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[00:00:10] Well back. Back when I started. In the Japanese American community.

[00:00:17] The idea of vacation was to go to the Eastern Sierras to camp and fish for trout. Since. We ate them. We kill them. But my first experience with trout fishing was when they are present at Manzanar during. We. We were.

[00:00:37] Kept there for three and a half years. When I was 10 at the time and. 13 when we left. But there is one incident. That. Forever remains in my memory. There was a little creek that flowed through. The. Southwest corner of.

[00:00:56] The camp. Camp was one mile square. Ten thousand people in prison Mary. And various Creek. Would flow. To the camp or we would go there and we would try to catch the fish. Because there were trout there. And it take. As we thought we could catch them. With. A safety pin. And a line. With the river will. Stick and we put it in the stream. And we didn't have any bait so we used orange peel. Imagine seeing the work. And every so often the military police would come by. And. We were.

[00:01:42] We were very fearful of that. At that time. I must have been maybe. Eleven. And. Thinking about that. Thinking back about that. We would see them and they would have a rifle. And they would control the perimeter of the camp because. The stream came under the. Barbed wire fences and. Exit. Exited.

[00:02:06] Through the barbed wire fence. The. Only song we can. Kind of freeze. In one day. Soldier kind of. Back towards us. And. He said Here I have something for you. And he. Gave us his. Brown paper bag. And we know what to think of it. Anyway we opened it. And it had. These little wooden frames with. Big. Screen around them. Basically. The. Same. Things. They were called drop lines. We. Will focus on working with. And. I remember. Watching. Newsreels of World War 2. Where soldiers would go through Europe. And the kids would flock around. And they would. Take rations from. Their sea rations which included a. Little Bar of chocolate or.

[00:03:05] No orange wedge or something. Same kind of stuff that we had during the Korean War. And. When I when I was in the military and. I think. That. No matter what happens the American soldier had. A. Kind of soft spot for kids. Anyway we use those sayings and we never were.

[00:03:27] Really too successful. Later on. Some of us students from the high school like time made a film called the Manzanar Fishing Club. And they asked me to participate. And in that film. They. Interviewed. A number of people who would sneak out of the cab. To hike up into the eastern seers. And fish the high country lakes. And. Currently they can't. Golden trout. Which meant that. They probably would have high. Fifteen or twenty miles up. One of the worst. Passes. ONE. OF. THE MOST DIFFICULT passes.

[00:04:15] In the Sierra Nevada. Shepherds pass. It goes from. 4000. To a little over 10000. And you can see the pass from the ground. So you're here on this eastern face and this. Looks vertical. With. Barely a trail. And. Then when we left the camps. When. We go up to little to hunger Creek. We have fish there in the first. Layer and I had was.

[00:04:51] An old bamboo rod. I think I paid like three bucks for it. To. Get more money. You. Still have that. Rod. And. We would fish and I had an. One of these. Automatic rifles.

Now Reno manage herself banned or Reno. Manage. Silk wine. Would be. Easily. As. Big as a new.

[00:05:19] Kidney. I think that was a. Result. And we'd try to finish it. Basically what I did it was a fish with. Salmon eggs I ended up. A. Low 200. Creek. Which wasn't too far from where. We live. At that guy. In San Fernando. And then. I got the high school. Our friends Stone. One of my friends parents would.

[00:05:45] Take them to the Eastern Sierras. We went up there. Forcefully. Proudly. And. After I finished high school I went up there from ICE. With my brother and myself. And we went hungry. In. 1949. That's the first time I saw that spring in Spring Creek in the Eastern Sierras. And we just loaded with trout. And. Good kids. Rude kids drought using standard patterns that date lab rats mosquitoes. And. They were the best tasting trail in the Eastern Sierras which I later found out because their mother primary sources of food was freshwater Scud. And so they had. Rich. Orange. Unlike the planet trial which was. Kind. Of. White and soft. These were from and. Tasty. So 1949. And I wasn't a fly fisherman. Just. Kind of a. Kitchen eat fish in the kitchen keep catching killers. And. More Japanese.

[00:06:58] Read fish who killed fish. That's. That's part of our genetic makeup. So. I went on. 1953 comes along. And. I. Get Drafted. Army. Shortly before that I. Walked. From. The first fibreglass towards. Made by a company called Shakespeare.

[00:07:25] And I took that with me to Germany or had my mother send it to me. So we were initially stationed right near the Black River. In Bavaria. Which is. Kind of a. Place of. Extreme. And we tried fishing and there weren't very good at that. But I met. A person from. Harrisburg Pennsylvania. And. Name was John you're. Article. And he was a fly fisherman. From. The Pennsylvania. Limestone Creek section. So we decided. To. We would fish the Pyrenees. Since. I was a big Hemingway fan. And wanted to fish the streams Hemingway and fish. But. We couldn't figure out which streams they were because in his fiction books he doesn't have the names of. Anyway. Since I was a sergeant at that time I could own part of an automobile. So we had this old Ford Anglia. And. Who went to France. Friend of mine was stationed there but left the Pyrenees. We're going to find the names of the rivers. We took our army here. But fence and. And we met some Basque fishermen. Since I. Think it speaks. No street. Mexican to Spanish. And. Instead studied French in. In high school. They can get by. I remember.

