker for August but it may be September. Steve Wilson from Mountain Home.



ON COLLECTING
by Bob Mead – Realistic Tier

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Don Bastian is best known for the flies he tied to match the Dr Burke fly plate paintings of Bergman flies in Trout that were photographed and featured in the epic tome *Forgotten Flies*. His flies are so unbelievably reasonable you can fish with them without a care. Andy Brasco lives and breathes wet flies. He writes a column on them for the Catskill Fly Tyers Guild Newsletter. Grab some.

Would any collection be complete without some flies from the Harrops, Joe Humphreys, Al Troth, Jimmy Nix, Royce Dam, Tom Baltz, Charlie Meck, Bill Heckel, Ted Niemeyer, Dave Skok, Harold Williams, Mike Martinek, and Darwin Atkin? My goodness, where do you stop? Don't forget Fishy, even if you just want to pin one of his great hoppers on your hat.

The overseas tyers would take up an entire column and Oliver Edwards would head the cast followed closely by Hans Van Klinken.

All those mentioned have stories as to how they came to be who they are, or were. It is always hard to single out individuals as examples because you always omit a lot of good ones. They are singled out not because of who they are, but for how they got there. And how they got there is what you should be looking at and asking yourself if new tyers seem to be following one of these tracks to longevity and renown.

A few tyers to watch:

Vince Wilcox. A young innovative tyer who writes for three magazines, runs a shop in the Adirondacks for his livelihood, and has had his flies featured on magazine covers. Wayne Samson. Check him out in Volume 3 of 'Fly Tyers of the World.' John Bonasera. Better known as Catskill John, a fantastic tyer, fly tying history buff, and rod maker. Joe Cordeiro. Known for his 'Flat Wing' super long saddle hackle salt-water flies, has also had his flies on magazine covers and used in advertisements. Pat Cohen. Unbelievable new deer hair tyer. Grab some of his flies before the prices go up. Greg Belcamino, a fine tyer and fisherman who writes for the prestigious New York Angler's Club Bulletin.

It is always a worthwhile venture to buy flies featured on a magazine cover. Have the tyer sign the cover and put it away in a plastic sleeve with the fly or flies. On Prices. The highest price is not always the best investment. Like signed prints, framed high priced flies really need a story behind the tyer, or 20 inflationary years from now, you will be lucky to sell them for half what you paid. The tyers pricing of his flies is discretionary. Just because you made, or make, \$30 an hour when you were/are working does not automatically relate to time worth spent tying.

There are many tyers right on this site worth collecting.

Bruce Marino's Norway Rat at \$5; the picture doesn't give you any idea how darn big that thing is. Every one should own a couple. Garren Wood's Black Rogue and Golden Demon at a deuce apiece. Tim Wohland's Grass Shrimp is a thing of beauty. Scott Cesari is the future. Mike Schmidt is a fine tyer and the kind of guy you'd like your daughter to marry. There are a lot very good tyers with reasonably priced flies on this site, even the salmon flies. Read their bios, research them, find their story. Just be sure you ask for a couple signed cards when you buy their flies.

A story must always go with it. No story? Fish with it!