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## LOOKING UPSTREAM

**May 19**  
General Meeting

**May 21-22**  
Drys Falls  
Gary Anderson

**June 2**  
Board Meeting

*Club Meetings at the  
Red Lion Hotel  
6:00 PM Wet Fly  
7:00 PM Dinner  
8:00 PM Program*

## Dry Flies in Missoula Joe Cummings

Joe Cummings is the outfitter and owner of A Classic Journey. A Classic Journey is a Montana Guiding business on the Blackfoot, Bitterroot, Clark Fork, Rock Creek, and Missouri Rivers as well as a booking agent for flats fishing trips in Belize.

Joe was born and raised in the Bitterroot Valley on the banks of the Bitterroot River in Stevensville MT. As a native Montanan that has seen the changes in the area and the fisheries, Joe has a unique perspective on Missoula's rivers. During the Montana season you will find Joe on the water chasing rising fish as a fly fishing guide 7 days a wee, and after elk hunting season during the winter he will either tying commercially or chasing tailing Permit in Belize.

*Please remember that the Red Lion  
does not accept credit or debit cards  
for the dinner or beverages.*

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## Board Meeting

### WVFF Board Meeting, 5/5/05

Attendees: Bruce Campbell, Fred Kunzmann, Gary Anderson, Nancy Howard, Ralph Jordan, and Dick Nicklas.

Bruce called the meeting to order at 7:10.

The fly tying sessions at Fred's will be held on the fourth Thursday of the month in May and June. These sessions will be discontinued in July and August.

Gary announced that this month's program will be Dry Flies in Missoula, presented by Joe Cummings. Fred suggested that we also invite a speaker from the Chelan-Douglas Land Trust.

The Board discussed sponsorship of habitat improvement projects. It was concluded that, in future years, habitat improvement should be considered as a line item in the Club's annual budget.

The Board discussed the confusion caused by trying to administer several classes of membership. The Board voted that, effective immediately, there will be only one class of paid membership. This will be called a family membership, and will include the member and spouse as well as their children, ages 17 and younger. Annual dues will be \$35. The Club will continue to offer free youth memberships for kids ages 14-17.

Fred noted the need to continue to press for return of overdue library materials.

The subject of business memberships and business ads in the Fly Paper was discussed. We currently have no policy on this. Nancy will check with other clubs for ideas.

The next outing will be at Dry Falls Lake on May 21 & 22.

Fred mentioned that there may be an opportunity to teach fly tying at one of the Junior High Schools. He will gather more details and report back.

Gary mentioned that he is open to suggestions for programs. Let him know if you have ideas.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted, Dick Nicklas, Secretary.

## General Meeting

Guests and new members were introduced, committee reports were given, and Host Gordy West described the upcoming outing to Blue Lake/Chopaka. An excellent suggestion was made by Tom Whiteside that our web site could be used by those members looking for someone to fish with to make contact with others of the same mindset. Webmaster Gary Lorensen confirmed that our website has that ability now. Gary Anderson introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Dave Lambroughton, who gave an outstanding slide show presentation.

Gary Anderson also presented to the group a request for sponsorship of the 2005 North Central Envirothon at Lake Chelan State Park under the auspices of the Chelan County, Foster Creek, Okanogan, and South Douglas Conservation Districts. The sponsorship is for the purchase of T-shirts for the event in the amount of \$250. A motion was made by Eric Rainbolt and seconded by Fred Kunzman to sponsor this event. The motion carried unanimously.

The Club welcomes new member **Shane Alto**.  
Shane is the owner of  
**S&L Flies and Guide Service**.  
You can reach him at:  
**Home: 886-2489**  
**Cell: 670-3109**



**The Club Outing  
information is on  
page 6!!!**

## **WVFF OUTING to DRY FALLS LAKE May 21-22, 2005**

**SPECIAL ATTRACTION** Gary Anderson will put on his Insect Identification workshop on Saturday morning at 10 am at the lake. We will meet at the launch and proceed from there.

**DIRECTIONS:** From Wenatchee area take Hiway 2 north to Orondo and continue on thru Waterville traveling approximately 50 miles to Hiway 17 at the edge of Banks Lake. Turn right onto Hiway 17 and proceed about 3 miles, go past the Dry Falls Interpretive Center to a sign that says Sun Lakes State Park. Turn left and continue down the road to the campsites at Park Lake. After passing the campsites on the left, you will see a sign pointing left to Dry Falls Lake. From there, it is about 2.5 miles, most of it rough. We will camp at Park Lake and plan on having a wet fly and snacks on Saturday night after fishing. There are two campgrounds at Park Lake, one is State run and the other is private. The suggestion is to camp where we can be together so we will decide at the meeting.

### **HELPFUL HINTS FOR ENJOYING THE FISHING ON DRY FALLS LAKE:**

It is often very sunny and warm there so carry water, a hat, and sunscreen out onto the lake. Lake access is good but parking is not, so come early to get a good space. This is a good place for your boat, canoe, or pontoon craft. It is helpful to be able to travel around the lake to find the type of fishing you prefer to do. You may want to fish until dark but remember that the road into the lake closes at 10pm. You won't want to miss the story telling or the Wet Fly at the campground.

### **SETTING UP YOUR ROD**

Most anglers use 4-6 weight rods with floating line and longer leaders of 10-15 feet for dry fly fishing. For Chironomids the leader may get up to 20 feet depending on the depth of the water. Tippetts are a matter of choice, anywhere from 4X to 6X depending on your method of fishing. The fish tend to be big and powerful as well as wary.

### **FLY SELECTION:**

**SUBSURFACE**—Mayfly nymphs, Damsel nymphs on an intermediate sink line.  
Woolly Worms, buggers, and leeches near the bottom.

**CHIRONOMIDS**—They have been doing well lately, be ready to change colors and sizes, 14-20.

**DRY FLIES**—Adams size 14-18  
Damsel size 14-18  
Calibaetis size 14-18  
Emergers size 14-18  
Ugly Duckling size 14-18



### **PRESENTATION IS IMPORTANT**

You can fish in water 2 feet deep or 22 feet deep in this lake. Those who fish with Chironomids often use leaders of 20 feet to get down to the fish. Others like to move about and troll nymphs or bigger bugs on sinking lines around the perimeter of the lake. Some will search out "risers" and carefully present dries on longer lighter leaders to the feeding fish. There are Rainbow, Brown, and Tiger trout in the lake.

### **SIGHT FISHING IS EXCITING ON THE LAKE**

Some good hatches usually come off in the afternoon and bring the fish to the top. You can experience some great dry fly action in the back bays and on the flats. Many places around the lake will come alive during that time. Keep your eyes open for the signs.

### **CENTRAL FLY FISHING**

The best source of information is our local fly shop, **Central Fly Fishing**. Jeremy will gladly set you up with the best equipment, the hottest flies, or any materials you need to fish the local waters. Please drop by and visit with Jeremy to get acquainted with our most important resource.