

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



November 2015

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Website:

<http://www.fcoc.org>

Club Meeting:

November 11, 2015
Phoenix Club
1340 S. Sanderson
Anaheim, CA
6:00 pm - Wet Fly
7:00 pm - Dinner
Dinner & Program - \$30 Cash
Program Only - \$10 Cash
\$1 Fee for Credit Cards

Board Meeting:

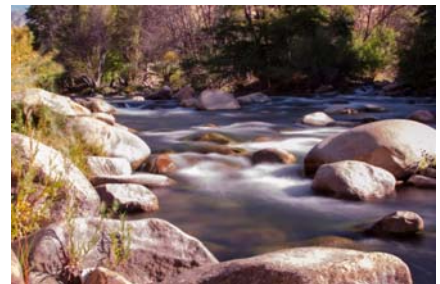
November 16, 2015 - 7:00 pm
Montesilla Mobile Home Park
15601 South B St., Tustin
7:00 pm
Club Members are Welcome

President's Message By Doug Jones

President's Outing

The President's Outing at the Kern River held the third weekend in October was a great success. Despite closed roads that made traveling difficult and the threat of more rain, the weather turned out great. I would like to thank everyone that attended.

Due to enthusiastic help from everyone that attended, the Saturday night barbecue was an great success. Thanks to Chef Scot Lewis and Sous-Chef Jim Edwards we had out-



standing smoked chicken and barbecued steak. In addition, we had several excellent salads, side dishes and deserts.

Fishing was not at its best due to recent rains but several fish were caught. There were several who wanted to fish the upper Kern but were told it was in poor condition due to rain before we arrived. In spite of the conditions a few fish were caught by those who had the patience to "keep on fishin."

Eric Kramer and Rich Fanning hired Guy Jeans of the Kern River Fly Shop to guide them fishing on Saturday.

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Guy suggested fishing for Bass on the lower Kern River. The stretch fished was all the way down the canyon to the San Joaquin Valley!

Guy provided specially configured float tubes. Fishing was from the tubes and by wading. A lot of largemouth and some smallmouth bass were caught, typically in the 12 to 14 inch range. It was great fun!



Due to need for properly configured float tubes, the presence of some rapids and the need to use a second vehicle to return from the take out location, the best way to take this trip is with Guy. You will enjoy it!

November 11th FFCOC Meeting:

Mel & Neil's Big Trout, Exotic Location and Low Cost Adventure with Mel and Neil Light

Most fly fishers dream of an exciting and fulfilling fishing trip that they can design themselves, prepare for and then spend a month or so experiencing. It'd be like a dream of the ultimate fly fishing adventure totally under their control. What fun, right?

But how many people do this? Well, at this month's meeting you're going to meet two who have done this, and more than once. Mel and Neil Light are true fly fishing fanatics. In fact Mel, a member and past-president of Wilderness Fly Fishers, even writes a column that appears in his club's newsletter, *Mending the Line*, called just that, "The Fishing Fanatic." And Mel's older brother, Neil, is considered by many to be even more of a fanatic about our sport than Mel.

Last year, they researched, planned, then conducted even more research, constantly adjusting their plans, and then they took off for the bottom of Argentina and South America. They packed all their own gear and camping equipment, bought their own plane tickets, hoped to get into a campsite they learned about, also hoped they would be able to find transportation once they got there and boarded their flights, each brother leaving from a different city, which was an adventure in itself. (Mel lives in L.A. and flew from LAX, Neil lives in Santa Rosa and flew from San Francisco.) Their trip lasted a month! And, luckily for us, they shot a good amount of video and lots of pictures.

They had funny experiences, joyous fishing, and some unforeseen problems that were overcome. They have not only great stories to tell, but also enjoyable, humorous and illuminating video to show us. (After Neil's return home he bought editing software, contracted with a high school student to tutor him on editing, and, through his young tutor and trial and error, became a good editor.) During their adventure,



they learned a lot, and luckily for us, we will as well, but without having to live through the difficulties they did. And if you want to see what it is like to catch huge sea-run brown trout, along with big resident brown trout in an amazing river and spring creek at the bottom of Patagonia, all the while traveling around on their own, camping out, going to local grocery stores, cooking most of their own meals, meeting locals, learning the customs and drinking the Argentinian ubiquitous drink that is as popular there as coffee is here (in Argentina it is known to all as “Mate”), don’t miss this presentation.



