

# The Flyline NEWSLETTER



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## “The World’s Best Trout Destinations”

By Jeff Currier Global Fly Fishing

Jeff’s vast knowledge of fly fishing for trout is not limited to his home waters of the Yellowstone Country. His easy-going way of life, his being in the fly fishing business for more than 30 years and his connections with lodges and guides throughout the world have allowed him to travel.



Join Jeff as he takes you to some of the greatest trout fishing destinations on the planet. Pick up some of the valuable international trout techniques he’s learned along the way, enjoy the stories behind these distant trout and find out how you can find your way to any of these magnificent fishing destinations.

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### **Special Reminder 2022 Dues Past Due !**

Invite your friends  
to join !

March Goodies  
Don Bowling

**Dinner.....** On Tuesday, March 1st, we will be hosting Jeff and his wife for a dinner at Ale’s Steakhouse starting at 5:30 PM (1730). Please let Lloyd Smith (760-377-3542 or [lloyd.smith@hughes.net](mailto:lloyd.smith@hughes.net)) know if you plan to attend dinner. We will start setup at the Methodist Church at 7:00 PM (1900) and then mingle and peruse Jeff’s swag and books before beginning the general meeting.

# Speaker's Bio: Jeff Currier



Jeff Currier resides in Victor, Idaho where he bases his globe-trotting career in fly fishing. He is an active member of the R.L. Winston Rod Co Professional Advisory Team as well as Simms, Scientific Anglers, Fly Fishers International, Yeti and **Bauer Reels**. **Jeff is also an “Ambassador”** for Yellow Dog Flyfishing Adventures hosting exotic trips and exploring new destinations throughout the world.

Jeff is a fly fishing lecturer and well known fish artist. He has taught the skills of fly fishing, guided throughout Wyoming, Idaho and Yellowstone National Park and escorted fly fishers on six continents. Jeff has fished in sixty-two countries and caught over 420 species of fish on the fly!

Jeff's articles, photographs and artwork have graced the pages of magazines, catalogs, brochures and books. He is the acclaimed author of *Currier's Quick and Easy Guide to Saltwater Fly Fishing* and *Currier's Quick and Easy Guide to Warmwater Fly Fishing* guide books.

Jeff has won numerous fly casting competitions and the Jackson Hole One Fly. He led Team USA to its first ever top-ten finish in the World Flyfishing Championships in Jaca, Spain. During the competition, Jeff managed to fool fish on every venue and placed third in the individual standings, becoming the first American ever to take home a medal in the thirty year history of the Championships. In June of 2017 Jeff did it again in the World Masters Fly Fishing Championships in Portugal then took it a step further bringing home the Silver Medal from South Africa in 2019.

Jeff brings a sense of humor, enthusiasm, approachability and more than forty years of fly fishing wherever he goes.

You can follow Jeff's fly fishing adventures, exploits, tips, advice, photography and storytelling on his expanding blog and informative web site (<http://www.jeffcurrier.com>).

**Donation** Jeff will be donating one of his Cliff Fly Boxes with Golden Trout artwork (<https://www.jeffcourrier.comartwork/fly-box-art/>) for a raffle at our banquet/installation of officers/auction on 12 March. The fly box will be displayed at the general meeting.

# The Leader's Line

President of Aguabonita Fly Fishers: Karl Zellner



I got to use the information we received on Tenkara flyfishing at our last meeting. We fished the Bishop Canal and Lower Owens River. It was easier to nymph than cast dry flies. I did not catch anything, but fishing was predicted to be fair. The weather and company were awesome! I got to stop by Meadow Farms for **smoked meats** and Eric Schat's for **bread on the way home, too.**



I did not get out fishing the Lower Owens on last Flex of January as planned, due to our several month-long xeriscape project needing attention. Now I plan **to fish at least Friday on the President's Day weekend, since I'm camping near Bishop**

The day after our next meeting, Theresa and I are headed to Pyramid Lake for a **5-day trip.** I'm excited to try to land some of those large fish, but realize this is a new fishery to me.

I caught a 30+ inch Lahontan Cutthroat before, but that stream is now closed during the spawn into that creek. It is hard to enforce or educate fishermen on avoiding the fish on reds. I lost 90 percent of the fish I hooked there due to the difficulty of landing, while fishing from the bank and the size of my old net.

Please invite a prospective member to our meetings and let the board know how we can improve your enjoyment of our club activities.



**Hot Creek Fish Flash:** I just got back from Hot Creek. Fishing was good there yesterday and today. I caught mostly rainbows - up to 17 inches. The photo above is a 14 inch fish. The weather was nice with a high of 48 deg, sunny and calm winds.

## *Tenkara Fishing Essentials*

February 1st 2022 - Brian Dutton presented an “Introduction to Tenkara Fishing” to the Aguabonita Flyfishers. Tenkara is “Fishing in its simplest form” developed over 400 years ago in Japan and gained US popularity in 2009. In the US, Tenkara is an inexpensive way to enjoy flyfishing for both beginners and long time veterans of the sport. Brian gave an overview of tenkara telescoping rods, popular fly line types, tippets, flies and accessories. Brian demonstrated how to safely open and close the Tenkara rod without breaking the fragile tip. He introduced a few quick knots and then closed his presentation with several Tenkara fishing techniques, i.e. dead drifts, fly pulsing, skittering, swinging, and the “Leisenring Lift”. Following the meeting, ABFF members shared their Tenkara “tips and experiences”, tried out a couple of Tenkara rods, and shared their knowledge of useful Tenkara Flies and Accessories.



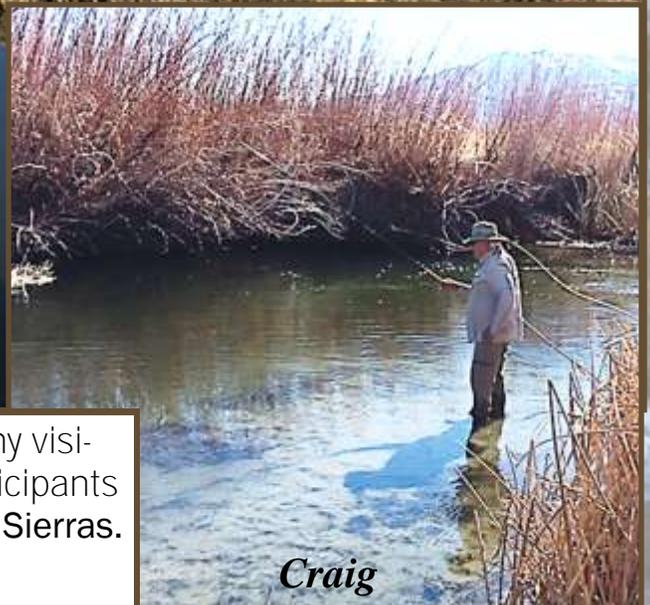
(Photo by Don Bowling)

# February Outing : *Tenkara Fishing Shakedown*

On Friday, February 4th, Karl Zellner, Lew Albright, Craig Porter, Dale Harper and Brian Dutton travelled north to the Bishop area for a day of Tenkara fishing. First stop, Bishop Creek Canal for setup of rod, line, tippet and hook, and a few casts to “get the hang” of the Tenkara technique. Later, the “five amigos” tried out their luck on the Lower Owens. According to Fred Rowe’s fishing report: “The water on Bishop Creek Canal is clear and as low as it gets. The trout have become skittish and require a stealthy approach not to spook them.” Lew reports that under these conditions the slightest movement of the Tenkara rod tip sent the trout scattering.



*Lew*

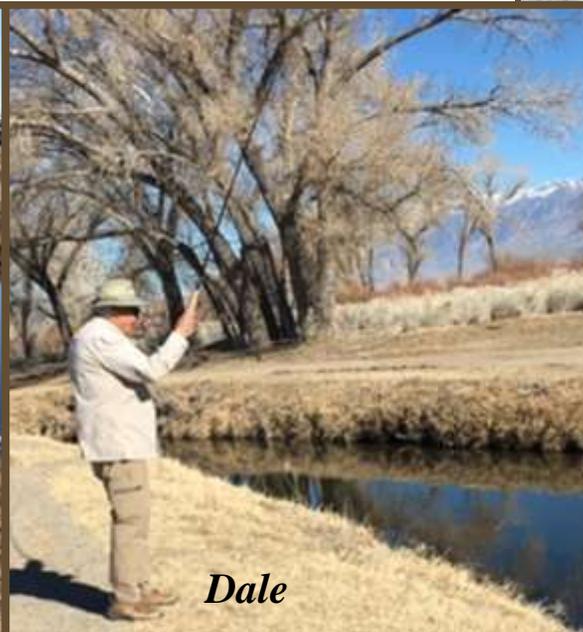


*Craig*

On the Lower Owens (right), Craig noted a lack of any visible insect or trout surface activity. However, all participants agreed, “It was a great day to be fishing in the High Sierras.” (Photos by Lew Albright, Craig Porter)



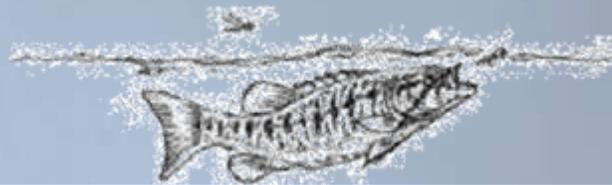
*Brian*



*Dale*



*Karl*



## 2022 Schedule for upcoming general meeting speakers and events

**March 12, 2022 Annual Officer Installation Banquet / Auction at USO Building, 230 West Ridgecrest Blvd.**

Note: Volunteers are needed! Also, if you have items that you would like to donate to this year's banquet, please contact **Brian Dutton (760) 793-0367** [duttonb@gmail.com](mailto:duttonb@gmail.com) or Dale Harper (760) 382-4903 [harperda20@hotmail.com](mailto:harperda20@hotmail.com)

**April 5th 2022** - Sam Sedillo, California Public Lands Coordinator, Trout Unlimited. He will discuss their work in the Golden Trout Wilderness and Hot Creek.

