

Library thoughts from the Professor Vol. 1 Chap. 9

Well this month's review has a little bit of everything.

Lets start with the littlest review first.

In the library is a **Whiting's Farm DVD** that is best described as a short home Video? It is produced by Tom Whiting who owns the Farms and is narrated in part by his young daughters and himself.

This is brief with it being only ten minutes from start to finish.

If you have an interest in seeing some of the birds from whence the Whiting necks and saddles come from then it is worth the ten minutes. It also shows lends some explanation as to where the saddles and capes another feathers come from on the bird. Finally it gives a little insight as to variations and why they exist.

The next review was another of **Lefty's Little Library of Fly Fishing The Professionals Favorite Flies**. [157 pages]

This one is done by Lefty but includes comments from a number of greats on their favorite flies. You get comments about the favorite flies of Lefty, Borger, Troth, Goddard, Whitlock and a host of other tyers. It contains information on a number of each of these legends flies and in the second part it includes all the recipes and the color plates of the flies. Some of these are old standard you know well like Troth's Elk Hair Caddis, or the Goddard Cadis or Gold Ribbed Hairs ear or Parachute Adams. However there are also some like the Persuader or

the Harrop Haystack. There are dries and there are nymfs and a few wet flies thrown in for good measure.

It is a good read with interesting information and I will be taking it out again to tie a few more of these patterns when time allows. I have found this series of books to be quite good overall.

My last review is another tying review. In this case it is **Tying Mayflies** by *Shane Stalcup*. This is a VHS tape and over an hour long. Shane ties 5 may flies representing the 4 stages of the may fly life, Immature, Emerger, Dun and Spent Wing. This is a technique video in that he focuses on specific techniques he uses in tying the flies. None of the fly patterns specifically identify color or hook size which is a little unusual. He does an excellent job of demonstrating the techniques and pointing out little things to do to make the flies effective. Since it is quite long it is fairly easy to follow along and tie with him. I will point out that he is promoting Umpqua and that he does use some different materials including Canada goose biots and Medallion winging and wing case material. Overall I enjoyed and learned from this video. So until next time...

Tight Lines
Professor Ernie