[00:09:10] Trying to fish those streams and not doing very well. They aren't very good at it. I was 22 years old. Didn't know that much about fly fishing. And. Leave the military. Come back. And. Find out. It's a fly fishing store in Santa Monica. Wilderness. There's a hardware do your hardware which had all kinds of. Mustard books.

[00:09:43] Equipment. And those kind of became my aunts. By that time I decided that.

[00:09:54] We would. I would teach myself. To fly fish. And.

[00:10:01] In those days there was no one to teach us. I remember meeting. Net Gray. Up in Montrose. Using. All the old time fish and what few people I've ever met. That. Was born in Mammoth Lakes. Which became a mecca for fruit fly fishing enthusiasts in eastern cedars. I think of. All the people. Along the way that I support respond with. With. The guy in Williamsport P.A. And. Yet a fly shot. It's. In. A range of issues. You've got to use this material to make your leader switches. Mason are not. Tried all kinds of farmers finally developed one that worked really well for me. Since. Some of the people I met were using

these 22 foot leaders. And they were Kyle Carson. Was a throw them down really hard. And the leader would kindly be in a mesh. And as a leader would unwind and the fly would flow. The moment they put the fish they would run backwards to take. Slack out of the leader. And. One of the. Fellows on. Fly fishing. Strong concrete branch. My son swears. He was Bill Lawrence. And he introduced me to a fellow named Cliff wanted who had a fly shop in Sacramento. And said Santa Monica. And those two guys. Really. Had a profound influence on me. Because one day I saw Jeff on the street.

[00:11:54] And I was just knee size 16. Thanks. Cliff was out there with a friend of his. His friends. Are. Not. To us. He. Is a kid. Open your hands so open up my hands. It took out this box and never seen it before but a little glass. Lids on those caught a weekly fly box. In the empty tool and dumped them in my hands. And. Every fly in there was. A size coin. Or. Two. And they all had trimmed.

[00:12:30] Back. Does that really worry you. He says. It works because you gotta remember. Back. That. We didn't have these genetically engineered necks. We had the ones that came from Asia. Kobe. India game. X. And you could get maybe. Does an. 18. Or 20. You know you can buy an. Extra two three dollars. And I found that by trimming them. That they worked for me and I developed a couple of flights that were. Really well over the years. With that. And. So gradually I started reading books about fly fishing. At that time. In the L.A. County library's. You could. Get books that were not in your library. By. Filling out a postcard and they would mail it to you telling it in right. Oh there were seven books on fly fish in the library. At that time. This is the 19th. He's. Probably the one that.

[00:13:40] Had the most influence. On me as a fly fishing. I was raised to construct. And I read that thing and reread that thing. And. I thought. I'm gonna fish. Every one of those streams and read very. And. By that time. I. Joined to Hot Creek branch. I had. Seen a fly played on the. Wall.

[00:14:16] In the office. I saw a whole bunch of steelhead flies which I'd never seen. According to the manager. Tied by saying. And in those same Gray was a fly fishing. Later on. Refloated. What. Was in the end of that experience. Where this house was. Go from.

[00:14:50] The Rogue River. The Rogue River was the name of the stream. Anyway took a float trip down the road river. Just to see Zane Grey's house. Which was on that river. And it's primarily a salmon steelhead fishery. But. The point. Went. When. As.

[00:15:11] Time goes by. And. You get to understand. How to fish with trout. And probably a cliff. Why. The bill answers 22 foot leader. Was. A great. Eye Opener. For me as a dry fly fish. Because I remember it just was Chris has been gone since the 1970s. That cliff would always tell me. Greg. Will. Kill.

[00:15:45] Gray. Is your greatest enemy. around the edge of the table. There was a. Millimeter of space along the. Now a cigarette bought enough. Japanese American. Kids. He's a. College student doesn't know too much. And. Goes into a shop and. People say that he was. He was assaulted trust a little guy. But he was always kind to me. And. Every time I had a. Problem I couldn't figure out. Why. He would. Kill me but sit down and.

[00:16:46] This is what you do.

[00:16:51] Along the way there's the sum of five for sure. They're willing to share. Their expertise with other people. And. It's been sort of a guiding principle my fascination. With the things I. Tried a bad. Song.

