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DINNER PROGRAM: SEPT 19



SHOW & TELL NIGHT!

Yes, it's time once again for "Show and Tell" at our September Dinner Meeting on September 19. However, in order to be as exciting as a moose in your back yard, we need your help, specifically your digital slide shows or short videos of club members' fishing adventures. Presentations can be created using a presentation program on your computer, with or

without sound. You can bring your computer, a flash drive, DVD or CD with your program to the meeting or you can email it to Glenn Short if you can't attend. Presentations should each be approximately five minutes in length.

If you can contribute a slide show, a short video, or have questions, please email Glenn Short (glenn.short@gmail.com).

A DAY AT THE MUSEUM

by Ren Colantoni

At the March 2019 SPFF fundraiser, I successfully bid on a special tour of the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History donated by Dr. Joel (Jody) Martin. I recently took that tour along with my two granddaughters, Grace (19) and Emma (16), and my wife Mary (over 21). I had not been to the museum since the 1950's, but had always enjoyed the place and all its wonders.

Jody is the Curator of Crustacea (crabs, shrimp, lobsters, etc.) and also the Associate Vice President for Research for the museum. It seems that most people are not aware of the presence of the place in the world of science, but it holds great renown for many aspects of research and collections of natural history topics. Jody showed us several things that were unique in collections of the world, and of things that so far have yet to be explained.

The visit included the dinosaur hall, where skeletons of ancient creatures have been restored to perfection, such work sometimes taking many years. We visited the Mammal Hall also, again seeing things of which the person in the street is not aware. The museum has had a research project going in Antarctica looking for (wait for it) dinosaurs that lived there millions of year ago, a time when all the continents were in contact with each other (the super continent Pangea) and the temperature was more moderate. A major display has been assembled to show the process of research and investigation of these species and how to find them in the ice and snow.

Of special interest were two visits "behind the scenes." The museum supports ongoing and extensive research in a variety of natural life forms. Jody works primarily with Crustacea, and we visited his facility where great movable racks of specimens in thousands of bottles of alcohol were stored. He estimates that there are between four and five million items in the collection. They serve to act as references for research for both local and global investigation of their kind. We also had a treat of visiting a facility where the remains of bones of ancient creatures are being restored and prepared for viewing. The museum has teams in the fossil beds of Utah who locate bone remains,

encase them in burlap and plaster casts and then send them to the museum where technicians painstakingly release them from their encasing rock to eventually be displayed and written about. We were actually able to touch such a thing that was 130 million years old.

Perhaps the most interesting part of the visit was Jody's own enthusiasm about the place, the collections, and the ongoing research done at and through the museum. Although working primarily with Crustaceans, he is greatly enthusiastic about all of the work and displays done there, and his pleasure at describing what we were seeing and learning about was clearly visible. This interest of his in turn made our visit ever more memorable and enjoyable.

The last visit we made was to the museum's Gems and Minerals Hall. This is no doubt one of the greatest displays of its kind anywhere and is wonderfully presented. One display shows gold nuggets and lumps, more than is shown anywhere else in the world in one place. This room alone is worth the price of admission.

I am very thankful to Jody for setting this visit up for us and we gratefully thank him for his time and effort.

MEMBERSHIP

by Jay Bushore

The members of Sierra Pacific Flyfishers look forward to meeting you. We hope to get to know you better at the monthly dinner Meetings, in our educational programs and on the water. SPFF always welcomes new members. New membership signup is at spff.org/New_Member_Signup.

SPFF always welcomes new members. Please welcome and introduce yourselves to our latest members:

CHARLES EYLER
GREGORY WHITNEY
MIKE HOOLIHAN

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Richard Ress

August has been a banner month for me, and September looks even better. I had my second and most successful try at teaching a fly for our Wednesday fly tying group. It was a Wally Wing mayfly; I had never heard of Wally Lotz and his wing until David Hoffberg, abetted by Michael Peratis, urged me to learn and teach it. It went



well, I now have a dozen Wally Wings in various colors, sizes and materials, and I look forward to fishing them. I've been tying for only a few years so I encourage anyone who has thought about doing so to join our friendly and helpful Wednesday evening dinner

and joke session, supplemented by tying flies.

