

OPTU NEWS

Old Pueblo Trout Unlimited

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President's Report

Greetings Fellow TUers:

Usually my October address is limited to the October workday, my favorite, and then on to the Christmas Party. Our Board of Directors, and an ever increasing number of our members however, have made this one of the busiest falls I can remember in OPTU. The activities and opportunities are nearly endless before the end of the year.

Kevin Campbell, a well known guide on Lee's Ferry and Lake Powell has agreed to join us for our October Meeting, October 7, 2009. He will enlighten us on the fast paced hard charging fishing to be had on Lake Powell as well as help us out on techniques and flies for Lee's Ferry (and who among us can't use a little bit of help when it comes to the Ferry?) We expect an overflow crowd.

October 9-12 is our last workday in the White Mountains. Did I mention it is my favorite? You cannot miss the opportunity to see the leaves changing around Big Lake where the mountain sides are covered in yellow from the Quaking Aspens-thank you Caroline- and the Elk are bugling in the meadows. Twice in the last year we

have heard one of the wolves howl at night during our workdays. We should be finishing our work on removing crayfish as well as some last attempts for the year to download some HOBO temperature monitor units. We'll have plenty of wood for our campfire, and the Crawdad scampi, marinara or omelets are NOT to be missed.

Our October workday is also a joint outing with the Healing Water group from Fort Huachuca which OPTU has helped with fly tying and rod building. Robin, Whitey and Larry have spearheaded the Healing Waters efforts here in Southern Arizona. We are excited to have some of these soldiers join us for some stream improvements, fly fishing, and a lot of good food, drink and company. It is also a great opportunity to give each of these folks a well deserved thank you.

OPTU is VERY excited to have our very first Halloween-On-The-Fly event. Think OPTU Banquet but with free food, and you can get out of your chair and do something. Our Halloween committee has worked long and hard to put this together. Our star speaker will be Ed Engle a nationally known author and authority who will do a presentation on fishing Tail waters. We are so excited to have Ed join us. There will be casting contests, food, drinks, prizes, raffles, and

static displays by Game and Fish and our own Dry Creek Outfitters. We will have everyone out of there in time to get home to get ready for Trick or Treaters. Mark your calendars for October 31st, and we will see you at 10 am.

The above is only October whew.... November brings us a new family outing in North Central Arizona. New in the sense that we haven't done family outings in a few years and are really looking forward to a big turnout and some fly fishing on the Verde and in Yavapai County. We are also trying to get together with our new TU chapter brethren from Payson as well as some of our Phoenix members. As you have seen in the Newsletter we have the Dead Horse State Park Campground reserved for our group and we hop that we can fill all 50 of their spots. And it is not just fishing. Sedona and Jerome are close by. You also have Oak Creek and Clear Creek if you are interested. We understand that the park will be stocked for the winter by then. I hope to see all of you there. Check out the website for sign ups.

Our Christmas Party will be December 5, 2009 at Scot Kuktavy's building. This year we are returning to the pot luck format which has been so successful in the past. Watch the November newsletter and the website for more

information and sign ups. I hope to see each of you at one of the listed activities. If we haven't met, come up and introduce yourself. IF we have come up and ask me about my elk hunt. Hopefully I won't break down in tears.

Clay Hernandez
President.
OPTU

Thank You

From time to time our members make very quiet donations to our cause. Last month, one of our long time members Gene Erb made such a donation of number of valuable books and a regal fly tying vice. Some of the books were even autographed by the authors. You will see these items at our next banquet or the Halloween-On-The-Fly event. Gene, we appreciate your generosity and thank you for thinking of us.

OPTU has a new web site

(same address). If you would like to suggest adding content please contact Stan Vanangunus vanagunas@msn.com or Robin Marsett with suggestions. rmarsett@comcast.com



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A few Alaska beauties

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Theme photo for 2009 - Foggy morning
at the J-hole, Kenai River, Alaska

Calendar

Oct 7: Regular meeting at 6:30
pm. Speaker Kevin Campbell -
guide at Lees Ferry and Lake
Powell. - on fishing those waters.
To be held at the offices of Scott
Kuktavy, 1836 S. Research Loop.

