



SALINAS VALLEY FLY FISHERS

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THE FLY TIMES

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"Green Acres" Chapter #8

By: Clyde Green, Prez.

Great balls of mossy meteorites! Next club outing is on-mighty Merced River. You might want to make mark your calendar and make reservations for the weekend of August 17th.

If you would like some pointers, Geoff, at Central Coast Fly Fishing, used to guide the Merced and can show you fly selections, tying materials and his "Hula Hooping in waders" technique.

Bugs that wiggle, shimmy and shake will be shown at the next meeting by John Nesheim, along with Dave Gambetta's presentation on how to navigate through the SVFF website.

There'll details for the Merced outing and a chance to win a rod, but you'll have to be present to win.

I would like to thank y'all who came to the BBQ, what a blast we had! Thank you Sam and everyone who donated to the raffle, Jay for the use of your ranch, Sonny for cookin', Rick for organizing and one and all for creating a special memory !

SVFF T-shirts are going fast! They can be purchased from Sonny...contact him and he'll bring one to the meeting for you...they look real spiffy!

Good fishing and God Bless,
-Clyde

Mixed Bag for the August 8th Meeting

Dave (The T-shirt Model) Gambetta will be front and center for the August meeting. Dave has done a bunch of work on the club website and the board asked him to do a presentation and answer questions regarding using the website. In addition The Old Professor will be back for the second addition of "Squirmy Things That Crawl in the Creek". John is great at researching and organizing information and he's put together some very informative stuff about aquatic nymphs that his going to share. In addition Sonny has a Rod Raffle set for this meeting. On the chopping block is a Redington 9ft. 7/8 weight. The is a great Bass, Stripper, Steelhead, Pyramid rod.. Maybe you'll win it..

A Place or Two You Might Want to Visit



Donations For the Raffle:

We are looking for donated raffle items for the annual dinner.. Please contact any of the board members if you have items that you'd like to contribute

August's Meeting= Aug 8th.

BEGINNERS BASICS for the *Merced*

The Merced River, this time of year, is a great place to work on your dry fly stream fishing. First you don't need a big rod. A 3 or 4 weight is just about perfect. No need to worry about a fancy reels either. Pretty much anything that holds line will do. You can nymph here if you choose, but this is pocket water that is especially well suited for dry flies.. A wading staff is optional, but can be helpful. You won't need waders, but felt wading boots are essential and tungsten studs are nice if you've got them. Rig up with 7-8 ft. 5x leader. Put on a generic attractor pattern for starters, something that you can see in a size 12 or 14. (Elk Hair Caddis, Adams, Rio Grand King, or Humpy). Plan to work upstream slowly fanning short cast into the lightly broken water and scum lines. Focus on water that's about knee deep. When working deeper pool start on the shallow edges. To avoid drag, keep the rod high with just the leader on the water as much as possible. On longer cast, work on your line mending.. And ask one of the old guys to come along if you need pointers... ed

Merced River Outing:

*The Merced River is the August outing. We're taking a chance on this one, because it's a bit earlier than usual, but with the low water this year the planning committee was Leary of waiting any longer. With a little luck, it won't be too hot, and if that's the case fishing should be great. There will be a sign-up and more info at next Wednesday's meeting. You may encounter some delay at the slide which is about a mile down stream from Indian Flat Campground ((209) 379-2339.) anyone with a motor home or trailer: **Warning: no vehicles or combinations of vehicles longer the 28 feet are allowed over the temporary bridge.** So if you're bring you big RV you'll need to go into Yosemite Park through the south or north west entrance, then down the Merced river to Indian Flat Campground. This campground is about the only place to camp with the exception of some tent sites on the west side below the Foresta Bridge. Cedar Lodge ((888) 742-4371 or (209)379-2612) is located adjacent to the campground if you're so inclined. Rooms start at about \$100/ night. Both the campground and Motel have website that you can Google.. As for the fishing: standard small stream tackle is the ticket. The Merced is mostly freestone pocket water and a word to the wise: the rocks can be slippery. If you're bringing a RV you might want to call Jay Jefferson and If you want more fishing info give Rick a buz.. Both their numbers are on the front page.*

Hope to see you all there....

...ed.