Mel, Neil and their sister were born in Minnesota, but when they were all toddlers, the family moved to California, settling in Santa Rosa. It was there that the Light brothers became enraptured with fishing. Their parents weren’t fishers, but Neil believes a genetic “bug” must have been passed to them from their grandfather who was a fisherman in Minnesota. In their teens, they both became absolute fishing fanatics.



Mel attended Santa Rosa Junior College before entering the Army, where he served as a 1st Lieutenant in Special Forces in Vietnam. After the Army, Mel settled in SoCal, attended Santa Monica Junior College and started his own landscape contracting company. He backpacked and explored many of the streams in the Sierra and has since fished most of the rivers all around the western states in the U.S. . . . and that means almost **all** the rivers. For example, last year Mel fished more than 90 days, with his specialty being dry fly fishing using tiny flies. In fact, of the most recent 25 fish Mel caught this year, he got them all on flies size 24 or

smaller. He is a creative fly tier, creating many new patterns.

Neil is a woodworking artisan specializing in cabinetry and custom furniture who spends three to six months every year fishing around the globe. He loves to chase trout and steelhead in the U.S. northwest, Canada and Russia, along with saltwater species (tarpon, bonefish and snook) in Florida, South America and Christmas Island in the Pacific. Neil also attended Santa Rosa Junior College and later earned a B.A. degree from Chico State University. He, as well as Mel, is an innovative fly tier and has invented new patterns, including what has become known as “The California Neil.”

These two siblings will be giving a presentation you will enjoy and learn from.

Important News

It's Membership Renewal Time!

ATTENTION!! ATENTION!! ALL CLUB MEMBERS

It's that time of year to renew your Membership. There are (2) ways to do this. One is to renew at the November meeting and the other is via our Website. If you use our Website, you will need to log in using your password. Please come and see me at the November meeting if you do not want to renew via the Website. I will have applications and release waivers at the next meeting for your convenience.

Thanks, Vern Martin

Laguna Niguel Lake Fishing Closing

Rick Mendoza (operator of the fishing venue at Laguna Niguel Lake) has reported that the County has decided not to renew his lease to operate the fishing venue at Laguna Niguel Lake. As of October 31, 2015, there will be no fishing concession at the lake. The Lake may receive normal DFW plants. It's believed that fishing from shore will be allowed but watercraft will not.

Chubby Chernobyl's Ready to Rumble!



SAVE THE DATE

The Fly Fishers Club of Orange County

REQUEST THAT YOU SAVE THE DATE OF
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2016
TO CELEBRATE OUR CLUB'S 50TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE
THE PAST 50 YEARS WITH AN
ELEGANT BUFFET, PROGRAM, PRIZES
AND SPECIAL AWARDS.

*The Phoenix Club
The Grand Ballroom
Anaheim, California*

INVITATION TO FOLLOW

Outings

On The River Clinic

By Joe Libeau

The club is offering an “On the River Clinic” for new and beginning fly fishing club members. This is a two part event.

Lecture Portion:

Each lecture will be different and will cover equipment, entomology, reading the water, knots, leaders etc

The lecture portion will be held on October 24 and November 7 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm:
Montesilla Mobile Home Park 15601 South B St, Tustin.

Outing Portion:

The outing will be held the weekend of November the 21, 22 on the Lower Owens outside of Bishop, CA.

This is a great opportunity for new club members. It will provide you with valuable information to help you become a more productive fly fisher. The class is limited to 20 students.

We are also asking for instructors to help on the November weekend. If you have any question please contact me at 310-749-6771. If you would like to participate please contact Doug Jones ASAP at 714-697-2222 or dougjones.oc@gmail.com.