Oct 21: Lie and Tie (6:30 pm);
Dry Creek Outfitters, 5420 E.
Broadway, Suite 254. Call Eric at
326-7847.

Oct 28: Board meeting at El
Charro Restaurant - 6 pm -
Speedway and Swan. Everyone is
invited.

Oct 31: Halloween event from 10
am to 4 pm with Ed Engle. See
description of activities in other
parts of the newsletter.

Nov 4: Our regular meeting will
not be held due to the event on
October 31.

Nov 18: Lie and Tie (6:30 pm);
Dry Creek Outfitters, 5420 E.
Broadway, Suite 254. Call Eric at
326-7847.

Nov 25: Board meeting at El
Charro Restaurant - 6 pm -
Speedway and Swan. Everyone is
invited.

CONSERVATION OFFICER REPORT

No report this month.

Jeff Collins, AZTU Council Chair

Put this on your Calendar:

You are invited to

Halloween - on - the - Fly!

First Annual OPTU Event

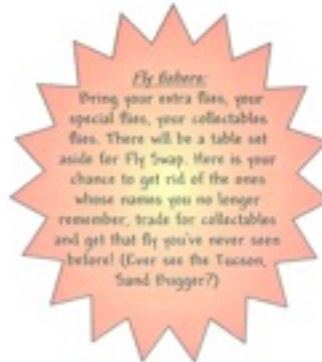


On Saturday, October 31st, from 10:00 to 4:00, Old Pueblo Trout Unlimited is sponsoring a fly fishing teach-in for beginners, experts and for those just curious about our neat, conservation-minded sport. There will be demonstrations of precision fly casting, and the delicate art of tying small flies, fishing workshops for youngsters, a casting contest for distance and accuracy, fly swapping, rod testing with Dry Creek equipment and more. We will have plenty of hamburgers, hotdogs and good fellowship.

The day's keystone activity will be a presentation at 12:30 by a noted Colorado fly fisherman and guide: Ed Engle on "Fishing Western Tail Waters." He will follow this up with a 20 minute short-cast demo and then with a workshop on fly tying small flies. Ed has spoken widely and published extensively on fly fishing and outdoor themes, including books such as *Fishing Small Flies*, *Fishing Tail Waters*, *Splitting Cane*, *Seasonal: A Life Outside*.

All this is FREE. The event's location will be at the offices of SK Builders, 1836 S. Research Loop, Tucson (Vicinity of Pantano & 22nd Street. You can Google or Mapquest the address.

Don't Miss It!!!



Fly tiers, take note!
at 9:00, Ed will hold an hour long private small fly tying session for up to six individuals. This is a Fee (not free) event. The charge is \$50.00 per participant and proceeds will go to OPTU. Tables will be provided. Bring your tying kit (size for small flies, light magnifier, your selected threads with you). Ed will supply the hooks and sample threads. If you want a spot, please call Mike Meher at (520) 767-4695, or e-mail mike@optu.org

P.S. We already have some takers waiting to sign up. Better hurry!

At the center of TU's efforts to raise the profile of coldwater conservation is the **Grassroots Activist Network** – TU members who have volunteered to contact their members of Congress, Governors, members of state legislatures and natural resource agencies on issues of importance to trout and salmon.

Grassroots Activists receive brief summaries or Action Alerts of issues pending before government decision-makers that could harm or help coldwater fisheries, and guidance on how to be an effective voice for trout and salmon.



DEDICATED TO RESTORING THE APACHE TROUT IN ARIZONA

The Old Pueblo Chapter has worked over the years to remove Apache Trout from the endangered species list and also is focusing on restoring the Gila Trout. We exist to promote wild fish and the joy of fishing.



