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bigslack,

As you probably know, your hatch was almost certainly a trico spinner fall. Nothing was hatching from underneath (they hatch overnight), they were falling from above. That spinner fall will occur in those same locations virtually every morning from the beginning of July through September. It'll be earlier on hot, sunny days. Later on cooler, cloudy or drizzly days. As you get into the fall, it does get later. A heavy t-storm, or lots of wind, during the flight itself is one way it can fall apart.

When it comes later (either later in the year, or due to cool, overcast conditions), it'll be more long lived but less dense. Which usually means less fish rise to it, but a few do, and you can target them for longer.

As with any hatch, if crowds and physical conditions allow you to keep moving, it's always better to keep moving and float it over fresh fish than it is to focus on one pod during the whole thing. Once you get a refusal or a miss, that fish may keep rising but much more wisely.

A size 24/26 spent wing pattern. Black thread body, white or grey poly wings. Split tails. If you tie, it's a very simple tie, even though it's small. It'll catch fish. I use, most commonly, a 10-12 foot leader, including a longish 6x tippet of the softest tippet material you can find. The females actually have black bodies, white abdomens, and sometimes they get picky and want to see that white. But usually all black does just fine.

It's a fun, and reliable hatch to chase. And demands some slack line casts and controlling drag, so if you can find success, you should be more confident during any hatch. And often the large ones don't rise to the small flies, but catching lots of small to average fish is ok with me.