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As the year end quickly approaches I just realized that I only have a couple of more presidents' lines to write. It's hard to believe how fast time has passed by.

I want to take this time to thank all of the board members who have worked with me the last two years. Without their help we would not have had all of the informative monthly programs, improvements to the website, two fall banquets, the women's programs, the basic fly fishing class, conservation projects, and achieved the tax exempt status. When you see them please express your appreciation for all of the hard work and dedication that they have devoted for the last couple of years. My wish is that the next group of board members, work just as hard and bring new programs and ideas to the club. We have come so far yet we still have many opportunities for improvement.

The one thing that I did not accomplish is the basic fly fishing videos that I would have liked to have posted on our website. These would demonstrate basic knots, rigging, casting, and fly tying skills. This information would have been beneficial to our new members and anyone else who would access our site to answer questions on how to do certain tasks related to fly fishing. Maybe we can still talk the new board into exploring this option in the years to come.

In closing, I would like to thank all of you for your participation for without your support the club would not exist.

See you on the water.  
Stuart

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**Next Meeting Nov. 6, 7:00 P.M.**



*Stuart with a nice Stripper*



## ***Fly Fishing Etiquette***

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With trout season opening on Slough Creek a reminder of Fly Fishing Etiquette may make your day and the day of fellow fishermen an enjoyable one.

1. **Give plenty of elbow room.** Nobody wants to have another angler moving in on his fishing spot. Such a practice is rude, and will cause nothing but ill will between fisherman. If you must fish a section of water that is occupied ask if you can share the water and give the person fishing enough space.
2. **Don't hold up the line.** As you are fishing Slough Creek and you thoroughly fish a spot with little to no luck move to a different location so another fisherman can try their luck at that location. It is considered rude to hold up a spot for an extended period of time.
3. **Watch the noise.** Trout and similar fish are very wary. Loud noises, such as loud voices, playing children, clanging equipment, or even footsteps on the river bottom can spook fish and make them impossible to catch. As you approach a new spot check to make sure you are not going to "spook" a fisherman or the fish.
4. **Share your wisdom.** When you are asked how your day of fishing went it is certainly acceptable to withhold information but remember someday you may be asking the same question. There is no real benefit in keeping all the information to yourself. Give them some information that might help them be better fishermen.
5. **Use the buddy system.** If you are fishing with another angler make sure each angler gets a chance to fish the "sweet" spots. Running or walking fast to get to a spot can only cause hard feelings. Taking turns with the "first cast" or take turns with fishing the head or tail of a pool.
6. **Carry it in, carry it out.** One of the most annoying things that you can see on the river is litter. It is amazing that people have room in their vests to carry items in but when they leave they do not have room to carry those same items out. If every angler would carry out what they bring in our waters would be litter free.

Remember a little fishing etiquette can bring a much better day on the river for you and your fellow fly angler.

### ***2009 Flatland Fly Fishers Club Membership fees***

\$25 (individual) \$35 (family)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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(The club would like to be able to contact you and remind you of special events and this would be done by phone or e-mail address)

Make check to Flatland Fly Fishers Mail to P.O. Box 49164 Wichita, Ks. 67210  
or pay at the meetings.



## ***The Allure of Fly Fishing***

(Taken from Mary from Tracks of Vermont)

### **Why are women lured to fly fishing? Here are five reasons:**

#### **Peace and Mindfulness**

A light breeze drifts out from the overhanging trees and mixes with the cool air rising from the misty stream. Under the warm touch of dappled sunshine, your muscles melt and stretch luxuriously. Your slow, deep breath can almost taste the pine in the air. Pure concentration focuses your world into this one perfect moment. The past and future slip silently away in the rushing of the stream. An elegant, looping cast unites your body and your mind with the three elements of earth, air and water. What mystery will rise to meet your lure?

#### **Connection to Nature**

Immerse yourself in the healing quiet of the woods, the vital dance of the river and the exotic wonder of a fish's world. Gentle and respectful of all life, catch-and-release fly fishing is about the equation of life, not the capturing of prey. Fly fishing brings you into balance with nature and reminds you of your place in the natural world.

#### **Excitement**

You head out in the evening when other normal people are heading home. Dusk creeps in across the meadows and the crickets take up their evening song. Unseen creatures stir in the bushes on the path down to the stream. Excitement builds as you and your friends draw up a plan. You size up the night and choose your lure. Like a magician, you cast a spell to bring the spirits of another, darker world to light.

#### **Skill**

To learn is to stay young. Learning to fly fish provides an integrated course about biology, science, flies, fish, and weather. You'll also learn about yourself as you practice concentration, patience and coordination. It's a non-competitive sport—you set your own goals and progress at your pace. As in yoga, you must learn to unite the mind and body and accept what comes. Fly fishing gives women in particular a great sense of achievement and pride. Women are often better suited to fly fishing than men because they tend to be less competitive and to be goal-oriented.

