

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



March 2021

Next Meeting

WEDNESDAY, March 10th

ZOOM, kicks off at 7:00PM

Details on the web:

www.FFCOC.org

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Read On!

President's Message

Welcome to March and the coming of Spring, Daylight Savings Time, and continued Covid vaccinations for us all!! To sound like a broken record, aren't we all looking forward to the return of normalcy in our lives. So, go out and fish, if you safely can. Fishing is very Covid compliant, and it's great therapy as well!!

March also brings the release of the new State of California fishing regulations. As I write this message, the CDFW has the following note posted on their website; "NEW Ocean and Freshwater Fishing Regulations will be posted on or before March 1, when the 2021-2022 regulations take effect". Keep an eye on the CDFW website (<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Regulations>) for the release of the 2021-22 Freshwater and Saltwater Sport Fishing Regulations. So, go out and fish, legally per the latest regulations!!



Have you been fishing lately? Tell your fish tale at our next meeting, or provide a write-up to our Newsletter Editor (Art Prangle) with a photo or two! All those that provide a fish tale will have their name placed in the fish bowl for drawing at the end of our next meeting for a \$25 Bob Marriott's gift certificate! Joe Libeu was the winner of the drawing at our February meeting! Like a good fly fisher, Joe practiced catch and release and returned the gift certificate for use at our March meeting!

Finally, we had another great Board meeting last evening. The Board spent time discussing and planning our Annual Auction, Casting in the Park, and Club Outing activities. Our Club activities will be ready to go when the health authorities deem group activities can safely resume. As reported in the last newsletter, the Sequoia Lodge in Kernville has now been secured, and the 2021 President's Outing at the Kern River is planned for October 8-10. Please see the announcement in this newsletter for further info, with instructions on securing your lodging for this annual outing. Reservations are now being accepted!!

I am looking forward to seeing you (virtually) at our March 10th meeting. It's always great talking about, and hearing stories of fishing! See you then!!

Terry

March Speaker



Fish versus Fire: How to proactively manage to protect and sustain vulnerable native aquatic communities in Southern California

Ms. Heather Dyer is the CEO and General Manager at the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, a position she has held since January 2020. She joined the water district in July 2014.

In her first year as CEO, Heather has launched a rebranding of the district and how it operates, including the near-completion of the district's first ever *Strategic Plan*, a *Classification and Compensation Study*, and the completion of a watershed-wide *Habitat Conservation Plan*, focused on protecting 22 native species of the Santa Ana River.

Her priorities at the district continue to be long-term water supply projects reliability throughout both local (So Cal) and the State Water Project. This entails identifying, mitigating, and adapting to the likely effects of climate change on long term drought, catastrophic wildfires in the headwaters, and shifts in the ecology of the watershed.

She began her career working for the USGS National Wetlands Research Center in Lafayette, Louisiana, studying the effects of climate change on freshwater and saltwater marsh ecology with implications for coastal land loss. She worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service from 2009 to 2013 in both Louisiana and Southern California as the Santa Ana River Biologist.

Heather earned a Bachelor of Science in Resource Biology from the University of Louisiana and a Master of Science in Marine Biology from Nicholls State University. She received an Executive MBA at Claremont Graduate University in May 2019.

Additional information and reports are available on the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District website: <https://www.sbvmd.com/about-us>

2021 Speakers

MONTHLY SPEAKER PROGRAM

January	Landon Mayer	Mastering the Short Game	1/13/21
February	Tony Reinhardt	Advanced Drift Boat Techniques	2/10/21
March	Heather Dyer	Conservation in San Bernardino NF	3/10/21
April	Jason Randall	When All Else Fails - Tactics for Catching Trout on Slow Days	4/14/21
May	Skip Morris	Make Dry Fly and Emergers work	5/12/21
June	Buhler Brothers (Ryan and Rob)	Streamer Fishing for Big Fish in So Cal	6/9/21
July	Dave Smith	Euro Nymphing Local Waters	7/7/21
August	Picnic		8/11/21
September	Auction		9/8/21
October	Charles Jardine	UK Fishing	10/13/21
November	Karlie Rowland	Fishing Henry's Fork, Idaho	11/10/21
December	TBD		12/8/21

Announcements & News

California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife:

New regulations coming March 1st for both Freshwater and Saltwater Fishing. Check out this website for the latest information.

