



Organized in 1971, the Rogue Flyfishers seek to promote fellowship among individuals and groups to further interest in the sport, to improve angling techniques, and to educate members and the public in ways to preserve and improve natural resources, environment, and conditions for fishing in the Rogue Valley.

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PROGRAM

Brian O'Keefe Oregon Lakes



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE from STEVE DAY

“I truly don't know where I'm going”

I realized quite some time ago that life's journeys can often times be far more important and rewarding than the actual destinations. For me at least this is really important because more times than not, at least in life, “**I truly don't know where I'm going**”. After all, it wasn't too long ago that I had no idea I would be asked to do this President's thing?

Thinking about destinations in general, reminds me of the fishing, Road Trips of my youth. It would start as a conversation with my fishing buddy. The Road Trip length and duration would be determined by a complex math problem beginning with available cash as the highest common denominator. Of which, there never seemed to be enough.

We would break out the Rand McNally, Road Atlas, a piece of paper, a pencil and using our cash as the constant, attempt to figure out our dates and destinations based upon loosely estimated expenses and simple math. Very simple and very loose to be more accurate.

So, let's see, the truck gets 10 miles to the gallon, we can eat for five bucks a day, (less if we catch fish), non-resident fishing licenses cost this much and camping along the side of the road is free and so forth. Things like busted radiators, blown tires and shattered windshields were never part of the expense budget. Unfunded liabilities were certainly not even considered at that point in our lives nor were they anticipated.

Well try as we may, it didn't always go as planned. We learned along the way and seldom did we make all of our planned destinations but the journey was what genuinely made the trips memorable. I'm fairly certain it was a fisherperson somewhere that coined the phrase “strength thru adversity” or “if it don't kill ya, it'll make ya stronger.”

I'm not confident we got any stronger but we did get smarter and we learned to enjoy the journey knowing full well we might not reach all of our planned destinations. The experiences are what really mattered the most.

What does this all have to do with you? Everything and maybe I'm being selfish but I want you all to experience all that this fly fishing, life has to offer. To watch, to learn and to most of all feel this journey. Be amazed by it all.

Since assuming my role as President of the Club, one of my primary goals has been to get folks out fishing. I felt strongly about this and still do. It was important to me personally. I wanted to help provide those opportunities.

As we approach this upcoming season of fishing, I encourage you! Make plans, come out, go fish, take a Road Trip. As for me, “**I truly don't know where I'm going**” but it will be a journey and it will be wonderful.

“I am who I am and what I am, largely as the result, of someone taking me fishing”

Rogue Flyfisher's Meeting

The next Club meeting will be March 18th at:

Centennial Golf Club
1900 N. Phoenix Rd.
Medford 97504

Wet fly 5:45 - 6:45 pm
Dinner and meeting at 6:45pm
Raffle to follow
Program 7:45 - 8:45

BUFFET DINNER is \$22 per person

Pasta Bar, Chicken Alfredo, Marinara with Meatballs, Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

RSVP'S need to be in by Friday preceding the meeting. Please email your RSVP to icrsrd303@gmail.com (give your name and how many for dinner)

For those who cannot do email, call (661)742- 5835 afternoons only
Pay when you arrive. We take cash and checks only.

Special dietary requests: email Steve Day at icrsrd303@gmail.com or call (661)742 - 5835
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On The Fly

PATTERN OF THE MONTH: Hare's-Ear Soft Hackle

Hook: Tiemco 200R, sizes 12 to 18

Thread: Brown 8-0

Body: Dark hare's-ear dubbing, starting above the barb & tapering forward.

Rib: Fine copper wire

Thorax: Dark hare's-ear dubbing

Hackle: 2 to 3 turns of brown Hungarian partridge flank, swept back.



The Hare's-Ear Soft Hackle is one of the great generic bug patterns. In many sizes it can be used as an emerging mayfly in rivers, or a Callibaetis emerger and damsel fly nymph in lakes, or just a good general search pattern by itself or as a dropper. Most often it is thought of as a caddis emerger because of its fine, impressionistic copy of an emerging caddis pupa.

