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**NOTE LOCATION CHANGE FOR OUR MEETING**

**September Chapter Meeting**

**Aloha Grange Hall #773 (basement)**

**3425 SW 185<sup>th</sup> Ave, Aloha, OR (one block north of TV Hwy)**

***Wednesday, September 7, 2011***

7:00 – 7:30	<p>President Chuck Cooney opens the meeting with the following business matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome to new members and guests</li> <li>• Update on Westbrook Clubhouse remodel</li> <li>• Sign-up sheet and logistics for the September 10<sup>th</sup> Merrill Lake outing</li> <li>• Fly Tying Rendezvous coming up on November 5<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Report from John McNally regarding fly casting and tying instructions given at the Boy Scout Venture Ranger Quest</li> </ul>
7:30 – 8:30	<p><b>Guest speaker Scott Richmond: "Fly Fishing for Carp on the Columbia River."</b> See President's Message below</p>
8:30 – 9:00	<p>Tom Wideman has lined up some more great prizes for the raffle. Tickets will be sold throughout the meeting; winners will be drawn at the end of the meeting just before it adjourns</p>

**September 2011 President's Message**

Good news. We have found a location for the September meeting! As you may know, the Westbrook Clubhouse is currently unavailable due to a renovation project. We will meet instead at the **Aloha Grange Hall #773 (basement) on 185<sup>th</sup> and TV Hwy**, across from the ACE Hardware Store (just behind the BIG LOTS Store, which has lots of parking for us to use). The Hall is not hard to find.

Lake fishing has been slow for me due to the hot weather and warm water. I am starting to think about summer steelhead fishing and I'm checking the daily fish counts over the dams. I have heard of steelhead being caught in most of the tributaries of the Columbia, on both the Oregon and Washington sides, so get out your 7wt, 8wt or Spey outfit and let's go STEELHEADING! And if you don't have one, River City will set you up.

Our guest speaker this month will be Scott Richmond. He will be talking to us about **fly fishing for Carp on the Columbia River**. Scott is also Westfly's Executive Director and the author of four books in the "Fishing in Oregon" series: Best Fly Waters, Deschutes River (two editions), Cascade Lakes, and Endless Season. In addition, he has written and published The Pocket Gillie for fly anglers, and is the author of River Journal: Crane Prairie, and River Journal: Rogue River. Scott was VERY informative and entertaining on his last visit - this is one speaker you will **NOT** want to miss. Come join us at the **Aloha Grange Hall #773 (NOTE: in the basement) northwest corner of 185<sup>th</sup> and TV Hwy**. 7 PM, Wednesday, September 7.

Chuck Cooney WCFE President

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***Fly Tyers' Rodeo***

Like to tie flies? Like to share ideas, patterns, and techniques? For the past two years we have had a "Fly Tyers' Night" on the third Wednesday of the month. Several members have been participating, but we could use some new blood as well as innovation. The Fly Tyers' Night is resuming this month. Now it will be known as the Fly Tyers' Rodeo. Whether you tie or not, come join us on Wednesday, September 21. It will be informative and entertaining – plus, you might be able to trade for flies, or perhaps receive a free one or two.

***Upcoming Events***

September 7<sup>th</sup> .....7:00 p.m., Monthly Meeting  
Alternative site: Aloha Grange  
September 10<sup>th</sup> .....Merrill Lake Outing  
September 21<sup>st</sup> .....6:30 p.m., Board Meeting  
7:00 p.m., Fly Tyers' Rodeo  
October 5<sup>th</sup> .....7:00 p.m., Monthly Meeting  
October 3-7 .....Owyhee Outing  
October 8-9 .....Crooked River Outing  
October 19<sup>th</sup> ..... 6:30 p.m., Board Meeting  
7:00 p.m., Fly Tyers' Rodeo  
November 2<sup>nd</sup> .....7:00 p.m., Monthly Meeting  
November 16<sup>th</sup> .....6:30 p.m., Board Meeting  
7:00 p.m., Fly Tyers' Rodeo  
December 7<sup>th</sup> .....Annual Holiday Banquet  
December 21<sup>st</sup> .....6:30 p.m., Board Meeting  
7:00 p.m., Fly Tyers' Rodeo

***Fly Donations***

The organizers of the November 5<sup>th</sup> Fly Tying Rendezvous, in which WCFE is participating, have challenged the local clubs to donate hand-tied flies from their membership. Each participating tyer is being asked to tie a dozen flies, which will be used in the raffle at the Rendezvous. Let's show that we have "the right stuff." We have many good tyers, and we could easily contribute more than any other club. If you have any questions contact Hal Gordon, who is helping to organize the Rendezvous.

