

# ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE  
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



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

November 2012

## Club Meeting:

**Wednesday November 7th, 2012**

6:00 pm - Wet Fly

7:00 pm - Dinner

Dinner and Program - \$25 Cash

Program Only - \$10 Cash

**\$1 Fee for Credit Cards**

Phoenix Club

1340 S. Sanderson

Anaheim, CA

## Board Meeting:

**November 12th, 2012**

7:00 pm

Cross Roads Church\*

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See Calendar inside or

<http://www.ffcoc.org>

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location addresses.



## The Waters of Western Montana

with Tony Reinhardt

Almost all fly fishers love Montana. Montana is the state that is written about and shown in many famous novels, memoirs and movies and most often fly fishing is either a focus in the story or at least a diversion. Although the name Montana comes from the Spanish term *Montaña Relucientes*, which means, "shining mountains," to many people it means "great fly fishing." We've all had to listen to friends who go on and on about the great days of fishing the Missouri, or the Big Horn, or the Beaverhead, or the Big Hole, or the spring creeks, or the . . . you get the idea.

This month Tony Reinhardt, a guide out of Missoula with 15 years experience, will give us a beautiful and informative presentation about fishing the waters of western Montana. The four main rivers here include the Blackfoot, the Clark Fork, Rock Creek and the Bitterroot. (Last year Phil Romans gave us a show focusing solely on the Bitterroot, so Tony will just cover the highlights of fishing that water.)

However, for the other three rivers, he will detail their access areas, hatches, fly patterns, best times of the year to be there and meth-



# President's Message

*Doug Jones*

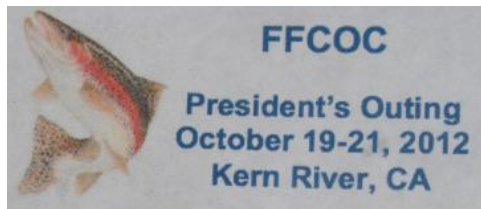


The President's Outing at the Kern River was held the third weekend in October was a great success with 40 FFCOC members in attendance. The outing was held about a month earlier than in prior years and was a great success including great weather, a lot of fishing (and catching), good food and camaraderie. There were several new faces at this year's outing. Although it's always great to see the "old timers" that show up every year, it's also great to see new faces and make new friends.

As president, it was my responsibility to host a barbecue for all in attendance. Due to enthusiastic help from many members, the Saturday night barbecue was an great success.

Noted examples were the fine job barbecuing by Scot Lewis and Jim Edwards, sushi provided by Jim's success on a recent ocean fishing trip, Marsha's famous coleslaw, many fine desserts, customized/individually labeled Rice Crispy treats provided by the Young family, fine wine, and more.

A special treat was celebrating Ray Johnson's birthday a week early. Ray is one of the early members of the FFCOC and is an Honorary Life member. Ray has made countless contributions to the FFCOC and the sport of fly fishing through active participation and teaching. Ray and his family have made a tradition of attending the President's Outing at the Kern River for many years.



FFCOC Honorary Life Members Ray Johnson and Jim Edwards

## Guess Who?

It's June 1955 and we've been fishing for Bluegill on Lung's Pond near Placerville, CA. Who is the guy on the right shown here with his two brothers and "a mess" of Bluegill. (Hint: He's a past club president.)



Anyone? I will keep this up for this news newsletter and then the answer. Give me your guesses.



# **SPEAKER'S LIST – 2012**

By Andy Frumento

<u><b>DATE</b></u>	<u><b>PLACE</b></u>	<u><b>SPEAKER</b></u>	<u><b>TOPIC</b></u>
1-11-12	Ballroom	Kelly Galloup	"Streamer Tactics for Trophy Trout"
2-8-12	Pavilion	Brian Slusser	"Reno-Tahoe Fly Fishing"
3-14-12	Pavilion	Mike James & Scott Peterson	"Utah Magic"
4-11-12	Pavilion	Ernie Gulley	"Crowley Lake"
5-9-12	Ballroom	Spencer Higa	"The Best Fly Fishing in Eastern Utah"
6-13-12	Ballroom	Chris Santella	"50 Places to Fly Fish Before You Die"
7-11-12	Ballroom	Brian O'Keefe & Todd Moen	"Behind the Scenes at Catch Magazine"
8-8-12	Ballroom	Chad Schiel	"Fly Fishing For Bass Top To Bottom"
9-12-12	Ballroom	Auction	
10-10-12	Loreley Room	Ernie Gulley	"Pyramid Lake"
*11-7-12	Pavilion	Tony Reinhardt	"Fly Fishing Western Montana"
*12-5-12	Pavilion	Christmas Program	