The easiest and simplest way to tie one is to use a Tiemco 200R hook and tie a short, carrot-shaped body of hare's mask dubbing with a rib of copper wire or flat gold tinsel on larger sizes. Start the body above the hook barb, taper it, rib it, and then tie it in a slightly fatter thorax. Ahead of that is a sparse, oversized soft hackle of brown partridge or brown hen neck hackle on larger sizes. When the fly is wet the hackles should lie back past the hook bend. Size 18 & 20 are unweighted but on size 16 and above I put a few turns of skinny lead wire under the thorax.

Caddis pupae can be pretty hefty, big-headed bugs, especially the large ones, so a variation called the Bead-Chain Hare's Ear Soft Hackle can be tied for this imitation. It's the same pattern except dark bead-chain eyes with figure eight wraps of hare's mask dubbing through them, are used for the head. The silhouette is more like the real caddis pupa and the eyes give just enough weight to sink the fly an inch or two under the surface in current. This variation can be tied size 16 through 12.

TYING TIPS - Making variegated chenille

Many times finding a source for that special color variegated chenille may be difficult or even impossible. You can make your own easily by twisting together a strand of each color needed to make instant variegated chenille that stays together even when the twisting pressure is released. Another bonus is that twisted chenille makes a much tighter full body. Your inventory problem is also solved. Simply buy the basic colors to make any combination desired.

ROD and REEL SALE UPDATE

The rod and reel sale we started in January has gone well. Thus far 2 rods and 1 reel have been claimed. After February 7th, the remaining items were opened up to the public, with a new auction deadline date of March 18th. Right now we have bids on 3 other items:

Sage Salt 1090-4 B rod – current bid - \$ 300.00

Ross Momentum 6 reel with spare spool – current bid - \$ 350.00

Galvan T-12 reel – current bid - \$ 150.00

The following items are still waiting for an initial bid:

Sage One 1190-4 rod – minimum bid - \$ 300.00

Sage Generation V 1290-4 Xi2 rod – minimum bid - \$ 175.00

For details on any of these items or to submit a bid, contact Tim Bolling at timbolling328@gmail.com

ROGUE FLYFISHERS AUCTION & FUNDRAISER

“A SOIREE FOR SALMONIDS”

MAY 9th, 2020 at CENTENNIAL GOLF CLUB

DOORS OPEN AT 4:00 P.M.

Please join us for the annual Rogue Flyfishers Auction and Fundraiser. This is the major source of our grant money and operating funds. 70% of the money raised during this event goes towards education, community support, and environmental causes associated with the sport of fly fishing.

We'll have a live and silent auction plus other raffles. Among the prizes are guided and hosted fishing trips, stays at resorts, restaurant meals, wine baskets, and many, many more items.

Tickets are \$ 30.00 per person. To make a reservation, contact Tim Bolling at RFFishers90@gmail.com. Payment needs to be made prior to May 1st and can be sent to Rogue Flyfishers, PO Box 4637, Medford, OR 97501. Those making a reservation and sending in payment by March 31st will be entered into a drawing for a TFO rod and reel.

We hope to see you there!

March Outing to the Illinois River

The upper Illinois River is only a short drive from the Rogue Valley; yet few fly fishers go there. The Rogue Flyfishers, to my knowledge, have never had an outing there. That is unfortunate since it is a beautiful river with crystal-clear water, and has winter steelhead that tend to be much larger than those in the Rogue or Applegate Rivers. There are reasons for its lack of popularity.

In the Illinois Valley, between the forks near Cave Junction and the Forest Service boundary, the river flows through private land with very little public access. Below the Forest Service boundary, the river enters a rugged canyon that makes reaching the river difficult in most places. In many areas where you can reach the river, the flow is too fast and deep to be able to fish effectively with fly equipment. There are, however, places where you can fly fish the river when conditions are right. The Rogue Flyfishers will hold an outing on March 11 to explore the river and identify those places.

Because the river rises quickly during rain events and drops quickly afterward, hitting the right conditions can be tricky, so people interested in going on the outing should send me an email. As we get close to the date, I will contact those people with information about when and where to meet, or inform them of any change in plans.

Because the canyon is rugged and getting to the river often involves hiking up and down steep slopes or over boulders, people should come prepared. Since the river is deep and fast, wading boot with good traction, a wading staff, and an inflatable vest are recommended. There are places that are suitable for dead-drifting flies and places that are suitable for swinging flies, but in either case, you will need flies or tips that will allow you to get your fly deep quickly. Because the current can be strong, the fish big, and the flies heavy; an eight-weight outfit would be a good choice. Also bring appropriate clothing and rain gear, food, water, and your usual fishing accessories.

