

# The Leader

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS

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## Leader's Line

by Wendell Edwards, GBF President

Greetings!

February is National Heart month. Let's keep our hearts in great fishing condition. With that in mind, remember your Valentine on February 14<sup>th</sup>!

GBF's Annual Dinner on March 17<sup>th</sup> is fast approaching, and you want to be sure to join in the fun. **Ken Hanley**, Hall of Fame fly fishing writer and photographer, will be our special guest speaker. Enjoy a delicious dinner from Buca Di Beppo and, of course, participate in the many raffles and silent auctions.

A ticket costs \$40 and will get you an evening of great food and entertainment, plus lots of silent auction items, and a gigantic raffle with a grand prize of a custom-built Sage 1 fly rod and reel valued at \$1200 (thank you Larry Lee). Lots of non-fishing raffle and auction items for the ladies as well and, special this year, four \$50 cash door prizes just for the ladies!



**Sign up today!** website...[granitebayflycasters.org](http://granitebayflycasters.org)

This time of year we are busy at getting our fishout schedule finalized. If you have a favorite stream or lake to share, please make a suggestion, or better yet, step up and lead a fishout to your favorite location.

**Jim Holmes'** Fly Tying Jam will be February 20<sup>th</sup>. It starts at 6:30PM, and is held at the activity center, the same location as our monthly meeting.

Have you renewed your membership? It is time to be sure you have access to wonderful fishouts, clinics, new fishing friends and other fishing related activities. Sign up today! [granitebayflycasters.org](http://granitebayflycasters.org)

## Monthly Program



Mike Pease with a Yuba Rainbow

Our guest speaker this month is **Mike Pease**, owner of [Mike Pease Adventures](#) and founder of the [Feather River Fly Fishing School](#) in Plumas County near Graeagle. He grew up fishing for trout and steelhead on many of the well-known streams of Northern

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## F E B R U A R Y 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1.	2.	3.
4.	5.	6. Board Meeting 7:00 PM	7.	8. Monthly Meeting	9.	10. Owens River Cleanup
11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.	17.
18.	19.	20. Fly Tying Jam	21.	22.	23.	24.
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California, and later honed his skills with many masters of the north state in the Redding area. He combines a career as a Stanford trained educator with a lifetime of fishing and adventure to provide a unique approach to the pedagogy of teaching others to fly fish.

His presentation, "How to Survive a Mid-life crisis with Notes from the North Fork of the Feather River" will explore key life lessons learned as he navigated his way through a mid-life crisis that ultimately led him to become a fly fishing guide and founder of a fly fishing school. He will also share commentary which appeared in the October 2017 issue of *California Fly Fisher*.

### Owens River Annual Cleanup

Dave Fujiyama, VP Conservation

On Saturday, **February 10<sup>th</sup>**, you have an opportunity to help clean up the Owens River.

Meet: [Pleasant Valley Campground](#), Bishop, CA at 8:00 AM

Driving directions: [Click here](#)

Contact for more information: Chris Leonard (cell) 818-288-3271

Bring waders, gloves, hat, sunscreen, and a good sense of humor! There will be free coffee and baked goodies in the morning, and lunch at noon. You'll be able to take advantage of a free Tenkara clinic, organized by Loung Tam of Tenkara Tenuki, and Chris Leonard of Kittredge Sports in Mammoth, CA (loaner Tenkara rods will be available) after lunch. There's a raffle, too! Consider making a long drive down Highway 395 for the clean up, and maybe a day or two of fishing the Owens River outside of Bishop—it's open all year.



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## Conservation Corner

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*by Dave Fujiyama, VP Conservation*

It's February! Things have finally quieted down. The holidays are over, the guests have gone home, most of our favorite fish species are hunkered down, and we're cleaning up our equipment in preparation for spring. How about penciling in an opportunity to give back on your 2018 calendar?