**\*NOTE:** November and December's program is the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month.

## **2012 Outings Plan**

By Lyman Kennedy

Please refer to the website <http://www.ffcoc.org> for more detailed information on the outings

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Streamkeeper</b>	<b>Phone #</b>
March 17	Double Haul Ball	Shane Chung	949 633 6973
March 17-21	San Juan River	Lyman Kennedy	714 921-9412
March 10-12	Pyramid Lake	Jim Wright	714 679-6638
April 21	One Surf fly	Shane Chung	949 633 6973
May 5	Huntington Beach Surf	Jim Edwards	714 337 5899
May 26-27 <b>Cancelled</b>	Tejon Lake	Lyman Kennedy	714 921-9412
June 22-24	Fish Creek	Jim Edwards	714 337-5899
June 17 <b>Cancelled</b>	Tejon Lake	Lyman Kennedy	714 921-9412
July 13-16	Hot Creek	John Williams	909 598-7905
August 18	San Diego Bay	Lyman Kennedy	714 921-9412
Sept. <b>Cancelled</b>	Women's only Casting Clinic	Melinda Burns	951 451-9920
Sept. <b>Cancelled</b>	Yellowstone DIY with Joe L.	Joe Libeu	310 749-6771
Sept. 29-30	Tejon Lake	Lyman Kennedy	714 921-9412
Oct. 19-20	President's Outing	Doug Jones	714 998-7304
November			
December			



# Flies That Keep On Giving

By John Williams

I'm headed to Arkansas in April and I have talked to George Peters the guide and listened carefully to his instruction on what flies are usually available the dates we have scheduled. George mentioned scuds and they are both available in streams, rivers and lakes, what an all round fly. He told me they were an olive gray and I happen to have the materials, surprise. I am demonstrating a key component of hiring a guide, communication if you plan to fish with your own flies; I do acquire a few of each fly the guide uses to see what works in their world. I have asked they send me one of each pattern and tie them prior to my trip; they will not always accommodate my wishes unless they know me and realize I'm a repeat customer. Ask your question even the dumb ones they can always say no.

## Easy Scud



**Hook:** Daiichi 1250 #14

**Thread:** UTC 70 Dark Olive

**Wire:** UTC Small Fluorescent Orange or Small Copper

**Scud Back:** Swiss Straw Gray

**Dubbing:** Olive Gray Antron and Orange Antron

Start the thread at the eye and catch your wire and wrap mid way down the bend leaving the wire to the rear. Tie in a small bunch of Olive dubbing with the fiber protruding to the rear to form the antennae and run the thread up just short of the eye. Swiss straw preparation, I unravel it and cut it in half length wise, a piece about four inches long, that is enough to tie several scud. Tie in the Swiss Straw just behind the head and secure with thread all the way back to the mid way point on the bend, keeping the Swiss straw on top and centered on the hook. Dub the body with the Olive Gary and add a little of the Orange to sit near the front of the fly. Lay the Swiss straw over and secure just behind the head. Carefully wrap the wire forward trapping the Swiss straw, use a bodkin to help keep the fibers of the dubbing being trapped on top of the Swiss straw, tie off just behind the head, whip finish and head cement. Now pick out from the bottom of the fly to form legs.

There is more to come with the Arkansas fly selection.

