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Next Meeting:

**Tips and Tricks of  
A Veteran Flycaster  
with  
Lon Ellington**

Thursday,  
September 11, 2008  
7:00 PM

## President's Lines

*Ron Rosenlof* [afcpres@cox.net](mailto:afcpres@cox.net)

Greetings! I have just spent the last two weeks watching as much of the Olympics as I could possibly squeeze in. These sporting events only come around once every four years, and it just amazes me how much prep time it must take these athletes to get ready for an event of this magnitude. The Olympics have all kinds of sporting events. You are probably asking yourself why I am writing about this. What if there was an event for fly fishing? After all, fly fishing is a sporting event! If you think that gymnastics and diving had some crazy judging, can you imagine what it would be like to judge an Olympic Fly fishing event. My point is that to some fishermen, an outing to a river or a lake can be a major task. It can be extremely overwhelming to a novice wondering whether or not they have the appropriate equipment and clothing for such an outing. If you know a person that is getting ready to go on a trip, give them a call and see if you might be able to lend a hand. Maybe you could see if they might want to car pool with you, or maybe you could loan them a fishing rod, or possibly give them some flies that have worked well for you in the past at that location. It is a good possibility that your willingness to help out one of your fellow fly fishermen will make all the difference between a so so trip and a really great experience.

Recently I was at Woods Canyon Lake for the crayfish outing. The weather was wonderful and the group campground was outstanding. There were a lot of people fishing on the lake. I think that almost everyone that was on the lake caught, at least, a few fish. The pot luck, as usual, was magnificent! The best part about this event was visiting with other club members sharing fishing stories, talking about our families and just enjoying the great weather. It was nice to get out of the hot weather in Phoenix. Our next monthly outing will be held at Hawley Lake, so plan to attend.

November 1-5 will be our annual San Juan trip. This river is probably one of the premier fishing spots in the United States and we are fortunate enough to be within driving distance of this river. This year we will not be taking a charter bus as the cost of fuel and the rise in the bus fare does not make it cost effective to our members. In order to keep the cost down, we are asking our members to carpool together and save fuel. This is a great way to spend some time with your fellow fishermen. The cost of this trip is \$275.00 which includes your motel room, fishing licenses, 4 breakfast buffets and 1 prime rib dinner banquet. What a deal! Don't delay, sign up and pay at your September 11 general meeting.

In closing, volunteer to help. This is a great way to meet people, help people and come away with a sense of accomplishment. A smiling face always makes you feel good!

Hope to see you on the water.

Ron



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**September  
Program  
With  
Lon Ellington  
by Craig Mernitz**

Lon Ellington, is a Past President of Arizona Fly Casters, a Fly-Tyer for 50 years and Fly-Rod Builder for 35 years. On September 11, Lon will share his knowledge, tips and techniques for fly fishing in Arizona. Ellington has been the trout advisor for Arizona Fishing News and has made three videos for Arizona Wildlife TV Views (AZGFD). Having designed many specific flies for fishing in Arizona, Lon will capture your attention and present an entertaining program.

Meeting - September 11th, Thursday Evening from 7-9 PM at the Devonshire Senior Center, 2802 E Devonshire ( 28th St -One Block North of Indian School) Contact Craig Mernitz, Program Chairman, 602-739-2385. Come and Join Us - Open To Public!



**Education:  
Casting Class  
Ron Robinson**

On September 20th we will have a casting class at Steele Indian School Park from 9 - 11 AM. We will be on the west side of the park (entrance off Central) near the kids play area. We will separate this class into a "basic" session for those new to our sport and a session for those that want to improve their accuracy. This latter session will include bass bugs as well as light trout fly presentations. The club will supply the heavier rods if you need them, although we still encourage you to bring your own trout rods. The club will have rods for those in the "basic" session that have yet to purchase an outfit. Since the club has rods in weights from 4 - 6 and several different rod lengths you might find this helpful in selecting a rod you like before you go shopping. We will have additional casting classes Oct. 25 and Nov. 29. If you have any questions give Ron Robinson a call at 602 867 8820.



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Please note: Until further notice, all General Meetings will be at the Devonshire Senior Center, we will continue to wait for word when Sunny Slope Community Center will re-open. Unless otherwise noted all Week Day Classes are at 7PM, All Fly Casting Classes are at Steele Park Central and Indian School Road (Park at Central Ave Entrance) 9 AM - 11 AM



**Combined  
Calendar  
for 2008**

<b>September</b>	3	Wednesday	Basic Fly Tying Orientation & Materials
	8, 10 11	Mon., Wed. Thursday	Basic Fly Tying General Meeting
	15, 17 18	Mon., Wed. Thursday	Basic Fly Tying Board Meeting
	20	Saturday	Fly Casting @Steele Indian School Park
	22, 24 27, 28	Mon., Wed. Sat., Sun	Basic Fly Tying Outing @ Hawley Lake
<b>October</b>	9	Thursday	General Meeting
	14	Tuesday	General Education Class
	16 25	Thursday Saturday	Board Meeting Fly Casting @Steele Indian School Park
	25, 26	Sat., Sun.	Outing @ Woods Canyon
<b>November</b>	1-5	Sat. – Wed.	San Juan Trip (Vote Early)
	13 18	Thursday Tuesday	General Meeting General Education Class
	29	Saturday	Fly Casting @Steele Indian School Park
<b>December</b>	11 18 TBD	Thursday Thursday Saturday	General Meeting Board Meeting Education & Outing

