

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



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This Month's Program:



Offbeat Tactics That Catch Trout with Ed Engle

Every now and then the standard tactics that usually catch trout don't work. For these special cases a non-traditional approach may be necessary for a successful day on the river. You might want to consider unorthodox tactics such as, instead of throwing streamers across a

Club Meeting:

June 10, 2015
Phoenix Club
1340 S. Sanderson
Anaheim, CA
6:00 pm - Wet Fly
7:00 pm - Dinner
Dinner & Program - \$30 Cash
Program Only - \$10 Cash
\$1 Fee for Credit Cards

Board Meeting:

June 15, 2015
Montesilla Mobile Home Park
15601 South B St, Tustin
Club Members Are Welcome
7:00 pm

stream and letting them swing through the current, you cast them downstream, along the same side of the river as where you are and then strip them back upstream. Or using large, spent spinner imitations as attractor flies, or drowning terrestrial patterns, or actively fishing nymph imitations. Other uncommon tactics might include high-sticking dry flies, presenting standard attractor fly patterns in new ways or swinging dry flies on a tight line. The program you are going to see this month explains, as well as shows, the importance of on-the-stream innovation when you are faced with unusual or difficult fishing conditions. You'll learn that having the ability to let go of all your preconceived notions often results in success and may ultimately carry over into a more thoughtful and innovative approach to all of your days on the water.

Ed Engle has been an avid fly fisherman for the past 40 years and has fly fished throughout the continental United States, Alaska, Mexico, Chile, Argentina, Canada and Europe for a variety of game fish species, but with a special emphasis on trout. He was born in Virginia, though has lived most of his life in Colorado. He got into fly fishing when he saw people catching fish using this method, expressed a desire to do it and was fortunate when his dad gave him a starter kit. Ed attended the University of Colorado in Boulder and graduated with a degree in biology. Living in Colorado, Ed has had ample opportunity to perfect his skills on all kinds of streams, using all types of flies. Today his home and office are just west of Colorado Springs, within 40 miles of the South Platte River, one of Colorado's premier tailwaters.

Ed's fly fishing articles have appeared regularly in newspapers and magazines for more than 35 years. In the 1970's, his articles on nymphing techniques were among the first to appear in national fly fishing magazines. Since that time he has taught thousands of fly fishers the subtle art of nymphing through his books and articles, on-the-water seminars and at his popular nymphing class sponsored by the Fly Fishing Show.

Ed is especially interested in small fly tactics and techniques. His small fly research has taken him to many of the west's famous tailwater and spring creeks across the country. He is also dedicated to fly fishing small streams for beautiful wild trout. Ed balances his interest in the "small side of fly fishing" with the avid pursuit of king salmon on the fly.

Ed is a regular contributor to the *Boulder Daily Camera* and *Gray's Sporting Journal*. In addition, he has written for *American Angler*, *Fly Fisherman*, *Fly Rod & Reel*, *Flyfishing & Tying Journal*, *Trout*, *Fly Tyer*, *Sports Afield*, and *Saltwater Fly Fishing*.

If we look at the books he has authored we can see yet another reason he is so qualified to lead us on this journey. Ed's most recent book, *Trout Lessons* (Stackpole, 2010), considers what to do when your usual fly fishing solutions don't work. His interest in tying and fishing small flies led to the publication of *Tying Small Flies* (Stackpole, 2004) and *Fishing Small Flies* (Stackpole, 2005). The two-volume set is credited with helping create the current surge of interest in pursuing trout with small flies. Ed's dedication to fishing bamboo fly rods resulted in the publication of *Splitting Cane* (Stackpole, 2002) which chronicled the life and craftsmanship of sixteen working rod makers. His first fly fishing book, *Fly Fishing the Tailwaters* (Stackpole, 1991), was a groundbreaking explanation of how to fish the regulated rivers found below dams.

Ed's current projects include writing posts for his popular, *Lone Angler Journal* blog, work on

a new book, coming up with new small fly patterns, and teaching at fly fishing seminars throughout the country.

You can learn more about this very knowledgeable, skilled fly fisher and read his *Lone Angler Journal* by going to www.edengleflyfishing.com

So please join Ed Engle as he shares with us his offbeat tactics that catch Trout.

See you there!
Andy Frumento

2015 Auction News

Okay, folks, as you know the annual Club Auction is right around the corner (September 9, 2015), our major fund raiser for the year.

Running a club costs a lot of money and we can't do it on our good looks alone, as we would be dead broke! What we need is product, and lots of it. We count on club members to donate items to the auction.

