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News Bulletins!

Your Fishin' Mission Foundation sponsored the Trout in the Classroom Program for the third year at Bridgeport Elementary. The DFW delivered 200 eggs on March 27th and they have since hatched. The release into local waters by the kids is scheduled for Wednesday, June 3rd if you are still in town.

Thanks!

Thanks to **Omar** for running with the FM Gear for like the 4th straight year. And thanks to **Sparky** for stopping in Reno to pick up the gear and avoid all the shipping costs!

Thanks to the **Mayor** for the new Big Fish Plaque! We can now get to the 100th without any issues!

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Don't forget our roots! Don't miss out!

I was never that good at math but here are a few things I know:

1. We started this Fishin' Mission in 1974 without a clue that we would ever do it again!
2. We did it again, and again, and again, now for 42 years!
3. As evidenced by the loss of Rick Rought in 2014 and now Tommy Seamans in 2015, you can't deny that a lot of us are not getting any younger!

So, what does this mean?

As my friend Andy said in Shawshank Redemption, it's **Time to Get Busy Living or Get Busy Dying.**

We continue to celebrate the lives of those we have lost. Those who have been our Fishin' Buddies!

Shit, that was almost a year ago...how are we supposed to remember? Oh yeah...I have a book.....

So let me first acknowledge that I missed mentioning the attendance of my nephew David and his son Benjamin on the 40th. Apologies.

So on **Thursday** Big D and



And how would they want us to celebrate?

I'm going out on a limb here (not really) because I think they would want us to celebrate by continuing with the Fishin' Mission!

The magazine cover above was on the news stands in June of 1974 for our first Fishin' Mission!

So I ask you one simple

question, what will be the date on the cover of the last Fishin' Mission you attend?

On the 30th Annual, we had cups made with the saying "One Year at a Time" on them, as if we knew of the coming challenges.

It's not too late to commit! Continue the legacy and get to Bridgeport this year!

REACH FOR FIFTY!

Who attended the 41st? Hmmmm....

his friend David O'Brien were there. As were Hands, Rocko, Greener, LTR, T, CR, BEV, and Sparky and Bucks rolled in.

Have to mention that Professor had been in town since Tuesday, and was supporting the world's largest Fishin' Mission Logo!

Even though Sparky and Bucks opened with their ceremonial Takillya shots, it was Greener that thought everyone needed FIRE-BALL!

Mayo and Mayor with JJ showed up a little later.

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FMF Co-Sponsored the 4th Annual East Walker River Clean-Up!

Everyone is aware that the Fishin Mission Foundation is sponsoring the 6th Annual Western BBQ and Concert on September 5th—but some of you might not know the FMF also co-sponsors another event over the Labor Day weekend.



A great picture of the volunteers after a morning of picking up trash and a great BBQ lunch!

Bridgeport Reservoir and other areas.

For more on last year's event, You can always check out the event pictures on Facebook, or by going to the FMF web site under activities and you can link to pictures there—and don't forget to "like" us while you are

In partnership with Ken's Sporting Goods and Walker River Outfitters, the FMF will again co-sponsor the 5th Annual East Walker River Clean-Up on September 7th! This is a great local environmental function and we get about 40 volunteers each year that get out and pick up trash along the EWR,

there!

This event has grown into a key community event for the FMF and is important when it's tied to community service!

Be there this year—don't miss the fun while helping the Bridgeport Community!!

The Rest of the Attendees on the 41st.....

Rumor was CarmBoy, Tommy Boy, Tater, Evil Eye, and new guy Captain Pete were already up at camp!

On **Friday**, Red, Scratch, Backwards, Mighty Joe, and Bowen at Paha. 3D was also in da house. Austin joined Hands. And Doc and his son arrived too! Morgy was hanging with three friends (ok—I'll count them)

Omar showed with Christopher, Dan and Perez; and also Dave and Paul Duran with John and Johnny Kardashian with Timmy and Smitty in tow, Bonfire also made it with Mike Savoia. Mike and Pat McCafferty also showed. Dave Johnson was in town again. And Ranger Chuck made it later in the week, as did Professor's friend Bill.

50 Attendees! Not bad for tough times!

Big Fish Derby—Family Dynasty?

