

# THE FISHIN MISSION JOURNAL

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## News Bulletins!

**Your Fishin' Mission Foundation sponsored the Trout in the Classroom Program** for the 4th year at Bridgeport Elementary. The DFW delivered eggs but because of complications, replaced with fry for the project. The release into local waters by the kids is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8th if you are still in town.

### Thanks!

Thanks to **Omar** for running with the FM Gear for like the 5th straight year. And thanks to **Sparky** for stopping in Reno to pick up the gear and avoid all the shipping costs!

Thanks to all the folks who contribute to the Big Fish cash fund knowing they will leave before we spend it at Rhino's Monday afternoon!

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So....if your old (I didn't say tiny) brain allows for recall, you'll remember that last year this space was dedicated to our roots and aimed at all our amigo's who have attended over the years but for some reason don't see the importance of this trip anymore. It's not about the fishin' but more importantly a connection with life long friends!

Whether I'm right or not, I'll take credit for the success of that motivational piece since, if you weren't there last year due to your own lack of personal commitment—we had the pleasure of having the one and only Randy "Moondoggie" (my favorite cousin) back in Bridgeport!

I quoted my dear friend Andy from Shawshank Redemption last year and it still holds.... it's **Time to Get Busy Living or Get Busy Dying.**

**How do I know? I have a book, but since alcohol may have been involved, I'll apologize in advance for any omissions.**

Apparently Wednesday is now the new Thursday (no—the Derby is NOT extended to include Wednesday) as Red, Mighty Joe,

## It's Never Too Late!



But, maybe BT said it best in a recent email, and I hope he doesn't mind me reprinting it here..... !

**Ummmmm, starting to smell the pines and sage and camp fires, seeing the snow on the peaks, the bright blue sky, and the gazillion stars at night, feeling the brisk cool mornings, the sun and**

**wind against my face, and that powerful tug that happens in a instant, then again and again and you know you got a hookup. Looking forward to spending time with life long friends....ummmmm I love B-port and the Mission. It's never too late!**

**REACH FOR FIFTY!**

## Who DID show up for 42nd?

Scratch, Bowen, and Backwards Bob pulled into PAHA on Wednesday this year. Sparky and Big D and Mark were hunkered down in Reno planning an early departure on Thursday morning. In addition, on **Thursday** morning, Bucks was leaving AZ and CR, T, and LTR were out of Victorville.

They all made it in Thursday, as did Mayo, Mayor, Hands, Six Pack Josh, Smilin', and Topper.

Rumor had it that CarmBoy, Tater, Evil Eye, and Capt Pete were already up at 40D—so we had 21 already!

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# FMF Supports Bridgeport Help Comes From FISH-O-RAMA!

It's important to remind all you Fishin' Missionaries that, regardless of your personal financial commitment, you should all be proud to be part of the group that created the Fishin' Mission Foundation! (FMF)



A great picture of the Fish-O-Rama team during their annual Father's Day Week trek!

As our foundation enters its eighth year supporting the community of Bridgeport, we have now distributed over \$45,000 to Bridgeport high school students who are college bound! In 2015, we donated \$6,000 for scholarships and we again sponsored what is now an annual Western BBQ and Concert as a fundraising event for the Bridge-

port Fish Enhancement Foundation. As you know better than most, we were able to donate another \$4,000 to the BFEF in 2015, increasing our financial support for this important local organization to \$25,000 in total! They will again be one of the recipients of net proceeds from our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Western BBQ and Concert already scheduled for September 3rd, 2016!

**And it's important to note we would not be nearly as successful without the commitment and fund raising of partner fishing group—FISH-O-RAMA!**

## The Rest of the Attendees on the 42nd.....

Rumor also that Team Kardashian—Johnny, Smitty, Teddy, and Timmy showed Thursday but we didn't see them until Friday Night!

In addition on **Friday**, Omar, Christopher, Juan, and Dan showed up. Kevin Darney and Barry Elwood from GHS showed up. BT too! And Lewd and Brendan showed up late Friday for a brief visit. It was good to see Marko Porno and Jason too!

The Professor showed on **Sunday**. And then on **Monday** we were surprised when Randy "Moondoggie" showed up as well as Eric, the soon to be son-in-law to the Commish showed up along with his brother Adam the next day. . And Ranger Chuck made it later in the week as usual.

**42 on the 42nd! Expect more on 43rd!**

# Big Fish Derby—We don't need no stinking water!

Everyone was concerned, what with low water levels and basically no snowpack that fishing may really suck this year!

