



LT ROBERT R. WILLIAMS, IV
"POOH BEAR"

**FIGHTER PILOT. AUTHOR LECTURER. WARRIOR, CASUAL HERO
WORLD TRAVELER RENOWNED PISCATOLOGIST**

**WARS WON
BULLIES BESTED
MIGS KILLED**

**DRAGONS SLAIN
BARS EMPTIED
OR FILLED**

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HOWDY BOO,

I SURE HOPE THIS LETTER FINDS YOU IN GOOD HEALTH AND DOING WELL. YOU PROBABLY DON'T REMEMBER ME BUT I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU. WE MET IN 1981. MY COUSIN MARK FOWLER AND I SPENT OUR COLLEGE SUMMER FISHING AND CAMPING IN YELLOWSTONE. EVERY 4 OR 5 DAYS WE WOULD POUR OUT OF THE WOODS TO YOUR "TROUT SHOP" FOR MORE TIPPET, FLIES AND ADVICE. WE CAUGHT FISH TOO, LOTS OF THEM, EVERYWHERE WE FISHED. WHAT A GREAT SUMMER!

I GRADUATED IN 1984 FROM UNC AND MOVED TO WEST YELLOWSTONE, DETERMINED TO CONVINCCE YOU TO HIRE ME AS A FISHING GUIDE. AS YOU KNOW, THE TROUT SHOP HAD CHANGED HANDS. I DIDNT REALLY LIKE FRED SO I ENDED UP SIGNING ON AS A SURVEYOR ON THE MADISON ADDITION NORTH OF TOWN, GAVE ME MORE TIME TO FISH ANYWAY.

WINTER FINALLY CAME AND I FOUND MYSELF COLD, BROKE AND UNEMPLOYED. UNWILLING TO DO THE DOLE BIT I VENTURED TO BOZEMAN AND ENDED UP JOINING THE NAVY. SAD BUT TRUE.

SO HERE I SIT ON THE U.S.S. INDEPENDENCE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PERSIAN GULF HELPING KEEP AN UNEASY PEACE. I AM AN F-14 PILOT AT THE END OF WHAT HAS BEEN A LONG ARDUOUS TOUR OF SEA DUTY. ITS HAD ITS COLORFUL MOMENTS AND A WAR BUT NOT MANY TROUT STREAMS AND NO ELK. I HAVE ORDERS TO MERIDIAN MISSISSIPPI IN OCTOBER TO BE A FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR IN THIS ADVANCED JET SYLLABUS, SHOULD BE A NICE CHANCE TO BECOME REACQUAINTED WITH MY WIFE AND SON.

ANYWAY, THE OTHER DAY I WAS BORED ON THIS FLOATING PRISON AND WENT RUMAGING THROUGH THE LIBRARY. GUESS WHAT I FOUND YOUR BOOK. THANKS. IT REALLY TOOK ME BACK. FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS I WAS SLINGING BITCH CREEKS ON THE MADISON INSTEAD OF SWEATING MY ASS OFF ON THE FLIGHT DECK.

I DECIDED TO LAUNCH A MISSION BACK TO MONTANA FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS AS SOON AS I CAN GET BACK TO THE STATES. UNLESS SADDAM MISBEHAVES BADLY I SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE IT TO MONTANA BY 25 OCTOBER I PLAN ON STAYING FOR ABOUT 3 WEEKS, I HAVE SOME WELL DESERVED LEAVE

COMING. I ALREADY HAVE MY HUNTING TAGS AND PLAN ON BAGGING AN ELK AND CATCHING SOME BIG BROWNS. I WOULD STAY LONGER BUT I HAVE A BIG SURF FISHING TRIP PLANNED ON CAPE HATTERAS STARTING 20 NOV.

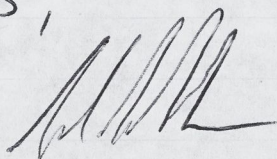
I AM INTERESTED IN JOINING YOUR WESTERN RIVERS CLUB AND WOULD LIKE SOME INFORMATION REGARDING BEST BETS FOR FISHING IN THE TIME FRAME I MENTIONED. I REALIZE THAT THE WEATHER WILL BE A MAJOR FACTOR THENY BUT I AM SO FLEXIBLE THAT IT WILL BE FUN REGARDLESS. I WANT TO BOOK A COUPLE OF FLOAT TRIPS IF THERE ARE ANY AVAILABLE THAT LATE IN THE SEASON.

