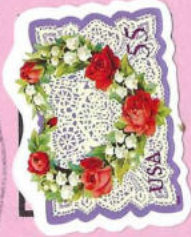
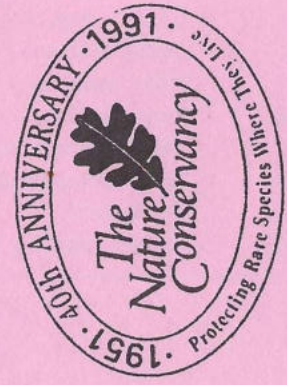


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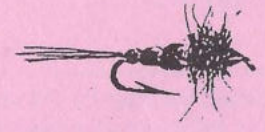
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August 1999

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Fly Fishing in Baja
- 14 **Smallmouth fish out, Lake Clementine**
Host: Pete Peterson
- 17 **Fly Tying - Clubhouse** 7:00 p.m.
- 19 **Board Meeting** 7:00 p.m.

September 1999

No Club meeting in September, see you at the Club picnic

- 11-12 **Trinity River fish out**
Host: Nathan Joyner
- 16 **Board Meeting**
- 19 **Annual Family Picnic, 1 p.m.**
Clubhouse
- 21 **Fly Tying - Clubhouse** 7:00 p.m.
- 25 **Fishing Clinic, North Yuba River**

October 1999

- 14 **General Meeting** 7:30 p.m.
- 16-17 **No. Calif. trout fish out**
- 21 **Board Meeting** 7:00 p.m.

November 1999

- 5-6-7 **Eagle Lake fish out**
Host: Ron English

The Leader is published monthly by Granite Bay Flycasters, a nonprofit association of flyfishers who meet monthly at the clubhouse at Granite Bay at Folsom Lake. Programs and activities for youth and adults, families are welcome.

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GBF Meetings

August: Fly Fishing in Baja

Mike Searcy of the American Fly Fishing Co. will regale us with tales of fishing in the legendary waters of Baja California. Come hear about his adventures, see the slides and learn how you, too, can tie into the big ones south of the border.

September 19: Annual Family Picnic NO CLUB MEETING IN SEPTEMBER.

See you at the picnic!

Annual Picnic on Sunday, September 19th at 1p.m. at the Clubhouse. The picnic is FREE for members and their immediate families.

Be sure to make reservations (also let us know if you need to cancel) so we can plan for food.

Sign up at the August meeting or call Jim Hunter at (916) 652-5057

Provided: BBQ hot dogs and hamburgers, drinks
Games

Free door prize drawing

To add to the occasion, we ask that each family bring either appetizer, salad, or dessert based on last names:

A thru G - Bring a salad - potato, macaroni, or green with dressing

H thru O - Dessert

P thru Z - Appetizers - veggies, chips & dips, etc.

Please bring serving utensils for your dish, if needed.

President's Message

by Rob Ferroggiaro

So far this year I've been blessed with some great fishing days, several of them in the company of fellow GBF members. Upon my return from a wonderful day of fishing last week, I realized how much I owe to the folks with whom I've shared a lake or stream over the years. My fishing partners have generously given me everything from fishing tips and flies to location ideas and granola bars. This all adds up to the best kind of companionship and adds a wonderful dimension to a terrific sport. Maybe you've had the same experience.

With this in mind, I'm writing this column as a "thank you" to all those who've shared the water with me. There are more people than I can remember, let alone list here; however, maybe a short list of examples will conjure up similar memories for you. Thanks to:

- Uncle Jack, who taught me to appreciate the beauty of nature and to love fishing for steelhead
- good friend, Steve, who got me started fly fishing and who will drive up from the Bay Area to fish with me anytime
- Smith River fishing buddy, Ted, who has been steelhead fishing longer than I've been alive and who showed me how to fight these powerful fish and how to fight for them
- the elderly man I met while fishing early one May morning on the American who put me in the right spot to catch my first shad
- my favorite guide, Ernie, who has taught me more than my feeble brain can remember
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• Bill Carnazzo for his patience in answering all my fly tying questions - may I someday prove worthy of the attention

• the English Family for introducing me to the Eastern Sierras and taking me in out of the cold when the wind threatened to blow my tent across Nevada

• John Hogg who did wonders for my casting efficiency with the simple phrase "butt first". (You had to be there!)