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**Catch a Fish  
With a  
Fly You Tied!**  
*Marian Tallon*

Mark your calendar, plan to join us for the fall session of Fly Tying. Classes begin Wednesday, September 3rd with an introductory overview of materials, tools and fundamental tying skills. Our first hot fly for fishing Arizona and the west is the the Grand Pooah. Who can resist a fly with a name like that? We'll meet every Monday and Wednesday evening thereafter, through the 24th. It's a fun family night out, as members of all ages can enjoy a hands-on experience with expert instruction. Each night is intended to progressively develop your tying ability and confidence. We'll tie a different fly each evening so you can join at any time. It's a great opportunity to meet other members, have a good time, hone your skills and stock your fly boxes for upcoming trips.

Fly tying is the coolest way to spend the end of our summer nights and it's one of the coolest ways to learn how delightful it is to be a part of AFC! The club supplies all material and equipment and instruction is free to members. The dates are September 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24. See you at the Devonshire Senior Center, 2802 E. Devonshire, (one block north of Indian School Road on 28th Street) from 7-9 PM. Remember to bring your City of Phoenix ID or \$5 for a City of Phoenix ID. Call Marian Tallon at 602 956-4345 if you have any questions.



**STONE LAKE  
IS BACK!**  
*Jerry McGinness*

After several years of drought and a complete fish die out, Stone Lake on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation in New Mexico is back as a top notch fishery for large Rainbows. Trout that were planted spring of 07 are now in the 20"-24" range and because of the phenomenal food supply, should go up to 6 lbs.

I fished Stone Lake almost every weekend during the early to mid 1990s and found it's trout to be extremely hard striking and very hard fighting fish. (I once had a 24" bow jump completely out of the water eight times and take me into my backing twice.) I understand the lake also now supports a healthy population of large mouth bass, some of which are supposed to be monsters.

Our San Juan outing in November is the perfect opportunity to hit Stone Lake, especially now that we are all driving. I plan to drive over to the lake at the conclusion of the San Juan trip and spend several days fishing and I welcome anyone that would like to join me. The Jicarilla Reservation is located about 40 miles east of the San Juan. The lake is about 20 miles south of Dulce. There is a camp ground at Stone Lake for RVs. I plan to stay at the Best Western Motel in Dulce (phone 575-759-3663 or [bestwestern.com](http://bestwestern.com)). If you plan to stay at the motel, reservations are a good idea because it is hunting season. Bring your tubes or pontoons if you want to catch fish.

Reservation fishing permits can be purchased at the Tribal Fish and Game Office and when I fished there regularly, they were available at the Motel. I have room for 2 riders in my extended cab pickup, contact me at [gandmmcginness@yahoo.com](mailto:gandmmcginness@yahoo.com). The Tribal Fish & Game has a web site at [jicarillahunt.com](http://jicarillahunt.com). Click on fishing reports for up-to-date fishing information. I'll see you all at the October meeting and share some big fish stories from Montana.

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**FLY FISHING  
MERIT BADGE**  
*Glen Knight*

Now that school is back in session and Scouting activities have started for the fall, AFC is looking for opportunities to work with Scouts that are interested in the Fly Fishing Merit Badge. This is one of the newer badges and a fun one to get.

Ideal group size would be 8 – 12 boys and having a class on a Saturday morning would fit most schedules. Most of the requirements for the merit badge can be covered in a three hour session. There is a requirement that the Scout will have to catch two different kinds of fish and this will probably have to be done on the boy's time – easily accomplished in the Phoenix area however.

AFC has all the rods, reels and fly tying materials necessary for this badge. There is no cost to the Scout. If you know of a group that is interested, please let me know at glen.knight@att.net.

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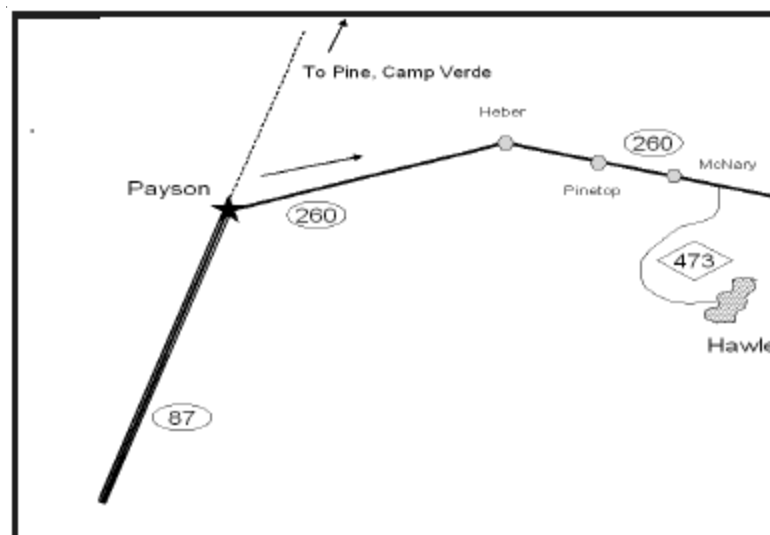
**HAWLEY LAKE  
REVISITED**  
*LINDA ALKOVE*