I would like to have your donations ASAP so I can get them cataloged and can mail out the Auction Catalog in late August. Remember, **THIS IS OUR MAJOR FUND RAISER FOR THE YEAR!** So dig deep...and get the items to me as soon as you can please!! Or, if you need me to pick up your donation, call me at (714) 541-8433, or send me an e-mail at jimmywt1957@yahoo.com and I'll be happy to pick them up.

Manufacturers and Guides have pitched in with products, discounts and certificates, so here's your chance to donate items to be sold at the Auction, and get yourself a very nice letter for a tax write off as well.

There are opportunities to "sponsor" an item from a major manufacturer. The way it works is, as a "sponsor" you select the item(s). The club buys said item(s) at a good price and makes it available for bidding at the auction. As a sponsor, you guarantee you will bid on the item at the starting price. Others may bid the price up in which case you may bid again at a higher price if you wish to. There are quite a few manufacturers who participate,. I'll have the catalogs at the meetings.

And, do plan on attending the Auction on September 9, 2015 at the Phoenix Club. Come early so you have plenty of time to look over the items available for auction. It's a lot of fun and you can get some pretty good deals on new and used items.

Thanks again! Jim Edwards

Club Meeting Dates and Speakers

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
6-10-15	2nd Wed	Ed Engle	'Offbeat Tactics to Catch Trout'
7-8-15	2nd Wed	Zane Mirfin	"Affordable Fly Fishing In New Zealand"
8-12-15	2nd Wed	Mark Berlin	"So Calif Back Country Fly Fishing In Depth"
9-9-15	2nd Wed	AUCTION	-----
10-7-15	1st Wed	Ernie Gulley	"Trophy Stillwater of the Eastern Sierra"
11-11-15	2nd Wed	Dave Trimble	"Fly Fishing for Sharks"
12-16-15	3rd Wed	Dan Lecount	"Advanced Tactics for Big Trout"

FFCOC 50th Anniversary Celebration - Old Photos Wanted

March 9, 2016 - Mark your calendars.

As part of the fiftieth celebration we would like to showcase photos of club outings and members from as far back as possible. If you can, e-mail them to me in electronic format. I know film was the only form back then. So, if you have prints only, bring them to a club meeting and loan them to Rich Fanning. He'll scan them for me and then return the originals to you.

Please search through your photo's and find a few, they will bring enjoyment to many who have not seen the photo's showing our club at work and play. Thank you all for your help in advance.

John Williams e-mail: troutbum2@earthlink.net

Outings and Events for 2015

The Outings and Events planned for 2015 are listed below. If you are interested in participating in any of these or want additional information, you should contact the Streamkeeper listed in the table below.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>STREAMKEEPER</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
June 12-14	Mammoth Mentor Outing	Dave Long	775 586-1680
June 19-21	Fish Creek	Brian Mayer	562 619-9169
June 15-19	Southern Utah	John Williams	951 236-0862
July 10-13	Hot Creek Ranch	John Williams	951 236-0862
September 21-25	Southern Utah	John Williams	951 236-0862
October 16-18	FFF Fly Fishing Faire - Bishop	Melinda Burns	951 415-9920
October 16-18	President's Outing Kern River	Doug Jones	714 998-7304
November 2-6	Lee's Ferry	Melinda Burns	951 415-9920
December	TBD		

Bringing Food and Drinks to Club Meetings is not Allowed!

FFCOC has a contract with the Phoenix Club that stipulates the conditions of our use of their facility. Under this contract participants at our meetings are not allowed to bring food they obtained outside of the Phoenix Club into our meetings. There have been incidents at recent meetings where this has occurred. In the future you may be asked to take your food outside of the Phoenix Club.

While we understand that you might prefer the reduced cost of food purchased outside, we must operate in accord with our contract.

MAMMOTH MENTOR OUTING

June 12-15, 2015

The Club has planned a 3 day Mentor Outing to the Mammoth Lake's area for June 12-15, 2015. The outing is designed as a basic introduction to fly fishing the eastern Sierra and is geared to novice fly fishers, and those wanting to become more familiar with the Mammoth Lakes area. Club members will be on hand to provide assistance and will lead car pool groups to a variety of area waters for those not working with the professional guides.

Novice anglers will get to work with professional guides on fishing basics. Saturday participants will work on basics, and some on-water activities with a guide from The Troutfitter. On Sunday we will meet with a guide supplied by Tahoe Fly Fishing Outfitters and learn the basics of fishing the East Walker River. There is no extra cost to participants for the guides. There may however, be a limit to the group size that will be working with the guides.

