

The Fly Line

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September Meeting

Want to take a trout fishing trip to New Mexico or Colorado? Don't want to break the bank on such a trip? Where do you go for access to great fishing? Where to stay while there?

a DIY fishing trip to the trout waters of New Mexico and Colorado.

Having good information on where to go and where to stay can make the difference between spending your time on

the water and spending your time searching for fishable waters.

Come early as Bruce will tie several of his "secret" guaranteed flies.



Bruce Sublett will be here from Lufkin, Texas to answer those and other questions that you may have about planning

We look forward to seeing you at our September meeting. Remember, social hour begins at 6:00pm, meeting at 6:45pm.

"The solution to any problem -- work, love, money, whatever -- is to go fishing, and the worse the problem, the longer the trip should be." ~ John Gierach



Newsletter Format Change

This issue's fly of the month will not coincide with the fly that we are tying at Bass Pro Shops this month. It is a fly of my choosing, but one that is appropriate for this time of year.

Starting with the September issue of *The Fly Line*, the featured Fly of the Month will be the fly that we tied at the previous month's Bass Pro Shops workshop. For instance, this month Tom Bullock will be tying a soft hackle fly and showing us a

short-cut way to tie it. This fly and short-cut will be featured in next month's issue.

Why the change? I knew you'd ask. Sometimes the fly featured in *The Fly Line* doesn't match up with what is tied at the workshop. Several reason can cause this to happen. Maybe the tier has to cancel for some reason- not a complaint but sometimes things happen. Also, there can be different versions of a

fly and the one featured doesn't match the one tied.

Now for the main reason for the change. What ends up in the next newsletter is the exact version that was previously tied. So after seeing it tied and tying one yourself with necessary direction, you can get a recap for when you try to tie at home. Several times over the years this would have helped me. I hope you like the format change as I think it will be beneficial.



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Fly of the Month - "Soft Hackle Fly"

by Tom Bullock

At the NLFF's Fly Tying Session at Bass Pro, Tom Bullock demonstrated how to tie Soft Hackle Fly with a new twist.

The remainder of the wet fly, or soft hackled Fly, was tied per the teaching of James Leisenring (1878 -1951).



Leisenring is considered by many to be the American Skaves, a well known European author and fly fisher of the early 1900's. Leisenring was said to be the most advanced fly fisher and fly tier of the new world during his life. Leisenring

The new method involved a new way of attaching the Partridge feather to the collar of the wet fly.

deviated from the traditional North Country Spiders of the UK in that he tied heavily dubbed wet flies usually with a game bird flank feather as a tail. He also used the traditional partridge feather as a collar on most of his flies. Leisenring invented what is now known as the Leisenring Lift, or in-



duced lift, to bring fish up from the bottom of the water to catch what appears to be escaping prey. Leisenring was one of the first to prepare a "Dubbing Loop" to be used to dub his flies.

There was a larger than normal turnout at Bass Pro. All attendees tied very nice flies which should be pleasing to the fish.



2017 Gulf Coast Council Fly Fair



4th Annual GULF COAST FLY FISHING FAIR

Sept. 15/16, 2017

Ocean Springs Civic Center - 3730 Bienville Blvd.

The Public is invited to this Regional Show that is hosted by

The Gulf Coast Council - Fly Fishers International

FREE ADMISSION, TYING DEMONSTRATIONS & CLASSES

Free Casting Lessons by the Gulf South's Top Casting Instructors

With programs on fly fishing for specific species, patterns and areas, this is the largest fly fishing show in North Gulf Coast Region: Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, & the Florida Panhandle. Have ever wanted to learn or teach your kids to fly fish in Salt, Warm or Cold Water, or learn /improve your casting or tying skills? Then this is your opportunity to receive FREE LESSONS from the region's best tyers & casting instructors.

Boy and Girl Scouts Welcome - Come and work on your Fly Fishing Merit Badge!

Auctions & Raffles for Fly Rods, Reels, Equipment and Artwork

50% of Proceeds are donated to: The USM - Gulf Coast Research Lab

More information, classes and schedules coming soon go to: WWW.gulfcoastfff.org

NLFF Calendar

Sep 12th: NLFF Monthly Meeting. Red River Wildlife Refuge, 150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA. Social gathering at 6:00pm, meeting starts at 6:45pm and presentation will begin at 7:00pm.

