



# Fly in my Email Dennis Stead



## Doc Taylor's Cork bobber and Twenty-five best flies

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A year ago, Richard Solomon talked about Doc Taylor. He met Doc Taylor at Bennett Springs more than 38 years ago. Doc was selling a number of items. One of his items was this cork bobber. This one is 2" long and 1/2" wide.



Doc took a cigar shaped cork and added two BB split shot in the middle of the cork, one on each side. They were epoxy in and the cork painted. He had two colors, orange you see above and a chartreuse green. A hole made by wire was run through the cork. Then he made a tool with a little lope to pull the line through. A tooth pick between the line and cork kept the cork in place on the line. If you look close to his logo it is a Teepee with a T on one side and P on the other. T for Taylor, P for Pride. Under the teepee is the word Lures. Taylor Pride Lures.



I know the first strike indicators were made of cork and the fact that Doc Taylor was selling these at Bennett Springs to Richard; he must have been one of the first to market them. But he did something different; by adding two lead split shot in the cork it added weight for casting. It floated perfect in the water and when a fish would strike the fly, the cork acted as a count balance and you could see the strike immediately.

I had a few corks that came with a number of old fly tying tools I bought. They had a string through them. Now I know what they are. The following is one of those early cork strike indicator. Mine is smaller, 1" long and 3/8" wide.

The only thing it needed was to be painted. So, I painted one. The next thing I need to do is get the BB shot added.



I had a number of different types of cork strike indicators.



Does anyone know about Doc Taylor Pride Lures? Or maybe you have a few old strike indicators. Let me know.

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<https://www.ozarkflyfishers.org/fly/flymisc/bst25flies.pdf>

Al said you can also see this article under his web site [Missouri Fly Fishing/Renegade Fly Fishing](#) under the menu item MO Waters. Boy, that is a good looking web site, check it out.

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