We had the most successful annual picnic in years at Rincon Beach on August 18. Over 50 members came to enjoy the cool air, the beautiful beach, the company and great food. A few early birds casted a line, with little success; I heard of one fish caught. Sausages on the grill were artfully grilled by Gene Mahn and Mike Hembree, and served with all the trimmings by First Ladies Mira Ress and Janne Bissett. Our Swap Meet and Garage Cleanout sale (my name for it) was a rousing success. Michael, Marshall Bissett, Steve Esgate and I loaded a bunch of rods and older club equipment from our storage unit into Kevin Radanovicj's truck and this was supplemented by a lot of other donations from members, including rods, reels, clothing and assorted repurposed stuff. There were some great deals, especially on rods and reels. The club netted over \$1400 to use for conservation and educational programs and we still have some great items for our next fundraiser, including a pontoon boat with all its accessories. Most importantly, we

got to see members who haven't been around for a while.

I have three trips scheduled for September. First, I will be going to Montana with my brother Ron to fish the Big Horn, thanks to the 2 for 1 deal he scored at last year's fundraiser. Those are the best bargains around. It should be easier than my last trip there in the spring when the water was high and running fast out of the dam. Next I will join David and Neal Hoffberg at Hot Creek Ranch, my favorite place to unwind and get my butt kicked by the finicky trout, but unlike last spring we will be back to dry flies only. Finally, Mira and I will spend two weeks traveling through Portugal. I'm not sure if I will be able to wet a line but I will take my travel rod just in case.

The only sour notes this month have been the bad news about setbacks for efforts to save Bristol Bay, to stop the pipeline through the northern states and plans to gut environmental protections. We all need to make our voices heard in order to delay these projects until the government wakes up to its long term obligations to protect our wild lands.

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EDUCATION

by Steve Ebersold

We offer *Casting Clinics* at Balboa Lake/ Beilenson Park in Encino, the 1st and 3rd Saturdays, from 9-11 AM; *Fly Tying Class* in January; “ITFF” *Introduction to Fly Casting* in March; Continue *Fly Tying* on Wednesday evenings for fun; *Fly Rod Building* in May and the *Nymphing Clinic* in October.

Please visit spff.org/Education for more information.

OUTINGS

by Jim Fleisher

We mainly fly fish the Eastern Sierras and the pacific coast. The *Surf Clinic & Outing* is in January; the *Super Bowl Outing* in Bishop; our *Graduation Outing* is in April, in Bishop; *Hot Creek Ranch* weekend in June and we especially look forward to the *Getting Started Outing* in the Mammoth Lakes area in July and the *Nymphing Clinic* in October. Visit spff.org/Outings for more details.

LIBRARY

by Tom Wright

Learn more about fly fishing. Please visit our vast Fly Fishing Library online at [spff.org/Library Catalog](http://spff.org/LibraryCatalog)

PROJECT HEALING WATERS

by David Hoffberg

Volunteers meet at Sepulveda Vet Center twice a month to teach Veterans fly tying and fly casting.

Visit [spff.org/Project Healing Waters](http://spff.org/Project_Healing_Waters) for more information.

SPFF EVENT CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

Project Healing Waters Vets.....	5
Board Meeting	5
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa	7
Project Healing Waters Vets.....	19
Dinner Meeting (“Show and Tell” Members’ Night)	19
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa.....	21
Healing Saturday at Fisherman’s Spot	28

OCTOBER

Project Healing Waters Vets.....	3
Board Meeting	3
SWC FFI Fly Fishing Faire	5-6
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa	5
Project Healing Waters Vets.....	17
Dinner Meeting (David Gregory, “The Magic of Yosemite”)	17
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa	19
Nymphing Clinic Orientation Meeting	19
Nymphing Clinic	26-27

NOVEMBER

Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa.....	2
Project Healing Waters Vets.....	7
Board Meeting	7
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa.....	16
Project Healing Waters Vets.....	21
Dinner Meeting (Norm Baiocchi, “Northern California Opportunity”)	21

FISHING REPORT

Fly Fishing As An Extreme Sport (Or How I Got Buffaloed)

by Ed Swanson

This past summer my wife and I had the opportunity to fly fish with friends in the Lamar Valley in Yellowstone.

