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40th Annual Has Lots of Surprises!

News Bulletins!

1. **Your Fishin' Mission Foundation sponsored the Trout in the Classroom Program** again this year at Bridgeport Elementary. The DFW delivered the eggs in March and they have since hatched. The release into local waters by the kids is scheduled for Wednesday, June 4th.

2. **Your Fishin' Mission Foundation Board of Director's has been moving ahead in the planning of the 5th Annual Western BBQ & Concert!** Another kick-ass fund raising event over the Labor Day weekend in Bridgeport!

The event will feature BBQ by the famous Billy Ruiz of Cowboy Flavor—and some great country music from the Slade Rivers Band! Tickets will be on sale soon. Make your plans!

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Well boys—we made it! We actually survived our 40th Annual Fishin Mission Extravaganza!

After 40 years you would think we had seen it all but that was not the case. We had some great surprises on the 40th....**B Hendy popped in for a visit** after being away for more years than one can count.

Mike "Country" Sanders, and Jon "Bucket-O-Scotch" Runley both made a visit too. BT found a way to get them away from the duck club long enough to wet a line and sooth their parched throats. It was great catching up with the boys and telling tales of the early days!

We pulled off an awesome display of technical wizardry on this trip too! Since OD was not able to be there, we actually connected him live via an internet feed from Arizona so he could join in

Face it boys....we have advanced to the stage of life where brain farts are more prevalent than ass farts! But I have a book.....

So **Thursday** Smilin', Hands, and Topper already hit the Res on a boat. Tater and Evil Eye (with a buddy that I don't have a name



Blast from the past—on this 40th Anniversary we had some surprises! Jon "Bucket 'o Scotch" Runley, Mike "Country" Sanders, and BT were all back to bring in the next decade! And Brian "White Dog" [Chinny?] stopped by as one of the longest hold-outs but still one of the originals from the very first trip!

on the Big Fish Award as well as the FMF Board Meeting.

Oh yeah—here's a surprise....on the one year OD doesn't make it, one of his Kardashian Clan wins the BIG FISH. Now that couldn't have been expected right?

We even got surprises for the first camp cookout! Usually we have just about enough food to feed the 40

or 45 that show up in camp Saturday night.

But this year, CR, LTR, and T surprised us with about 22 pounds of fajitas and Country showed up with a side of beef—so "leftovers" was an understatement.!

So.....what can we expect on the 41st? More surprises?

REACH FOR FIFTY!

Who attended the 40th? Uhhhh....

written down for dammit) were on the Twins with a boat. Carm and Tommy Boy made it as did Bucks and Sparky. CR, LTR, T, and Greener were there but no BEV? And the Mayor made it too. So we had 16 on Thursday!

Then on **Friday**, Omar

shows with Kyle and Juan Perez (newbie) and starts doing inventory. Red, Bowen, Ernie, Mighty Joe, and Backwards Bob are all there!

Then York shows up, and we get the surprise with BT, County, and Bucket.

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FMF Co-Sponsored the 3rd Annual East Walker River Clean-Up!

Everyone is aware that the Fishin Mission Foundation is sponsoring the 5th Annual Western BBQ and Concert on August 30th—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.

Last year, we broke in JR's new smoker and did about 8 big briskets smoking them for about six hours. The food is worth the clean-up.

This event has grown into a key community event for the FMF.

In partnership with Ken's Sporting Goods and Walker River Outfitters, the FMF will again co-sponsor the 4th Annual East Walker River Clean-Up on September 2nd! 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,

Check out the FMF Facebook page for pictures of this event as well as the WBBQ&C. Be sure to "like" us if you haven't already!

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

The Rest of the Attendees on the 40th.....

Dave Johnson and Dave Thomas showed up Friday too.

Along with Josh "Six Pack" Runley to visit his Dad and Here for the Beer, who was well.....Here For The Beer!

The Kardashians Crew (5) showed up along with Aidan and his son. I think that's 40 attendees? Same as last year?

40 Attendees? The economy still sucks!

Well, we were missing some guys.

OD didn't show and POD followed suit. Duran Duran Clan missed, and we also missed Rocko, Oregonism, Morgy, Quiet Man, and Slomax.

Hope we get surprised on the 41st!

Big Fish Derby—It's a Kardashian Event!

So...it's no secret that the BIG action was lacking on the 40th. Not the usual shootout but that does not diminish the contest nor the winner.



