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Leader's Line

by Wendell Edwards, GBF President



Greetings to all members. I'm hoping the days of 100+ temps are behind us for this year. I'm looking forward to the cooler days of fall and autumn, and the upcoming fishouts.

Four exciting fishouts remain in 2017, but they are some very good ones. Please see the web page for details and dates. Look for the sign-up sheets that will be displayed at the October general meeting. We certainly have had a fun-filled year with great fishing activity. Our fishout leaders deserve a big "Thank You" the next time you see them.

John Hogg will be holding Spey Casting Clinics on October 14th and 28th. See the article on Page 2 in *The Leader* for details, and look for a sign-up sheet at the next meeting.

Also, **Leaman Houston** and **Bill Grigsby** will be holding their Knot-Tying Clinic on October 17th at the activity center. Check for a sign-up sheet at the next meeting.

Monthly Program

by Ed Lloyd, Monthly Program Chair



Matt Heron

Our guest speaker this month is **Matt Heron**, who hails from the Tahoe/Truckee area where he runs his Fly Fishing School and Outfitter (<http://mattheronflyfishing.com/>) in Squaw Valley and Truckee. He and his guide staff primarily focus on the Truckee and Little Truckee rivers on the north shore of Lake Tahoe.

In the off season, he hosts trips to some of the premier tropical fly fishing destinations. His presentation will focus on one of them, Cuba, and cover every aspect of booking your Cuban fly fishing adventure. That includes the culture, transportation, booking logistics, destinations and of course the fishing opportunities. Cigars, dancing lessons and salsa music are optional! Cuba has quickly become a new "must go" destination in fly fishing!

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O C T O B E R 2017						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
8.	9.	10. Board Meeting 7:00 PM	11.	12. Monthly Meeting	13.	14. Spey Casting Clinic Little Truckee Fishout
15.	16.	17. Fly Tying Jam Knot Tying Clinic	18.	19.	20.	21.
22.	23.	24.	25.	26.	27.	28. Spey Casting Clinic
29.	30.	31.				

Introduction to Spey Casting Clinics
Saturdays, Oct. 14, and Oct. 28, 2017

For those interested in learning the fundamentals of spey casting, it often comes as a surprise that there are different casts depending on which side of the river the caster is positioned. So we will have two clinics, the first for "River Left" casts, and the second for "River Right."

Time and Location for "River Left" (Roll cast, snap T cast, Single Spey cast)

[Gristmill Access](#) to the American River

Saturday, October 14, 2017 – 9 am to 11 am

Time and Location for "River Right" (Roll cast, Double Spey cast,, Snake Roll cast)

[Sacramento Bar Access](#) to the American River

Saturday, October 28, 2017 – 9 am to 11 am

What to Bring:

Weather-appropriate wear

Chair

Wading Boots (and waders and wading staff in needed)

Spey Rod (optional – the club has three which we will bring).

Water and snack

Please RSVP to johnhogg03@gmail.com so I'll know you are coming.

Classes and Clinics

by Gordon Tornberg, Director of Education

Below is a list of the classes and clinics that are offered to members. Look for sign-up sheets at the meeting.

Scheduled Classes and Clinics

Dates

Fly Tying Jam	Third Tuesday of each month
Rod Building	On-going as needed
Introduction to Spey Casting	October 14 and 28, 2017
Fundamentals of Knots	October 17, 2017
All About Leaders	November 21, 2017
Net Building	January – March 2018

Proposed Classes and Clinics for 2018

Fly Fishing 101	January - February 2018
Fly Casting Fundamentals	March - April 2018
Introduction to Float Tubing	May - June 2018
Fundamentals of Knots	September-October 2018
All About Leaders	October-November 2018

If you have suggestions for other classes or clinics, be sure to contact me to discuss your needs and ideas.

Upper Sac Time is Here!

