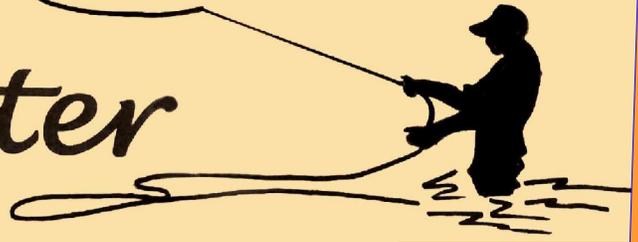




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Join in the Fun!

September 2013

President's Message

by Tom Dyer

Every summer Cindy and I look for books that will meet that criterion as "fun to read". For me it usually focuses around fishing, hiking or hunting. Cindy, on the other hand, enjoys a broader topic range. Although different in our topics, our fun to read meter must have several consistent themes:

1. Grabs your interest
2. Keeps your interest
3. Must have an ending

For me, it's fairly easy to find books that meet these themes. Some of the summer reads I can recommend are:

- ◆ *A River Never Sleeps* by Roderick Haig-Brown
- ◆ *Angler Management* by Jack Ohman
- ◆ *Death, Taxes, and Leaky Waders* by John Gierach
- ◆ *A Fly Fisher's Life* by Charles Ritz
- ◆ *Still Life with Brook Trout* by John Gierach
- ◆ *Fly Fishing The River of Second Chances* by Jennifer Olsson
- ◆ *Bug Water* by Arlen Thomason

I just finished a book that I would have never thought of as a fun to read novel. The book is called *Dark Bridwell* by Vardis Fisher. This book has a rather dark story line but the location of its plot reminded me of some of the best fly fishing I'd ever had. The story almost entirely takes place along the banks of the South Fork of the Snake Rive between Swan Valley and Idaho Falls. Locations referenced in the book include Wolf Flat, Burns Creek, Antelope Flats, Hole in the Wall and Swan Valley. All of these locations brought memories of floating large salmon flies over hungry cutthroat trout. I know that most folks would not have these same references but for me this book did turn out to be a fun summer read.

You're right, it's September and according to the calendar summer ends this month but don't despair this is the best time to fish and it's never too late for a good read. So, grab a book and take it along as you experience the best days of the year.



FLY FISHERMAN

SPECIAL SECTION
IMPROVING YOUR SKILLS



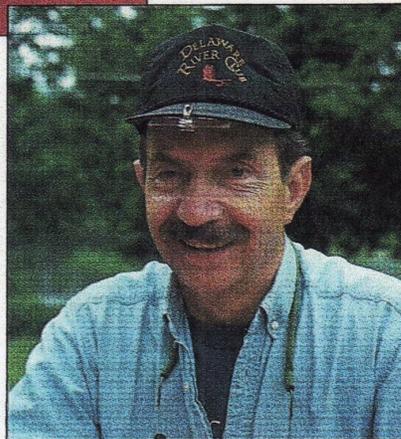
the KRAZY GLUE LEADER SPLICE

AL CAUCCI

*A simple and secure way
to attach your leader to your
fly line*

FLY FISHERMEN HAVE FOR YEARS tried to create the ultimate connection between the end of the fly line and the leader. After 20 years of experimenting with different knots and splices, in 1981 I began using an amazing Crazy Glue splice. Now I use this splice exclusively, and when Bob Nastasi, my friend and fishing partner, and I opened the Caucci/Nastasi Flyfishing Schools in 1985, we began teaching the splice to our students as part of our program. I can't recall a single case of this splice failing during a fishing situation.

I prefer the Crazy Glue splice for all my freshwater and saltwater fly-fishing needs because it's knotless. Knot protrusions contribute greatly to fouling your leader and fly into a snarly mess, especially during windy days, which are common on large rivers and bonefish flats. My experience with novice and intermediate students shows that this is a recurring problem. I prefer this splice over the popular nail knots and interlocking loops because the splice provides a smooth, single-



Al Caucci uses the Crazy Glue splice to attach leaders and backing to fly lines. Clippers, Crazy Glue, fingernail polish remover, and a tissue are all you need to attach a leader or backing to your line.

strand, knotless connection from the fly line through the tapered end of the leader.

