

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



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

January 2013

Club Meeting:

Wednesday December 9th, 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:

January 14th, 2012

7:00 pm

Cross Roads Church*

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THE MAGNIFICENT MADISON WITH CHRIS EATON

One of the most famous and legendary fly fishing rivers in all the world is Montana's Madison River. It was given its English name by Meriwether Lewis in 1805 while on the Lewis and Clark "Voyage of Discovery" that was sent by President Thomas Jefferson to scout, map and report all the details they could about the newly-acquired Louisiana Purchase. Jefferson's Secretary of State was James Madison and that is for whom the river is named. (In 1809, Madison went on to succeed Jefferson as President.) Our first presentation for the new 2013 year is about this river and we will learn where it is, why it is called "the 50-mile riffle," how and when to fish it and why it is so famous and fun. Our

Greetings fellow FFCOC Members!

New Year's is a great day for everyone; new wishes, new hopes, new dreams. It is the time of year when many turn their thoughts towards making changes, of setting new goals, and looking forward to positive possibilities waiting in the coming New Year. Well at least I know that's how I look at the New Year, so **Welcome to 2013** and all its new and wondrous possibilities.

As your new President I would like to wish you and all your families a very Happy and Prosperous New Year both on and off the water. One of my goals this year is to work with this year's new Board of Directors and with our combined efforts build a stronger and larger actively participating membership in our club. By participating in club functions/events we all receive a multitude of benefits. Anywhere from building new friendships, to developing new skills but what I like the most is seeing my fellow club members both experienced and new, succeed in their fly fishing endeavors. Knowing that each Club Members has a part in the advancement of others in the field of fly fishing is one of the greatest benefits of being a FFCOC member.

Over the past years we have accomplished a tremendous amount in renewing our programs, from our ever growing casting clinics, our popular fly tying classes, to our newest project in helping in the development of the Southwest Council Fly Fishing Faire in Mammoth. We hope to revitalize some of our conservation projects, such as starting more Trout in the Classroom programs and assisting in various conservation efforts such as the West Fork San Gabriel River Conservancy. I know Andy has been working hard with the Speaker Conservancy to bring in or bring back some phenomenal speakers. We have added some new outings on the calendar for this year so don't forget to check the Outings Calendar and mark your calendars for the once that interest you. Or if you have a suggestion or would like to be a stream-keeper for one, let Lyman know. With all these programs, a great Board of Directors and a fabulous club membership, how can we not have a spectacular year in 2013!

Although we have a full roster on the Board, we are still looking for Club Members who would be interested in assisting some of our Board Members. A few of them have a full plate and could use an assistant/committee. Putting together the newsletter and managing the website can be an overwhelming task. There are monthly updates to keep up with on the website. There are communications letters that need to be sent out and followed up on. If you have an interest in photography, building Web Sites or journalism, we could use your assistance.

Currently we are looking for a Membership Chairmen. The role includes creating the annual Club Membership Directory, taking photos of new Club Members, reaching out to Club Members who have not renewed, welcoming new members and visitors at the general membership meeting and attending the

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Past President's Last Thoughts January 2013, Happy New Year!

2012 has come to a close and my term as Club President has ended. I am looking forward to continuing as a board member and active club participant without the ongoing responsibilities as President. Our Club is sure to continue its success under the guidance of Malinda Burns as 2013 President and the new Board of Directors.

As a board member I will assume the traditional responsibilities of the Past President and will work with the Board on a recruiting initiative to attract new members to the FFCOC. As a club participant, I plan on attending as many meetings as possible as I enjoy the camaraderie and good times in addition the knowledge gained from the various experts that are our monthly speakers. In addition, I am planning on attending as many Club outings as possible - - six or seven this year.

I would like to thank the Club for letting me serve as President this past year. It was a great experience and I enjoyed working with many friends and making new ones during the year.