PLEASE SEND MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION TO:

LT ROBERT R. WILLIAMS III
FIGHTER SQUADRON 21 CV-62
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THANKS FOR HELPING TAKE MY MIND AWAY FROM THE MIDDLE EAST, MAYBE WE COULD GET TOGETHER FOR A COLD BEER THIS FALL.

TIGHT LINES,



February 16, 1970

Dear Bud,

I've been working on your fly stocks and decided it would be a good time to get together a master list of the complete spring order to you. It is about double what your 69 Spring order was, but there are also a lot of new patterns this year.

Like last year, you may pay me in 3 payments over 90 days if you wish beginning March 1 or the total amount March 1, whichever you like.

I will speak to my pin base supplier next time I can catch him in town. He runs an art and hobby center here and in several other Oklahoma towns.

The letter you enclosed regarding my streamer flies will be answered, but I am completely swamped with your order till late spring as of now. I'm putting your order on first priority basis and then will do others if there is time. But I will write Art ? and give him a price list. Several other tackle shops have written me lately asking for my flies, but I'm not able to produce enough quality flies now. I've been working with several tyers here to duplicate my patterns, but so far out of 6 or 8 only two have met my standards. It would be so easy to drop quality and bring on the quantity, but I haven't gotten that hungry yet.

Bud I'm enclosing a xerox copy of a letter for your attention. Keel Fly Co. wants me to take out a franchise of course. They have held up all my hook orders since November till we worked out an agreement. I surely hope it is going to be worth all the trouble I've had with them. It does look like they will write me a fair contract now, you should have seen the first one they sent me. It was like signing my soul over to the devil.

Speaking of Keel flies I will be sending those last as I will the other new flies, and getting you the established patterns first. I know you won't be getting the orders for the new ones till late March anyway.

I was really impressed with the Airline promotion plan you sent me. That is a hell of a deal for West Coast sportsmen. You are going to be very busy!

In my spare time I've been working out an estimate of the art and photography work you requested. I will send that estimate to you in about a week, with it will be a detailed outline of the contents. I think you will be pleased, it will solve most of your classroom problems. I wonder if you will need black and white shots of the various pictures and illustrations for the Fenwick text? If you know please inform me soon. I will probably begin work on this project when I get an OK from you on my cost estimate, the package will be in your hands my mid-May.

DAVE

~~E-BURE~~ FISHING LURES

1969 SOUTH AIRPORT ROAD • TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN 49684

February 11, 1970

Mr. Dave Whitlock
3709 Dana Drive
Bartlesville, Oklahoma

Dear Dave:

Sorry to be slow in getting back to you, but Dick Pobst was out of the country and I just finished talking with him today.

We've reviewed your comments regarding the Franchise Arrangement and in virtually every instance tend to agree with you.

Dick is in the process of rewriting his original draft and will accommodate most of your suggestions. It should be ready in about two weeks. In the meantime, you certainly have tentative approval to proceed in the tying operation.

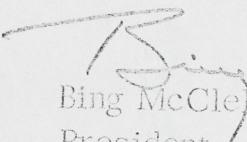
Your order for hooks is being processed and they should be there within a day or so after your receipt of this letter.

One question should be emphasized as far as the use of the Keel Fly name is concerned. It is a registered trademark and I wish you would caution Bud Lilly that when he prints the catalog containing Keel Flies that they be listed with the standard reference used by all businesses. He has our O.K. to use the Keel Fly name, but a notation should be made in small print somewhere that Keel Fly is a registered trademark of the Keel Fly Company. If you will pass this along to him, I would appreciate it.

I'll be out of the office for a couple of weeks - going to fish with some mutual friends in the Florida-Bahamas area. Will see Stu Apte, Lefty Kreh, and spend several days with Al McClane at Cat Cay. Should have some more on the franchise information when I return.

Best personal regards,

"Lures truly"


Bing McClellan
President

BAM:ah

Dear Mr. Dilly,

I can't thank you enough for signing this book for my father. This will be a special book to him and your signature will make it even better.

His name is Nelson Wing.

You met dad through a Trout unlimited dinner in Michigan in the early 70's. He fished with the ^{Wing}Case family. They still visit the area every summer. I'm sure this doesn't help place my dad but it must be nice to know how you really influenced some fly fishermen.