Salinas Valley Flyfishers

2007 Outing Schedule and Programs

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Destinations:</u>	<u>Fish type</u>	<u>Fishmaster</u>	<u>Telephone:</u>
2-17-07	San Luis Reservoir	Stripers	Dave Gambetta	809-0290
3-17-07 ???	Hunter Liggett	Bass / Blue gill	Rick McCombs ???	385-4778
4-14-07	Pyramid Lake	Cutthroat Trout	Scott Naylor	484-9939
4-28-07	Los Padres Reservoir	Trout	Scott Naylor	484-9939
5-(04-06)-07	Rooster Comb Ranch	Bass	Mick Micheli	455-1007
6-02-07	<u>Sacramento River</u>	<u>Shad</u>	<u>To be determined</u>	
6-16&17-07	<u>Rancho Seco Reservoir</u>	<u>Bass, Trout, BG</u>	<u>Jay Jefferson</u>	<u>809-0290</u>
7-07-07	<u>Jefferson's Secret Spot</u>	<u>Annual Barbeque</u>	<u>Jay Jefferson</u>	<u>809-0290</u>
8-18&19-07	<u>Merced River</u>	<u>Rainbow Trout</u>	<u>Rick & Jay</u>	<u>385-4778</u>
Sept.	<u>Carson Pass Area</u>	<u>Trout</u>	<u>To be determined</u>	
Sept	<u>San Luis Res.</u>	<u>Stripers</u>	<u>To be determined</u>	
Sept	<u>Crowley Lake</u>	<u>Trout</u>	<u>To be determined</u>	
Oct	<u>Heenan / Carson</u>	<u>Trout</u>	<u>To be determined</u>	

The Swamp Rat Barbeque Report: the first annual Swamp Rat Barbeque was, by all measures, a success. If you weren't there this year, then you ought to start making plans for next. Now, in all honesty, there were a few hitches, Near drownings, small unintended fires, cuts, bug bites, bruises, food poisoning, little things like that, but now, can you imagine any event organized with the help of Jay Jefferson going off completely smoothly? No Way. The casting contest ended up taking a bit longer then was planned. It seems that the well placed, water-born hula hoop targets slowly dragged their little anchors and move progressively further up stream during the competition. By the time Mick Michelle and last year's champ Dave Gambetta had their turns the closest hoop was 42 yards from the casting platform. Judges; Rick and Jay started awarding style points for anyone who looked as though they might have come close to the spot where one of the hula hoops might have been. This highly scientific and a accurate judging process lead the two judges into proclaiming themselves to be the contest winners. On a serious note, Hayden was unfortunately able to be at the Barbeque. In contrast there a number of well behaved young people and spouses who attended. In all the food was great, the entertainment first rate and the fireworks - awesome. Thanks to all the 40 or so hardy soles that attended, Thanks to Sonny for organizing and barbequing, Thanks to Jay for being a great host and all the others that helped out..

-ed.

Special thanks for the support of:

Geoff Malloway

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**Central Coast Fly Fishing
7172 Carmel Valley Rd.
Carmel, CA
(626-6586)**

**Ernie's Casting Pond
4845 Soquel Dr.
Soquel, CA
(462-4665)**

Another place to go

Crowley lake

Anybody thinking about doing Crowley lake this year? It's tentatively on the schedule for September, But, I just put it in as a reminder to anyone who is partial to fishing over there. Let's start talking it up and see who might want to go. Typically, long about September, the best fishing is reported to be in McGee Bay. But there are lots of places to try. Crowley can produce big fish. Fish in the twenty to twenty-four inch range are often common with many fish being measured in pounds rather than in inches. The standard flies for Crowley include the Punk Perch, Sheep Creek, Woolly Buggers, Hare's Ear, Copper John, and a variety of midge patterns. Generally a sinking line, typically a clear intermediate sink works best, although you may want to go deeper or stay on the surface depending on conditions. 4 years ago Fred DeYoung and Bob Struve along with Rick and Frank and couple other club members had an incredibly memorable day fishing small weighted nymph (Zebra and Blood Midges and Red and Black Copper Johns) under strike indicators with dry lines. With the exception of the day just mentioned, you'll need to have a float tube or pontoon boat. The problem with the former is that the lake is big and tubes are slow. The problem with the latter is the lake get windy and pontoons get blown around more.. So pick your poison or take both. As far as rods go, a 6wt is a good choice, and a reel with a decent drag. Because of the moss and algae, you should minimize the number of knots in you leader system. Many guys will go for a straight 6-7 foot piece of 6-8 pound leader material tied directly to the fly line with a nail knot. It also help cover the knot with Pliobond or similar material to reduce the green stuff that you collect.. In past years club members have opted to stay at a condo in Mammoth Lake. There are also campsite available at the lake and up at nearby Convict Lake. If you haven't been to Convict, you should drive up and take a look while you're in the area. If you're interested in making this trek give Rick a call @ 385-4778. .ed.

Got Something to sell, give away, or need?