**May 3rd 2022** - Lee Baermann from the Southwest Council Fly Fishers International discussing "Fly Fishing the Surf".

## Revised COVID-19 protocols (Conditions we will need to follow for our use of the facility.)

The 1 March 2022 Aguabonita Flyfishers meeting will be in-person at the United Methodist Church Social Hall. The Church is committed to keeping church members, as well as users of church facilities safe from COVID -19 infection.

- \* For our indoor meetings, all persons are asked to wear a mask (with very limited exceptions: children under the age of 2, a medical condition, hearing impaired requiring visibility of mouth). No mask required outdoors.
- \* Having snacks and drink inside the facility is allowed.

Please help us insure continued use of our in-person meeting place by complying with the masking requirements. **The Church's expectation is that we are responsible for all who attend Aguabonita meetings at the Church.**

Craig Porter (Aguabonita Flyfishers POC with United Methodist Church Ridgecrest)

# All About Emergers : Part 2 -- Caddisflies

Host: Tom Rosenbauer

Excerpts from the Fly-Fishing Podcast, Published 12/20/2021 (by permission)

Website: <https://howtoflyfish.orvis.com/podcasts/general-fly-fishing/1648-all-about-emergers-with-tim-cammisa>

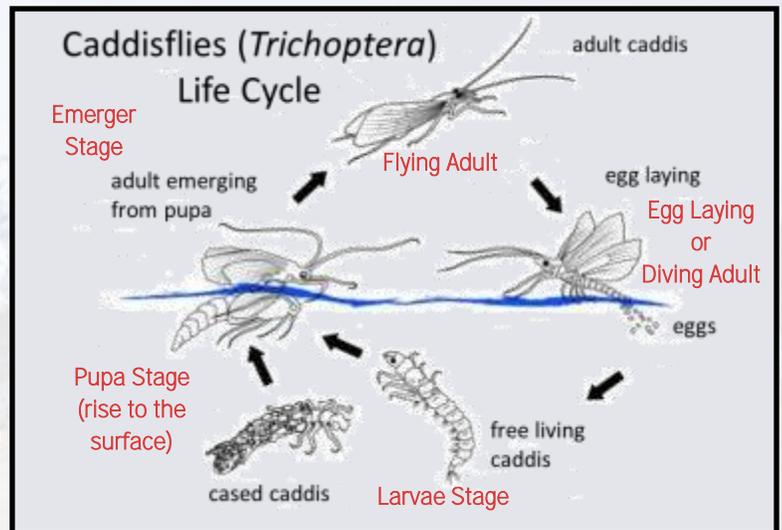
Podcast Guest: Fly Tier and Teacher -- Tim Cammisa

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Topic: All About Emergers : Life Cycles, Fly Patterns and Techniques

**Tim's introduction to emerger fishing.** "There's something about emerger fishing, that just is mystifying to so many people. But for those of us who love to fish dry flies, or fish near the surface, we just love its technical [aspects]. You can get as nerdy as you want. You can dive into bugs, you can stay away from bugs, but without a doubt out of all the zoom presentations, I've done over the last couple of years and my in-person events, emerger fishing is always number one. People come to it and want so much information, and I say we give it to them today."

**30-second review of caddisfly life cycle** "For Caddisflies let's begin back at the initial starting point, their life cycle. We have the same beginning [as Mayflies]. We start with eggs. But next, for Caddisflies, we have larvae instead of nymphs [as we had with Mayflies]. From there, the larvae go into this casing, and they pupate. So that's called the pupa stage. Today, we're focusing on the pupa to adult transition. From the pupa, the adult then emerges, and unlike mayflies, there's not a spinner phase. So, [for Caddisflies] it's just the adult. The adults mate. The females lay eggs, and then that process starts again. However, keep in mind that there is a variant case of diving caddisfly females when laying eggs, because so many people think that's almost an emergence in itself. I was tricked by that many years ago, thinking that emergence was going on when actually the females were laying eggs." (See discussion of diving caddis on page 13)

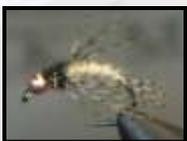


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## I. Larvae Stage

"So let's begin our discussion, with the notion of fishing down near the bottom during the larva stage using some basic patterns, like the **Birds of Prey Caddis**. That's a fly, that's done well for me. It's just a simple pattern that, uses Hungarian Partridge for the wing. We also previously mentioned CDC during our discussion of Mayfly emergers. I love to fish CDC, especially on flies that are fished subsurface. Most people assume CDC, [are used on flies] that are floating, but there is so much movement whenever you have larvae patterns tied with CDC, that without a doubt. go for it. In general, for larvae patterns, either free living, shell, or casing caddis we could go with something like a

**Walt's Worm**, or Utah Killer Bug. Those are just [examples] of general larvae patterns."



**Birds of Prey Caddisfly (John Anderson) - Tim Cammisa You-tube Video**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6utRbz70eEk>



**Walt's Worm (Walt Young) - Tim Cammisa You-tube Video**

<https://www.frankenfly.com/walts-worm-blow-torch-tim-cammisa/>



**Utah Killer Bug (Tim's "Buddy") - Tim Cammisa You-tube Video**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TJiB8Z\\_EPW8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TJiB8Z_EPW8)

## All About Emergers : Part 2 -- Caddisflies (continued from page 7)

### II. Pupa Stage

**Pupa Stage patterns** “Next, we want to talk about after the larvae have entered the pupa stage and they start their emergence up [towards the surface]. Most people are drawn instantly to [patterns] in the soft hackle realm. In general, we’re talking about patterns using Hungarian Partridge or CDC\* for the wing. [CDC - Cul de Canard - French for "duck bottom" - are the feathers from the back of a duck directly around the preen gland. They are very buoyant due to preen oil produced by the preen gland. -Wikipedia] In general, caddis emergers are tied with a relatively sparse body, but not too thin. I think people [sometimes] get a little, too thin, with their caddis emergers.”

**New material - Catgut Biothread** “There's a [new] material called Catgut [Biothread]. that I love for tying caddis emergers. Catgut makes such a realistic imitation of a caddis emerger. Catgut is made from the intestines of sheep or cows [and Biothread is specially treated to enhance durability under water.] When you allow this material to get wet and use it to form the body of your fly, it gives this translucency and it looks just like an adult caddisfly in its shell making its emergence to the surface of the water.”

[Tom:] Do you buy catgut in fly shops? I have never seen it before.

[Tim] Yes, it was very popular over in Europe, then it eventually made its way to Canada. There is a company in Canada, a fly shop called Frosty Fly. The only reason I remember it, is that I tie a fly called the **Frosty Fly Catgut**. That was my own way to remember where I bought the stuff. Hends [Europe] is making it as well now, and it's a little bit easier to find in the United States. Warn people ahead of time, “If you tie them, don't tie dozens of these things because once they get wet, if you don't fish them on a regular basis, they will deteriorate in your fly box, because it is a natural material. When it gets wet it has this milky translucency. Plus, it will also take a Sharpie marker, in case you want to have a cream color for the inside, and a dark brown over the top, “Man, it is a killer”!