Thank you again,

Sincerely,

Julie Wing-Fitzgerald

[Aug. 25, 1988]

Dear Mr. Silly,

I am thirteen years old and have been flyfishing for about six years. We usually come to the Bozeman area for at least one week during the summer. We have come to know your son Greg, and always stop in and say hi. We just recently left the area, and while I was there I picked up your two books. To say the least, I thought that both were terrific, ~~very~~ very informative and easy to read. After reading your first book, I began to beg to my mom and dad to take me out again, to catch those spawning browns. Needless to say, it worked, and we are planning a trip for the last part of September. Thank you for sharing your experiences with me, through your books.

Sincerely

Scott Whitten

Scott Whitten

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Bud

Just found out
from Buck Goodrich
we are fellow
directors in FFF.
would like to
meet you. Will
stop by again or
try for you at
the conclave.

Love

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John
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Dear Mr. Lilly:

Thanks for your letter of
Feb. 23rd. I will tell Leo We established
contact. The Rogue River drift boat
is made for the work you describe
These boats weigh around 175 pounds
or possibly a little more they handle
very good with oars and ride shallow
or rough water, but not suitable for
motor. I am pretty busy and will
be for some time but if you want
to place a order I will get to it
as soon as possible. The outboard
jet is very good for River work shallow
water creates no problem they work
very good for holding a boat anywhere
prop driven motor boats are on
their way out for River work. I ran
a 35 H.P. Evinrude with jet around
1000 miles last year with no trouble

We have developed a boat for use with jet
The attached print is of jet
in shallow ripple they will drive
a boat any place it will float

The 50 H.P. ^{Mercury} Motor will jet tested 32 M.P.H.
Gave thrust of 530 pounds - Evincade
35-350 pounds of thrust 40 HP Johnson 410

Most River men will not consider
any thing but Mercuris. At least in
these parts.

Sincerely
Glen Woodridge

HERMAN v. WALL

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STUDIO 5

Telephone 384-0881

25 February 1967

Mr. Bud Lilly
2007 Sourdough Rd.
Bozeman, Montana

Dear Bud:

Thank you for your letter of the 14th. Good to hear from you.

Re: the Los Angeles Times story on western rivers, I will be in touch with Lupe Saldana and will present the Firehole pictures and others (Snake, Deschutes and Owens) to him. I will keep you posted on this.

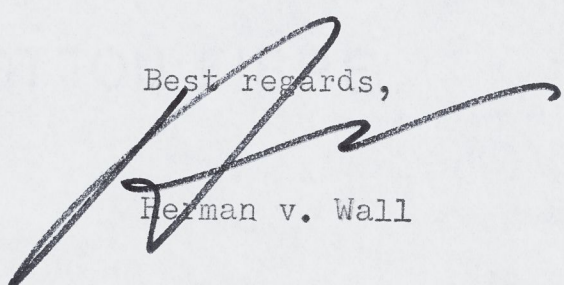
We may be able to visit your area this season and perhaps with your help try for some good river pictures.

The fishing was good on the Firehole until I saw one of your bears heading my way, and I wasn't about to let him get between me and the car. I may have figured him all wrong, but precaution is the better part of valor - do they like fresh trout? I got caught in the snow storm on the way out and coming over the 8000 ft. pass on a long down grade came onto a Volkswagen Microbus crossways in the road. All I could do was to aim at the space left which was about four inches too short and clipped him. Not much damage to either car, but it could have been serious. He couldn't make the grade in the storm and tried to turn around and got stuck the wrong way.

Enclosed please find the extra prints of you and Will Godfrey. Also, will send Ed. K. Hardy Jr. a print in a few days.

Our weather is in the eighties and badly in need of rain, but this brings on the fever and it hurts so good

Best regards,



Herman v. Wall

Aug. 17, 2004

Dear Bud:

I hope you and yours are doing well. It occurred to me that although I sent a copy of the story I wrote about the Library collection to Bruce Morton, I never sent one to you. An oversight for which I apologize.

Bruce went through the original story and make a few changes regarding the collection.

This version incorporates his changes and later additions that I made.

I've sent the story off to the "Trout" magazine, "Flyfisher," "American Angler," the Billings Gazette, Montana Standard in Butte and the Helena Independent Record.

I (we) now have to wait and see if they use it.

