



FFB SPRING 2021 NEWSLETTER

"Fly Fishers of the Bitterroot is a nonprofit club dedicated to sharing our passion for fly fishing by promoting fellowship, education and stewardship of our fishing resources."

www.flyfishersofthebitterroot.org

*"In rivers, the water you touch is the last of what has passed and the first of that which is to come."
Leonardo da Vinci*

President's message

Hi folks,

I believe that we can see the light at the end of the tunnel in regard to the Pandemic. There are a lot of us who have been vaccinated and many who are in process. My one concern is some of the "Variants". Those will continue to mutate as long as people around the world are not vaccinated also. We can only hope we'll see some relief in the near future.

The board has decided to attempt to resume the club activities beginning with a possible in-person meeting in October. I'm excited to catch up with all of you at that possible meeting. A lot depends on the numbers of folks that are vaccinated, and the number of Covid cases in Ravalli County. I'll be keeping an eye on local updates as well as national trends to see if we're safe to attempt a meeting. I will keep you all up to date as we get closer to the Fall.

As you know, your dues are still up to date until the Fall. If we are able to continue to function as a club, we'll need to return to our regularly scheduled activities, and the collection of dues in order to maintain our common level of service and dedication to the goals of the organization. That is, serving the needs and wants of our fly-fishing members and their families.

I hope to see you all on the river. The Skwala hatch is under way and the local put-ins are beginning to have lots of rigs loading up to fish. I've been off the river due to some back surgery, but I hope to return to my favorite pastime in early April.

Stay safe,
Phil Romans

"There is something deep in the human spirit that responds to running water. The trout fisherman knows it well, for a living river has many voices--from the infant gurgling of a headwater brook spilling over mossy stones to the sibilant sound of its youthful courses as it dances non graveled riffles or its protesting roar as it rushes between towering rock walls that threaten to hold it captive. The thundering passage of Montana's Bear Trap Canyon is awesome; yet before it joins the Jefferson and Gallatin to form the Missouri, it has the gentle and reassuring voice of an old friend at journey's end."

A. J. McClane, "The Lure of the Trout Stream," Venture magazine

WHY I FISH

THE FISH DON'T CARE
IF I'M RICH OR POOR
OR HOW BIG MY HOUSE IS.

THE FISH DON'T CRITICIZE
OR ASK TOO MANY QUESTIONS.

THEY DON'T CARE IF MY
JOKES AREN'T FUNNY, OR IF
MY CLOTHES DON'T MATCH.

THE FISH CHALLENGE ME.

RELAX ME. CAPTIVATE ME. COMFORT ME.

THE FISH HELP ME CONNECT WITH NATURE
AND REMIND ME OF WHAT'S IMPORTANT.

THEY HELP ME SLOW DOWN AND
APPRECIATE TIME WITH FRIENDS & FAMILY.

THE FISH MAKE ME A BETTER PERSON.

THE FISH MAKE ME HAPPY. respectthefish.com

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Spring 2021 THE WAY IT WAS

In 1877 a group of people from Radersburg, Montana, a small community south of Helena, took a trip into Yellowstone National Park. The timing for their trip left something to be desired because 1877 was the year of the military campaign against Chief Joseph's Nez Perce, who fled Idaho, traveled up the Bitterroot Valley, fought off a military attack on the Big Hole, and then traversed Yellowstone Park before turning north toward Canada.

Members of the Radersburg party were captured by the Nez Perce, and John Carpenter recorded their adventures in The Wonders of Geyser Land, published in 1878. Like most tourists visiting the park, they hunted, caught lots of fish, and visited Geyser Basin. Here is Carpenter's description of their activities on Sunday, August 19, a "day of rest."