<https://frostyfly.com/shop/catgut-biothread/> Vendors for Catgut Biothread

<https://competitiveangler.com/shop/body-materials/body-tubing-wrap/catgut-biothread-body-material/>



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MW9h027hjEk&t=8s>

Frosty Fly Catgut Biothread Caddis Pupae tied by Lucian Vasies

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This next fly is a kind of an oldie, but a goodie and it's called a **LaFontaine Sparkle Emerger**. This is a fly that's been out there for years. I have tied it with a bead before but I tend to fish this while I am Euro nymphing and there's no fish on the surface. I'll have a heavier point fly, something like a **Turkey Tail Nymph**, or a **Walt's Worm Blowtorch**. As my dropper fly, a little bit further up my leader, 24 to 36 inches, I'll have the Sparkle Emerger. There's just something special about this fly. I don't put on a ton of Antron or Z-lon. I used to put a lot more on the body. I don't want much, just enough to show that there is something.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UNhODgYMg24> LaFontaine Sparkle Emerger -Tim Cammisa

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0LxzwVA4LZk> Turkey Tail Nymph



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-OxdqrJBj4s> Walt's Worm Blowtorch - Tim Cammisa

### II Pupa - Rise to the surface

**Air bubbles surrounding Pupa reduce transition time to surface** So now, we have this caddisfly starting its emergence [to the surface]. Fish are chasing this caddis fly. Nature takes over - **saying, "We got to get our caddis from the bottom to the top of the surface as quickly as possible - because the fish know it's vulnerable. [Solution - Air Bubbles.] So, suppose there are all these air bubbles that will be encased around your fly." [That will reduce vulnerability by reducing exposure by shortening the transition time to the surface].**

**Tim's sneaky tip** "This is a podcast in which we want to give away information. So, I'm going to give everyone my **"sneaky tip"**. **There is this fly floatant out there. It's called Frog's Fanny.** There's all kinds of variations of it. I'm pretty sure Orvis sells it. [Fly Dust]. So get some fly dust and put it all over this Sparkle Emerger, but fish it below the surface. So, have a heavier point fly to keep it down. When fly dust or when any of those types of materials get wet, they just capture bubbles - all around that pattern. I'm not telling you fish will always key on that, but there are times where I can put **Frog's Fanny** on certain patterns, fish them subsurface, and they'll just be encased in bubbles underwater. I encourage your listeners to apply some Fly Dust on a fly and hold that fly under water. You'll see exactly what I'm talking about. Used with a jig nymph, it is just a killer technique that will really help that fly show off the fact that it's rising to the surface.



<https://catalog.theflyshop.com/frogs-fanny-fly-floatant/>

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**Things Change, fish move, so should you** "I remember fishing freestone streams early in the spring. I tended to be fishing some slower moving water and was doing well fishing pheasant tails, caddisfly larvae, and Utah Killer Bugs. I could show up and could consistently catch fish, a pretty decent number of them. Then one day I got to one of these spots that I had done well on before and it just wasn't happening. I was wondering, "What is going on?" I caught a couple, just like everybody else, but I was thinking, "Maybe the fish aren't biting today." I decided to change my fly and I was just kind of poking around my box and, thank goodness, I took a pause and looked downstream closer to the riffles and I saw a couple of bugs in the air. I thought, "Come on. Are you kidding me?" I had never taken the water temperature and in the three or four days since I had last been there, the weather had warmed enough to really start these hatches. Instead of those caddisflies hatching in the slower moving water (where the fish were originally when it was colder), now these caddisflies were coming off in the riffles and the fish moved immediately with the food. So keep that in mind, if you have been catching fish consistently in a given spot and you're not anymore, move around, take some water temperatures and try to figure out what's going on. More than likely those fish have moved along with the flies."

**Fishing techniques for caddisfly emergers rising to the surface** "Let's review the concept of fly vulnerability. Recall, with mayflies (even my nymphs), I like them to drift about the speed of the current or maybe a little slower. But there's something different about caddisflies, I love to speed them up. I feel like fish are more willing to chase caddisflies than mayflies. So, I tell people "With mayflies, slow down your drag. Make a mend against the current." With caddisflies I'm advising just the opposite, " Find ways to increase the drag. I love to swing flies in a wet fly style, whenever I know there's a caddisfly emergence. I love to make mends with the current because these fish are used to seeing all these caddisflies that tend to hatch in abundance. And when they are making their transition to the surface, they do it in a hurry. And just like what we observed with mayflies, these fish are willing to chase! You'll see them come screaming out of the water. You're thinking, "Man, are they taking caddis flies out of the air?" Absolutely not! They're intercepting this pupa because that's an easy meal for them and their momentum just carries them out of the water. It's crazy to see it go down, but that's what's going on."

Have you've ever been in water, rod tucked under your arm, and you're fiddling around in your vest and a fish eats whatever you had hanging off the back? Some people think, "Oh, that dumb fish." No, it's not a dumb fish. It saw a fly that was in the middle of the water in a seam that was just bobbing up and down. The fish thinks, "Hey, here's an emerger going down." So, if that ever happens to you again, you've got to say to yourself. "Is there a fly here that's about to emerge? I better try my best to imitate it."

### II Pupae - Fast Swimmers

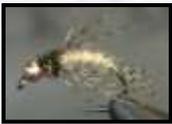
[Tom] "It's interesting that some caddis pupae can really swim. They can really roll along. They kind of twitch and actually go a little bit sideways in the current unlike most mayflies. (Some mayflies swim) and I don't think all of the caddis species do swim. But some of those pupae really can zip along. So, you need to experiment with a little movement."

[Tim] "Yeah, you nailed that one. And the ones that move have extremely long legs. Anyone out there who is a fly tier and if you ever tie a soft hackle with partridge or CDC and your fibers go past the body and your buddy tells you, "Hey, that's too long. Your soft hackles are too long." You can just smile at your buddy and fish it, because more than likely, the legs are going to be going past the abdomen anyway. That's why they move so fast. There are some patterns, especially with the **Bird of Prey Caddis**, I'll actually tie in a partridge tail, - not part of the body, and I'll also use partridge for the wing as well. I really want to illustrate the fact that those legs are going past the abdomen. That's what's going to help that fly swim so fast to get to the surface.

[Tom:] But everybody will say, "Caddisflies don't have tails."

[Tim:] Exactly. I have a YouTube video out there. I can't tell you how many comments there are to say that very thing. I think I replied once and I was like, all right, that's it. I'm not replying anymore. I said it in the video. Go back and watch the video at the 9-minute mark. That's where I said it.

[Tom:] "Well, tails on a caddis fly could also imitate a shuck or the trailing leg."



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6utRbz70eEk> John Anderson's Bird of Prey - Tim Cammisa

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### III Emergers

Let's get to that emergence point [in the lifecycle of the caddis]. As we saw with the mayfly, once the caddis fly gets to the surface, we have this ferrate adult that is trapped in the pupal skin. (Sometimes that pupal skin is transparent.) Once it gets closer to the surface, that pupal shuck will split, and the adult will either crawl or it can even eat its way out. It's almost like they're taking off a pair of pants at the surface. That's what's going on. You can make that connection back to mayfly."

**Caddis Emerger Fly Patterns** "Whenever there are caddis emergers I'm going to tell everyone to fish **Craig Mathews' X-Caddis**. It's a fly that has caught me so many fish over many years. So, for people out there who are asking, "What is an X-Caddis?" It's not that there's anything with an X on it like a map X. It's a really simple fly. It's got a tail that's going to represent that trailing shuck. It could be Antron, Z Lon, EP fibers. Typically, it's a poly tail. We have a tightly dubbed body. There's also some pretty cool materials that are almost like chenille, but it's more like a tightly dubbed body.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GyuKmbXhjPI> X-Caddis, Craig Mathews - Tim Cammisa

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**Micro Chenille Dubbing** "For those who are new to fly tying, if you haven't learned dubbing yet, there's actually some new ways that you can put strands on for your body.

[Tom:] Micro Chenille. Yeah, it's great stuff. We used to call it Easy Dub. Orvis used to sell it.

{Tim:] I think Semper Fly used to sell something called a dry fly poly yarn, super nice stuff, but it tends to be for like sizes 12 and 14. I don't think they have a smaller yet.

<https://www.feather-craft.com/ez-magic-dub>

EZ Magic Dub

<https://www.semperfli.net/dry-fly-poly yarn.html>

Dry Fly7 Poly Yarn

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### III Emergers

**Craig Mathews' X-Caddis.** "Where this fly earns its money, is that we have a deer hair wing that is set back kind of like a tent in a sense. But underneath that wing the first thing that I tie on are a couple pieces of CDC. I don't go crazy with different colors, I just go with the natural CDC. It's great to buy or to tie flies that have materials that will do that work for us, that will naturally move. When people see the CDC on this fly, they think, "Oh that CDC is going to help it float." I don't care so much about helping it float. I want this fly to be sitting in the surface film and I want that CDC to get wet and those little fibers just dance around in the film, instilling that proof of life that I think fish want to see." The X-Caddis is easily my favorite fly whenever I'm thinking [of fishing for caddisflies] at the surface.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GyuKmbXhjPI> X-Caddis, Craig Mathews - Tim Cammisa

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**Johnny King's Splitsville Caddis.** The next fly for on the surface fishing is one that can pass as a crippled imitation. We're talking about a caddis fly or a mayfly that didn't fully emerge. Something happened, something stunted its growth, which tends to happen, especially in very cold, water situations or when you have prolific hatches. Then you tend to see a percentage of flies that will be crippled. One of my favorite ones for caddisflies is called the **Splitsville Caddis**. It's was created by Johnny King. He just did a killer job with this fly. It's basically a parachute that's brought through the middle of an elk hair caddis. The technical term is a hackle stacker. He pulls the hackle stacker through the deer hair and causes that deer hair to take on the delta wing formation. It's a little bit of a technical tie, but it really seems to grab the fish's attention at the surface. So that's a pattern that I love to fish even if we are just talking about caddisflies with spent wings. It's a killer pattern.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q40Fedt5Wxl> Johnny King's Splitsville Caddis

[Tom:] It's a pain in the butt to tie. I did one once live with Johnny critiquing my tying, and I it's a great fly, but I hate tying it though.

