



# Santiam Flycasters

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## Board Meeting

Monday, November 11

Garibaldi Family Restaurant

7:00 pm

## General Meeting

Thursday, November 14

Willamette Waters with

Michael T. Williams

7:00 pm Pringle Community  
Center

## Outings

Miami River — November 9

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## Monthly Newsletter of the Santiam Flycasters

November 2013

### Willamette Waters: Oregon's Upper Mid-Fork and North Fork Willamette Rivers

With Michael T. Williams



Michael T. Williams' presentation will illumine two of Oregon's stunning mountain rivers: the Wild and Scenic fly fishing designated North Fork of the Mid-Fork Willamette River and the Wild Fish managed Upper Mid-Fork Willamette River. These classic mountain rivers join near Oakridge east of Eugene.

Oregon's North Fork of the Mid-Fork Willamette is home to rainbows, cutthroat, and bull trout. Born at 5400' as the outlet to world famous Waldo Lake, the North Fork plummets 2400' in three miles —with 34 waterfalls. Featuring more than 20 miles of stunningly gorgeous deep pools, sharp chutes, boisterous riffles, and boulder gardens, the North Fork is accessible by road and trail.

Oregon's Mid-Fork Willamette River flows out of Timpanogas Lake (5300') in a dancing and tumultuous flow, dropping 2000' in seven miles. The ensuing twenty miles from Paddy's Valley to Sand Prairie camp, offer road and trail access to perhaps Oregon's most under-rated mountain river. Deep runs, log jams, gravel bars and flowing tail outs comprise classic "pool and drop" characteristics that rainbows, cutthroats, and bull trout call home.

Michael T. Williams is a photographer, writer, fly tyer, fly rod builder, wilderness traveler, back country fly fisher, and Oregon licensed fly fishing guide with more than 50 years of fly fishing experience.

### Miami River Outing—Saturday, November 9

On November 9, which is BEFORE our November club meeting, we will be fishing the Miami River for Chum Salmon. These feisty fish range from 5 to 15 pounds and will definitely give you a workout!

To get there, drive to Tillamook, drive North on Highway 101 through Bay City and turn East on the Miami River Road about a mile before Garibaldi (the highway makes a sweeping turn to the West as it crosses the Miami River). We will be fishing about a mile upriver at the first bridge crossing the river to the right.

Rods should be at least an 8 weight. Simple flies of chartreuse, orange, red, green, etc. are successful. Since one needs to get the fly down to the bottom, it works best to use a piece (2-5') of fast sinking sink tip ahead of a short leader (3-4') of 10-15 pound test.

These fish are entering their spawning mode, so please avoid wading through their spawning beds. If you want to carpool, meet at the West Salem Safeway (on the Edgewater St. side) at 6:00 a.m. The club will provide lunch at about 12:30.

**Hazel Marie Neznanski**

Congratulations to Matt and Kristi Neznanski as they welcomed their daughter, Hazel Marie, who came into this world on October 14. Now Matt will have plenty of time to go fishing?

**2014 Outings**

Do you have a water that you would like us to consider for an outing in 2014? If so, the Board will be drafting the 2014 outing schedule at its December 9 meeting.

Either come to the Board meeting, tell any Board member of your desires, or e-mail Ken Karnosh at [KenKarnosh@gmail.com](mailto:KenKarnosh@gmail.com). Thanks for any suggestions and input. We will do our best to again have fun outings next year.

**2014 Officers and Board**

At our November 11 Board meeting, we will be nominating our officers and Board members for 2014. The club will vote on those at our November 14 meeting.

We welcome your input on this important issue and welcome anyone who wants to attend the Board meeting to help with these selections and especially if you can become a member of the Board.

Come help us to remain an active and viable club by helping to plan our activities.

**From the President  
By Ken Karnosh**

The many fishing opportunities of the Fall season are quickly disappearing, so I hope that you were able to enjoy a few of those opportunities. Tim and I fished the Crooked River in early October and had a great time. Weather permitting, that can be a long drive but a fun day of fishing during the winter as well, with mid-day Blue Wing Olive hatches.

Sue and I visited our son-in-law's parents at their cabin in southern Utah in late September. What spectacular and varied scenery is in that area!

We visited Bryce Canyon, Kodachrome Flats, and other locations and visited Zion National Park the day before our bureaucrats shut it and most of the government down. We noted how many visitors to the U.S. were visiting the parks and know that many of them had spent a lot of money to visit us only to find the parks closed. What a political snafu!

