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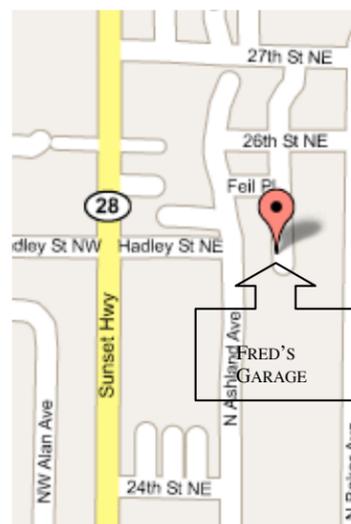
No ads this month!

Let Nancy know for next month.

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## Fly Tying Sessions

Please join us for our twice monthly fly tying sessions at Fred Kunzmann's.

We meet every **second** and **fourth** Thursday evening in Fred's garage.

Come any time after 6:30-ish.

This year we plan to "match the outing." Check John Murio's great outing sheets for the month and come ready to tie what you'll need for the next outing.

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## Looking Upstream

**October 19**

General Meeting

**October 14**

Dry Falls

**October 21**

Lake Lenore

**November 2**

Board Meeting

**Wet Fly 6:00**

**Dinner** on your own 6:30 – 7:30

(Please we'd like the serving done before the program begins)

**Program 8:00**

## Skip Morris Cutthroats and Salmon in Salt Water

Your board members had quite a time deciding which of Skip's many programs to offer this time.

We decided that we would opt for unusual and entertaining—all in one package.

Many of us cannot regularly get to saltwater for your cutthroats, but this presentation may prompt more of us to plan outings to the "other" side of the state.

## General Meetings at Morgan's on the River

Third Thursday of the month, September through June.

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**WVFF Board Meeting Minutes,  
October 5, 2006**

Attendees: Steve DeJong, John Murio, Nancy Howard, Eric Rainbolt, Joe Roy, Gary Anderson, Fred Kunzmann, and Dick Nicklas.

Steve called the meeting to order at 7:20.

Dick read the minutes of the September 7 meeting.

Eric will act as Membership Chair through the end of the year.

Gary related that Skip Morris will present the October general meeting program. He will be asked to present his program on salt water fishing for salmon and cutthroat.

John said that the next outing will be sponsored by Gary Bates at Lenore Lake on October 21.

Fred mentioned that the Club has received a number of items donated by Ray Bull's estate, including four books for the library as well as a selection of fly fishing and rod building items. These items will be inventoried, and the Board will then decide how they will be used to benefit the Club.

Nancy would like to see more Flypaper articles provided by the members. Also, photos of Club or individual outings. Volunteers, send your contributions to Nancy at rlogan@nwi.net.

Joe mentioned the Riverkeepers organization, which is sponsoring a program for sampling and analyzing the water quality of the Columbia. They are looking for volunteers to perform sampling activities, and will conduct two training classes for samplers in the near future. Contact Joe for details at 884-2874. Joe also said that, due to his business travel schedule, he would like to have a Conservation Co-Chair to stand in when he is on the road. Volunteers contact Joe.

The Board discussed the role of the Club's Conservation function. It was decided that the best role is to support the programs of other appropriate organizations, rather than try to develop independent projects. In this scenario, the Conservation Chair would function as a clearing house, informing members of opportunities to participate in conservation activities, and recommending to the Board opportunities to donate to appropriate conservation causes. This concept will receive more discussion in future meetings, and, if appropriate, will be integrated into our Conservation Program charter.

Gary related that the Club did not participate in the Salmon Fest this year.

Eric will investigate improving the PA system at Morgan's and, if necessary, investigate Club purchase of a system.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25

Respectfully submitted, Dick Nicklas, Secretary.

**WVFF General Meeting Minutes,  
September 21, 2006**

President Bruce Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:30.

Fishing reports:

- Hot fishing at Lenice
- Good for fish up to 20" at Dry Falls. The fish are staying in deep water.
- Low flow and lots of competition on the Methow River. A few steelhead are showing up.
- Very good fishing on the Yakima River. Try a Stimulator and dropper.
- Antillon Lake good for browns.

Gordi Northrup reported that the Club has \$3.4K in checking and \$14K in savings. Income from the class at WVCC was \$900. Gordi also remarked on the outstanding Club outing on the Methow River in August.

