



SALINAS VALLEY FLY FISHERS

March 2010

FLY TIMES

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"Pump Doctor's Prescription"

By: President— Dave Gambetta

With the threat of rain, Sadie, I and the trailer headed over the hill to San Luis Creek campground on the San Luis Forebay Friday night for the February outing. We were joined, Saturday morning, by Rich McCombs, Roger Caton and Paul Dobin about six a.m. After getting Paul's RV into a slot, no small feat, we hit the water. Although, to be honest, I pulled rank and was already in the water. Heck, I figured Paul had enough help. I do owe and apology to Roger Williams who spent over an hour looking for us at the Medeiros area campground. Sorry Roger! I owe you! No rain all day Saturday, but we did have to battle the wind. After a couple of short strikes we came in for coffee and brunch. Decided to give it another try and before we called it a day Rick found the only "honey hole" to give up fish. That afternoon Rick gave Paul a lesson on casting his "Teeny 300". So, if you need advice on the 300 series just ask Paul (chuckle....you had to be there). Jay Jefferson showed up for dinner and cocktails. Up again before light and chased them around some

more. I snuck over to Rick's hole but only got more short strikes to interrupt my daydreaming. Jay was able to hook one in the shallows but it broke him off to a bad knot. We all packed it up and headed out just as it started to sprinkle. All in all great fun and fellowship.

With February gone, all the shows are over, the lakes are filling up, and it's time for March Madness. We have a FHL (Fort Hunter Liggett) outing mid month and some day trips planned. Mick say he has about fifteen people signed up for Rooster Comb, so that's just about booked up. For April we are trying to get a houseboat on the delta for a weekend trip. So, ask me about that if you're interested.

Our meeting this month will feature an excellent movie "The Lost Coast" complete with popcorn and drinks. You have to bring your own Snuggly though. Looking forward to seeing you there. Don't forget fly tying on the third Wednesday of March were Richard Wilson and I get to show off our new Nor Vises that we picked up at the Pleasanton Fly Show!

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Popcorn, Root Beer and a Movie

"Rivers of the Lost Coast " will be the featured attraction of the Wednesday night meeting. If you haven't had a chance to see this informative documentary, be sure to come out. We will be dispensing with the raffle this month so that we'll have ample time to see the movie. Also come out to sign up for the upcoming outings.

What's going on in the world of fishing?



Who's been fishing?

" 52 Weeks of California Fly-Fishing"

Where to go in the month of March??
Well for starters this is the time of year for creativity and an eye on the weather.

1. Lower Sac. This is the most productive time of year on the Lower Sacramento River. Flows are down around 3400 cfs. Steelhead and Rainbow are in the system. The Caddis hatch is in full swing. Walk-in fishing is available because the flows are low compared to when the river comes up to supply the farmer with water later in the spring. March and April are prime time on the Lower Sac. Plenty of info is available through the Fly Shop and Internet.

The Fly Shop's® Tips: Attractor patterns like yellow eggs and big rubberlegs can be crucial to success with off-color water. Even if the fish aren't eating those attractor patterns, they get the fish's attention and bring them in to eat the smaller nymphs.

Bridge News: Flows are now below 7,000 cfs, so passage under the Cypress St. Bridge is open again to boat traffic. CalTrans is now placing new falsework pilings in the river on the downstream side of Highway 44 Bridge, which will be in until the spring time. So far the construction work on 44 hasn't stop passage.

2. American River. The American is in good shape right now. Flows are steady and predictable at around 1400cfs. This make for very comfortable wading. There is great access all along the river around Sacramento. Like the Sacramento there are lots of Steelhead around and the recent rains make for ideal fishing. For more information on fishing the American contact the American fly fishing. (800-410-1222) or look them up: www.americanflyfishing.com

Fly of the Month: Flash Back P.T.







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Hook: TMC 100, dry fly hook size 6-20
Weight: lead wire (optional)
Underbody: Fur / Sparkle yarn blended dubbing (or similar)
Overbody: Sparkle yarn
Wing pad: Soft hackle fibers on each side (or deer hair as shown above)
Head: Fur dub or marabou fibers
Common Color Combinations: Brown/yellow, Brown/Green, Brown /Ginger, Tan/Dark Grey

3. Little Panoche Reservoir: Now this one is on our outing list for March along with Fort Hunter Liggett. This is very weather dependent. Look for a few nice sunny warm days to get some of the bass up into the shallow water and moving around. With a little luck they'll be interested in some top water action. Admittedly this is early in the year for your typical bass fishing, but with warm weather the small ponds in particular. can be productive even in February because they can warm up fast. Be sure to take a buddy, a float tube and a 5-6 wt rod loaded with dry line. A sink tip or intermediate sinking line is also helpful here. The walk down to the reservoir is a little tough with a pontoon so that's why you'll need your buddy. There are also a pretty good variety of other pan fish here like Red Ear, Bluegill and Spotted Bass. A security note. Don't leave valuable in your car, there have been some problems in past years..

