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ED ENGLE - COMING TO TOWN



ED ENGLE
MAY PRESENTER

Ed's been an avid fly fisherman for more than 30 years. He has fly fished throughout the continental United States, Alaska, Mexico, Chile, Argentina and in Europe for a variety of game fish species with a special emphasis on trout. **Error! Bookmark not defined.**

As a fly fisherman Ed is especially interested in small fly tactics and techniques. His small fly fishing research has taken him to a many of the West's famous tail waters and to spring creeks across the country. He is also dedicated to fly fishing small streams and high country lakes for wild trout. Ed balances out his interest in the "small side of fly fishing" with the pursuit of king salmon on the fly.

Ed lives west of Colorado Springs, Colorado within 40 miles of the South Platte River, one of Colorado's premier tail waters, where he guides and instructs fly fishers.

CURRENT PUBLICATION HISTORY

Outdoor Writer for the BOULDER DAILY CAMERA

Regular Contributor to AMERICAN ANGLER

FREELANCE MAGAZINE articles and photographs have appeared in: Fly Fisherman Magazine, Fly Rod & Reel, American Angler, Trout, Warmwater Fly Fishing, Fly Tyer, Saltwater Fly Fishing, Angler's Journal, Sports Afield, Fly Fishing Magazine, and Gray's Journal.

AN ACCOMPLISHED AUTHOR

FLY FISHING THE TAILWATERS (Stackpole, 1991) is a how-to book about fly fishing for trout in the regulated waters that occur below dams.

SEASONAL: A LIFE OUTSIDE (Pruett Publishing, 1989) is a collection of essays about the 12 years Ed spent as a seasonal employee in the U.S. Forest Service

SPLITTING CANE: CONVERSATIONS WITH BAMBOO ROD MAKERS (Stackpole, 2002) is a collection of interviews Ed Engle conducted with bamboo fly rod makers over a period of five years. The appendix includes additional information of interest to bamboo fly rod aficionados.

TYING SMALL FLIES (Stackpole, 2004) is a compilation of the "Small Flies" columns that Ed wrote for FLY TYER magazine over a period of eight

years. All of the columns have been updated with additional information for this volume.

FISHING SMALL FLIES (Stackpole, 2005) is the companion volume to "Tying Small Flies". It details tactics and techniques for fishing small flies. Ed's most recent book,

TROUT LESSONS (Stackpole, 2010), provides alternative techniques for those days on the river when your usual tactics and most dependable fly patterns don't work.

PREVIOUS PUBLICATION HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

Southwest Field Editor Fly Fisherman Magazine, Outdoor Editor Colorado Springs Sun, Columnist Fly Tyer Magazine, Columnist Warmwater Fly Fishing Magazine.



LOOKING UPSTREAM

General Meeting *Wear your name tag !*
Wenatchee Eagles Lodge
Wet Fly Hour No Host Bar 5:45 pm
Dinner Chick. Lasagna /Spaghetti 6:45 pm

Program 8:00 pm

PAT HERDT AWARDED

The Council Award of Excellence was presented during the WSCFFF banquet and it went to our own fisher from Carlton. What an Honor !

Driving Directions to

Big Twin Lake

- Go North on US-97 to Pateros.
- Turn Left before the bridge at Pateros onto WA-153.
- Enjoy a relaxing drive up the Methow River drainage for about 30.8 mi WA-153 becomes WA-20.
- Turn left onto Twin Lakes Rd. Twin Lakes Rd is 0.3 miles past Piney Woods Rd.
- Your destination is 0.2 miles past Patterson Lake Rd.
- If you reach Twin Lakes Dr. you've gone about 0.7 miles too far.

WORDS OF WISDOM

"If I'm not going to catch anything, then I'd rather not catch anything on flies" Bob Lawless

**Blue Lake
Has Parking Problems**



**DUDE
Where's My Boat ?**

- Boats – boats - boats everywhere !
- We need to hire a boat valet for the next Blue Lake opener.
- Pontoons to the right of me, belly boats to the left and just in front, five anchored to the brush on shore.

- It was a parking nightmare, with more flotation devices approaching from the rear. We had to flee. And flee we did, out onto the quiet mid-morning waters where we spread out and proceeded to rip lips.
- A bit of wind made things challenging at times.
- Many members enjoyed the day.
- The willing fish too numerous to tally.
- On Chironomids, damselfly and leeches.
- Good company.
- Great food at the pot luck.
- As a little cartoon kid once yelled, after getting off a great ride AGAIN – AGAIN !

WVFF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

April 18, 2013

Wet Fly Hour: **Gary Bates** demonstrated tying a variety of popular bass flies in preparation for May's scheduled bass outing.

General Meeting: **President Tom Rowe** called the meeting to order at 7:21 p.m. Jeanne Miller and Casey Cooper, students in the WVFF-sponsored fly fishing class, were introduced.

Of Note: **Steve Aguilu** announced that he will be moving to the Seattle area. He shared "In the Winter," a personal reflection on fishing Rocky Ford Creek. Although he will be living and working in western Washington, Steve will continue to be a participating member of WVFF.

