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**Greetings,**

I'd like to re-introduce myself to the members of New Mexico Trout, as I have assumed the president's position of the club. Before I do, let me explain how this came to be. The former president, Rudy Rios, had taken ill some time back and was unable to tend to the duties of president and resigned last month. Rudy deserves our many thanks for his service. Per the club bylaws Ann Staab, our VP, assumed the duties of the presidency. Being brand spanking new to the VP position, Ann felt that taking on the President's position would be a bit overwhelming and asked if anybody else was interested in the position. As I had held the position before and had the free time available, I threw my hat into the ring. Well, after the dust settled mine was the only hat in the ring and here I am.

I served as NMT president some 25 years ago as well as serving on other Board positions for a total of eleven years. As my son Brian grew older, I dropped away from the club to join him in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and amateur radio. I also picked up a new hobby/sport with USPSA hand gun shooting, where we actually run with loaded guns. At this time, I also serve as President of the Rio Grande Practical Shooting Club. I am still active with the Boy Scouts as an Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 409.

Why did I volunteer as President again? New Mexico Trout has been around for a long time, at least 30 years. The club has a rich history of flyfishing in New Mexico as well as a long list of members who have helped and are helping our sport flourish.

Today, New Mexico Trout has a dedicated Board of Directors who want only the best for the club. Watching these folks work made my decision to assume the reins easy. In a sense, I will be just a traffic cop directing traffic within the club. Easy peasy.

Where do I think the club should go in the future? In my humble opinion, right down the path it is headed now. I see a good mix of friendly members involved in conservation, monthly meetings, Fly Tyers Round Table, our yearly Conclave and Fly Tying Symposium, Project Healing Waters and other endeavors. I would like to see a more involved program for youth both inside the club and outside the club. This we are working at.

So for now it is business as usual for New Mexico Trout. If you have any concerns regarding our club please don't hesitate to send me an email. Just remember one thing, if we aren't part of the solution, we may be part of the problem. I will ask you to get involved in OUR club.

Take care,  
Pat Mileskosky  
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**The Year's First Volunteer Project: Saturday, 30 April, Rio Guadalupe Cleanup**

Ron Loehman, Conservation Chairman

New Mexico Trout has a tradition of welcoming the Spring opening of FR 376 between the Gilman Tunnels and Porter's Landing with a volunteer trash pickup. That Forest Service road provides access to our Rio Guadalupe home water and it accumulates a lot of roadside trash over a season's heavy use by the many people who visit that corridor. Doing these annual cleanups is one way we can express our thanks for the wonderful trout



our thanks for the wonderful trout fishing opportunities the Rio Guadalupe affords while we help maintain it in a state that we like to visit.



We will meet at 9:00AM at the Forest Service gate above the Gilman Tunnels on Forest Road 376. We will pick up accumulated trash along the road from Porter downstream to the gate. The Club will provide garbage sacks, but drivers with pickups are needed to help haul out the trash. RSVP to [ronloehman@gmail.com](mailto:ronloehman@gmail.com) by Tuesday, April 26th and we will provide you an excellent streamside lunch. Bad weather will cause a postponement, so having a way to contact you will be helpful. Your participation will net you one entry in the Volunteer appreciation drawing we will hold at next year's conclave.

Read more about NMT Conservation at <http://newmexicotrout.org/conservation.html>

### Fly of the Month - Craven's Jack Flash

Pattern and Notes by Charlie Craven  
Used by permission

**Hook:** TMC 5262 #6-18, or TMC 2488H for a different profile  
**Bead:** Gold Tungsten, sized to hook  
**Weight:** Lead Wire, sized to hook  
**Thread:** 70 Denier Rusty Brown  
**Tail:** Hungarian Partridge Body Feather  
**Rib:** Small Hot Orange or Fine Copper  
**Shellback:** Mirage Flash  
**Abdomen:** S.L.F. Master Class Dubbing, #13 Perla  
**Wingcase:** Mirage Flash  
**Thorax:** S.L.F. Master Class Dubbing, #1 Baetis Brown Olive  
**Legs:** Hungarian Partridge Body Feather  
**Neck:** S.L.F. Master Class Dubbing, #1 Baetis Brown Olive



