



# SALINAS VALLEY FLY FISHERS

September 2011

## FLY TIMES

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### "Sawdust and Splinters"

By: President— Mick Micheli

#### Presidents Message:

Hi everybody, how is your summer going? As for me, well it seems all I do is work, but that's enough about *poor old me*. How about you guys? I hope you're all out wetting lines and having wonderful adventures. I hope that you'll come on out to the September meeting and share you stories with us. We love to hear them.

This month we have guest speaker Aaron Grabiell. Aaron is a guide from the Redding area. He'll be presenting a program on the upper and lower Sacramento Rivers as well as talking about the Trinity River and the McCloud. As a guides up there, he should have plenty of information and insight for us to check out. It looks like we didn't have an official outing in August, too bad, because the weather couldn't have been better. This month we have the Merced River outing

part of which will include the Marini Roast. No I didn't say weenie roast. I said Marini Roast and I'm really looking forward to this because, for one, I finally get to go fishing and second, giving Bob a weekend to remember will be "wonnafull darling". We're also planning a float up in the park on Friday, so I hope some of you get there earlier enough to join us on the "Float in the Valley". See inside the newsletter for more details.

I am still looking for new blood to serve as officers and board members so look out you are all on my list. Step up and take charge. This is a great bunch here but we need your help. One last thing, Rancho Cielo is looking for volunteers to help with a Family Day and Fishing Derby on Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>. You won't be sorry you gave a little time for this great cause. Well my friends that's it for now. I hope to see you all soon.

Take care, Mick.

#### Thinking about a guided trip on the Sac or Trinity?

Well, if you are, or have, or could, or should, then this might be a good time to beat your feet down to the little old Spreckels Fire Hall. This month's speaker, Aaron Gabriel will have plenty of info about the specifics of guided trips as well as general information and recommendations for fishing the greater Redding area. If you've never done a drift boat trip, this could be your gateway opportunity. Along with Aaron, we're going to have a great raffle including at least one white ticket drawings for a fishing rod and more. Factor in the snacks, fish stories and the comradery and there's not much reason to not show up..

## What's going on in the world of fly fishing and tying?



### Merced River

#### Merced River Outing:

The Merced River is starting to call our collective names.. **First:** be sure to put September 16th—18th. On your calendar. **Second:** Check out some accommodations at Indian Flat RV park, Cedar Lodge or one of the other hotels or campgrounds. **Third:** Get your gear ready. And **Lastly:** Be sure to come to Wednesday night's meeting to get all the info and sign up..

There are several factors that have this stacked up to be a outing that you won't want to miss. If you can join in on Friday morning, President Mick will be leading a group of members on a float down the Merced up in the park. I don't know of any members who have done this, but the river is beautiful up there with plenty of water. It's an easy float and there are guys in the club who have extra floatie devises, so let us know if you have desire but are floatie challenged. The next thing on the agenda is to take in and maybe even help out with the "Marini Roast". If you don't remember Bob was the winner of the Merced outing full on treat package that was on the table at the annual dinner. We want to make sure to make it a memorable trip in service to Mr. Marini's generosity. You can contact Jay or Mick for more info on how you can help out. Another element to consider is that the water and fish conditions stand to be near perfect for this outing. The last factor to consider if you're not sold yet is that we'll be doing some on the water clinics for anybody who is interesting in getting help with their casting, reading the water, nymphing and dry fly techniques and bugs and hatches. Here's some important numbers:

Cedar Lodge: (800) 992-4023

Yosemite View Hotel: (209) 379-2681

Indian Flat RV Park : (209) 379-2339

Call Rick for more info: 385-47787 / 320-6044

#### Fly of the month: Quigley Cripple



**Hook:** Standard dry, or light wire scud style, size 12-16

**Thread:** To match natural, 6/0

**Tail:** Marabou fibers, to match natural nymph color

**Rib:** Fine gold or copper wire

**Abdomen:** Marabou butts from tail, twisted into a rope and wrapped forward

**Thorax:** Dubbing to match natural dun color

**Wing:** Dark deer hair, tied tips forward, butts trimmed over thorax

**Hackle:** To match natural, wrapped sparsely

**Note:** the Quigley Cripple is tied in a many variation to imitate almost any Mayfly from the PMD to the Hexagenia. For a nice sample of the variations check out Steve Ojai's website

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<http://stevenojai.tripod.com/fishdist.htm>

**Salinas Valley Flyfishers\*\*2011 Outing Schedule and Programs**

September 14th.	General Meeting	Spreckels Fire House	Aaron Gabriel Sacramento River	Mick Micheli	455-1007
September 21st.	Fly Tying	Airport Board Room	Quigley Cripple	Bill Pshide / Rick Mc	424-3063 385-4778
September 23-25th	Club Outing?? Want to go?	Heenan / Indian Creek	Trout / Cutthroat	Rick McCombs Call me!!	385-4778
September 24th.	National Fishing Day	Take	Someone	Fishing	
September 28th.	Board meeting	Airport Restaurant	Business meeting Members welcome	Mick Micheli	455-1007
October 12th	General meeting	Spreckels Fire House	Ken Hanley Fishing all seasons	Mick Micheli	455-1007
October 15-16th	Club Outing	San Luis Fore-bay	Stripers	Mick & Rick	455-1007 385-4778
October 19th.	Fly Tying	Airport Board Room	Midges	Bill Pshide / Rick Mc	424-3063 385-4778