[00:17:10] For instance. People ask me what. Why do you use that three way run. With a six way double to remind. The. Minister. That Rob would cast. 22 feet. Leader. You look down and see. What. You mean. Just leader. You see. Yeah. Just the weight of the mind. In the. Then at 22 feet a leader. When. Mended Properly will give me. Up to 30 feet of drag. Free drift. When.

[00:17:51] They look at me. You a somewhat ask. As. I don't believe you. And. I remember. I used to teach a fly fishing school. Your. Branch. And. Took them down to one. To place one. Concrete. Floor and get it 30. Plus straight three. That's incredible. And I showed them. Which is. He says that is for. And. 11 cars three fish it that fly. And the city you've got to set it you've got a set it's a no no. I want to show you how this stuff works. I still use it.

[00:18:40] And I'm trying to teach that to a number of people. How you use. It to make tune for it later. If you can't use 22 feet. Start at 15 feet. And I have a formula that. That's available. People can use but. It's it's a leader that is. Has. A remarkable. Degree of success. And as both clips said. Drag is your greatest enemy. In a drag freefall. Is your greatest friend. So over the years. I've tried to teach people. How to use that. That leader and I've developed a number of patterns that work. Extremely well on. Awkward. The killer. Hot Creek merger. I tried to have some people in. Montana to use on. Pipkin lake. During this. The. Gulf. Preseason.

[00:19:47] Incident really worked well. Later on. They told me Oh we gave it to the fly shops and now they call it that. Hat Creek. Park.

[00:19:58] Pretty good emerger. I said no that's that's. Simplest fly in the world to tie. I can tie one lesson five minutes. And they're highly visible. And highly effective by number at angle. Sending me an e-mail once. He's. Trying to catch his fish. Been in dreams during area of. The South. Plant. One of them work and I looked at my flying box and there was this radio flyer that he had given me. And Carson out there and whammo I heard that. That crowd. Says. Damn it doesn't look like anything it works on the screen but. It's one of those patterns. This works. Nearly everywhere. All you do is change the body size and body color. Because. I'm. Firmly convinced that the. For dry fly fishing. Theme. Two important factors. Our body size. And body color. Can be worse than what. How do you know that. And I've taken people. To hot creek. Where I know their official name. And I will take.

[00:21:10] Heart Creek a emerger in a size 18. And I know they're not going to hit that. And. I will. Take one with the peacock body and maybe one. With a rusty done body. Maybe one the PM the body maybe a appealing doll and body. But they're all six millimeters long in the body. And are cast over. The fish line. And official stay at the bottom. But for one of those ads. One of those social slightly rise. And. When that fish slide big rises. We know we got the right body color. Or we don't have is right folks. This. So then what I do is I reduce it. Maybe two body sizes. And then maybe I catch all six of those fish. But. It's. What I find in fly time today.

[00:22:14] People make it too complicated. There's too much mumbo jumbo.

[00:22:21] It's a very simple way to save lives. And I don't teach any pattern. That doesn't work. I'm not. An artistic flyer.

[00:22:31] Quite tired. I'm not. A tire. That. Believes that. The more complicated the fly is the better or worse work. Flies are very simple. And. There are only two things you need to know about fly fishing. One. Is. Pattern. And the other is. Precipitation. That's all you need to know. Pattern and presentation. Presentation is. Three way line. Double taper six. On. Three weight rather. With a double taper six lined. With twenty two feet a leader. That's presentation. With. A 30 foot drag free drift. Pattern his body color and body size. And. I've. And reasonable success. Nearly everywhere I fish. Using. Those basic principles. You know I go to. And. They've got a rockin with screen. Everyone refers to it as masses rock. Because it's one of the places where I just. Love to place a fly. To diversion currents that form a V. And they come together. And just at the junction of the three years at a nice fish line. And if you can get that. Perfect drag free drift through there. Because the interior of the V is really slow. And the two conflicting currents. So drop that fly there and give it a big upstream. And. Little man's until that flight. Right down there. And the fish. Comes up very slowly.

[00:24:25] You set the hook. Know what I teach. Is when you set the hook with a long leader. He's you raise a rod horizontally. You don't pick the tip up. You raise it horizontally. And you throw your arms straight up. And you take the fish downstream and you release it. So even though you get the Alpha fish at the. Apex of the two currents. You're going to get the other fish that are falling upstream from. People will say. How do you release those fish. Simply. What I. Call is apocalypse. I. Only use one. One dry fly when I fish so that. When you catch a fish. You bring the line and the fish and the fly up to the tip top. And then you give them a little. Jab forward. And. If that doesn't release. Cook. You give it 180 degree rotation. And you jab at. And said. Well what do you do when. There's a big fish. Whenever you see me lying on my belly. Next to the screen. I got a big fish and I'm releasing. Because I believe that. You should never. Take a fish out of water. Never. And if you do. You should only take him out of water as long as you can hold your breath. However. I have a hard time releasing 13 or 14 inch fish.