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Regulations>

Check out our club website: www.ffcoc.org

We're adding links, Forums, updated events and news as well as having a current Membership Directory at your fingertips. The website can also be reached via a Mobile App available for your phones and tablets.

Adding Forums to our FFCOC Community:

We're dipping our toes into the world of Forums, a capability on our website to communicate amongst special interest groups or to find sources of information in specific areas. Our membership can join, opt-in, or opt-out based on their preferences. You may be well familiar with the use of Forums on other sites but we're starting out small to see how the concept works for our members and if the interest is high to expand to other topics. These forums will be moderated forums but will allow members to post, answer or comment on posts, add content and share information. Mutual respect and decency will keep the forums an active and safe place to connect with others that share these interests without alienating anyone.

The first group of Forums we are kicking off are:

Beachcombers: An "opt-in" forum moderated by Art Pranglely to share information, post stories and pics, give notice to upcoming fishing ideas or outings and to communicate with like minded saltwater fly fishing nuts.

Forums continued.....

Montana: An “opt-in” forum moderated by Larry Behm. This forum is focused on all things, Montana. We have many members who have fished Montana extensively, some who have homes there, and we have many members who long to fish there. Larry has agreed to moderate this forum to exchange information, ask questions, post stories and whatever else becomes of interest to this group.

Trip Planning: A general membership forum, open to all, moderated by Doug Jones. Many of us when thinking about fishing new places or for new species have questions and what better place to tap the extensive knowledge of our membership than through a community forum.

The goal of the TRIP PLANNING FORUM is to provide a ready resource and discussion board for those looking for information about places to fish, where to stay, if guides are needed, guides to hire, access requirements, etc., etc., etc. Obviously, you probably can't convey this information to others without a little bragging about your success. All too often we head out on a trip with a lot of uncertainties about many of the details and this is a forum where you can post questions and get practical answers from fellow club members based on their experiences.

Forums will be turned on in the coming weeks and can be found on our club website, www.ffcoc.org under the heading of MEMBERS (Right side of tool bar) . You must be signed in to see this tab. Click FORUMS and see what choices are available. Since we're new at this, please be patient and expect some hiccups.

Contact Art Prangle, artp@sbcglobal.net with any questions or feedback.

2021 Outings Updates

Date	Destination	Streamkeeper	Phone
March 16-18	Pyramid Lake (Cancelled)	Paul Nakamura	310-487-3367
March 28-April 1	San Juan River (Cancelled)	Brian Mayer	562-619-9169
June 14-18	Lee's Ferry, AZ	Melinda Burns	951-415-9920
July 9-12	Hot Creek Ranch	John Williams	951-236-0862
August 1-6	San Juan River	Brian Mayer	562-619-9169
Sept. 20-24	Loa, Utah	John Williams	951-236-0862
Sept 24-28	Bridgeport, CA	Terry Roznos	562-322-4790
October 8—10	President's Outing/Kern	Terry Roznos	562-322-4790

Note: Dates may change and outings may be removed or added. Contact the Streamkeeper for latest information.

2021 LEE'S FERRY CLUB OUTING:

(T E N A T I V E P E N D I N G P A N D E M I C O R D E R S)



When: Monday – Friday June 14 -18th, 2021

Where: HC-67 Box 30 Marble Canyon, AZ 86036 928-355-2261

Fishing License: Don't forget to purchase your Arizona Fishing License.

[Click here](https://www.azgfd.com/license/) to purchase yours online or cut and paste this link: <https://www.azgfd.com/license/>

Lodging: Cliff Dwellers Lodge

Rooms are very comfortable, clean and spacious.

Rooms have two queen Beds

Each room has a coffee maker, mini fridge, little table/chair and TV.

Internet access is very spotty so don't plan on getting good coverage. Last time we were there my Verizon worked pretty good, John's AT&T not so good.