John

## Fall 2012 – Fly Fishers Club of Orange County Fly Tying Classes

By Cheryl Moore

The Fly Fishers Club of Orange County fly tying classes at the REI/Tustin store are in full force and going strong. We are over one half way through this current session. Once again, Lyman Kennedy, Mike Neesley and I are instructing over 24 students in the art of fly tying. Each session seems to end as soon as it starts. This must mean that a good time is being had by all. Our "Guest Fly Tying Instructors" have been absolutely terrific. So far, Greg Cook, Chad Schiel, Kathy Kim, and Karen Vaillancourt have instructed a class for us. Joe Libeu and Jim Edwards will round out our tying time. The advanced tying table has been handed some challenges and they are coming through like champs. I can't say enough about the enthusiasm that is coming from the beginning table. They are eager to learn and are turning out to be quick studies. Already, they are demonstrating a passion and talent for creating flies that will tempt fish to come out and play. Our intermediate tying tables are serious about their fly tying. They have quite a variety of flies in their fly boxes and are putting them to very good use.

If you think you would like to become a fly tyer or improve your existing skills, please read your FFCOC newsletter. We already have classes set up for February and March of 2013. I will advertise the exact dates of these classes very soon. In the meantime, we are staying very busy with new flies to tie each week. Below is one of our tying classes hard at work.



# ***It's Board 2013 Election Time!***

## **Volunteering, what does that mean?**

Volunteering is the practice of people working on behalf of others or a particular cause without payment for their time and services. Volunteering is generally considered an altruistic activity, intended to promote good or improve human quality of life, but people also volunteer for their own skill development, to meet others, to make contacts for possible employment, to have fun, and a variety of other reasons that could be considered self-serving.

When volunteering you are giving something back to our club by lending a helping hand to fellow fly fisherman and other fly fishing organizations. What you may not realize is that volunteering also benefits you as an individual. There are many good reasons to get involved in the fly fishing community, including learning something about yourself.

## **Below are some benefits for you as a volunteer:**

Make new friends, Connect with your community, Share your skills and gain new ones, Feel needed and valued, Meet new people from all walks of life, Experience something new, Promote a worthwhile activity, Develop self-esteem and self –confidence and most of all “**MAKE A DIFFERENCE**”.

*If you are interested in helping out on the board or being on a planning committee, please let me (Melinda Burns) know so we can get you on this ballot for our November meeting. Nominations are now being taken. Here is a sample slate to date for our Board Nominees. For more info on Board of Director Election and requirements please refer to our By Laws and policy by clicking here. (This does require logging into our website)*

## **2013 Board of Directors Nominees**

Position	Nominees
<b>President</b>	<b>Melinda Burns</b>
<b>Past President</b>	<b>Doug Jones</b>
<b>1st Vice President</b>	<b>John Williams</b>
<b>2nd Vice President</b>	<b>Shane Chung</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Brian Mayer</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Alan Ross</b>
<b>Membership</b>	
<b>Member at Large -</b>	<b>Greg Madrigal</b>
<b>Member at large – Programs</b>	<b>Andy Frumento</b>
<b>Member at large – Conservation</b>	<b>John Burns</b>
<b>Member at large – Newsletter</b>	<b>Shane Chung</b>
<b>Member at large – TIC</b>	<b>Jim Wright</b>
<b>Member at large – Fly Tying</b>	<b>Cheryl Moore</b>
<b>Member at Large- Casting Clinic</b>	<b>Van Lloyd</b>
<b>Member at large</b>	<b>Jim Edwards</b>
<b>Member at Large – Outings</b>	<b>Lyman Kennedy</b>
<b>Member at large – Raffle Coordinator</b>	<b>Charlene Hanson</b>



# Casting Clinic Now Scheduled for Nov. 3 2012

The annual FFCOC Casting Clinic will be held the morning of Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at Shelter 1 in Mile Square Park. Last year more than 25 Club members volunteered to make the event possible. The original April date was cancelled because of the wording on our insurance certificate but the good news is when we rescheduled, the OC Parks Department exempted us from all site and permit fees.

The Clinic will start with participant registration at 8:00 AM and end with lunch for all guests and volunteers. We'll need volunteers to set-up the site, register casters, demonstrate at knot- and fly-tying tables, help set up and take down rods/reels, cook, take pictures, instruct, and generally help out as needed.