*The Owens River North of  
Bishop, CA*

It's amazing to be able to enjoy this productive Eastern Sierra trout fishery within a few hours' drive of 4 million Los Angelinos. The quality of the fishery and the ease of access is a double-edged sword: it gets pounded pretty hard year-round, and some of its visitors leave hints of their fun times: Bud Light cans, Power Bait containers, and hanks of 30-pound-test monofilament adorned with rusty treble hooks.



*Discarded Fishing  
Monofilament*

## Fly Fishing 101 - February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup>

by Jim Holmes



John Peterson

Our class on Fly Fishing 101 in 2018 will be held on February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup> within the Raley's Event Center located at the intersection of Auburn-Folsom Road and Douglas Blvd. in Granite Bay. **John Peterson** and myself will conduct the class. Start time is 6:30, and will go until about 9:00 each night.

In this class, we'll cover the basics of fly fishing: rods, reels, lines, leaders, equipment, flies, entomology, and much, much more. We are going to try a little different approach this year with trying to help you answer the question, "Where do I go fishing, and what do I need to fish there?"

There is a small \$10 fee to cover the cost of printing the excellent book that goes along with the class. You can sign up at the next club meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup>, or contact me directly at [jwholmesjr@aol.com](mailto:jwholmesjr@aol.com).



Jim Holmes

## Great Raffle Prizes

At each year's Annual Dinner, club member contributions make a huge difference—whether it's donated merchandise or services, or just pitching in some extra funds to help the raffle committee buy more prizes (usually at 'wholesale' or other discounted prices).

Please consider donating something for the Annual Dinner in March. Our success at collecting raffle and auction items is directly related to our success at raising the funds to pay for club activities in the year ahead. Contribute now and you'll benefit all year!

Here are some of the kinds of things that club members have donated in years past:

- New, unused merchandise—fishing-related or otherwise.
- Flies you tied (favorite or specialty pattern?) in a flybox.
- Other handcrafted goods—fishing-related or otherwise.
- Professional services—in gift certificate or coupon form.
- Funds specifically designated for the purchase of prizes.

Getting any ideas? If you can help, please contact John Hogg at [JohnHogg03@gmail.com](mailto:JohnHogg03@gmail.com). Any contribution is appreciated, and all donators are duly acknowledged at the dinner.

## Granite Bay Flycasters Classifieds

*To place a classified ad, you must be a member in good standing of the Granite Bay Flycasters. Classified ads will run for only one issue of The Leader, unless the seller requests it to run longer. Submit your listing to: [editor@gbflycasters.org](mailto:editor@gbflycasters.org). All ads must be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in the following month's Leader.*



Everyone's invited to the  
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32nd Annual Dinner and HUGE

# Fly Fishing Raffle & Auction!

With special guest speaker, Ken Hanley

**Saturday, March 17, 2018 • Doors open @ 4:30pm**

Ken is a Fly Fishing Hall-Of-Fame author (7 books to date), writer/photographer (domestic & international publications), and long-time outdoor industry instructor (over 15,000 students since 1970). In this presentation, Ken will share his famous enthusiasm and expertise for getting the most out of fly-fishing photography!



Granite Bay Flycasters is one of the most active fly fishing clubs in the West. This event supports our famous scholarship and conservation programs, and is a great way to meet other local flyfishers! Please join us for this special occasion and you could win fantastic fishing trips, great gear, and much, much more!

**Catered Italian dinner @ 6pm.**

For tickets (just \$40/ea.) and all the event details, please visit our official website:  
[www.gbflycasters.org](http://www.gbflycasters.org).



**DINNER LOCATION:**

Rocklin Event Center  
 2650 Sunset Boulevard  
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10% of proceeds benefit  of Northern California

## Membership Renewals are Due

*by Don Whitecar, VP Membership*

It's that time of year again! I know, Christmas is past, but it's not too late to give a gift to yourself that you'll enjoy all year.

Membership fees are \$30 for individual members, and \$35 for family memberships. An absolute bargain for all the club offers. There are several payment options: cash, check, or credit card at the general meetings, OR, you can pay by PayPal on the [club's website](#).