Finally, thanks to all the other fearless souls with whom I've shared the driving, the fishing, the food, the flies, the water bottles, the cabins and tents, and the fishing stories. It wouldn't be the same without you.

Speaking of fishing companions, don't forget to check out the new and expanded fish out schedule. There is something for everyone, so sign up early and get there early! See you on the water.



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Flytying Skills Program...continued

Program rules: Don't be reluctant to submit a fly. Ask for a critique if you want help.

- * judging will be during the meeting
- * best tied fly announced just before program, and name of tier featured in the next month's Leader
- * fly must be tied in accordance with instructions from the Leader (right or wrong, and irrespective of whether you find another version of the pattern in a book somewhere), in order to keep the playing field level. The judges need to make a choice based on a single pattern.
- * two categories: beginner and non-beginner; anyone who has won the beginner category twice will have to compete in the non-beginner category from then on.

This is an educational program for those who wish to advance their tying skills, and/or just enjoy this aspect of the sport. There will be a gift certificate from American Fly Fishing Company, our program sponsor, for the winner in each category: \$25 for non-beginner; \$15 for beginner. All flies submitted will be placed into the raffle for that evening's meeting.

Winners for June:

Advanced: *Ron English*
Beginner: *Steve Johnston*



Winners for July:

Advanced: *none*
Beginner: *Phil Moeller*

Jacket Found!! If you left a jacket at the March general meeting, please see Rob to claim it.

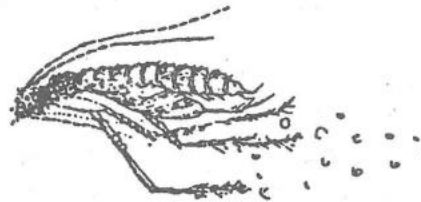
Fly Tying Skills Program

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Pattern for August Program: "Bivisible"

(Featured in July Leader.)

New program features: In order to increase member participation, here are a few policies which will be implemented based upon discussions held at the July Board meeting:



1. Fly patterns used will, for the most part, be more common ones, using materials which every tyer should have available.

2. When the fly of the month is demonstrated at the next general meeting, the materials (except for hooks) will be available free for those needing them.

3. Each member submitting a fly

for the contest will be given a special ticket to be placed into a jar for a drawing to be held at the annual picnic, with the prize being a \$100 gift certificate for use at one of the local fly shops.

Other ideas are welcome. This program is designed to be helpful and instructive; but we need participation by more than the "usual suspects". So, get those flies tied and into the contest!!

Let's Go Fishing!!

The 3rd Annual Bill Carnazzo Fishing Clinic On the North Yuba River

with
Ralph Wood

September 25, 1999

The bad news is Bill won't be able to be our fearless instructor this year. The good news is Ralph Wood, a highly experienced fly fishing guide who spends many days each year on the Yuba, will be our instructor for the day.

We'll be fishing a scenic section of the North Yuba above Downieville, 2-plus hours from Roseville.

This clinic is intended for less experienced fly fishers. We'll start the morning learning and using nymph fishing tactics, then after the lunch break, we'll switch and get pointers from Ralph on dry fly fishing.

Experienced GBF "coaches" will be available to provide extra on-stream assistance. We limit attendance so everyone can receive personal attention, so sign up early.

There will be a \$20 per person fee, payable in advance, to hold a spot.

Since there is no September club meeting, be sure to sign up at the August meeting, or call Rob, or Ron or Jeanne English.

A handout with directions, and a list of things to bring will be available at the August meeting.



Let's Go Fishing...cont'd

Smallmouth Fish Out

August 14 or 21

Led by Pete Peterson, we'll hit the smallies in the North Fork of the American River above Lake Clementine the second or third week of August. Come to the August meeting to hear more about it!

Trinity River Fish Out

September 11 - 12

Leader: Nathan Joyner

We'll fish the Trinity River and nearby waters. The plan is to camp somewhere between Lewiston Lake and Trinity Center, perhaps at Tannery Gulch Campground. Exact location will be announced.

Beginners as well as experts welcome.