General Reports:

- **Vice-Treasurer:** **Fred Kunzmann** shared the hope that WVFF will consider a donation to the ALEA grant to purchase land related to Upper Wheeler and Beehive.
- **Membership:** **Eric Rainbolt** reminded members of club patches available to them at no cost.
- **Vice-President:** **Rob Winters** again asked for volunteers needed to help with fly tying in Ellensburg, Friday May 3 and Saturday May 4.
- **Publications:** **Bruce Merighi** announced that members wishing to receive electronic copies of the *Fly Paper* only or in addition to the print version should email him at bruce401@nwi.net. Members not requesting a change will continue to receive the mailing. Printing and mailing costs are significant; electronic copies can be distributed at no cost.
- **Ghillie:** **Danny Horan** reminded members of the need to return items checked out from the library. He asked members wishing to continue using items to recheck them.
- **Outings:** **Tom Whiteside** listed upcoming events. **April 27-28** is the annual **Blue Lake** fishing trip. **May 18** is the **bass outing** hosted by **Gary Bates** and **Bob Mitchell**. The location will be announced at the May General Meeting. **June 8-9** is set for the **Big Twin Lakes** outing.
- **Other:** **Tom Whiteside** and **Gary Anderson** thanked all who helped with knot tying for the fly fishing class. Volunteers to help with tying and casting will be needed for upcoming sessions.

Program: **Gary Anderson** introduced **Richard DeLorenzo**, a former Alaska teacher, school superintendent, wilderness river guide and pilot. He continues to work in the education field as a leader in "education reform and organization restructuring." His presentation "Fly Fishing Steelhead Waters of Canada on a Shoestring" focused on several B.C. waters and included spey casting with dry flies, why B.C., techniques and equipment and logistics. He shared ideas for maximizing the fishing experience by planning ahead using such resources as Google Earth. In addition, Rich also provided pointers for economical fishing

in Argentina. He has authored articles published under the name Muk Nuk and available on Washington Fly Fishing Foundation's website. Members can contact Rich at rdelorenzo@gci.net.

President Tom Rowe adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m. JoAnn Lane WVFF Secretary April 29, 2013



OUTING SCHEDULE 2013



<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Host</i> <i>Type of Fishing</i> <i>Equipment Needed</i>	<i>Additional Information</i>
May 25 th	Possibly Tribal Lakes or Pot Holes or Banks or	Hosted by Gary Bates and Bob Mitchell 5/7 wt. rods	Bass Outing
June 8 – 9 th	Big Twin Lake near Winthrop	Camping , fishing, Saturday BBQ Sunday pancake breakfast with Chef Kunzmann	What more needs to be said? Do your best to not miss this one.
<i>Think About</i>	<i>Wet Side River</i>		<i>It's an odd # year, Pinks are coming!</i>

WVFF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 2, 2013

President Tom Rowe called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Present: Gary Anderson, Danny Horan, JoAnn Lane, Bruce Merighi, Tom Rowe

Absent: Fred Kunzmann, Eric Rainbolt, Al Smith, Tom Whiteside, Rob Winters

Minutes from previous meeting: April General Meeting minutes were approved as amended.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (*Fred, Eric and Tom were in Ellensburg in preparation for weekend fly fishing events*)

Treasurer: Gary Anderson shared Vice-Treasurer Fred Kunzmann's report concerning current bills scheduled for payment.

Vice President and Conservation/ Youth Activities: Rob Winters was not present.

Outings: Tom Whiteside was not present.

Membership: Eric Rainbolt was not present.

Gillie: Danny Horan had no report.

Programs: Gary Anderson reported the following program calendar:

- **May—Ed Engle**, guide, presenter and owner of Ed Engle Fly Fishing in Colorado Springs, will be May's guest speaker. His presentation will be "Offbeat Tactics that Catch Trout." In addition, Ed will provide a workshop "Practical Nymphing" for members on Saturday, May 18, at the Eagle Aerie from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. **A lunch will be provided. There is no charge for club members.**
- **June—Blake Merwin**, owner of Gig Harbor Fly Shop, will focus on fishing for Pink and Chum salmon.
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- **In addition**, the board discussed positive impacts of the pending ALEA Grant application which, to date, is moving through the approval process. Members also considered the possibility of WVFF providing funds toward proposed purchase of land near Upper Wheeler Lake. Several local agencies and clubs have already pledged monies. Plans were made for providing more information to members at the May 16 general meeting.

Publications: Bruce Merighi reported that inquiries to our printer indicate that publication costs cannot be cut with any changes made to the paper. He also shared that the printer can provide an update for our current club website for \$1500 maintained for a monthly fee of \$100-\$150. The board agrees that the website must be updated and maintained or taken down. Other options for that will be investigated.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m. JoAnn Lane Secretary WVFF May 4, 2013

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My mind absented the present hours ago and while I physically move through the final tasks before embarking, the images in my brain are not of the moment. They are far away, soon, another great outing.

Van packed, trailer hitched, I begin the journey. Not just to Big Twin Lake but within myself. As I motor north subtle changes occur. I slowly shed my outer layer of urban conformity, pressed clothes, productive activity, daily bathing. I am slowly morphing to a consciousness of the moment. Self-reliant, with aid of appropriate technology, salty high calorie food, and absence of basic hygiene. I am emerging as a fisher. Not any fisher but the rare catch and release genus of fisher that while more recently evolved is also more sensitive and vulnerable to the changes brought by civilization and environmental tinkering.

By the time I role into camp I have fully emerged and am greeted by others who have recently cast off the shuck of civilization for a few hours or days of flight and exposure to the indifferent vagaries of nature and the hunt. I arrive to greetings and assistance in preparing for the big day.

Morning brings a warm sun and the view of a few early to emerge fishers already on the lake. As the day progresses the activity increases until by early afternoon the excitement in the air and on the water is palpable. Fish are netted and released at a rate likely not to be seen again this year. Late afternoon, the fish still naïve and cooperative, but with sore arms and shoulders I head in for the BBQ dinner and a beverage.

The evening brings a campfire and the exchange of stories recounting the flurry of the day's activity on the water. The air cools, darkness settles over the water and I eventually return to the van. With my head spinning with visions of the day I fall into bed fully spent. See you there.

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