It's October, and that could only mean it's time for the 17th annual Upper Sac Fishout, nymphing clinic, and all-around good time in Dunsmuir, Oct 19-22 (Thur-Sun). The city of Dunsmuir has again renewed their "Big Fish" program with the planting of trophy Mt. Lassen rainbows to 14 lbs. If you prefer to pursue wild trout, there are over 30 miles of river access to scratch your itch.

Due to abundant pocket water, short-line nymphing is the method of choice on this stream, and **Ron Rabun** will again provide a short-line nymphing clinic in the Dunsmuir city park on Friday and Saturday morning at 9 AM. This clinic will cover everything you need to know to fish the method successfully, and with ample opportunity for one-on-one coaching on the water (members only, no guests please).

Also, this year **John Pellegrin** will provide a Tenkara clinic Friday and Saturday at 12 AM in the city park for anyone who would like to give this unique and ancient method of fishing a try.

If new to the river, or new to fly fishing, you will be partnered up with someone who knows the ropes, and everyone who signs up will receive information on lodging, an agenda and directions for river access points. So, plan on joining us for 4 days of fun, good food at local restaurants, fish

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catching, great camaraderie and most importantly, advancement of your fly fishing skills. Can't make all four days? No matter, just come when you can. Sign up at the October meeting, or you can email Ron at sushiluvr1@yahoo.com.

Need lodging? The [Dunsmuir Lodge](#) is offering GBF members attending the fishout a 20% discount on lodging, but in order to get it, *you must contact the motel directly, not through a booking service.*

More details of this event are posted on our Message Board [here](#), where you can post any questions, request bunk-mates, ride sharing, etc.

One Fly Contest at Fuller Lake Report

by Wendell Edwards

What a wonderful outing was had by those attending. The weather was perfect, and the setting was outstanding. What's not to like about a pretty mountain lake surrounded by pine trees. However, the attendance was below normal, and very disappointing. Everyone that attended enjoyed a lakeside hamburger, Polish sausage, potato salad and condiments all courtesy of GBF. Heck, the meal alone was worth the trip.

The catching was tough, and limited to one or two contestants. The big winner was **Michael Kaul**, who almost made it look easy. Michael showed his skill at lake fishing and had the first fish, most fish, biggest brown and biggest bow.

Virginia Lakes Fishout Report

by Michael Kaul



Hiking to Moat Lake

At the Virginia Lakes Fishout every year, we are surrounded by over a dozen pristine lakes, waterfalls, rivers, creeks and some of the most beautiful vistas in the world, let alone in California. This year, we again had a great crowd, beautiful weather and the surrounding mountains were spectacular, as usual. We were visited by eagles and osprey that presented magnificent displays of flying and hunting.

All in all, 17 GBF members attended, along with two guests. Of the 17, four were new members attending for the first time, including **David Peterson** and his wife **Mik**, **Bobby Simpson** (who was joined by his dad) and **Bill Quinn**. Each of the three nearby lakes yielded fish in good

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An advertisement for Orvis Roseville. It features a photograph of a fly fisher in a blue boat on a river, with another person in the background. The Orvis logo is prominently displayed in the center, with the text "SPORTING TRADITIONS Since 1856" and "ROSEVILLE" below it.

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Moat Lake elevation, 10,560'

numbers. When folks weren't fishing, they took wonderful hikes and adventures around the area, or just enjoyed the beauty, serenity and great company. Though some members had to leave early, we invited four friends we had made in camp to join us, and had 18 for tacos. If you were not able to attend this year, we sure hope you can next year, and hope all who attended will return.



Enjoying the Alpine Beauty

An Upper Sac Reading List

by Eric Palmer

It's almost October, and you should know what that means: It's **Upper Sac fishout** time, the annual club outing, now in its 17th year, which induces near religious fervor among the many devotees of that sparkling gem of a river emanating out of icy springs at the base of Mt. Shasta.