[00:26:11] Because that's the ideal size for real. If fishermen cut the head and tail off that fits perfectly in a scale it. And there are still times on catch and release streams at. I still have to resist that urge. I remember when we could.

[00:26:36] Catch keep fish. One time I was 20. And 15 and 10 in California. And in. In the old days. The fishing game rules were. If you hook a fish you had to keep. That was the rule. And then on hot creek there is. No. Let me go back. I went to Oregon. And fish the legendary trout stream. And. Notorious. It was the first catch and release stream in the US. And I said. Have. Thought at that time that that makes a lot of sense. Because you kill all the fish. And there just are not going to be more of them there. I mean even today where I can keep fish I still feel fish. People ask me well. These employee fish when the new one river down their bishop or you kill fish I said Yeah fishing is just as good. There is that it is up below. Pleasant Valley Dam which is catch and release there five miles a catch and release. And that's where all the fly fishermen go. Well. I have a former student. Of mine lives in Bishop. And we have spots in the lower zones right outside of Bishop. Three. Three miles. No one's there. And we can keep this. But. This. I can. I can understand. This notion. Of catch and release to preserve the quality of the fish hatcheries. Or the fish population. Initially I I resented the fly fishing. Clubs on my stream. They put too many people on the trout streams. And then. In 1976 we moved back to San Fernando Valley. And went into to fly Charmaine a. Fly Fishing Club. So. Check it out. I've been a member

of Sierra Pacific ever since. And they were talking about catch and release. The good part the good part about catching witness on that screen. Is I experience something that. Very few people. Will ever experience. It is a quality. Of the taste. Of. Native trout that are caught on hot creek. I've eaten hundreds. Maybe. Thousands of. When you when you think about catch and release. And you want to keep up with the quality of the fishery. I think it's a good thing. Aren't the only time in my life. I didn't like it. Was the last time I went to the sand. And I can't release the fish. That it six puncture wounds in its mouth. And. The. Company. Is going to have a closed season on. Water. Because their fish is going to die. And I will yell at people. On the street and all the fish out of water. To. Take pictures. It's. It's something they don't understand. And. When you get a larger fish on. Your line and you play it too long. Now watch people play the fish too long. Simply because they don't understand. You got to force it in. And. I must admit. That. When when. When I fish entries for. Castles fish and there. Were that three wait right. It takes me a little longer than a guy with a six or eight Rod. But I make certain that I revived the fish when I release. So. When you think of catch and release as. As a philosophy. We don't have enough of catch and release. But at the same time. I believe that bait fishermen have just as much right to this stream as we do. Maybe because. It's. It's been ingrained in me that we fish. Well when I was a little kid my uncle was an avid deep sea fisherman. And he would take me out to the barge. And we would fish from the barge and basically. We. Were. Fishing. Cut up pieces of mackerel on a book. And. But. That was exciting. Because my father worked all the time and. You know my my my uncle's kids were a little. Sore. I was his fishing. Partner. And fishing partner. Yeah I guess so. So when his kids got old enough I took his my nephew. From my cousin. Fishing with me. Any fish would be for many many years. It is think about. What. Fly fishing means you are. I was lucky because I was a teacher. I have summers off. And at a little trailer and I get to travel around the country. Each trip would be four to six weeks. Because at that time. They had this. Tax provision. Or you could deduct educational travel. As an educational expense. So you take your mileage. You couldn't. Take your meals. Because you had to eat. But you take your mileage accommodations that sort of thing. And then. In the. In Los Angeles Unified School District. After you got six points you get us. You. Know. I think it was 14 points. You got a salary raise but for each week of travel. Up to six weeks. You could accrue that or you could take college classes to get to the top of the salary schedule. So that's what we we did. In. And I look at my kids and one of the things they tell me. I have two sons in their 50s. That they wish their kids had a child that they had. Because we traveled all over. In one year we took a 10 week trip around the country. I got to finish. The yellow breeches in Pennsylvania. The battery chilling new york. Post of tonic or House of tonic in Connecticut. Oh yeah I was. It was marvelous. Oh action the fish that a great Smokey's during that. They found girls. And. They never are. They were both high school athletes saw it and in time. And. In one of the things I did when they were little as I coached them in baseball and basketball. And saw. Their great love as basketball. And they played well into the early 50s. But. You know. When you play in your 50s you're going to get those Achilles tears.

[00:34:41] And that's what both of them had. And. While my grandchildren. Are playing basketball. I have a 15 year old who plays high school basketball. Have you introduced any of them deficient.

[00:34:54] No. No. Then their eyes are different. They're very structured. Because they make a lot of money. My kids. You know. They make a lot of money so everything is a class. Everything is. Paid for. Experiments. And. Since the older two were girls they had no. Experience and. Only one. Grandson. He doesn't have time to go fishing. And. Basically. I call my son. I would only take my grandson if my son comes along. And. He don't get to.

