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Fly Fishing The Arkansas
with
Bill Edrington
Thursday,
February 10th

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I am amazed at how fast time flies! This is already the second newsletter of the year. As I wrote in last months' newsletter, our February banquet on Sunday, February 20th is an activity you don't want to miss. Be sure to buy your tickets soon. Bring a partner...it's a nice dinner out and a raffle surpassed by none! Feel free to call any board member for tickets. Bob Rudzinski reports that the raffle is looking even better than last year (if that's possible!). If you would like to donate something for the raffle, please let Bob know as soon as possible. Donations made by our members are always sought after. This will be a great evening of celebration. You're sure to have a great time!

Sportsman's Show

Our club will have many representatives staffing our booth at the Sportsman's Show being held February 18-20, at the Arizona State Fair Grounds. This show provides great visibility for our club and gives us an opportunity to showcase all of our offerings. Thank you to all of the volunteers! If you attend, be sure to stop by our booth and say "hi"!

Looking Forward...

The **February** outing at Dead Horse State Park is a great outing and opportunity for those members who are newer to the sport of fly fishing to get their lines wet. There are three ponds that are heavily stocked and the Verde River flows adjacent to the park. The river provides the opportunity to work on stream skills. Within the park are hiking trails and pleasant areas to sit back and enjoy the mild winter in Arizona (hopefully!). We have reserved the group campground (even has showers!), and of course, Saturday afternoon at 3:00 is a time for everyone to enjoy a hearty pot luck.

The **March** outing will be held at Seneca Lake, just 30 miles north of Globe (just before you head down the Salt River Canyon). It is a reservation lake and campground which requires special permits (you can purchase them in Globe). Camping is a bit more rustic than Dead Horse. This lake is a super lake for float tubes, especially if it is your first time. As always, there will be members ready to help anyone who has not tubed a lot. Float tubing does require some safety precautions, and there will be instruction at the water's edge. I truly look forward to seeing you at these outings.

2005 New Board Members

First, I would like to thank the following members who are leaving the board. They contributed immensely to the club during their terms.

Out-Going Board Members

Chuck Cothran—Outings
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Jerry Hobbs—Conservation
Tim O'Brien—Programs
Ken Young—Public Relations
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New 2005 Board Members

Darlene Benford—Treasurer
Tom Herman—Secretary
Bill Vance—Outings
Nancy Vance—Programs
Donna Walkuski and Marian Tallon—Newsletter

Welcome to those joining us on the board this year- we can do great things together!

That's **"this and that"** for another month. Get out and enjoy the sport of **FLY FISHING!**



**Upcoming
Three Month
Calendar**

February	1st	Tuesday	Rod Construction Class - continuing
	2nd	Wednesday	Rod Construction Class - continuing
	7th	Monday	New Net Construction Class
	9th	Wednesday	Net Construction Class - continuing
	10th	Thursday	General Meeting
	11th	Friday	Net Construction Class - continuing
	15th	Tuesday	Rod Construction Class - continuing
	16th	Wednesday	Rod Construction Class - conclusion
	18-20	Fri - Sun	Sportsmen's Show - AZ State Fairgrounds
	20th	Sunday	Annual Banquet & Raffle
	22nd	Tuesday	An Evening with Jack Dennis
	26-27	Sat - Sun	Dead Horse State Park Outing
	March	2nd	Wednesday
3rd		Thursday	Beginning Fly Tying begins
7th		Monday	Beginning Fly Tying continues
9th		Wednesday	Beginning Fly Tying continues
10th		Thursday	General Meeting
12th		Saturday	Fish Fry
14th		Monday	Beginning Fly Tying continues
16th		Wednesday	Beginning Fly Tying continues
19-20		Sat - Sun	Seneca Lake Outing
21st		Monday	Beginning Fly Tying continues
23rd		Wednesday	Beginning Fly Tying continues
28th	Monday	Beginning Fly Tying ends	
April	14th	Thursday	General Meeting
	23-24	Sat - Sun	Roper Lake Outing

**Beginning
Fly Tying**

Bill Vance

March is the month for beginning tying classes. All classes will be held at Sunnyslope Community Center from 7 to 9PM. See the upcoming calendar for specific dates. We will be teaching some old favorites as well as some new flies that have not been taught in the beginning classes. (Some flies will be suitable for stock truck fishing such as the "Stocker Stopper", "Mark's Chow Line", and the always successful "Fish-n-a-barrel".)