The fishing technique of choice on the Upper Sac is **short-line nymphing** because of the abundance of pocket water. For 2017, this outing is in the hands of **Ron Rabun**, who along with the late **Bill Carnazzo**, exposed the majority of GBF members to this nymphing technique over 20+ years of fishout clinics, Bill having learned the method from Ron in the early 1990s.

For me, my fishing experience is enhanced substantially the more I know of the history and lore of the particular spot I'm standing in, as I wave a graphite stick at trout, and that goes for the angling technique I'm using, along with the origin of any vintage flies I may have on the end of my tippet.

Having led this fishout for a number of years, and after extensive research on the above, I'm offering this reading list—in no particular order—for your reading pleasure, and perhaps education. Most entries are links to pdf articles on the GBF website articles page. All items on that page flagged with a red "*" focus on short-line nymphing. The GBF articles page may be found [here](#).

- "[Shasta's Headwaters](#)" – An angler's guide to the Upper Sacramento and McCloud Rivers" - Craig Ballenger, 1998. Provides considerable background and history of the Dunsmuir and Shasta/McCloud areas.
- "[As the Cro Flies](#)" – Chip O'Brien, Cal. Fly Fisher 1996. A history of the classic Towendolly/Fay/Kimsey Upper Sac flies.
- "[The Return of the Upper Sac](#)" – Chip O'Brien, California Fly Fisher, May/June 1994. The story of the July 1991 Cantara Loop chemical spill and the river's recovery.
- "[High Sticking Debunked](#)" – Andrew Harris, 2010. Short-line nymphing how-to instruction with commentary.
- "[Short-Line Nymphing: Another Perspective](#)" – Bill Carnazzo, 2011. More short-line nymphing instruction with commentary.
- "[Upper Sac hatch Chart](#)" – Chip O'Brien (from "California's Best Fly Fishing ...", with the author's permission.)
- "[California's Best Fly Fishing](#): Premier Streams and Rivers from Northern California to Eastern Sierra" – Chip O'Brien, Dec., 2009. Many pages covering where and how to fish the Upper Sac.

That should keep you busy for a few days, and be sure to mark your calendar for the **October 19-22** fishout and nymphing clinic with Ron Rabun, then sign-up at the Oct. meeting. See you up there!

It's the Tie that Binds
by Dave Fujiyama, VP Conservation



It's amazing at how our love of trout can bring us together, isn't it?

On Saturday, Sept 9th, **Ed Lloyd** and I attended the Ovis Film Festival fundraiser for conservation efforts on Putah Creek. Wow, were we ever impressed by both the organized way in which the event was set up and taken down, and by the quality of the film called *Down the Hatch*. The film was a compilation of short video clips, and of course, with each scene you feel your heart pulse harder, and your set-hook hand twitch! That white flash of trout-mouth inhalation of a perfectly drifted Adams; the airborne acrobatics of flats-water tarpon; and the grizzly that ambles into the river just out of the peripheral view of a distracted fish-on flyrodder... all of it was crisply captured on film, and made you feel like you were there, knee-deep in water, fish on the reel. We met members from various fishing clubs like Fly Fishers of Davis, industry experts like Orvis' Hutch Hutchinson, who inspired Ed to format some of our GBF events in similar fashion, and Trout Unlimited conservationists like Cindy Noble, who plan to help me expand our influence in youth-supporting programs.

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Beyond the well-organized activities and booths (one of which featured beer on tap!), what really stood out was the group effort: that GBF supports conservation efforts of like-minded clubs to conserve trout habitat in a creek we typically don't fish, is a testament to the glue that binds us!

I'm reminded of our own GBF events: the Chili Cook-Off, the Annual Dinner, the beers we share on the porch above the Upper Sac. Our love of fish and the habitat they require really do glue us together, don't they? No matter what kind of fishing we do, no matter which club which we call home, or whether we're life-long casters or newbie tailing-loopers, we're all flyrodders to the core, and it's the thread that makes up the fabric of our camaraderie.

