

# Main Line Fly-Tyers

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Next Meeting  
Thursday May 15th, 2008

## Serving Up Montana !



We hope you can come out and join us on May 15th to hear longtime club friend Don Baylor share his presentation entitled "Montana Sampler". Don has been a regular guest speaker at our meetings over the last few years. His presentations are well thought out and informative. As you can see from his bio below, he definitely knows a thing or two about fly fishing, tying, entomology, and ecology.

Don taught English at Stroudsburg High School for 30 years. He has an M.S. in aquatic biology, and since 1980 has worked as a biologist with Aquatic Resource Consulting. He has been involved in stream baseline and monitoring studies of fishes and macroinvertebrates throughout the Northeast. A fly fisherman and tyer since age 11, Don has published the booklet Pocono Hatches an article in Rod & Reel, and over 60 technical reports for Aquatic Resource Consulting. He has worked as a fly tying instructor and taught Entomology for Fly Fisherman at East Stroudsburg University. He served as an instructor in fly fishing seminars at Kettle Creek Lodge and the International Fly Tying Symposium. He teaches fly fishing at Indian Springs on the upper Delaware River and presents slide programs on trout stream ecology and entomology, fly fishing techniques, and destinations such as Montana, Colorado, Alaska, and northern

# Upcoming Events



May 15th	Main Line Fly-Tyers Monthly Meeting Guest Speaker: Don Baylor Program: Montana Sampler
May 16th-18th:	Trip to Penns Creek (Currently Full)
May 30th-Jun 1st	Camping Trip to Upper Delaware River (sign-up and details available at meeting)
June 19th	Main Line Fly-Tyers Monthly Meeting Guest Speaker: Bob Ballantyne Program: "The Fish and The Fisherman In Yellowstone."
Sept. 5th-7th :	Trip to Upper Delaware River
Sept. 18th-22nd	Missoula Montana Trip (Sign up at meeting or contact Mike Mancke)
October 4th:	Lake Fishing Day (date tentative)
November 6th:	Cast and Blast Outing (date tentative)



# **Fly Fishing Day**

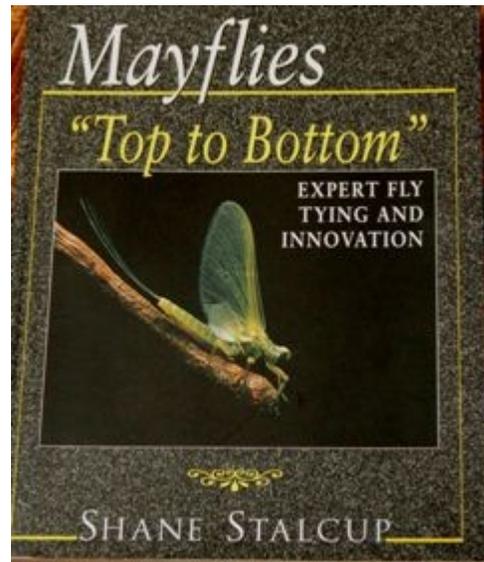
**At**

# **Resica Falls**



# Book Review

Submitted by: Dwaine Glidden



For most of us fly-tying junkies-- regardless of our tying ability and skill level—we naturally look for fly patterns that are effective yet reasonably easy to tie. But, truth be known, we'd agonize with a difficult pattern if we thought we'd be able to "score" against a finicky brown on one of our favorite trout streams. Seldom do we find patterns that meet both of our desires; effective and easy to tie at the same time. I've been fortunate enough to have stumbled upon a tying book that is chock full of some great patterns that are within most of our abilities to knock out a bunch of good flies in a single evening session. The book is called Mayflies "Top to Bottom" by Shane Stalcup. The title makes one think that this is likely a book of entomology and matching-the-hatch methodology. However this is quite misleading as the book is a treasure of information and good quick reference for every tying bench shelf.

The author is certainly of the Western-school but the methods and realistic appearance of his flies is easily adapted to our streams here in the East. Shane uses goose biots extensively and some would argue that they lack durability, but most serious fly fishermen, that might stand midstream across from a fat trout, couldn't care less about durability if the fish eagerly takes the fly and rips it to shreds in the process. He also uses some short-shanked curved hooks (Targus 2487 or eq.) and incorporates CDC feathers in many of his subsurface patterns – a method I support wholeheartedly.