[00:35:40] It's his war cabinet minus substance. He just does Mr. And you know I've thought about that. But they don't have the time. To become a skilled.

[00:36:00] Fly fishing person. You have to have time or you have that desire. And. It's rare that you meet a young. Young person. We had we had a. Couple of fellows. Mexican Americans had joined our club. And. They made it their. Priority and recreation. One of them become. Super fired. Actually of all the people I have ever been around that I've taught fly tying to. He picked it up the cautious. But that's only one. But then again when I meet older people. Usually. Have a conversation with something like this. God I wish I'd pick this up years ago. And I look at this. You didn't have the time. He had a family. It's an expensive sport. It's not an expensive. And. Work. But if you listen to me Don't buy anything until you talk to me. And. Tell you if it's worth the money. And I understand. There's a drug. That's out there that's my favorite right. It's a Tier 4. Lefty Gray Special. Three wait for peace. That thing or cast. While I have 45 feet of line on my. My real put her chest fall 45 feet of it. With. A single haul. Not a double haul. And it will cast. 22 feet. Of leader. And it's a semi parabolic Rod. Which means that the. Top section is very limited. The middle section is still. In the bottom section bands. Which gives you that car for the long distance. They don't make rods like that. Ya. York talk to the people at Sage. I met the vice president sage. Vice Chairman of production. Said can you build a rod like this. At that time I was using. The. Thompsons Thomas special drive flying. Four and a half way ride. With six six or eight land only use a sixth grade line and what I do is. I go to shows and look for. A Rod that will handle that six way right. Why and. Basically I'm dealing with four and three lead rods. And. I was using her for a. Year for that. That they discontinued. Was 150 dollar rock. With mango some magical rye. And. I went to a show to complain to a. REP. Is. We got this three way. You might want to try. To get up there. MARTIN Clarke this thing casts beautifully. There might have been. Five or six years ago. Lefty craze. Three way. For peace. King I think it is.

[00:39:30] The BTK run. Those are lefty crazy issues. I love Lefty. Lefty. Lefties. I've watched him. I was amazed that he said. No to media his celebrity status. He would spend. More than. What was required trying to teach people how to cast. SHARP One on One.

[00:39:51] One on One. And. To me he represents. Maybe one of the. Best things about fly fishing anarchy. In this sport. There are people that. I have great admiration for. I think. Doug Swisher. Maybe. He was the first one Baretta. Profound influence on. Fly time for me. Gary. La Fontaine. Is. The other person. That. I. Think. Of the two people that I've met and seeing what they've done. With. With. That skill. In fly fishing. You know a lot of people talk about it. They talk about being raped by fishermen.

[00:40:54] In writing books. Much of it just a rehash. Or it has all been printed. But. The. Look. And Gary stuff. And Doug's stuff. They they they are. In my book. In the pantheon. Of. Fly fishing. Day to day. They are. Maybe there are other people art marine animals one of them. Yeah. Or. Great Britain. But I never met Ray for my. I would have.

[00:41:27] Liked to have met him. Just as I would like to have seen Joe DiMaggio and Ted Williams play baseball. But. Again. I got to see Willie Mays for a long time. As a baseball fan. To me he's the greatest player I've ever seen. I did meet Ted waves. Wow. And. He. He was at the local Sears store one morning. And a friend of mine was the assistant manager. At that store he calls me up.

[00:42:00] On a Saturday morning so much you've got to get down here. Jeff Wise is the man's here. They say. Who's the match. Come down here. Meet the man. And Ted Williams there. And it was. Just he had signed that million dollar contract with Sears. Particularly in the J.C. Higgins sporting goods. Ted Williams and that seemed to me that. Ted Williams fly around. So I got to talk to him for. Maybe 10 minutes about fly fishing. Wow. Yeah. There was. A seminal moment in my lifetime. Because not only is that. My. Great baseball. With. An avid. Well the first thing about flies is that. Your always. Shop. And. They will sell you flies. That they.

[00:43:05] Think should work. And when they don't and you meet. I have this philosophy about fishing in streams. And we have to go to New water to fish for three days. Because during those three days we will learn a number of things one. But the patterns are. To what the emergency is. What time the emergency are. The most important. You're gonna need someone who really knows the. Fish that spring. And and you may do it the first day you might do it the second day. My good third day or you might not do it at all. But you're gonna meet someone who knows that screen better than you do. So when you meet that person. He knows what pattern work. So you go to the local fly shop and they're out of that pattern. So you take your fly tying kit with you whenever you go fly fishing. So that you can tie. The pattern. That's gonna work on that. Stream.