Sincerely
Doug Jones

SPEAKER'S LIST – 2013

By Andy Frumento

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>PLACE</u> | <u>SPEAKER</u> | <u>TOPIC</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| 1-9-13 | Ballroom | Chris Eaton | "The Meandering Madison" |
| 2-13-13 | Pavilion | Pat Dorsey | "Fly Fishing Western Tailwaters" |
| 3-13-13 | Pavilion | Kevin Peterson | "Hot Creek" |
| 4-10-13 | Ballroom | Gary Bulla | "Fly Fishing The Edge – Baja" |
| 5-8-13 | Ballroom | Andrew Harris | "The Trinity River" |
| 6-12-13 | TBA | Greg Vinci | "Fly Fishing Up Hwy 395" |
| 7-10-13 | Ballroom | Landon Mayer | "Timing Is Everything: Trout Hunting Colorado's 4 Seasons" |
| 8-14-13 | Pavilion | Jeff Solis | "San Diego & Mission Bay" |
| 9-11-13 | Ballroom | Auction | |
| 10-9-13 | Ballroom | Jeff Currier | "Four Seasons of the Yellowstone – Trout Bum" |
| 11-13-13 | Ballroom | Alberto Salvini & Marica Ciccioria | "Fly Fishing The World" |
| 12-4-13 | Pavilion | Christmas Program | |

***NOTE: December's program is the 1st Wednesday of the month.**

2013 Outings Plan

By Lyman Kennedy

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

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Streamkeeper</u> | <u>Phone #</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| January 26 | Laguna Niguel Lake | Lyman Kennedy | 714 921-9412 |
| February 23 | Surf Outing | Jim Edwards | 714 337-5899 |
| February TBA | West Fork, San Gabriel River | Melinda Burns | 951 415-9920 |
| March 22-26 | San Juan River | Lyman Kennedy | 714 921-9412 |
| April 13-15 | Pyramid Lake | Jim Wright | 714 679-6638 |
| April 27 | One Surf Fly Huntington Beach | Shane Chung | 949 633-6973 |
| May 18-19 | Kelsey Bass Ranch | Richard Fanning | 714 671-1370 |
| June 29-30 | Fish Creek | Jim Edwards | 714 337-5899 |
| June 22-29 | Montana | Richard Fanning | 714 671-1370 |
| July 8-12 | Golden Trout Pack Trip | John Williams | 951 236-0862 |
| July 12-15 | Hot Creek | John Williams | 951 236-0862 |
| August TBA | San Diego Bay | Lyman Kennedy | 714 921-9412 |
| August TBA | Women's only Mammoth Outing | Melinda Burns | 951 415-9920 |
| Sept 19-22 | FFF Fly Fishing Fair Mammoth | Melinda Burns | 951 415-9920 |
| Sept. 16-20 | Southern Utah | John Williams | 951 236-0862 |
| Sept. 23-27 | Southern Utah | John Williams | 951 236-0862 |
| October 19-20 | President's Outing | Melinda Burns | 951 415-9920 |
| November 4-8 | Trinity River | Audrey Williams | 714 264-6361 |
| December | | | |

Flies That Keep On Giving

By John Williams

I thought I had pretty much exhausted my options on flies that I had put into print but I was wrong, here is an old favorite that is a great searching pattern and one I use sometimes to add a dropper to.

Stimulator



Hook: It calls for a 200R #6-16 but I don't like those hooks so I use a regular dry fly hook, it has a wider gape.

Thread: Ultra Thread 70 Orange

Tail: Dark Elk or Deer Hair

Rib: Fine gold wire

Abdomen Hackle: Furnace

Abdomen: Orange thread

Wing: Dark Elk or Deer Hair

Hackle: Grizzly

Start the thread at the head and run it back to the end of the shank. Stack a small bunch of hair and place the tips extending $\frac{1}{2}$ the shank length beyond the bend. Tie in the gold wire and let extend to the rear. Tie in the furnace hackle and palmer it forward stopping four head spaces behind the eye. Counter wrap the wire through and forward to stop four head spaces behind the eye. Cut a larger bunch of hair and stack it and tie it in four head spaces behind the eye and cut the butts off just behind the eye, wrap the thread back another two head spaces. Tie in the grizzly hackle and make three wraps. Whip finish and head cement. A great searching pattern that imitates a stone fly or large caddis.