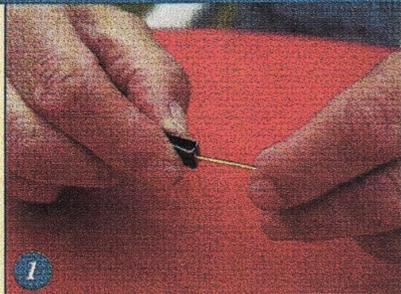
I also use the Crazy Glue splice between the end of the fly line and the backing. This gives me a smooth connection from the backing to the fly line to the leader to the fly. This smooth connection, or single-strand connection, can help prevent break-

offs when a large freshwater or saltwater fish makes a long screaming run into the backing. The absence of knots eliminates the possibility of damage to the rod or tippet breakage when a knot or loop joint rams against the rod guides or fly-rod tip-top.

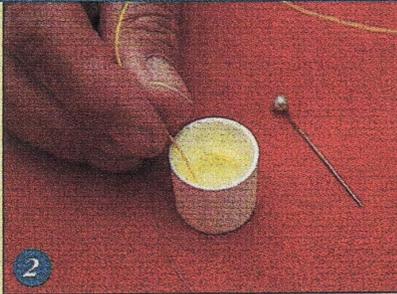
To make a Crazy Glue splice, you need a tube of Crazy Glue, a hat pin or safety pin, scissors or snips, and a small amount of fingernail polish remover. I always keep kits of these items in a ZipLoc bag in my fishing vest, at my fly-tying table, in my fanny pack (for salt flats fishing), and in my briefcase (you never know when an unexpected fishing trip will crop up).

Be sure to use a cyanoacrylate glue. I like the Crazy Glue made by Borden, the one with the green and white bullet-type Crazy Kase container with the inner adhesive tube and a piercing pin top. There are many types of high-strength super glues, some with convenient applicator nozzles, but not all of them work. None has given me the consistent results that I get with the Borden Crazy Glue.

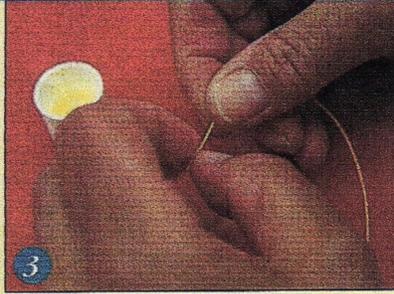
SPLICING A LEADER



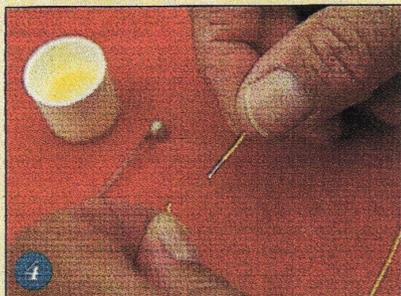
1. *Clip the end of the fly line. Pour a little nail polish remover into a convenient cap or bottle top.*



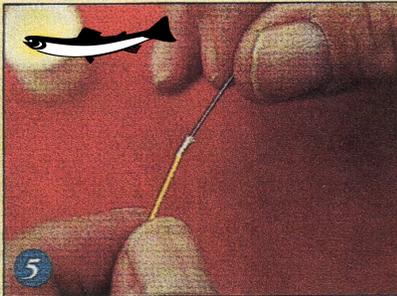
2. *Dip the end of your fly line into the nail polish remover for 30 to 60 seconds. This will soften up the plastic exterior of the line.*



3. *Scrape the plastic (now softened) exterior of the fly line away with your thumbnail, exposing the inner nylon tubular web.*



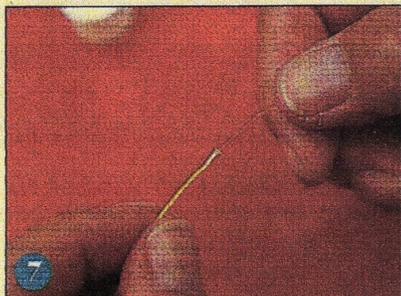
4. *Cut a clean edge on the nylon web with a scissors or snip, leaving approximately 1/2" to 3/8" of the exposed nylon web.*