"We soon tire of lying around camp and again sally forth on a tour of discovery. We return shortly and conclude that we will do our washing since such an opportunity for 'boiling clothes' will not be presented again soon. Emma and Ida put their clothes in a pillow case, Dingee took off his blouse and tied a large stone in it and I finished tying it with my handkerchief; Arnold also removed his jacket and we repaired to the laundry, Old Faithful. We hear the preparatory rumbling and the waters rise a few feet above the surface. Mr. Houston now gives the command to cast them into the water. It goes down and remains so long that we begin to feel uneasy, and Dingee begins to lament his loss and to bless the man who 'put the job up' on us. Mr. Houston remarks that it will be all right, and the next instant, with a rush and a roar she 'goes off' and the clothes, jackets, rags, etc., mixed in every conceivable shape, shoot up to a distance of a hundred feet or more and fall with a splash in the basins below. The water subsides, and we fish out the clothing which we find as nice and clean as a Chinaman could wash it with a week's scrubbing.

Wishing to experiment, we collect an immense quantity of rubbish and drop it into the crater. We have filled it to the top with at least a thousand pounds of stones, trees, stumps, etc., and now sit down to await further developments. At the exact time advertised, the earth begins to tremble, we hear the rush again, 'Off she goes,' and away go rocks, trees and rubbish to the height of seventy-five or eighty feet in the air. Old Faithful seems to have been angered by such an unwarrantable procedure on our parts, or wishes to show us how futile are our attempts to check his power, and furnishes an entertainment of unusual magnitude and duration."

The party from Radersburg ascended the Madison River to Ennis where they were told that they would find fine fishing at Henrys Lake. "In the afternoon two days later, we left the Madison River, up which we had been traveling, and crossed a low divide, getting our first glimpse of the lake. The view from this point is exceedingly pretty.... Torchlight fishing by night was a unique pastime. Great schools of fish, attracted by the glare of light from the blazing pine knots, gathered about the prow of the boat. Some fine ones were speared and delicious meals enjoyed. Nothing quite equals the fine salmon trout...."

Mrs. George F. Cowan, *Reminiscences of Pioneer Life: A Trip to the National Park in 1877....*" Wonderland 12, March 1904

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NEWS AND NOTES



THE **OUTSIDE** IS IN US ALL.

Invasive mussels found in aquarium moss balls sold in Montana

Invasive zebra mussels found another avenue for potential infestation of Montana waters. Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks was notified Wednesday that zebra mussels were detected in aquarium moss balls sold at a pet store in Washington state. FWP immediately checked pet stores around Montana and found invasive mussels in moss balls at multiple locations.

It appears these moss balls were imported from Ukraine to a distributor in California and were shipped to pet stores nationwide. The facility that imports the moss balls has been quarantined and all shipments of moss balls have been stopped.

A moss ball is a species of green algae that is formed into a ball and is 2 to 5 inches in diameter. Moss balls are purchased for home aquariums to help absorb harmful nutrients in the water and limit the growth of undesirable algae.

All of the mussels detected in Montana so far have been dead shells. However, live mussels were found on moss balls in Oregon and Idaho.

FWP is working closely with other states and Federal agencies to address this nation-wide issue.

If you have recently purchased moss balls, remove them from the water, place them in a plastic bag and put them in the freezer overnight. Additional guidance for addressing potential mussels in aquariums and how to treat tank water will be available soon. Please don't dispose of your aquarium tank water in your household drain.

This is another reminder to never dump aquarium tank pets, plants, or water into Montana's waterways.

- It is illegal to release fish and other aquarium pets into natural waterways. If you can't keep your pet, find someone else who can adopt it, turn it in to a pet store or humane society, or euthanize it.
- Aquarium plants can impact native aquatic plant and animal species. Let unwanted plants dry and then dispose in the garbage.
- Aquarium water can harbor pathogens and diseases. Dispose of tank water on the ground away from waterways.

Visit Don't Let It Loose <https://www.dontletitloose.com/>

If you have any questions call the Aquatic Invasive species hotline: 406-444-2440.

SCIENCE UPDATE

-A new study published this month indicates that 1/4 of the world's known bee species may be gone or are endangered.

-A study published in January shows that the earth lost 28 trillion tons of ice between 1994 and 2017.