I started tying this pattern several years ago, and named it after my youngest son. I came up with it to fill the need for a flashier-than-average stonefly nymph, for use in off-color water. It has worked well for this application since its inception, but I never dreamed how versatile this pattern would turn out to be. While this pattern seems VERY bright, I find that this extra flash can be a great attractor. Initially, I found myself trying to tone down the flash, but with a bit of use under its belt, the Jack Flash has become a go-to fly for many uses. This is really a pretty simple fly to tie. I especially like the S.L.F. Master Class dubbing because it is coarse and translucent, but not too long. I find it works well for flies of all sizes where you want a shaggy, picked out look, without too much bulk. With a few modifications (changing the colors and hook styles as needed), I have used this pattern to imitate everything from small mayfly nymphs to medium sized stoneflies and Callibaetis nymphs in stillwaters. The Jack Flash is a great point fly in a two-fly rig, or as a Copper John substitute in a Hopper/Copper/Dropper rig. The weight keeps both flies down and the flash really pulls the fish in. Another secret method to fishing this fly is to tie it on an eighteen-inch, 2X dropper behind a streamer. Cast the streamer into the bank and strip a few times, then let the whole rig dead drift for a few feet. Often, fish that are attracted by the streamer (but turn off at the last second) will turn around and grab the Jack. Try this technique this fall and see what happens for you.

Tying instructions and more patterns from Charlie are available at: <http://www.charliesflyboxinc.com/flybox/index.cfm>

More NM Trout patterns at <http://newmexicotrout.org/patterns.html>

### A Blessing

by Ken Hada  
from <http://writersalmanac.publicradio.org/index.php?date=2010/10/27>

After three days of hard fishing  
we lean against the truck  
untying boots, removing waders.

We change in silence still feeling  
the rhythm of cold water lapping  
thankful for that last shoal of rainbows  
to sooth the disappointment  
of missing a trophy brown.



We'll take with us the communion  
of rod and line and bead-head nymphs  
sore shoulders and wrinkled feet.

A good tiredness claims us  
from slipping over rocks, pushing rapids -  
sunup to sundown - sneaking  
toward a target, eyes squinting  
casting into winter wind.



We case the rods, load our bags  
and start to think about dinner.  
None of us wants to leave.  
None wants to say goodbye.

Winter shadows touch the river cane.  
The cold is coming. We look up  
into a cobalt sky, and there,  
as if an emissary on assignment,  
a Bald Eagle floats overhead  
close enough to bless us  
then swiftly banks sunward  
and is gone.

## Meet the Board

Joe Vargo

Joe immigrated to New Mexico in 2002 from the Midwest, after 21 years in Cleveland and the next 41 years in northwest Indiana. While working in the steel industry in Indiana, he met and married his wife Jackie, and they had 3 daughters. Joe was an active member of Northwest Indiana Steelheaders, and soon after he moved to Albuquerque he joined NMT to learn where the fish are and how to catch them on a fly. With the help of others he has learned to become a small stream fisherman. Joe has been on the NMT coffee committee for the last 5 years. Joe also volunteers as a builder for Habitat for Humanity and as a docent at the zoo. He particularly likes taking animals out of town and using them to teach conservation and animal facts to school children throughout the state. Joe is an avid beer can collector, with over 2000 different cans in his collection. Until recently, he was also a frequent golfer. His favorite fishing spots in New Mexico are the Rio Cebolla and the San Antonio. and in Colorado the Saguache River drainage.



More about Board Members at <http://www.newmexicotrout.org/directors.html>

## Calendar

NMT General Meeting  
**12 April 2011, 7:30pm**  
Sandia Prep School - Commons Room  
<http://www.newmexicotrout.org/meetings.html>

Fly Tyer's Roundtable  
**Every Monday, 7:00pm** excluding holidays  
Sandia Prep Lab classroom  
The Flytyer's Roundtable brings new and experienced tyers together to exchange ideas, techniques and materials.

Valles Caldera Public Board Meeting  
**19 April 2011, 9am - 3pm**  
Trust Offices, 18161 Hwy, Jemez Springs, NM 87025

Fly-tying classes for Veterans  
6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.  
**April 13 and 20**  
Recreation Hall (Building 2), VA Medical Center, 1501 San Pedro SE

NMT Volunteer Project - Rio Guadalupe  
**30 April 2011**  
Cleanup of roadside and dispersed camping areas  
Phyllis Martinez/Amanda Webb 575-829-3535

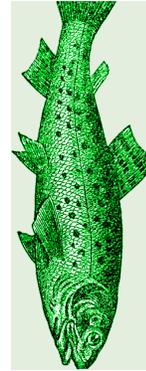
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New Mexico Trout is dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of trout fishing in New Mexico's waters through restoration of riparian habitats and through education of the public about trout fishing and the value of trout habitats. New Mexico Trout is a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization, and we welcome your tax deductible contributions.



### Comments/Suggestions

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