



## Fly Lines and By-Lines

Lee Wulff Chapter of Trout Unlimited - A local chapter of America's leading nonprofit organization committed to the conservation, protection, and restoration of North American coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.

See us at: <http://www.leewulfftu.org>

### September 2014 President's Message

Welcome back Lee Wulff chapter members! The summer has passed all too quickly once again, but we are very excited to announce some great news to you all!

Make sure to come to our next meeting, September 18, 2014. Back by popular request!!! Our vice president, Jerry Sapp, has arranged another member led workshop like we had last winter. Several of our talented members will be presenting some great tips and information for us to enjoy and learn. We will have the social time as usual, then a fun casual evening of visiting the workshop stations. We will allow plenty of time this time so all can enjoy the event without feeling rushed through the stations.

We meet at the same location- Village Pizza in Carpentersville. Social hour is 6-7:30 p.m. Pizza and pop for \$15.00. The program will start around 7:30 p.m. Just a reminder, other menu items are available for purchase instead of the \$15.00 for the pizza. Please let us know when you arrive that you need to make special arrangements for your order. Spirits are available also for individual purchase.

Don't forget to sign up for our Unofficial End of the Season Outing in September! A bunch of us trout bums will be venturing up to Viroqua from September 25-30 to take in the last of the trout fishing season. This is a very casual outing and members may come and go as they please for the entire time or just maybe a couple of days. Lodging is available, but book ASAP. Many of us camp at the West Fork Sportsman's club, and there is other camping in the area as well. Remind your families that Viroqua and the surrounding area also offers many other options for a visit besides fishing! The scenery is great, especially in the Fall! There are many shops and restaurants in the area as well as special inns and lodges to just kick back and relax. Please contact Gordon Rudd for signup and more details.

I would like to also announce we would love to invite our members who are interested in either conservation, membership and outreach, or fundraising to contact me. Jerry

needs a couple of folks to help him with the conservation work. I want to have some folks who are interested in greeting members at the door, introducing new people to our group, obtaining their contact information, and generally making everyone feel welcome and comfortable. Our fundraising potential is vast, but we need people to make it happen. We have all kinds of ideas for new ways to promote fundraising in the future.

I want to reassure folks that we are not looking for huge commitments right now. Some who volunteer may eventually wish to take on more responsibility, but initially, we are wanting to create small, easy, jobs and tasks for many to share. I'm sure you know many hands lighten the load for all, and we want you all to have fun doing something you enjoy. So please consider the idea and talk to Meg for more details.

Finally, the best news for last! We have been working diligently with Kurt Kopola from Fly Squared Media all summer and are delighted to announce the birth of our new web site! We plan to have it going live in early September, and I'm hoping by the time you read my message, it should be up and running. We will have sent all members an email announcement about this beforehand. The site address has not changed:

[www.leewulfftu.org](http://www.leewulfftu.org) .

I am very excited for you all to see it! You will find it much more user friendly, easier to read, and to navigate. The design has a new entirely different look from our old site, and we will have many new features to make enjoying our chapter site even better. We will have our own administrative access to the entire site. This will aid us in getting new and updated information to you faster and easier.

We will be using Mail Chimp to send out e-mails and e-blasts. We will have a Google calendar on the site with upcoming events posted regularly. And there will be a Facebook link and feed page, so all you have to do is click and go.. Our Facebook site is now public, so even those of you who are leery of Facebook can view our page without signing up as Facebook members! Here you will find lots of great news and stories, tips on fly fishing, and lots of pictures!

I look forward to seeing all of you at the September meeting! Here's to a spectacular year at Lee Wulff!

Meg Gallagher, President



# September Meeting Info

## Trout Salmon and Steelhead

Goodbye summer! Hello fall! The season is not over till the rivers freeze.

The lineup for the September meeting includes the following experts in their streams.

- Bob Webb Float fishing for Steelhead and Browns
- Bob Becker Where to fish for Great lakes migrants and how to tie glow-bugs
- Matt Gregory Chuck and duck for salmon and steelhead. What is that?
- Tony Sobel Staying warm in your waders and other cold weather clothing
- Jerry Sapp Hoppers how to tie and fish them , there is still time left you know
- Gordon Rudd Fly-fishing 101 knots and rigging and more

Tables will be set up for each presenter. Members may rotate from table to table at their own pace or remain at only the tables in which they have an interest. Time, at twenty minute intervals, will be announced so members can rotate in time to see each table if they so desire. Members may bring their drinks and pizzas with them as they rotate. And hey, bring one for the presenter to keep up his strength.

### End of Season “Unofficial Outing” September 25<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>

Several Lee Wulff members will be in the Viroqua/Westby area to close out the 2014 trout season. Most will be camping at the West Fork Sportsman's Club. There are no reservations at the Vernon Inn or The Old Towne Inn. In fact there are no “organized” meals or activities. We're just of bunch of Trout Bums and Bumettes having a great time together to close the season.

Some will be arriving and leaving at different times so mark your calendar and hopefully you'll be spotted on one of the many trout streams in the Driftless Area. If you should have any questions, contact Gordon Rudd at [McHenryFlyFisher@sbcglobal.net](mailto:McHenryFlyFisher@sbcglobal.net) or 815-245-2425.