PROJECT HEALING WATERS



No report this month. Some of the soldiers will be joining our October work weekend in the White Mountains.

NOTES FROM THE FLYSHOP

No message this month.

WIN A HAT

As you know Trout Unlimited is a conservation organization dedicated to the protection and maintenance of our cold water fisheries in this country. Each month we offer one of our newly designed OPTU hats to the member submitting the best water saving tip for use in and around our homes. You can submit the tip to me by email at czhernandez@comcast.net. The winner will be notified by email each month and announced in the next newsletter. The winner will receive their hat at the next monthly meeting.

HELP ON PLACES TO FISH

Names and email addresses of OPTU members who have kindly agreed to share their fishing waters' knowledge with members who have not fished the particular waters before and are looking for advice is now available for downloading at the OPTU website at:

<http://optu.org/FISHING%20WATERS%20HELP.doc>. A good first lead about where and when to fish, or where to stay can make the trip easier and more enjoyable. The list is alphabetical by state and several foreign locations are also included. For advice about one of the areas or rivers on the list, get in touch with the named colleague by email and make arrangements to talk to them by phone.

Additionally, courtesy of OPTU flyfisher Don Maggert, there is a disc containing articles pulled from the Web about fly fishing some thirty well-regarded Western rivers (mostly in Colorado and Montana as well as a few from Idaho and Utah). Send me a name of the river and I will check to see if it is on Don's disc and if so, I will forward the write-up. *Stan Vanagunas* vanagunas@msn.com

My Favorite Recipe

No one submitted. Send in your favorites.

Upcoming Fishing Trips

Don't forget there is fun fishing in southern Arizona's lakes. It's always a fun day of fishing with fellow OPTU members locally.

Family OUTING

November 6 - 8, 2009
Dead Horse State Park
Verde River

We have reserved the campground at the State Park for this weekend. The river will be stocked, and life will go on for those of us that can no longer get into the White Mountains after the snow has started. It is a great area within a short drive of Sedona, Jerome, and even Flagstaff if you are so inclined. The park is near Cottonwood, Arizona, about halfway between Phoenix and Flagstaff. We are hoping to entice some of our new brethren from the Payson Chapter of Trout unlimited to join us. We should have more information on our website in the months to come as we do with our workdays. I hope a lot of you will join us this weekend. *Clay Hernandez*

2010 San Juan Trip

The 2010 San Juan trip is scheduled for February 27th through March 4th. The cost of

\$400 includes all meals (except in transit) and lodging. The trip is already full but if you wish to be considered as a backup please contact John (or to put your name in for 2011). Full payment is expected in advance, all of which will be refunded if a substitute angler can be found if case of cancellation. If no substitute can be found, \$200 will be refunded. Contact John Murphy if you wish to go on the trip or be a driver. jemurphy51@me.com or 250-4083.

FISHING REPORTS

I'll submit one on Alaska when I get back.

OPTU FACEBOOK GROUP

I started an OPTU Facebook group. If you add it to your links in Facebook it will help make contacts with members. Joe DeVries jrdaz@cox.net

Great Quotes

Couldn't think of any this month. Fishing in Alaska instead.

OPTU Board Meeting

OPTU Minutes

8/26/2009

El Charro Restaurant, Speedway and Swan

Attending

Jeff Collins

Lauren Lucas

John Singley

Stan Vanagunas

Clay Hernandez

Mick Fletcher

Mike Mehrer

Joe Fagan

The meeting was called to order by President Clay Hernandez at 6:00 PM. John Singley reported that VP Roger McKee is in good shape after his second back surgery and plans on being

able to make the retiree fishing trip in September.

Halloween Fest (HF)

Mike Mehrer reported that we missed publication of the Halloween Fest promotion notices in the latest newsletter. It was agreed that we should send out email notices as well as post cards in September. Stan Vanagunas will prepare the message and work with Steve Reiter to send the post cards to all members. Stan will include a "bring and buddy" message. An idea to send the post cards first class to collect undeliverable returns was discussed but not approved. Stan will work with John Murphy to send the email promotion notices.

