

CROSSROADS ANGLERS

FLY FISHING CLUB

Founded 1994 by Armand Courchaine
<http://www.crossroadsanglers.com>

Meeting Date: February 24th, 2009, 7 PM

15th Anniversary Issue

From the President

The February 2009 meeting will be the 15th anniversary of the club, and I would like to mention two members who are in need of your prayers and thoughts. Howie DeBeck and Dick Empie have both suffered from health issues in the past and both are in the hospital again. Howie has been hospitalized for several months and is on the long road to recovery. And Dick is back in again since his cancer has flared up. We wish them a speedy recovery. Both are master fly tiers, and Dick Pearce mentioned that it might be appropriate to publish a sampling of their flies.

To help celebrate the club's anniversary we will be holding a member's only raffle for a Temple Forks outfit consisting of an 8 wt., 9 foot, 4 piece TiCr series rod. The rod will have a Prism 9/11 reel spooled with a 9 wt. intermediate line and come with a triangular rod and reel case. All you need to do is tie on a leader and fly and go fishing. A big thank you to Jake Jakespeare for his help in obtaining the rod and reel. We will be holding the raffle prior to David Porreca's presentation

We are fortunate to have Captain David Porreca of the River and Riptide fly shop as our guest speaker for the February meeting. He will be

giving a presentation on saltwater angling in Rhode Island.

The Bear's Den will be holding its annual fly show on Saturday February 28th. And we will need volunteers to sit at our booth for several hours. There will be a signup sheet at the meeting.

David Ferretti

Agenda

7 PM Raffle



Temple Forks TiCr 8 wt. Rod, Prism Reel,
9wt line, case

Thanks to Jake Jakespeare

Captain Dave Porreca
Saltwater Angling in Rhode Island

Happy Birthday, 1994-2009 Crossroads Anglers

from Armand

In 1993, when I moved to Mansfield, I met Norris Johns and Jim Manning, who were reading the latest copy of *Fly Fisherman*

Magazine. And I decided at that moment it would be great to start a club with friends to fish with. On January 17, 1994 the first meeting was held at South Foxboro Community Center. That night, since there was a terrible snowstorm, I told Celeste I would be home in a hour. I just wanted to make sure no one was standing outside hoping for a meeting. But seventeen people were waiting for me to open the hall—and I didn't get home until 11:30.

I have to thank all the officers and members who held this club together over the years since then. I am just the founder. It was the membership's spirit of sharing information, the beauty of fly tying, fishing together, sharing the joys and heart breaks of life, that kept this club going. I am grateful to you. You are the spirit and the soul of Crossroads Anglers.

I would like to take a moment and thank the members who have gone before us. They are never forgotten.



Capt. Dave Porreca

Owner of River and Riptide Anglers in Coventry, RI, and licensed guide, Dave Porreca has fished throughout the United States. But he is especially passionate about fishing the varied and bountiful waters of the Northeast. For decades he has ranged from Rhode Island's Ocean State to the rivers of New York's Catskill region, from the Farmington River in Connecticut to the shores of Cape Cod,

Massachusetts, while of course exploring and mastering the unsurpassed salt and freshwater fishing opportunities in his own home state of Rhode Island. At the anniversary meeting, he will give a presentation on saltwater angling in Rhode Island.

<http://www.riverandriptide.com/index.html>

Tips & Tricks

Rob Lurie

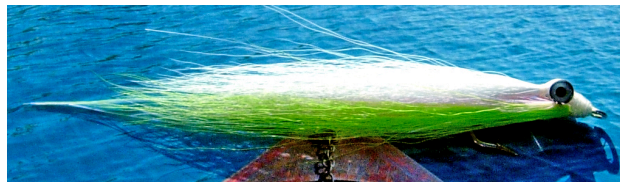
February is typically a cabin fever month. The weather can be brutal, but fly tying with friends seems to break the boredom. Bring a friend who wants to learn fly tying to our next meeting. Have an evening get together at someone's home to tie and share ideas. We have a great group that is more than willing to share.

I finally gathered enough spare change to buy my new rotary vise. I even went on line, googled rotary fly tying, and found all kinds of tricks. There is a DVD by Mike Holt called "Rotary Fly Tying Techniques." They can be seen on www.rotaryflytying.com (duh!) Most are basic ("I already do that" or "why didn't I think of that"), but worth a check to make your tying a bit easier.

Rob

Honoring Howie and Dick

Howie De Beck's *Go-to Fly Tutti Fruitti*



Howie has caught many hundreds of flies on the Tutti Fruitti, and it has been used by many club members.

Recipe on Crossroads Anglers website: <http://www.crossroadsanglers.com./tuttifrutti.html>

Dick Empie's *Mongoose*



- "It's durable: will last 100-150 fish per fly, unless lost."
- "An excellent fly all year for striped bass, blue fish, false albacore, and bonito."
- "Fish it high, fish it low, fish it everywhere you go. It takes fish. They don't just nip this fly, they eat it! 95% of takes are swallowed."

Recipe on Crossroads Angler's website: <http://www.crossroadsanglers.com./mongoose.html>

See the newsletter on the website for color pictures. Contact Dick Pearce to receive e-mail notice of the monthly website newsletter.

**Newsletter Articles welcome.
300-500 words.**

Bear s Den Show

The Bear's Den will hold its annual Fly Fishing Expo again this year on Saturday, February 28th, at the Holiday Inn in Taunton.

New Member

Welcome Bill Purrier.

Special Savings for Crossroads Members

Discounts will be offered to members of the Crossroads Anglers who show their club membership cards to the following businesses:

Captain Vern (Rob) Robinson & Son, Rock-N-Reel, 85 Seymour St., Berkley, MA 02779, 508/822-6756. He fishes out of Buzzards Bay and Vineyard Sound.

Captain Gary Swanson, Striper-Charters, 13 Harbour Hill Run, S. Yarmouth, MA 02664, 508/353-4009, CaptSwanson@Striper-Charters.com

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