So....the water levels were down but the fishing was pretty good. The competition for the Big Fish Award was Fast and Furious (sorry Dom—had to do it) and every day brought a new contender!



Christopher Noble wins the 41st Annual Big Fish Derby with a 5 lb 4 oz 'bow....and wins a spot on the plaque where his dad logged victory ten years earlier on the 31st!



Johnny Kardashian gave it a run with a nice 4 lb 3.5 oz 'bow on Sunday.



Started on Thursday when David O'Brien, a friend of Brian Berry's from TX logged a 4 lb 2 oz 'bow....

And then also on Sunday, on JR's Pontoon Boat, Sparky get's into a fighter, and lands a 4 lb 15 oz 'bow to Keep the competition going.....



On Friday, Tommy Boy gave David a run with a nice 3 lb 8 oz 'bow on Sandy Point.



And even Monday, in a last ditch effort to displace Christopher, both Hands and Smilin' get into 4 lb 9 oz and 4 lb 7



ox 'bows on a fly by, but couldn't unseat Christopher.

Rhino's 19th Annual—"Bill Reid Memorial"

Well, counting weak-ass no-shows and early-outs, only eight tournament golfers remained on Tuesday for the 19th Annual.

That's two years running with only two foursomes, but those that go, still have fun. Maybe more this year?



Not many pictures this year—we must have been concentrating on our game.



The Commish handled the accounting as usual and with everyone returning their prize money to the pool, we had **\$160 donation to FMF!**



Closest #2—WTF? No one made the green?

Long Drive #5—Gordy 260 yds in the fairway!

Closest #6—Hands punched out the CarmBoy for the win!

There was a motion for a brand new category "Closest to Green" but the Commish hasn't ruled on that yet!

So, easy pickins boys, let's see more out on Tuesday this year!

Four Pounders

Hands, Smilin', Sparky, and Bucks

Team 41

3D, Professor, CarmBoy, Gordy

Team 41 emerged victorious by one stroke at -2!



The "Chronicles of Fishin" for the 41st...

Thursday May 29th: As mentioned in other places—Thursday is the new Friday and this year was no different!

As buddies were gathering, Big D's buddy David already had a 4 lb+ 'bow in the freezer at Ken's. There were 16 in on Thursday at Rhino's his year and Greener thought it appropriate to get things started with FIREBALL!



We hung at Rhino's doing wings, pizza, and FIREBALL!

Friday May 30th: Some folks had to still set up camp before grabbing coffee or having breakfast at the Café, and before heading out to wet the line. Most folks were already on the Res in boats early, with reports already in of FISH ON at Rainbow Point. Evidence.....



Started getting organized for the Saturday Dinner in Camp, but Sparky had to take a nap first. Tommy Boy was over on Sandy Beach and grabbed a nice 3 lb 8 oz 'bow.

With no other significant challenges, the action moved to Rhino's where the **Omar Merchandising Company took over! Thanks for the t-shirts, and coolie cups!!**

Saturday May 31st: OK—so now like almost everyone is in town, there's two in the freezer so it's GAME ON!

Everyone was up early and one platoon hit the Upper Twin on a Pontoon and another hit the Lower on a Pontoon! We had boats on the Res too so we had it covered for sure!



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The “Chronicles of Fishin” for the 41st...(con’t)

There were rumors that the platoon on the Upper Twin fell victim to karaoke after falling victim to a rather large flask of FIREBALL but without pictures or forensic evidence.... Just a rumor!

While all that boating was going on, Christopher calmly nailed a 5 lb 4 oz ‘bow over on Sandy Beach and Johnny K grabs a nice 4 lb 3.5 oz ‘bow too!

We did finally move back to camp for a cookout! Fired up the bar and continued our merchandising.



Appetizers—Shrimp from Gordo, Smoked Salmon from Professor, Cheeses and Crackers from Bucks and CarmBoy. Main Courses—Evil Eye did pulled pork, Bucks and Smilin’ did Tri-Tip, Duran Clan did Kielbasa, Firemen Pete, the new guy, did beans, 3D did lots of corn, TommyBoy did slaw, Carm-Boy did pasta.

And we got a surprise visit in camp by Ricky from Ken’s. He picked a good night to show because we sent him home with a leftover extravaganza!

