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## From the President



**Dick Jeffries, RMF  
President**

A great time was had by all at the RMF Tying Expo last month. Many, many thanks to all who helped in the cause. Please see the first article below for a list of participants.

I also want to thank a bunch of people at RMF as well. You quietly go about your volunteer work in making this event happen and without you it wouldn't happen. & You know who you are so please accept my heartfelt thanks for a job well done!!

April is a big deal for us at RMF. We will have a special celebration of our 30th anniversary.; It will take place on Monday, April 21 from 6:30 until 9:00. This event will replace our normal meeting so be sure to change dates on your calendar. Oh yeah, we are going to have this little soiree at Odell Brewing (thank you Odell) and I have heard rumor about some free beer!! More news will be coming in the near future about what will take place that evening so stay tuned.

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See you on a river or lake somewhere soon.

[Dick Jefferies](#), President  
Rocky Mountain Flycasters

[Chapter Event Calendar](#)

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## PROGRAM AND EVENTS



**Brad Kiehne, RMF Program  
Chair**

### **Update: February 2014 Fly Tying Expo**

by Dick Jeffries

Rocky Mountain Flycasters would like to thank everyone who helped make the 2014 Fly Tying Expo a successful evening. As this is our primary fund raising event of the year it is important that we thank all of those that helped make this year's event bigger and better.

In no particular order we would like to thank; Mark McMillan, Chris Krueger, Marty Staab, Dave Coulson, Dennis Martin, Mark Tracy, Rick Takahashi, Jerry Hubka, Jason Haddix, Tim England, Ben Zomer, Jake Ruthven, Dick Shinton, Al Ritt, Thadd Strom, Eric Pettine, Kirk Bien, Jerry Lethiner, Caleb Van Wagner, Steve Schweitzer, Eric Ishiwata, Connor Murphy, Jin Choi, and Grant Houx.

In addition to independent tiers; Rocky Mountain Fly Design, Elkhorn Rod and Reel, Fish Explorer, Regal Vise, Umpqua, Peak Fishing, Laughing Grizzly Fly Shop, Al Ritt Flies, Kirk's Fly Shop and Mountain Adventures, Crow's Flies, PEAK Vises and St. Peter's Fly Shop were also represented.

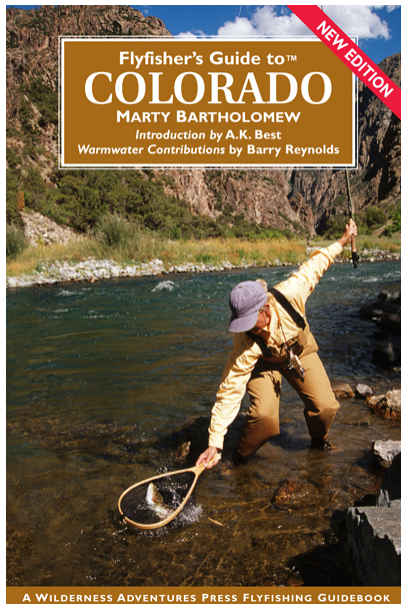
Donations to the Silent Auction Table are of tremendous value to our fund raising efforts. For those donations we would like to thank; St. Pete's Fly Shop, Elkhorn Rod and Reel, Jax Outdoors, Finest Fly Tying Benches, NOCO Fly Fishing, Cabelas, Sportsman Warehouse, Caleb Van Wagner, Carolyn Gattis, Jerry Pelis, Tom Mills, Steve Schweitzer and Al Ritt Flies.

Throughout the year Elkhorn Rod and Reel contributes to RMF as our Rod Raffle Sponsor so many thanks

go to Brian. One last very special thank you goes out to Brooks Gordon at Mainline Ale House in downtown Fort Collins for supplying everyone with dinner at the Expo. Great job Brooks, it was delicious food!!

Everyone, please help extend our thanks to these very gracious contributors by supporting their businesses throughout the coming year!

## March 2014 Membership Meeting



We are particularly fortunate to have **Marty Bartholomew**, one of the best known and most accomplished fly anglers and fly tiers on the Front Range, as our guest speaker for the March 12 Membership meeting. A life long Coloradoan, Marty is the author of three books: *A Flyfisher's Guide to Colorado*, *Tying Flies Like a Pro* and *Great Places Colorado*. He also co-produced a DVD set (*Fly Fishing Colorado's Major 6*) and has published articles in *Trout*, *Fly Fish America* and *Southwest Fly Fishing* magazines. On a more practical level, many of you know him as the "go to guy", at Elkhorn Rod and reel for successfully fishing the Big Thompson.

On the 12th Marty will be speaking about his experiences in fishing across the state and about tying successful flies for Colorado waters.

