

## November Featured Tyer

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The search was on, searching high and low for our November featured tyer within our club. With plenty of tyers going through my mind, I was wondering who I should choose, then I walked into the meeting and the tyer appeared in my view, doing what he usually does at all the meetings - tying. This month we welcome Dan "Eggman" Walker.

As mentioned before, Dan is always at our meetings slinging a bobbin and tying up what he is known for: his egg flies. However, at our Activity night in November, he will be moving from the back of the room to the front, bringing to us his world famous "Fligs." If you're wondering, this isn't some new "egg" fly pattern, but the technique that represents "Flies tied on Jig Hooks." I am familiar with tying flies on jig hooks, as in John Barr's Meat Whistle and my crawfish pattern, but Dan brings us is more patterns. He opens our world to more ideas for endless tying possibilities.

Dan has good results (nearly 100%) hooking and holding flies tied on jig hooks when fishing with the barbs broken off. The fish are not hooked deep in the gills, so injuries are very minimal if any and release is quick and easy. The fly fishes with the hook point up. Fishing it deep, it snags less often. Other patterns, in addition to "Fligs," that work great like this are Clousers, any bead head leech, minnows and crawfish patterns.

There are two types of jig hooks to take in consideration. Use 60 degree hooks for most patterns. They cast and retrieve in conventional streamer fishing presentations. Use 90 degree hooks for patterns fished under a float or strike indicator. The exception to this is John Barr's Meat Whistle. Just a word to the wise, hooks with moderate temper, such as Mustad, can be bent as needed. Hooks that are cold set (for example Dai Riki and Togen Hooks) cannot be bent. If you try to bend these hooks, they will break or weaken and break when set.

Come tie some "Fligs!" Bring your tools, vise and note taking material (*the materials and hooks are supplied*) at the November 19<sup>th</sup> MFFC activity meeting. There, Dan 'Eggman will take you to the world of "Fligs." Until next time, tight lines and snazzy flies.

**Jig Hare's Ear** Steelhead and Browns under a float or a small morsel for Small Mouths

**Hook:** #6 or 8 down eye wet, bent up to 60° or 90°

**Bead:** Large (3/16) round black counter bored bead

**Tail:** Soft brownish fur, long domestic rabbit, fox, coyote or similar

**Rib:** Gold Mylar twist

**Body:** Brown fur blend of spiky dubbing

**Hackle:** Collar of Soft Hackle like brown phase ruff grouse

**Collar:** 6/0 Uni Thread, Fire Orange



**Crappie Jig Flashy pearl-white-silver.**

Steelhead or Browns in big rivers or Bass in shad lakes

**Hook:** #6 or 4 down eye, bent up 60° to 90°

**Bead:** Large (3/16) Silver bead

**Tail:** Pearl angel hair type fine flash material

**Tail Flash:** Silver Flashabou, one strand each side

**Body:** Mylar Braid Piping, folded back to cover tail tie in

**Hackle:** 2 turns white webby saddle

**Side Flash:** Silver Flashabou, one strand each side, cut to hook bend

**Collar:** 6/0 Uni-Thread, Fire Orange



## **Bluegill Leach**

**Hook:** #8 or 10 bent to 90°

**Bead:** Black medium sized bead

**Tail:** Black marabou tips

**Rib:** (optional) any color mylar twist

**Body:** Mid portion of black marabou

**Hackle:** Black webby saddle, 2 turns

**Collar:** Fire Orange thread, 6/0 or 8/0