The Club reserved group campsite No. 9 at the Pine Glen Group Campground in Mammoth Lakes, CA. The campground is located adjacent to the Forest Service Ranger Station and Welcome Center off of Highway 203. Water and toilets are at the campground. Saturday evening is a planned potluck dinner. Sunday morning breakfast will be provided. There will be camp stoves available for use and some basic cooking utensils. The weather in June can be quite variable so bring cold weather gear along with the sunscreen.

The outing will cover basic fishing strategies and visit a few streams and lakes in the area. Fly rods from 3-6 weight will work well. If floating a lake a 5-6 weight rod is recommended. We will do a meet and greet stop at one of the area fly shops. An evening program is being planned for Saturday. There are plenty of non-fishing activities in the area for those attending that are not anglers.

There may be opportunity to learn basics of lake fishing using float tubes (weather permitting). Please **contact Lyman Kennedy (714) 742-5865** if you are interested in learning to fish from a belly boat on this trip. There are also options for renting tubes. Each float tube participant needs a Personal Flotation Device.

This outing is a great introduction to fishing Mammoth area lakes and streams. While the campsite can accommodate up to 25 people, feel free to make alternate lodging arrangements in Mammoth and still participate in Club activities. A trip sign-up sheet will be circulated beginning with the March Club meeting. Hope to see you on this great family friendly trip.

We are also looking for a couple of experienced anglers to attend and help with the mentoring aspects to assist the guides and help the novices. Contact **David Long** davidmlong@earthlink.net or **(714) 336-6398** for details and suggestions.

All participants must have a Club Insurance Waiver on file prior to attending.

SAN GABRIEL RIVER CLEAN UP

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY CTUC

OPERATION SUPER CANYON SWEEP-2015

**WE NEED YOU SATURDAY, JUNE 13th, 2015
8 A.M. TO 3 P.M.**

WE WILL BE CLEANING UP THE SAN GABRIEL CANYON.

**SAN GABRIEL, OHV AREA, SAN GABRIEL CANYON ROAD,
HWY 39, JUST NORTH OF THE EAST FORK BRIDGE AND
NORTH OF AZUSA**

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

TO VOLUNTEER AND FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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“WE NEED LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS.”

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Fish Creek Outing June 19 - 21, 2015

Sign-ups are open for the annual trip to Fish Creek. This year, it will be the third weekend in June.

This is a camping outing to the Southern Sierra's Kern River Plateau area close to Kennedy Meadows. The camp ground provides cold water and out houses only. Most people will be camping in tents; however, small camping trailers are allowed. We will be fishing for small golden trout in small water creeks, so bring your small rods (3 weights and less). The fish are generally very eager, so this is an excellent trip for the novice and experience fisher-person as well.

If interested, contact Eric Kramer (805 984-7202) or Brian Mayer (562-619-9169).



Hot Creek Ranch July 10-13, 2015



For those who have signed up for the Hot Creek outing your \$400 is due by the end of May, I will turn the list over to Brian Mayer our treasurer and he will collect the funds from you, Make your checks payable to the F.F.C.O.C.. Many of us have heard there is a water shortage in California and much of the west. Please read Kevin Peterson's letter below that addresses this question. I personally look forward to a wonderful time at the ranch.

Greetings Everyone,

I am sure that most of you have been hearing the grim reports on the snow pack here in the Eastern Sierra and on the water outlook for the entire state of California. I have heard that the main topic of conversation at club meetings etc. has been frantic about the upcoming fishing season and that many folks are in a panic over it and even thinking of hanging it up until we get some water.

I would like to give you a few facts. Hot Creek is a spring creek. 85% of our summer water comes from the upstream springs. While the main springs are 30% down, we still have 70% of our water, which puts us in **much better shape** than most fisheries in the state! The water situation is not at its best but fishing can still be pretty darn good and FUN if you are willing to work a little more than you might be used to.

I have been walking the creek every day and there are plenty of fish in the system! They are all not in the usual places which will mean you may have to figure it out a bit but that is the fun of it!! We have all seen those banner years when fishing was really easy! Well, there is a balance to everything in life and this probably won't be one of those years, however, it can still be fun! Maybe instead of telling your friends about how MANY fish you caught, you can tell them about how you hooked those tough fish that you worked on for a while and finally got them to eat. I guess what I am trying to say is that Fly Fishing isn't always about numbers but about the experience. If you have to catch a ton of fish to have a good day on the water, there may be better places to fish this year, but if you are out for an incredible Fly Fishing experience in one of the most beautiful places on earth, then come to Hot Creek Ranch!