Did you miss our Hawley Lake outing last May? Were you snowed out, rained in, or otherwise unable to come? Here's your chance for a do-over. On September 27 and 28 we will be returning to Hawley Lake for our monthly outing. Perched at 8,500 feet on the White Mountain Apache Reservation, Hawley Lake is an excellent location for all levels of fly fishers. Expect the usual potluck breakfast and dinner while you are there.

If you intend to fish, make sure you stop at any of the places listed on the White Mountain Apache Tribe website (<http://wmatoutdoors.org/newfishing%20sites.shtml>) to pick up the appropriate permits, which run from 6\$ per day to \$100 yearly (for Earl Park Lake). The lake boasts mostly rainbow trout, with a smattering of Brown, Apache, and Brook trout. Since our outing is scheduled for early fall, we may expect to see some rather large Browns going after our flies.

For those of you who have never been to Hawley Lake, there are 125 campsites, some of which can accommodate trailers. The campgrounds will not be serviced, since the 27-28<sup>th</sup> are outside of their summer "season," and because of this don't count on other services to be available. Be prepared to pack out your own trash, and keep in mind that Pinetop is fairly close in case you forget something.

For more information about this outing, contact Phil Wagner, our outings chair person at (602) 973-7643 or [tinypil@cox.net](mailto:tinypil@cox.net).



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**CATCHING  
BROWNS:  
NOT A SURE  
THING?**

*Linda Alkove*

With the upcoming Hawley Lake trip, and with its propensity toward BIG BROWNS in the fall, I thought it would be a good idea to study up on Browns.

Paul Fishlock, who maintains an excellent fly fishing website ([http://www.fishingnet.com/fishing\\_tackle\\_tips/flies\\_trout.htm](http://www.fishingnet.com/fishing_tackle_tips/flies_trout.htm)), states that brown trout are not as easy to catch on a lure as rainbows. Of course, to a veteran fly fisher this sounds more like a challenge than a fact. Some of you might want to do a little of your own research while you are at Hawley Lake, so here is your Essential Questions: Will the Brown Trout of Hawley Lake go after the kind of Highly Professional and Realistic Lures Assembled by AZ Flycasters?

Since this trip is on the heels of some very excellent fly tying classes, this might be the time to discuss just what kind of lures a Brown might go for, when the season is right and the fish is hungry:

1. Go for imitative patterns, especially those that look like small fish. This is most effective if you want to catch older, bigger Browns, which are more fond of small fish, frogs, caterpillars, and other swimming critters. According to Wikipedia, the Browns are opportunists and are also apt to go after small animals that fall off the bank. I do not suggest, however, that it is time to make a chipmunk lure.
2. During hatching seasons, go for the usual trout flies, such as mayflies, olives, midges and caddis flies.

So the Fly of the Month for September has been chosen to accommodate the big Browns we can expect to find at Hawley Lake later in the month. Keep reading, and good tying!



**Fly of the  
Month**

*Linda Alkove*

Baby Rainbow

**Fly Type:** [Streamers](#),

**Target Species:** [Trout](#),

**Recommended Region:** [Northeast US](#),

**Imitation:** [General Baitfish](#),

**Material List:** Hook: Keel Size 2

Wing: Chartreues Bucktail, Olive and White Marabou, Rainbow Krystal Flash

Head: GSP White thread and 3mm press on eyes, epoxy. read thread for accent

**Tying Instructions:** Tie on starting and top bend of hook and work you way toward the eye of the hook. When done coat head with epoxy or similar product.

By Fasterfish, on <http://www.flytyingforum.com/pattern6954.html>

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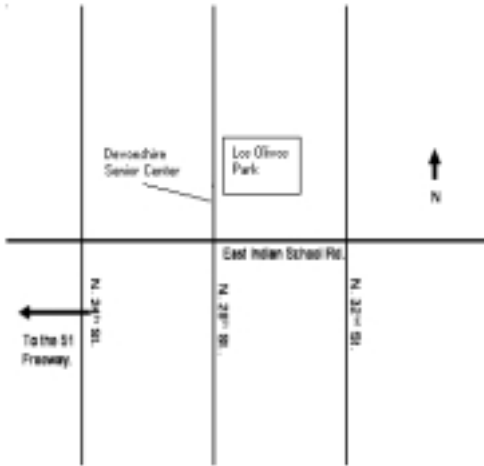
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