-Mount Fuji in Japan has suffered from a lack of snow, and timberline has moved upslope about 100 feet over the last four decades

HUNTING, FISHING, AND GEOLOGIZING

What follows is an excerpt from the memoir of Jack Bean, who was a trapper, hunter and guide in the Yellowstone area in the 1870s. He wrote his memoirs many years later, which explains some errors in his account, but two figures mentioned here--the Doctor [Ferdinand V. Hayden] and William Blackmore were important historically. Hayden was a major figure in the exploration of the West and led expeditions in Nebraska, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and elsewhere for the Army Corps of Topographical Engineers. His 1871 expedition into the Yellowstone country was instrumental in the creation of the national Park. William Blackmore was a British financier who visited the American West and became a major collector of artifacts and photographs. He helped finance the Hayden expedition, purchased photographic equipment for William Henry Jackson, the expedition's photographer and commissioned an important set

of watercolors of Yellowstone by Thomas Moran, the expedition's artist. Blackmore accompanied the expedition, and Hayden named Mount Blackmore for his wife.

"While the Doctor was geologizing the country there, I went fishing with Sir William Blackmore. You could plainly see plenty of trout close to the shore of the lake. When he got to catching them, he thought it would be wonderful if he caught one for each year he was old--fifty-four. He soon caught the fifty-four and tried for a hundred. He was not long in making this and tried for fifty-four more--and kept fishing for another hundred--and another fifty-four. As we had gotten two thirds of the way around the lake by this time, I told him I would quit as I had all the fish I could drag along the grass, being two hundred and fifty-four."

M. Mark Miller, Adventures in Yellowstone: Early Travelers Tell their Tales, 2009

HEMINGWAY IN THE YELLOWSTONE COUNTRY

During the 1930s Ernest Hemingway made five lengthy visits to the L-T Ranch as the guest of the owner. Located near the modern Beartooth Highway and the Clark's Fork Yellowstone River, the ranch provided Hemingway the opportunity to write undisturbed and also to hunt and fish. One companion on a fishing trip to some nearby lakes wrote, "Hemingway, who had to catch more rainbows than anybody, made big campfires at night and sat around with the kids in a goofy Tyrolean hat, roasting marshmallows and telling scary stories."

In 1936, he wrote Arnold Gingrich, founder and editor of Esquire and author of several books on fishing, "Since we've been out here, I've written little over thirty thousand words.... Have only laid off to hunt antelope for three days and three days up to the Granites to fish out of, say, thirty-six days. Caught 6 over 16 inches (rainbows) 4 over 18 inch in the Granites. The book is 3/4 trough, nearly, and can see the end...am riding up to hunt tomorrow.... When come back will be full of juice again...."

Chris Warren, Ernest Hemingway in the Yellowstone High Country, 2019

CASTING FOR RECOVERY

FFB has been great support to Casting For Recovery over the years! The Western Montana program is stepping back into the stream so to speak, with plans for the 11th annual retreat serving women in Western Montana. After all 55 retreats were canceled nationwide in 2020, the intentions are to hold retreats with precautions in place to protect those attending. And, Casting for Recovery is celebrating 25 years this year! The 2021 Western Montana retreat is set for **August 20-22 at Lubrecht Center east of Missoula MT**. Women have until June 11, 2021 to apply for the retreat - selection is random. Here's the direct link to apply online for the W Montana retreat:

<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx>

If you know women who may want to attend a retreat, go to this link to find the retreat in their area:

<https://castingforrecovery.org/retreats/>



YELLOWSTONE PARK: 1898

"Close by the shore of the lake at this point is one of the scalding springs, its urn lying partly within the lake proper.... This was the only point where I actually saw fish caught and cooked without the fisherman moving his tracks, The water of the lake so teemed with fish that to catch one is a task without labor, and if one stands close by the scalding bowl when doing his angling, he has only to turn and drop his still wriggling catch into the hot water at his side to have it cooked as perfectly as could be done in any pot...."

John Atwood, "Yellowstone Park in 1898"

Atwood describes the spring in Yellowstone Lake that was known as the Fishing Cone. Visitors were fascinated by this hot spring and a myriad of other features in the park. One early visitor to Yellowstone was the mountain man, Jim Bridger, who became famous for his exploits as a trapper, explorer and guide and for his ability to tell a story. Bridger was prone to exaggeration, but his tales were based on fact. He told about catching fish which were already cooked by the time that they were landed. There were petrified trees in the land that became the national park, so Bridger talked about seeing " *peetrified* birds sitting in *peetrified* trees singing *peetrified* songs." But Bridger was not the only westerner prone to exaggeration. William Tecumseh Sherman, famous for his march through Georgia during the Civil War, recorded his travel to a new military assignment on the west coast in the early 1850s. He met Kit Carson at Bent's Fort and refused to believe that he had actually met Carson because he had heard so many stories about the man and his accomplishments. The real Carson was only about 5' 5" and Sherman thought that the locals were just pulling his leg.