Membership fees and our annual dinner are the major sources of the funds needed to operate our club. As the best fly-fishing club around, the timely payment by our members is an important element in balancing our expenses and income each year. As always, we have an excellent array of guest speakers, fishouts, clinics, annual picnic and other activities planned throughout the year.

Thank you, in advance, for supporting your club, and we look forward to your continued participation in 2018.

## Next Conservation Committee Meeting

Date: Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

Time: 6:00 to 7:30 PM

Location: Round Table Pizza, Sierra College Blvd. in Roseville

Food: Pizza and salad are provided free of charge to you!

Guest speaker: Patrick Samuel of CalTrout will summarize the report, "State of the Salmonids," and will focus on how global climate change is predicted to affect trout species.

Sign up: text, call (cell 949-212-1337), or email Dave Fujiyama [dfujiyama@gmail.com](mailto:dfujiyama@gmail.com)

### Call-out for volunteer help

Have you noticed that it's easier to see at night in the asphalt parking lot at the clubhouse? The rangers updated the lighting at our request, but we're planning on painting the four concrete tire stops with new white paint to make them more visible, especially at night. We will power-wash and scrub them clean, allow them to dry for a few days, and then paint them. Dates TBD.

If you can help, please contact Dave Fujiyama, cell 949-212-1337 or email [dfujiyama@gmail.com](mailto:dfujiyama@gmail.com)



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## Baja 2018 Fishout Deposit Due at February Meeting

by Mark Pinski

The last day to commit to the July 7-13, 2018 East Cape Baja Fishout is at the club meeting on Feb 8<sup>th</sup>. The 25% deposit of \$412, along with the Fish About Release of Liability Forms, are due. Full information is available on the [website](#), the December newsletter, or by contacting me at [thepinsk@gmail.com](mailto:thepinsk@gmail.com), or at (530) 391-5794

## Fly Fishing Backcountry Sierra Streams (From *The Leader* Archives, Sept. 1991)

by Royal B. Pocketwater

### Part I

Backcountry streams can be enigmatic. From late spring through fall, the water is usually thin. Hatches tend to be sparse, depending (among other things) on the type and quantity of streambed and streamside vegetation. Trout populations, in turn, are generally lower than those in larger streams, and the average fish size is normally smaller.

Bear in mind these are generalizations. Each stream has its unique biota—a puzzle or riddle which the equally enigmatic backcountry flycaster is driven to unravel. Wild-eyed, wooly (and eventually smelly), s/he hikes, climbs, scrambles miles over, under, around and through obstacles, animate and inanimate, in feverish search of that blue line on the 1956-vintage topo map (where is that #!!\$%\* trail??).

In the months that follow, we'll explore (pun intended) this subject from different angles—including, of course, fish stories, humorous anecdotes, and "heroic" deeds (to demonstrate why one should not take oneself too awfully seriously). We'll profile the backcountry "freak;" talk about the joys and rigors of getting there and (hopefully) back; equipment you'll need and not need (flies, rods, reels, lines, packs, clothing, etc); techniques which seem to work; a "careful" lecture; backcountry manners; all embellished with a bit of literary license. Stay tuned.

## Navigating the GBF Website Like a Pro

by Eric Palmer



It's a safe bet that we all joined a fly fishing club to advance ourselves up a steep learning curve a bit faster than if we were to go it alone. To my mind there's no substitute for rubbing shoulders at monthly meetings with like-minded fly anglers who are willing and eager to share their methods and ideas along with their successes and failures too, all of which can contribute immensely to our advancement up that steep slope to fly fishing nirvana.

And I haven't even gotten to the *free* club sponsored clinics and classes and fishouts, and of course the rich and multifaceted GBF website. But, where websites are concerned, let's face it; many of us are of the "older but wiser"

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generation for which computer activities may not come as naturally as for our grandkids for whom technology comes as naturally as opening the fridge door looking for a late evening snack.