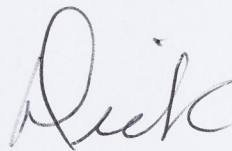
I'm sure you know that Patricia Denison asked me to be on the library's steering committee. Naturally, I accepted the invitation. It's a tremendous honor! You, perhaps, had a hand in it. If so, I'm very, very grateful.

Patricia said there will be a meeting in September. I will plan to bring my fly rod and get in a day or two of fishing while I'm over your way.

I don't know if I mentioned this to you before, but I understand that you know a young man whose parents live behind me. His name is Chris Schneider. He grew up "across the alley" and attends MSU. He's been giving his parent fits because he want to quit college and become a guide. I suggested to his father, Nick, that Chris talk to you and learn about the long-term benefits of a college degree vs. the short-term.

Maybe I've talked to you about this before. My memory isn't what it used to be!

I hope to see you in September, which isn't that far away. I'd love to get out fishing with you if you have time.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dick".

Bud Lilly Trout and Salmonid Library

By Dick Wesnick

Trout have enchanted men and women for hundreds of years, and more words probably have been written about trout and salmonids (the trouts, salmons, graylings, and whitefishes) than all other species of fish combined.

And the names of few modern day individuals are more closely linked to trout than Bud Lilly.

Lilly has now been recognized for his contributions to fly fishing by Montana State University which has created the "Bud Lilly Chair in Trout and Samonid Bibliography." Within its expansive library, the university has developed, in his honor, a Trout and Salmonid Collection.

Only three years old, it is already one of the largest collections of trout and salmonid-related literature in the United States – "4,500 titles and counting," according to Bruce Morton, Dean of Libraries.

Lilly was born and raised in the small town of Manhattan, Montana, about 25 miles west of Bozeman. It was there that he honed his skills as an angler, fishing the three forks of the Missouri River. As a youngster, often

rode his bicycle to Baker Springs where, now in his late 70s, he is fisheries manager at an exclusive "fly fishing community" that encompasses Baker Springs and the West Fork of the Gallatin River.

After serving in the Navy in World War II, Lilly graduated from Montana State University in Bozeman and taught science and math in Roundup, Deer Lodge and Bozeman for 25 years. He augmented his income by guiding anglers and in 1952 he opened his famed fly shop in West Yellowstone. He was a pioneer in the quiet revolution of catch and release fly fishing.

Lilly became internationally known as a guide and outfitter. He is the author and co-author of several books, including "A Trout's Best Friend," "Bud Lilly's Tackle Catalog and Handbook for Western Trout Fishing," and Bud Lilly's Guide to Fly Fishing in the New West."

He was the first president of Montana Trout Unlimited, the first Chairman of the International Fly-Fishing Center, a director of Montana River Action and a founder – along with Dan Bailey – of the Montana Trout Federation.

In 1999, the American Museum of Fly-Fishing honored Lilly with its Heritage Award in recognition of his achievement in the sport of fly fishing. The Heritage Award has only been given to four people.

Montana State University's goal is to raise \$3 million to endow the Bud Lilly Chair to preserve and advance its distinctive combination of teaching, research, creativity and service as it relates to the trout and its habitat.

Bruce Morton said the endowment will strengthen trout awareness and education by providing an annual lecture series for Montana, endow the collection to permit the purchase of about \$16,000 worth of books a year, and provide funding for a library faculty member who will focus primarily on trout and salmonid information resources and activities.

"However," he added, "there are some rare books that cost as much as the entire annual fund."

Three of the oldest books in the collection date back to the mid-1500s and came from the collection of an anonymous donor in Bigfork.

The collection has a wealth of books dedicated to angling, but it is much broader in context. For example, it has game laws dating back hundreds of years, doctoral theses, and cookbooks, even mystery novels based on fishing adventures, such as "Casting in Dead Water" and "Fly Fishing Can Be Fatal."

Other volumes include the hardbound records of the State of New York Forest, Fish and Game Commission; "Fish Ponds and Hatcheries"

published in the early 18th Century; "The Salmon Rivers of Scotland"; "Fish as Food" published by the U.S. government in 1898; "Trout on a Stick" and "Norwegian Salmon International Chef's Recipes"; and "Commentaries on Fish and Ichteology" published in Antwerp, Belgium, in 1616--in Latin, of course.

The collection also includes a three-volume edition of "The Zoology of the Voyage of H.M.S. Beagle," edited by Charles Darwin, and several editions of Isaac Walton's "Compleate Angler."