[Tim:] I'm not going to lie. It's just not an easy tie. It takes some practice.

**Condor Emerger [for Caddisflies].** I like to tie caddisflies on that Klinkhammer hook as well as for Mayflies. We have a similar type of pattern consisting of an Antron or Z-lon shuck on a dubbed body. I tend to go with darker colors or tan, tans and brown's especially. At the thorax I like to put in a bunch of CDC and I like to tie in deer hair and just let it splay on top. So whenever this fly rests in the water, we have this Klinkhammer hook, that's kind of forcing the abdomen and the trailing shuck down into the film. Then we have the CDC just dancing all over. Then we have a deer hair wing that is sticking straight up. **So, it looks like an explosion on a hook.** That is the kind of the look that I tend to go for whenever I think that these fish are keying right at the surface. So, that wraps up the list of the caddisfly emergers. (See Condor Emerger for Mayflies in Part 1 "All About Emergers" in February 2022 Issue of Flyline)

#### Fishing techniques for caddisfly emergers on the surface

[Tom:] "Let's talk a little bit about fishing techniques and presentation of caddis emergers because it is a difficult situation, for a lot of people, myself included."

[Tim:] "As I mentioned before, whenever the caddisflies are in that pupa phase, I do like to speed it up. So there's one thing that you can get away with, that seems almost counter-intuitive. At times, I'll put on a heavier tippet. For example, if I normally tend to be fishing a 5x or 6X tippet. I'll go up to 4X tippet knowing that the water currents are going to grab that a little bit more and hold onto it and swing my fly a little bit more. That will help you out, because if fish are grabbing flies that are moving fast, they are going to grab them in a hurry and they tend to break them off, if you are not positioning everything correctly. So don't hesitate, (especially when you're fishing pupas or swinging flies), to go to the heavier tippet size because those fish will grab it.

## All About Emergers : Part 2 -- Caddisflies (continued from page 11)

**Fishing techniques for caddisfly emergers on the surface** “Whenever I'm fishing caddisflies closer to the surface, I really like to slow down my presentation. I wish we could build in some little mechanism in our flies to move or dance them around. Gosh, we would have a million-dollar idea. Caddisflies, at least in my experience, really tend to bounce and move around on the surface.

**Fly Skating** “There’s a fly fisherman Mike, from Western Pennsylvania. He can skate a caddis around to imitate a caddis trying to take off in the adult stage, but can’t. Mike will put Mucilin floatant the whole way down his line, his leader, his tippet within about two inches of the fly, and he greases up the fly. He tends to use more heavily hackled flies. He is able to induce this weird dancing that occurs between the emerger and the adult stages. He loves to skate the fly by casting almost directly across the stream at a 90 degree angle to the bank, maybe slightly downstream. He'll let the fly go down below the surface maybe 6 inches, mend against the current and then just do a little dance with his rod tip and it will just skate that fly maybe 2 or 3 inches at a time. Fish will come running across the river to grab it, because to them, it looks like a caddis that is getting ready to take off and fly. That's a deadly technique. It's tricky, though, because everything's got to be fine-tuned. You almost need direct contact with your fly. You also have to make sure you have a pattern to ride on those currents. So, you have to select the current that isn't too fast so it will just drag it away. But it can't be too slow because those fish have to have a reason to come chasing it.

[Tom:] Yeah, it's tough to skate a Caddis in broken current because the fly bumps into the little goose bumps on the top of the water. It kind of plows through the little wavelet so that makes it tough.

**Increasing Fly Visibility** “Often there are so many caddisflies in the water it's tough to pick out your fly, compared to all the others. So, I would recommend to those people who especially like to tie, don't hesitate to add something like a pink Antron post to it or a little wing to it on top of your deer hair or CDC, so you can pick out your fly. When there's so many naturals on the water and those fish are eating, I feel like I'm setting the hook all the time, especially in low light conditions because I think it was my fly when it wasn't.

**Adjusting Fishing Position** “One aspect of casting is setting up your position. I recall what I learned from Joan Wulff years ago. Somebody had asked her in a casting class, how she casts when there's wind and she chuckled and her short answer was you move so you can make an easier cast. I try to take that approach when it comes to dry flies as well. I want to get into a position, especially with caddisflies where I can get a drag free drift, even if it's only 6 inches. I want my fly to land and get that six inch drift to where that fish is feeding without excessive manipulation of the leader or the tippet. I don't like to do a lot of blind casting if I don't have to.

**Recognizing Caddis Emerger Phase** “When fish are feeding in that emerger phase, you're going to know because they're not going to take those typical patterns like the **Elk Hair Caddis** that everybody loves. When those fish are ignoring the elk hair caddis, that's when we have to think, “Why is this? Is it something that I can simply correct by changing the size or the color of my fly, or are they keying in on an emerger?” I have to truly pick out a fish, and then take my time and fish that one fish and try to figure out where on the surface film it is feeding.

**Recognizing Caddis Emerger Rise Forms** “One clue to help us determine exactly where on the surface film the fish are feeding is to examine the feeding rise forms. What could that rise form suggest? Are they sipping? Are they slurping? Are they splashing? Are they making a boil? However, we've got to keep this in mind, “These are fish. They can transition from one phase to another, and it doesn't matter. They could do a sip and then they can immediately show a splash.” But whenever I see splashy rises, I think to myself, “These are caddisflies.” These fish are probably keying in on caddis flies that are starting their emergence. When I see those splashes, I am thinking, “Oh good, I now I can fish more soft hackles. I can fish a little bit more under the surface because these fish might be chasing these caddisflies as they're making their emergence to the surface.

[Tom:] “Are they chasing more because caddisflies pop to the surface quicker than a mayfly?”

[Tim:] Yes. Based on some of the reading that I've done over the years, when caddis are in their pupal skin, they can make that emergence really quick because they trap air bubbles, or at least that's what many people believe. They've trapped these air bubbles inside of that pupa.

[Tom:] Yes, I've heard I've heard both sides. It probably depends on the caddis species too. Some people talk about the air bubble theory and other people say, “I've never I've seen it. I've gone out and looked at them under water and I don't see any air, bubbles or gas bubbles.” So I think it's I think it's going to vary with the conditions and the fly, but it certainly makes sense.

### IV Egg Laying and Diving Adults

**Diving Caddis** “Let’s consider egg-laying caddisflies. Let’s walk back to their life cycle. For mayflies, we have females that will come down and lay their eggs on the surface. Then their wings are spent and the females die. They float down. It’s easy protein. That is a last meal for the fish taking the spinner. Those eggs will go down in the stream and they’ll hatch that way.

For many caddisfly species the females will lay their eggs above the surface and the eggs will drop into the water. But, there are other caddisflies species where the females will actually fly down into the water, lay their eggs, and then pop back out of the water, and this can drive anglers crazy, because as these fish are chasing these they will come rocketing out of the water.

However, recall what I said previously, whenever you’re fishing and you see fish that are chasing flies and you start to see bugs popping off the surface. You say to yourself. Oh, I’m in the middle of a hatch and we are going to grab that Sparkle emerger and we’re going to throw it on. However, because they’re taking that female diving caddis, they’re going to ignore the Sparkle Emerger, For diving caddis, the fly that I turn people to is some type of a smaller pattern, **around a size 14 or 16. Its going to have a dubbed body and it’s going to have something like black hackle. It’s going to have an Antron or Z-lon wing going back about the length of the abdomen. It’s going to represent the actual adult wing, but those fish are not seeing an emerger anymore. They’re seeing a female caddis trying to escape after she laid her eggs.**

[Tom:] You know, what looks just like that.? A classic wet fly like a light or dark Cahill, or a blue dun with a duck quill wing. Perfect imitation of a diving caddis. They work. They work at those times really well.

[Tim:] I believe it. I believe it. I mean, unlike some, I don’t like to drift them naturally. If I’m Euro-nymphing, especially, **I’ll fish this off a dropper, but just like before, I’ll tend to speed them up because I feel like these females, they’re trying to get out of the water [quickly].**

**Liesenring Lift** Speeding up your fly in the current is easier if the fly is directly below you or slightly downstream. So I try to position myself where I can do something called the liesenring lift, but I want to do that lift only where I think there is fish. The steps in preparing for a liesenring lift are:

- 1) Cast out at an angle a little less than 90 degrees,
- 2) As our fly goes through the current and is coming back towards us and is directly downstream from us,
- 3) we will lift up our rod tip really gently, anywhere from six inches to, as much as two feet. It’s just a gentle lift.
- 4) Then we dip our rod tip down and then lift it up a second time.