Tight lines, John

FFCOC FLY FISHING CLASSES

By Cheryl Moore

This next session I would like to add a new element to our fly tying. You all fish and you all tie flies. What I would like to offer is a specific destination fly tying group. Examples would be the Mammoth Lakes area, the Kern River or maybe Montana or Utah flies. Along with our regular tying classes for beginners and intermediate tyers, we would have another group that would be tying flies for places that you regularly fish. If there is enough interest, we could have a different destination group each night

You could help us in this endeavor by identifying where you are fishing. If you could send me the following information, we would have some idea of where to start:

- * Which areas do you regularly fish throughout the year?
- * Do you fish rivers, if so, which ones.
- * Do you fish still waters, if so, which ones.
- * Do you surf fish, if so, how often?
- What would you consider as a destination fishing area?

With your help, we will be able to optimize your fly tying.

The dates for the next session of fly tying will be on:

Tuesday, February 19, 2013

Tuesday, February 26, 2013

Tuesday, March 5, 2013

(SKIP March 12, 2013 – NO CLASS)

Tuesday, March 19, 2013

Tuesday, March 26, 2013 and

Tuesday, April 2, 2013

You can just hit the reply button at the top of this e-mail to let me know where you are fishing or just send me a separate e-mail at flytyer10@aol.com.

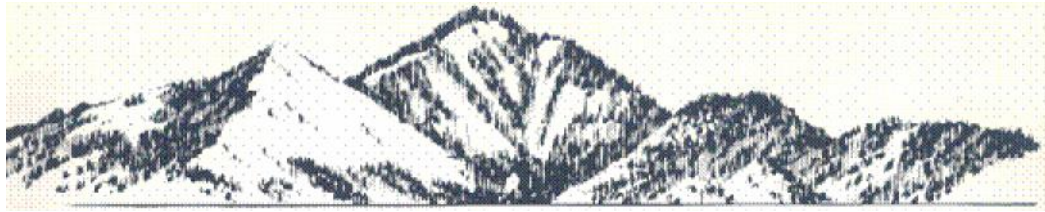
I hope that this new year is shaping up with some terrific fishing opportunities.

Thank you for helping me with the project.

Cheryl Moore

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.

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



PYRAMID LAKE OUTING APRIL 13TH, 14TH & 15, 2013

In what has become an annual event, this year's Pyramid Lake outing will be Sunday-Monday, April 14th & 15th Saturday the 13th optional (see below). After consulting with Rob Anderson from the Reno Fly Shop (now closed) we decided to make it a Sunday-Monday outing in an attempt to miss the bulk of the weekend crowd which usually clears out by Sunday afternoon.

If you have never done this trip before you are missing out on a chance to catch what may be the biggest trout of your life. The lake's native Lahontan Cutthroats average 3-5 pounds, with many fish pushing 10 pounds or more. If you are new to fly fishing the techniques are simple and easy to learn. We normally fish from ladders placed in the water at the proper distance from shore. There usually is nothing around you, but water. There is nothing to interfere with a back cast and nothing on the bottom to snag. You do not need to be a long distance caster as fish are sometimes hooked right at your feet.

Equipment that is appropriate for both kinds of fishing is usually two rods. A 5-6 weight rod with floating line for indicator fishing and a 7-8-9 weight rod for streamer fishing (a Rio DC 24ft. 250 gr. line is perfect). I will provide a more extensive list of what to bring that includes equipment, lines, flies, leaders, tippet and clothing in an upcoming e-mail.

Daytime temperature will likely be around 50 degrees F. This is a very variable temperature as we have experienced 30-75 degree temperatures in past years.

You make your own travel arrangements to Reno, fly or drive. It is best to arrive by Saturday (Friday if fishing on Saturday) to check in with our guide/host **Rob Anderson (775-742-1754)** **AND** myself **Jim Wright (714-679-6638)**. I will be staying at the Silver Legacy Resort in downtown Reno. Others have stayed the **Atlantis Casino (800-723-6500)**. Rob will be providing breakfast and lunch on Sunday and Monday, as well as step ladders to fish from. Cost of the trip is \$160 per person for both days of fishing. If you would like to join Rob and myself for a half day of guided fishing on Saturday the cost is a \$50 donation paid directly to the Club through me. I will e-mail a list of all attendees so you can communicate as to car-pools, car rentals and lodging.

E-mail me (jwright1@earthlink.net) with any questions or to sign up. I will also have a sign-up sheet at the Meetings in December, January, and February.

