

Fly Times

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Upcoming Events:

Monthly meeting

Canceled

Fly Tying:

Canceled

September Outing

Hat Creek area

Board Meeting:

Sept. 23rd.

President's Message

Fellow member I hope this month's President's message finds those who had to evacuate back in your homes, safe and sound, with no damage. The smoke is beginning to clear and you all have my wishes for some clean air to breath and good health.

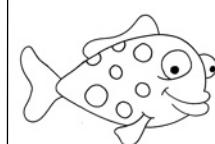
Your Board met last week and covered a plethora of subjects. Fishing reports, however were few and far between. By the way, if any of you do go out on the water, be sure to e-mail a report to me and Rick so we can get it in the newsletter. Don't forget to include a photo if you have one, especially if you managed catch something. Treasure - Chuck reported no change in our finance report. We still have plenty in the coffers and I'm currently planning a trip to Mexico. Looks like I have exactly \$7635.17 to spend. We did not have our usual drawing at this month's Board meeting. It must have slipped somebody's mind. It is sure hard to find good help around here. Anyway, next month we will double up to make it good. We also started work on next years slate of officers and board members. Please call me if you are

By: Fred De Young

interested in a two year term on the Board- Phone: (229-1916). In other news, the Board made the decision to postponed our annual dinner until it will be safe from COVID. We're not sure how long that is going to be, so do what you can to be safe and keep your fingers crossed. So far, It looks like we will have a strong showing for Fishmaster Jay's outing to the Hat Creek area. Good luck to all of you who can make it. It should be a great outing.

We are sad to report that Ken Pina will be moving out of the area. He's been a great addition to the club and we'll miss him. We wish Ken all the best. We were very excited to hear of (LDR)* Wilson's progress on the website. Our thanks also for Madison's efforts to help bring the project forward. Wilson is planning to have it up and ready to go in a couple of months.

Aside from all of that, I hope to see you on the water in the near future.



--Fred

* Long Distance Release

September Fly of the Month
Zebra Midge

- Hook: [Daiichi 1120, sizes 14-22](#)
- Thread: [Black Uni-thread 8/0](#)
- Head: [Black, Gold, or Silver Bead](#)
- Rib: [Fine Silver Wire](#)
- Body: [Black Uni-thread 8/0](#)
- Attractor: [Pearl Krystal Flash](#)



Let's tie up some midges this month..First a little clarification, many fly fishers hear the term "midge" and they just think : "little tiny flies". Well, we won't say that's incorrect, but we will say that there is more to the story. Here we're talking about "midge" as in Chironomid. While these are generally a relatively little fly, the term is not suggestive of size, but rather the type of bug. The midge flies might be tied as large as 8 or 10 (think Pyramid) or all the way down to size 20-24 if you can still those. Most often associated with mud bottom still-water environments like Crowley, Bridgeport, or Davis. they can also be found in streams. The fun part of tying midges is that you can let your imaging go wild and still come up with a fly that will probably catch fish. For more information on tying and fishing midges, refer to Phil Rowley and Brian Chan. (ed.)



Whether looking at the real things or what you're going to put in your fly box, variety is the spice of life. There are hundreds of different type sizes and colors of Chironomids, what they share in their life cycle and the environments where they live.

Salinas Valley Fly Fishers Fly Tying
Every 2nd Wednesday evening @ 6:00 (Quest welcome)
Fly Tying is temporarily suspended

SALINAS VALLEY FLY FISHERS

SEPTEMBER 2020

Monthly meeting Salinas Airport **CANCELED**

SVFF Board Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 23rd.
Jefferson Ranch @ 6:00 P.M.

