

Member Profile Carl Anderson

Doing a member profile is very interesting; it allows all of us to get to know one another in a different light. I understand some members feel a little uncomfortable interacting at meetings but it is necessary to mingle and meet. We have so many great members that are willing to share almost anything. This member Carl Anderson is one of them and no Carl you do not have to give me you're first born either.

Carl was born in an undisclosed location on the coast of B.C. top secret stuff spin casting and loving it but as most of us he found new challenges. That is where fly fishing entered as his next step in his fishing evolution. Carl honed his fine abilities on beaver ponds which had cutties and in Carl's own words "the closet thing to heaven". Carl uses an array of tactics to land his prey such as dry streamer nymphing and dry flies but Carl did mention "but seriously what ever works.

Every one has a past and Carl before he had children enjoyed playing soccer and not to offend our European members Football, mountain biking and wood working but his favorite all time is Fly Fishing.

Carl is in my category with the number of rods we own but mine just increased because of Louise. I bought a 10 weight for my trip to Cuba in January but enough of me back to Carl who owns just 4 rods which are all Temple Forks and whether you love them or hate them Carl catches fish with them as I do. I am sure that Carl and I will never catch up to the likes of Mike Corrigan, Clayton or probably a 1/3 of the club members when it comes to rods. Every one has had a person in their life that has helped change or mold a part of their lives and for me it was my father in-law that got me into this fly fishing but he taught me patience which I am still working on but his desire to just get out with the grandchildren and have fun taught me some valuable lessons and so do Carl's children, they teach him something new everyday and have him to re-evaluate everything. Carl recently took his son fishing for the first time and after he hooked a few fish on worm and bobber set up Carl had a chance to fly fish for a few minutes except for one thing his fly box was back at the car. It was a 20 minute walk back but undeterred he tied a bit of a granola bar wrapper to the end of his leader without a hook and had about 15 hits in 5 minutes now think if what he could of done if he had a hook.

I think most of us have a ritual or 2 that we do either before or after we go fishing. Myself before I start I have a swig of Irish whiskey and after I light up a nice cigar and have a cold beer or 2 as for Carl eating his lunch that he had planned to eat earlier in the day but could not because the fishing was just too good.

I asked Carl what brought him to be a member of the club and his reply was a constant desire to learn, great resources for new ideas and advice. Now Carl has a favor to ask of our members and that is he needs help with spun deer hair because Carl is not very good spinning deer hair so if there is a member or 2 that could help him that would be great.

Carl has a tidbit to share with all of us and sometimes we take for granted the small aspects of fishing so be quiet, listen and observe when you go out. Fishing is suppose to be relaxing and fun just remember to settle down and take a moment to figure out what is happening around you, watch of risers, examine the water and flip some rocks. I have to agree for me it is not the size of the fish I catch but the chase. I am not saying that I do not relish the big ones but as I said before my father in-law taught me that is was the adventure that was important.

Thank you Carl for sharing part of your life with us it was fun and I hope you enjoy reading it. As for the rest of the members remember your turn is coming so be a good sport and have some fun.