We hope to see you here,
Kevin and Lisa Peterson

LEE'S FERRY OUTING

November 2-6, 2015



Only 6 openings left so make your reservation soon to insure you are included!

The Colorado River is described as “The World’s Largest Spring Creek” that boasts 15.5 miles of clear running tailwater fishery flowing from Lake Powell.

Come join Honey Burns and I along with 15 other lucky club members as we fish one of the waters of the 7 Natural Wonders of the World. This trip will consist of 4 nights lodging at the Cliff Dwellers (2 Adults per room) and 3 days of guided fishing (Drift or Wet Wading). I have reserved Rooms 26 -32 along with one Two Room Suite, each room has two beds. But if you want the room to yourself then you pay the full price. Each room is \$85.28.

We also have the following guides reserved: Terry Gunn, Jeff English, Skip Dixon, Natalie Jensen, Tyson Warren, Dale Gauthier, TJ Carrington and Kevin Campbell. Guides are \$450 for 2 fisherman.

This cost of this trip is approximately \$845 per person. This does not include tips for the guides, meals or transportation.

Sign ups are now being taken. You can sign the Outings Sheet at the next meeting or you can call or me to place you on the list, 951.415.9920 mel11755@pacbell.net.

Melinda and John Burns
Streamkeepers

FLIES THAT KEEP ON GIVING Mini M&M Caddis



By John Williams

Hook:	Tiemco 2488 #18-22
Thread:	UTC 70 Olive
Body:	Peacock Hurl
Under Wing:	Antron Lt. Olive Yarn
Over Wing:	Wood duck flank feathers
Hackle:	Ginger or Grizzly hackle

Start your thread at the eye and wrap to the bend of the hook above the barb. Tie in one peacock hurl by the tip and wrap forward to the $\frac{3}{4}$ forward point and tie off with a couple of wraps of thread, cut the remainder off. Tie in the under wing leaving it to extend twice the shank length. Fold a wood duck feather tent style and hold on top of the under wing and tie in place where you finished the under wing with a few wraps of thread. Tie in the hackle and make two to three wraps depending on the quality of your feather, tie off and whip finish. Add a slight amount of head cement with your bodkin.



Trout will hate me for this downsizing.

Tight Lines,
John

Fly Tying Class – Spring 2015

By: Doug Jones, Fly Tying Class Coordinator

The FFCOC spring 2015 Fly Tying Class was a great success for new and experienced fly tiers. We would like to give special recognition to the following for this success:

- REI for letting us hold the class in the Community Room at their Tustin store. This is a great facility and they have graciously let us it numerous times.
- Richard Fanning, Lyman Kennedy, Mike Neesley, and Charlene Hansen for being instructors. Rich, Lyman and Mike have instructed multiple sessions and have done a tremendous job. Charlene was a nice addition helping with newer fly tiers that have previously taken Mike's beginning class.
- Dr. Frank Rose for donating several fly tying took kits and a Fish Skull Fly Tester.
- The twenty students that expressed an interest in learning making this all possible.



The photo to the left is the Fish Skull Fly Tester donated by Dr. Rose. It allowed us to see the action of many of the flies we tied in various currents as well as some favorites of various class members. In addition to this tester, Rich Fanning brought in a drop tube we filled with water to see the relative sink rates of nymphs tied in

class. The results, with the slowest rate listed first, were - no added weight, standard bead head, standard bead head with about a dozen wraps of lead wire, and a titanium bead. See Rich for the details if you're interested.

The photo to the right is Cheryl Moore watching the action of a Steelhead fly she brought in for the Fly Tester demonstration. The photo below shows the action of one of Cheryl's Steelhead flies in the tester with a bubble formed above its tail.



Lyman is a stickler on detail and in the photo to the right students are making sure not miss any of Lyman's fly tying secrets.



As part of Richard's class he asked participants to demonstrate different fly tying techniques. Young Jik Kong responded by demonstrating wing tying on the mayfly spinner to the left and Cheryl responded by demonstrating tube flies as shown below.



Bottom line – we learned a lot and enjoyed doing it. Keep an eye on future newsletters for the scheduling of the next fly tying class.

FFCOC Leadership

Mission:

- Encourage Angling with Artificial Flies (fly fishing)
- Encourage Education and Fisheries Conservation, including Habitat and Watershed Conservation
- Disseminate to the Public the Results of the Club's Efforts
- Encourage Youth to Follow Sound Conservation Practices

To ACHIEVE this the Club conducts various meetings, events and outings as documented in this newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP is open to all. If interested, contact one of the board members or come to one of the meetings.

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