Of course, you don't need to belong to GBF to access our website – people from all around the world are often on our website pages, but without GBF membership, you would not be reading these words in *The Leader* in February of 2018. However, if you know your way around our website, you know that *The Leader* archives dating all the way back to the very first edition in 1985 are available under the **Library** tab [here](#). See image to the right.



And, you can see that under that same **Library** tab on the top menu bar, you also have **Links** to all known NorCal fly clubs, along with many conservation and other fishing related organizations. Above Links is the listing of all **Books & DVDs** in our library available for member check-out at all monthly meetings, and at the top is the [Articles](#) page, with dozens of educational and entertaining articles from club members and top fly fishing guides and authors who have shared their work with us.



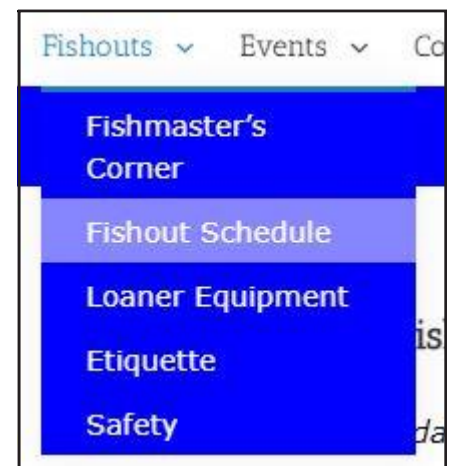
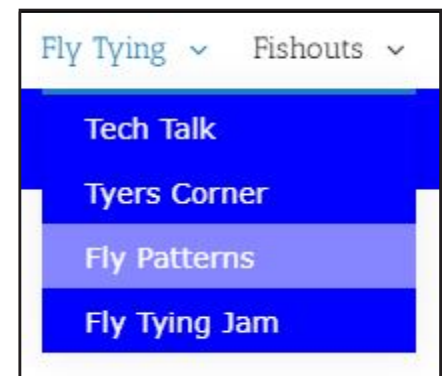
On the left we have the **Education** drop-down menu highlighting the Clinic schedule you can fully examine [here](#). In the first few weeks of each year, this page is updated weekly as dates for clinics and classes for the year are firmed up. All of these clinics are free except when materials are required. The other items on this menu simply provide background info on the respective topics. Check them out, you'll learn a lot.

If our website has "Crown Jewels," it would be the [fly patterns archives](#), most of which were created by Bill Carnazzo, with some going back to 1998. The "Fly of the Month" featured in *The Leader* comes from these archives. Not to brag (why the heck not?), but I've yet to find anything even close on another club's site, and we in fact have visitors world-wide browsing these pages. Even if you don't tie flies, exploring these recipes and examining the photos can be very educational toward learning to

identify the flies in your fly boxes and in fly shop's fly bins. Check out the other menu items, their contents are self-explanatory.

Next, is one of my favorites, the **Fishouts** menu, which of course contains the [Fishouts Schedule](#), possibly the most visited page on the entire site. This page is updated often the same day dates are established for a given fishout. In the first week or so of each new year, it's populated with all of the fishouts we have a high expectation will occur for the year, even if we don't yet know exactly when.

The **Fishmaster's Corner** is a monthly column from our Rivers and Streams Fishmaster (Tony Jelinek), and will be either educational or



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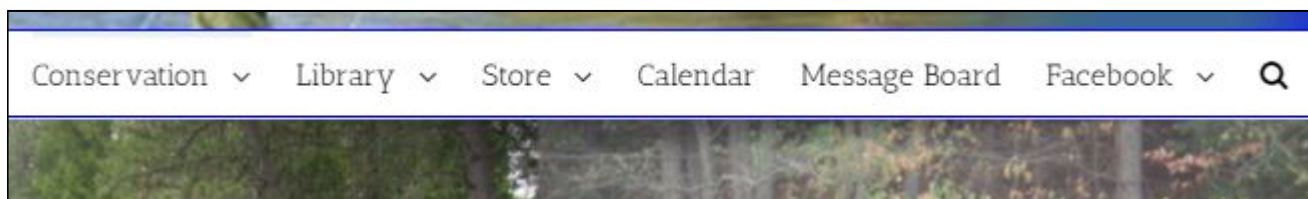


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entertaining, if not both. It also appears in the newsletter you are now reading. The other menu items are self-explanatory and highly informative.