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One Fly Contest

October

(date to be announced)

Leader: Ron English

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facing out over the eye, making sure that the closest you get to the eye of the hook with the thread is 1/3 shank length behind the eye.

6. Pull the wing upright and put a few winds in front of the wing; now wind the thread around the base of the hair 3 or 4 times.

7. After the last wind around the base, bring the thread back toward the tail and catch it in the butts of the tied down wing; this will help to hold the wing upright without building up a huge shoulder in front of it. This takes some practice so don't give up.

8. Return the thread to the base of the tail, and dub a nice tapered body up to the base of the wing.

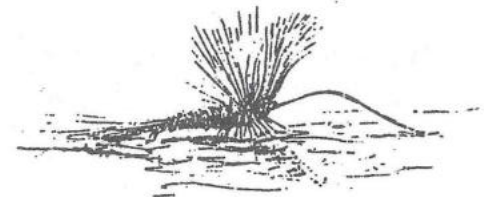
9. Match a brown and grizzly cape feather of dry fly quality, and tie them in behind the wing, butt ends facing you, with the shiny side up. Bring thread to front of wing and secure butts there, cutting off excess.

10. Take a small amount of dubbing and dub a thorax, covering up the area beneath the wing. Leave the thread in front of the wing, in preparation for tying off the hackle.

11. Wind one of the hackles clockwise around the post wing, making sure each wind is beneath the previous one; tie it off just behind eye, leaving room for the head. Repeat with second hackle.

12. Form a nice, smooth tapered head and whip finish.

See ya on the creek!!!



Flytier's Corner

by Bill Carnazzo

August, 1999: "Parachute Adams"

In keeping with the new policy of sticking to common patterns and/or those using readily available materials, let's tie one which belongs in every fly box—the ubiquitous Parachute Adams.



MATERIALS

Hook	Tiemco 100; Mustad 94840; #12-18
Thread	Black 6/0 or 8/0
Tail	Sparse mixture of stiff brown and grizzly hackle
Body	Grey dubbing, natural or artificial
Wing	White calf tail or body hair
Head	Small tapered thread head
Hackle	Brown and grizzly cape feathers

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Smash barb and cover shank with single layer of thread.
2. Just above back end of barb, tie in a tail comprised of a sparse mixture of stiff hackle barbs from both a brown and a grizzly cape feather. The length should equal the shank.
3. Move the thread forward to a point on the shank about 1/3 shank length behind eye.
4. Stack a small bunch of calf tail or body hair and measure it to equal the shank length.
5. Tie the hair in directly on top of the hook with the tips

Fish Outs ...cont'd

or Indian Creek. The location will be determined based on fishing potential and announced soon. This is always a very successful, fun event. Hope to see you there.

Eagle Lake Fish Out November 5, 6 & 7

We're planning to head up to Eagle Lake to go after those huge Eagle Lake rainbows. Sure, November sounds like a long way off, but if you want a place to stay, get reservations early.

We'll post a sign up list at the August meeting so you can arrange car pools and find partners for lodging if you're interested. It's about a 4-hour drive, and worth it if we can hit the right conditions. No complex fly selection here; we just need to find the fish. The lake was VERY high this spring making bank fishing difficult. Unless it drops a lot, float tubes or boats will be needed.

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News and Notes

Fly Fishing Books on Sale

by Cindy Leggett

Looking for a dynamite book on fly tying? How to read a stream? Get your spouse into the sport?

Look no further than GBF's Frank Amato and Sons book sale at the August general meeting.

Last year's sale put many great books into the hands of eager members while raising funds to further the club's conservation goals.

Books will be sold to GBF members for 20 percent off retail, with no added sales tax or shipping. Catalogs and order forms will be available at the library table. Checks or cash will be accepted at the time of order. Granite Bay Flucasters makes 30 percent off of each book sold after the member discount, which makes this a great opportunity to help raise funds for our club's conservation programs.