Books dealing with trout management have been published for a long time--even during times of war, including the American Revolution and the Civil War.

In January, 1865, on the 37th day of the first Montana Territorial Legislature, legislators passed the first law in Montana regarding trout fishing. It banned the use of dynamite and seines and specified that anglers had to use a pole.

Lilly noted, "We didn't get much modification on that until the 1960s."

The library is available to serious trout and salmonid researchers, including doctoral students; it is also open to the general public.

Information about the collection and its contents can be seen on the Montana State University Libraries Web site: www.lib.montana.edu/trout.

Morton said, "Our goal is to be the preeminent collection in the United States. Now, we're one of the prominent. This is just the beginning. We are committed to growing it in perpetuity."

PHOTOS:

Bruce Morton, Dean of Libraries at Montana State University, holds "The Fly Fishing Entymology," by Alfred Ronalds, second edition published in 1839. It features exquisite hand-colored illustrations of insects and correlate tied flies.

Bud Lilly examines a 1554 volume of *Aqvatilium Animaluim Historiae* published in Rome by Hippolyto Salviano Typhernate.

The first issue of Sports Illustrated magazine, published Aug. 16, 1954, featured a story on trout fishing in the Yellowstone ecosystem, sans swim suits.

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January 31, 1983

Mr. Bud Lilly
Western Rivers Club
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Dear Bud,

I was glad to get your letter but very sorry to hear that Pat had an attack last March. I hope she is now recovered and feeling well.

It sounds to me like you got in a few more days of fishing last year than what you have been doing. Where did you go in New Mexico. I am buying a place in Albuquerque to which I'll probably retire one day and would be interested in what you found.

Your comments on the Kootenai River are interesting. When I was there in October I was told that the section below the dam now has rainbows - up to 20 inches. I briefly met the owner of the Grizzly Sports Center (318 Mineral Ave. Libby, Montana 59923) and he also mentioned that there was good fishing on the Kootenai for rainbows. His name is John Petrlich and he said he does a lot of fishing on the River. We will be closing the deal on our land this spring so I hope to do some investigating when I'm up that way in the late summer.

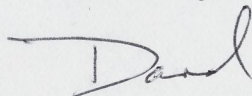
I expect I'll be back in Montana late next summer probably at the end of August and into the beginning of September. I'm hoping to hit Armstrong for 5 or 6 days at the end of August when a friend of mine, Nick Gardiner, from N.Y.C. will be there. I also want to try to fit in 2 or 3 days floating the Madison. By the way, you might drop Nick a line about your Western Rivers Club. His address is:

Mr. F. Nicholas P. Gardiner V.P.
Boyden Assoc. Inc.
260 Madison Ave.
N.Y., N.Y. 10016

Please feel free to use my name.

When I get up your way I'll be sure to look you up in Bozeman. In the meantime all the best to Pat and yourself and say hello to Greg for me.

Best Regards,



Gerard Wayland-Smith

P.S. - My new mailing address is
Apdo. Postal 41-548
11001 Mexico D.F.
MEXICO





January 6, 1983

Dear Bud and Pat:

Here is my check for membership in the Western Rivers Club. I hope I made the charter member list!

Thanks a whole lot for your comments on our new magazine concept. You know I have only the highest respect for your opinion, and you can be assured we will incorporate your ideas into our scheme of things. I'll be delighted to keep you up to date on where the magazine stands.

I may be going over to Germany for a few weeks later on in the winter. I'll see if I can generate some interest in Western Rivers while I'm there.

We're having our spring thaw today so I'm going fishing!

Cordially,

George



April 4, 1982

Mr. Bud Lilly
Sourdough Road
Bozeman, MT 59715

Dear Bud:

Thanks for your letter of 3/31/82. I'm personally delighted that you will be taking it easy from now on. After having built that superior operation, you should be able to sit back and rest on the fruits of your (and Pat's) labors.

I'm also glad to hear that you are willing to take an interest in working with the European, Flyfishermen's Guild. These guys offer a great potential business opportunity for the region's outfitters. With you as their point of contact in the New World, visitors can be assured of maximum pleasure during their flyfishing expeditions here. I have fished with many of those guys, and they are really a great bunch of hard core sportsmen.