[00:44:13] And sometimes you don't have the material. Perhaps it's. We used to use a pattern on hot creek called the gray sage. In the gray sedge was hard to see. And. The fly fisherman friend no Kobayashi was known as Kobe. He had a hard twist which he had a hardware store in Bishop California and probably was. The best known fisherman on the lower Owens. Because he fished over 300 days a year. And. One day we were messing around and we read this article. And. Some fly fishing magazine or. Somewhere. That said. It. Indicated that there was this synthetic material. Which is point nine five but density of water.

[00:45:06] Is called polypropylene yarn. So we went down to the hand we were supplying L.A. Which was a place where they sold stuff for. And. They had. Some of that not in there. And you can buy a full scan of it for 99 cents. And. So. We. Bought a whole bunch of them. Over the years I've probably gone through. Eight or 10 skeins of that stuff. Because I give it away. And. We experimented with it. In the middle of the fly call Kobe's killer. Which is basically. An imitation used for a little Yellowstone's. And. It. Worked extremely well. Which was a body cover. We found that. Certain sizes were better than others. And it dawned on us that that yellow body should be the same as Link. As the natural. And it would work. It didn't make any difference what the configuration was. Because a Kobe killer didn't float that well. I decided that I would tie it. In a Palmer fashion using India Gamecock. You. Know what I did was I trended. And trim that flat. Even with. The gape of a book. So when it rested on the water. That worked as long as the body was yellow.

[00:46:44] And I figured one used Brian Haskell since I had a lot of it. Ginger Haskell and cream Haskell at that time were. Really soft and didn't float things as well. But Brown tackled them. And. So that was so. I took this. Fly call of a great surge. Which is basic. Gray yarn body. With Brown Haskell. Armored. And with. Imitation wood duck. I. Know. Turkey with. Turkey. Which was hard to see. And. So I tied it with Holly aren't on the body. Armor. To.

[00:47:26] Trim the hack off. And then I use. Cream. Barley arm. For the wing. Which.



[00:47:33] Which you could see. And it. Started working. And I made it in different sizes. And. They had a little. Insect on that screen. Which we call a gray says. Five millimeters in the body. So. I tied it with.

[00:47:48] Peacock curl on the body. And. So we call that the killer heat. And to make it visible I use like done Haskell. And I used. Cream. Falling on. Tight flat on the top. And you could see it from a distance. It was like a Griffiths mat. With. Cream. Wing. Which made it visible. And it worked. Extremely well. And then I started figuring out that. If you trim that hack or even. Parallel with a game if you cut it even closer. And it rested in the film the fly would work better. And then I discovered. Dub. Care. Because I didn't like deer here because it was it was just wasn't durable. Know discolored elk care and so. I'm being pushed. Swishes book. So I tend to fly with. Just pick up curl body. And with. Health care. On the wing. And I fished it. And. Look at it in the water and it would. Float. Flat. And in fact. At that time the very Dunne's came out. With flair that you know dear hair all the way around. Was a lot of work. So what I do is I just bunched it. And tied it in. And. I would. Have found this. For some reason on the.

[00:49:27] Front end over now. It's a real light. Health care. And you wear a tie that. You're. In. Well she was. A five mm body. And. For some reason I put only a five millimeter wing on. I couldn't see it. As well. So eventually I measured that five millimeter and had a seven millimeter wing on it. And I could see that thing. And it was thought really well. But the beauty of it was. That the body. Would. Float. And it diagonal in the film. So it was actually under the film. And that thing would. Really Work. And you could see it for miles. No matter how small the fly was. It didn't make any difference how long the elk hair. On the pattern was set that made it float. And. So I started experimenting with color. And when and when I got to the frying pan. All I do is go a frying pan anglers. And I bought that. Kind of a maroon ish red. Material that they sell for their PM D. And. Since I blend materials you know with the coffee grinder and that sort of thing. I could duplicate that. And then since I know the people at Solitude. I can get their flies for. Reasonable costs. And. And I use the patterns that they recommended or that they tied for the fly shops. Say the fly the. The frying pan anglers. In the salt. But then what I discovered is that the patterns I tied were better than at patterns that were sold commercially. And I had this notion that they work better. Because they presented a different appearance. Because the ones that were sold in the fly shop made they saw every day. But when they saw my patterns they were just a little bit different. But the body size were the same. The body color was the same and they were tied either as a parachute. Or. As. A hot creek merger. And. They they seemed to work extremely well.

[00:51:52] Oh and my time in life. You know I I know. I don't have that much more time. I would hope there are people out there. Who can continue. The effort to salvage trout streams. But. With his new administration and the persons in charge of. The environment. I am very pessimistic about that. We can't have a person. In charge of protecting environment. Who is suing. The environmental concerns. I've always felt that we get the kind of leadership we deserve. Whether I like it or not you know. Basically I'm a social democrat. I believe government should help people who can't. Those who can't help themselves. But. But at the same time I realize that. Not everyone. Has that philosophy. If you get me angry enough maybe I might do something. But at my time in life.