Speaking of coming together...[November's Conservation Committee meeting](#) is right around the corner. I'll have a sign-up sheet at our Thursday, October 12, 2017 General Members' meeting, or you can let me know of your intentions to join us by calling or texting Dave Fujiyama at 949-212-1337, or emailing him at davefujiyama@gmail.com. That way I'll know how many pizzas to order!

Please mark your calendars:

Date: Monday, November 13, 2017, 6:00 PM - 7:15 PM

Where: Round Table Pizza, 8755 Sierra College Blvd, Roseville, CA 95661 (east side of Sierra College Blvd, between Douglas Blvd and Eureka Rd)

Speaker: Captain Chuck Ragan from CR Fly Fishing, Grass Valley, on his work with Cast Hope

Agenda:

6:00 - 6:25 Meet and greet with pizza (pizza is provided by GBF; beverages are on you!)

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- 6:25 - 6:30 Welcome announcement
- 6:30 - 6:35 Heath Wakelee of Friends of Auburn Ravine: video presentation of underwater technology to monitor fish migration
- 6:35 - 7:15 Mitch Lockhart, DFW: "Biology of High-Country Trout"
- 7:15 - ? Thank you, chat up Heath and Mitch, finish your beers!

Cast Hope's mission it is to "build mentoring relationships, fly fishing skills, outdoor knowledge, sustainable practices, and personal values. Cast Hope's gift of the outdoors empowers each mentoring pair to grow closer as they participate in healthy hobbies together."

Sounds pretty good to me! Like our GBF crew, the Captain invests in the younger generation by getting them hooked on the serenity and peace we find when we're knee-deep in cold, clean streams. Please plan to join us to hear about Cast Hope's work!

Welcome to Our Newest Members!

by Don Whitecar, VP Membership

Please join me in welcoming new members who have joined us recently. Make sure you keep an eye out for them at our meetings and events so that we can make them feel that they are an important part of our club.

Lucien Crowder
Jim Miller

Todd DeKellis
Lester Snow

Bryan Millang

Should You Consider a PFD?

by Tony Jelinek

Have you seen the commercial on television about water safety, and wearing a PFD (personal flotation device or life jacket) when engaging in water sports on the river? I saw it just the other day. One of the shots showed an angler on a river wearing what looked like a combination fishing vest and personal flotation device. And, guess what, he was.

I have never considered wearing a PFD when fishing on the river or from a float tube, and nobody has ever recommended wearing one. We all talk about having the right type of wading boots, using a wading staff, and wearing a wading belt around the waist, but nobody has ever mentioned that I should consider wearing a lifejacket.

According to Discover the Outdoors (<http://www.dto.com/fwifishing/safety/water/446>), "drowning is the



second leading cause of accidental death in the United States, and every year a portion of those accidental deaths are fishermen who drown during a routine day on the water. More than half of all wading fatalities are 'flush drownings,' where a person is swept away by the current and cannot keep their head above water. Thirty percent become entrapped and unable to free themselves, while the remaining 10 percent die from head wounds from the resulting fall."

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The website goes on to mention the advantages of wearing a PFD. "Few wading anglers consider wearing life jackets (PFDs), but every angler should. Even strong swimming fishermen can be overwhelmed by powerful currents or impaired by a fall. There are now many life jackets on the market that double as fishing vests. Some of today's inflatable personal flotation devices (PFDs) will only inflate when needed, leaving the angler with almost no bulk and complete freedom of movement while fishing."

What are some of your PFD options? Stohlquist makes PFDs primarily designed for kayakers, but also makes the Stohlquist Fisherman PFD with all the usual accessories of a fly-fishing vest—multiple tool hangers, multiple pockets for storing tippet, fly boxes, and other accessories. The PFD sells for \$130. From Cabela's and Outcast anglers, along with others, the minimalist self-inflating horse-collar style PFDs are available. These run from about \$90 to \$180. One of the newer style minimalist PFDs on the market is the Hyde Wingman. At only 1.6 pounds and 0.4 inches thick, the vest is intriguing. This PFD is pricier at \$225, with a first-time purchase 10% discount. Hyde is also developing hip belt and pouch accessories that would work well for fishing, or you could probably use the traditional hip belt or front pouch assembly. It also is thin enough, where a fishing vest could be worn directly over the Wingman.

