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# Cascade Family Fly Fishers

*Clearer Waters  
Brighter Streams*

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Ginnie Grilley

### Our next meeting

**Rick Hafele**

**Fly Fishing Lakes**

Thursday, May 28th

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### Meeting Location

Wesley United Methodist Church

Corner of Oakway & Cal Young

Meeting Time 4th Thursday of Each Month

Doors open at 6:15 pm meeting starts at 7

## Prez Sez

By Glenn Miller

**W**e continue to have great meetings this year and April's presentation by Scott Kinney was no exception. It was great to hear that the wild McKenzie Redside population in portions of the lower McKenzie River are on the rebound. A recent float trip I took about a month ago seemed to verify that, as everyone on the trip caught at least a few of these wild fish. While most of us would agree that there certainly is a place for hatchery fish in some waters, it certainly is a great experience to fish for wild fish, where possible, on some of our local fisheries!

Don't forget that we'll be finishing up Darlene's Youth Auction at the May meeting by auctioning off fly boxes filled with many different types of flies. The fun will start at 6 pm and the table will be closed sometime just before the meeting starts at 7 pm. We've already started allocating some of the proceeds when we recently bought some fly tying vises for a high school classroom.

I'm looking forward to spending a couple of days at the Spey Clave on the Sandy River then continuing on to fish some waters in E. Oregon. Depending on the weather, the next few months may turn out to be the best time period to fish this year as it's likely we'll have very low water flows later this summer and fall. There are some great club outings planned in the next few months. If you're interested in fishing a wilderness lake, join the Erma Bell Lake outing I'll be leading in June where you'll have a chance to catch wild rainbow trout. An overnight John Day River float and our annual East Lake trip are two other great opportunities in July.

**A couple of safety tips when float tubing on a lake:** On a recent trip to a Cascade Lake, I was pushing off into the lake on my float tube when I accidentally fell into a couple feet of water.

Fortunately I had extra socks, fleece pants, etc. so within minutes I had changed and was back on the lake. The only damage sustained was to my ego; and my fishing buddies sure had a good laugh. So always carry extra clothes in case you get wet. Also, always carry a whistle (one that's easily accessible) to use in an emergency; wear a life jacket, and have a plan in case you get blown off the water before getting back to your entry point. I carry backpack straps and footwear so that I can hike back to my car if necessary.

If you haven't heard, we have brand new CFF club hats which will be available for purchase at our May 28th meeting. There are four different types and colors and they really look awesome! Thanks go to Steve and Michelle Overall for coordinating this effort!

Tight knots!

Glenn Miller



**Don't forget to visit our website at**

<http://www.cascadefamilyflyfishers.com>

**May Meeting, Thursday 5/28**

**Fly Fishing Lakes**

*Presented by Rick Hafele*



Rick Hafele (Hay-Flea), returns to the Cascade Family Flyfishers on May 28, 2015 to share another of his informative, interesting and engaging presentations, "Fly Fishing Lakes." Rick Hafele will reveal seminal information on, Hatches, Patterns & Tactics for improving lake fly fishing enjoyment.

Rick Hafele, known as the "Bug Man", has been awarded Life Membership in the Fly Fishing Federation of America & the Fly Fishing Club of Oregon---for his contributions to fly fishing literature.

Written from the perspective of a life-long entomologist possessing a keen sense of humor, "An Angers Guide to Aquatic Insects & Their Imitations" was published in 1995.Co-authored with Dave Hughes, "The Complete Book of Western Hatches" continues to be a best seller, 25 years after publication!

Rick Hafele's presentations are loaded with useful information. You may want to invite a friend! Rick Hafele will be at The Steelhead Brewery & Cafe,199 East 5th Avenue at 5pm. Come on down for our pre-meeting socializing and no-host dinner.

**Michael T Williams, CFF Program Chair**

**CFF members invited to  
Lower Umpqua Fly Casters  
Tube A Rama**

The Lower Umpqua FlyCasters has invited Cascade Family Flyfishers to join them in their "Tube A Rama" on the Umpqua River. The date is Saturday July 18, and Sunday July 19th. Launching begins at 9 AM from the Umpqua Riverfront RV Park and Boat Ramp. There will be a potluck Saturday night at 6 PM with steaks provided by the Lower Umpqua FlyCasters. Interested persons should contact:

Glen Neal (541) 517-7108 or

Robert OBryan (541) 759-2526.



Early morning at the Umpqua Riverfront RV Park

**Middle Erma Bell Lake Outing**

**Trip Leader: Glenn Miller**

**541/359-9522**

**Date:** Friday-Saturday (June 19-20). You can come for both days or just one of the days. I'll have a sign-up sheet at the May 28 meeting. Car pooling is an option.