[00:53:18] It's not worth getting angry at anything. But. I think the organizations. Anyway I hope the organizations that exists now. Federation. Rather limited Cal trout. No. Just just as I. Don't remember the guy who put those those fires in my shirt. I mean you know after Cliff died He died in 72. I would ask people who were. In that. Who. George V for instance.

He's gone now. But. I have remembered George one day. Coming up to me and says I got some this show you.

[00:54:10] Got something to show you. I see. George is it these bamboo rod you're building says no yet not a bamboo guy. You don't care about bamboo.

[00:54:21] Yeah. Come on. Really surprised. So it brings in his box and I look at. It. Cliff why it's play time box. I'm beside myself.

[00:54:33] George where'd you get that. This is. I bought it. From his daughter. Wow. Yeah. And he opened it and the old India game clock next in there. And. And. In these thousand. Yard spools of silk thread. Because. If when you're learning to fly fish you go in there. And. Since. To me he's kind of a he was to have. An icon. And I went under by. Spool of thread. He charged me two dollars for the thread which was 25 cents at that time. Is it. Why is this one so expensive. This. Six thousand yards of silk footed. Wow. That's a bargain in there she says. Yeah it is. So this is my entire. Salute. And he says to me you got buy tool. As. It lives. We've got to have a white one which was crème. Is it. Wise so you can tell whether the red flies or gray flies. You see. I was standing. As. Well. Is. Black Flies on Black to on dry flies and white threw it on like flies. He said. Okay.

[00:56:04] This gift why I'm telling you this stuff's so important to schools. I eventually use them all up. But the problem was that they were silk so they weren't that strong. It was. When Herb Howard came out with his. I'd been using. It called Danville now. I've been using those ever since and then I used nothing but. That is. Exciting. Because I like them because they tight flat. Are you sufficient San Gabriel. Not until I. Heard gunshots up there. And. Any gun scream you'd see. Diaper. Diapers in the stream of people camping along. Tossed some beer cans into the street. And.

[00:56:54] So I wouldn't go up there on a weekend. You only go on a weekday. And. It just became unendurable to go up to the San Diego. And we used to go up to pirate Creek. Below Pyramid Lake and fish there. And one day we saw these Asian guys with a net. And. Me about. That. That. That's kind of disappointing to. So you have. A fishery that. Is devoid of fish. And you have officially. You feel is. Unsafe. In Southern California that seems to be the case. In the Eastern Sierras. They've managed it much better. But. You know. With the New Zealand mud snail. The waters. In a hot creek is. As. Six weeks some really bad times. When there used to be six thousand. Fish per linear mile. Last year. Shock to scream. 50 yards only two 200 fish. So. You know. You extrapolate that. It's undergoing hard times and right now. The fish in high Creek this bass is involved in real. Since.

[00:58:44] Private water. And it's. It's a. You can't put purchase fish in there. In other words he can't buy from. Commercial fish hatchery and stock the ranch. With those fish. Only department of. Fish and. Fish and. Wildlife it's called. Kim. Can plant here so they plant and above the ranch and below the ranch. But they were smaller fish. So this year. All the fish we caught were relatively small. In may take three or four years for that stream to come back as it. Has an elite. Stream. Because at one time I thought it was the best dry fly fishing stream in the country. Because you could drive fly fishing. Every day of the season. You would do extremely well. Because you could pound up. Relatively shallow. But I noticed that. The growth of grass in the stream has declined because the deer now. Clean the stream. And. The freshwater stuff.

[00:59:56] Disappeared. The patches. Just a trace of what they were. There was a time when you would breathe and. Pray all morning done so when you fish that stream in the 80s. Is. Then a. Job killing one in the 90s and it. Damaged the fishery. And. Then. When they. Dumped the water from. Of the Oblong into the screen. That damage. They built. The new holding ponds. At the fish hatchery that damaged it. And. And then. The recent droughts. Played havoc with that. Scream. It's it's it's. It's a gorgeous gorgeous green.

[01:01:01] You know I have a lot of favorite places. What are some of the. The frying pan. The frying pan. The first two weeks in August. And where's the frying pan. It's in Colorado it's a tributary of the roaring fort which is a tributary of the Colorado. The frying pan below you die reservoir or. They they. One day. In the first part of August. I fished that stream for six hours. Which is.

[01:01:41] That probably caught and released over 100 fish that day. And they had. Six distinct patches I recognized all of which I had the patterns for.

[01:01:56] The next day I didn't leave the condo. It's. It has a magnificent green gray and PMP edge. The PND is unlike any other. In the country it's kind of a maroon each pink body. Which reflects.

