

OSPREY FLY BOX

ALEX'S ENVY

contributed by Granville Airton

This fly is dedicated to Alex Carr ...
1938 - 2007.

The only times I out-fished Alex were when we were cutthroating on the Harrison. I just seemed to luck in with this fly ... a fly which I had devised. I very grudgingly let Alex have a couple (*asking \$10 each, of course*) and giving him lots of the usual digs and pokes. But, the fly on the end of my line always seemed to work just a little bit better, for some reason. Maybe it was the essence d'anchovy I used on mine that did the trick?

I have no recollection how or where I got the idea for this fly. It doesn't look like anything I can conceive of that lives in the Harrison (*or anywhere else, for that matter*). I just know it works great on the



Harrison River and Fraser sloughs for cutts.

Cutts and all carnivorous fish, of course, survive by grabbing things that are about the size they are conditioned to going after and are moving in the water as a living thing will do if it is not to get swept away downstream. Going by the success I had with it, this fly obviously looks a bit like something they go after and with a bit of movement (*3-4" jerks-fast hand twist retrieve*), it must look like what they feed on from time to time. I always used it when Alex Carr and I went fishing on the Harrison and Fraser sloughs. Give it a try.

Tight lines, Alex, wherever you are!

MATERIALS

Hook:	Mustad 3910, #10
Thread:	Black
Tail:	Dark Olive Hackle feather
Body:	Micro Chenille - Worm Green
Rib:	Orange Copper Wire
Overwing:	Dark Olive Hackle feather

TYING INSTRUCTIONS

(Tied by Peter Chatt)

Tie in the tail.

Tie in the copper wire. If you want to weight the fly, tie the wire in at the eye. Granville tied this fly two ways. The heavier of the two flies was with a single strand of wire. The other was with multi strands of fine wire. Both flies look good.

Tie the chenille in and wrap forward.

Wrap the rib forward. Ensure that the light coloured copper wire shows through the chenille.

Tie in the hackle fiber overwing.

Form a thread head, whip finish and add a drop of head cement.

This fly also looks good as a freshwater Caddis. This fly is not complicated and could be tied on longer hooks if the hackles are available. I like its look.

Peter Chatt.