Whenever you show that emergence, those fish tend to hammer that fly and when they’re hammering it down there, you don’t want to be fishing 6x or 7x tippet.

#### **Caddisflies are dishonest insects**

[Tom:] Yeah, and you know, the one thing I did want to add about caddisflies and I have said this many, many times, but I think that it’s worth repeating. (And not everybody listens to everything. I say, especially my fishing buddies). Caddisflies are dishonest insects, because they don’t just hatch and then the next day, go and lay eggs. They can live up to a month out of the water as adults. Anglers see these flights of caddisflies and they’re migrating, and often the air will be full of caddisflies and not a single one on the water. And eventually, they decide they’re going to finally hit the water and, and lay eggs, and drive the fish crazy. But, but often they don’t. And so you need to be careful. You need to see those caddis flies on the water before you put on a caddis fly.

[Tim:] Yes, that’s for sure. You want to find out if the fish are on whatever stage you think they are. So many of us, we want to just say, oh, I throw this and they are going to come up and eat it. But until those fish get in that mood, they’re not going to look at it. Once that hatch is over and those caddisflies are gone, they are done with them. Then you just start right back to whatever your typical approach is, when you first come upon water and there doesn’t seem like there’s much going on. [Tom:] **Yep, and if we can figure that one out we’ll be geniuses, right?**

**Editor’s Comment** This concludes the article “All about Emergers” from the Orvis Podcast with host Tom Rosenbauer and guest Tim Cammisa. The website URL for the full podcast can be found at the beginning of this article on page 7. For additional information, please check out the referenced websites. The editor would like to thank Orvis and Tim Cammisa for graciously granting permission to include podcast excerpts in this article.

# Heads Up! 43rd Annual

## Installation Banquet

Volunteer's are needed. If you would like to help please contact  
Brian Dutton (760) 793- 0367 duttonb@gmail.com  
Dale Harper (760) 382-4903 harperda20@hotmail.com

### 2022 Slate of Officers

President: Karl Zellner

Vice-President: Lloyd Smith

Secretary: Andrew Mitchell

Treasurer: Steve Garrison

1st Director: Rachael Richards

2nd Director: Brian Dutton

## T Officer Installation, Fund Raiser & Awards Night

This year's officer installation, fund raiser and awards night is going to be a little different from the past. The 43rd annual event will be held at the USO Building with wet fly starting at 6:30 PM. Instead of a dinner, this year's event will feature a desert bar, with coffee, tea and water. Beer and wine will also be available for sale. Hard alcohol will be allowed but you must provide your own. Traditional fund raising activities will still include a live auction, silent auctions, bucket raffles a door prize, and don't forget the "TIC Shooter". The cost will be \$10.00 per person (which should cover the cost of using the USO building.) There will be a sign up sheet for folks that would be willing to donate goodies for the desert bar.

Please let us know if you plan to attend. Also we ask that members follow applicable COVID protocols. Our plan is to reduce table sizes to allow for social distancing and to be masked when not engaged in eating and drinking. We hope people will take this opportunity for a night out with some old friends.

### *Aguabonita Flyfishers 43rd Annual Banquet 12 March 2022*

*USO Building, 230 West Ridgecrest Blvd. Ridgecrest CA*

6:30 pm Wet Fly

7:00 pm Desert Bar

7:30 pm Auction

*TIC Shooter*

*Bucket and Regular Raffles*

*Auction*

## *Club Donations Needed !*

The club is looking for donations from members of items for this year's banquet, both auction and bucket raffle items. If you have items in good condition that are just taking up space, please consider donating them to the club. The items "Do Not" have to be fly fishing related. You can bring items to a board meeting, a general monthly meeting, or contact Brian Dutton ( [duttonb@gmail.com](mailto:duttonb@gmail.com) ) for pickup. These donations go a long way to help the club raise needed funds to support its various efforts, including Trout in the Classroom, the Youth Program, our conservation projects and much more.



## *Nominations for Club Awards*

Each year, at our annual banquet, individuals are recognized for their contributions to the club. These individuals have unselfishly demonstrated attitudes and performance beyond what is expected of them. The club board of directors is soliciting nominations for 2021, to be awarded at the banquet in March.

If you would like to nominate someone for an award, please contact Karl Zellner. [zellnerkm@msn.com](mailto:zellnerkm@msn.com)

### **The Tommy Chapman Award** (Presented by the Aguabonita Flyfishers, Established in 1984)

The 'Tommy Chapman Award' was established to remember and honor Tommy who believed so deeply in preserving and protecting our fish, waters, and the watershed. As a charter member of our club, he was instrumental in establishing and promoting a conservation ethic. His legacy of conservation is honored by this award. This award is periodically presented to an individual whose contributions emulate the characteristics of Tommy Chapman. It is through the dedication and contributions of these individuals that our club lives, and provides the opportunity others to enjoy our sport.

### **The Mel Smith Award** (Presented by the Aguabonita Flyfishers, Established in 2002)

The 'Mel Smith Award' was established to remember and honor Mel who gave so freely of time and talent to support the sport of flyfishing. An active member of the club, he could always be counted on to support conservation projects, fund raising events, fishery habitat improvements and outings. His legacy is honored by this award. This award is periodically presented to an individual whose contributions to our club emulated the characteristics of Mel Smith. It is through the dedication and contributions of these individuals that our club lives, and provides the opportunity for others to enjoy our sport.

### **The Art Craddock Award** (Presented by the Aguabonita Flyfishers, Established in 2002)

The 'Art Craddock Award' was established to remember Art. An expert fly tier and nymph fisherman, he shared his knowledge freely. Our club has been enriched by the legacy of fly-tying skills that he taught, and the one-on-one fishing instructions he gave. His legacy of mentoring and generosity are honored by this award. This award is periodically presented to an individual whose contributions emulate the characteristics of Art Craddock. It is through the generosity and knowledge of these individuals that the fly-fishing skills and lives of our club members are continuously enriched.

### **The Bob Cherry Award** (Presented by the Aguabonita Flyfishers, Established in 2010)

The 'Bob Cherry Award' was established to remember and honor Bob who was one of the founding fathers of the Aguabonita Flyfishers. Bob loved fly fishing and readily shared his knowledge with others. His legacy lives through the continuing educational classes and the establishment of annual banquets which remain cornerstones of our club today. Those who have fished with Bob remember him as an excellent fly fisher, fly tier, knowledgeable mentor, and a man who just loved to have fun. This award is periodically presented to an individual whose contributions emulate the characteristics of Bob Cherry. It is through the dedication and contributions of these individuals that our club lives, and provides the opportunity for others to enjoy our sport.

### **The Chuck Newmyer Perpetual Award** (Presented by the Aguabonita Flyfishers, Established in 2014)

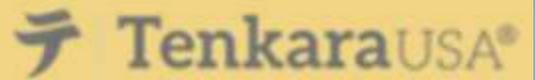
**The "Chuck Newmyer Perpetual Award" was established to remember and honor Chuck Newmyer who was the founder of the Aguabonita Flyfishers Club and a life-long fisherman. He gave freely of his time and talent to support the Club and the sport of fly fishing. His humor, kindness and humanitarian spirit will be remembered by the Club. Chuck liked to teach and mentor fly fishers and future fly fishers, (including fly fishing, fly tying, rod building, and teaching youth about the way of the trout.) He was a member of the International Federation of Fly Fishers and received awards for Legends of Flyfishing, the Charlie Brooks Award, and Fly Tying Teacher and President's Pin. He was a Certified Fly Casting Instructor. He received the California Department of Fish and Game Volunteer Award for work on the State's Wild Trout Program. Chuck's support of conservation was rewarded when the Kiosk at the Hot Creek Interpretive Site was dedicated in his honor. This award is given once a year to a Club Member who has given freely of his/her time and talents in service to the Club and the sport of fly fishing during the past calendar year. Unlike other Club awards; the recipient keeps the award piece in trust for a year, returning it to the Board of Directors for awarding to the next recipient. Each recipient's name will be placed on a plaque to be kept and displayed prominently by the Board of Directors for Club Members to view. A majority vote of the Board of Directors will choose the recipient.**



# Equipment Checkout

Club Equipment: Lew Albright

## Check out our Tenkara Rods !!

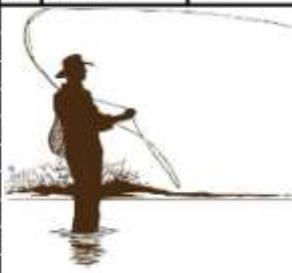


Rod specs:  
 Extended length: 12ft (360cm)  
 Closed size: 20 1/2 inches (52cm) Including 1/2" cap  
 Segments: 9  
 Handle length: 11 Inches (23cm)  
 Weight: 2.7oz (76.5grams)

The Iwana is a classic all-around tenkara rod at a great value. The progressive taper, ultra-light weight, and tip action provides for great battles, even with smaller fish. Quality and strength are by no means compromised, and landing large fish is not unheard of. The original choice of many early tenkara adopters outside of Japan. It packs to a small compact size of 20 1/2 inches, which makes it easy to fit in a day pack. These rods have a beautiful "glossy carbon" finish over a high-quality carbon fiber material.