Hope to see you there.

Annual Banquet & Raffle

**This big event is coming on
February 20th.**

**Tickets are available from any Board member, at this month's meeting, or
at any of our local flyshops.**



Double-the-Fun Treat at the February Meeting

Programs

Tim O'Brien

First, our speaker is Bill Edrington, owner of the Royal Gorge Fly Shop in Canon City, CO and author of the great new guide book Fly Fishing The Arkansas. Bill has promised to give us a top to bottom run down of how to successfully fly fish Colorado's longest river, the Arkansas.

The Arkansas River on Colorado's Front Range is unlike many Western rivers because it flows freely for more than 150 miles from its headwaters before it meets its first dam, in Pueblo. It's primarily a brown-trout stream with a few healthy rainbows and Snake River cutthroats. Most of the browns range from 12 inches to 16 inches long, but some larger ones lurk in deeper runs and remote canyon stretches. A few of our members have been making regular trips to the Arkansas and their reports have been glowing. Come listen to Bill's presentation about fishing one of the west's often overlooked gems.

Second, Larry Kingrey, a professional tier known throughout the Rockies, will set up at a table to demo some of the flies Bill will mention. He'll answer your tying questions and display some of his famous custom flies.

If you are tempted to fish moving water in Colorado don't miss the next meeting!

Sunshine Committee

Charley Greene

With so much happening at AFC as the 2005 year begins: rod building, net construction, the Sportsman's show February 18-20, banquet preparation and excellent programs to stimulate the fly fishing senses, come by the Welcome table and see how you can become a part of this ever growing fly fishing club. Also, we look forward to acquainting your guest with information on club activities.

Recently, two of our members, Dale Timberlake and LeRoy Donnally, have been dealing with some medical issues. Those of you who know them well, touch base with them.

"...come by the Welcome table and see how you can become a part of this ever growing fly fishing club."

I am aware that my request for \$1, when not wearing your name tag, may seem inconvenient at times, but each member benefits by your having and wearing it at each meeting.

BONUS RAFFLE

At the February Meeting we will have a BONUS RAFFLE of a G Loomis Adventure 3 Reel. It holds a 3 or 4 wt. line and has a machine cut aluminum spool with a roller clutch disc drag system.

Tickets will be \$5 and will be sold at or near the raffle table.



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Dead Horse Ranch Outing

February 26th -27th

Bill Vance

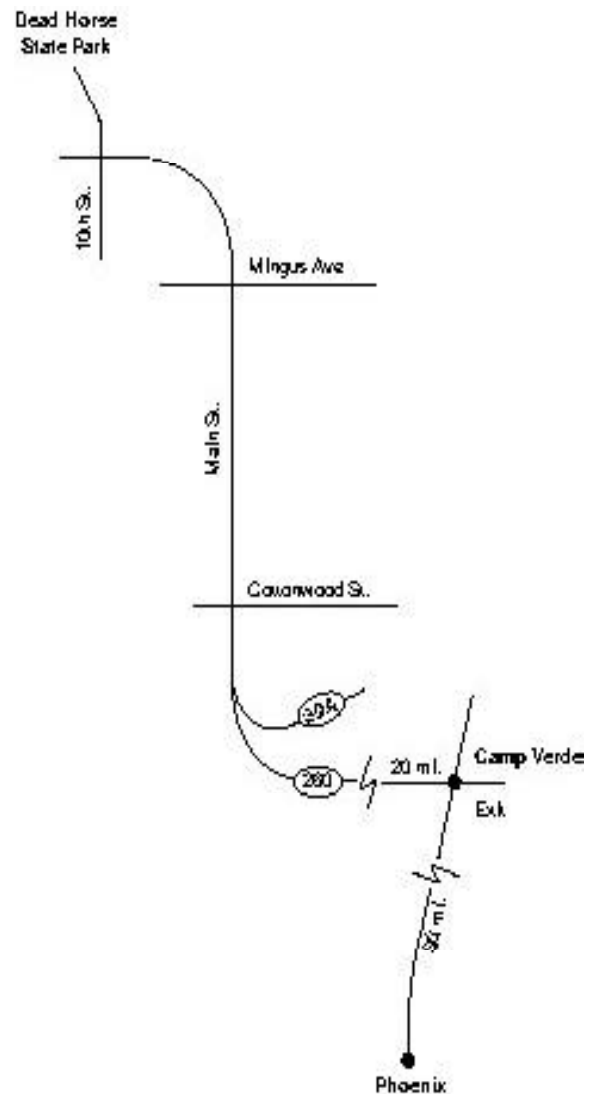
"Fishing has been excellent at the two lower ponds."