Will I be heading out to purchase a PFD? I think it is time to take the step. Depending on the river conditions, a PFD is essential. According to Ralph Cutter, he does not always wear a PFD while wading, but assesses the situation before making his choice. In hazardous wading conditions, such as in high-volume runoff or wading at night, he wears a PFD. I did recently cruise class II rapids while wearing a PFD, and felt in control and safe. I know, when sitting in a float tube for a few hours, I have thought about what would happen if I slipped into the cold water, and my waders filled with water. I would probably have difficulty staying afloat; so a PFD would be a good idea. Forgo that new rod, and get yourself a PFD, because a PFD should be strongly considered, and may just save your life.

Who Invented Short-Line Nymphing Anyway?

by Eric Palmer

We are surely blessed here in Northern Cal to have so many high gradient streams, as in the Truckee, N. Yuba, Upper Sac, McCloud, and many more. Why? Fast water. It produces that bubbly, frothy, nervous water tumbling over and around rocks and boulders to form deep pockets under layers of thick white froth that fish crave for cover.



Classic pocket water - N. Yuba River

As our late Bill Carnazzo was fond of saying, trout need but three things in life: 1) good cover, 2) food, 3) well oxygenated water. But, the interesting thing is **cover** trumps all. It does not matter if the water is 55 degrees, and the food abundant and delicious. If cover is lacking due to a changed sun angle, or other factors, they're gone. They've had millions of years of natural selection to teach them this. If you're a slow, dim-witted trout who did not pay attention in "cover" class, the osprey will get you, or the bear, or...even an angler.

This is why short-line nymphing is so effective. It lets us stand almost directly over unsuspecting trout while we're totally hidden by a blanket of white froth as we finesse our nymphs at a natural drift right by them. And if we do it just right, they fall for it every time.

I may have made it sound easier than it is here. There's a bunch of stuff you have to get right for it to work, a topic for another time and place. See **Ron Rabun** at his October Upper Sac fishout, and he'll be glad to fill you in on the finer points.

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But, where'd this nymphing technique come from anyway? If you ask a Brit or a fly angler of the Euro persuasion, they'll look at you with an "Are you daft man?" expression. "It's **Czech Nymphing**, mate!" It came from the Poles in the early 1980s, then soon perfected by the Czechs before making its way across the channel to Britain in the later 1980s. What planet are you from anyway? Get with the program! Geeze, you Americans...(head shake, eye roll).

Whoa...time out, hang on a minute, hold the phone; Houston, we have a problem. You see, I have this fly here called the **Black Bomber** created in Dunsmuir on the Upper Sac by Wintu Indian, **Ted Towendolly** in the 1920s. Yeah, 1920s!!! It's got 10 wraps of .025 inch lead to get it down on the bottom fast, same as today's classic Czech caddis bottom rollers. And he's got more of them. He's got the **Brown Bomber**, **Black** and **Brown Spent Wing**, the **Burlap**, and **Peacock**. All heavily weighted to "get down" and fast. These all evolved during the 1920s and 30s at the hands of Dunsmuir's Ted Towendolly. Hmm...this is weird. How would you fish these fast sinking flies if not with a short-line nymphing method that would have to predate Czech Nymphing by over 60 years? You wouldn't!!!



Towendolly's Black Bomber, ca. 1920

In April of 2015, an article appeared in *California Fly Fisher* that explained in detail how all this came about, including the full Ted Towendolly story, and the Ted Fay/ Joe Kimsey story too. If you missed that issue, no worries. All you have to do now is click [here](#) to go to the **GBF articles page**. In the top left you will find an updated and greatly expanded version of that same CFF article in pdf for you to download and read at your leisure. It's loaded with new photos and many footnoted references to good books in case something piques your curiosity about 19th century Northern California during the gold rush and fur trapping eras.

