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I agree with Tom, instruction and lessons are great, but I seem to learn the most, and more importantly enjoy learning from trying and discovering things for myself. The main thing I have learned, that there are many ways to catch a fish, and no way is really “right”. Think of this, if you learned from Joe Humphries, for example, you would believe that his method of nymphing with no indy and a bunch of lead shot fished upstream on a tight line, etc., is the only way to catch fish – he scolds anyone for using an indicator. Yet in reality, there are many other ways to catch fish with and without an indicator. BTW, I think Joe H. is one the best fly fishers / teachers in our sport, I just used him as an example since he is one of the most well known teachers.

Like Tom, I love to hear the ideas and “discoveries” made by others on this board and elsewhere, including the authors of the many articles and books I read. I love to try different things and learn different methods, equipment, rigs, or flies. Each has a time and a place, and it’s up to you to try to pick the best plan of attack based on your experience. When you reach a certain stage of your fly-fishing, you may begin to fish with the method you prefer, or the method that is the most difficult, rather than the way that might be best for the stream conditions and hatch – just for the FUN of it.