LAGUNA NIGUEL OUTING STILLWATER FISHING January 26, 2013

LAGUNA NIGUEL OUTING is scheduled for Saturday, January 26th.. The lake is being stocked regularly to date and there have been some very large trout caught there this season. The cost to fish the lake is \$20; the cost to launch a float tube with fishing permit is \$35. Boat rentals are \$10 an hour or \$25 for five hours. Fishing Laguna Niguel Lake is a good opportunity to hone your streamer or midging skills for Crowley or other still waters. If you are a novice and want to try still water fishing, there are experienced club fishermen who will help you out. There will be a sign up sheet with information at the December meeting. If you have questions you can call **Lyman Kennedy** at **714 742-5865** or email at: lkennedyjr@earthlink.net.

Surf fishing Huntington State Beach February 23, 3:00 in the Afternoon

Meet up at the Talbert channel at the south end of Huntington Beach. Enter at Magnolia St. and head south until you run out of parking lot. Flies should be Crazy Charlies, Selby's Sly Fly, Clousers in olive/white (there are great selections of surf flies at both Bob Marriott's Fly Shop and His and Her's Fly Shop or on line at www.garybulla.com)...and if it's raining, forget it! Call **Jim Edwards** at **714 337 5899**, email is jimmywt1957@yahoo.com.

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) :

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](#)

THE WEST FORK SAN GABRIEL RIVER **IS ALMOST DRY**

Cogswell Reservoir is only two feet deep. Concerns have been raised to the LA County Department of Public Works by conservation groups regarding the lack of water which has put the aquatic life of the entire canyon in jeopardy. One of the key issues being pointed out for lack of water flow are old valves that have been leaking for many years. Repairs scheduled to take place for the past several years have been cancelled including this year. Future repair date may not be re-scheduled until sometime in 2014. Based on a signed agreement between the LA County of Public Works and various conservation groups the department is to maintain and care for the West Fork by insuring at least a 10 cubic foot per second flow, with the only exception being a severe drought.

The pictures shown below were taken on Sunday, November 4, 2012. Because the water flow is down to a trickle, most of the river is full of algae blooms making the water turn a green color. The picture on the left was taken directly below Cogswell Dam. The picture on the right was taken at the second bridge. Currently only pools contain water.

I will keep you informed as I hear more.

John Burns

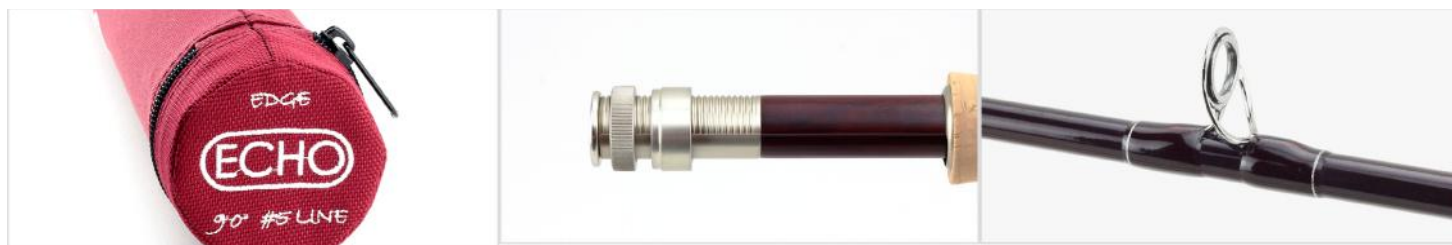
2013 Fly Fishers Club of Orange County Annual Auction

We are looking for any interested members that would like to be on the 2013 Auction committee. Our auction supplies funds for our programs, conservation projects, the casting clinic, and club projects

If you are interested please contact **John Williams** at **951-236-0862**



PROGRESSIVE ROD RAFFLE



9FT 5 WT 4 piece rod.
Don't forget to buy your raffle ticket for !

The ECHO EDGE 9'0" #5 was designed for medium to large rivers or anywhere trout live. It is the most popular size of rod for most trout fishermen. The rod has a perfect balance between action and power and feels like an old friend the first time you cast one. A few of the key features of this rod are; ultra-durable blanks, TiCH stripper guides, premium grade cork, cloth rod sock with rod size label cordura rod case, all this and an Echo Lifetime Warranty. This rod comes in a rich wine colored gloss blank with single foot light weight snake guided and a layered impregnated wood insert reel seat. If we meet Melinda's goal in the December meeting, we will pick the winning ticket that night. This rod is valued at \$229.99 and makes a nice gift for a beginning Fly Fisherman. Remember, Christmas is just around the corner. So don't think about whether you have one or not but that you can get one by spending as little as \$2 per ticket. Another thing to remember, all proceeds will go to the 2012 Auction which will help to fund our 2013 Membership year. We have a lot of fun things planned for 2013.