We hiked a couple miles out into the valley from our car toward a great fishing spot our friends liked. The hike was pleasant, though we had to stay alert for any occasional solitary bison that might be resting near our path.

For what it's worth, a bison technically is not a buffalo. Bison generally are from 6 ½ to slightly over 9 ft. long, five to six feet in height, and as much as 2,200 lbs. Its size, however, belies its speed: a bison can run as fast as 40 mph.



As we neared the fishing spot from the north, we could see a small herd of bison (perhaps 50 or more) heading toward the same location from the east. We hoped the

herd would continue moving, but many of the bison decided to relax between us and the fishing spot. After some internal debate in which cooler heads prevailed against a proposal to go through the herd to the river (Moses might be able to part them safely, but I wasn't giving our group much chance of such a miracle), we decided to head further up the river to where the bison HAD been.



After waiting for some stragglers, we finally reached the river and were able to fish. My fishing was off a bit, perhaps because I kept looking around in case one of the solo bison meandered my way. Thankfully, I never had to find out whether my bear spray would work on a bison.



Part of my nervousness was caused by my wife, who described just the day before (and again on this occasion to our friends) a documentary she had seen recently in which some bison became angry that a deer was walking nearby. After one curmudgeon knocked the deer down, other bison circled and trampled the poor creature to death.

MONTHLY DINNER PROGRAM MEETINGS THIRD THURSDAY

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Entree:

Chicken Fajitas or Salmon
Rice and Beans

Dessert:

Hot Fudge Sundae

CONSERVATION REPORT

by Debbie Sharpton

Klamath River Recovery

Recently SPFF submitted a letter of support for the Klamath River Renewal Corporation (KRRC) application to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). I've added a bit of information from KRRC's website about why this is so important.

KRRC's job is to take ownership of four PacifiCorp dams — JC Boyle, Copco, No. 1 & 2, and Iron Gate — and then remove these dams, restore formerly inundated lands, and implement required mitigation measures in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations. PacifiCorp will continue to operate the dams in the interim. Dams upstream of JC Boyle — Keno and Link River Dams — are not part of the KRRC project. PacifiCorp will transfer Keno Dam to the United States government under the amended KHSR, but both dams will remain operational.

Removal of the four hydroelectric dams is the first crucial step to restore the health of the Klamath

River and the communities that depend upon it. KRRC's sole focus is to accomplish this first step.

Proposed Action

The KRRC proposes to remove four hydroelectric developments: J.C. Boyle, Copco No. 1, Copco No. 2, Iron Gate, along with appurtenant facilities (the Project). The purpose of the Project is to achieve a free-flowing condition and volitional fish passage in the Klamath River, in the reaches currently occupied by these developments (river miles 193.1 to 234.1). Under the KHSR, the Project consists of measures to remove the four developments; remediate and restore the reservoir sites; avoid or minimize adverse impacts downstream; assure completion of the Project with committed funds; and avoid damages and liabilities for PacifiCorp, the States, and third parties. The Project also proposes a schedule for decommissioning of the developments, which may commence on January 1, 2021 without payment to PacifiCorp for foregone power generation, and subsequent removal.

If you want to read more go to <http://www.klamathrenewal.org>



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(Charles, Jim & Chris)



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(Our cooks - Gene & Mike)



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(Lunch line)



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FISHING REPORT: MONACHE MEADOWS

by Jim Fleisher

A group of us from SPFF took part in an adventurous 4 WD and fishing trip to Monache Meadows, near the town of Kennedy Meadows in the Sierras. The group consisting of Teresa Lundy, David Hoffberg, Bruce Kirbis, Victor Garibian and Jim Fleisher left LA Thursday morning, August 22 and drove to the Black Rock Ranger Station above Kennedy Meadows, which is about 30 miles west of Route 395 north of Ridgecrest (yes, we did feel a small earthquake while talking to the Ranger). We then proceeded on a roughly and rough 12 mile 4 wheel drive "road" down to the South Fork of the Kern River and home of the California Golden Trout.