Meals:

Dinner : I am planning on cooking dinners for Tuesday and Thursday in a crock pot. Monday we will meet for dinner in the restaurant at 6pm. My meals will include a dinner salad and bread rolls. If you would like to bring a dish to share, let me know. I will supply all the paper goods. You just need to bring your own drink.

Pot Roast

Chicken Enchilada Casserole

Beef Soup

Lunches: Will be provided by Lee's Ferry Anglers.

Breakfast: You can go to the restaurant of have coffee and pastries and fruit at the Burns Room

Recommended Flies: Flies change everyday but the most current fly is a size 18 midge with flashy colors like red or green. Ginger colored scuds work as well as red san juan worms. Wooly Buggers worked well last time when we were trolling or stripping.

Snacks: Feel free to bring your favorite snack on the boats. We will be drifting as well as wading.

For more info, visit the Outing information on our club website.



HOT CREEK RANCH 2021



The cost of this trip this year is \$422 per person

Monies need to be to our treasurer

Tom Sakai

By 6/1/2021

Send Check Made out to: F.F.C.O.C.

P.O. Box 23005 Santa Ana, Ca. 92711-3005

Trip starts Hot Creek Ranch July 9, 2021

Check in time is 4:00 P.M. Friday **NOT BEFORE!**

Hot Creek continued:

Trip ends July 12, 2021 you must be out of the cabin by 10:00 a.m. and may fish the rest of the day.

Note: The trip is currently booked full but John Williams is keeping a waiting list and there are typically cancellations so let John know if you are interested and he will add you to the list. John can be reached at troutbum2@earthlink.net

You must be a club member to attend.

You will need a signed release form on file for this trip.

If you have previously attended a club outing and your form is on file you are set.

Check with Melinda Burns our Membership Chairperson to see if it is on file. Thank you

If for some reason this trip is canceled your money will be returned

FFCOC 2021 Outings to South Central Utah

Deposit \$200 **Non Refundable** to hold your spot forwarded to the guide.

Max number of guests per trip 6 **1 spot left**

***September 20-24 2021 Loa, Utah**

Quiet Fly Fisher \$ 1,000 Total 5 days guided contracted

For More information: Visit the FFCOC website and view Calendar entry

President's Outing

Dates: October 8th - 10th

Location: Kernville - Sequoia Lodge

Reservations are NOW being accepted!!



Lodging at the Sequoia Lodge on the Kern River has now been secured for the 2021 President's Outing. This annual tradition is a great event to gather for fun, fishing, telling of stories, and to spend some time with your fellow Club members. The dates this year are Friday, October 8th to Sunday, October 10th; check your calendars! The days are open to whatever activities you would like to pursue (fishing the Kern River would be a good one!). The evenings will feature gatherings at the Sequoia Lodge compound for dinner and socialization (more on that later).

The Sequoia Lodge features Single Queen (SQ), Single King (SK), and Double Queen (2Q) rooms. The Club has paid the first night deposit for the block of rooms reserved. Single night lodging rates for the Sequoia Lodge are as follows:

Room Type	Rate	Tax (6%)	Total
SQ	\$135.00	\$8.10	\$143.10
SK	\$145.00	\$8.70	\$153.70
2Q	\$149.00	\$8.94	\$157.94

You may now contact your President (me) with your specific room request. I will then send you written confirmation of your request with room assignment. When your lodging request is confirmed, please send your reservation deposit to our Treasurer, Tom Sakai.

Our group reservation is subject to a 30 day Cancellation Policy. Should this outing be canceled, your deposit will be returned. At a future date (end of August), all confirmed attendees will be asked to contact the Sequoia Lodge directly to provide your personal credit card info for payment of balance due on checkout.

Please contact me with your questions, or with your reservation request. Thank you!!!

Contact Info:

Terry Roznos

(562) 322-4790 (cell)

taronos@verizon.net

Reservation Deposit Info:

Checks payable to: FFCOC

Mail to: FFCOC/ Treasurer Tom Sakai

P.O. Box 23005, Santa Ana, Ca. 92711-3005

Trout in the Classroom

What is TIC (Trout in the Classroom)? TIC is an environmental education program in which students grades K-12 :

- Raise trout from eggs to fry
- Monitor tank water quality
- Engage in stream habitat study
- Learn to appreciate water resources
- Begin to foster a conservation ethic
- Grow to understand the various ecosystems

How do we as a club offer to this program?