**Rancho Cielo Family Day October 8th.**

If you've got some time in your busy schedule, how about helping out. This is going to a fun family day with a barbeque and lots of fun even including a fishing derby. That's where they need our help. Please give Dave Hilbert a jingle @ 455-2443 if you have question or want to help

Worthwhile causes: The board is looking for worthwhile causes that may need modest financial support. If you know of a project especially one that is related to fishing, that you'd like to see the club support. Please talk with Mick or one of the board members

October meeting features a new **Reddington 4 piece 5wt. Rod** as a "White Ticket Item"  
(Perfect for the Merced)

For all the latest info. in what's happening in the wide world of fishing and for club activities, Check out:  
[salinasvalleyflyfishers.org](http://salinasvalleyflyfishers.org)

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# News Notes and Ads

### Thinking of Bluegill

Did you know that most bluegills seek brown-hued water, especially when they're in deeper areas, so the fly pattern must show up well in this turbid water. Two consistently productive patterns are a blue Flash-A-Bugger and a black nymph. The Blue Bugger is tied on a x long shank #10 hook and the black nymph is tied with a short marabou tail, black dubbed body and ribbed with silver wire. It utilizes a pheasant rump hackle wound at the head with a small black dubbed head just in front of the hackle. The great thing about bluegill flies is that you can use your imagination and create your own patterns. But, remember: Black and Blue. Many anglers don't realize that these color show up well, from the fishes point of view, in dark water conditions. This means both off color water and low light, early morning and at sundown.

.....Jay J.

### Fishing Notes

**Indian Creek Reservoir**—(near Markleeville) in Great shape. The water is the highest that it's been in years and there are some BIG fishing being caught

**Heenan Lake**— is open. Haven't seen any reports yet. Open Friday, Saturday and Sundays only from Sunrise to sunset until the end of October. Check the outing schedule o page three for a possible outing.

### Raffle Note:

Just in case you haven't noticed the board and the raffle committee has been working especially hard this year to make the raffles bigger and better then ever. To this end **Geoff Malloway** at **Central Coast Fly Fishing** has been most generous and helpful. When you're in the area please stop and say thanks

(Remember that the rumors that he is a washed up porno star are not true- well, the porno star part anyway)

### Buy, Sell, give away and get the word out

**Spey Rod For Sale**  
Cortland 13 ft., 5 piece, 6 weight Spey rod.  
Pristine condition \$200 to Club Member  
Call: Jay @ 809-0290

9ft. FishCat Pontoon boat , Excellent Condition. With aluminum oars and custom anchor. \$400 (10% off to club member and casaba farmers.  
Call Jay: 809-0290

Call Rick if you have something to sell

### Adopt-A-Highway

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

**Old guys!!!** For those 62 and older, did you know that for \$10 you can get a National Parks and Rec. Pass. This is good for life. Not that that will be long. This pass gets you 1/2 off camping and free through Yosemite and other national parks

### **Fly of the Month:**

**Quigley Cripple**



Merced River Outing October 16-18th.



The **Merced River** has Rainbow, Brook, and Brown Trout as well as Largemouth, Smallmouth and Striped Bass within the lower reaches to Lake McClure. However for our purposes the best water on the Merced is the Trout water that starts where the South Fork meets the main river and continuing upstream to where the road begins to climb and enters the Park Boundary. The river is stocked from the South Fork to Foresta Bridge. Upstream from Foresta Bridge to the Yosemite NP Border, it is open year-round. It's catch and release only for Rainbows and a limit of 5 Brown Trout, which there are a few of, but that you're not likely to catch. So don't be figuring on a trout dinner unless you stop at the market on your way up. This special regulation wild trout area requires single barbless hooks and artificial lures or flies only. The stream below Foresta bridge is a heavily utilized rafting area. Rafting generally end around the first of July. Before the snow melt, the fishing is good in February and March, then the river roars until mid summer, so you can try again starting in July after the snowmelt. Below the Foresta Bridge the season is also year-round, with a limit of 5 trout from the last Saturday of April to November 15th. The rest of the period is a 2 trout limit. Below the South Fork to Briceburg there is a good population of smallmouth bass. These smallies will hit a variety of flies but are especially fond of small leech and bugger patterns. As mention elsewhere in the newsletter, there are several hotels, a rather Spartan RV park at Indian Flat and a walk in camp sites. The walk in camp ground is on the west side of the river across and slightly upstream of Indian Flat. You access it by crossing Foresta bridge and going down stream a mile or so. Hopefully none of these accommodations were affected by the recent fire, but we should have more word on that at the general meeting. Most folk will probably be staying at Indian flat RV park. Cedar Lodge is directly adjacent and has a restaurant and bar if you're not into roughing it. If you have questions regarding the Friday float call Mick (455-1007). For info and to help with the Marini Roast and Saturday night pot luck call Jay (809-0290). If you're interested in the on-stream clinic or have other fishing questions, call Rick (385-4778 / 320-6044)..

.....ed. = rick

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Airport / Landing Zone**  
**@ 6:00**  
**September 28th.**

**Fly Tying**  
**Wedn. September 21st.**  
**Airport Board Room**  
**6:00 pm**

**General Meeting**  
**Spreckels Fire House**  
**7:00 pm, September 14th.**

**September Outing**  
**Merced River**  
**September 16-18th.**

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