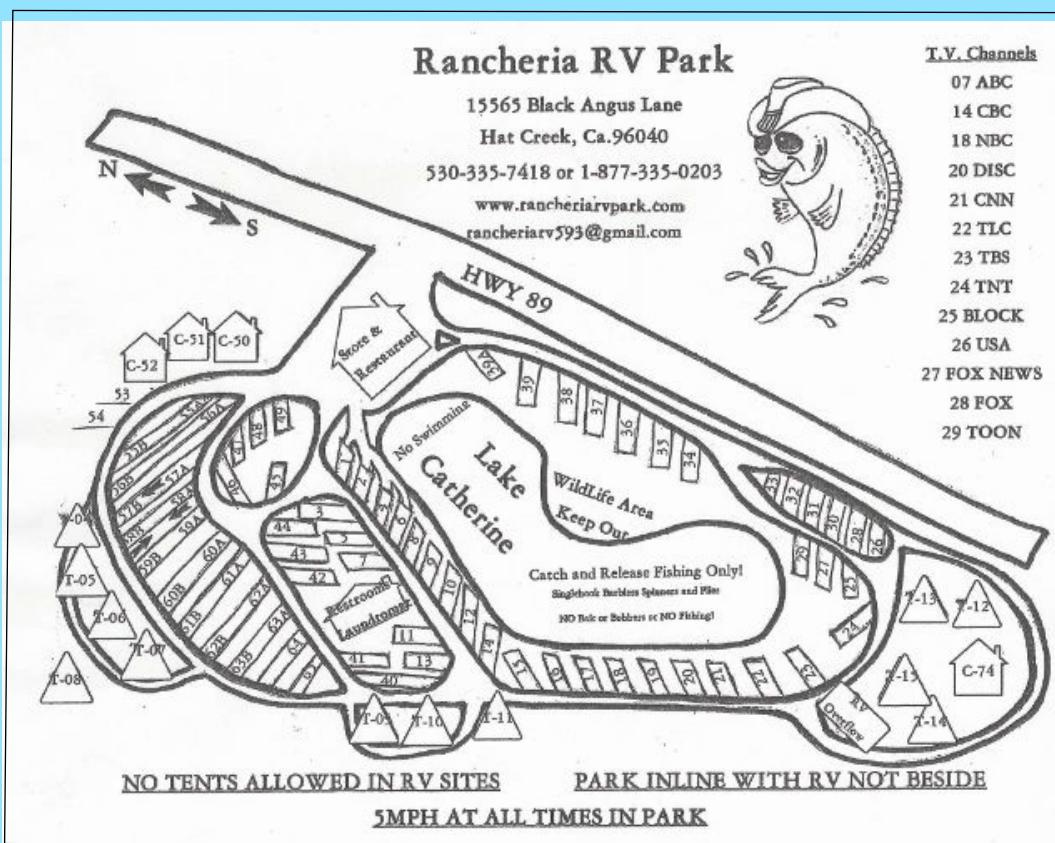
Fly Tying

No fly Tying this month.

September outing (26-27th.)
Hat Creek Area
Rancheria R.V. Park

September Outing - Hat Creek Area

Jay Jefferson is heading up the September outing (Sept. 26-27th.). He says that we'll be circling up at the Rancheria RV Park in Hat Creek. So, it's time to start doing some planning. This will be a great outing for folks that have RVs, but the park also has cabins so nobody needs to be left out. I didn't have all the particulars and don't know if Jay will be trying to get a block of sites together. If you're interested in going, be sure to give Jay a call, sooner rather than later (809-0290) Also, note that they have a catch and release fishing lake in the RV park. See information below.



"Who Are These Guys Anyway" an irreverent look at the people who make up the membership of the Salinas Valley Fly Fishers



This month we take **Rick McCombs** to task. Since moving out of the area and up to Sutter Creek 5-6 years ago, we don't see him much at meeting anymore. So if some of the newer members don't recognize him from this photo taken on the Merced River you'll probably recognize him as Rick(ed.). Yep, that's him, he's the guy who sends you the newsletter every month. Rick has been the newsletter editor three different times since joining the club in the mid 80's. In total, he's put out the newsletter for something north of 25 years. He says: "that's why the damn thing never got any better". Along with being the

longest serving Editor in the club's history, Rick lays claim to another club record. Rick and his wife Carolyn lived in King City during most of his time in the club, and Rick figures that between monthly meetings, Board meetings and Fly Tying he's driven just shy of 100,000 miles trying to learn how to fly fish.

Rick grew up in Santa Cruz and met Carolyn in High School. They have been married for 52 years, and have two daughters and three grandchildren who live in Denver. After high school and a couple years at Cabrillo College, Rick joined the Air Force as an alternative to being drafted and ended up as an Air Traffic Controller. He served in Viet Nam in 1969-1970.

Following the 4 year stint in the military, he went back to college and finished up with a graduate degree in Psychology. Rick was the Director of the Hi-Desert Mental Health Center in Barstow for a few years then went into private practice as a Psychotherapist. In 1984, Carolyn and Rick moved to King City where she became a school principal and Rick continued private and later worked as a business and hospital Management Consultant.