And, to make things interesting, I've just posted a quiz based on the article on the main GBF Message Board [here](#). Look near the top for the post "**Ted Towendolly contest**." You will have until midnight Halloween to email me at ejpalmer@pacbell.net your correct answers. **Do not post them! Email them to me!** The *first* GBF member with the highest score will receive a fly box of authentic Towendolly/Fay Upper Sac flies tied by Bob Grace. The fly box will be awarded amid fanfare and accolades at the November general meeting. Good Luck!

Bill Carnazzo Fly Tyer's Corner (Taken from the Article Written in October 2008)

Fly Patterns - Ken Hanley's October Blimp



Ken Hanley's October Blimp

Materials:

Hook:	Daiichi 1260, 1270 or similar, such as Tiemco 200R, #6-10
Thread:	6/0 or 8/0 orange or tan
Eyes (optional):	Black plastic, small or extra small
Abdomen:	Furled fluorescent orange and burnt orange Antron
Thorax:	Orange leech yarn
Wing:	Natural deer hair
Head:	October Caddis orange dubbing
Head/Float:	3mm orange foam, or white foam colored with orange Prismacolor pen
Legs/Antennae:	Pumpkin/pepper flake Sili-Legs

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Description

Last month I featured Bill's Stick Caddis, Fall Phase version. Normally in this issue I would have featured my October Caddis emerger, which I call Bill's Emerging Thing. My plans changed when I read Ken Hanley's brand new book, ***Tying Furred Flies—Patterns for Trout, Bass, and Steelhead***. This book will introduce you to some interesting, valuable, practical techniques for creating very life-like patterns. Ken's vast experience and knowledge are brought to bear on every page; the photography is excellent, including the instructional sequences; and it is all woven together with Ken's personal touches, humor, and insights on everything from color and hue, outdoor ambiance, and fishing strategies, to the ruminations of a most introspective flyfisher. You'll learn the history of the ancient technique of "furling" various materials, how it can be applied to the world of fly fishing, and how to tie some very effective, fish-enticing patterns. A few examples include Ken's Hex Magic, October Blimp, Pygmy Hopper, Damsel Teneral, and Furred Alevin. I have personally used many of these patterns, and have found them to be simple to tie, and very effective. I highly recommend Ken's book not just for the techniques so beautifully demonstrated, or the many and varied patterns he has created; mostly, as an artist of sorts myself, I am fascinated by the perspective of a respected artist on this broad and ever-expanding sport/addiction that we call fly fishing.

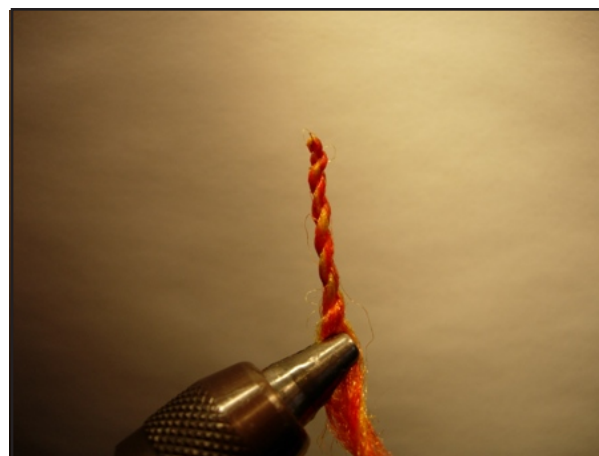
Ken's October Caddis adult, called the "October Blimp," is featured on pages 44-49 of his book. As soon as I read those pages, I knew this would be a great fly to share with members, especially those who plan to attend our annual fishout on the Upper Sacramento in October. So, let's go a-furlin' and build some blimps.