## Other Classic fly rods available

Rods	Description	Reels	Flyline
1	ST Croix 9' 5/6wt 3pc	1 STH	WF 10 F/S
2	ST Croix 9' 3wt 2pc	2 Cortland ltd	DT6F
3	ST Croix 9' 8/9wt 2pc	3 Cortland cmil	DT7F
4	ST Croix 9' 9/10wt 2pc	4 Cortland Rimfly	WF6F
5	ST Croix 9' 1/2 7/8wt 2pc	5 Cortland Rimfly	DT6F
6	Winston 8' 6" 6wt 3pc	6 Cortland Rimfly	DT3F
7	Winston 7' 10" 4wt	7 Cortland Rimfly	DT6F
8	Winston 9' 8wt 4pc	8 Cortland Rimfly	DT3F
9	Fisher 8' 6" 5/6wt 4pc	9 Cortland Rimfly	DT6F
10	Fisher 8' 6" 3/4wt 2pc	10 Medalist	WF6 F/S
11	Fisher 9' 6" 7/8wt 2pc	11 Medalist 1495	DT7F
12	Fisher 8' 6/7wt 2pc	12 Okuma	WF9F
13	Fisher 8' 6" 5/6 4pc	13 Okuma	WF8F
14	Sage 9' 4wt 4pc	14 Okuma	WF8F
15	Sage 9' 7/8wt 2pc	15 Okuma spool	DT7F
16	Sage 9' 5wt 2pc	16 Cortland 60	DT4F
17	Sage 9' 6" 9wt 2pc	17 Cortland ltd 80	WF6 F/S
18	Fenwick 7' 10" 5wt 7pc	18 System one	WF6F
19	Fenwick 9' 10wt 2pc	19 Berkley	DT2F
20	Fenwick 8' 6" 7-9wt 2pc	20 Cortland	WF6F
21	Fenwick 7' 6" 5wt 2pc	21 Cortland ii	DT6F
22	Fenwick 6' 5/6wt 2pc		
23	Fenwick 9' 9wt 2pc		
24	Fenwick 7' 6" 6wt 2pc		
25	Fenwick 9' 6" 6-8wt 2pc		
26	Fenwick 8' 6" 7wt 2pc		
27	Cortland 8' 5wt 2pc		
28	G.Loomis 8' 3wt 2pc		
29	G.Loomis 9' 4wt 4pc		
30	G.Loomis 9' 4wt 4pc		
31	Cabelaf's 9' 6wt 4pc		



To check out any club equipment contact Lew Albright at 760-793-5225 . Let him know when you want to meet him at the club equipment, library and classroom at 231 Station St. Don't forget there is a \$5 fee to check out equipment. If the equipment gets damaged please let Lew know so that it can be re-

Membership Committee: Lloyd Smith

## Membership Renewals are past due !!!

Dues prices remain the same.

Individual membership	\$35.00
Family membership (residing in same household)	\$45.00
Youth membership	\$10.00
One time initiation fee	\$10.00

Only expecting 2 more membership renewals. We have 69 out of 78 (89%) complete as of 14 February. We are hopeful that upcoming programs and the banquet will stimulate a few more renewals. We look forward to an exciting year and your membership dues provides our operation resources.

No new members last month. Invite your friends to join this month !!!

Invite your friends to join. Have them fill out the membership form on page 26 and return to: Aguabonita Flyfishers, Membership, P.O. Box 2059, Ridgecrest, CA 93556-2059.



SWCFFI Representative: Craig Porter

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Southwest Council

**SATURDAY**  
**21 May**  
**9AM-5PM**

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The Southwest Council Fly Fishers International has rescheduled the upcoming FLYBUY for 21 May 2022 due to the re-occurrence of COVID. Save the new date for a fun-filled event. For additional information or clarification please contact Craig Porter.”



GRASSROOTS CAMPAIGN

KICKOFF Weekend

**“NO HOT CREEK MINE”**

FRIDAY - SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 18-20

*PLEASE READ THE EMAIL BELOW FROM CHRIS BUBSER CONCERNING THE HOT CREEK MINE. SHE AND MANY OTHERS HAVE BEEN WORKING DILIGENTLY ON EFFORTS TO OPPOSE THE EXPLORATION AND POSSIBLE MINE NEAR HOT CREEK. IF YOU ARE IN MAMMOTH THIS WEEKEND, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO ATTEND THE RALLY AND TO FORWARD THIS EMAIL TO AS MANY OF YOUR FRIENDS AS POSSIBLE. THIS IS AN INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT ISSUE!! THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!*

Hello everyone!

As the KORE mining exploratory drilling looked like it was going forward, a group of concerned citizens started to develop a campaign to see if we could make an impact through public opposition. This initiative is meant to compliment the amazing work by Sierra Club ROLG, Friends of the Inyo and others. We have a group of wonderful volunteers who developed messaging, an arresting graphic and a website. We have been promoting our weekend of action on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and with flyers around town. We've had great support from the Patagonia Fish and Snow teams.

The website can be found here: <https://www.nohotcreekmine.com/>

### **FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 18**

The weekend will kick off Friday, Feb 18 between 4 pm and 6 pm, We will be having a poster-making party and we will be giving out t-shirts to wear to the rally. We're gathering at my house, 46 Hill Street ([map](#)) "Old Mammoth". Please come by! We will be outside to be covid safe so bundle up.

### **SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 19**

On Saturday, the Patagonia fish team will be at Hot Creek and the Patagonia Snow team will be at the mountain handing out stickers and information about the rally.

### **SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 20**

We will cap off our efforts with a rally at the Village Sunday, Feb 20 from 3 - 5 pm. We will be gathering along Minaret Rd. near [Kitchen 53](#) (6201 Minaret Rd #153, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546) from 3PM - 4PM with banners and signs to raise awareness for people traveling down from the mountain and to encourage folks to come to the rally. We will move to the main plaza of [The Village](#) from 4PM-5PM. We are encouraging folks to make signs and banners in preparation for the event.

We will be joined at 4PM to hear from:

- Mono Lake Kootzaduka'a Tribal Member Charlotte Lange
- Stacy Corless of Mono County Board of Supervisors
- Lynn Boulton of The Sierra Club Range of Light Group and . . .
- Patagonia representatives.

More information about the rally can be found on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/681517029530625>

Here's a flyer that you should feel free to share to get the word out | [click here](#)

Call me with any questions. Thanks!

Chris Bubser | 760-914-3221

## Aguabonita Flyfishers Board Minutes 25 January 2022

The Meeting was called to order by Craig Porter, at 7:05 PM

**Board Members Present:** Steve Garrison, Dave Calvert, Brian Dutton

**Committee Members Present:** Dale Harper, Lloyd Smith, Don Bowling, Lew Albright, Craig Porter

**Visitors Present:** None

**Approval of Agenda:** Approved meeting agenda.

**Secretary's Report:** Approved Secretary's report.

**Vice Presidents Report:** Justin Byrne – Not present. Brian and Dale are going to give a short presentation on Tenkara fishing essentials in February. Craig will open the hall at 7. We will not go to dinner beforehand this time. Brian is planning on picking up the A/V equipment.

**Treasurer's Report:** Steve Garrison – We started 2021 with \$13474.67 and ended the year with \$13001.55. There were lots of donations along with dues payments including some in January which ended with \$13390.55. The only expense in January was the PO Box which increased in price a bunch over previous years. Presented a proposed budget for 2022 and was discussed under new business.

**Flyline Editor:** Don – Will add the Trout Rodeo into the newsletter.

**Committee Reports:**

**Education:** Steve Garrison & Lew Albright – Maybe we could have a class with Tenkara flies.

**TIC:** Brian Pate – Not present.

**Conservation:** Karl Zellner – Not present

**Club Equipment:** Lew Albright – **We'll use the club's Tenkara rods for demonstrations at the meeting.**

**Outings:** Dale Harper – Going to do a Tenkara class/outing on February 4. Meet by Reagans at 9 am.

**Library:** Vacant – none

**Membership Chairman:** Lloyd Smith – So far about 60 out of 80 members have responded with new dues. About 10 have come in this month.

**Club Website:** Dale Harper – Nothing new.

**Youth:** Vacant – None

**Weekend Fly Tying (Ties and Lies):** Saturday, February 5.

**Directors:** Brad Weich and Brian Dutton – Brad turned his club house key in to Craig Porter.

## **Aguabonita Flyfishers Board Minutes 26 October 2021 (cont')**

**SWC FFI Report:** Craig Porter – The Fly Buy is May 21 in Long Beach. Craig is arranging lunch for it. The Trout Rodeo is February 26 in Bishop. People can check in between 8 and 9. They can join a team or just compete personally in the fishing competition. Afterwards there will be awards. Southern Steelhead CESA discussion under new business. Also, Aguabonita Fly Fishers were asked if we want to **participate in water quality sampling for “Science on the Fly”**. We are interested, and will ask for more information.