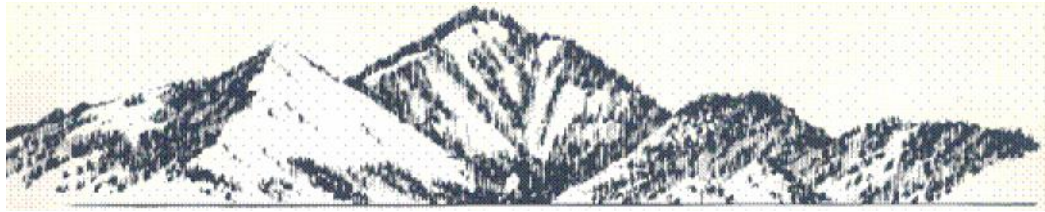
If you're interested in helping out in any capacity please email me at [FFCOC.casting@gmail.com](mailto:FFCOC.casting@gmail.com) or call 949-307-6873. We'll need and use all the help we can get! Thanks – Van Lloyd

## 2013 OUTINGS PLAN BY LYMAN KENNEDY

Date	Location	Streamkeeper	Phone #
January	Laguna Niguel Lake	Lyman Kennedy	714 921-9412
February 11	Surf Outing	Jim Edwards	714 337-5899
March	San Juan River	Lyman Kennedy	714 921-9412
March 23	Double Haul Ball Seminar	Shane Chung	949-633-6973
April	Pyramid Lake	Jim Wright	714 679-6638
April 27	One Surf Fly Huntington SB	Shane Chung	949-633-6973
May			
June	Fish Creek	Jim Edwards	714 337-5899
June 23-29	Montana	Richard Fanning	714 671-1370
July 8-12	Golden Trout Pack Trip	John Williams	951 236-0862
July	Hot Creek	John Williams	951 236-0862
August	San Diego Bay	Lyman Kennedy	714 921-9412
Sept. 16-20	Southern Utah	John Williams	951 236-0862
Sept. 23-27	Southern Utah	John Williams	951 236-0862
October	President's Outing	Melinda Burns	951 415-9920
November	Trinity River	Richard Fanning	714 671-1370
December			

# F.F.C.O.C. Pack Trip July 8-12 2013

Into the Ansel Adams wilderness of the Sierra's  
Using Frontier Pack Station at June Lake



Stream keeper: John Williams 951-236-0862



Please call and ask questions.

Cost: \$975 which includes all permits and trail fees

Sign up requires a \$200 non refundable deposit. The deposits have to be in by March 1, 2013

Maximum group is size 10 we have 3 already taken.

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## *SAN JUAN RIVER, NEW MEXICO* *MARCH 22-26, 2013*

Last year nine club members traveled to Aztec, New Mexico to fish the San Juan River, and we had a great trip. We are planning a return trip in 2013 and now is the time to get your name on the list for some fantastic fishing.

The San Juan River is located in Northwest corner of New Mexico, about 20 minutes from Aztec, New Mexico. The San Juan River is a tailwater, famous for it's large fish, eating tiny midges and baetis mayflies. It fishes well year round trip. Guide prices are \$375 for two people/full day and lodging is 85-90/night for two people. Participants can elect to use a guide for 1-3 days or wade on their own, all or some of those days. If you have never fished the San Juan River before, it is recommended that you use a guide for at least 1-2 days.

Participants have the options of A. driving (750 miles=12 hours), B. flying to Farmington, New Mexico (about \$462 with two stops) and driving to Aztec (about 20 miles) C. flying to Albuquerque (\$360-\$410) and driving to Aztec (about 3 hours). If you are interested contact me at: [lkennedyjr@earthlink.net](mailto:lkennedyjr@earthlink.net)





# CONSERVATION FRONT AND FFF NEWS

(This is not an endorsement, but just getting the notice out to the club members on behalf of the conservation and FFF events happening within our state affecting our fisheries. )

## West Fork San Gabriel River Conservancy Conservation News

Club Members, FFCOC is a supporter of the West Fork San Gabriel River Conservancy and as such we encourage you to volunteer any time you may have to help out this organization. If you are interested in seeing what they do, please join them on one of their patrols .