**Location:** This area is accessible from either the McKenzie or Willamette Highway. I'll describe the southern route. Take Hwy 58 east and turn left at the Westfir exit (at the Middle Fork Ranger Station) a couple of miles before Oakridge. Go a short distance and turn left again just past the bridge. Continue straight past Westfir's covered bridge onto Road 19. Follow this paved route for 31 miles to a pass just before the Box Canyon Guard Station. Turn right onto Road 1957 and drive about 3.6 to its end at Skookum Campground (4,500 foot elevation). The total drive time is about 2 hours. For those spending the night, there is a campground with tent sites available. The camping fee is nominal. If just staying for the day, a Northwest Trail Pass (or senior pass for those 62 and older) is required. The Middle Erma Bell lake is about a 50 minute, gentle hike from the trailhead located at the campground and is in the Three Sisters Wilderness. An option that some have chose in the past is to camp at one of the south shore campsites at Middle Erma Bell Lake.

**Option 1:** For those that will be leaving on Friday, we'll meet for breakfast Friday at 8:00 am at the Sunrise Café in Pleasant Hill. After breakfast (around 9 am) we'll head for the lake. Plans for carpooling can be done over breakfast or in advance. We'll drive to the campsite, secure our campsites (for those planning to camp), and prepare to hike in. I plan to spend the night and fish till about 3 pm on Saturday.

**Options 2:** For those that will be coming up later in the day on Friday (or just on Saturday), please let me know your plans in advance so I will know who is coming. I can help with car pooling arrangements if needed.

**Lake and Fish Information:** This is a 40 acre lake with native Rainbow trout (up to 22 inches). The average size tends to be around 12-14 inches. The Lakes are self sustaining and very productive. You can keep two fish and we usually keep a few and fry them up for dinner. The Lower and Upper Erma Bell Lakes are not that far away and can also be good fishing.

**Fishing Gear:** While not an absolute necessity, a float tube (or other floating device) is very handy to get out in the lake and allow room for back casting since the shoreline is pretty brushy most of the way around the lake. I'd suggest a PFD as well for safety. Four to six weight rods work well with both floating and sinking lines. Most years we've fished both floating and intermediate lines and did well. I've found that a slow sink (intermediate) line works best but having a floating line is handy in case there is surface activity. Bring the usual assortment of flies for a Cascades high lake with dries (adams, comparaduns, callebatis, etc....size 12-16), nymphs (pheasant tail, prince, hares ears, etc.) and streamers (woolly buggers, leaches, etc.). Some years (the last couple of years in particular) I've seen prolific callibaetis hatches in June; it just depends on the conditions at the time.

**What to Bring:** If you're going to camp, bring the normal camping gear and food. While the weather is usually pretty nice in late June, bring some cold weather clothing just in case of inclement weather. If you have a camera please bring it along to contribute to photo's of the trip. Also bring mosquito repellent. We will do a group meal Friday night. I'll contact those going in advance to make these plans. Also, I will cook breakfast (eggs, bacon, muffins, coffee) for everyone on Saturday morning. All other meals (lunches) are on your own.

**Questions:** Please call me at 541-359-9522

## Carmen Reservoir Outing

The Carmen Reservoir outing, on May 7th, was a great success. We had a head count of 18. There was a great mix of float tubes, pontoon boats and drift boats.

The comradery and openness of our club members is amazing. The sharing of techniques and methods freely exchanged with no second thought. All over the reservoir I witnessed members who were helping those, who for the first time were using new equipment. We are an amazing group of people, secondary to the fly-fishing aspects of the club.

They had stocked Carmen on 4/20, 5/4 with over 5,000 trout and 500 oversize fish. On cue, I called ahead and they dumped 2000 catchable and another 250 over size while we were there, at about 12 noon. These fish headed like a beeline to the far side of the reservoir at the dam face, directly across from the boat launch area. A large group of people started catching trout 12-14 inches one after the other. Some had gone well over 25 to 30 fish each. Most were caught on a 14-12 Posse Bugger, Red Ribbed Hares Era, in 8 to 10 feet of water. Everyone had a great time. I will make this outing a repeat for next year.

For those who are planning a trip to Carmen, please review the directions in the April newsletter.

**Rodney Roth, Outing Leader**



Dave Prindel with a double

Don Quinton was ready when the truck pulled up, you could say..... "this is how we roll"



Vic Hadley & Hal Comstock



## A Visit to Lunker Land

By Kat Paiva

There are fish in a reservoir outside of Madras that will make a liar out of any fly fisher who swears, "It's not the size of the fish that matters, I just do it for the experience." Lunkers in this body of water will spin you around until you change your mind, make you wish you brought a bigger net, and have you searching frantically for your camera.