While there, we fished the nearby "rivers" and creeks and caught Brown and

Rainbow trout and big Whitefish. Because the area has mostly soft rock, the streambeds are basically mud with only occasional small gravels. At least I wasn't tripping over big rocks, but it was a different fishing experience.

As usual, I did a boo-boo. While carrying two assembled rods out of the cabin, I didn't get the rods out of the door before the screen door slammed shut. You know the result-I broke my in-law's rod there and mine broke in the middle of fishing later. You would think I would have learned that lesson long ago!

Anyway, if you have never visited southern Utah, it is worth the trip to see the wonderful scenery. There are several national parks and national monuments there as well as many state parks. Fishing is just pretty limited there!

**Deschutes River Outing Report**

About 16 members drove the rough road to Trout Creek Campground to fish the Deschutes, plus a couple of former members. Although it frosted at night, the weather was beautiful, including a spectacular full moon all night long.

Fishing for most of us, however, wasn't quite as spectacular, with only a few fish being caught. A couple of our very knowledgeable fishermen, however, had a very productive two days on the river. Even though several of us fished some of the same spots, we were unable to match their success. On that river, it really pays to know where to fish as well as how to fish it and I, obviously, am a very slow learner!

It was a beautiful day to be on the water, as evidenced by the many others also fishing the river. Maybe that also affected our ability to catch fish as well.

Thanks to all who submitted pictures from this outing. Just a beautiful day to be on the river with the Santiam Flycasters. Photo album on next page.

**December Meeting**

Fishing the Willamette River (Harrisburg Area) with Lou Vergo

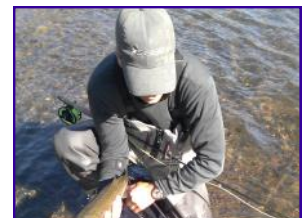
### Detroit Lake Outing Report

Six of us endured bright sunshine, calm winds, and good numbers of trout when we fished Detroit Lake on October 26. The trout were up to 12-13" and liked Woolly Buggers and Carey Specials on intermediate or sinking lines. Wish you could have been there!

If you missed it, there is still plenty of time to fish there before it gets too cold to have as much fun. You can launch your pontoon or other boat at Mongold ramp for the daily \$5 park use fee.

Detroit Lake Pictures below

### Pictures from the Deschutes River Outing



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**Board Members Wanted**  
The Santiam Flycasters want you!  
We are looking for a few good men and women. If you are interested in helping decide who our presenters are and where we go for our outings, please join us. Or, if you just want to find out what goes on during the board meetings or want to share your opinion; please join us.  
No experience needed, just your interest in fly fishing is all it takes to be a board member.

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# Fishing with the Frog

## By Howard Palmer

### Fall Fantasies

What's not to like about fishing in the fall?? We get Big Fish, left over fish, and fish that normally just don't attract our attention.

For example; have you noted the number of Carp that are visible from the Marion Street Bridge, over by the point across from the stern wheeler ?? There's bunches of them, and although they are elusive, they are indeed a poor man's Bonefish, and they are just waiting for your imitation of a Cottonwood Seed.

On our coastal rivers; await our fabled Salmon (Coho, Chum, and Chinook), not to mention the many Sea Run Cuts that are just waiting for your rendition of a Spruce Fly, or other tantalizing tidbit.

Aside from the wonderful piscatorial fellows that await your undivided attention; our rivers and lakes this time of year are alive with color that simply can not be ignored. Reds, Yellows, Orange, Brown, and Greens await the focus of your camera, droid, or Ipad, to form the perfect picture to adorn your next holiday greeting card. And last month's outings to the Deschutes, and Detroit Lake should have provided the perfect opportunity to capture the beauty the awaits our attention. This month, we venture to the mighty Miami in search of Chum Salmon. Bring your camera, as these suckers provide lots of fodder for your film.

Fishing in the fall is indeed not about the fish. Whenever you are on the river, take a deep breath, and smell the campfire. God is trying to tell you something. Are you listening? As some one's tee shirt once said: *"I'd rather be on the river thinking about GOD, than sitting in a church, thinking about fishing"*.

Tight Lines;

Howard

### Welcome These New Members!

Jonathon Mink, Salem

Bruce Sahagian, Dayton

Eric Snider, Salem

Jerry Wilks, Salam

Rose Windish, Albany

## October Fly of the Month—Michael T.'s “Percolator”

Featured Fly from our November Presentation by Michael T. Williams

- Hook: #TMC 200R (3x1) Sizes 4-12
- Thread: Orange
- Tail: Dark Moose
- Ribbing: Copper Wire
- Body: Peacock with brown-palmered hackle
- Wing: Dark Moose
- Collar Hackle: Grizzly

1. Place hook in the vise, start the thread 1/3 of the shank length back from the eye, wrapping back to the bend of the hook.