Fly Fisherman magazine: Complete set: every issue ever published starting in the late 1960's
Call Rick if you're interested (385-0443)

Wheelbarrow style **air compressor.** Twin tanks w/ Honda 5.5 motor. Campbell cast pump. \$ 500 or trade for Bulldog 44 Mag. Call Clyde @ 484-2394

Planning to fish at **San Luis Reservoir** or the Forebay? **Call (800) 805-4805** for current weather conditions and the water height in the forebay.
(This (800) # is a different then what I had here before thanks to Ed Given)

I'm available

Adopt-A-Highway

If you club or business is interested in adopting a section of Hwy101, Hwy 156 or Hwy 25
Contact the First Lady:
Jeanette Green, Adopt-a-highway Coordinator
831-372-1132

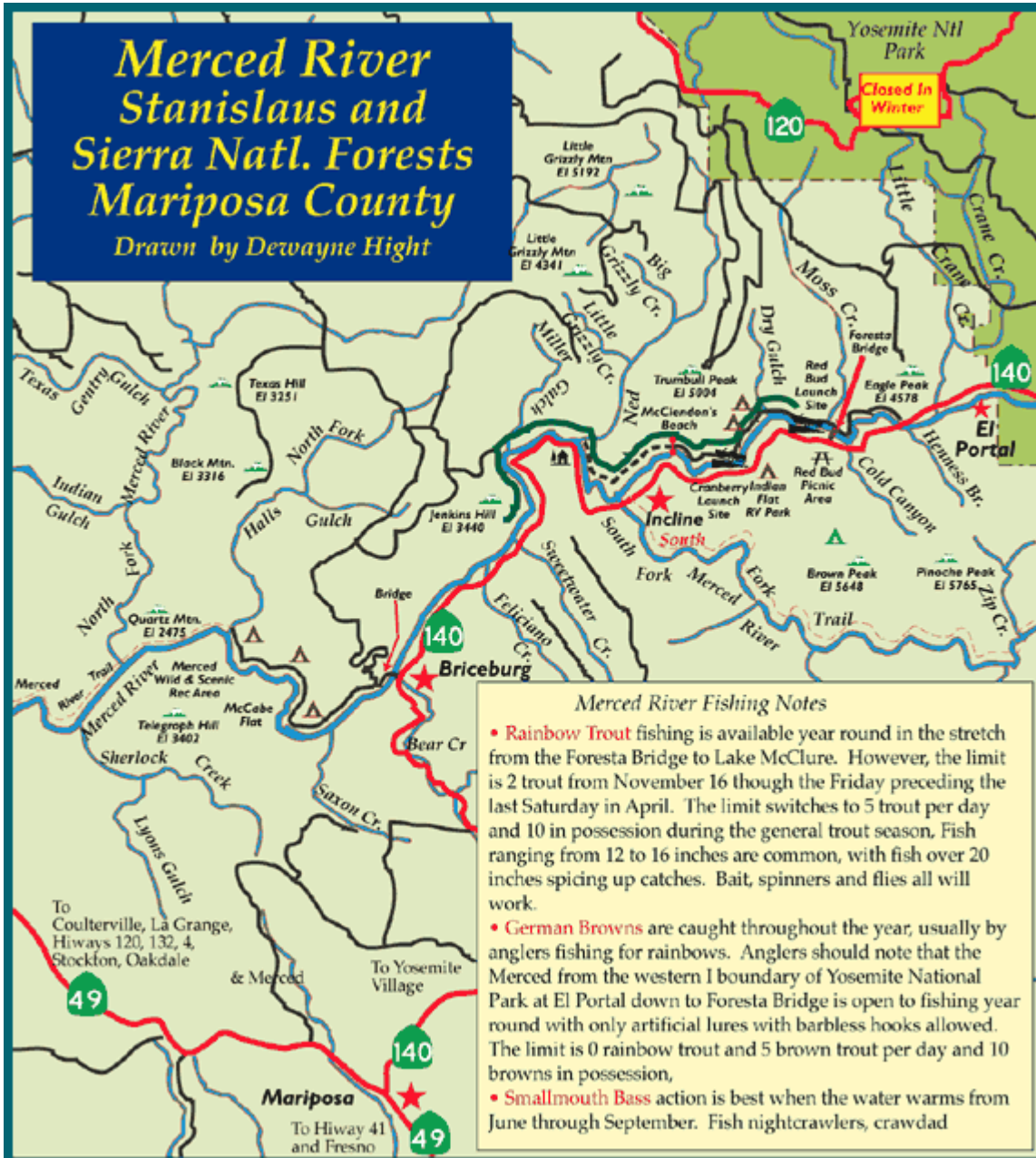
Fly tying every 4th Wednesday

Would you like to receive your newsletter on line? We'll have a sign up at the meeting or contact Dave Gambetta..424-5119

Fly tying is happening. Grab your vise and come join in. If you're a novice and need some help give Rick or Jay Jefferson a call. Remember fly tying starts around 7:00 p.m. following the Board meeting.



Map from:
The Fish Sniffer



This map was taken from the "Fish Sniffer" You can Google them on the web. They are a great resource for maps and fishing reports. Give them a try.

August meeting
@
The Community Center
August 8th. @ 7:00

**You can save the club a
buck or two by getting the
newsletter e-mailed to you.
Contact Dave Gambetta**
(pumpdokter@hotmail.com)

Board Meeting
And Fly Tying
August 22th. @ 6:00
Salinas Airport

Merced River Outing
August 18-19

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