**Salinas Valley Flyfishers
2010 Outing Schedule and Programs**

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Location:</u>	<u>Subject:</u> <small>Moon phase</small>	<u>Contact:</u>	<u>Telephone #:</u>
Feb. 10th.	General Meeting	Community Center	Sam Davidson (Trout Unlimited)	Dave Hilbert	455-2443
Feb. 13th.	Club Outing	TBA	TBA 	TBA	TBA
Feb. 17th.	Fly Tying	Salinas Airport (Board Room)	Flash Back P.T.	Bill Pshide	424-3063
Feb. 24th.	Board Meeting	Salinas Airport (Landing Zone)	Monthly meeting	Dave Gambetta	424-5119
March 10th.	General Meeting	Community Center	TBA	Dave Hilbert	455-2443
March 13th.	Club Outing	Little Panoche Res.	Bass/Bluegil 	TBA	TBA
March 17th.	Fly Tying	Salinas Airport (Board Room)	Sparkle Caddis Pupa	Bill Pshide	424-3063
March 20th.	Club Outing	Hunter Liggett	Bass/Bluegil 	Jay Jefferson	809-0290
March 24th.	Board Meeting	Salinas Airport (Landing Zone)	Monthly Meeting	Dave Gambetta	424-5119
May 21-23	Club Outing	Rooster Comb Ranch	Bass Bluegil 	Mick Micheli	455-1007 424-5582

Last chance for Rooster Comb Ranch May 21-23... Call Mick.. ASAP... \$150 + Meals .

Note: General meeting (every 2nd Wednesday except July @) Fly Fying (every 3rd Wednesday @ the Airport) Board of directors Meeting (every 4th. Wednesday @ the Airport) all members are welcome ..

For all the latest info. in what's happening in the wide world of fishing and for club activities,
Check out: salinasvalleyflyfishers.org
For information regarding the web-site contact Dave Gambetta at:
424-5119 or e-mail: pumpdotor@comcast.net

Special thanks for the support of:

**Geoff Malloway
Central Coast Fly Fishing
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Carmel, CA
(626-6586)**

News Notes and Ads

The Salinas Valley Fly Fishers now have custom fly boxes with our club name on them. for \$10. Available from Bill Pshide: 424-3063

Call Mick right away!!! One or two slots left, Maybe??

Rooster Comb Ranch Outing: May 21-23

This is a great family friendly outing. Guest are welcome. Realistically we'd like to take a max. of about 15. More could go, but 10-15 is a nice number. If you haven't done this one before, its become an annual event ramrodded by Mick and Deb Micheli. They do a great job making all the arrangements including the food. The price is \$150 plus the shared cost of food. Everyone will meet up at Casa de Fruita for breakfast about 8:00 a.m. The caravan to the ranch will start at 9:00. You'll feel like you're back in the 1800's. Beautiful small pond provide plenty of willing bass and bluegill. Plan to bring your own sleeping bag and towels along with fishing gear, including a float tube or pontoon boat. A 5-6 weight rod with floating and intermediate line is recommended.ed.

Buy, Sell, give away and get the word out

Craftsman Radial Arm Saw Excellent condition with new upgrade guard and new table. \$185.
Craftsman Table Saw Good condition - \$75.
Also other hand tools - Cheap to club members
Call-Rick (385-4778)

Coleman Scano 15' 8" Transport Wheels included 660 lbs capacity, 5 horse power rated. Approx. weight 92lbs. Includes 4 vests 2 paddles and car loader Asking \$325.00 Contact Bill Pside @ 424-3063

SVFF Club t-shirts are available. Give Sonny a call or he should have some at the meeting. At last report there are sizes large and XL

Planning to fish At San Luis Reservoir or the Forebay? Call (800) 805-4805 or (209) 826-9019

New Listing:

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

Wilderness Systems Kayak, Designed for fishing, Sit on top style, 13'6" Set up with fish finder and rod holders. Excellent condition, Very lightly used.. \$ 400 or trade Call Rick 385-4778

Old Farts!!! 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.