2. Take a small bunch of moose hair, measure from the bend of the hook to where the thread started. Begin tying in the tail at the bend of the hook---making loose wraps in wide spirals to gather full length of the hair along the hook shank. Wrap tight turns of thread back to the bend of the hook---continuing to hold the tail securely while wrapping. Repeat up and back tight wrapping, stopping at the hook bend.



3. Tie in the copper wire at the bend of the hook.

4. Tie in several peacock hurls at the bend of the hook. Move thread to 1/3 shank behind eye. Wind hurls to waiting thread. Tie of hurls & clip excess.

5. Tie in the brown hackle, one size small, and palmer to the hook bend.

6. Holding the hackle tip securely, counter-wrap the copper wire over the hurl and through the hackle. Tie off, leaving a short wire protrusion to bind down securely. Wind thread to the eye and back.

7. Tie in a sparse moose wing. The wing should extend no longer than the bend of the hook.

8. Tie in the grizzly hackle (two sizes small). Coat head area with cement. Wind hackle into wet cement. Make 4—8 wraps. Tie off and apply head cement. Presto! Almost Indestructible!

*“Williams uses the Percolator as a searching pattern when there are caddis or stoneflies hatching. The color could also be changed and used as a hopper imitation. Colors for the fly would be as endless as they are for the stimulator.*

*When the fly was first tied, Williams started using moose body hair for the wing and tail. Peacock was used on the rear two-thirds of the body, with a copper wire ribbing. Williams' reasoning was to make the fly as bulletproof as possible. His first attempts with the fly proved successful, but he had no idea what to call his new creation. He called his early experimentation the "peacockalator," but the name just didn't have the ring he wanted.*

*No matter what the fly was called, it was becoming very popular among his fishing friends. One evening, Williams said he received a phone call from a friend who told of having a bang-up day with that "Percolator or whatever you call it." His friend said it was the only fly that caught fish. The name stuck. I have seen the pattern mentioned by other fly fishers, so there must be something to the success of the pattern.” (from an article by LeRoy Hyatt of the Lewiston Tribune, [http://lmtribune.com/mobile/article\\_e37793c8-86cc-5ae4-a478-dffceafb060.html](http://lmtribune.com/mobile/article_e37793c8-86cc-5ae4-a478-dffceafb060.html))*



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**Membership Application**

**It is the mission of the Santiam Flycasters to promote the sport of fly fishing for all interested individuals of all generations now and into the future by fellowship, education, conservation practices, promoting research, guardianship of proper regulations and support, affiliation and cooperation with other like-minded organizations.**

2013 Membership Application

The Santiam Flycasters, P.O. Box 691, Salem, OR 97308

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Type of Membership (circle one) Regular \$25 Family \$30

\*Note: Dues are from January 1st to December 31st. There is a 50% reduction after July 1st.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Family Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an FFF Member? (circle one) Yes No

Please atell us why you want to be a member (please check all that apply):

Hear presentations on various fly-fishing topics

Improve my Fly Tying skills

Improve my Fly Casting skills

Participate in fishing stream and lake improvement projects

Go on fishing trips with other club members

Learn more about fishing in the area

Other, Please specify \_\_\_\_\_

You must sign this release each year when you renew to participate in club activities.

**Liability Release and Hold Harmless Agreement**

As a condition of membership or of participation in any activity encouraged on publicized by the Santiam Flycasters, I voluntarily assume all risks of my participation. In acknowledgment that I am doing so entirely upon my own initiative, risk and responsibility I do hereby for myself, heirs, executors, and administrators agree to remise, fully release, hold harmless, and forever discharge the Santiam Flycasters, all its officers, board members and volunteers, acting officially or otherwise, from any and all claims, demands, actions or causes of actions, on account of my death or on account of any injury to me or my property that may occur from any cause whatsoever while participating in any such Santiam Flycasters activity. I acknowledge that I have carefully read this hold harmless and release agreement, and fully understand that it is a release of liability. I further acknowledge that I am waiving any rights that I may have to bring legal action to assert a claim against the Santiam Flycasters for its negligence. I have read the above statement and agree to its terms as a condition of my membership in the Santiam Flycasters.

X

Signature

Print Name

Date