



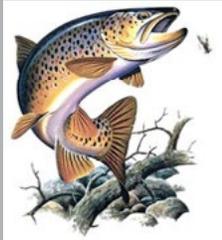
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From the President

Today was a perfect day. Late fall. The sun angling to the south. The smells of evergreens. The sounds of flowing water.

My business is real estate and the morning began with an appointment to list a beautiful property up the canyon and right on the Poudre River. The seller is a great guy but sadly not a fisherman. I enjoyed pointing out trout to him from his back deck. We were done with our business by 11 and I had the rest of the day and the river to myself.

I decided to explore some holes I've not fished before and drove until I found a great spot. A riffle flowed into a deep hole with lots of submerged boulders providing cover. Sure enough there were some feeding rainbows that were attracted to my copper-ribbed RS2.

I had no luck in the riffle so I moved upstream to another hole at the tail of an island. I always like these places where the water weds. I often use a big foam fly instead of an indicator when possible, trialed by a couple of nymphs. I was surprised but not shocked when a nice brown gulped down my big Chubby Chernobyl!

Later I drove up river to a well-known spot I had fished before. I got out of the truck to examine the low, gin-clear water and to my delight saw small trout rising steadily. I went with a small dry fly and had hit after hit but only hooked a couple. When I tied a Barr's Emerger eighteen inches behind my dry I found the solution I had been looking for.

I was so intent on fishing I didn't even notice the three guys who had moved in just a few yards below me. After a while I abandoned my spot and went up to talk with them. One was an experienced fisherman and the other two were out for their first time. Just then one of the newbies hooked up. We congratulated him for his first trout on the fly, got a hero shot and I told him he had better be careful or those trout would hook him. We had a nice chat and I invited them to our RMF guest night.

As I shucked my waders on the tailgate in the dusky darkness, I realized something. I was completely distressed. I had not thought about business, responsibilities, family or anything but fishing for almost six hours. My cell phone



Coy Wiley, 2016-2017 President
Rocky Mountain Flycasters

had not rung. There were no constant dings for emails and text messages. I had been totally unplugged from everything. My mind had been purged by the rippling stream and the pursuit of trout.

I have a friend who uses the hash tag on social media #flyfishingsaveslives. I think he's on to something.

Coy Wylie, President
Rocky Mountain Flycasters

[Chapter Event Calendar on our web site](#)



Filling up the Calendar

Our calendar pages are some of the most frequently visited on our web site. Wouldn't it be great to see your own pictures displayed there? There are many opportunities for months into the future. Pictures that are well-lit, in focus, on TU topic, and a minimum of 530 pixels wide and 400 pixel in height. Send a copy of fishing or conservation-related pictures to:

[Paul Wehr, Webmaster](#)



November Program Notes

Guest Night at Rocky Mountain Flycasters on November 16

Our special guest speaker for Guest Night is Robert Younghanz, a.k.a The Bug Guy, who is internationally known as a Fly Fishing Guide and instructor. Robert has been involved in the Fly Fishing industry for close to 20 years. Having traveled to over 60 countries, he is an accomplished angler, teacher and guide for fresh, salt, tropical and warm water species. His passion and expertise in the field of Aquatic Entomology has enabled him to travel the world collecting insects, as well as studying, researching, curating and teaching at Colorado State University, and Front Range Community College and Pikes Peak Community College.

Robert is also a published researcher and has described several new species of aquatic insects from Colorado and Oklahoma. He has been a guest lecturer across the Western United States on the topic of Aquatic Entomology. As a contributing writer to Field and Stream's "Fly Talk" with "The Bug Guy", Robert offers helpful advice on entomology and fly selection to fly fishers all over the globe. Look for Robert's regular article: "Hatch Happening: With The Bug Guy" featured in Trout Magazine in every issue.

Robert is a featured presenter at fishing and hunting shows across the Rocky Mountain west as well as in Denver, CO, Salt Lake City, UT, Sacramento, CA, a Simms Ambassador and Orvis Endorsed Guide and has conducted entomology classes for both Simms and Orvis guides at their national gatherings, as well as for Trout Unlimited and other local organizations in the Rocky Mountain West.

Robert teaches monthly lecture and streamside classes at The Angler's Covey Fly Shop in Colorado Springs. Look for Robert on WFN (The World Fishing Network), The Fishful Thinker fishing show with Chad Lachance, on Altitude Sports, on ESPN Radio and on-line where he discusses insects, and fly selection for North America. You can always find Robert guiding and fly fishing on Southern Colorado numerous rivers, lakes and reservoirs.