#### **Camaraderie**

Fly fishing combines the peace and mastery of a solitary activity with the joys of belonging to a group. Women learn best from one another. We need a group to belong to. We love to laugh together. We thrive when sharing a common activity. You'll bring home so many stories, you won't even need to catch a fish.

What a better way to learn the hypnotically beautiful sport of fly fishing than being part of the Flatland Fly Fishers Women's clinic. Contact Ken McCloskey (316) 284 – 0762 for more information.



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## *Kern Emerger*



### *Kern Emerger Recipe*

Hook: TMC 5262

Tail: Black Deer Hair

Abdomen: Peacock Herl and Copper Wire

Wing Case: 1mm Red, Pink or Yellow Foam

Thorax: Olive Dubbing

Optional: Bead, Rubber Legs, and Hackle Legs



1  
First put on a bead and add non lead wire to the thorax area. Cover the lead with a thread base. Tie in the deer hair for a tail.

The Kern Emerger is a creation of Guy Jeans who owns the Kern River Troutfitter fly shop. This fly is variant of the Hare's Ear Nymph. I have yet to use this fly in trout water as I have been catching all my fish lately on top or just below the film. I have caught many bluegill on them though and know they are killer for them. The flies I have tied are all heavily weighted and are made to be dredged at depth. There are different variations sold at the shop; different color wing cases, no bead head, hackle and rubber legs. I do not know what the significance of the brightly colored foam is for unless it is some kind of attractor spot. I have read the Kern River Forum page for a couple years now and this is a very hot fly in the Sierras. For something a little different in Colorado, Missouri and even the Slough tie some up and give em a try.



2  
Next I make a rope of peacock herl and copper wire, twisting three pieces of herl and the wire together and wrapping them forward to create the abdomen.



3  
For the thorax tie in a piece of 1mm foam for the wingcase and rough dub with some olive dubbing. Pull the wincase over and whip finish.

**THE PICK UP AND LAY DOWN CAST (25-30 FT)**

Doug Meyer

The two critical areas on this cast are:

1. Fig 1 and 2, The lift and pull sets up the rod tip's position high enough to start the back cast load, keeping the tip path in a straight line and the entire casts trajectory correct.
2. Fig 5, the forward casts stop position is high

Use this cast to do small adjustments to the position of the fly and/or line.

Variations of the pickup and lay down cast:

1. FALSE CASTING: False casting is making several back and forward cast in between a lift and a drop. Use this cast for larger amounts of adjusting fly and line positions or also to dry off the wetness of a dry fly.
2. SHOOTING LINE OUT AND STRIPPING LINE IN: Fishing in ponds and lakes this is about the most used cast. Casting the fly a little longer during each forward false cast, shooting line through the guides till target is reached. Then stripping in the fly to simulate preys movements through the target area.