Combine that with the speculation last year about family dynasty and the Noble Clan clinching 4 of last 11 BIG FISH Trophies and we had room for a real tournament.

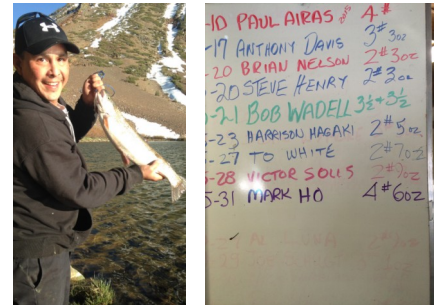
Then Brian "Big D" Berry flew into Reno on Wednesday night in order to get to Bridgeport Thursday morning. To put it in Sparky's words, who was also in Reno on Wednesday night "he got up and left for Bridgeport at 4:30AM in the morning, and by the time I got up and got to Bridgeport he had already landed a 5 lb 11oz 'bow.....SHIT!"

So much for a competition! But the boys tried anyway, and contributed to the pool because they knew where the money was going.

Anyway, CR gave it a run with a nice 4lb 5 oz 'bow on Thursday.



And then there was Marko Porno, arriving late but making a run for it up at Virginia's with a 4 lb 6 oz' bow on Saturday



All the boys fished hard until the bell, but couldn't unseat that Thursday lunker from Big D! His uncle accepted the award on Monday, and moved the dynasty wins to 5 of 12! FUCK! Ooops—I mean CONGRATS!



And T must have been using the same bait on Thursday when he got into a nice 3 lb 3 oz 'bow on the Res.





# Hittin' the Pill! 20th Annual—"Bill Reid Memorial"

Well, we had ten stay around for golf this year so we were back to three teams, TOPPS DOGS, MOON DOGS, and HOT DOGS!.

It was truly a DOG DAY AFTERNOON and another great tournament, with thoughts of Bill Reid in our veins!

After a swing-off on the 18th to settle a tie, Sparky dropped his ball closet to pin so:

**1st Place—Moon Dogs**  
Randy, Bucks, Eric, and Sparky



**2nd Place—Hot Dogs**  
CarmBoy, 3D, Gordy



**3rd Place—Topps Dogs**  
Topper, Smilin', Hands



**Other awards to recognize prowess:**

Closest #6—Gordy closed it out over 3 contenders!!

Closest #8—Gordy closed out over Smilin'!

Long Drive #9—Randy cut the corner and stayed inbounds!

The Commish handled the accounting as usual and with everyone returning their prize money to the pool, we had **\$140 donation to FMF!**



*So boys, let's see more of you out there on Tuesday this year!*

## The "Chronicles of Fishin" for the 42nd...

**Thursday May 28th:** In an effort to extend the Mission yet again, Red's Crew showed up at Paha on Wednesday....but this did not move the Commish to change any rules!

Big D came in early from Reno, and put a 5lb 11oz 'bow in the freezer to kick things off! No pressure there. Folks started to gather at J's for pastrami - some had



some had not! Got together with JR, Gordy, Marcus, Sgt. Parker and Randy who helped us get the party

started—and then we rolled to Rhino's where Greener was buying....thought he was in South Bend! Pretty good crowd for Thursday night!

**Friday May 29th:** We had already got the bad news—Jeffery had pulled his boats out for the season so we had to adapt.

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. Lot's of folks were on the Res but without much action we resorted to shots, and because of CR's strength in negotiation, we had three bottles of Tequila Sweet Heat which was not even in distribution yet. **SHOTS!**

With no significant challenges, other than Big D catching a DFW tagged trout, the action moved to Rhino's where the **Omar Merchandising Company took over! Thanks for the camo**

**t-shirts, and hats!!**



And **CR surprised us with a Fishin' Mission Flask**, with all profits going to FMF! Sales were brisk and **CR made a \$500 donation! RIGHTEOUS!**



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

**Saturday May 31st:** OK—so now like almost everyone is in town and with a lunker in the freezer it’s GAME ON!

Boats were out in numbers Saturday as Smilin’s Team was on the Res and the Pontoon Platoon hit the Twins. I only have a report from one pontoon, and although fishin’ was slow we passed the time with Fireball, Cheese Puffs and Karaoke...and thanks to CR—Tequila Sweet Heat! Also...Thanks to our



Captain Greener!

Marko and Jason made the best decision and hit the Virginia’s where he scored a nice ‘bow.