Bear River Work Out *Help Restore A great Fishery*

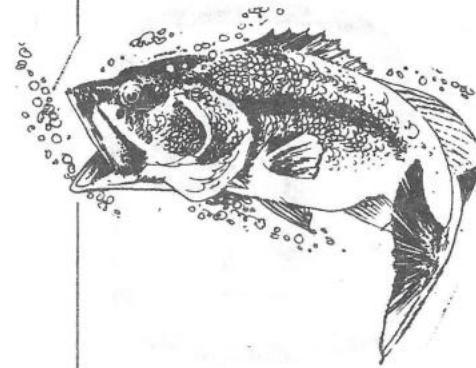
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September 18 - 19

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side, but cast past the target so that the fly can be retrieved through the bass's territory. When casting to a boat dock or overhanging branches, make a sidearm cast to skip the fly further under. The side arm cast is critical to learn if you are after "hogs."



When casting to weed beds, the fly must get down into the weeds or just skim the top of the weeds — use the count-down method. Midsummer and -winter call for slow retrieves while spring and fall call for a faster retrieve.

When fishing for largemouth, remember that they will inhale the fly more often than give a hard strike. It is imperative to watch the end of the line happens. Put your rod tip underwater for further sensitivity. Remember to strike with your stripping hand for the most power to set the hook.

This month's location is not a lake, but ponds. Ponds can hold some huge bass. One of the best ways I have found to find these ponds is "The Thomas Guide" by Thomas Bros. Maps. Open this book at random to any page. I just opened to page 240. (The page numbers are the same no matter what year your book was printed.) On this page are 9 ponds. Three are on private property, 2 are not fishable, but 4 are fishable and contain bass. This is about the usual ratio. I am going to let you find which 4 hold fish. Looking can be almost as fun as fishing.

Discover ponds for yourself and you will appreciate them more. I will tell you that the ponds at Bannister Park can be very good, especially the farthest one (about 3/4 mile hike). Good fishing!

Warm Water Fly "Fishing...continued

Some of the best are Whitlock's Eel Worm streamer and his Hair Jig. I will put these two flies up against anything the hardware fisherman uses, especially the Hair Jig. This fly has much more movement in the water than any of the plastic worms used. However, when wet it is quite heavy and takes a rod of 7 wt. or better. I prefer an 8 wt., but have used a 7 wt. overloaded with an 8 line. This fly is tied with a double weed guard and can be cast into just about anything without hanging up. Both of these flies are bounced along the bottom starting close to shore and retrieved so that they will follow the contour of the bottom of the lake.

Largemouth will hold on what is termed "structure." Structure is anything that changes the makeup of the lake. It can be brush, trees, boat docks, weeds, rocks, road beds, fences or even different colors of water meeting. The largest bass will be on the best structure, sort of king of the hill. If a large bass is caught at a certain location, make a note of the spot because after he calms down, he will be back at the same spot unless he is chased off by a larger bass. Keep in mind that this bass is not hungry. If you find a prime location and are convinced that it holds a large fish, do not make a cast or two and move on. You must make the bass want to attack the fly and this may take 12 - 15 casts or more. Chances are slim that you will scare him away. With this type of fishing in the winter be sure to use a very slow retrieve, as the bass is in a semi-dormant state and may not feed for as long as 2-3 weeks. DO NOT fish this technique when the bass is on a spawning bed. An entire spawn can be wiped out very quickly if the male is pulled off the bed for any reason.

In casting to "structure" try to picture what it is like underwater. When casting to trees or stumps, cast to the shady

News and Notes

Anglers Rally for Restoration of Striped Bass

NCCFFF Supports Effort

In an effort to restore a once magnificent fishery of the San Francisco Bay-Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta, the Northern California Council of the Federation of Flyfishers has established a striped bass committee. The Federation's action was prompted by continued declines in the striped bass population, continued degradation of the Bay-Delta system, and a recent increase in the number of fly anglers who pursue this gamefish.

"While striped bass flyfishers are a vocal, energetic and growing group with a strong inclination toward conservation, there is no organizational focus. We hope the new committee will serve to bring these folks together for the common good of the fishery," states committee chairman Doug Lovell of the Grizzly Peak Flyfishers.

"The current sportfishing regulations and Section 10 stocking policies provide a dead-end street for the striped bass, with no chance of recovery to historic numbers. It is time for a new approach that provides for a naturally spawned recovery of the west coast striped bass population. This will require a change to the current sportfishing regulations as well as restoration of the Bay-Delta system," Lovell adds. The committee is crafting proposed changes to the sportfishing regulations that will provide a self-sustaining fishery. The committee is considering a reduced harvest, slot limit, and a no-kill restriction during the spawning period.

