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# FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS

## TWIN TIERS-FIVE RIVERS CHAPTER

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### NEXT MEETING March 5

On March 5, **Greg Heffner** will be presenting the history and methods of tying Rangeley Streamers. This style is epitomized by Carrie Stevens (1882-1970), whose flies are the most beautiful and enduring patterns ever created.

Greg is a fellow FFF member and avid tyer and fly fisherman. He is a president of the Conhocton Valley Chapter TU of Trout Unlimited, and a member of the Catskill Fly Tyers Guild, the Susquehanna Smallmouth Alliance, and the Theodore Gordon Fly Fishers. Greg is a demonstration tyer at many fly fishing shows.

Greg will be demonstrating the Gray Ghost for us. Greg's talks are always interesting and instructive. You won't want to miss this one!

Tying the Carrie Stevens Streamers



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**KEEP UP TO DATE ON WHAT'S HAPPENING** around the Twin Tiers and Five Rivers by tuning into your club's web site which is updated regularly by club pres John Lively. [www.TwinTiersFFF.org](http://www.TwinTiersFFF.org). Past newsletters and club library listings are available on-line.

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### TUES EVENING OPEN FLY TYING

Open fly tying will continue on Tuesday evenings for those interested through the month of March at the Big Flats Community Center. Tying starts around 6:30 p.m. and clean up at 9:30 p.m. For information or to offer assistance or tying ideas call Allan Podell Ph. 607-734-6257 or email [apodell@stny.rr.com](mailto:apodell@stny.rr.com)

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### FUTURE CLUB PROGRAMING

Scott Fredrick and Kirk Klingensmith are continuing to plan your club's schedule. If you have a good program to suggest - please call Kirk at 607-562-3344 or e-mail at [kklingensmi@stny.rr.com](mailto:kklingensmi@stny.rr.com)

*Mark these dates on your calendars, programs will begin promptly at 7 pm and, unless otherwise specified, be held at the Big Flats Community center.*

April 2- **Bill Kessler - Do It Yourself Bonefishing**  
May 7- **Ed Shenk, noted fly tier and angler**

The Twin Tiers Five Rivers FFF will host noted author and fly angler Ed Shenk on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Ed caught his first fly-caught trout at age seven and has tied flies for nearly 70 years, originating the flat wing LeTort Hopper, LeTort Cricket, Shenk Cress Bug, Shenk Sculpin and Shenk White Minnow. Ed also designed the double trico and double olive.

Ed has tied flies for President Jimmy Carter and fished in New York, New Jersey, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Dakota, and Argentina. Along the way he completed a degree in forestry at Penn State, served in World War II, and held a career as a land use planner.



Ed's articles have appeared in Sports Afield, Field and Stream, Fly Fisherman, Flyfisher, Trout, Pennsylvania Angler, Fly Fishing Heritage, Fly Rod and Reel, American Angler, and American Fly Tyer. He also wrote "Fly Rod Trouting" (by Stackpole) in 1988, released a video in 2000 called "Ed Shenk, Master of the LeTort", and is currently writing "70 Years with a Fly Rod".

Ed's talk, "Fishing Spring Creeks", will be a rare opportunity to gain some insight into fly fishing the famous limestone creeks of southern Pennsylvania from one of the true masters of our sport. This presentation is

open to the public. Please invite friends. We will charge a \$5 donation, which will be waived for FFF members.

June 4- **John Gaulke** - Unique Flyfishing in the Finger Lakes

Club meeting programs are also on-line on the club's web site: [www.twintiersFFF.org](http://www.twintiersFFF.org)

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## Bill Lavris Memorial

If you attended the past few meetings you know there has been some debate regarding the Bill Lavris memorial bench that Dick Paul and Allan Podell have been working toward installing. All donations must be presented to Dick Paul on or before the March meeting so the bench can be purchased and the memorial plaque engraved.

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## CLUB LIBRARY

The TT-5R Chapter has its own library. If you have books, periodicals, tapes, or CD-ROMs involving flyfishing in any aspect that you wish to donate for this program, please bring your donations to any meeting. Gary Shaw has had to resign his position as club librarian, due to his work schedule conflicting with our meeting nights. This position remains open – please talk to one of the club officers if you are interested. The club library list is up on the club web site [www.twintiersFFF.org](http://www.twintiersFFF.org).

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## FLY TYING SWAP NIGHTS

There will be another swap/cash nights open for club member's only- in case you missed the first one on Feb 20. The next one will be March 20. These are regular fly tying nights as well. Gather up all the unused fly tying "stuff" you have squirreled away and drag it to the Big Flats Community Center. Swap should be under way by 7 p.m.

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## MicroDots

These are Velcro and stick on reel bodies. They are great for holding the end of your tippet so it doesn't catch up in the body of the reel. No more lost tippet ends. A package of three normally sells for \$5.95 but you can get a pretty good discount if you buy them from the club. You'll want one for all your fly reels. See Dick Naylor for yours.

## Editor's Comments

April issue of *Fly Rod & Reel* has an interesting article by sometimes "controversial" environmental author Ted Williams on corn and Ethanol fuel. It paints an entirely different and eye-opening picture from what standard news media is presenting. Among things that caught my attention is production of just one gallon of ethanol requires 1700 gallons processing water of which 12 gallons becomes waste effluent. Then there is the question of just how much energy it takes to produce ethanol. From Ted's article it would appear that it might take a lot more energy to produce than we get from ethanol itself. Ted indicates that Federal subsidies may be the root cause why so many (well over 100) corn to ethanol conversion plants being built.

The main reasons for mentioning this in this month's newsletter is to alert fly fishermen that there may be reasons for our concern regarding stream pollution from the heavy levels of effluent discharges from these conversion plants. The other is that there may be concern regarding the possibility of the USDA releasing Federally programmed Conservation Reserve lands to plant more corn for ethanol production. If Ted is on-target with this article, then perhaps we fishermen might want to look closely at the "fine print" behind the ethanol program.

Tom R.

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## Invitations

*If you know of fly fishers living within 50 miles of the Elmira-Corning area of New York who might be interested in learning more about our FFF Twin Tiers-Five River group, let your club president or secretary know. When joining the FFF for the first time, please insert "Twin Tiers-Five Rivers" where Club Affiliation is requested on the new membership application form to become part of our group.*

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*Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter of the FFF is a non-profit group where the only requirement to belong is a current membership in the FFF. TT5R does not collect initiation fees or collect dues. While business meetings are for FFF members only, the program part of meetings is open to the public.*

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Directions to Big Flats Community Center: Exit off NY Rte 17/I-86 at Exit 49. Go south. At tee turn left onto Maple St. Follow Maple St. for approximately 0.2 miles. Community Center will be on your right just beyond the town hall.

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The Federation of Fly Fishers is a 41-year-old organization working to conserve, restore and educate through fly-fishing. The FFF is the only organization that advocates for fly anglers on all waters. *Join the Federation of Fly Fishers.* Send a check for \$35 (seniors over 65 \$25) to **Federation of Fly Fishers, PO Box 1595, Bozeman, MT 59771.** Include Twin Tiers-Five Rivers as your club affiliation on your FFF membership form to be recognized as part of the TT-5R Chapter. Join or renew FFF membership online at [www.fedflyfishers.org](http://www.fedflyfishers.org) or by phone at 406.222.9369

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