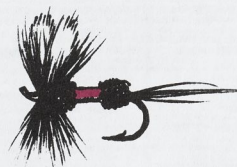
I will be going over to Nürnberg, Germany either late this month or early in May for about three months. At that time, I'll be able to detail to Guild members the scope of what you have come to call "the total experience." I've already sent copies of your '82 catalog to the Guild leadership. The following is my concept of what the Europeans are looking for:

1. Pristine settings.
2. Few other fishermen with whom to have to compete with for fishing waters.
3. Good flyfishing, with an opportunity to catch wild fish. While size may occasionally be a consideration, I think most are just looking for a chance to catch some fish in a pristine, relaxed environment.
4. "Cross fertilization" with American flyfishermen. We enjoy a well-deserved reputation among the Europeans. They delight in watching us fish, and try to copy us. Last year I introduced the Wooley Bugger to some Germans. At first they were skeptical. Now they rave over it!

I am rather deeply involved in organizing the Flyfisher's Fair this year. I may be in Europe when it comes off, but at least I'll be there in spirit, if not physically. At any rate, I hope to stay in touch with you throughout the Summer.

*Cordily,
George*

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August 31, 1982

Dear Bud & Pat,

We're home and relaxed a bit while we catch up on a season's put-bys. It is good to be beyond the time of the schools. I get a chance to run the chain saws and move some earth on the roads and transplant some trees and such things.

We certainly enjoyed being with you and the day on the Madison was super. We may get a bit of fishing in here but it won't compare with that river. We had a chance to fish the old Hewitt water on the Neversink last week and caught a few fish. It was low and clear with no hatches. We're going to Martha's Vineyard late this month for a day or two salt water fishing where it may be with fly rod and is more likely to be with spinning gear for striped bass and bluefish. We hope for luck because we like to bring them home to eat.

It has been very cold this August. We've had frosts that have killed a lot of plants in our garden and everything is small and slow to mature. Hunting season is just around the corner. When I drove in from the main road I found a doe and two fawns looking over our garden (The pumpkins, which they dearly love, aren't yellow yet) Last year they cleaned out our tomatoes before we'd had very many of them.

We hope you have a good fall and winter and that we'll be seeing you here on a trip to the east next year. Let's keep in touch...

Joam joins in our best...

WESTERN FLYFISHERMAN

1636 South Fairway Drive
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(208) 232-9159

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Dear Bud and Pat:

Nice to hear from the both of you again. The Western Rivers Club sounds like an idea whose time has come and I personally hope it grows to even greater horizons. You can count on my support and I'll be sending my check after I recover from "Christmas Shock."

George Greer, sports editor for the Idaho State Journal, and I are struggling to put together a no-gimmicks, non-phony magazine for western flyfishermen. If we can find an investor we'll have it on the newsstands sometime next summer. We'd certainly appreciate your counsel.

Here's a couple names to whom you may wish to send your prospectus:

Mr. Jochen Schück
Verlag J. Schück, Publishers
Postfach 1170
8504 Stein
Federal Republic of Germany

Mr. Wolfgang Schumacher
Drosselweg 33
8500 Nürnberg
Federal Republic of Germany

Both of the above are in the outdoor writing business and could possibly not only sign up, but may bring other Europeans in with them.

I'm including our new mag's mock-up depicting cover and contents art concept. What do you think of it? The darned things cost us 50 bucks apiece, so I'm including a stamped self-addressed mail-back!

My warmest personal greetings to you and your wonderful family for the New Year.

Cordially,

George Wentzel

5134 Nebraska Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Western Rivers Club
2007 Sourdough Road
Bozeman, Montana 59715

Dear Mr. Lilly,

Please send me information as to how
I can receive your newsletter from the
Western Rivers Club.

(By the way I brought you look at
your son's shop - The Rivers Edge).

Best wishes.

Yours truly,
Richard C. Wilson

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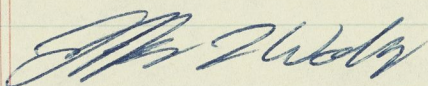
Dear Mr. Lilly,

I've just completed reading "Bud Lilly's Guide to Western Fly Fishing" and find myself even more excited about my planned trip this July to fish Montana's streams and rivers for the first time.

I've been fly fishing now for two years after a long absence from the sport. As with any newcomer, I'm constantly seeking information about places to fish. Your "Western Rivers Club" sounds ~~to~~ like an excellent source of information.

Please send to me information about membership in your club. Thanks for your help.