Mike reported that the HF committee selected Fishing Western Tail Waters as the presentation Ed Engle should make. Tentatively hamburgers and hotdogs were approved to be offered pending the next meeting of the HF committee. The committee will ask Scott Koktavy if we can use his grill.

A raffle was approved as a fund raising activity. The Banquet committee will be responsible for the raffle. Mike will host Ed Engle and Clay will loan Ed a car during his stay. The board asked the HF committee to organize contests for the event (such as for best and worst Halloween costumes)

Other AZ fishing groups will be invited, including Healing Waters, Trout in the Classroom kids, several AZF&G folks and a slew of Arizona fishing clubs. Stan, Jeff, Whitey and Joe will work together to make the invitations. They will advise Mike as to invitations and acceptances. Mike Mehrer moved that a PA amp be purchased from Radio Shack for approximately

\$100 plus a microphone for approximately \$25.

Mick Fletcher seconded the motion.

Approval was unanimous.

A meeting of the HF committee will be held next week.

New Web Site

A general discussion of the new web site resulted in consensus that it was a big improvement over the the current one. Robin, Mark and Stan were thanked for their continuing hard work. John Singley moved that funds up to approximately \$600 be approved for the web site work. Jeff Collins seconded. Approval of the motion was unanimous. Web links to other fishing clubs in AZ were suggested as a step toward closer cooperation.

2110 Banquet

The committee members are Jeff Collins (coordinator), Lauren Lucas, Roseanne(sp?) Marsett, John Singley, Mike Mehrer and Clay Hernandez, confirmed, and Jay Elliott TBD (to be drafted). Others are invited, of course. Various locations for the banquet were discussed including the Holidome and the Grant Rd Sheraton. The high cost of hotels led to consideration of the YWCA, manning House and other possibilities that could be separately catered. Lauren will work with others in the committee to identify a "best" location. 2/20/2010 was tentatively selected as the banquet date. Jeff Collins moved that \$3000 be approved as the prize budget. John Singley seconded. The motion, after discussion, was approved unanimously. Lauren asked John Singley to make a Shadow Box for dry fly display to be auctioned. John suggested that Mike also make one. Whitey agreed to coordinate the fly tying. Seems like that is a done deal.

Christmas Party 09

Clay Hernandez opened the discussion with a suggestion that the party be Pot Luck rather than catered. He suggested that not only is pot luck less expensive but it engenders broad involvement and commitment. After more discussion the board agreed unanimously to make the party pot luck this year. Invitations will be by email and postcards. Location will

be at SKC headquarters again this year on Saturday, Dec 5th. Coordinator?

Workdays

Sept: Jeff will replace the OPTU banner, left behind at the last workday.

Oct: Healing waters soldiers are invited. Clay is looking into a large tent for weekend.

Clay and Joe are working on a permanent permit from AZF&G for mud bug collection.

Dead Horse Park Family Outing

Jeff Collins will invite the Sierra Vista and Payson fishing clubs to the outing. It will be promoted to the members at meetings, the Halloween Fest and by email. Food will be purchased locally when we see how many show up. Members will be informed that if they wish they don't need to camp out and can take advantage of the local B&B's and motels. Promotions will include information about the many local activities such as the train ride.

Liability Insurance through TU

For just \$100/yr, TU offers insurance that covers TU members and includes medical if injuries occur during a OPTU function. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Speakers Committee

There is some confusion about who is on the Speakers Committee. Whitey, and Gilbert Castillo for sure. Mike, temporarily. Probably John Murphy. We need a speaker or activity for the October meeting. Whitey volunteered to be the temporary coordinator until things firm up. Mike volunteered to attempt to recruit Steve Newman. More on this later.