The **Events** menu is the most crowded menu because we just have so dang much going on in our club. This is where you go for dates and other specifics on annual events, one of the most important being our **Annual Dinner** blow-out extravangza and fund raiser. This is how we fund all of our many conservation efforts and donations. Space does not allow detailed explanation of all the other topics, so do some exploring, it's all pretty straight forward.

Next, moving left to right along the menu bar, we have **Conservation**, where you can read the latest from our Conservation VP, Dave Fujiyama. Then comes the Library tab, which we've already covered, followed by **Store**, where you can renew your GBF membership and get tickets for the annual dinner. This tab also allows you to buy GBF logo'd **Merchandise** like caps, and you can also have your own items embrodered with our logo, including for the diehard GBF'er, your socks and underwear if you want to make a bold statement. The **Calendar** is self explanatory, and the **Message Board** is a full topic in it's own right for another time. For new members, the Message Board requires you to first register with your own self-assigned user I.D. and password; and be sure to write them down.



And finally **Facebook**, a relatively new addition to our site. Clicking **GBF on Facebook** has the expected result, and takes you to the GBF Facebook group home page. The **Jump Start Article** explains how to set this all up on your mobile device, or using similar instructions to set up your desk/laptop computer. Using Facebook will require logging in with your username and password credentials.



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So there you have it, everything you need to fully utilize the GBF website. And as always, if you encounter a speedbump or hiccup along the way, help is just an email away at [webmaster@gbflycasters.org](mailto:webmaster@gbflycasters.org).

## 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.

Andy Beasley  
Bill Truettner  
Omar Del Valle

## First Call: Annual Fly Casting Clinics

This is to announce GBF's annual Fly casting clinics. These clinics are appropriate for all skill levels of casters. If you are a novice, we will get you going; and if you are experienced, we will make you better. The clinics are conducted over three consecutive Saturdays—each day will offer new material.

Dates and times:

Saturday, April 7, 10 AM to 1:00 PM

Saturday, April 14, 10 AM to 1:00 PM

Saturday, April 21, 10 AM to 1:00 PM

The agenda will include a 20-minute snack break.

All classes will be held at Gibson Ranch Regional Park. There is a car pass charge of \$5.00 to enter the park. The Sacramento County Parks annual pass is accepted. Information to purchase is available [here](#).

*Note: There is no fee for the clinic, but you must be a member to participate—another benefit of GBF membership.*

We will address the following casts, topics, and techniques:

The 6 essential elements of a fly cast.

Why most fly casters can never cast more than 50 feet.

Roll cast

Pickup – Laydown forward cast

False casting

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Shooting line to add distance

Introduction to the double haul

Maximizing your distance cast

Spey Casts with a single handed rod.

Signups can be at the next general meeting, or email to [johnhogg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:johnhogg@sbcglobal.net).

## Bill Carnazzo Fly Tyer's Corner (Taken from the Article Written in February 2009)

### Fly Patterns - Bill's Skwala



*Bill's Skwala*

#### Materials:

<b>Hook:</b>	Daiichi 1260, #10
<b>Thread:</b>	Olive 8/0
<b>Hackle:</b>	Black dry fly quality saddle hackle
<b>Abdomen:</b>	Yellowish-olive dubbing (I prefer Lite-Brite)
<b>Thorax:</b>	Same as abdomen
<b>Underwing:</b>	Black micro-web wing sheeting or similar product
<b>Wing:</b>	Dark olive deer hair
<b>Legs:</b>	Mini-size gray Turantulegs
<b>Egg sack:</b>	Black foam

