



# FLYPAPER

September 2016

## Looking Upstream

September 15<sup>th</sup> WVFF General Meeting

### Eagles Lodge

Wet Fly Time	5:45 pm	Dinner	6:30 pm
Club Business	7:00 pm	Presenter	7:15 pm

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## Sea Run Cuts

Presented by Dave McCauley

At a young age, Dave's father introduced him to fishing and sparked a lifelong passion to experience and enjoy life in the great outdoors. Growing up in Eugene, his stomping grounds were and remain legendary namesakes such as Crane Prairie and Hosmer Lakes as well as the Deschutes, McKenzie and Umpqua Rivers to name a few. While Dave quickly discovered the thrill of having a fish on, it was the awe of his surroundings that instilled his deep passion for fishing and conservation.

Dave has dedicated his professional life to the fly fishing industry and has spent the last

twenty-plus years relentlessly trying to surpass expectations as a guide, outfitter owner, conservationist, and fly fishing ambassador.

In addition to co-owning and operating Emerald Water Anglers, he is a Patagonia & Costa Ambassador, Winston/Echo/Airflo/Bauer Pro-staff Member; FFF Certified Casting Instructor and published photographer.

WVFF Salmonfest Booth  
**Gets a Face Lift**

**Saturday Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>**      9 am -5 pm

Gary's - World Famous Icicle Bug Collection  
&  
Demonstration Fly Tyers

- Back by popular demand, Gary Anderson will be center stage with his educational collection of live aquatic life from the Icicle River.
- Flanking Gary will be fly tiers demonstrating flies.
- We'll feature one or two of tyers who'll spend the majority of their time demonstrating techniques used to make copies of Gary's critters. They'll have the ability to select appropriate candidates for tying lessons, if they deem it appropriate.
- In this way Gary and our demo tyers can spend time with adults to introduce them to not only fly tying but the benefits of fly fishing.
- We also invited our partners in entomology "The Plain Fly Tyers" to participate in this years' demonstration.

Please consider helping.

Sign up with Bruce for demo times or help net bugs in the Icicle prior to the show.

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## Twin Lakes Outing Sept 16 – 18

Plan on joining your fellow Wenatchee Valley Fly-fishers for a return-visit to Big Twin Lake (Twisp/Winthrop). Our last outing there was a huge success with over 25 members attending. We'll have plenty of: Fishing opportunities, Camping, Socializing, and Great Food.....

- **Fishing** – **Big Twin Lake** (Selective Fishery, Single Barbless Hooks ,One Fish Limit , Electric Motors Allowed, Great Fly Fishing ) or fish the Methow River for cutthroat & rainbow trout.
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- **Camping** – We have reserved Area A as we had in 2014. That provides for 8 camp sites (w/ water & power) @ \$34 per night.
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- **Other Accommodations** – For any non-campers wishing to stay over, arrangements for a special rate at the Mount Gardener Inn have been made. Reserve your stay @ 509 996 2000.
- **BBQ Rib Potluck Dinner** – Bring a side-dish or dessert for a fabulous “rib-feed” and lots of fun on Saturday evening.
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- **Pancake Feast** – On Sunday morning Fred will be firing-up the griddle and serving-up “all-you-can-eat” blueberry pancakes again. Bring a BIG plate!

Plan on joining your fellow WVFF club members for another great summer/fall outing. You will be glad you did. Contact the Outings Chair Fred Kunzmann - for more information - 509.886.1321.

## Small Streams with Rob

During the summer of 2016 our President hosted a few trips into the Icicle River for a few lucky members. This flow drains into the Wenatchee River at Leavenworth and runs through some very wonderful scenery. A few miles up-river Rob got us involved with small stream fishing tactics and flies. We arrived with 3 and 5 weight rods, floating lines, waderless and dressed for stealth mode since our quarry was skittish and lived in shallow water.