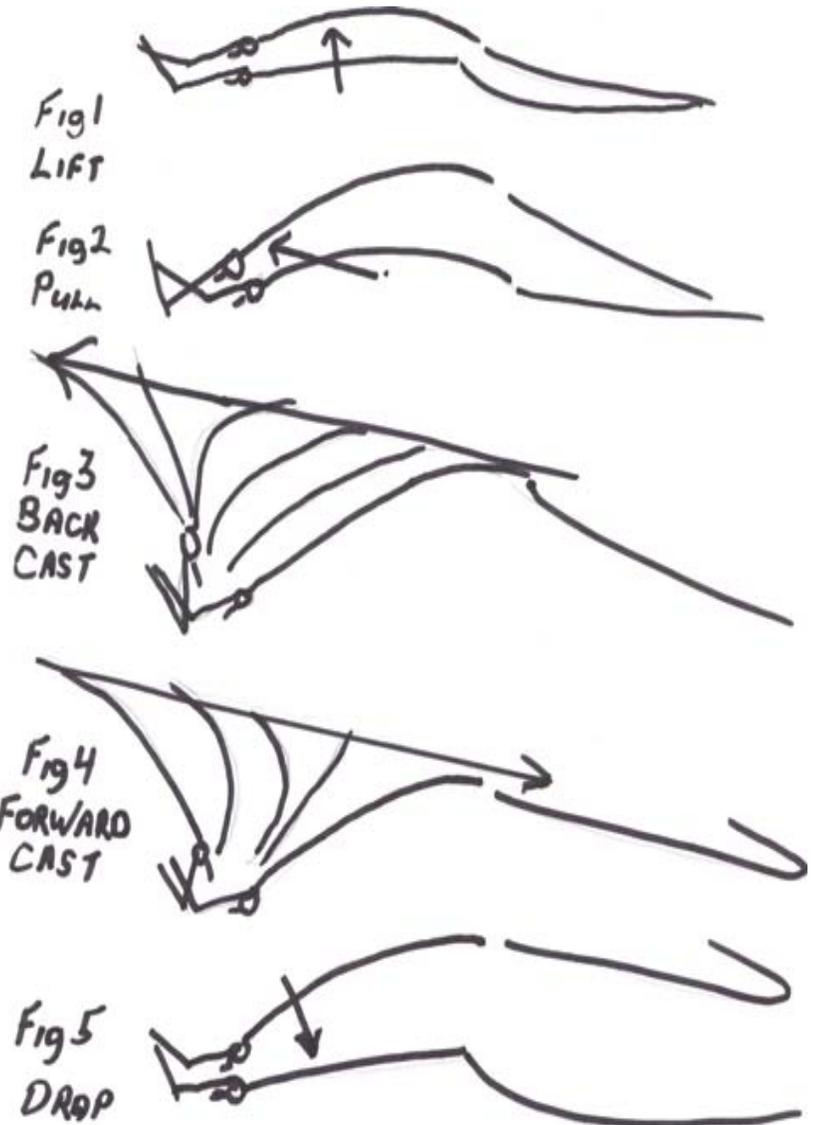


Fig 1. THE LIFT. Raise the rod up to remove as much line from the water as possible to avoid water surface disturbance. This also starts the bend in the middle of the rod. All slack is gone and rod is bending.

Fig 2. THE PULL. After the lift start pulling the rod toward you. This sets up the rod's tip and line in a single plane and positions the rod tip high enough to start the back cast.

Fig 3. THE BACK CAST. Smooth accel, the stop, and straight line path of rod's tip. Note the trajectory of the rod's tip.

Fig 4. THE FORWARD CAST. Note where the stop is, when the rod's tip is still high in the air.

Fig 5. THE DROP. When the forward cast straightens the line and the leader to its limit, drop the arm from the rod stop position to guide the line softly down as it drops to the water's surface.

To end with, note the trajectory of the line on figs 3 and 4. The longer the line casts the more level is the cast to the earth's surface. The shorter the line cast the more angle is used in the downward trajectory.



## ***Winter Program Guest Speaker***

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**Jeff Currier** has been traveling and fly fishing the world for a lifetime. His passion for travel began as a child while exploring North America with his parents. When it was time to hit the world on his own, he left his family and homeland of New England for the Midwest where he studied at Northland College in Ashland, Wisconsin. After graduation from college he moved to Jackson, Wyoming where he began his career in the fly fishing business at the Jack Dennis Fly Shop.

Jeff's need for year round fly fishing led him south of Jackson Hole during the winter. In the late 80's he found himself stalking the flats of Belize with his summer clients more than two months each winter. When he wrapped up his assignments in Belize, he ventured further south through Central and South America. His addiction to travel grew so immense that he began the routine of wondering some distant fly fishing destination every time he saved enough money. By age thirty, Jeff had fished most of the worlds fly fishing hot spots.

Jeff has spent the last decade fly fishing the most remote corners of the globe in search of the most difficult and rare game fish of the world. Some of his recent travels have been to Venezuela for payara, India for mahseer, Zambia for tigerfish and Egypt for Nile perch. He has presently landed over 200 kinds of fish on the fly in over 40 countries!

**Jeff's Fly Fishing Adventures** pages provide reports and photos from his many exploits. Visits his web site at [www.jeffcurrier.com](http://www.jeffcurrier.com)





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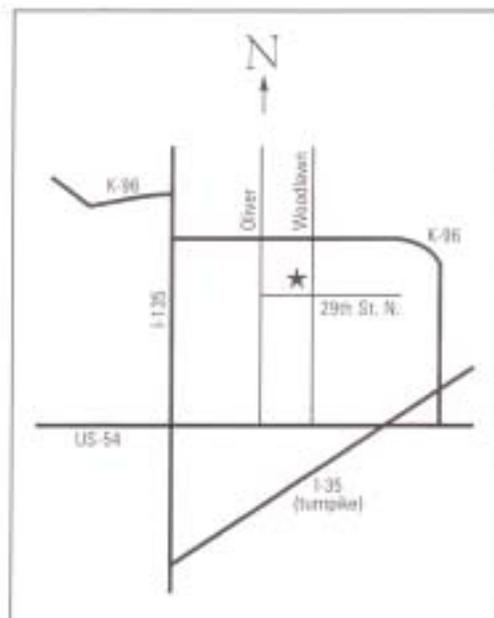
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