And we took time to say goodbye to Rick Rought too at the fireside!

Sunday June 1st: Some slept in, some hit it hard and early! Some had the chance to get JR out on his pontoon....



Sparky got into a 4 lb 15 oz ‘bow early on, and everyone but Hands caught fish, and JR’s response was “every boat has one loser”. OUCH

Came in for lunch and pretty much owned the pastrami at J’s.

Folks headed back to camp or on to Rhino’s for Kings Hockey. And free dinner. You know who you are.

Monday June 2nd: With the luck some had on Sandy Beach, it was no surprise that ten guys were lining the beach on Monday morning. It was the last chance for MONSTER FISH to beat Christopher who is leading in the freezer!

There was a brief fly by and both Hands and Smilin’ got into some nice 4 pounders but nothing that could unseat Christopher!



Headed to Ken’s for NOON bell and awarded Christopher the BIG FISH. And of course then went over to Rhino’s for the celebration and FMF Board Meeting. We had 34 for the meeting!

As the private party was winding down, we left for camp at around 4:00PM. Fired up the barrel for chicken, did tri-tip, pork loin, and taters.

Bears everywhere this year—down for water I suppose.

Tuesday June 3rd: Breakfast at Hays Street! Then on to Hawthorne.

Don’t miss the report on the 19th RHINO’S WIDE OPEN REPORT on Page 3. Small tournament this year with early outs—but we made the best of the day for sure! Then on to Rhino’s for pizza, then to camp for some cocktails and poker! B&G stayed at 2 knock!

Wednesday June 4th: Dropped off the t-shirts for the kids at Ken’s to use for their trout release later. Had breakfast at Hay’s Street and then went on to Robinson Creek for the release!



14 kids with Solo Cups full of trout! Great release party and the kids love their t-shirts! Went then went back to camp to decompress.

Then on to Virginia’s where Sparky and Bucks limit—Sparky with a 2 lb 7 oz ‘bow. Then back to town for beers at Ken’s (shhh) and dinner at J’s! Then back to camp for movie night.

Thursday June 5th: Crowd is getting thin and after breakfast in camp—we break camp and head to town for Redwood check-in. We attend the **Lee Vining High School Scholarship Awards** and then Sparky, Ranger, and Bucks back to J’s for dinner.

Friday June 6th: Breakfast at Hay’s Street for Bucks and Ranger, who heads out to Bodie. It’s down to Sparky and Bucks because we haven’t had a Professor/Bill sighting. Still in town? Went out to Twins to get a line wet one last time. Then we headed for **Coleville High School Scholarship Awards**. Back to J’s for Prime Rib Friday! Then on to Sportsmen’s for dessert.

Saturday June 7th: Sparky and Bucks at Hays Street for breakfast with Bruce Blauvelt from Fish-O-Rama. Out of the corner of the eye Bruce spots gigantic Fishin’ Mission logo—it was on the back of Professor’s trailer. All he said was “Oh My God”. We left after breakfast

See ya on the 42nd Amigo’s!!!!

Farewell to Tommy "Sperm" Seamans

[Campfire Memorial will be Saturday, May 30th]

*Rest in Peace
Little Buddy!*



As reported in several email distributions, on February 25th we lost another long time Fishin' Mission buddy!

Sperm was always a happy-go-lucky fun-loving friend to all! He had a joke to suit every occasion.....and of course even more jokes that never fit any occasion!



We've lost another Fishin' Mission Dude and he will be missed!!



Several of his Fishin' Mission Amigo's had the opportunity to attend Sperm's Memorial celebration in Lake Havasu City on April 11th. It was a terrific send-off by family and friends. Many spoke of memories, and spending time with his wife, Shirley and his three sons was priceless. We made a memory book from the Fishin' Mission times and gave it to Shirley. We wore our neon green in his honor!



Sperm always had fun on the Fishin' Mission....



He seemed to create stories just by being there! Any mention of a minibike, still stirs stories around the campfire.

And speaking of campfires, we do plan on a Fireside Memorial in camp on Saturday, May 30th and we will certainly tell all the tall tales again, as we spread some of Sperm's ashes around camp and at some of his favorite fishin' holes.



Safe travels little buddy! Keep a tight line!