Snow pellets filled our waders as we suited up and pumped up our inflatables for a spin on the Fessler Ranch reservoir. We were there at the invitation of a friend I met in a parking lot a couple of years ago. Mike McCoy is the owner of Snake Brand Guides and one of the most passionate fly fisher and fly tiers I know. Last year we worked together to organize a benefit for Casting for Recovery on the Crooked River. This year we decided to just go fishing. Mike said, "You bring five and I'll bring five - and we'll meet in Madras!" He brought Scott Robertson, past captain of the USA Fly Fishing team, and his equally talented son Russell, veteran fly fisher and tier Vern Jeremica, and Mike's buddy Bruce Luxford, a wry wit and avid fly fisher. I brought my husband Frank, Roz Kauffman, Damsel Fly and CFF member Ginnie Grilley, and Damsel Colleen Schlonga.

Mike, Scott, and Vern had tied up special fly collections for us and we got to choose from a buffet of colorful marabou leeches, woolies, and other furry fish delectables before we hit the water. Scott, having just come from winning two gold medals in individual and team fly casting in Canada, held a short clinic and reviewed equipment, flies, knots, presentation, and how to play and land a big fish in a float tube. He shared the contents of his "lake bag" pulling out more than ten spool reels with varying lines, and chuckled, "Ninety-eight percent of the time, I just use my Intermediate line."

As the snow let up, sunshine lit up the sky and we slipped into the water. Roz caught the first fish and soon there were cries of "fish on" around the lake. Mike told us the fish could reach up to twelve pounds, and the day did not disappoint. These fish are feisty big strong triploids that often needed two sets of hands to land them - not that I'm complaining! There was no time for snacking or water drinking, as all hands were focused on stripping and playing out the arm candy rainbows.

Mid-day the sky turned grey, the sleet came down sideways and wind came up, pushing everyone to our take-out spot just in time for lunch in the snug dry warm cabin on the property.

After our big chow down, one big rainbow saved me from a serious case of tule/cattail abrasion. I hooked up and was playing the fish, not noticing that the gusty wind was blowing me into 3-foot of water and within kissing distance of the cattails. I maintained pressure on my catch, but failed at unmucking myself from the bottom or kicking my way into deeper water. Finally I called out "Help! Help!" to the other fly fishers, and not one head turned my way. My pleas were picked up by the wind and blown to a distance meadow where a bull, eyeing cows across a fence, heard them and didn't give a damn. But my fish listened.

He yanked and pulled and shimmied his way out to deeper water, away from the cattails, and handily close to Roz, who just happened to have her camera. Fish in, picture taken - time to get out.

As we were readying to leave, ranch owner Glenn Fessler came up to see how we'd done. He manages who fishes the lake so it doesn't get over-fished and appreciates it when fly fishers leave nothing behind but memories. Give Glenn a call to discuss rates and schedule a time to meet his puddle full of lunkers.

Would we go back? In a minute. Well make that a week or two. The arms need time to recover from the sweet strain of catching and playing such big fish. Should you give it a try? You bet. If you're going, (the lake holds about ten anglers) and need a little company, give Frank, Roz, or I a call. (Fessler contact next page)

A special thanks to Mike, Scott, Russell, Vern, and Bruce for the productive flies, the help with unfurling wind knots, untangling rat's nests of fly line, for the fishing, the laughter, and the memories. Let's do it again!



Mike McCoy



Kat Paiva



Frank Paiva

Contact info to fish :  
Fessler Fish and Livestock  
Glenn & Jeannie Fessler  
(541) 475-7362 or (541) 325-2947

Vern Jeremica



Bruce Luxford



Roz Kauffman

Ginnie in the sleet



Scott Robertson



Ginnie & Coleen ready to assist  
Russell

McKenzie River  
Wooden Boat Show

This year's 10th annual McKenzie River Wooden Boat Show was held on April 25th, a blustery Spring day bringing both showers and sunshine. The weather didn't dampen the turnout of visitors to view the beautiful collection of wooden drift boats, both vintage and new. Activities included a float of many of these boats from Finn Rock to Eagle Rock Lodge, a bar-b-que lunch grilled by the McKenzie River Guides, and many information booths including the Cascade Family Flyfishers booth. Dave Prindel, Vic Hadley, Marv Clemons, Mike Marlatt and Steve Overall were kept busy demonstrating their fly tying techniques. Tresa Slocum, Jen Acosta and Michelle Overall sold raffle tickets for two beautiful Fly Fishing books from Darlene's Collection, a box of flies donated by Rod Roth and a box of flies donated by Steve Overall to benefit Youth Angling Education. Other members who were present and participated in this event were Brandy Williford, Randy Beard, Fred Acosta and Steve Wasilewski.



