



# Michigan Fly Fishing Club

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## Fly of the Month

For November's fly of the month, I found the perfect fly! It goes along with that stomach-stuffing Thanksgiving dinner that we all participate in and what usually happens after this huge meal. No, I am not talking about taking a nap or going out for the early, early black Friday shopping, but finding those antacids to help relieve that "stomach-bloating-not-being-able-to-move-feeling." Thinking of how we stuff ourselves on this glorious day, you can say the fish will do the same with these tiny morsels as we are trying to match. So back a few Thanksgiving dinners ago while searching the web for possible fly patterns to tie or for future material for fly of month; I came across this unique named fly. Here is the very durable and very visible ant pattern, "Ant Acid by Kelly Galloup."

The creator of this fly, Kelly Galloup, originally from Michigan, started his fly tying career selling flies for the local tackle shop when he was only 13 years old. He started his guiding career at age 16, and is still guiding to this day. Today Kelly owns and operates Galloup's Slide Inn in Cameron, Montana. Before he moved to Montana he owned and operated the Troutman Fly Shop in Northern Michigan from 1981 to 2002. Kelly has designed over 40 flies, most of which are known by their bodacious names, like Sex Dungeons, Butt Monkeys, and Stacked Blondes, just to name a few. (Make sure when searching for these on the internet, to add "fly

patterns" before or after the name. If not, there will be some 'splaining to do). In addition to all the flies he has designed, he has written two books: *Modern Streamers for Trophy Trout and Cripples and Spinners*; been published in various fly-fishing periodicals throughout the country; has various fly-tying DVD's; and was a host on Fly Fish TV.

The "Ant Acid" has great definition for the fish to see from below, floats like a cork, and is great for hopper/dropper fishing. Kelly mentioned in his video that sometimes after fish are stuck a few times with big hopper patterns they tend to get spooked. His counter to that is to use an ant fly pattern, as ants are usually overlooked by many fly fishers. I know from attending a tying seminar a long time ago, that fish have a hard time resisting ants, especially after, or during a rain storm, as the rain washes these tiny morsels into the water system. The one thing that aides fish in targeting this pattern is the different and distinct segments that on its bi-color body. Kelly mentions, the gold braid wing and rubber legs are another addition that helps get a fish's attention.

When fishing this amazing acidic pattern, remember that it is a tremendous floating pattern. With the deer hair wing you can rig a good size nymph in a hopper-dropper rig. Make sure when casting this pattern to hit along banks and other structure.

So, when you pull out the antacids after you're indulging of your family's turkey time, instead of following that up with a nap, pull out your vise and tie up some "Ant Acids." With a double dose of "Ant Acids," you will feel much better!

Until next month....

Happy Thanksgiving, Tight Lines and Snazzy Flies!



**HOOK:** Dry Fly size 14

**THREAD:** 8/0 (color to match body)

**BODY 1:** Antron or superfine dubbing (same color as head)

**WING 1:** Gold diamond braid

**BODY 2:** Antron or superfine dubbing (different color)

**WING 2:** Deer hair

**HEAD:** Antron or superfine dubbing (same color as body 1)

**LEGS:** Small rubber legs

## The Evening Hatch

## Submissions

A great big "Thank You!" to all of the wonderful members who turn in submissions help make The Evening Hatch what it is, *our* newsletter. Thank you for submitting all the wonderful articles, columns, trophy fish pictures, travel photos, fly patterns, announcements, outing follow-ups, history, insights and all other input. *You* make this possible! Thanks!

- Sybil Hunter, Hatch Editor