West Fork San Gabriel River Conservancy Patrol Dates Contact :

**John or Melinda Burns** ([1stvpresident@ffcoc.org](mailto:1stvpresident@ffcoc.org)) :

Patrols meet at the Environmental Education Center (1/4 mile North and across the street from the OHV Staging Area on Hwy 39) at 8:30AM, departing at 9AM (unless otherwise noted). Please contact the Patrol Leader listed for each patrol for more information and to confirm your attendance. PLEASE NOTE: If we don't receive your email conformation prior to Patrol, we might not open the Ed Center to meet you!

To find out more about West Fork San Gabriel River Conservancy [CLICK HERE](#)

## Kern River Plateau Golden Trout Conservation Update

In February of 2001, Inyo National Forest issued a Decision Notice that implemented a 10-year period of rest on the Templeton and Whitney grazing allotments in the Golden Trout Wilderness to facilitate recovery of watershed and channel conditions. The Notice indicated that grazing on the two allotments would be reconsidered at the end of the 10-year period. The Inyo National Forest has initiated an analysis and review of the Monache, Mulkey, Templeton and Whitney grazing allotments in the Kern Plateau/Golden Trout Wilderness on the Mt Whitney Ranger District. This review will culminate in proposed actions that are analyzed through the NEPA process (EIS) that involves analyzing different alternatives to the proposed action, requires public notice and comment, and results in a NEPA decision. Final NEPA decisions are subject to administrative appeal.

### USFS Inyo National Forest Webpage for Kern Plateau Grazing Assessment

[http://data.ecosystem-management.org/nepaweb/nepa\\_project\\_exp.php?project=34380](http://data.ecosystem-management.org/nepaweb/nepa_project_exp.php?project=34380) This page is the central link for the Forest Service studies and reports. Information regarding the NEPA review process is available at this site.

### DFG Resources, Studies, and Reports:

#### DFG Golden Trout Homepage:

[http://www.dfg.ca.gov/fish/REsources/WildTrout/WT\\_CaGoldenDesc.asp](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/fish/REsources/WildTrout/WT_CaGoldenDesc.asp)

Pister 2008 Golden Trout report:

Restoration of the California golden trout in the South Fork Kern River, Kern Plateau, Tulare County, California, 1966-2004 (PDF)

This report provides an excellent history of the restoration efforts for the golden trout.

Weaver, J. and Mehalick, S. Golden Trout Wilderness summary report 2008. California Department of Fish and Game. Available from: <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=31252> Fish and fish habitat survey results for Golden Trout Creek, Siberian Creek, Stokes Stringer, and Mulkey Creek.

Weaver, J. and Mehalick, S. South Fork Kern River summary report 2009. California Department of Fish and Game. Available from: <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=29689> Fish and fish habitat survey results for South Fork Kern River and tributaries in Monache and Strawberry Meadows.

(More report links on the Southwest Council Conservation page <http://southwestcouncilfff.org/golden-trout-wilderness>)

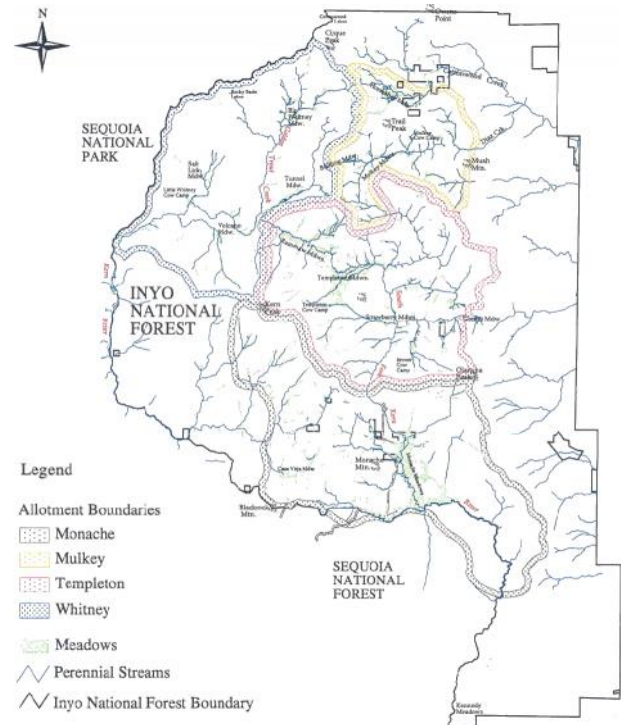


Figure 2. Grazing Allotments in the native range of the Volcano Creek golden trout, Inyo National Forest.