Although the road was rough in spots, getting in was not too bad except that Bruce had a 2-wheel drive truck and we were not sure he would be able to get back out. To add to the excitement, we were surrounded by 4 lightning induced forest fires and passed the large military-like encampment of the firefighters. None of the fires was really threatening our area.

We actually crossed the Kern River to reach our campsite which was beautiful and right along the river.

Fishing was terrific with Purple Haze and other similar flies working in the morning and lots of hopper action in the afternoon. In the evening the brown trout made their appearance for the evening hatch. We all caught Golden Hybrids, which are really pretty fish.

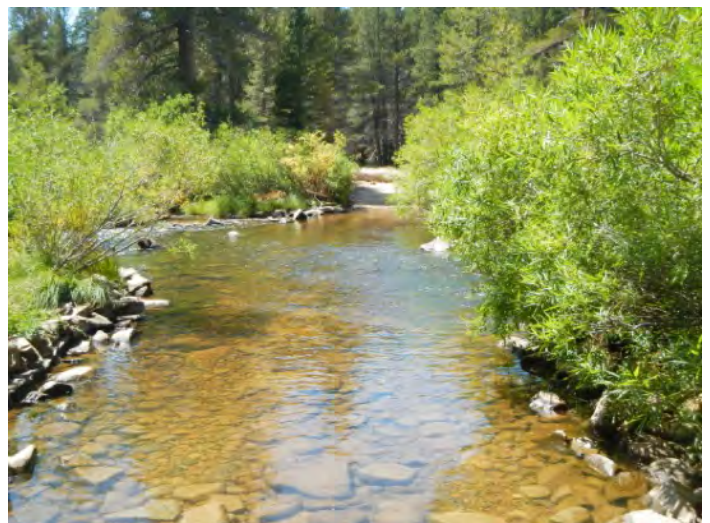
Of note, there are two dams upriver of our campsite specifically designed to keep the brown, brook and rainbow trout from getting into the upper river, which has been maintained as a pure Golden Trout area.

Dinners consisted of wonderful stuffed grape leaves provided by Victor's wife, grilled salmon and steaks. No one starved and no freeze dried food needed!!

The nights were crystal clear with very little smoke interference despite the fires. The only major camp visitor was a mouse!

After two wonderful days of fishing, we packed up (with Victor bringing everything but or maybe including the kitchen sink) and started our uphill trek to get out. Bruce did a tremendous driving job and was able to grind up the really steep grades, which even challenged my Jeep in low 4-wheel drive.

After an interesting lunch break in Kennedy Meadows, we headed back to LA and almost were trapped in another fire along the 14 Freeway.



A RECOLLECTION OF PETER FONDA

by John Tobin

At the news of the death of Peter Fonda I was reminded of once having greeted this “Easy Rider” and avid fly fisher. It was in the early morning of a summer day in 1981 or ’82 on an overlook above Paradise Valley, near Livingston, Montana. My friend Randy and I had just departed our tent trailer at Pine Creek campground high in the Absaroka Range, on our way down for a day’s fishing the coveted, private water of Nelson’s Spring Creek.

As was our habit on the first day of this annual event, we pulled into a little overlook to view the spectacular expanse of ranch and field and forest 500 feet below, transected by the north flowing Yellowstone River, bathed in the morning light. Just as we stopped, half a dozen bikers came loudly up the slope and pulled in. Out of courtesy, or perhaps awe, they shut down their hogs. I glanced out of my open window to see next to me Peter Fonda, astride not the film’s iconic “Captain America” chopper, but a respectable Harley.

He was unmistakable: hatless, hair swept back, aviator shades. I called out to him, a little showy, “Hey Peter, how’s fishing been? We have rods on Nelson’s today!” He turned slowly with that trademark grin, and nodded politely. I learned later from Helen Nelson that Fonda had a ranch close by, on Suce Creek Road, and sometimes fished their creek, when he could get a rod.

It seems now that it could not have been a better instance of life imitating art than if Jack Nicholson had been riding pillion on Fonda’s bike that morning.

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