Shirts and hats

John Singley reports that his supplier cannot offer insect repellent shirts. Columbia shirts are \$40-\$50 plus \$10 for the OPTU logo. Safari (?) style caps with neck cover will be \$20 w/ logo. Another option for caps would be TU,

with the TU logo and OPTU also embroidered. More on this later.

With no more business to discuss Clay adjourned the meeting at 7:30PM. Respectfully submitted by Mike Mehrer, Secretary. (That's his story and he's sticking to it.)

FOR SALE

For these items contact Whitey Kuebler at jwkuebler@earthlink.net or cell 419 0686

Fly Reels

Ross

Gunnison G-1 ex spool \$130 w/ 4 wt line
GS-4 ex spool \$195
San Miguel ex spool \$275

Abel

#0 \$300 w/ line, possible 2 wt

Billy Pate

Tarpon anti reverse \$450 w/ 10 wt line

Bauer

M-5 \$ 100 w/ 7 wt line

Fin Nor

#2 2 ex spools \$240 w/ lines 7/8 wt lines

Scientific Anglers

2EA. System II w/ ex spool \$110 EA. 7/8 wt lines

Teton

Sm reel w/ 4 wt line \$60

Pflueger

1494 ex spool \$25

1495 ex spool \$25

Pflueger reels in fair to good condition. All other reels in good to excellent condition, some look new

FLY RODS

Leonard

9' 10 wt 2 pc Glass 2ea new \$150 ea.

6'6" 4 wt 2 pc Glass looks new \$200

Sage

9' 4 wt 2 pc RPL custom built \$250

9' 4 wt 4 pc RPL custom built \$275

7'9" 2 wt 2 pc LL \$325

13'6" 7 wt 4 pc \$400 custom built new

8'9" 6 wt 4 pc RPL \$250

Orvis

9' 10 wt 4 pc Power Matrix 10 new \$250

8'4" 4 wt 2 pc Power Matrix 10 \$200

8'9" 7 wt 2 pc Bonefisher graphic/boron looks new \$175

Thomas and Thomas

9' 6 wt 4 pc HS series \$195

Able

9' 9 wt 3 pc SF series new \$300

Ferdinand Claudio

9' 6 wt 2 pc tournament rod, collectable item glass \$425

Fran Betters

8' 4 pc 2 pc glass new \$200

Custom built rod

9' possible 10 wt graphic 2 pc \$50

Miscellaneous items

Apx 50 misc items: tippet disp., rod winders, folding wading staff, bug nets, Putz landing net, head lamp, orvis waist high boot foot waders, Knot guides, wading belt, simms wading boot felt sz 10, Bare(brand name) chest waders stocking foot, CO2 Cartridge, Orvis pocket Knife (new), Orvis Ketchum release, 2 pc 9' rod tube, 4 pc 9, rod tube, Knot tool, Line dressing kit, zingers, Able fishermans tool, pocket saw, electric boot dryer, head mounted magnifier, surge protector, battery tester, coffee grinder for mixing dubbing, neopreme gloves, fly tying material carry file, rod socks, La Grand boot chains, 4 spools 20# backing, Sportsman goop, sun glass case, 11 new fly lines and more.

Tackle box

Apx 40 lures all in good to v good condition, mostly 1970 lures.

some practice plugs, hooks, bobbers, and sinkers. Will sell lures separate, would rather sell box and all for \$65

Flies

17 fly boxes with flies. Cold, warm and salt water flies. 5 empty fly boxes

Fly Tying

Huge wooden carry box loaded with fly tying materials, hooks and tools \$300

another wooden carry box with with fly tying materials, hooks and tools \$ 225

Renzetti vise rotary \$ 140
Griffin vise rotary \$140

Luggage and Vest.

Mtn. traders duffle bag, SEALINE water proof bag, Streamborn rod bag, In Gear sm. bag, Orvis Safe passage gear bag new, Able day pack new, Markpak wader bag, Orvis Convertible vest New, Orvis vest with tools.