Reading the home water for 6-9” cuts and bows water was an ever changing challenge. There was the question of what appetizer to attach to your tippet? What size bug to attach? What are they eating? Are they on the bottom picking off Salmon flies, scanning for rising hatches of mayflies or positioned “eyes up” ready to inhale an emerging caddis?

Finally rigged we quietly slipped into the inviting waters of the Icicle. The summer heat was 85 plus in town but the cool 60 degree water made us smile and anxious to explore the corners, drops, slots, foam lines and mini-riffles of the Icicle. Balancing between boulders and fording waist deep channels required the application of a wading staff and proper footwear.

Now you’re in position. You carefully cast. There are fish eyes everywhere and you don’t need to line your quarry with too many false casts. It’s a small world, the Icicle, and easy to sound alarms.

Your cast finally hits its mark and you got one on. You planned your attack. You presented the fly properly and mended just in time to route the bait into the zone and he took it. You fooled the fish. Good job.

During the course of most fish tales, the writer now plunges into a sporty list of adjectives describing the screaming runs that brought you close to the end of your backing numerous times. NOT TODAY What you feel is the relentless pulse of a living creature skittering around its small world in an attempt to reverse its bad luck. The catching of the fish in this forested playground is not the gold standard. The catching of a fish here confirms that your skill and tactics were sound. Better yet catching a fish here completes an event that you commenced prior to getting your feet wet.

Fortunately for, but unknown to the fish, a fisher of flies in the Icicle is a gentle sort of predator. One that wets hands prior to touching the fish. Cradling it in his palms to quickly revel in its colorful bounty and then equally fast, slip the barbless hook out of its jaw with a flick of the hemostats, No harm No foul. Mission accomplished. It returns to its hiding spot to regain lost energy and keep its mouth shut for a while.

Thanks Rob, for sharing this backyard gem !



May 9, 2016

Wenatchee Valley FlyFishers  
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Wenatchee, WA 98807

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to thank you for the generous gift of \$3,000.00 (received 5/4/2016) to Trout Unlimited for the Peshastin Mill waterfront land acquisition.

Your generous donation brings us closer to our goal of \$460,000 to purchase the property and keep it in the public domain in perpetuity. Contributors like you recognize the need to protect our public spaces for today and for future generations.

Please continue to keep up to date on our progress! Visit [www.SavePeshastinMillWaterfront.org](http://www.SavePeshastinMillWaterfront.org) for the latest on our effort.

Sincerely,



Lisa Pelly  
Director- Washington Water Project  
Wenatchee, WA

Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code, enacted in August of 1993, requires you to keep written substantiation of gifts of \$250 or greater in order to claim a deduction for your contribution. This letter serves as a receipt for the above gift. (Trout Unlimited EIN: 38-1612715).

No goods or services have been provided in exchange for your gift. If the campaign does not reach the fundraising goal by July, 2016, your generous contribution will be returned to you.

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# *My Living Will*

*Last night, my kids and I were sitting  
in the living room and I said to them,*

*'I never want to live in a  
vegetative state, dependent on some  
machine and fluids from a bottle.  
If that ever happens, just pull the plug.'*

*They got up, unplugged the  
computer and threw out my wine!!*

*The little bastards.*

**Geezer**  
**Richard**

## **WVFF Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting Summary**

*The following is a brief summary of the business that transpired at the last WVFF Board Meeting.  
For the official and complete minutes please check out your club website.*

- 5:30 p opened with a quorum of board members and a presentation by Len Zickler, WSC/IFFF
- Planning for the 2017 WVFF Banquet was discussed, noting the formidable task ahead!
- The Treasurer distributed a financial report.
- New Board Members. Details at the upcoming general meeting.
- Salmon Fest Style change was reviewed as well as a call for webpage designers/hosters to come forth and bring our page up to a higher standard.
- Blue Lakes Outing anticipated.
- Knowing that members have great ideas for projects, and that the board should treat all proposals fairly; they discussed creating a simple form for members to use when presenting ideas for approval/support.

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