**Banquet:** Vacant – Brian Dutton

**Old Business:** Banquet:

The banquet is going to be on March 12 at the USO. In order to make it small and simple with the goal of bringing the club together, it will be a dessert-only banquet **with a suggested \$10/person donation. Dale will MC if we can't find someone eager to take that task on.** Tickets will be sold at the door. There is decorating to **figure out, but no dinner will make that a bit easier. We'll still have bucket raffles** and an auction. We are looking for nominations for awards, especially the **Chuck Newmyer Perpetual Award. We'll do some thank-you's to folks who have supported the club over the past year.** We want to call all of the membership to publicize the event and get an idea of attendance so Lloyd will send out a list to Dale so he can have the volunteers from the board meeting start calling.

**Old Action Items:**

**New business** Southern California Steelhead:

Trout Unlimited and other organizations are asking the California Fish and Game Commission to designate the Southern California Steelhead as endangered under the California Endangered Species Act. They are already designated as such Federally, but giving them that status in the state would allow for greater protections as well as give more power to stream restoration goals. The board decided to send a letter of support. With Karl gone to a funeral, Dave will sign as Secretary since its needed by February 2.

2022 Budget:

A recommended budget was presented for 2022 which had us beginning the year with \$13002 and ending with \$9785. It was amended based on discussion of the banquet as well as increased programs cost and came out around \$9500. This budget was approved.

**New Action Items:**

**Summary of Motions Passed:**

Moved, seconded, and passed meeting agenda.

**Moved, seconded, and passed secretary's report.**

Moved, seconded, and passed amended 2022 budget.

**General Meeting Snacks:**

February: Dale – We can eat in the hall again!

March:

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM. The next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, 22 February at the club house.

# AGUABONITA FLYFISHERS

## 2021 ACTUAL INCOME AND EXPENSES

CASH ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2021				13,474.67
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>				<b>4,971.00</b>
January	Dues	405.00	625.00	
	Donations	220.00		
February	Dues	750.00	955.00	
	Donations	205.00		
March	Dues	490.00	490.00	
April	Raffle cards	140.00	140.00	
May	Raffle cards	150.00	150.00	
June	Materials/rods	219.00	299.00	
	Raffle cards	80.00		
July/August	Raffle cards	150.00	150.00	
September	Donation	300.00	300.00	
October	Materials/rod rent	42.00	42.00	
November	Donations	95.00	555.00	
	Dues (12)	460.00		
December	Donations	275.00	1,265.00	
	Dues (20)	800.00		
	Raffle cards	80.00		
	Reel sold	60.00		
	Rod rents	50.00		
<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>				<b>5,444.12</b>
January	USPS Box	118.00	362.00	
	USPS Postage	44.00		
	Program	200.00		
February	FFI Dues	253.00	253.00	
March	Program	350.00	2,150.00	
	Rent Club House	1,800.00		
April	Program	280.00	280.00	
May	Program	300.00	300.00	
June	Program	300.00	817.12	
	Flowers	67.12		
	Insurance	450.00		
July/August	Tenkara rods	406.00	406.00	
September	Program	300.00	740.00	
	Donation CfR rods	440.00		
October		0.00		
November		0.00		
December	Postage	36.00	136.00	
	Feastival venue	100.00		
<b>CURRENT BALANCE AVAILABLE December 31, 2021</b>				<b>13,001.55</b>

Prepared by Steven Garrison (Treasurer)

# AGUABONITA FLYFISHERS

## 2022 - INCOME AND EXPENSES

CASH ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2022 12,506.55

### INCOME

1,162.00

January	Dues (10)	430.00	1,040.00
	Donations (3)	610.00	
February	Dues (2)	80.00	122.00
	Raffle	42.00	

### EXPENDITURES

684.98

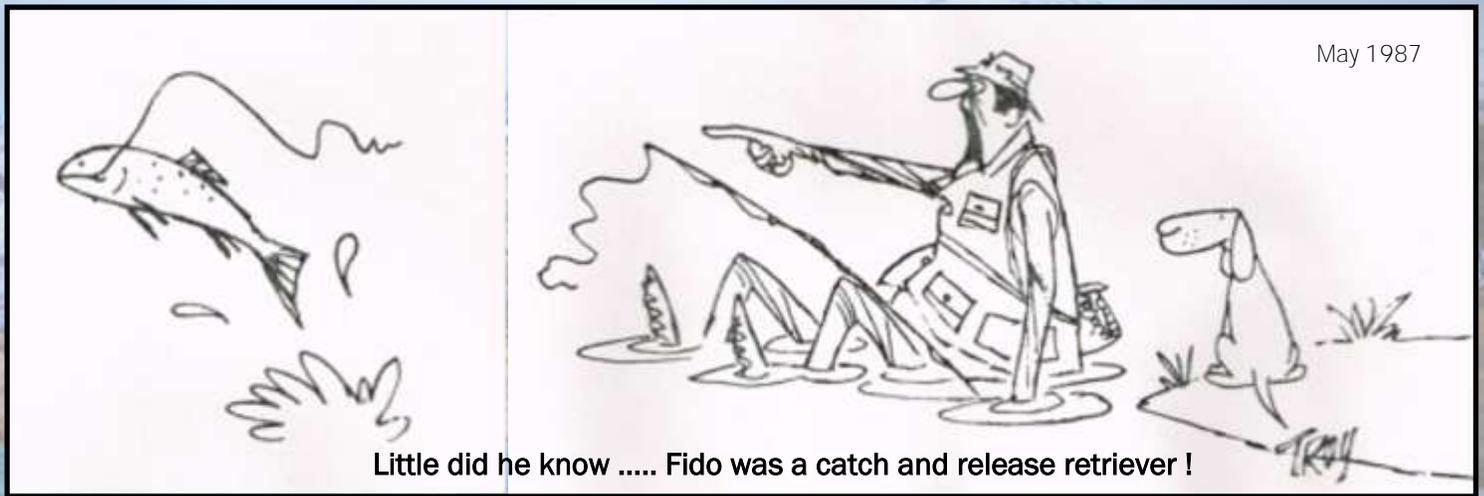
January	USPS Box	156.00	156.00
February	Framing	263.98	528.98
	FFI Dues	265.00	

CURRENT BALANCE AVAILABLE February 22, 2022 12,983.57

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# Flyline Funnies

Over the years, the Flyline has published a wide variety of flyfishing humor. Just as Krystal Flash adds a little sparkle to your favorite fly pattern, the hope is that “Flyline Funnies” will add a chuckle to your day, and dust off a memory or two. The nuggets of wisdom and humor are all gleaned from back issues of the Flyline. Sit back and enjoy the timeless humor of our sport. **Today’s topic “ Odds and Ends “**



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## Monthly Club Meeting

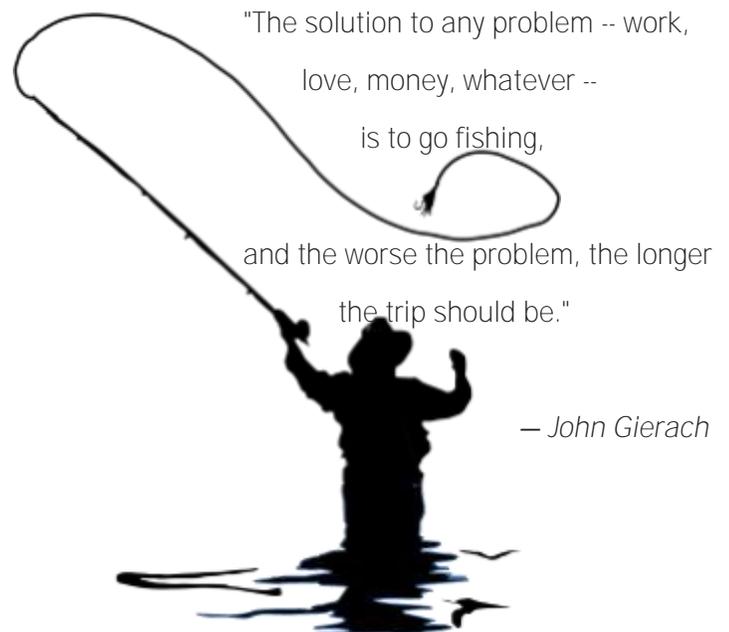
General membership meetings are held at 7:30pm on the first Tuesday of each month at the Ridgecrest United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall (639 N. Norma St., Ridgecrest, CA). Everyone is welcomed to attend!