- We are a liaison for teachers with the CDFW (California Department of Fish and Wildlife)
- We work with CDFW to deliver eggs to teachers
- We provide support of aquarium equipment
- We have loaner chillers for schools to borrow
- We provide support on fry releases
- We provide demonstration either at the classroom or trout releases of various forms.

Most programs end by releasing the trout in a state-approved stream near the school or within a specified watershed.

During the program the teacher tailors the program to fit his or her grade level curricular needs. Thus making each program unique. TIC has interdisciplinary application in:

- Science
- Social Studies
- Mathematics
- Language Arts
- Fine Arts
- Physical education

While the immediate goal of TIC is to increase student knowledge of water quality and cold-water conservation, it's long term goal is to reconnect an increasingly urbanized population of youth to the system of streams, rivers and watersheds that sustain them. To learn more about Trout in the Classroom, visit our TIC page at https://ffcoc.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=510287&module_id=67922.

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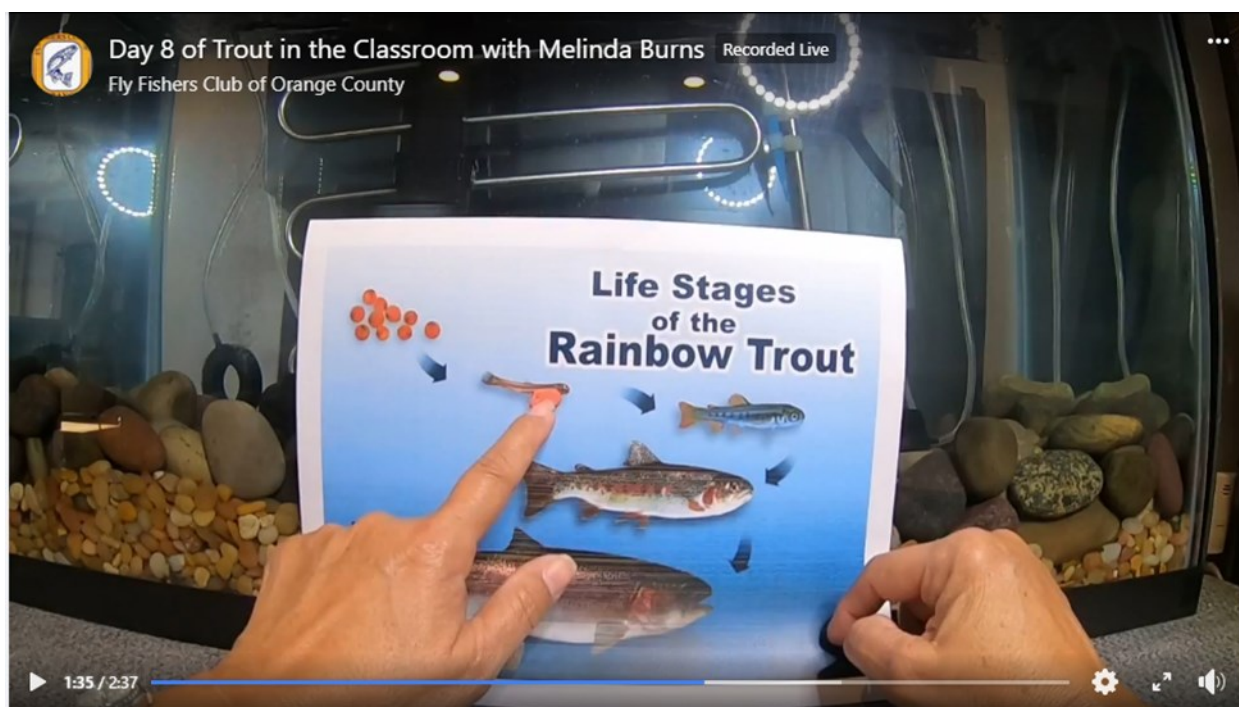
Due to the Covid-19 virus many teachers are unable to have an aquarium in their classroom. So as an alternative, I offered to raise the trout in my home and post pictures and live video of the trout eggs as they hatch and as they grow from eggs – to Alevin – to Fry. If you go to our Facebook page,

(<https://www.facebook.com/FlyFishersClubOfOrangeCounty>)

You will be able to see the videos and catch up on the project.