Fishing the Illinois River is not easy, but it is a beautiful place to visit, and if you are fortunate enough to catch a winter steelhead, it will likely be a big one.

Where the money goes

With our Annual Fundraising Auction right around the corner it seems a good time to make our membership aware of where our grants have been allocated so far this year.

Conservation Grants:

Rogue River Watershed Council \$100.00

Oregon Stewardship \$500.00

Rogue Climate \$1500 (LNG Pipeline opposition)

For Sale

Scadden Excaliber XX with frame and trailer \$3950



Scadden 2 person fishing craft with frame, hard seats on swivels, Sawyer oars, and 2018 Iron Eagle Versa Max Raft Addition Trailer.

Overall length 12' like new condition mfg 2017

Email: jbprints@gmail.com

EAST LAKE OUTING JULY 17 – 19



CINDER HILL CAMPGROUND IS NOW ACCEPTING RESERVATIONS. THESE SITES CAN GO QUICKLY. IF YOU'RE PLANNING ON ATTENDING, GET AFTER IT SOON @ RECREATION.GOV. DON'T MISS OUT!

Opportunity to Fish Sugar Creek Ranch

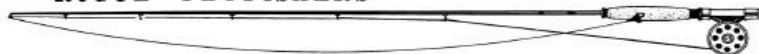
The Sugar Creek Ranch, located along the Scott River near Etna, California, has a series of private ponds that offer fly fishing for trophy rainbow trout. We have reserved the Sugar Creek Ranch from noon on April 9 through the evening of April 10. The cost to fish the ranch during that period will be \$204 per person. There is a very nice cabin on the property that sleeps six (two bed each in three bedrooms) and has a full kitchen. We rented cabin for the night of April 9 for \$340 plus a 10% occupancy tax, so that will be \$62.34 per person. If we have more people than the cabin can accommodate, there is the opportunity to dry camp on the property in a tent or small RV for \$30 per person. Plus, there are other lodging options in the vicinity. To get the discounted prices and have the property to ourselves we need at least six anglers, but have a limit of 10. If we have enough anglers to fill a second trip, we have a hold on the property and cabin for the same rates on April 29 and 30.

The ponds are fairly small and generally best fished from the bank, but you can use a float tube on some of the larger ponds. A California fishing license is required. The usual Stillwater techniques for trout work there, but we will provide specific advice to those going close to the time of the trip. To see more information about Sugar Creek ranch, go to www.sugarcreekranch.com.

We have a short period of time to commit and pay for the reservations, so people that are interested in going should reply to me, David Haight, right away and send me a check for \$266.34 made out to the Rogue Flyfishers.

David Haight, Outings Chair

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Rogue Fly Shop	941 SE 6th St, Grants Pass	541-476-0552
Rogue Valley Anglers	218 E. Main St., Medford	541-973-2988
Sportsman's Warehouse	1710 Delta Waters Road Medford	541-732-3700

Jim Ulm, Rogue River Steelhead and Trout Guide, (541) 973-6250 jimulm9@msn.com

Rogue Fly Fishers membership **Application** and membership Renewal Form

Applying ___ or renewing ___ as (check one): **Individual** ___ (\$35.00), **Family** ___ (\$45.00), or **Junior** ___ (under 18, \$5.00) Member.

(Note: New members joining Rogue Fly Fishers before June 30th pay a full year dues; **new** members joining after June 30th pay half dues.

Dues accompany your application. With membership, you will receive a member's patch, membership directory, name badge, and letter of further information and welcome. Monthly dinner meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month with a social Wet Fly from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. followed by dinner with raffle, announcements and club business, and program until approximately 9:00 p.m.

Renew in December for the following year.

Name: _____. If a family membership,

List Family Member's Names _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip code** _____

Best Contact Telephone Numbers: Area Code _____ **Number** _____

(2nd best) **Number** _____

E-mail Address: _____

If you do not want your e-mail address in the membership directory, check here ___

Member Federation of Fly Fishers? Yes ___ No ___

Prefer using the **Online Newsletter** ___ or by **US Mail** ___?

Amount enclosed _____. Mail completed form and payment to:

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