Tying Instructions

For best viewing: (1) Maximize your Computer Screen Window. (2) Type "Ctrl + or -" to enlarge or contract the photograph display. (3) Use the Horizontal and Vertical Scroll Bars to scroll right and up/down to display larger photos on your screen.

1. The instructions for furling the body can be found in GBF's fly tying archive by clicking this link or copying & pasting it into your browser's address field: http://www.gbflycasters.org/fly%20tying/patterns/Ken_Hanleys_Furred_Damsel_files/Ken_Hanleys_Furred_Damsel.htm

For this fly, you will need to use a bunch of the fluorescent orange that is about two matchsticks in width, and a bunch of the burnt orange that is about half that size. Lay them side by side and then begin the furling process. You will achieve a "barber pole" effect if you do it correctly. This will be the abdomen of the fly. Prepare at least 6 of these, and dip them in a bottle of Softex which helps prevent fouling of the abdomen on the hook point by stiffening the yarn. Set the bodies aside to dry completely.



Step 1



Step 2

2. Attach the tying thread behind the eye; wrap a thread base back to the middle of the shank. Measure the now-dry abdomen to equal the distance between the eye to the hook point, and tie it in at mid-shank. Don't trim the butts, but comb them out. Place a drop of superglue at the tie-in point.

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3. Tie in a small strand of orange leech yarn at the same point and wrap it forward over the Antron butts. Stop about 3/8" behind the hook eye and tie it off.

4. Pull back the unfurled Antron and trap it with thread wraps. Place a drop of superglue at the point where you secured it in place.
5. Add legs/antennae on each side of the hook by tying in a piece of the rubber leg material just ahead of where you tied back the unfurled Antron. Tie the leg material down in the middle of the piece, so that there is an equal amount pointing forward and backward.

*Steps 4 & 5**Step 6*

6. Cut a strip of foam about 1 1/2" long and 1/4" wide. Trim one end to a fine point and with the tip pointing to the rear, lay the foam flat along the front 3/8" of the hook. Tie it in there.

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7. Trim the Antron butts so that they are long enough to reach the point where you tied in the abdomen. This is the underwing.
8. For the overwing, cut and clean a small portion of deer hair. Tie it in at the point of the foam that you tied in. Advance the thread to the eye, and add a drop of superglue to hold all of the material in place.

9. Using the orange dubbing, dub a large head. Dub rearward so that your thread ends up where you tied in the overwing.

*Step 9**Steps 10, 11 & 12*

10. Pull the foam strip rearward over the dubbed head. Tie it down with a few loose wraps and check its position to make sure it is directly on top. Make a few more wraps, increasing the tension with each wrap. Whip finish and apply head cement to the wraps.
11. To trim the foam, Ken recommends laying your scissors on top of the foam; don't raise the foam, and make a straight cut. This will leave a slight "dishlike" appearance to the foam, which acts as a float.
12. Trim the legs at the end of the hook; the antennae should be about the same length. If you have used white foam, color the foam orange.

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Tying Tips

1. Prepare at least 6 bodies and tie 6 of this pattern. You will find that if you do this (indeed, with any pattern you tie) your consistency will increase immensely.
2. Be sure to use 3mm foam in order to achieve the balance and flotation needed. Fish the fly on the surface or just below for best results. If you aren't hooking fish, try suspending an October Caddis emerger beneath your Blimp.
3. Ken says that this fly is also a good imitation for the giant Salmon Fly, technically known as **Pteronarcys californica**.
4. As mentioned above, I highly recommend Ken's book for a complete explanation of furling, and the techniques Ken uses.

Fish this beast in the evenings during the October Caddis hatch, which usually commences near the end of September, and lasts through the end of the year. Yes, it's cold, and yes, it rains and snows at this time. If you don't like to fish in those conditions, there are always "bluebird" days during the fall, and even during the early winter. So, give it a try—you won't regret it. See ya on the creek.

Enjoy, and see ya on the creek...!!!

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