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14TH ANNUAL

GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN!!

What can I say guys? If you showed - then you know! The 14th Annual was the best! Where does one start when trying to report on what, in this reporters opinion, was the best Mission ever? Most of you schmucks probably expect me to talk about fishin' but you're wrong - I'll talk about that later. First, let's try on some awards:

New Nickname:

Steve Lawing aka "Dippin'", cuz Skinny was redundant.

Best Actor:

"Wailin'" Wayne Brunson Jr. for his rendition of a midnight bear attack.

Biggest Buffoon:

A three way tie - "Hands of a Man", "Lewd", and "Walkbucks" for leaving "Dippin'" in town to walk 12 miles back to camp at 2:00 AM.

Most Obvious "J":

Brady "I Got Priorities" Deitrick - something about cleaning the house for an anniversary party!

Best Surprise Attendee:

Two way tie - Randy "Moondoggie" Roberts (yes, he was there, but if you blinked you missed him) and Jeff "I'm Lost Again" Carver. It was good to see both of them!

Kami Kaze Consumption:

Four way tie - "Walkbucks", "Lewd", "Hands of a Man", and "Dip-

What's News —

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The 14th Annual Fishin' Mission held. Awards given to nine schmucks.
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The Mission's Photo Album is being expanded. Don't wait. Get your great ones in.

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The Baby Boom is here again.

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The 15th Annual Fishin' Mission is in the planning stages already. Pencil in June 3 through June 12 on your 1988 calendar.

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The Fishin' Mission Network has been automated.

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pin" - Why do you think "Dippin'" was left in town you frogs??

Biggest Change in Annual Trend:

This one has to go to "BT" who for 12 years has stayed the full week - but this year left on Tuesday. Can you imagine??

Largest Test Line:

Daniel "Boone" Skaling doing some fine finesse fishin' with 25 pound test. Talk about expectations!!

Hottest Horseshoes:

"Lewd" and "Hands of a Man" an awesome display of tossin'ability. They were only playin' for a buck!

OK, OK, enough on awards - what about the fishin'? As predicted in the last Mission newsletter - it was definitely GOOD FISHIN' !! The weather was great, and all areas were producing "planters" on a regular basis. All of the lunger action tho' was happenin' on the Reservoir during the last 15 minutes of legal fishin' each night. Thats when the big browns were coming up to roll on the perch and sucker minnows!! Those who were there witnessed the "boilin'" browns - all you needed was a black and silver Rappala, an ability to see in the dark, and a little luck. Just ask Rick "Common Law" Gale, who managed to pull in the lunger of the week (7 lbs 7 1/4 oz.) on what was his first cast of the evening on Friday May 29th..... before most of the competition even had their lines wet!! All in all, Rick had a good week. He caught the BIG FISH, won the trophy, won \$65 in the BIG FISH pool, won the new Ugly Stick rod and Shimano 2000 reel (graciously provided by Rick Rockel, owner of Ken's Sporting Goods) and won \$50 in the BIG TOWN!! WHAT A COUNTRY!!!!

Other Notable Lunkers:

Pat "The Bouncer" O'brien
3 lbs 9 oz
Rick "I Finally Caught Mine" Gale
3 lbs 8 oz
Mark "Hands of a Man" Runley
3 lbs 8 oz
Daniel "Boone" Skaling
3 lbs 7 oz
Terry "T" Reynolds
3 lbs 6 oz
Gary "Walkbucks" Walker
2 lbs 12 oz

I know what you're thinking boys....Why is that little "tinkler" of under 3 pounds listed as notable?? Well, quite frankly, it's because I'm writin' this damn follow-up newsletter (first one ever I might add) and you can call it publishers priviledge!!

There was action by other fishermen too!! On June 1st at around 9:00 PM two other major browns were rassed to shore - one tipped the scale at 11 lbs 12 oz!! MONSTER BROWN!! The other one was a downright respectable 6 1/2 pounder! I can't stand it! My palms are sweatin' just thinking about it!! I'm already startin' to drool.... when I start thinkin about.....you guessed it.....THE 15TH ANNUAL!!

15TH ANNUAL

JUST AROUND THE CORNER!!

It's true! I wouldn't lie to you! As this newsletter goes to press there are only 327 days left until the 15th Annual Fishin' Mission Commemorative Extravaganza!!!! I already told you about what you missed by not showin' for the 14th (unless you were there) so now is the time to make the commitment for next year!! We are seeking participation from everyone who has ever attended, and we are also prepared to indoctrinate some rookies into this rather elite group! If the effort is there...and no one WIMPS...we can expect over FIFTY

guys to be in attendance!! So first of all, let me give you some information:

DATES:

Friday June 3rd until Sunday June 12th - 1988, or anytime therein. If you can't make it for the whole week, then shoot for Friday or Saturday through Monday or Tuesday!!

ACTIVITIES PLANNED:

Fishin' of course..if we get to organized beyond that we may fail!!

This reporter has learned that, for the third straight year in a row, "Lewd" has promised to publish a list of all the famous one-liners that have been a part of our proud heritage!!! It may end up as a trivia game..for example: In what year did Dennis "DOD" O'Donovan use the line "I'll go ya!" ,and what was his award that year?

This reporter has also had a preliminary conversation with Carmine "Carm-Boy" DeCicco who was quoted as saying "Maybe I'll show up for the 15th!" It would definitely be the highlight...C'mon "Carm-Boy" GO FOR IT!!

This is not the year for excuses..NONE will be good enough!! This is the year for commitment, for decisiveness, for action, for a return to profitability!(oops, wrong motivational speech) so my friends, gather up your guts and DO SOMETHING!! Make a date for the 15th Annual!! You need it, you deserve it, and if you let anything get in your way...I hope your BUTT grows together!! This will be the DREAM MISSION, and if you "Love the Tug"- I know you will do whats right! SEE YOU THERE!!

PHOTO FINISH !

One of the many off-season efforts underway to make your 15th Annual better is the updating of the Mission's

Photo Album. Please look through your photo's and if you have some good shots-suitable for circulation...please send "Walker the Talker" a copy including the year of the Mission it was taken, and I'll do everything I can to include them in the new expanded version of the Mission Album!!

BABES A POPPIN!

If you haven't been in touch with Mark "Hands of a Man" Runley lately, apparently he has more than hands of a man-since he informed those of us still fishin' on the last Friday of the Mission ("Dippin" and "Walkbucks" only) that not only was he going to marry Wendy in August (can you believe we will have another Wendy wife?) but that he had already successfully gotten his line wet!! Good Luck from the MissionManiacs!!

FMN-The FISHIN' MISSION NETWORK!

Well, you now have in your possession the names, addresses, and phone numbers of all known potential participants in the 15th Annual! Sure, we



"Walkbucks"

can add more....just let the old "Walkbucks" know so he can update the database. In the meantime...start networking...call your amigos and make sure they are attending, stay in touch

during the year so we can keep the faith....and most of all-send in money...so that this ministry can pay its creditors and stay on the right side of RUDI!! There's more to come...more newsletters, more plans, more activities!! So watch your mail and remember to "Think Trout" !!!