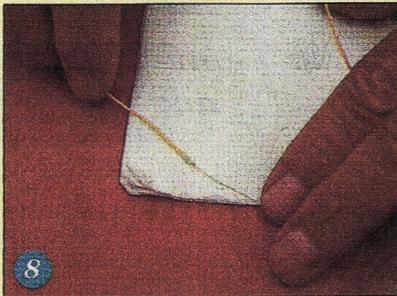
5. *Insert a bat pin or medium safety pin into the nylon tubular web and leave the pin in until you prepare your leader (this will create a nice tunnel in the web, making it easy to insert the leader butt later).*



6. *Remove a tapered leader from its packaging and unwind it, pulling the coils straight as you go. Now cut the butt end of your leader on a 45-degree angle, creating a pointed edge.*



7. *Slide the pointed edge of the leader butt into the tunneled webbing of the fly line and work it into the tunnel at least 3/8" (a little beyond the coated section).*



8. *Apply one drop of Crazy Glue over the fly line/leader splice and wait about 10 or 15 seconds for the glue to set. Blot the joint with a tissue to remove excess.*



9. *Now, grip the leader butt in one hand and the fly line in the other and give it a hard steady pull. If the splice was done correctly, the fly line and the leader will be fused together solidly.*

Splicing the Backing

Repeat steps 1 through 5 above.

6. *Unwind a foot or two of backing from your fly reel. I use Cortland Micro 20-pound or 30-pound backing for trout, steelhead, bonefish, and other saltwater species.*
7. *Dip the end of the backing (about 1") across a single drop of Crazy Glue—*

this will stiffen the backing.

8. *Cut the end of the stiffened backing on a 45-degree angle to create a pointed edge.*
9. *Slide the pointed edge of the backing into the tunneled webbing of the fly line and work it into the tunnel at least 3/8".*
10. *Apply one drop of Crazy Glue over the*

fly line/backing splice and wait about 15 seconds for the glue to set.

11. *Test the splice as in step 9 above.*

AL CAUCCI, a fly-fishing author and instructor, holds fly-fishing schools at the Delaware River Club on Pennsylvania's West Branch of the Delaware.

UV2B-SCOOBYDOOBE and other fly tying nonsense

by Perry

Just as I thought I had it all (fly tying materials, hooks and tools), just as I thought that I could finally afford coal for this winter's heat, just as I figured that my finances would be sufficient to buy Sally that new church dress she has wanted for the last 50 years, a bomb was dropped right on my chair in my fly tying room in the form of my favorite source of fly tying inspiration—the quarterly magazine *Fly Tyer*. In the latest issue was an article about a new concept of color as it pertains to fly tying, which initially did not interest me at all. After all, in my 125 drawers of fly tying materials, the entire spectrum of practically every color known to man exists in many forms. However after I thumbed through the magazine a second time, this article began to pique my curiosity. Spirit River, a small fly tying materials and supplies company from Roseburg, Oregon, has developed a series of tying materials utilizing a process called UV2. UV (ultra violet light) is generally thought of in two forms : UVF and UVR. F (fluorescence) is quite common; road signs, hunters jackets and Mike Thomas's brother Frank are typical examples of UVF. The colors are vibrant and demand attention. Florescent colors such as hot pink, hot orange, florescent chartreuse and florescent yellow are staples in the fishing industry. Consider all of the steelhead, bass, salmon, and trout flies and lures that utilize florescent colors. The theory is that if florescent colors attract the attention of humans, certainly fish are equally attracted. It matters not whether the color matches nature or not. If it gets the fish's attention, it will work.

Now that we know what UVF is about, what about UVR (reflectance). Bill Black of Spirit River explains this in terms that we can somewhat understand. What humans perceive in color falls in a parameter of color wave lengths. However, much of nature's color perception goes beyond the human parameters. For example, male mayflies have a variance in color that is UVR enhanced giving a color reflectance that will attract female mayflies during the mating swarm. Male mayflies have UVR colors during all stages of metamorphoses. Many fish are able to perceive these UVR color reflections. There are many examples of UVR in all types of nature. Raptors, which have highly developed vision, feed by following the UVR footprints of rodents. Color plays a huge part for many bird species. This is good because we as fly fisherman use colorful feathers for our imitations.