MONTANA: 1872

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COLORADO RIVER

According to the US Drought Monitor, the entire state of Colorado is in a drought, and nearly half the state is classified as being extremely or exceptionally dry. In November 2020 the Colorado Water Conservation Board, for only the second time in its history, activated its municipal emergency drought response plan to help cities cope. Southwest Colorado has been in a drought for twenty years.

The greatest concern is the Colorado River Basin. The river begins in Rocky Mountain National Park and is augmented by a number of tributaries--Gunnison, Yampa, Dolores, San Juan. It supplies all of the state's west slope water and about half of the water for Front Range cities, plus tens of thousands of acres of farm land on the eastern plains. As of late March 2020, the Bureau of Reclamation estimates that inflows into Lake Powell will be 47% of average. It is expected that lakes Powell and Mead will drop to levels that will require cuts in deliveries to lower basin states (Nevada, Arizona, California). This is despite the March 13 blizzard that made March 2021 one of the wettest months in recorded history for Denver. Unfortunately, the March 13 storm was a Front Range event and did not impact the Colorado River system. However, the Dawson County Journal in Nebraska was happy because the Platte River provides irrigation water in Nebraska. This particular newspaper regularly reports on Front Range Colorado snowpack.

DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION BANS FRACKING

Hydraulic fracking is a method to extract oil and especially gas from subterranean rocks by injecting a liquid containing toxic chemicals and sand into the rock layers. Fracking was becoming common in the San Juan basin of Colorado and New Mexico when I moved to the Durango area in the 1980s. It was common to hear reports of gas suddenly coming out of the beds of rivers and streams. In the western part of La Plata County some folks discovered that enough gas came out of their kitchen faucet that they could light it. Some bought what was called a splitter, which actually allowed them to capture the gas. More recently fracking came into use in the Marcellus Shale areas of Pennsylvania, West

Virginia and New York, a region that has the Delaware River. The Delaware River, which heads in the Catskills in New York, flows south and provides the boundary between Pennsylvania and New Jersey. It is the largest free-flowing drainage east of the Mississippi River. The upper river is a major trout fishery. The lower river contains bass and other warm water species. It is a major spawning river for shad and striped bass. Among the famous tributaries are the storied Beaverkill, Theodore Gordons beloved Neversink and Pennsylvania trout streams such as the Brodheads and Bushkill. Zane Grey built a home (now a museum) on the Delaware so that he could fish the trout streams in the area.

While fracking threatened trout populations, which energized conservation organizations to oppose the practice, fracking also provided a potential threat to people. The Delaware and its tributaries provide drinking water to Philadelphia and about half of New York City. Seventeen million people depend on Delaware River water. As a result, New York banned fracking across the state, and last month (Feb. 2021) the Delaware River Basin Commission (four of the five members are the governors of New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania) voted to ban hydraulic fracking in the basin.

INFORMAL GET TOGETHERS: FISH STORIES TO FOLLOW!



CDA River, Idaho June 2021

Some of us are going over to Idaho to enjoy the CDA River. It's a really beautiful stream that winds down through the mountains to I-90 near Kingston Idaho. We'll be leaving on **June first, and returning on June 5th**. If you have a camper or a tent or a way to camp, I think you will really like this river. It's relatively free of guide boats although I have seen a fair amount of personal flotation devices occasionally on warm days. The few times I have fished it, I have had the whole river to myself even when there were lots of Green Drakes on the river. Give me a call if you would like more information on this trip. We'll be bringing pontoon boats or rafts. We'll be fishing for Cutthroat Trout. Hope to see you on this trip.