The author also uses medallion sheeting for many of his patterns. I had never used it before but at this point I would have to say that I found the material difficult to work with. I had better luck with a material called Thin Skin by Warpsi. With either material I would suggest tying it down-wing or, at least, back-wing (so to speak) to avoid the fly-fisher's curse – twisted leaders.

This is a great book for every tyer's library and well worth the \$29.95 for a paperback. Don't miss the website at ([www.stalcupflies.com](http://www.stalcupflies.com)).

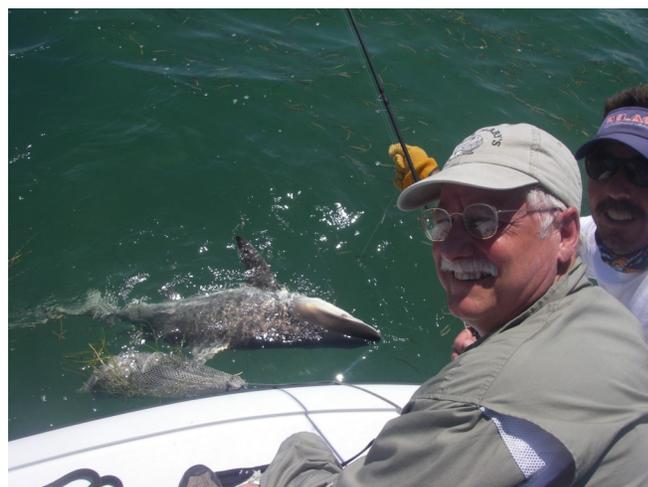
# Scenes from the **Keys**



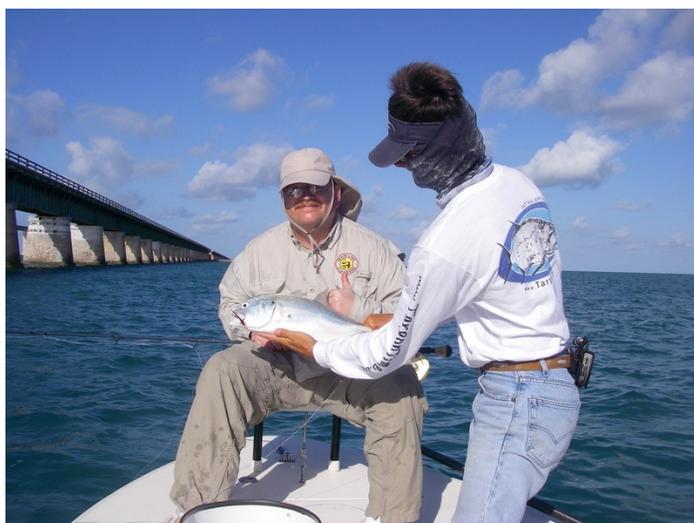
Al Working the flats



Barry showing off his Bonefish



Lee hooks and lands a BlackTip shark



Kurt scores a Permit



Nice Tarpon by Kurt

# Fly of the Month



Grey Fox

- Hook : Extra-fine dry fly sizes 12,14, 16  
Thread : Yellow 6/0  
Tail : Ginger hackle fibers  
Body : Tan fur  
Wing : Gray mallard flank-upright and divided  
Hackle : Ginger and grizzly mixed



# General Information

Website: [mainlineflytyers.net](http://mainlineflytyers.net)



## Meeting Location:

Greater Plymouth Community Center  
2910 Jolly Rd  
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

## Driving Directions:

From Pennsylvania Turnpike (I-276)

Take Exit 333 (Norristown - old exit 25). At the end of the ramp, turn left onto Plymouth Road. At the light, turn right onto Germantown Pike West. Continue approximately one (1) mile, through four (4) traffic lights (not counting the left hand turn light at Sandy Hill Road). At the fifth light, turn right onto Jolly Road. The Community Center is on the right at 2910 Jolly Road.

From Blue Route (I-476)

Take exit for Germantown Pike West (Exit 20). Continue on Germantown Pike west for approximately one (1) mile, through five (5) traffic lights (not counting the left hand turn light at Sandy Hill Road). At the fifth light, turn right onto Jolly Road. The Community Center is on the right at 2910 Jolly Road.

From Route 202

Follow Route 202 to Germantown Pike. Travel EAST on Germantown Pike, through five (5) traffic lights. At the next traffic light, approximately half a mile, turn left onto Jolly Road. The Community Center is on the right at 2910 Jolly Road.

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