Sep 21st: Fly Tying Workshop. White River Fly Shop in Bass Pro Shop in Bossier City, LA., 6:00-7:30pm. Bud Bethea is tying a parachute adams - a classic trout fly.

Sep 26th: NLFF Executive Board meeting. 6:00pm at Bass Pro Shop in Bossier City, LA upstairs in the conference room directly across from the elevator.

Oct 10th: NLFF Monthly Meeting. Red River Wildlife Refuge, 150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA. Social gathering at 6:00pm, meeting starts at 6:45pm and presentation will begin at 7:00pm.

Oct 19th: NLFF Banquet. Our annual fundraising banquet. More details to come.

Oct 24nd: NLFF Executive Board meeting. 6:00pm at Bass Pro Shop in Bossier City, LA upstairs in the conference room directly across from the elevator.

Nov 3rd - 5th: Toledo Bend Rendezvous. North Toledo Bend State Park, Zwolle, LA. Sponsored by the FFI Gulf Coast and Texas Councils. An annual gathering of fly fishing club members from all over. Plenty of food, fishing, tying and casting. For fees and details, see <http://pages.suddenlink.net/w/Rendez/indexR.html>

Nov 14th: NLFF Monthly Meeting. Red River Wildlife Refuge, 150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA. Social gathering at 6:00pm, meeting starts at 6:45pm and presentation will begin at 7:00pm.

Nov 16th: Fly Tying Workshop. White River Fly Shop in Bass Pro Shop in Bossier City, LA., 6:00-7:30pm. Bud Bethea is tying a parachute adams - a classic trout fly.

Nov 28th: NLFF Executive Board meeting. 6:00pm at Bass Pro Shop in Bossier City, LA upstairs in the conference room directly across from the elevator.



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SEND ITEMS TO EDITOR:
STORIES, PHOTOS, ITEMS OF
INTEREST ARE ALL
WELCOME!

Upcoming Events

Sep 15th - 16th: FFI-GCC Fly Fishing Fair. Civic Center, Ocean Springs, MS. Free Admission. Sponsored by Fly Fishers International - Gulf Coast Council. Plenty of activities including fly tying demonstrations, casting classes and workshops. Friday evening casual dinner at the beach. Saturday morning breakfast at the Gulf Coast Research Lab. In addition to free admission, most activities are free. See www.gulfcoastiff.org for more details and to register for some workshops.

Oct 6th - 7th: "FFI Southern Fly Fishing Fair". Hosted by the Southern Council of the IFFF. Vada Shield Convention Center, Arkansas State University campus, Mountain Home, AR. See www.iffsoc.org for more details.

Oct 7th: "9th Annual Rio Grande Rodeo". Hosted by the New Orleans Fly Fishers. New Orleans City Park, 7:30a - 12noon. For more info call or email AJ Rosenbohm at 504-952-1340 or nolafllyguy@att.net.

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Nov 10th - 12th: "RSFF Fall Catch-n-Eat". Red Stick Fly Fishers annual fall marsh fishing trip Friday-Saturday, November 10-12, 2016. Friday evening gathering at local restaurant (optional). Saturday evening gathering and fish/shrimp/veggie fry at Golden Meadow. Must be member of RSFF or other fly fishing club to participate. For details, go to www.rsff.org



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Serving the Ark-La-Tex for over 30 years

It is the charge of the North Louisiana Fly Fishers to afford the general public and our members in particular, a better understanding of Fly Fishing, Fly Tying, and Rod Building. We wish to perpetuate the sport as a most pleasurable and exciting fishing method and provide education, instruction and the opportunities for relaxation to the membership.

The North Louisiana Fly Fishers (NLFF) Club serves the Ark-La-Tex area surrounding Shreveport. As the closest cold water fishery, we consider the Little Missouri (Little' Mo) River near Murfreesboro, AR our home waters. We also fish the local rivers and lakes. We even have a growing group of kayak fishermen that, as well as the local rivers and lakes, will fish the gulf coast marshes for some saltwater action!

We meet the second Tuesday of every month at the Red River Wildlife Refuge (150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA). Meeting starts at 7pm but come about 6pm to visit, tie flies and practice casting when the weather permits. See you there!