Adopt-A-Highway

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

Flies of the Month. = Sparkle Caddis Pupa

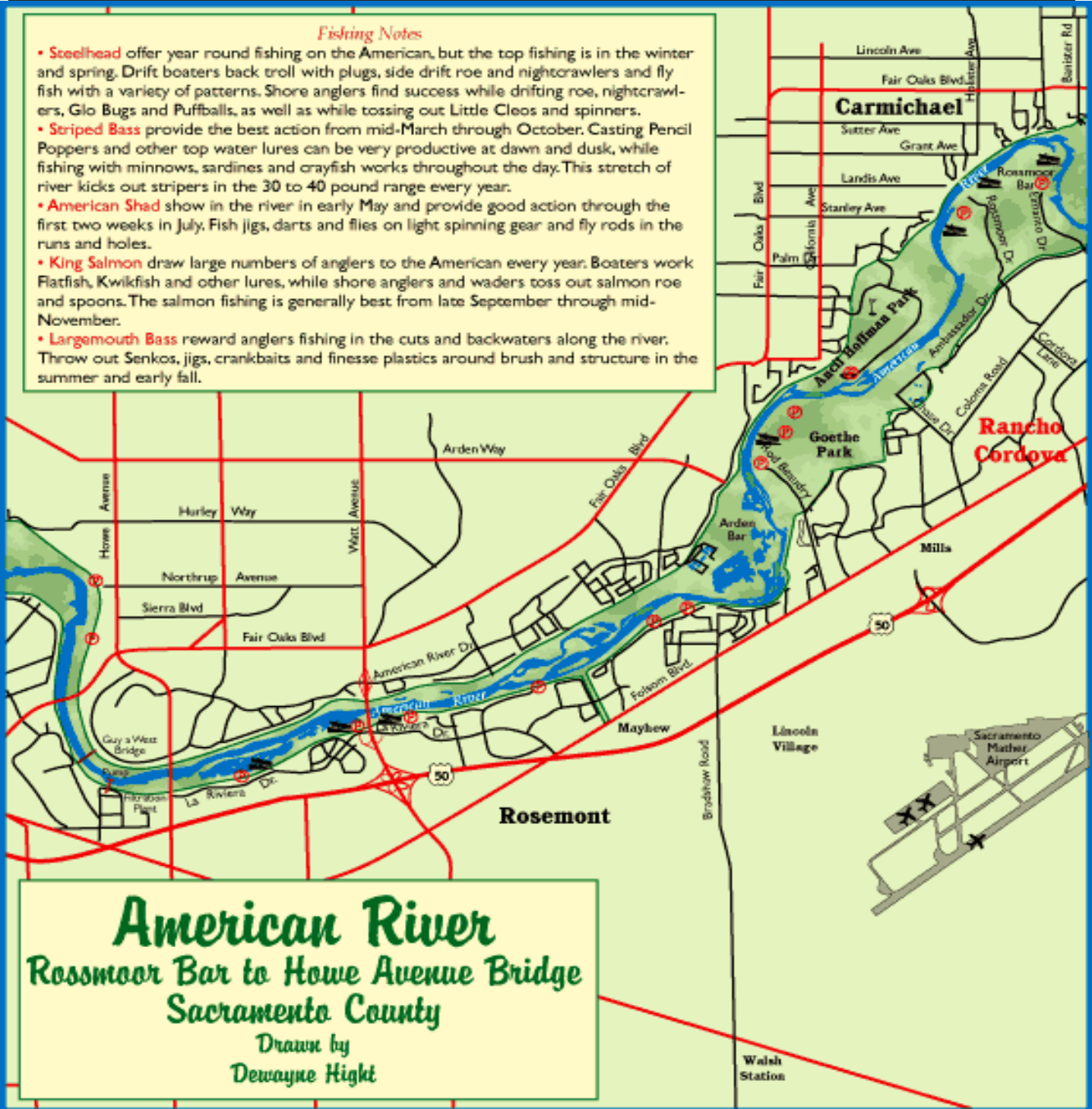
Fly Tying: March 17th.



American River: This month's recommended destination Winter Steelhead

Fishing Notes

- **Steelhead** offer year round fishing on the American, but the top fishing is in the winter and spring. Drift boaters back troll with plugs, side drift roe and nightcrawlers and fly fish with a variety of patterns. Shore anglers find success while drifting roe, nightcrawlers, Glo Bugs and Puffballs, as well as while tossing out Little Cleos and spinners.
- **Striped Bass** provide the best action from mid-March through October. Casting Pencil Poppers and other top water lures can be very productive at dawn and dusk, while fishing with minnows, sardines and crayfish works throughout the day. This stretch of river kicks out stripers in the 30 to 40 pound range every year.
- **American Shad** show in the river in early May and provide good action through the first two weeks in July. Fish jigs, darts and flies on light spinning gear and fly rods in the runs and holes.
- **King Salmon** draw large numbers of anglers to the American every year. Boaters work Flatfish, Kwikfish and other lures, while shore anglers and waders toss out salmon roe and spoons. The salmon fishing is generally best from late September through mid-November.
- **Largemouth Bass** reward anglers fishing in the cuts and backwaters along the river. Throw out Senkos, jigs, crankbaits and finesse plastics around brush and structure in the summer and early fall.



American River
 Rossmoor Bar to Howe Avenue Bridge
 Sacramento County
 Drawn by
 Dewayne Hight

This map is taken from the Fish Sniffer web site.. I encourage folks to go on line and check them out. Although they are not primarily oriented to fly fishing, they are a great resource for good, up to date info..

March General Meeting

March 10th

@7:00 p.m.

“Trout unlimited”

**Fly Tying
Wedn., March 17th.**

**@ Salinas Airport
Board Room**

Board Meeting

March 24th.

Airport Restaurant

“Rivers of the Lost Coast”

Playing on March 24th.

Root Beer and Popcorn

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