Eric Rainbolt has volunteered to be Membership Chairman for the remainder of the year.

John Murio said that the Yakima River outing previously scheduled for September 30 will be delayed due to a conflict with the Leavenworth Salmon Fest. He also said that volunteers are needed to staff the Club's Salmon Fest booth that weekend.

The evening's program was a presentation by Brian O'Keefe on northwest steelheading. Brian discussed fishing opportunities on a number of rivers, accompanied by some great slides. Locations included the Deschutes, Grand Rhonde, North Umpqua, Sandy, and Upper Cowlitz, as well as some waters closer to home. Thanks to Brian for a beautiful and informative program, as well as for donating a SA line for the evening's door prize.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

Respectfully submitted, Dick Nicklas, Secretary.

**Fishing Reports**

Hi! Have you ever given thought about the origin of some of the flies that you tie? There are many flies on the market today, many books on fly tying some old and some new. I have several myself. One is the *Best of One Thousand*. But what I am talking about is some of the ole flies that we use today, and where they originated from. Some of the old patterns that we use today are several hundred years old, and some of the new flies are copies of these old flies with new materials and some slight change.

Some of the old tiers are G.E.M Skues, Frank Sawyer and many others. Two of the old flies are the Blue Wing Olive Dun and the Red Quill tied by G.M.E Skues.

The first written evidence of this subject in English is *The Treatysee of Fysshynge With Angle*, published in 1496. Tradition ascribes this book to Dame Juliana Berners, Abbess of Sopwell near Albans in Hertfordshire; but modern research by the eminent historian and fly-fisher Jack Heddon bestows the honor on an anonymous author whose writings were published in London by the printer Wynkyn Caxton. A lot of the earlier flies came from England and the UK. Most of the fly fisherman fished the chalk streams of England. Most of these were private, something like our pay lakes.

These streams had keepers like Frank Sawyer. They were paid to keep the stream in good condition and stock some fish, or see how the reproduction was doing. In those days they used bamboo rods, silk, or horse hair line and gut leader. Fly-fishing in those days was quite a chore as when you were finished you had to take the line off the reel and make sure it was dried so it would not rot. All the flies were also put out to dry as they were tied with silk. The gut leader was keep in a moist container so it would not be

stiff and dry when you went to use it the next time. Some of the bamboo rods would get a set in them and this would have to be worked out before it became permanent. So, fly-fishing, fun as it was, required some work and special care. Yea for Graphite. The old time fly-fishers did the same as we sometimes do today. They would catch an insect or nymph and try to match the hatch. The problem is, they didn't have the materials that we have today, so they used fur, hair and feathers. There is another person named Cotton who wrote the section in Isaak Walton's book *The Complete Angler*. The Crane Fly that we use today was listed in Walton's book as The Harry Long Legs. It is also listed in *The Treatysee 1496*.

The Grasshopper has more attention in North American than the UK. but Cotton mentions it in the *Complete Angler*. The Alder fly that we use today with many changes both wet and dry has been in use for more then 300 years. There are two good books out that you can get from the library called *The Essentials of G.E.M. Skues* and *Keeper of the Stream* by Frank Sawyer, which I have. Another old fly is The Greenwell's Glory dressed by William Greenwell and tied for Greenwell by James Wright 1854. He fished it wet and dry in the river Tweed. It was representative of the Dark Olive Dun. It was tied with a split wings of a black bird, yellow silk body and Coch-y-bonddhu hackle (?) Another tier was Dr. T.C. Wickham 1884. He fished the river Test in Hampshire. His fly was called Wickham's Fancy.

I have enjoyed reading up on some of these people and their flies and what we use today. I will continue this in the future on old tier's, styles of fly-fishing, and equipment. Next month Fishing in Mexico with some of the club members. This should be a great trip, and a great story.

— Gil Biles

**Outings Calendar Fall 2006**  
Stay tuned to this space. John Murio will be providing tantalizing descriptions of the outings to come.

MONTH	DESTINATION	HOST	EQUIPMENT	COMMENTS
????	The Yakima			We just could not find a doable date this year.
October 14	Dry Falls			Come as you can
October 21	Lake Lenore	John Murio	Float Tube or boat	The chuckar are almost a plentiful as the fish. Come prepared for everything