The action was slow at best on Thursday and Friday—LTR was first in with a 2 lb 1 oz rainbow as a place holder.

Fishin started to pick up a little on Saturday giving everyone hope.

As the writer and publisher of this Journal, it is with great trepidation that I



So, on the one year that OD bails, one of his clan scores the big fish! John Kardashian—now if not always known as Johnny K—is the DERBY WINNER! A nice 4lb 2oz rainbow!!

share the first BIG FISH story of the 40th with you. I do it only because I know that undeniable video exists thanks to CR.

So on Saturday out on the Upper Twin—on a pontoon with a bunch of guys armed with fireball and beers—we watched Walkbucks play what tuned out to be a small sequoia for about 45 minutes. There—I fucking said it! This same pontoon boat had LTR dealing Hatchery Dust like he was in the Cartel!



In the meantime, the real fishermen were contesting for BIG FISH.

Only two other contenders were recorded—a nice 3 lb 8 oz 'bow caught by Ted Rensel, and a 3 lb brown caught on Monday by Hands!

Hope you make it to the 41st because I think the competition will be fierce!!

Rhino's 18th Annual—"Bill Reid Memorial"

Well, counting weak-ass no-shows and early-outs, only eight tournament golfers remained on Tuesday for the 18th Annual. But those of us who were there, we made a day of it and as always, took a few minutes to remember Bill Reid.

We didn't know it until we got there, but Maggie's in Hawthorne was closed—so we had breakfast at the course instead.



They were just starting up a kitchen operation but the biscuits and gravy had to be delivered to the tables on a forklift!

With only two teams—Bloody Mary's were mandatory for a high-pressure competition like this....



So, what about the teams? Shotgun went off at 9:45AM with "Easy Money" up first on the tee.....



And they were followed by "Vaseline" about six minutes (regulation) later.....



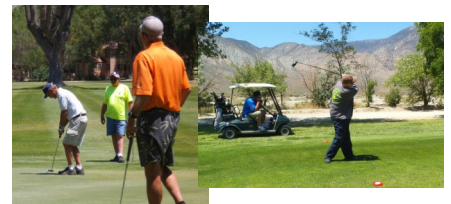
So, with a small tour we skipped some of the normal on-course challenges and the competition was close.....but **Easy Money was victorious** at -4 beating Vaseline who came in at -2 only two strokes behind!

Quote of the day—CarmBoy to Hands—"Your swing is nice but the results suck"!

Shot of the day—Gordy with his now famous 7-iron bump and run!

Even with the small tour we raised \$100 for FMF and went back to Rhino's for pizza and beer!

Awesome day!



The "Chronicles of Fishin" for the 40th...

Thursday May 30th: As mentioned in other places—Thursday is the new Friday and this year was no different!

So 16 showed up on Thursday—and thanks to Sparky for stopping in Reno to pick up all the merchandise! Saved some shipping for sure! Some were out on boats and some were trolling in Rhino's—both worthy objectives. Scott Etheridge



from Bridgeport Market bought the first round as a welcome to Bridgeport! Already things were getting fuzzy!

Friday May 31st: Everyone was up early with boats on the Res—rented or not. Even Bucks had a line wet at 8:30AM—WTF? There were a few catches on Friday like Ted Rensel (one of the Kardashians) landed a 3 lb 8 oz 'bow to get things started. Some of the boys weren't taking the bite so serious!



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

and hats!

Saturday June 1st: OK—so now like everyone is in town, there's one in the freezer so it's GAME ON! Everyone was up early and one platoon hit the



Upper Twin on a Pontoon early. Walk-bucks landed the first contender—more on that in Big Fish Story—but there were a lot of lines in the water and Fire-ball and Coors for motivation.

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The “Chronicles of Fishin” for the 40th...(con’t)

So, with no new contenders logged, we moved back to camp for a cookout! Fired up the bar and continued our merchandising. **Hands and Smilin’ surprised us with new travel mugs with logo’s and offered them for a donation to FMF. These guys sold out and managed a \$420 donation. Sweet!**

And folks started bringing food like never before. Country brought a side of beef and commenced to trimming for the BBQ.

And CR, T, and LTR dropped about 22 pounds of Fajitas on the party.