## *Fly of the Month: "Ray Charles"*



<b>Hook</b>	Short-Shank Scud/Egg #16
<b>Thread</b>	8/0 Pink or Red
<b>Body</b>	Light Orange Ostrich Herl
<b>Back</b>	Clear/Pearl Flash-Back Mylar
<b>Variations</b>	Ostrich herl in tan, olive-green, gray to match scuds or red, orange, salmon to match fish eggs.

**Submitted by Hal Gordon. Photo by John McNally. Back by Popular Demand.** This has proven to be a very productive fly.

**History:** This fly first appeared in the fly shops around Redding, California in the late 1990s. It has become a staple on many spring creeks and tail waters throughout the world. This fly is an excellent imitation of both scuds and fish eggs. Most crustaceans, including scuds, turn orange when they die (similar to cooked shrimp, crab and lobster) and fish readily snatch them up. Fish eggs are often orange colored as well.

**How to Fish:** This dual-purpose fly is a great searching pattern. Fish it deep in slow moving water, it was designed to undulate on a micro scale. It is best fished when tied as a dropper behind a well weighted nymph. Dead-drift it along the bottom below weed-beds or spawning gravel. It also works well in slow deep runs between riffles and pools.

**Tying Instructions:** This fly was named after the famous musician Ray Charles because it's so simple to tie, even "a blind man could tie it". Fix the hook in the vise and wrap a smooth layer of thread over the shank back to the hook bend. Attach the flash-back mylar to the top of the hook. Take a close look at the ostrich herl, under a microscope it looks like a "Y", where the "v" is the feather fibers and the "l" is the feather stem. Strip the base of one strand of ostrich herl and tie the stem horizontally along the side of the hook (facing the tyer) with the stem pointing up and the "v" fibers pointing down. Wrap the herl tightly toward the hook-eye, with the leading edge of the herl stem facing forward. This will flair-out the feather fibers nicely around the hook shank and they won't be flattened by the feather stem. Pull the mylar over the top of the hook and secure with several generous wraps of thread and add a drop of cement to the thread.

### *Hal Gordon's Fall Adventure*

Don't forget that Hal Gordon is organizing a week-long outing for this fall (October 3-7). The current plan is to start at the Owyhee River and end at the Donner and Blitzen or the Crooked River. This may be your best chance to be a trout bum -- these informal, affordable "no host" trips are a wonderful way to learn new water and experience the great fishing opportunities our state has to offer. Talk to Hal about joining this great trip.

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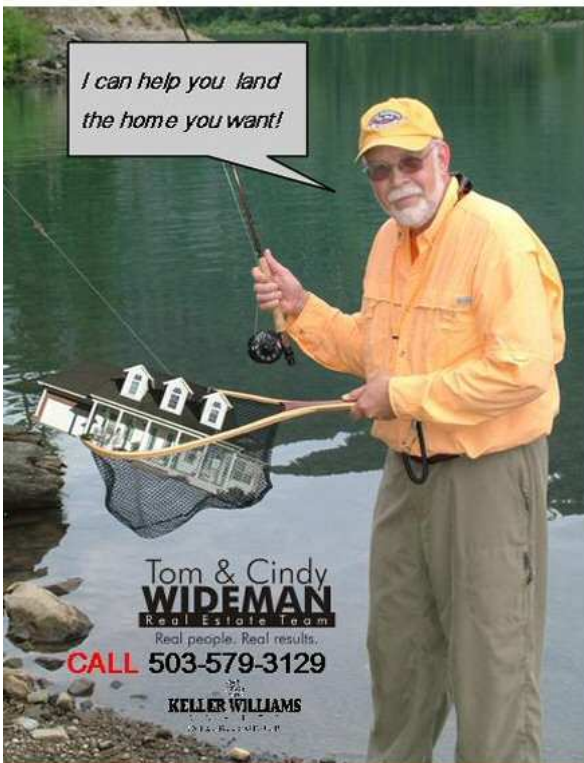
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