The committee will also track the CalFed process and

Striped Bass....

provide appropriate input. CalFed is a massive undertaking by state and federal agencies with objectives to restore the Bay-Delta system and its fisheries. The newly formed committee welcomes new members. If you have an interest in serving on the committee or supporting the committee activities, contact Doug Lovell at Doug@FishFirst.com or at 510/528-4234.

The Federation of Flyfishers is an international association concerned with all waters and all species of fish. Organized in 1965, the group works to elevate the standards of integrity, honor, courtesy and conservation ethics among all anglers. The Northern California Council represents more than 20 angling clubs, including GBF.

Our British Columbia Adventure

by Jim Holmes

Bus Gehring, John Peterson, Tom Richie (a former GBF member), and Jim and Marty Holmes all had a wonderful time fishing the southern Kamloops area during the middle two weeks of June (although some stayed slightly longer). The fishing in this area was about (pronounced in this neck of the woods as a-boot) as expected with many 30 - 50 fish days with fish that were expert jumpers. The larger fish (20+ inches) proved to be a bit elusive but we caught a few each day. We sampled five lakes in the southern Kamloops area and found the fishing good in most of them. If you want details, ask any of us at the next meeting.

The scenery in this part of British Columbia was lovely with many other things to look at besides fish, such as moose, birds (loons, bald eagles, osprey, to name a few) and other creatures of the north woods. The wild flowers were particularly stunning in many places. This is a great

Warm Water Fly "Fishing...continued

If you can fish a top water fly with a sinking line, how about a sinking fly with a floating line? Will this not make the fly represent a bait fish that is in deep trouble?

For this method I like a leader about 9 - 10 feet long and will usually use either a wooly bugger, Clouser minnow or Blanton's Fatal Attraction. Whitlock's Sheep Shad is also very good. If you take 3 - 4 quick strips on the line, the fly will rise in the water column quite rapidly and when you stop will flutter down just like an injured bait fish. Try putting a slight bend in the middle of the shank of the hook. This will cause the fly to sway back and forth as it descends. A bass will ALWAYS take an injured prey over a healthy one.

New Business Department: Catching Largemouth Bass
A very true belief is that large bass like large flies. Sturmer White and I were talking about Cameron Park Lake at a meeting once. In talking to him, there was no doubt that he caught more bass than I did but the ones I caught were larger. He was fishing about a size 8 hook I believe. I fish with size 1 to 3/0. Big largemouth like a big meal. This year at Cameron Park Lake on two consecutive trips I landed a 7 1/2 and 6 1/2 lb. largemouth on the same fly. This fly was a 1/0 Electric Blue Wooly bugger with a weed guard.

The 7 1/2 lb. was taken in 2 feet of water and the 6 1/2 in 4 feet. Both fish were caught on muggy days between 12 and 1 with the temperature in the 90s. In their natural environment, bass will eat another fish up to about 2/3 of its own size, birds, mice, snakes, frogs, ducks and just about anything else that is at hand. These are large meals, therefore use a large fly.

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News and Notes

Host A Fish Out

Lead a GBF fishout!

All you need to do is rally those who want to go with you and lead them to the destination.

GBF makes it easy with a helpful checklist, and Fishout Chair Ron English stands ready to give advice and encouragement. Call him (530/677-7169) if interested in leading an outing.

Warmwater Fly Fishing: Part 4

by Pete Peterson

With the crash of the hard disk, last month's column had a couple of key lines omitted. I will start this month with those corrections:

"Let's cover what I consider the single most effective way to fish a topwater fly. Fish the fly with a sinking tip or full sinking line with a 3 - 4 ft. leader of straight monofilament. (Product plug time: there is a new mono out called flurocarbon that is completely invisible underwater and very strong. It is available down to 2 lb. test and is great for all tippets.)

Picture in your mind what would happen to a floating or diving fly if the sinking tip was below the fly. It will dive below the surface on the retrieve and return to the top on stopping the retrieve. It is on returning to the surface that the bass will most likely strike." (The balance of this paragraph is in the *July Leader*.)