For more information about Robert check out his websites: www.the-bug-guy.com or www.robertyounganz-flyfishing.com

New members can join for only \$20.00 at the meeting, with additional benefits of an RMF patch, RMF decal, and five raffle tickets. Current members who bring a guest who joins will get 5 free raffle tickets. Admission is free and the public is welcome. Social hour and fly tying demonstration begins at 6:30 pm at the Fort Collins Senior Center, and the program follows at 7:00 pm. We will have a local fly tyer at each general meeting and an equipment raffle including a new Elkhorn rod following the meeting. The Fort Collins Senior Center is located at 1200 Raintree Drive off Shields Avenue between Prospect and Drake.



Results: Fly Fishing TEAM-USA Poudre River Event

Fly Fishing Team USA would like to thank the Rocky Mountain Fly Casters and the CSU Flyfishing Club for contributing volunteers to the Northern Colorado Regional Qualifier this past month. Twenty-four anglers from all over the country fished Barnes Meadow and Horsetooth Reservoirs, as well two different sections of the Cache la Poudre River. Over the course of four 3-hour competition sessions, 376 fish were landed and scored. Volunteers served as “controllers”, measuring and recording the fish the anglers landed. A fish had to be a minimum of 20 centimeters long to be counted, except on Barnes Meadow Reservoir, where the minimum was 16 centimeters. Anglers received a base score of 100 “fish points” for each trout caught, plus 20 additional points per centimeter. Therefore the objective is always to catch numbers of fish rather than size.

Some notable local anglers included Chris Eussen of Fort Collins, Josh Graffam of Louisville (who has represented the U.S. at the last four World Championships), and Antonio Rodriguez of Boulder. Members of the Rocky Mountain Flycasters who served as controllers or site supervisors included: Domingo Rodriguez, Bobby Bottles, Dave Morse, Wil Huett and Bob Green. The prominence of the competitive fly fishing scene has seen a surge in Colorado over the last five years or so, with the World Championships (sanctioned by the International Sport Fly Fishing Federation, aka FIPS-Mouche) being held in Vail this past summer, and the 2013 U.S. Championships being held in Basalt. Two additional U.S. Regional Qualifiers have been held in Evergreen since 2014, and several other current and former FFTUSA members continue to reside along the Front Range.

The United States has been sending a team to the World Championships since the 1980s, but FFTUSA in its current format has only existed since the mid-2000s. Between nine and twelve Regional events are held in an approximately two-year cycle, culminating in a U.S. Championships. Team points are accumulated by fishing in both Regionals and Nationals, with the top fifteen point earners being selected for Team USA, and the top six getting to compete at Worlds. The World Championships will be held in Slovakia in 2017, and in Wales in 2018.

Many anglers who end up as competitors get their start volunteering as controllers. They observe the techniques the competitors employ, ranging from equipment and how they pick apart the water, to the speed at which they move upriver and land their fish. At the end of the day, the volunteers should come away with some additional knowledge, and ultimately become a better angler because of it. The FFTUSA Mission statement reads, in part “to educate and train men and women in the sport of competitive fly fishing”. Those interested in assisting with future events should visit our website, www.flyfishingteamusa.com, as well as look us up on Facebook. Again a big thank you to everyone who helped out, and we hope to see you all again soon.

Ed Mulhern began his competitive flyfishing career in 2014. He has a B.S. in Engineering from Colorado School of Mines and currently works for a software company in Denver.



Fall Notes

Fly Swap Program

The theme for our November Fly Swap is your favorite streamer. Participants tie a number of copies of their fly to trade with other participants. They also include the recipe for their fly on a little tag. This is a fun way to exchange flies and get ideas. Sign ups are at the TU meeting. If you want to join now for the November meeting, email Dave Morse (dgmorse45@gmail.com).