Phil and Dorreen Romans. My cell is 406-361-1516

Georgetown Lake: ALERT!!! Informal camping trip to GEORGETOWN LAKE- Phillipsburg Bay CAMPGROUND-The dates are July 5,6,7,8,9/2021. Folks can pick however many days they want to be there. For any reservation of sites, please report to Phil R, he is keeping track!

Kelly Creek, Idaho info July 2021

If we can't go fishing in these freezing temperatures, then the next best thing is to think about where to go fishing once the temperatures become more inviting. And in that regard, it is best to sagacious and consider another camping and fishing destination. With Georgetown lake scheduled July 5th to July 10th and the Snake River scheduled August 15th to August 19th it allows us over a month (5 weeks) in between to consider another place to enjoy our great outdoors that we have been blessed with living in the Rocky Mountains.

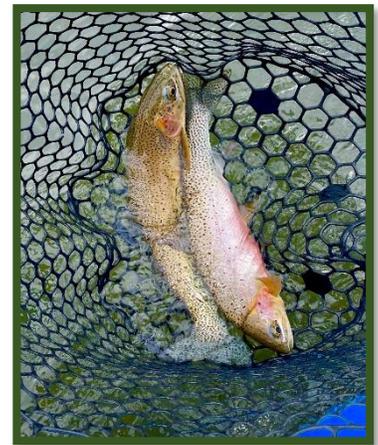
Therefore, may I suggest Kelly Creek in Idaho which is part of the Clearwater river system. Kelly Creek is a larger drainage than its name implies, similar to, as Rock Creek is on the other side of the Sapphire Mountains. It will be a wade fishing destination with non-electric campsites which are all on a first come — first served basis. FYI In the article I provided below you'll read that the area at large provides about 100 campsites. From my home in Victor, MT Kelly Creek is about a 145-mile drive. My preferred route is up to Missoula then I-90 west to Superior, MT then drop south over a mountain pass toward Kelly Creek. In that last stretch you'll come across a cedar tree grove with enormous trees that have trunk diameters in excess of 8 feet, which for me is additional treat to see.

As to when to go, myself and other group member(s) have decided that **July 27th** a Tuesday would be a good day to arrive hoping any weekenders would be cleared out by then. Duration of the stay will be at least 3 nights and maybe more for those that find the fishing favorable.

Please check out this Fly Fisherman magazine article (<https://www.flyfisherman.com/editorial/fly-fishing-idaho-kelly-creek/152196>) which describes Kelly Creek and the Clearwater area in greater detail to wet your interest then hopefully you'll want to wet your line there. Rock slips and stuck lips, Wayne Kaim mtbound2014@gmail.com

Snake River float: August 15-19th Falls Campground arriving **August 15th** and departing on the **August 19th**. Go to recreation.gov promptly to apply for reservations after February 15th and I recommend anyone interested in going to do . **There will be a pot-luck night the evening of the 18th**. The South Fork of the Snake is a world-renowned fishery providing 66 miles of river to float starting downstream of Palisades Dam. If you plan on joining in or just have further questions please contact me at; mtbound2014@gmail.com - Wayne Kaim

ANOTHER BITTERROOT BANNER DAY!



"The music of angling is more compelling than anything contrived in the greatest symphony hall." A. J. McClane



"The trout glided near my feet in the shallows. It was a brown, its nose hooked and its red spots glowing. When I released it, just at the moment when I ceased to hold it and it became wholly part of the stream again, I was washed by the surety that it would be the last fish I would see from this stretch of river until after a long, windy winter covered the stream with ice, held it white and silent and still."

Jeff Hull, Streams of Consciousness, 2007

SPRING IS HERE! the following photos were taken by one of our own club members- an outstanding fisherman, fantastic photographer and a wonderful person- thank you- Denny Westover!