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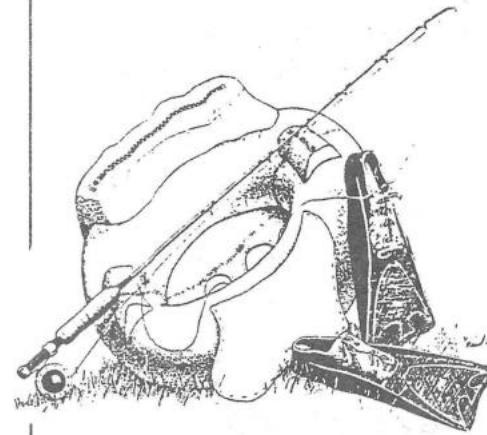
Fishing Adventures...

place for a family outing with very willing fish and great camping spots. Many of us will be back next year!

On the Oregon Trail by Jim Holmes

Several GBFers made the Sixth Annual Pilgrimage to Crane Prairie Reservoir near Bend, Oregon, during the first week in July.

Those who did included John Hogg, Jim Holmes, John Peterson, Bill Lockhart, Barry Fitzpatrick, Gene and Susan Goss, and Barry's brother Tim and his two daughters, Erin and Julie.



The fishing was a little tough this year, except for Susan, who managed to land (in one great stretch of

fishing) one 26 inch and two 23 inch fish using the casts of her husband, Gene.

Most of us were trying a new-to-us type of fishing that we first became acquainted with in B.C., which is to use imitations of midges. This fishing is probably one of the least exciting but most effective types that is seldom mentioned in the "Bibles" of our sport. It involves using an indicator, long leader and lots — I do mean lots — of pa-

Conclave "99" Pre-Registration Form

North Tahoe Conference Center, Kings Beach, California
October 8-10, 1999

Please print **legibly** and fill out all information on this form. The registration fee for Conclave "99" is \$20.00 per individual and \$35 per family (includes 2 adults and children under 17) for the entire weekend. Registration does not include after hours cocktail or dinner functions, raffles or auction, which are priced separately below. There will be only 150 tickets available for dinner at the Crystal Bay Club on Saturday night, so advanced purchase is advised. All tickets and registration packages will be held for pickup at the Conference Center. Full payment must accompany this form. Daily registration of \$10 will be available at the door. We expect dinner to be sold out prior to October 8, and advise buying dinner tickets in advance.

Early Bird registration postmarked by September 18, 1999 will get one free chance to win a float tube.

If dinner is sold out through advanced registration, earliest postmarks will be given preference.

Name(s) _____ Address _____ City/State/Zip _____ Day Telephone _____ Eve Telephone _____ Youth Registration _____ Age _____ _____ Beginner _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced _____ no charge Program to be announced.	Total Registration \$ _____ Check # _____ Visa/MC _____ Name on Card _____ Expiration Date _____ Signature _____
Individual # _____ \$20 per = _____ Family # _____ \$35 per = _____ Friday Night Reception # _____ \$8 per = _____ (Includes: Hosted Hors' d'oeuvres, Fly Fishing Olympics, and No Host Bar) Saturday Night Dinner # _____ \$25 per = _____ Prime rib dinner at Crystal Bay Club, Live Auction and Raffle.	Casting Game, each entry is entered into # _____ \$2 _____ a separate drawing. Need not be present to win. Drift Boat Drawing # _____ \$2 _____ Don Hill 10' Mini Drifter, valued at over \$1,500.00 Need not be present to win. Raffle tickets # _____ \$1 _____ Or 6 tickets for \$5. Need not be present to win Commemorative Hat Pin # _____ \$5 _____ This year features the "Bird's Nest" by the late Cal Bird
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Please send payment with completed registration form to NCC/FFF Conclave "99" Attn.: Sheree Kajiwara, 1405 Marshall Street #606, Redwood City, CA 94063 For general information contact Tom Smith, 775-685-2383 or Edsontiger@aol.com 1040 El Rancho Drive, Sparks, NV 89431	Cancellation Policy: Written cancellations postmarked by September 18, will be given a 100% refund. Written cancellations postmarked from September 19 until October 1, will be given a 50% refund. No shows will not receive a refund.

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