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There is at least 227 of them in that box and I have two other 4" x 7" boxes that I use in my vests. One for trout and the other for smallmouth.

I'll tell you a very sad story. One evening I was driving back from the Susuehanna where I'd been out with the boat near Wrightsville. It was getting a little dark and I wanted to get the boat on the trailer before it got totally dark.

I didn't go through my normal checklist of things I do when putting the boat onto the trailer. A box just like the big one in the picture was sitting between the two seats on the boat.

I pulled away from the ramp, got onto Rte 30 and drove the six miles to my house in York. The next day I went out to go out fishing again and put my rods and lunch into the boat. Then I went to put the big box in the boat. It was not in the car!

I knew immediately that I must of forgotten to take it out of the boat. I quick jumped into the car and drove back down to the ramp and started to re-trace my drive home. I got to about one mile east of the Hellam exit when I saw one cover of the box on the shoulder. I stopped and parked and then saw another smashed section. Then another and none of the flies were in the foam. They were scattered all over the roadway for about 150'. Many had bent hooks, and others had been run over and the eyes had come out, others were just plain ruined and a bunch were likely stuck in dozens of cars that had driven over them during the night. I found one of the four pages intact with about twenty flies in it.

It took weeks to re-tie all of the lost flies. Plus I had to buy another box. Now I never leave a ramp before doing a 100% inspection of inside and around the boat.