## Annual Cost for Membership

Individual membership	\$35.00
Family membership (residing in same household)	\$45.00
Youth membership	\$10.00
One time initiation fee	\$10.00

## Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors usually meet at 7:00 p.m. on the last Tuesday of each month to transact the business of the club. The board meetings are open to anyone with agenda items to share. To place items on the next meetings agenda, please send items to secretary Dave Calvert at (760) 793-8026 or dave.calvert.ii@gmail.com



## *“Flyline at Your Fingertips” . . .*

A few months ago, I finished digitizing the Flyline archives. The Aguabonita Flyfisher's newsletter has been in existence for forty three years, beginning in 1979. Assuming 10 issues per year, and an average of 12 pages per issue the digital archive contains over 5000 pages. In pdf format, the size of the archive is 1.1 GB distributed over 44 folders and 450 files. The archive contains a wealth of accumulated flyfishing knowledge and Aguabonita Club history.



Recently, I have been thinking about ways to make this archive easily accessible to members, i.e. “Flyline at Your Fingertips”. Ideally, the hope would be to make the archive accessible to interested members on a variety of platforms, desktop computers, tablets, and cell phones (both android and apple iPads and iPhones). I'm not a computer geek, but here's my ideas about how to proceed.

First, the archive could be copied to a USB thumb drive. This would be directly transferable to desktop and laptop computers. With appropriate USB to micro-USB adapters (see below) the archive could also be transferred by the user from the thumb drive to tablets and android cell phones. Recent USB to micro-USB-C adapters would allow transfer to recent tablets and phones both android and apple. This approach would simplify initial distribution to only USB thumb drive and let the individual user acquire the appropriate adapter for their desired platform.



### USB to micro USB Adapter

[https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B01C6032G0/ref=ppx\\_yo\\_dt\\_b\\_search\\_asin\\_image?ie=UTF8&psc=1](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B01C6032G0/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_search_asin_image?ie=UTF8&psc=1)

**CTRL + click to follow link**

Used to adapt USB thumb drive to early generation android tablets and cell phones.



### USB to USB-C Adapter

[https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B07KR45LJW/ref=ppx\\_yo\\_dt\\_b\\_asin\\_image\\_o00\\_s00?ie=UTF8&th=1](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B07KR45LJW/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_asin_image_o00_s00?ie=UTF8&th=1)

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Used to adapt USB thumb drive to recent generation tablets and cell phones, both android and apple.

My proposed plan would be to offer (as a fundraiser effort) a thumb-drive loaded with the Flyline archive at a suggested price of \$20.22. (Final plans and price to be approved by the board.) My goal would be to start taking orders at the March banquet. I am seeking suggestions and indications of interest level for this idea from ABFF members. Please let me or a board member know if you are interested. [bowlingdk4@gmail.com](mailto:bowlingdk4@gmail.com)

## In the Background: Don Bowling

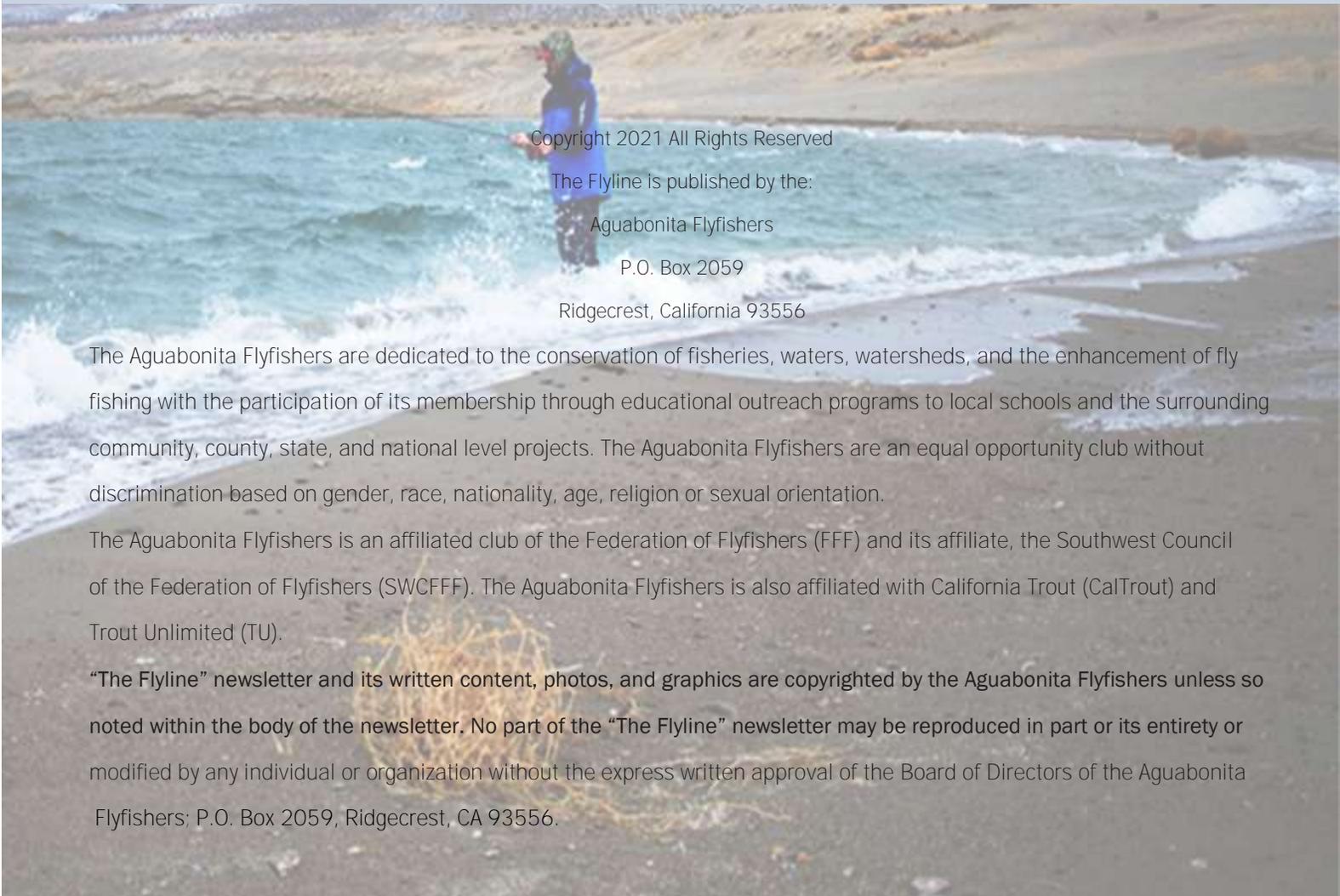


I came across this month's background photo on a website article; "13 Top Tips for Winter Fishing at Pyramid Lake" – by Winston Pro Staffer, Scott Flint". The article featured a photograph taken on Pyramid Lake by **photographer and guide Arlo Townsend** who graciously granted permission for use in this month's Flyline. To me, this photo captures the essence of Winter Flyfishing on Pyramid Lake - i.e. an overlay of dense grey snow-laden clouds covering the tops of lightly dusted slopes. Deep turquoise blue water, with frothy white waves surrounding the intrepid angler, fly rod in hand and to top it all off, a tumbleweed that probably blew in from Ridgecrest.

Link to "13 Top Tips for Winter Fishing at Pyramid Lake" – by Winston Pro Staffer, Scott Flint"

<https://winstonrods.com/13-top-tips-for-winter-fishing-at-pyramid-lake-by-winston-pro-staffer-scott-flint/>

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# Calendar of Upcoming Events:

## March 2022

"It is impossible to grow weary of a sport that is never the same on any two days of the year."  
 — Theodore Gordon



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Monthly Club Meeting 7:30 pm	2	3	4	5 Fly Tying Session 9:00am - Noon
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 ABFF Awards Night, USO Bldg, 6:30 PM
13	14	15	16	17	18 Deadline for Newsletter Inputs	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Board Meeting 7pm	30	31		

FLY FISHERS  
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Southwest Council

**SATURDAY**  
21 May  
**9AM-5PM**

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"The water you touch in a river is the last of that which has passed, and the first of that which is coming; thus it is with time."

— Leonardo DaVinci



Date \_\_\_\_\_

Record Number \_\_\_\_\_

## Aguabonita Flyfishers

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### The Goals of the Club

- Improve and increase the sport of fly fishing
- Promote and work for the betterment of fishing waters
- Provide assistance to club members to help them become more effective flyfishers and to promote the fellowship of the membership
- Encourage and assist others to become flyfishers and true sportsmen
- Encourage and advocate conservation of fishes, waters, and watershed

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

How would you like to receive the *Flyline* newsletter?  Email  USPS

Would you like a badge (s)?  Yes  No

How would you like your name (s) to appear on badge? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your spouse's name? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the names of family associate members? \_\_\_\_\_

### FEES

### PAID

One Time Membership Initiation Fee (\$10.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Individual Member (\$35.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Family Membership (Single residence) (\$45.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Youth Only Member (\$10.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Life Member (\$350.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due \_\_\_\_\_

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