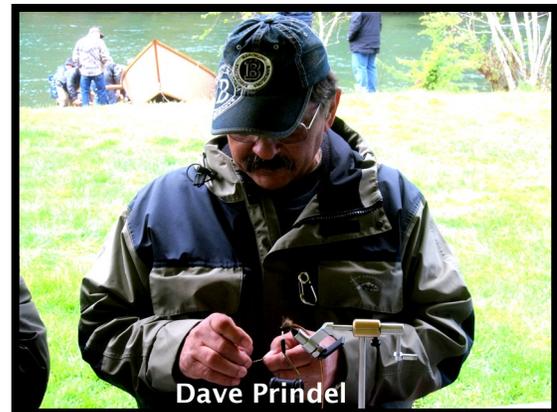
Mike Marlatt



Mary Clemons



Vic Hadley



Dave Prindel



Raffle In Memory of Darlene Kline-Dolby

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More  
May  
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Dennis Munroe



Kat Paiva



## 2015 Outings

2015 is upon us, and the CFF outings have begun. We have lots of new trips planned for this year, and hope that you will be able to participate in the fishing and fun. We are still looking for more hosts for outings for the year, so if you have a favorite fishing hole that you would like to share with club members, contact Trese Slocum for more information.

LOCATION	DATE	HOST	PHONE
Erma Bell Lake	Fri, June 19 - Sat, 20	Glenn Miller	541/ 359-9522
John Day River	Thurs, July 9 - Sun July 12	Dave Prindel and Randy Beard	541 /746-8620
East Lake	Thurs, July 16 - Sun, July19	Rod Roth	541 /342-6745
Coastal Lakes	TBD	Marv Clemons	541 /688-8774
Fall River	Fri, Oct 9 - Mon, Oct 12	Fred Acosta	541 /741-8276
Diamond Lake	TBD	Marv Clemons	541 /688-8774

### From the Editor:

Newsletter submissions are due the 2nd Sunday of the month. We welcome your photos and fishing trip stories. When submitting photographs please include names and locations so that we can include that information along with your pictures. Email photographs or any information your want to appear in the newsletter or club web site to:

Roz Kauffman @ rozinkadena@yahoo.com.



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Please print legibly:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_ DOB (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation and or employer \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of FFF? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ FFF expiration date? \_\_\_\_\_

The following information is requested in order to maintain a data base of our member's knowledge and experience which may be of help in club activities. Please be as complete as possible

Years of fly fishing experience 0-3 \_\_\_ 3-5 \_\_\_ 5-10 \_\_\_ 10-20 \_\_\_ 20-40 \_\_\_ Over 40 \_\_\_

As a fly caster are you: Novice? \_\_\_ Average? \_\_\_ Proficient? \_\_\_ Expert? \_\_\_ FFF Certified Instructor? \_\_\_

Do you tie your own flies? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If yes rate you tying from Novice 1 to Instructor being 5 \_\_\_ Check any of the following watercraft that you own: Float tube \_\_\_ Pontoon boat \_\_\_ Canoe \_\_\_ Drift boat \_\_\_ Pram \_\_\_ Motor boat \_\_\_ Jet boat \_\_\_ Others (Describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Club members are asked to consider serving on at least one committee of their choice to assist the committee chairperson when required. Number your choices from 1 -3 of the following committees:

Newsletter \_\_\_ Program \_\_\_ Membership \_\_\_ Raffle \_\_\_ Conservation \_\_\_ Education \_\_\_ Auction \_\_\_ Outings \_\_\_ Library \_\_\_

Webmaster \_\_\_ Fly Tying \_\_\_ Legislative/Environment \_\_\_\_\_

Complete dues as follows:

Individual or Family \$25.00 (includes one name tag and club pin) (dues are \$15.00 when joining after July 1st

Student \$15.00 "

Associate (resident outside Lane County) \$10.00 "

Additional name tags \$6.00 each Additional pin \$3.00

Total amount due: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I do \_\_\_\_\_ do not \_\_\_\_\_ authorize the printing of my contact information in the club directory. (please check your option)



P.O. Box 5384

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#### ABOUT THE CASCADE FAMILY FLY FISHERS

The Cascade Family Fly Fishers (CFF) is an independent, not for profit, fly fishing organization open to the public and is an affiliate of the National Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF). Annual dues are \$25.00 for an individual or family membership, \$15.00 for a student, and \$10.00 for those who live outside Lane County. Membership includes a subscription to the newsletter and the privilege of participating in any and all club activities. CFF Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month and the general membership meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

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