The meeting will be held at the Fort Collins Senior Center beginning at 7:00 PM, with a social half-hour beginning at 6:30 PM. Hope to see you there!

## Let's Go Fishing



Mark Miller, RMF Fishing Trip Coordinator

Click on the link below to review the trips we hope to take in 2014. Please note we need some volunteers to act as a Trip Host for some areas. If you have been to one of these once or twice, you qualify! As a Trip Host, your duties would simply be to arrange a meeting place and time, and possibly carpooling for the longer trips. Oh yeah, duty number one is to keep the rest of us from getting lost - it is that simple! Additionally, if anyone would like to host a trip elsewhere, please feel free to let me know and I will add your trip to the list. Contact me at [flytyer.miller@gmail.com](mailto:flytyer.miller@gmail.com) or 970-744-8229 (cell).

[2014 Rocky Mountain Flycasters Fishing Trips](#)

## MARCH CONSERVATION NOTES





Dave Piske, RMF Conservation  
Chair

**Local Conservation Efforts:** This past month the Front Range has witnessed considerable conservation efforts by government and citizens groups committed to improving the Poudre River through downtown Fort Collins, and to restoring and sustaining the Big Thomson River in the aftermath of last September's flooding.

[Read more...](#)

**State Conservation Efforts:** The Fraser River is an outstanding trout fishery that has been treasured by generations of Coloradoans and even drew President Eisenhower to the area to fish in an area known as his "Western White House". Now it is poised to enjoy a renaissance and a future worthy of its storied past.

[Read more....](#)

## MARCH YOUTH OUTREACH NOTES



Dennis Cook, RMF  
Youth Outreach Chair

### Youth Volunteer Activities

As we move into Spring on the Front Range there are many youth volunteer activities available to RMF members and friends: the Children's Water Festival, Middle School-Age Fly Fishing Classes, the Outdoor Skills Rendezvous, and the Youth Day Camp. Because it's still early you can pretty much have your choice of working with one of these projects. To learn about details and to sign up for one of these activities [continue reading....](#)

### Colorado Trout Unlimited Residential Youth Camp

Applications for the June 8th through 13th Camp are now being accepted. This is the ninth year for this residential camp; this year it will be hosted by the Bar N I Ranch near Weston, Colorado. Campers take their own tent and enjoy a wonderful week together learning about river and fisheries conservation and fly fishing skills. Cost is \$450.00, but because RMF and many other state chapters donate to the Colorado TU Camp Fund, financial aid is often available. Young men and women ages 14-18 who want to participate must apply online at [www.ColoradoTU.org](http://www.ColoradoTU.org) by April 15th. For application details and the Camp Director's contact information [read more....](#)

### Rocky Mountain Flycasters' Youth Day Camp

Information about our 5th annual Youth Day Camp, July 28th-August 2, is posted on the chapter website home page at <http://rockymtnflycasters.org>. The Application Packet can also be directly downloaded from the website at [www.rockymtnflycasters.org/.../2014-ApplicationPacket.pdf](http://www.rockymtnflycasters.org/.../2014-ApplicationPacket.pdf). Because only 15 campers are accepted (previous camps have been filled), interested youths are encouraged to apply as soon as

possible.

The Day Camp is for NoCO high school young men and women ages 14 through 18, and no previous fly fishing experience is required. Campers learn about river and fisheries conservation and also learn fly fishing skills. Professional faculty is made up of Federal, State, University, Colorado TU and private agencies representatives, and RMF members teach fly fishing skills. Cost is \$30.00.

Camp runs six consecutive days Monday through Saturday, beginning at 8:00 am and typically ending at 6:00pm. Transportation between activity venues, fishing equipment, water and lunch coolers are provided by the camp. Campers bring their own lunch, appropriate clothing for each activity and are dropped off & picked by their family at pre-designated locations.

## **RMF PAST PRESIDENT LEE EVANS RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD**



**RMF Past President Lee Evans**

*Field and Stream*, one of the world's oldest, most widely read and most prestigious outdoor magazines recently named RMF Past President Lee Evans as one of twenty-six 2014 Heroes of Conservation. Along with 3 other conservationists, Lee was profiled in the February, 2014 issue of *Field and Stream*. When you see Lee please congratulate him on this well deserved award. A recent article in the *Coloradoan* briefly describes Lee's contributions to sustaining and maintaining our beloved Front Range. To read this article just click on the *Coloradoan* link below:

[Coloradoan Article About Lee Evans](#)

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## Calendar Pictures Needed

Wouldn't you like to have one of your pictures show up on our calendar page and have it viewed a couple of thousand times during the month? Show off your pictures by sending a copy to [Paul Wehr, Webmaster](#) with a title of your choosing. Photographers will be acknowledged in the caption with the picture.

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