Adult Education Program

November 12th, 9-12pm, Fly Casting, Knot Tying at Buckingham Park, 101 1st Street Fort Collins

November 15th, Tuesday 6-8pm Apria HealthCare, 420 W 67th St, Loveland Leader Set up, Knots, Identification of Flies

November 29th Tuesday 6-8pm Apria HealthCare 420 W 67th St, Loveland

Entomology, Intro to Fly tying, Flies

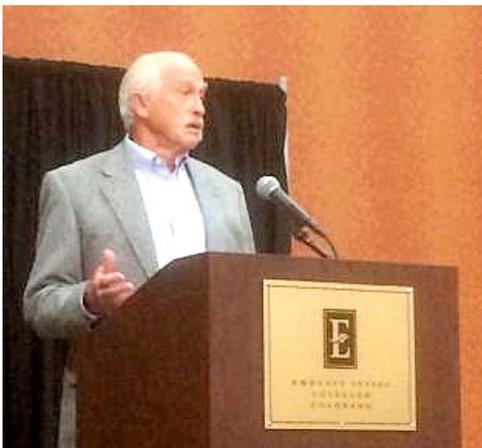
For more information on these adult education programs email: Domingo Rodriquez drsunday3@comcast.net.

Holiday Party

The Rocky Mountain Flycasters Holiday Party will be Saturday, December 10, at C B & Potts Collindale on Horsetooth and Lemay. Cost is \$15 if you register online (\$20 at the door) and you get a meal, raffle tickets, a chance at a rod or a fly tree, and the wonderful White Elephant Exchange!

More details will be forthcoming. We hope you can celebrate with us!

Bob Streeter Honored



Dr. Bob Streeter

Dr. Bob Streeter, a former member of the Rocky Mountain Flycasters Board of Trustees, was honored recently by the South Platte Forum with its annual "Friend of the South Platte Award". The South Platte Forum was initiated in 1989 to provide an avenue for a timely, multi-disciplinary exchange of information and ideas important to resource management in the South Platte River Basin. The photo below shows Bob's acceptance speech.



Conservation Notes



Dave Piske, Conservation Chair

Although the field season for conservation projects has not quite reached its end, it seems timely to acknowledge that the volunteers for conservation projects, as of September 30, have produced a fabulous success.

Phil Wright has been assembling all the statistics, identifying the number of volunteers at each project, and when and where each project took place. The numbers are inspiring, and worthy of loads of appreciation for the time devoted and gratitude for volunteers dedicating those hours for the benefit of the fish populations and watershed habitats.

Through September 30, our volunteers participated in 21 conservation projects, and their aggregated work-time was 823 hours. The value of those work hours to the agencies that benefitted from the volunteers work is not readily quantifiable because it largely occurs at times when premiums would be in effect, and monetary equivalents would not be precise.

As we enter November, two projects remain for volunteers. The on-stream project is on Wednesday, November 9. It is a re-vegetation of stream banks along the North Fork of the Big Thompson. It will be lead by Luke McNally and registration for it is accomplished via the website www.wlrv-org. RMF volunteers may identify themselves as such during the registration process.

Then, for a fun finale to the season, join the Tool Fest on Saturday, November 12, from 9 AM until 3 PM at the Wildlands Restoration Volunteers tool shed, at the rear of the WRV office, 2926 East Mulberry Street in Fort Collins.

To quote from the WRV invitation, "Volunteers are invited to celebrate a great season of restoration and put the tools you used to bed for the winter. There is a job for everyone: cleaning, sharpening, painting, applying protective oils, and re-organizing the tool shed to get ready for next years' project season. Word on the street is Tool Fest is a blast!"

And a big THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to an amazing Rocky Mountain Flycasters project season in 2016.





Tell us your favorite fishing stories.

Every time I fish or socialize with RMF members and friends, I hear wonderful captivating stories about fishing adventures. We all have them- you're not an angler if you don't. Why not have one or more published in The Flypaper? If you are interested or have questions contact Bob Green, The Flypaper Editor bobgreen250@gmail.com.



Or, would you like to be the RMF Treasurer?

Tom Culbertson, our current treasurer, has agreed to serve until we can recruit someone to take his place. The treasurer job requires some fundamental accounting skills. If you are a practicing accountant or a CPA, this will be an excellent place for you to make a contribution. If you are interested in the position or merely want more information, please contact Tom at srrealty45@gmail.com or 970-541-7029 or 970-685 1401 (cell).



Let's Go Fishing 2016

This is the time of the year that our **Let's Go Fishing** coordinator, Mark Miller, is working hard to select trips and sites for next year. So, I've attached photos from my trip to the "Miracle Mile" a week ago Monday. My guide was Kevin Sullivan from St. Peters Fly Shop. Among my memories were a rainbow (left) and a brown (right):



Let us hear from you! And get out there this Fall and catch some fish before the snow flies! Questions? Contact: Email **Mark Miller** at or call 970-744-8229 (cell).

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