(Click on the map to SWCFFF webpage for a bigger picture of the map)



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ods of fishing each watershed. Tony is also experienced at fishing and guiding some of the smaller streams in the area, along with a couple very nice lakes. Missoula is in the center of all these waters, so Tony will inform us about options for lodging, dining and other activities offered by this metropolitan center.

And who is Tony Reinhardt?

He is one of the busiest and most respected fly fishing guides in western Montana. Tony was born and raised in Council Bluffs, Iowa where his father taught him to hunt and fish on the family farm. While still a teenager, Tony was looking for different ways to catch the bass and pan fish throughout the Midwest, so he picked up a fly rod. Shazam! He has never been the same. He got his first taste of trout fishing while attending college in Oklahoma and driving on weekends to the productive tail-waters in Arkansas -- the White, the Little Red and the Norfolk. After his freshman year of college he spent that summer fishing and traveling with his grandfather in Alaska. They had an Airstream camper and a canoe, spending most days exploring as many fishing opportunities as they could. It was a life changing experience, and Tony quickly traded a full ride scholarship back in Oklahoma for tuition bills and a tiny apartment in Missoula, MT.

Tony started working at Missoula's Grizzly Hackle Fly Shop in '97 while earning a degree in English from the University of Montana. He was hired as a "shop rat" and by the following summer he was promoted to Outfitting Manager and started his guiding career as well. He split time between both positions for a few years until a once in a lifetime opportunity came along.

In 2001, a guest ranch was being developed in southwest Montana by the Grizzly Hackle's original owner, and Tony was hired as a staff guide for the initial year. When not guiding for the ranch, his mandate was to go fishing and learn as much as possible about **all** the rivers of Montana. Since he only guided six days for the whole season that left a lot of time to explore the state. Being paid to just go fishing was an unbelievable experience, but at the end of that year, Tony chose to return to Missoula. While he had witnessed some great fishing all across Big Sky country, he felt that the rivers around Missoula offered the best overall angling experience in the state.

Tony rejoined the Grizzly Hackle ([www.grizzlyhackle.com](http://www.grizzlyhackle.com)) as a full time guide in 2002. Since then he has spent as much time on the rivers of western Montana as any other guide in the area, averaging more than 130 guide days a season. While the majority of his guiding is still for the Grizzly Hackle, Tony started his own outfitting business in 2010. During a rare day off you are likely to find him exploring some of the lesser known waters in the area or testing new fly designs for his clients to use in the coming days.

Fly tying started as a passion for Tony when he moved to Missoula and he has become a skilled tier who is often asked to demonstrate at local events. He tied flies commercially for area fly shops and the majority of flies in his guide bag were created at his own vise.

Along the way, in 2002 Tony married his wife, Brandy. They met while both working at a drug store in high school, and when Brandy realized Tony wasn't ever leaving Montana, she moved out to join him. They have two children, Thomas (7), and Kaitlyn (3), and a black lab, Gunner.

Join me in welcoming Tony Reinhardt on November 7, 2012 at the FFCOC monthly meeting as we explore the waters of western Montana... and remember to pursue your fly fishing dreams!

Andy Frumento

# Membership Welcomes

Please join me in welcoming our newest members to the club. Make sure to look out for them at our next meeting and introduce yourself to them to welcome them into our fly fishing family.

**Steve and Joanie Stevens, Sharon Ekui**

**Remember that our new members have a green circle sticker on their name badge.**

# Fly Fishers Club of Orange County

The **PURPOSE** of the Fly Fishers Club of Orange County is to:

- 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.

**Meeting Locations:** Cross Roads Church of Irvine/  
Phoenix Club: Tustin:  
1340 S. Sanderson 2472 Walnut Avenue  
Anaheim, CA Tustin, CA

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