Join us for one of the best outings of the year, Dead Horse Ranch State Park. AFC has reserved the group campground for Fri and Sat nights. Check in at the park entrance upon arrival. The camping fee is \$12 per night and will be collected at the entrance. For those members visiting for the day only, the fee is \$6 per day. Also, be aware that generator use in the park is not permitted.

To reach Dead Horse Park take I-17 north to Camp Verde, exit at highway 260 west to Cottonwood. Turn left onto highway 89A for approximately one and one half miles. Watch for the Dead Horse Ranch State Park sign where you will turn right into the Park entrance.

Fishing has been excellent at the two lower ponds. Most any sub-surface fly will work but for best results try some of the Denny Rickards patterns. Watch for cruising pods of fish and cast into the rises, let your weighted fly sink for a few seconds then strip slowly. Use your fly line as an indicator. When your floating line begins to move or straighten, gently set the hook. (no fishing out of the stocking truck, bad form don't you know!)

The club potluck will be held at the group camp ramada at 3:00PM. Past years have been exceptional gourmet delights. Bring your favorite dish and share with the members.



Annual Raffle

OH MY!!! WHAT A DOLLAR CAN BUY...

Bob Rudzinski

When you attend the Annual Banquet you have the opportunity to go home with a fabulous prize. Someone will win a guided trip to Alaska, the San Juan River, an Oregon Lake, Lees Ferry, or Cool Water Ranch in Colorado—for only a dollar.

It could be you.

You can also go home with a new rod, reel, waders, fly lines, tons of flies, boots, saddle hackle, fly fishing books, a cooking class, dutch oven, nets, watches, kayak, float tubes, pontoon boat, etc., etc., etc.,—for only a dollar.

Are you getting the idea? If you aren't planning to attend on Feb. 20, you might want to rethink it. You will have a chance to take home one or more of over 140 raffle items. How can you lose???

**Education
Committee
News**

Ron Robinson

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An Evening with Jack Dennis

As we mentioned last month we are fortunate to have Jack Dennis as a special guest speaker on Feb. 22 at the Sunnyslope Community Center from 7 - 9 PM. There is no charge for this program.

Jack is a noted author, guide and teacher. He has done considerable research to help improve the experience of fly fishing. He has agreed to share some of his latest findings at this seminar. This is a "don't miss" special meeting so make your plans now.

Fish Fry March 12, 2005

Remember the great time we had last year? Well, we are going to do it again. The location is the same place we had our breakfast in January. That is the Mc Kellips cabana in Yavapai Park (see the map in the Jan. bulletin).

This year there will be a \$5 charge per person that will be refunded in raffle tickets when you arrive. Yes, there will be a special raffle like last year. As last year, the club will supply the fish and you bring a side dish or **dessert**. You can make your reservation at the Feb. general meeting or contact Ron Robinson at 602-867-8820. Bring the family and let's have a great time.

Intermediate Fly Tying - Coyote Clouser

The first intermediate fly tying class will be on March 2 at SSCC from 7- 9 PM. The club will supply all the materials- you just need to bring your tying equipment. We will also show other types of Clouser flies like the Ultra Foxy Minnow. Call Ron Robinson, 602-867-8820, with any questions.