[01:02:15] The red sandstone in the area. Like the Missouri up around Craig. Like that a lot.

[01:02:30] Like the fish the grass edges or the grass patches. I. Like rock.

[01:02:37] In Montana. It's it's it's gone too difficult for the last time was there I. Difficulty getting up and down the sides. But. Since a friend of mine has a house there. I like it. I. Like the Clark Fork. Which. Goes.

[01:02:58] To Missoula first time. Well one more time with the fish I love my motorhome worked on. An arc in Missoula and it in the walking distance of a fish right under that bridge.

[01:03:12] The fishing was good. It skirted. That's great. I know there's almost too many to name right. In. The one place I want to go to and fish that I never got to. Was it. Was in Colorado was a Tampa. I. Was going to go and I fell and I injured my knee and foot and I couldn't go. When I want to go to the amputee. Because if. My friends told me it was well the best police fish rivers.

[01:03:47] In the country. But. Once they put it in a magazine which I don't know if they have or not. It suddenly becomes. Overcrowded. But what I've learned is. As you travel around the country fishing if you fish Monday through Thursday. The beautiful streams. I have the full intention of going. Fish a little tricky next summer. Which is tributary of. The Truckee River and. In. Northern California in Nevada. It's. Truckee is.

[01:04:30] His favorite dream of mine. In California. In Oregon. Maybe maybe. Militarily this is my favorite spring stream. I think the most beautiful stream in the country. Materials. From. Camp Sherman. Beautiful beautiful screen. Craig. The canals. In south central Colorado. He's a great stream. What happened was Ed came to our club to talk about fishing difficult waters. High water. And what I plan to do is I'd planned to go to. Colorado. To fish to south. South Fork.

[01:05:32] In the green stream section. Well that spring they had so much water that. Guy on the House don't come. There's no place to feed. I guess it was a maximum became to our club. When. Someone told him about this long leader I used to fish when he was interested in that. And. He said. I'm going to come to Colorado after Labor Day. Because a water will be official. Who says Look me up. And.

[01:06:12] I looked him up. And it took me to. Living mile. Canada's. Section. He said this is my favorite spot. Good. There are no guides here today was. So we went to the stream and. Since I'm. The last 10 years or so I carry a stool with me I have a strap. And. I hang it from. And. I. Seen on the screen. In the stream is gin clear. And. I don't see a. Thing working. It's not 10:00 yet. Look.

[01:07:09] What happens at 10 paces. Wait and see. Ten o'clock came. And the most married. With since. Everything. I've ever seen. Descended on that river. And suddenly the bottom of the river were black with fish. And I drew an imaginary line. Across the stream. In maybe. Five yards upstream. Yeah. No trying to count the fish that were in. The stream. And I counted 13. And then. There. Have to be a rock. So about 30 feet out. And. There is a channel on the other side of a rock. With another rock. In the Alps the fish was in that channel. And it's crying because you can get your fly there and I can't. And. Luckily I caught that fish.

[01:08:15] But I had never ever seen a spinner fall. It's gone. You know you can almost breathe in those guys. And then. When it ended.

[01:08:28] It ended. The screen was last seen pure. I don't know where those shoes came from. I don't know where they went. Yeah.

[01:08:42] That's great. Yeah. And then what he did. He showed in his other favorite places. So you know it's it's it's. It's people like Ed that. Make this sport enjoyable. Because he has no ego. Have a good time on the screen.

[01:09:09] Any day on the stream is a good time. It's not whether you catch fish or not. Well. One of the. Best things I've ever experienced.

[01:09:21] On the street occurred on heartbreak this might have been 40 years ago. I. Remember this old guy. And his wife. Walking by me. And it was section above. The Lonesome Juniper. Purse. And. It's a. Typical spring creek. And. There's a. Half Moon rock. On a bank. Just above their. And. The wife would sit on the boulder.

[01:09:53] And in those days they didn't bother about wading in the Stream. Now I'm not pretty. They ask you not to be discreet. But I remember this old guy going out. Some up there and he'd wade up the stream and. Non-fiction catching. Fish. He. Saw happening. Back and. Talked to the lives wife sitting there. Reading the book. And. Gradually moving up there. And get up there and I started talking to some you know this is. Really a marvelous thing that. You come up here. With your husband and. He comes. Make certain that. What.

[01:10:35] You're doing the lawyers sitting on the edge of the screen. Know that that really pleases me he says. She says. You got it all wrong. She said. She says to me Bill Ford can't see well enough to have the tires lights up. Nice. See ya. Yeah. Good. Good things can happen John. Sure. Yeah it's great. Really good things. Yeah. So. You know fly fishing this. Is. It has been. One of the things in my life. That that's. Given me.

[01:11:15] A great deal of pleasure. Tried to pass on as much as I can tell other people. I like to fish with everyone in the world but. I don't have that kind of time.