**It's early but get it on your calendar now!!**

## **Lee Wulff Xmas Party!!**

**Saturday, December 6th**

**The Tap Room at**

**The Millrose Restaurant**

**45 S Barrington Rd, Barrington, IL**

**6 pm for cocktails**

**7pm dinner with the raffle drawings after.**

**More info in the October & November newsletters**

# Bob Olach's Fly-O-The-Month September 2014

## *Adams Gray Palmers*

If you're a member of the Lee Wulff Chapter – TU, no doubt you're aware that this OLD guy's favorite dry fly / go-to fly is a modified version of the Crackleback.

Since the Adams dry fly is also a very effective dry fly, awhile back I thought it might be worthwhile to tie a fly the same way as I tie a Crackleback but using some of the materials used in tying an Adams dry fly.

Haven't fished this fly much this season, in fact, haven't fished much of anything this season, but will give it a try in the next week or two before the end of the season. Figure that this fly's materials and the amount of hackles should make it float like a cork!



### **Adams Gray Palmers**

- Hook:** Daiichi #1190 – Dry Fly Barbless sizes 12 - 14  
**Silk:** Pearsall Gossamer Silk or Danville – Black  
**Body:** Gray – (Hareline – Adams Gray)  
**Back Spine:** Two Strands of green peacock herl  
**Hackle:** 3 turns at end of hook shank and 6 ½ turns of brown and grizzly dry fly hackle on body (a LOT of hackle!)  
**Treatment:** A drop of “Watershed” and then dried overnight



## Grumpy's Page by Kurt Haberl

"I was reading this book-" Schnoz said.

"You can read?" I interrupted, feigning great surprise. We were streamside near the end of the season amid the buzz of locusts and lush growth of high grass stream banks. The excited rush of stringing a rod had grown into a calm contentment over the summer.

"I was reading-"

"Honestly, I'm proud of you, Schnoz - learning to read at your age. Maybe you could go to college, you know, be one of those old people who gets a degree in Medieval music history, and it inspires some kid to put his zombie game away, get off the couch, and become president."

"I was reading this book on nymph behavior," Schnoz said. He could ignore a person better than anyone I know, and he ignored me more than anyone, probably more than he ignored his wife. She has ways of getting at him that I don't know about. "And this book said that nymphs have one characteristic that fishermen greatly underestimate - they don't like being eaten by fish."

I didn't have to feign surprise; I was truly amazed that anyone who said he could read would think it an insight that nymphs didn't like to be eaten by fish.

"Just think of the ramifications," Schnoz said.

Wow, not only had he learned to read, he had absorbed the word "ramifications." It was like that feeling of a snag at the end of your tippet and suddenly the snag moves and it's a nice fish. It's the wonderful tug of surprise.

"Such as?" I said.

Schnoz harrumphed as if the answer was so obvious, it barely deserved a reply.

"Such as color. A nymph that doesn't like being eaten will be the color of the bottom or the rocks or the sand or the mud where it lives. If it's in watercress, it might be a cool green, but other than that, an artificial ought to be camouflaged so a trout can't see it. Those flashback, gold-beady things you've been using are all wrong. Don't you get it? Fish can SEE those flies, and the real nymphs, the ones trout eat without hesitation, are the ones they can barely see."

"You're telling me to tie nymphs that trout can't see?"

"Exactly."

"I think you're crazy. You want me to fish with nymphs that fish can't see and then you'll keep using the flashback, bead-headed things and you'll catch fish and I'll catch sticks and stream smut."

"No, we'll do it together. I'll still out-fish you as usual, but this time we'll both catch more fish because now we understand real nymphs, trout behavior, and science."

"Schnoz, the last time you tried to understand science, you bought a flame thrower to melt the snow and ice on your sidewalk, and the neighbors went crazy and then the police came, and then-

"Ha, that wasn't science. That was just taking advantage of an opportunity in an army surplus catalogue, and besides, except for the neighbors and the police, it worked - beautifully."

"Schnoz, have you seen your file down at the police station?"

"I just want my tax money to be worth it."

"Schnoz, the local cops drive by your house when they get bored just to see what you're up to."

"I know. I think of it as free home protection. Who needs ADT when the uniformed men are driving by your house every couple of minutes? Anyway, this book says nymph camo is so good that you can observe trout eating sticks and pebbles and bits of moss just in case they are nymphs in disguise."

"You're going to tie a fly to look like a stick?"

"I thought about that, but usually a trout only mouths a twig for a split second and spits it out before you can set the hook. He's probably just cleaning his teeth, and I don't want to catch a fish who's just being hygienic. That's not sporting."

"So you're going to tie camo flies?"

"I already have. Look." He pulled out a box, opened it up, and showed me a mottled camouflage inside.

"I don't see any flies."

"Exactly," he said. He fumbled around with the box, mumbled "Ouch," when he hooked himself, and took out a nymph whose mottled color made it look like something you'd pick off your boots.

"I call it my Marine fly. Get it? It's a pun. Camo and water."

He tied it on his tippet, made a cast near the left bank, and soon his rod was bent with the weight of a beautiful brown. Schnoz's smug smile meant he didn't have to say anything. Two casts later he hooked another, then another. I watched in amazement, and then had to hide my own smug smile because I understood. It was already a steaming dog-day and the water temperature was probably near 70. Just above the ledge of the run he was fishing, I saw a little rivulet gurgling into the water. It was a cold-water spring. The fish were probably stacked up in the only cold water they could find. He could have thrown a dust bunny on a hook at them and he would have caught fish.

Should I have told him? Should I have ruined his reading, his confidence, his theory and his joy in catching fish because he understood science? I thought about it for a moment, and then I said - nothing. There's more to life than fishing.

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