FISH REPORTS, KODAK MOMENTS AND OTHER NOTEWORTHY EVENTS



"Once you fish a river, you can never really leave it"
Chadd Vanzanten



FISH REPORT: Bitterroot River

This hefty beauty was caught on the Frenchie nymph tied by Gary K. earlier this month. This is my new favorite sub surface fly. The Victor area has been very hot lately. Yesterday for the first time in months I caught a nice brown on a small Skwala dry! *Pierre S.*



Fish report: Well fishing didn't turn out that well, so no pictures that day. I was the only one who caught anything; but an 18 whitefish isn't that attractive nor the 6-pound sucker I caught. But earlier on March 12th I took two nice rainbows at Victor Crossing and since they were the same in length here is one of them: *Wayne Kaim*



"Start them young"

Jim K's
granddaughter with
her first fly rod

"In 1956 when I was seven my grandfather gave me a fiberglass rod, a Medalist reel, a box of flies and this advice: 'You fish with a rod, not a pole.'"

Dave Hall, Moving Water: An Artist's Reflection on Fly Fishing, Friendship and Family, 2019

Trip Report, Owyhee River, March 19 – 24 2021

Bob Miller, Greg Chester, Geno Centofanti & Steve Hollowell

Owyhee River is a tail water fishery below the Owyhee reservoir in West Central Oregon near the Idaho border. The closest big city is Boise ID, about a 2 ½ hour drive.

Our trip started on the 19th with a quick stop on the South Fork of the Boise River just below Anderson Ranch Reservoir near Mountain Home ID. One descends into a very deep canyon to access the dam. After crossing the dam, we headed downstream a short distance and started fishing. Between the 4 of us we tried a multitude of patterns and techniques with fair success. Standard nymphs and an occasional rise to a Skwala dry yielded our little success.

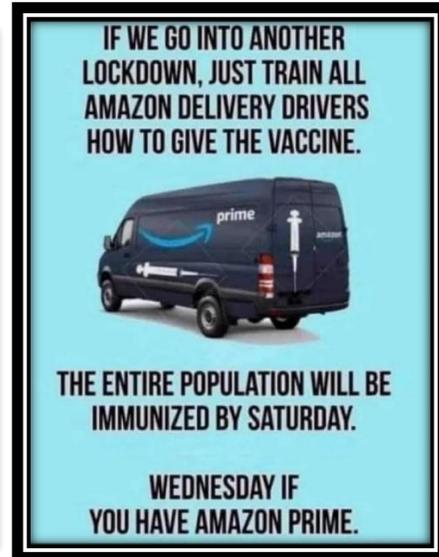
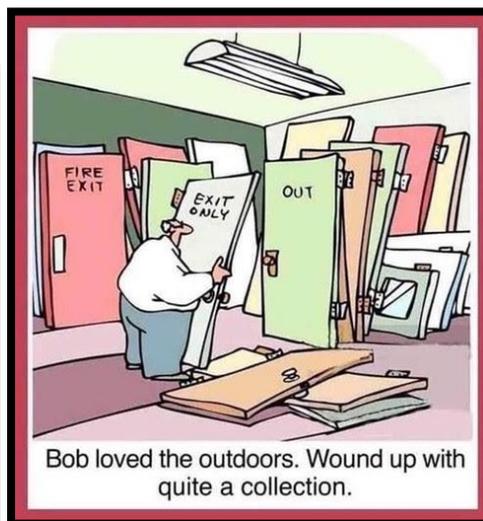
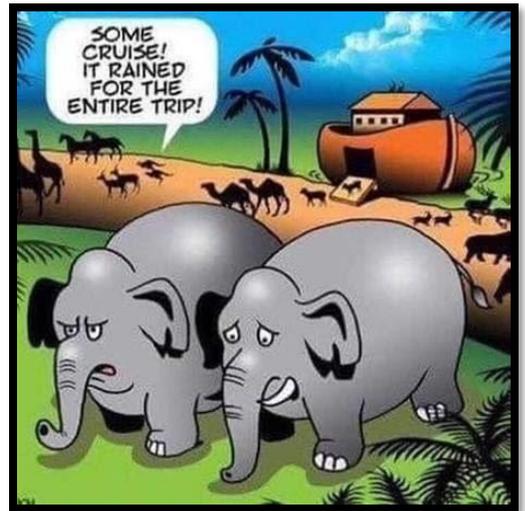
After a night in Mountain Home we proceeded to the Owyhee River past Boise and into Oregon arriving at the Owyhee River Lodge located right on the river. The Owners, Lori and Chris and ranch dog Lily were very accommodating as were our quarters – a shared bunkhouse with 2 rooms and a shared shower and head. Quite comfortable indeed. Continental breakfast was included and as an option we arranged to have the lodge prepare our dinner. At \$30 each it was a true bargain. The kitchen/dining room also had adequate facilities to store and prepare our lunches.