2015 Club Meeting Dates and Speakers

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
11-11-15	2nd Wed	Mel and Neil Light	“Mel & Neil’s Big Trout, Exotic Location and Low Cost Adventure”
12-16-15	3rd Wed	Dan Lecount	“Advanced Tactics for Big Trout”

2015 Outings and Events

The Outings and Events planned for 2015 are listed below. If you are interested in participating in any of these or want additional information, you should contact the Streamkeeper listed in the table below.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>STREAMKEEPER</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
November 2-6	Lee’s Ferry, AZ	Melinda Burns	951 415-9920
October 24 November 7	On The River Lectures Tustin (See article)	Joe Libeu/Doug Jones	714 998-7304
November 21, 22	On The River Clinic Lower Owens, Bishop, CA	Joe Libeu/Doug Jones	714 998-7304
December	TBD		

2016 Outings and Events

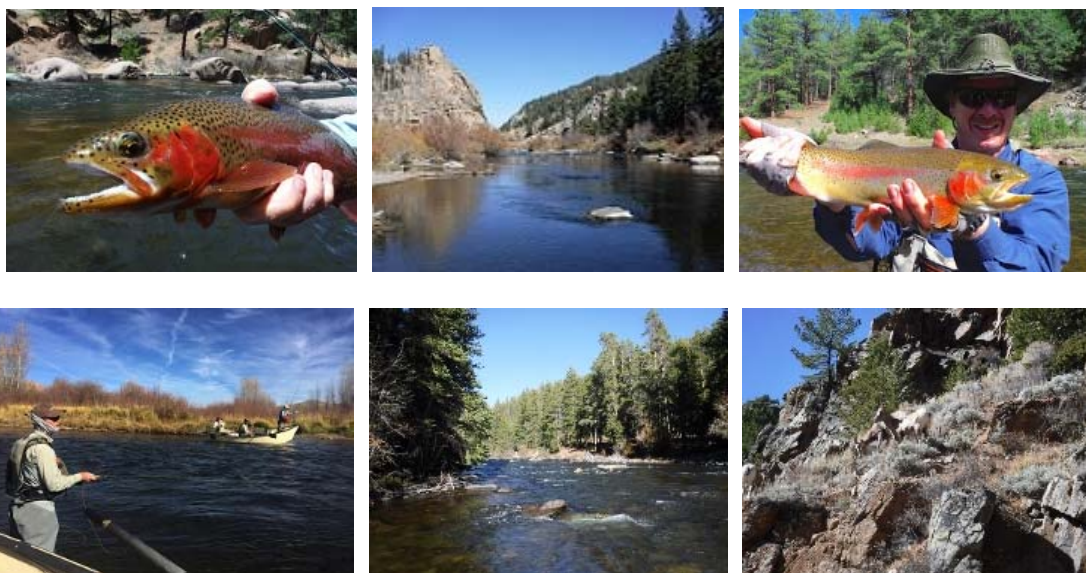
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DATE	LOCATION	STREAMKEEPER	PHONE
January	Local Lake	Lyman Kennedy	714 742-5865
February	Surf	Jim Edwards	714 337-5899
March	Pyramid Lake	Jim Wright	714 679-6638
April	San Juan River	Brian Mayer	562 619-9169
May 1-7	Colorado River	Lyman Kennedy Mark Spowart	714 742-5865
May	Kelsey Bass Ranch	Lyman Kennedy	714 742-5865
June	Fish Creek		
July	Hot Creek	John Williams	951 236-0862
August			
September	Utah One	John Williams	951 236-0862
September	Utah Two	John Williams	951 236-0862
September	Utah Three	John Williams	951 236-0862
October 15-15	Fly Fishing Faire - Bishop		
October 21-23	President's Outing	Jim Edwards	714 337-5899
November			

COLORADO OUTING

Planned for May 1-7, 2016

Lyman Kennedy, Streamkeeper



In the past we have had both Pat Dorsey and Landon Meyer speak at our club regarding fishing the famous blue ribbon tailwater streams in Colorado. Having just returned from a trip, I am excited to announce a club trip to that area next year.

We are fortunate to have a club member, Mark Spowart, living in Monument Colorado and he was host for myself and two others on a week long trip to Colorado recently. Our outing next year will start in the Colorado Springs area, requiring a plane trip to Denver, about 3 hours and then an hour drive south to Colorado Springs and Monument. Participants will stay at the Fairfield Inn in Colorado Springs, 2.8 miles from Monument.

We will stay in Colorado Springs for three days, with opportunity to fish such famous trout streams as Cheesman Canyon, the Dream Stream, Elevenmile Canyon, Deckers as well as the Arkansas River. We will be using guides from Blue Quill Anglers who are all experts at fishing these streams.

After our exciting days on the water, Mark and his lovely wife, Liz, will be hosting our evening meals at their beautiful home in Monument.