After a great day fishin’ we all moved back to camp for our first group dinner.....and most importantly—our Memorial for Sperm, with video memories, and then then the chance to send him on a great journey starting at 40D.....



**Sunday June 1st:** With the slow fishin’ Saturday, we were all looking to upset Big D on Sunday. we hit the Res with JR on his pontoon, and Will was also on a pontoon, and Smilin’ was out with his boat. We were within smack talk range on the water, which is about all we had to do. The Evil Boys stayed on the Upper Twin. Reports were slow there too! We were back at Jolly Kone by lunch! UGH! We all ended up back at camp where the Professor arrived, and Barry and Keith showed up....so talk was GHS, VVK and stories from olden days! Plus elk steaks, pork chops, and even grilled cheese!

**Monday June 2nd:** Last chance to knock Big D off the pedestal so after a big breakfast at Café, most headed to

Sandy Beach. Hell, at least we’ll stay out of wind....and that’s about all we did. We all headed to Ken’s before NOON. After a masterful award presentation to Noble OBO Big D, we head to Rhino’s fto spend the \$\$\$ and have a FMF Board Meeting....and huh? Moondoggie appears in Bridgeport unannounced? PRICELESS! Very generous donations



from many during annual Board Meeting. After a great party, we all head back to camp , some to prepare for the Golf Tournament.

**Tuesday June 3rd:** Breakfast then on to Hawthorne.

Don’t miss the report on the 20th RHINO’S WIDE OPEN REPORT on Page 3. Small tournament again this year—but we made the best of the day for sure! Then on to Rhino’s for pizza, Some went back to camp and some stayed. Commish and Eric waited for Adam, and many hung for some cocktails!

**Wednesday June 4th:** This is a day when tradition kicks in...the first tradition is that almost everyone leaves which stinks. Some that are left attend the Bridgeport Elementary Trout in the Classroom release which is awesome!!



The second tradition is a trip to Virginia’s for Sierra Nevada on tap! This year CarmBoy added to the tradition by adding Ghost Pepper Cheese to his sandwich! OUCH! Watched the stocking truck with temptation! Ended up at

Mono Village Café for a cocktail, which led to many, and dinner, before finally making it back to camp for movie night at Hands House! Hunger Games and some nod-offs were involved.

**Thursday June 5th:** Crowd is getting thin and we cooked in camp for 20.....but only 5 showed! Plenty of food for all remaining; Hands, Eric, Commish, CarmBoy, and Sparky.

Weather was threatening so we broke camp and planned our move to Redwoods just before storm hit!



Ranger Chuck showed up, we made it over to Rhino’s for dinner and drinks, and after a few Fireball shots, Eric asks me if he can marry my daughter! YEP!



**Friday June 6th:** Early Breakfast for Bucks and Ranger, and since Hands had left, Eric, Sparky and Commish wet a line up at the log after that. Caught a few. While Sparky and I did the **Coleville High School Scholarship Awards** Eric hit the lake, in the rain and lightning with no luck...and then we all met at J’s with JR for Prime Rib!

**Saturday June 7th:** No HAYS Street Farewell Breakfast this year, so as the last Three Amigos leave Bridgeport thoughts are already on the 43rd.....

**See ya on the 43rd Amigo’s!!!!**

# Famous and Infamous Contributions

*This page will now be an opportunity to post creative contributions from the Fishin' Mission Dudes that I receive during the year, or perhaps at previous Missions.....or perhaps strange photos.....we will see.*

This first contribution is from RED:

## **Six Basic Rules For Good Health**

- 1. F\*\*\*ing once a week is good for your health, every day is even better.**
- 2. F\*\*\*ing gives proper relaxation for your mind & body.**
- 3. F\*\*\*ing refreshes you.**
- 4. After F\*\*\*ing don't eat too much ... Go for more liquids.**
- 5. F\*\*\*ing can even reduce your cholesterol level !!!**

**SO ... REMEMBER ..**

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- 6. FISHING is good for your health and soul ..**

A quote I've had in archive for a couple years from Greener, speaking of the downtime challenges of tangled gear, "You don't have that problem with the Zebco 202"

On the 41st– Tommy Boy made a move on his fishing partner Carm Boy, and suggested that for the Big Fish contest, that if you have a two-pole license, you should pay twice. Although the Commish did agree in concept, he delegated the decision to the Big Fish Collector - Smilin' Jim. Smilin' issued a quick ruling...."there will be no audit - and fees will be collected strictly on honesty"