The fishing: The River was running at its typical winter flow-rather slow – 35 CFS - which limited holding water. It was also rather crowded on the weekend leaving few spots to fish. However, we found good runs and pools yielding nice browns and rainbows. It's known for its big browns and we discovered that indeed a 20 incher is a reasonable expectation. Our first spot had Steve fishing a streamer which produced very well. Bob followed thru the run w/a Skwala getting about 10 eats but hooking up only 2. Greg followed up with small stuff and got a few more. In a big slow pool Greg caught several on 6X and a #20 red midge pattern – even breaking a 5wt rod in the process. We finished that day in a very nice run w/ Bob catching a big, fat rainbow near 20 inches on a Skwala dry and all of us doing well on baetis dries and emergers. When the baetis hatch was on, loads of big fish were eagerly rising but very selective to size, color and drag. Once that was conquered one could hook and land plenty of feisty 'bows and browns. As noted above nymphing small and light stuff was the ticket. 5 1/2X – 6 ½ X tippetts and #18 - #22 baetis and midge patterns. For baetis emergers again the little stuff prevailed. If one chose to fish Skwala dries 5x and long leader was needed as well. The next morning, we, along w/ the wind, went back to duplicate our success and failed miserably with the highlight being Steve's big rainbow.

The weather: We were treated to few warm spells but wind and cold mornings were the norm. Although not unmanageable with good layering the high winds played havoc with our 6X tippetts and attempts at a good drift. Each landed, good fish was truly appreciated.

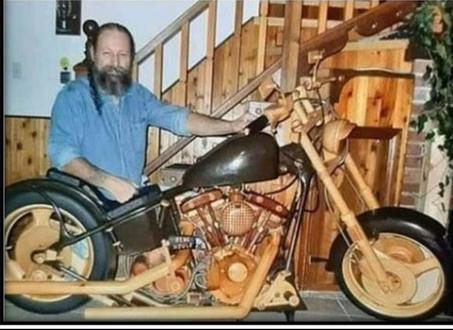
Over all it was a good trip with great friends, new waters to explore and typical fantastic scenery going and coming. The Payette river canyon was spectacular. We live in a special part of the world.





"Having fly fishing on the brain is almost as good as doing it. Actually, sometimes it's better. It hardly ever rains on my daydream, and I rarely get skunked." William G. Tapply, Trout Eyes, 2007

It's got a wooden frame, wooden engine, wooden wheels, and a wooden gas tank. Did he ride it? No, wooden start...



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Today my son asked how I know that everyone driving is named Dick.

1. A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
2. I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
3. She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.
4. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.
5. The butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.
6. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
7. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
8. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
9. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
10. A backward poet writes inverse.
11. When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.
12. Don't join dangerous cults: Practice safe sects.

LOST ROOMBA !!!



His name is "Higgins".
35cm / 9cm high / 2.8kg
DOES NOT BITE !!!
Roomba app info:
Battery: 3%
Dust bin: 190%

My husband left our bungalow door open and our Roomba escaped !!! We followed his cleaning track for 4 Km down to the beach where we lost his trail. **HIGGINS CAN NOT SWIM !!!** Please help us to bring Higgins back!

#TEAMEOFF

I won't be able to sleep until I know he's safe.

IF YOU HAVEN'T GROWN UP BY AGE 50 YOU DON'T HAVE TO

TO THE GOOD OLD DAYS,



WHEN WE COULD MAKE FUN OF EACH OTHER WITHOUT EVERYONE GETTING THEIR PANTIES IN A BUNCH!



If, from time to time, you give up expectation, you will be able to perceive what it is you are getting. -Rumi



As you can see, I haven't been fishing much..... 😊 The Summer 2021 newsletter will be my last one folks- time for someone else to take up the reigns of FFB editor..... 🐑