#### Description

This fly is based on a pattern tied by my friend Ralph Wood, with some modifications. Skwala stoneflies are found in many northern California rivers, but seem to often go unnoticed. Not so on the Lower Yuba River, since it is a prominent hatch that normally begins in January, continuing into February and sometimes longer. It's a great time to catch those "rocket" Yuba fish on top. I've seen only a few good Skwala imitations on the market. The "good" ones have two essential qualities, in my mind: First, they are tied sparsely; And second, they incorporate the right colors. It is important to imitate the color of the underside of the abdomen of the Skwala adult—a yellowish olive color—and the dark olive color of the fly's back. Only the females fly, so it is mostly them that you'll see struggling in the surface film out where the fish live.

#### Tying Instructions



*Steps 1 & 2*

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. Debarb the hook, place it in your vise, and cover the shank with thread. Be sure to leave plenty of room behind the hook eye.
2. Move the thread to the rear of the hook, just above the back of the barb. Cut a strip of black foam 1/8" in width. Heat one end of it so it "rounds" itself. Tie the foam in with the rounded end to the rear. It should stick out about 1/8" to the rear.

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3. Tie in a properly sized black hackle at the same point.



*Step 3*



*Step 4*

4. Dub the thorax, but don't use too much material. Sparse is best on this pattern.



*Step 5*

5. Palmer the hackle up through the abdomen, using about 5 turns. Tie it off at the front of the abdomen.



*Step 6*

6. Clip the hackle on the bottom and on the top, so that the remaining fibers stick out to the sides.

7. Cut a piece of the micro-web material that is about 1/4" wide and 1" long. Round the corners of one end, and tie the material in at the front of the abdomen, with the rounded corners to the rear. The rear of the wing should be no longer than the end of the hook.



*Step 7*

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*Fly Tyer's Corner - Continued from page 12**Step 8*

9. Dub a sparse thorax, and then tie in the legs in the middle of the thorax. Add a bit more dubbing between the legs.

*Step 9**Step 10*

8. Cut a small bunch of dark olive deer hair and clean out the under-fur. Stack it, and measure it to the same length as the under-wing. Tie it in at the same point and add a drop of super-glue.

10. Tie in a properly sized hackle and take 3 or 4 turns. Whip finish the fly. Trim the hackle top and bottom and apply a drop of superglue at the head.

**Tying & Fishing Tips**

1. Be sure to leave plenty of room behind the hook eye. From the instructions above, you can see that there are a number of steps that require work in that space between the thorax and the hook eye.
2. If you have a wing burning tool that is shaped like a stonefly wing, use it to burn the micro-web wings. They come out perfect every time.

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



## Granite Bay Flycasters

**Mission:** The organization is dedicated to conservation of fish habitat, advancement of the art of Fly Fishing, and good sportsmanship.

**Meetings:** General club meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Granite Bay Activities Center on the shores of Folsom Lake. For directions, check <http://gbflycasters.org>.

Doors open between 6:00 P.M. and 6:30 P.M. for socializing and fly tying demonstrations. The business portion of the meeting begins at 7:00 P.M. The main program gets underway after a short refreshment break and usually involves a guest speaker and slide show, or other presentation. All meetings are open to the public and visitors are encouraged to attend.

**Membership:** Applications are available on-line at <http://gbflycasters.org> and at general meetings. Single membership: \$30; Family memberships: \$35; and youth (under 18): \$10. There is also an \$8 name badge charge for all new members. Membership is prorated throughout the year. For membership information, contact Don Whitecar at 916-804-5384, or visit the website at <http://gbflycasters.org>.

**The Leader:** To send articles, photos, ads and other materials, please e-mail to: Frank Stolten at [editor@gbflycasters.org](mailto:editor@gbflycasters.org). Please put **GBF Leader** in the subject line. Deadline for materials is the 15th of each month.

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