For the most current video from an underwater view, click or type in this link in your internet browser.

<https://youtu.be/IYB2Ry48STY>



Fish Tales

Fishing the Federal Break wall: Tom Niedzialek

Hello FFCOC! Are you looking for a place to fish that is close to home with a reasonable chance of success? Are you looking for a place to fish that requires minimal packing and preparation beforehand? Are you looking for a place to fish since your favorite motel in Bishop or Mammoth is closed and the best you can do is order takeout food that is lukewarm at best by the time you can get it back to that motel room that is most likely closed anyway? If you are, then consider fishing the Federal Break wall in Long Beach and Los Angeles harbors.

For those of you who may not know, the Federal Break wall is that long rocky structure that you see off-shore from the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles and it is just loaded with fish! Calico and Sand Bass, Johnny Bass, Mackerel, and the occasional rockfish all could be included in your daily catch. Lately my brother Dave and I have been fishing with Vaughn Podmore of the Salty Fly Guide service at the break wall once to twice a month. The wall fishes best from sundown until late at night or from predawn into the early morning. Once the sun gets up too high the bite seems to quickly slow down or shut off completely. Personally we prefer fishing from sundown until about 10:30 at night. The fishing? Well its fishing, we have had nights were we have caught 30 fish and nights were we have caught 3. As you can see from the pictures we have both caught Bass up to 5 pounds. Also when you are fishing in the near complete darkness there is something electric when you hook a fish and without sight to rely on your only indication is that savage slam in your line and bend in your rod.



All you need in the way of equipment is an 8wgt. Rod with a 325 to 350 gr. sinking line. Vaughn supplies the flies and if you don't want to use your rod he will supply that too. You're fishing from a boat so there is no need for waders. If you are prone to sea sickness, there is probably no need to worry as you are fishing the calm protected waters inside the harbor. The technique is pretty simple, from about 30 feet out you cast up as close to the break wall as you can, let your line sink towards the bottom and then slowly retrieve it back to the boat. Vary your depth and retrieve till you find the formula that works. Sometimes you will get bit as your line sinks so be prepared at any time to set the hook. It's pretty simple and Vaughn



can teach you how to do it in no time. So if you are looking for a quick and fun trip with a good chance at a big bass consider fishing the Federal Break wall with Vaughn Podmore of the Salty Fly Guide Service.

Fish Tales– Continued

Fishing the Lower Owens: Joe Libeu

A couple of weeks ago I enjoyed getting out and fishing the Lower Owens. I had 3 blue bird days with warm weather and unfortunately no clouds, thus nymph fishing the whole time.

Once I was able to determine what was going on bug wise, fishing was very good. Small flies were the key and generally are this time of year. I looking forward to my next trip. The largest fish was a bow about 18 inches.

Great time was had.

Joe



Oldie, by Goodie: Thomas Bristol

In March 2016 I took my second of several club trips to the San Juan River. Aside from the anticipation of experiencing more of this legendary fishing venue, I was looking forward to using the beautiful new “Special Edition” Orvis Helios2 5wt rod, reel and line outfit that I won at a Marriott’s charity raffle a few months earlier. The “Special” part was that the rod used a vintage slip ring type of reel retainer rather than the more “common” threaded ring variety.

This trip was its first “bath of fire” and its feel and performance were amazing. On the second day in the boat with Chris Taylor, the owner of Fisheads of the San Juan it landed several trout including a beautiful 22” Rainbow followed later with an even larger Brown. The Brown was probably 23”+ and after a tough battle the brute was ready to give up. Then, just as Chris was about to net him, the slip ring “slipped off” the end of the reel which fell to the bottom of the boat. While I was experiencing extreme PANIC, Chris instantly jumped over the side and netted this beauty.

