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This isn't a question that can be effectively answered here, but tell me if you all have this issue. It always happens if I side-arm cast. I have been using Snowshoe hare's foot fibers. I used to use CDC but it was hard to see, being gray and you can't used gink/Aquel. I have plenty of examples of good parachutes. I have Randall Kauffman's book on dry flies. He uses poly or z-lon. I thought maybe I made the wing too high so it was too top heavy, but compared to what I see out there, it doesn't look that different. I thought maybe longer hackle. Maybe denser; more wraps. I use a short post of Z-lon and long hackle to make my Jacklyn's Parchute spinner and it lands fine, but it's way, way to the extreme. For the dun, I wondered if a fuzzier, puffier post material would be better. But it wouldn't make a good wing profile.

Anyone else have this problem? They are such elegant dry flies. I like them as a counterpoint to comparaduns and rather fugly but effective hump-backed snowshoe emergers.

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