**McKellips Lake
Outing Report**

Marian Tallon

Okay, if you weren't there, you missed a lot. Over 30 members turned out for fun and breakfast at McKellips Lake at Yavapai Park and yeah, we were all lined up at the gravy train. Literally! Biscuits and gravy.... Who says fly fishing folks don't know how to live?

...And after breakfast, a feast of fishing and/or casting with a range of equipment, compliments of some of our members. Ever try a 10' 5 wt. with a sinking line? Don't! Just kidding, it was an experience to cast your own gear with friends and family around offering *expert advice* or to try on the demos rigged by Ron and Brian.

It was a kick looking around and seeing the lake rimmed with FlyCasters and the inevitable wayward fly hooked to the roof of the ramada - no names. No, no names!

If you couldn't make this one, don't miss the upcoming outings: Dead Horse, conservation activities, the Annual Banquet, the Fish Fry, Seneca - fun!

Classifieds

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L.L. Bean Fly Reel — Model 500 Guide Series, 9 wt. with sinking fly line. \$75.00
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**Wanted:
News, Tips
and
Fish Tales**

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We want to echo, echo Doug's sentiments . . .with a big thanks to retiring or reassigned board members. We want to especially thank Brad Norgaard, whose wading boots we will try to fill as new co-editors of this newsletter.

By way of introduction, we want you to know right up front, that we're a couple of wallflowers, who only became involved in the club about a year ago. We crashed a casting clinic at Granada Park before we were members and were hooked by the friendliness and helpfulness of everyone there.

Our first club outing was at Dead Horse. What a memorable event! The rain, the snow, the freezing temperatures. We were spoiled with gifts of flies and angling tips. Our famous dog, Indie, was still a puppy, so only one of us could fish at a time, while Indie drug the other one of us from hill to dale. That made for some angling jealousy until we switched off "Indie duty".

So the weather was dreadful, Indie was a pain, we made a reputation for ourselves, sleeping in a pup tent in the bitter cold (not really), but we fell in love with Arizona FlyCasters, every single one of them. We had a great potluck, at which Donna wooed folks with spare-ribs cooked on another member's donated grill space. The club's traditional bonfire warmed us all up. We met, for the first time, our dear friend, Gary Hendricks - and yes, for those of you who know Gary, we stayed in the club anyway.

It's funny to think of now, as we're stacking up a small mountain of rods and reels, but we didn't even have a rod or reel of our own for many months after we joined up. Everyone, from club members to our local fly shops, was generous with their gear and patient with us while we figured out what our first rod and reel purchase would be. Then of course the following cascade of gearing up . . . waders, float tubes, boots, et. al. . .

We're all beginners: some of us are new to flyfishing and some of us are becoming new friends. As new editors of the newsletter, we want to encourage you, first of all, to have fun and second, to be generous in the spirit that attracted us to this club- generous with your participation in the various committees and activities that keep our club vibrant. We especially welcome your submissions to the newsletter. We know there are great smarts and great fly fishing adventures being lived out there. Share a new fly or let us hear about that promising stretch of water you've discovered. Invite someone fishing, go, and tell us a story!

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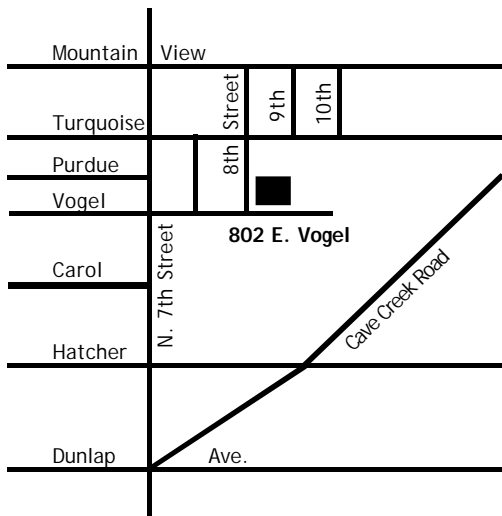
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Paid Your Dues Yet?