Books

1 101 innovative fly tying tips Charles Meck \$12.50
2 Fly fishing stillwaters for trophy trout Denny Richards \$17.50
3 Fly patterns of the umpqua feather merchants Randall Kaufman \$25.00
4 Tying Dry flies Randall Kuafman \$21.50
5 Orvis fly fishing guide \$ 12.50 Tom Rosenbauer
6 Creative fly tying \$ 20.00 Mike Mercer
7 Clouser flies \$20.00 Bob Clouser
8 Orvis cook book \$15.00 Romi Perkins
9 AZ trout fly fishing guide \$10.00 Rex Johnson
10 7 books of Lefty's little library\$ 14.00 Am. master fly fishing symposium
11 Fly fishing small streams \$10.00 John Gierach
12 Still life with Brook Trout \$ 12.00 John Gierach
13 Fly fishing always F.F.F. \$17.50
14 Fishing Oregons Deschutes River \$7.00 Scott Richmond
15 Fly fishers guide to Montana \$ 13.50 Greg Thomas
16 Fly fishing with A.K. \$12.50 A.K. Best
17 Saltwater fly patterns \$12.50 Lefty Kreh

18 Fishing the flats \$10.00 Mark Sosin and Lefty Kreh
19 Guide to Aquatic trout food \$ 13.00 Dave Withlock
20 San Juan River \$12.50 Richard Twarog
21 Fly fishing Lee's Ferry \$ 11.00 Dave Foster
22 Barr Flies \$20.00 John Barr
23 Fly fishers guide to Oregon \$13.50 Greg Thomas
24 Small adventures in the West \$11.50 Neale Streeks
25 AZ trout steams and their hatches \$13.00 Charles Meck and John Rohmer
26 The classic guide to fly fishing \$ 17.50 Charles Jardine
27 The organic machine, remaking of the Columbia River \$10.00 Richard White
28 Fly leaders and knots \$10.00 Larry Notley
29 Dances with trout \$11.00 John Gierach
30 Sex death and fly fishing \$11.00 John Gidrach 2 copies
31 A.K.s fly box \$20.00 A.K. Best
32 Reading the water \$10.00 Dave Hughes
33 The Battenkill \$11.50 John Merwin
34 Caddis super hatches \$12.50 Richards and Braendle
35 Tying flies with Jack Dennis and friends \$15.00 Jack Dennis
36 Western trout fly tying manuel \$12.50 Jack Dennis
37 The Cast \$17.50 Ed Janoronski
38 Fly tiers Master class \$10.00 Oliver Edwards
39 Northwest fly fishing \$10.00 John Shewey
40 Guide to fishing central and Southeast Oregon \$10.00 Harry Teel

41 River Journal Au Sable River \$! 0.00 Paul Marriner
42 Advanced fly fishing for steelhead \$12.50 Deek Myer
43 Fly rodding the coast \$15.00 Ed Mitchell
44 Trout food and their Imitations \$10.00 Tom Rosenbauer
45 Taking trout \$ 10.00 Dave Hughes
46 Good flies \$12.00 John Gierach
47 American trout fishing \$15.00 John Merwin
48 Guide to fly tying \$25.00 Dick Talleur
49 Fly fishers manual \$ 20.00 Kenn M. Ligas
50 Pocket guide to nymph fishing \$ 10.00 Ron Cortus and Gary La Fontaine

VIDEOS

1 Nymphing Gary Borger
2 Essence of fly casting Mel Krieger
3 Spey master class Derek Brown
4 Advance strategies for selective trout Doug Swisher
5 Advanced fly casting Doug Swisher
6 Tying Emergers Shane Stalcup
7 RIO international spey casting Jim Vincent
8 Fly fishing for Pacific steelhead Lani Waller
9 Fly fishing tips from the traveling fisherman Jack Dennis
10 Great American trout streams SET of 3 E. Rivers, W. Rivers and Rocky Mt. rivers T.U.
11 Dorf goes fishing Tim Conway
Videos are VHS @ \$10.00 each