With Sparky’s Barrel Chicken, Carm-Boy’s Guacamole, Tater’s taters, Mayor’s Pasta Salad, 3D’s Spicy Sausage—and Red’s Boys with Pie and Ice Cream—we are pretty much piggin’!! **Commish says thanks to all for the new knife commemorating the 40th!** And we pull a late night playing poker too!

Sunday June 2nd: Some slept in, some hit it hard and early! Nothing on the Res—so went to Jolly Kone for lunch. Then most wound up on the Sandy Beach but there were more beers than bites for sure! With no DD’s we went back to camp and feasted on leftovers—Fajita’s and Barrel Chicken.



Monday June 3rd: Last chance for MONSTER FISH to beat Kardashian who is in the freezer! Almost everyone did a half day boat—trying to get that big fish. Hands picked up a nice 3 lb brown and many 2 pounders were

taken but the contender didn’t happen—John Kardashian hung on and took the Big Fish! We showed up at NOON to hand over the Big Fish award....



Then went on to Rhino’s to spend his \$140 in winnings.....and then held our FMF Annual Board Meeting.....where we patched OD in from Arizona in a display of technical prowess!



As the private party was winding down, left for camp at around 4:00PM. We refired the barrel chicken and had dinner at Hands Motel for the last of us. Then played cards with the last remaining five guys—and Evil Eye cleans on the last pot of the night after losing just about every other pot all night long!

Tuesday June 4th: Don’t miss the report on the 18th 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!

Wednesday June 5th: We planned a trip out on JR’s Pontoon Boat and headed for Rainbow Point along with about 15 other boats.

The Mayor, Carm, Sparky, Hands, and JR made a run at it. By 11:00AM we had caught about 40 fish, with a nice 3 pounder among them. We bailed at 1:15PM when we hit 101 fish! No really!



We went to J’s for lunch, back to camp to clean fish, then back to town to celebrate JR’s birthday at Michaela’s!



Then back to camp, but we had to wait for them to fish a car out of the lake—wasn’t one of us and the driver was fine even though she blew 2.0!

Thursday June 6th: Breakfast in camp to use up food. Then packed up for town. Spending last night in motel as usual before the trip home. Commish has been sick all week but trying to tough it out.....still!! But **skipped Lee Vining Graduation.**

Friday June 7th: Had breakfast with JR at Hays. Spent the day in town after Sparky left for his Tahoe Race. **Attended the Coleville Graduation** with Bruce Blauvelt and Here for the Beer. Then wound up at J’s for dinner. Good time with Jason.

Had a great Prime Rib dinner with a Nyquil chaser!

Saturday June 8th: Left town quietly already thinking about next year! Longest drive home ever—sick as a dog!

See ya on the 41st Amigo’s!!!!

Farewell to Rick Rought

[Reprinted from November 2013—Campfire Memorial Saturday, May 31st]



Rest in Peace Buddy! May your skies be forever full of big trout!

It is with a heavy heart that we report the loss of another Fishin' Mission Dude!

Rick missed the 40th because he was fighting his cancer. He rarely missed the chance to get to Bridgeport to hang with his amigos. He started coming to the Fishin' Mission way back when, as part of Dan Noble's "Omar Clan" and like for most of us, it became an important part of his life.

Rick lost his battle with cancer on November 13th 2013. We will soon be starting to talk about the 41st Annual Fishin' Mission – and we already know Rick will be there – probably hovering over the beach on the Lower Twin making sure his buddies continue to get those big hook-ups!

Dan was able to attend Rick's memorial service, and here's an excerpt from his report:

At the celebration of life for Ricki we were all on the big screen at different years of the Mission.

As many of you may know Rick really did not come out of his home at all for years after one of his three daughters was murdered by the illegal alien drunk driver years ago. He had become a shut in. We all helped Rick through that with the NASCAR Races and the Fishin' Mission.

He truly loved Bridgeport and the Mission. Several people came up to me and commented on our efforts to get Ricki out and how much his Fishin' Buddies meant to him. Many have heard a lot of the stories from over the years.

They buried Rick in this year's Fishin' Mission T-shirt and they put this year's Mis

sion towel in his right hand. I put all of your names in the book. Pie (his daughter) wanted me to tell you all how much you meant to Ricki. And that you know your special men and Ricki loved you all.

If you ever had doubts as to the importance of the Fishin' Mission, and the way in which our special bond of friendship touches so many, those doubts should now be put to rest.

*As has our good friend and Fishin' Mission Dude – Rick Rought!
Safe travels buddy!*