Since then, Orvis has installed a threaded retainer on my Helios2 and it continues to be my “Go-To” rod for sure. In the meanwhile, I would love to return to the San Juan and enjoy days in the boat with Chris or any of his excellent guides.



Fish Tales– Continued

Fishing in Redding: Denis Higgingson

A few months ago, the club had Anthony Carruesco from AC Flyfishing as our speaker for the month. He was promoting the fishing out of Redding. John Secor and I had booked three days with his group but the dreaded Covid arrived from China and we were house bound. As time went on, I got updates from Redding that they were fishing the Sacramento and all the other locations they work. The town was almost fully open as far as restaurants and motels. So, I called and set-up our trip to the lower Sac.

October the King Salmon were on the redds and the rainbows were feeding. So, we arrive and our guide for the day calls and asked if we wanted to fish for lots of 12 to 17-inch fish or did we want to fish for bigger. We thought since we had not fished in over a year, we should start out slowly.

The following morning arrives, and I hook up with in the first 5 minutes catch a nice 14-inch trout then proceed to snag two salmon back to back and have to break off and lose my setups and start over. Right after that I hook a fish that turns downstream and flies me into a giant snag another lost setup. About an hour later I land a 5 pound plus fish and the morning continues with John and catching approx. 10 -12 fish each some up to 18 inches. The wind blew us off the river by lunch time. The next day was a great day with us catching more than 30 fish with only one a 12 incher. I caught several 4 pound plus fish and John caught several 17 – 19-inch rainbows all very fat and strong. I lost a fish that the guide estimated as a 10 to 12-pound wild bred steelhead.

The third day we went to the lowest reach that they fish but has more potential for steelhead both wild and hatchery fish. It was another good day of strong fish and steady action all day. With myself being fortunate enough to catch a hatchery steelhead of 5 pounds plus just as the day ended. The guides were all young men who put out great efforts to make sure we had the best chances to catch fish. They would row back to cover some of the better riffles several times to max our trip.

This is a quality service that puts out a big effort to create a great trip of you. If you are going to fish any of that part of the world and you are looking for a guide you would be remiss if you do not hire this service.



Flies that keep on giving!

By John Williams

I've been told I don't nymph well. When I'm told that by someone who hasn't spent the time to learn or check out what is in the underwater world they are cheating themselves. There are tiny meals and larger meals to be had below. Here is just one of the lunches available to our finny friends.



Willie's Golden Stone

Hook:	Firehole 718 #10 Barbless
Beads:	3.5mm Gold Tungsten
Thread:	GSP 75 White
Rib:	Wine UTC Small Wire
Tail & Antenna	Goose Biots Amber or Orange
Back:	Natural Pheasant Tail Fibers
Body Dubbing	Scintilla Translucent Pink
Legs:	Ginger Hen Saddle Feather
Wing Case:	Mottled Turkey Tail Feather
Glue:	Super Glue Gel Formula

Flies that keep on giving!- Continued

Start the thread at the bead and tie in the rib and wrap to the bend. Tie in two goose biots as tails concave side up and splayed to either side. Tie in approximately 12 pheasant tail fibers by the tips facing forward and leave butt end to the rear for now. Dub the body tapering from the tail to behind the bead. Fold the pheasant fibers fibers over keeping them aligned together on top of the dubbed body and tie in just behind the bead. Counter rib over the entire body and fibers forward to behind the bead and secure with several wraps of thread. Prep the turkey feather with Dave's Flexament and let dry, then with your bodkin separate a section approx. 3/16" wide and tie in one third behind the bead and secure with several wraps of thread. Remove one ginger feather from the saddle and strip the ugly bas of fibers and tie in where you just tied in the turkey feather piece. Make tow to three wraps and secure with a few thread wraps. Cut the top fibers off with your scissors.

Tie in two biots to form the antenna and secure with several warps of thread. With your bodkin place it to form a crease and form the first Wing case. Fold it again just slightly forward to form the second wing. Fold it a third time forward over the bead to form the head and secure with a few more wraps of thread. Trim off the bottom fibers of the legs. Smear your thread with superglue and make several wraps of whip finishes and cut the thread free.

Let's go fishing,
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 club meetings.

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