Asked about fly fishing, Rick reports that he got his first fiberglass fly rod at a yard sale when he was about 16. "I got a few steelhead flies from Ernie (later of Ernie's Casting Pond) at the back of the United Cigar store on Pacific Ave. We'd "short line nymph" for Steelhead up in the San Lorenzo gorge and in Soquel Creek. In the Air Force, I stationed at George Air Force Base in the High Desert of Southern California. I discovered Deep Creek in the national forest. When he went to Viet Nam, he says that Carolyn sent him a fly tying kit. After returning, Rick and Carolyn stayed in the High Desert for several years. "I'd fish Deep Creek and make trips up to the Kern River and Big Bear, but I was self taught and my teacher wasn't very good. When we moved to King City, I heard about the Monterey Fly Casters". Rick says that's where he met Jay Murakoshi who invited him to a SVFF meeting. "I was excited to meet guys who really knew how to fly fish and were so willing to share. In addition to Murakoshi who taught me a ton about fly tying, there were great people like Bill and Caryl Dickens, Bob Montgomery, Ed Given and a bunch more". Within a few months, Rick was tricked into become club President. which was the first of three times that he would ultimately serve in that capacity, "like, they told it it was an honor to be club President, but I finally figured out that I was just "fresh meat".

When he was asked about "Favorites" he said: "I'd still have to say that the Merced River is my favorite stream, Rainbow's my favorite fish and the SVFF version of the Rio Grande King my favorite fly. As for memorable trips: "Three come to mind: Davis Lake with Al Miyamoto, Cory and Scott being guided by Jay Fair, a float trip on the Deschutes with Mick, Frank and Clyde Green, and a club trip to the Flaming Gorge that Jefferson arranged. Wow, what a beautiful place".

In closing he said: "I'd like to thank all the guys who became "fish'n buddies" and friends over the years. Lot's of laughs and memories served up with brown liquor in a dirty glass. More over to all the next generation of club fly fishers, Thanks for carrying on."Rick(ed.)

Event Calendar / Fishing reports

Date	Event	Location	Contact
CANCELED	Monthly Meeting	Salinas Airport	Fred DeYoung 229-1916
CANCELED	Fly Tying	Airport Board Room	Bill Pshide (424-3063)
Wedn. Sept. 23rd.	Board Meeting	Jefferson's Ranch	Fred DeYoung (229-1916)
September 26-27th.	Club Outing	Hat Creek	Jay Jefferson (809-0290)
October 18-23rd.	Club Outing	Pyramid Lake, NV.	Richard Higgins (750-9132)
November?	Club Outing	San Luis Forebay	Loren Kitamura (757-5533)
November 29th.	Club Outing	Salinas River	Chuck Schlough (320-3255)

Dear Mr. Editor,

I wish to take exception with the letter that appeared in last month's newsletter which was penned by non-other then David G. Pump Doctor. Mr. Pump Doctor clearly went out of his way to cast unwarranted aspersions on our illustrious President, while, for reasons unknown to anyone west of the Yellowstone, portraying you a some sort of saint of fly fishing. Clearly he was bought off, bribed or black mailed. In all my years as a SVFF member I have never witnessed anything that would make me believe that you are anything other then a fly fish'n hack who was trying to fill up space in an otherwise empty newsletter.

Pontificatingly your, Farnsworth Turnbuckle

Dear F.T.

Thanks you for your kind words of appreciation. I take pride in always carefully reading every letter which I receive. You concerns regarding the Club President's expenditure of Club monies is duly noted.

Sincerely, ed.

Fish Report from Wilson T.

Brendon and I camped at the Pit River Campground and spent the weekend fishing Hat Creek and Baum Lake with stops at the Pit and the Lower Sacramento. We went to Hat Creek to find ONE car in the parking lot. We spent 30 minutes or so in the riffles and I caught a small 'bow on a pink scud. We hit Baum Lake at 7:30 Saturday morning and I caught a 13" bow — again on a pink scud (size 16). The fishing was slow, but I managed to pick up 8 fish for the day. I broke off a big bow which took a #16 Hares Ear and lost a monster to a bent hook #16. Sunday morning found us back at Hat. Brendon caught a small bow on a #18 Caddis pupa and I had one grab in the riffles. We fished the Pit and Lower Sac on the way home with meager results. I caught a squaw fish on the Pit, and Brendon lost a nice bow on the Sac.

Hot Flies on Baum Lake: #16 red brassie, #16 FB BHPT, #16 Green Copper John. Wilson

(Editor's note-Some information and photos from the stevenojai website (www.flyfishingthesierra.com) may have been included in this newsletter with the expressed permission of site founder Steve Schalla)

We encourage member to visit Steve's website and take advantage of it's extensive information.



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