Places for sight seeing for those interested include: Garden of the Gods, Air Force Academy, Pro Rodeo Museum, U.S. Olympic center, and Manitou Springs (cannabis capital of Colorado, if that is your cup of tea).

Then we will make a three hour drive southeast to Gunnison where we will stay at the Altmont Resort and fish the Gunnison River and possibly Taylor River. The Altmont Resort has cabins reasonably priced that can house 4-6 people with kitchen and living room. Fishing the Gunnison River is best done on a float trip with guides through some beautiful country, casting to browns, rainbows and cutbows. These fish are brightly colored, fat, and healthy and love to make long runs. Nearby Taylor river is a tailwater stream that is easily waded and is renown for its large 10-20 pound rainbows (and difficult to catch) up near outlet from the dam. The lower river in the public areas is very wadable and has good insect hatches and has riffles, long runs and pocket water.

At the conclusion of our trip, we have a four hour drive to Denver to return rental cars and check in at airport for our plane trip home.

More information with cost estimates and details to follow. If you are interested please contact Lyman Kennedy at lkennedyjr@earthlink.net or 714 742-5865.

Fly Tying

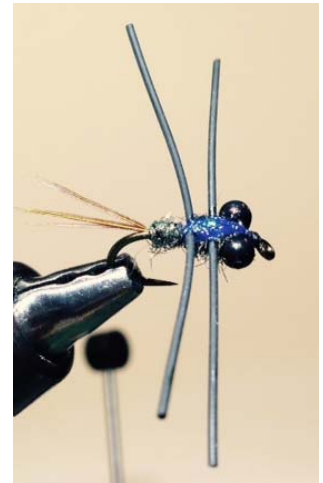
FLIES THAT KEEP ON GIVING Bug Eyed Blue

Playing with different materials and my background in art has driven me to create many different flies and some have been very effective. After speaking to many fishermen who have fished Largo Strobel (Jurassic Lake) everyone has suggested a different style, color, and size fly. This fly is an experiment for Jurassic Lake. I've had great luck with Electric Blue of late on Rainbows.



By John Williams

HOOK:	Mustad R90, size 10 (4x strong hook)
THREAD:	UTC 140, Black
EYES:	Black Bead Chain Eyes, Medium
TAIL:	Pheasant Tail Fibers
ABDOMEN & THORAX:	Ice Dub Peacock
LEGS:	Medium Round Rubber Legs, Black
SHELL BACK:	UTC Holographic Blue Tinsel
GLUE:	Super Glue (Under body and head cement)
SHELL BACK COVERING:	UV Clear Fly Finish, Thin



Tying Instructions:

1. Mount the hook in your vise.
2. Smear a slight amount of super glue on the spot where you intend to tie in the eyes. Listen carefully, I smear super glue every step of the way so there is a coating that holds this fly together from the ravages of these monster fish, I've been down this road before.
3. Tie in the eyes leaving a head space to finish the fly and to secure the tinsel.
4. Tie in five or six pheasant tail fibers to form the tail the length of the shank.
5. Dub a small amount of dubbing to form the abdomen and wrap forward to the 1/2 way forward.
6. Tie in four strands of tinsel or two folded over to form four and leave to the rear for now.
7. Cut a piece of rubber leg material and tie a loose over hand knot in the rubber and slide the knot down from the eye to form your first set of legs, secure with a couple of wraps.
8. Dub half way forward to the eyes and tie in the second set of legs as before.
9. Dub to the eyes.
10. Pull the tinsel strands, trying to keep them as wide as you can. Secure with thread behind the eyes with three wraps of thread then fold the tinsel over the gap in the eyes and secure again with two wraps of thread in front of the eyes and then back to behind the eyes and secure again. Cut the excess tinsel off.
11. Smear a slight amount of super glue on 1/2" of the thread and wrap three times and whip finish behind the eyes.
12. Place UV clear finish on just the blue tinsel and cure to secure and protect the tinsel from those teeth.

I'll let you know how we did. Take Care, John

FFCOC Leadership

Mission:

- Encourage Angling with Artificial Flies (fly fishing)
- Encourage Education and Fisheries Conservation, including Habitat and Watershed Conservation
- Disseminate to the Public the Results of the Club's Efforts
- Encourage Youth to Follow Sound Conservation Practices

To ACHIEVE this the Club conducts various meetings, events and outings as documented in this newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP is open to all. If interested, contact one of the board members or come to one of the meetings.

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