With this minimal bit of information concerning UVR, or UV2 as it is promoted in the fly fishing world, I have a couple of concerns, one being how on earth can they tell what colors fish, and birds can perceive? How can a fly tying materials company alter dubbing, etc., to have the UV2 characteristics. Will this process make all of our tying materials obsolete? Bill Black states that Spirit River is able to treat materials with a multiple dying process. Spirit River does have an impressive inventory of UV2 materials including hackle, buck tail, dubbing, feathers, peacock herl and many others. Tyers such as Phil Rowely are endorsing these products and developing patterns.

I purchased a limited supply of dubbing, pheasant tail feathers, and marabou, to make some experimental patterns. I will keep you posted if they work.

One other thing. You guys that wonder if UV2 process will make you more attractive to the ladies, just think: If you immersed yourself with UV2 juice, what would happen every time you went outside. You would be followed by swarms of nasty bugs, pecked to death by hawks and owls, and the girls couldn't even see you.



Editor's Note:

I attended the board meeting last Tuesday night, and the board has some things planned and changes in the works that I thought you might want to know about:

1. The fly rod raffle: The raffle for the fly rod will be the same as last year. Marv will build one to the winner's specifications. However, if the cost exceeds \$300, the winner will have to pay the difference. A reel will be included.
2. The 50-50 raffle: There will be no difference in the way it was run last year. If no winner is determined in any one week, the prize money will be carried over to the following week. The last meeting of the season will be the exception. Drawings will be made until a winner is drawn.
3. Kids function: In the past, the club has reacted to requests from youth groups for various workshops. This year, Mike Thomas will head up a committee to put together a schedule of events inviting groups to attend. This way, we will know in advance when events are scheduled and can plan accordingly.
4. Ask the expert: This was popular in the past and the board wants to try it again this year. Perry Kelley, Marv Orwig and Mike Thomas will be the panel for this coming week. The process will be the same as the last year it was tried: club members are asked to write down a question regarding fishing and submit them at the beginning of the meeting. Two or three questions (depending on their complexity) will be drawn at random for the panel to answer. **So, please submit your questions.** Questions that are unanswered will be held over for the following meeting and new questions may be submitted.
5. Fly tying for beginners: Fly tying at the Weiser Library will begin this month under the tutorage of Perry Kelley. Generally, these sessions assume that those present will have some basic skills of fly tying. Then, beginning in November, the club will start a "Fly tying for Beginners" session. These sessions will be open to the general public as well as members. Basic equipment and supplies will be furnished by the club. So if you want to try you hand at fly tying to see if it's for you, now is your chance.
6. Pond Clean-up: The city will soon be asking for help in cleaning up the Weiser Pond. In fact, it will probably be this month. If we can get lots of people helping, it won't be a big job.

President Tom Dyer will talk about his Alaskan trip and center-pin fishing. Center-pin fishing is the rage in Alaska and if you don't know anything about it, come check it out.

By the way, we really need for members to step up and help run the club. Some of us are getting pretty tired of seeing the same old codgers running things. We really need some new blood on the board and as officers.

Note: These are my observations that I took from the board meeting last Tuesday and should in **no way be taken as official policy of the Board of Directors**. As many of you know, my hearing is not what it once was. Sometime I don't hear at all, and when I do, it is not necessarily what was said. And when I do hear what was actually said, I don't necessarily remember as accurately as I should.—Dick Garrett



Fishermen are born honest, but they get over it.

Ed Zern, Field and Stream



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Tom Dyer's recent fishing trip to Alaska will be the subject of his talk at Tuesday's meeting. Check it



The following members have December as their due-date for renewal of membership. Please see Jim Gulu and pay ASAP so he doesn't have to get rough with you.

- Baker, Janet
- Betts, Bill
- Boots, Eileen
- Brown, Rob
- Robidoux, David
- Rogers Bob
- Walters, Rick



SEPTEMBER 2013

Coming Events

Sept 3 IFF Board, 7 pm
Idaho Pizza

Feb 12—IFF Membership Meeting—7:00 pm
Idaho Pizza

Feb 1- Fly Tying at Weiser Library—7:00 pm



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 IFF Board Meeting	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Member Meeting	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Fly Tying Library	18	19	20	21
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