Very truly yours,



JEFFERY L. WAHLGREN

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Sept. 4, 1975

Bud Lilly West Yellowstone, Montana

Dear Bud:

We're home again and catching up with everything from mail to lawns.

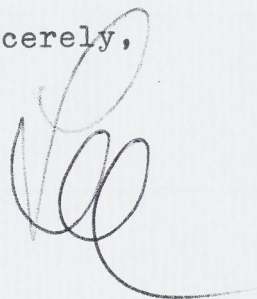
Right after West Yellowstone we went on to New Brunswick to chek up on the tuna situation. Hooked a big one (they're all over 800 lbs., some over 1,000) and lost it at the boat with a breaking leader (it was tail-fouled) after an hour and a half on 80 lb. test line... very sad! Next week I'll be going up to Caraquet, N.B. again to be in a movie for ABC American Sportsman where I'll try to take one on 130 lb. line from a dory without a motor, just one oarsman... that's going back to the Zane Grey Days... with a much bigger fish. Should be fun and I hope I'm lucky.

We certainly have fine memories, too of the Conclave and among them is the morning on the Firehole with you. It was truly beautiful that morning..... and there were enough fish to make it interesting. Our quiet New England countryside is just as beautiful, we think but we sure don't have the fishing you do out there.

We're already thinking about next year out west... and hoping our fishing and the companionship at Sun Valley will equal that of this year's conclave.

Joan joins in our best to all....

Sincerely,



From

Joan and Lee Wulff

September 11, 1974

Dear Bud,

Just a note to tell you that we were very happy to meet you and your lovely family and to see the excellent operation you have there in West Yellowstone. We wish you continued success and I, especially, hope you'll keep building up the women's end of things.

It occurs to me, as I write this, to ask something of you. If there is a story about a female angler that would be worth telling, I'd like to use it in an article I'm preparing about women and fly fishing schools...something about an attitude, an unrecognized skill, something to show a woman as a human being but with a female twist. Something, preferably, coming out of your teaching situation...through your girls, perhaps..

We had one last day of fishing Sunday... on the Yellowstone for cutthroat.. good fishing...we'll be back, I think, next year.

Our best to you all,

Lee + Joan -

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12/28/89

Dear Bud,

I have just finished devouring your book "Guide to Western Fly Fishing." I have marked it up from cover to cover. I read many books a year, but I can't tell you when I enjoyed one more. Obviously, I fly fish.

I live in Salt Lake now but when I lived in other parts of the country, I could only spend a few short days each year fishing yellowstone country. You gave me much needed advise in those days and I still appreciate what you did. Now that Jim Criner has taken over your shop, I lean on him. (and drop a few bucks). I surely have grown to like him. I guess you don't pick someone to buy your business, but you did a good job with him.

The area you write about is my all time favorite country. It's one of the big reasons I moved out here. Your straight forward, no-nonsense, plain english approach to fly fishing the area has me itching to get back up there to try the "Bud-man Dump." I'm serious, your book was just plain exciting.

Yes, I want to join the "Western Rivers Club." Please send me the information in order to join.

One last point. About 25 years ago, I backpacked into the Anaconda-Pintlar Wilderness Area and camped on Hidden Lake. I can see my campsite in the photo on p 97. Even though I didn't plan it that way, I ended up going by myself. I spent a week up in that area fishing the lakes. It was truly

a "Total Experience" and I would take nothing for it.

Now that I have become expert at fly fishing (just what is a Spring Creeb?), I've decided to tie my own flies. My wife fears all my flies will resemble yarn covered bowling balls. (What does she know.) If you have any suggestions on fly tying equipment or books, I would appreciate your advise.

Looking forward to your reply.

Sincerely
Lee Yokum
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P.S. Thanks for writing that book.

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September 23, 1993

Mr. Bud Lilly
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Dear Bud:

I want you to know how much I enjoyed the day we spent fishing on the Madison last month. I really appreciate your taking the time to drive down and take Bill, Stanley and me out for the day.

At your suggestion, I've sent a gift to the Greater Yellowstone Coalition - in your name. I know they'll find an appropriate use for the money.

Bud, it was a real pleasure for me to meet you. I can only hope we see one another again. I may be out that way next summer - if so, I'll look you up to say hello. Maybe you'll have some time to go fishing!

Sincerely,



David K. Whitney

P.S. I enjoyed reading about you in "Madison River Country".

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