Buy your Tickets Now!

Tickets Pricing

\$3 for 1 ticket

\$5 for 2 tickets

\$10 for 5 tickets

**Winner will be drawn at the January
general meeting.**

(Continued from page 1 "The Magnificent Montana")

guide for this journey is Chris Eaton, who, as you will learn, is a true expert. He sent us a write-up about his presentation and himself and did such a good job of it, we realized we probably couldn't improve on what Chris wrote. So let's let him tell us about his program in his own words:

Many of the Madison River's fans have said, "You can learn a lot about the Madison by fishing it a few times." I believe that spending a lifetime on this river is really only the beginning. I love the Madison River. I love the fact that in 140 miles of this river on any given cast, you can catch a fish of a lifetime. I love the fact that all the fish you hookup on this river are naturally reproducing wild fish. I love the fact that on the Madison River there are numerous fishing access sites, so no matter how you like to fish – wade or drift using dries, nymphs or streamers -- you can get it done and be successful doing it. They call Montana Big Sky Country and the last best place. When you spend a day in the Madison Valley casting a line on the famous Madison River, you will understand why. My name is Chris Eaton and it's been my privilege to spend the last 17 years (more than 3,500 client days) taking people fly fishing on the Madison River. As I am drifting down this lovely river watching clients catch fish, I often have to remind myself that this is not just a dream. I have been very fortunate in my fly fishing career. I get to work with my wife, Julie, who is also a guide on the Madison, and who, by the way, did SoCal fly fishing club presentations back in 1997. I have

been the featured Madison River Guide on 10 different TV shows including "Trout Unlimited TV" and "Fly Fishing the World." Eaton Outfitters is also the fishing outfitter for the Madison Valley Ranch, an Orvis-endorsed lodge just outside Ennis, Montana. I made my first cast to a trout more than 40 years ago with my dad on the North Platte River near Saratoga, Wyoming. In 1994 I conducted my first guide trip on the Big Thompson River outside of Estes Park, Colorado. Two months ago I finished my 17th year as a guide on the Madison. In the meantime, I grew up in Colorado, graduated from college with a degree in public relations, lived in Idaho (where I met and married my wife), moved back to Colorado where I spent nine years as a stock broker (eight years too many) and then moved to Ennis, Montana as a fishing guide. Julie and I just celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary and our kids, Josh and Hannah (who are both really good anglers), are 14 and 11-years-old. When I am not guiding, skiing, watching soccer games or working as a paid fire fighter out of Big Sky, Montana (with two days on and then four days off), I might actually get to go do some personal fishing on my own. Whether you have fished the Madison before, dream about fishing it or are trying to decide if the Madison River should be on your bucket list, you will not want to miss this presentation.

You can check out more about Chris and Julie and fishing the Madison by going to www.eatonoutfitters.com

I hope you will join me in welcoming Chris Eaton for his presentation, The Magnificent Madison.... And remember to pursue your fishing dreams!

Andy Frumento

(Continued from page 2 President's Message)

monthly board meetings. Richard, Doug, Brian and myself will be your support team. If the position is not filled, the duties will be split amongst the Members at Large. If you are interested please reach out to any of the Board Members.

During my short tenure in the Club, I have had the opportunity to observe and interact with several of the Club's past presidents. I know I have some big shoes to fill (literally too, I'm only a 7.5" shoe size) in the upcoming year. Our past presidents have done such a great job. It is my goal as it has been with all the past presidents to continue to exceed your expectations, enhance your fishing experiences, and grow the Club.

Now, let's go out there and have a phenomenal 2013 whether it is on the water or at home with family and friends.

Melinda Burns

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:

Phoenix Club:
1340 S. Sanderson
Anaheim, CA

Cross Roads Church of Irvine/
Tustin:
2472 Walnut Avenue
Tustin, CA

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