



Ring of the Rise

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Gary Silveira, Newsletter Editor

President's Message: *by Chiaki Harami (haramic)*

The 10th annual Rendezvous is right around the corner on April 18th. It's our biggest annual fund raiser and membership drive of the year. Everyone is invited and signing up is made very easy on-line at: ssffclub.org. A headcount is needed for all the activities, so there is a sign up deadline of April 13. Funds raised at the Vous supports the valuable club activities for the year. We are requesting help on the raffle items. If anyone would like to assist in donating items for the raffle, please bring them to the Vous by 3:00 pm. The item should be in great shape, new or "almost new" and definitely not broken. Thank you to the people who have donated items in the past. The Club really appreciates the items and their contribution towards the overall success of our fund raising efforts.

The main Vous activities will be held at Mountain and River Adventure with the exception of check-in for the Tourney will be at the Fly Shop. This will give participants the opportunity to pick up any last minute fly fishing supplies. The river cleanup is also part of the Tourney, with a prize given to the participant that brings back the most trash. Over the past years, we've had some interesting trash items brought back..... chairs, doors, bar-b-q, etc. The casting contest will take place on the water, immediately after the Tourney.

New this year, will be Club affiliated vendors displaying their fly fishing wares. A few members have donated special fly rods to be raffled. Freddie is geared up for his famous tri tip BBQ and he has a few surprises for us. Guy Jeans and the Stoneflies are ready to provide us with some great dancing music. And as always, we'll have the fun and exciting heads or tails game. I know everyone has been practicing.

Please laugh like you always do when purchasing your raffle tickets and 2FlySue asks you "how much do you have in your wallet (purse)." I hope everyone will bring lots of funds to help support Southern Sierra Fly Fishers Club, the greatest club in the world.

Chiaki

River Report: *by Guy Jeans (Flyguy)*

This is a fly fishing report for the Kern River Drainage's of the Southern Sierra. This report was written on Tuesday 4-10-15 at 10:25 am.

Upper Kern River 4 mile Special Regulations Wild Trout Section (4 miles north of the Johnsondale Bridge)

Water temps "41 degrees up here" fishing is ok. If you fish up above this bridge remember to pinch your barbs down. DFW Wardens have issued multiple tickets to anglers fishing with bait and barbed hooks in the last 2 weeks. A few poachers have been caught fishing in this section without fishing licenses as well. Open Year-Round - Catch and Release only!

Upper Kern River 20 Mile Section (Kern River Fly Shop to the Johnsondale Bridge)

The upper Kern 20 mile section is also fishing ok for some anglers and not so great for others. Anglers chasing stocked fish aren't doing well. Fly anglers fly fishing for wild trout in this section are doing ok depending on the level of the angler. Time invested on this section of the upper Kern will pay off for the anglers that fish this section regularly. Water temperatures are fluctuating between 50-60 degrees and this depends on the area of the 20 mile section you fish. There is a BWO hatch in certain sections about a size 22. The wild trout in this section are very selective and are focusing on 24 BWO emergers. The hatch varies depending on which section you fish. If you find them hatching it can be epic. A go-to-fly right now is a WD40 22-24 or a BWO nymph 24-26. There is an abundance of wild rainbows in this section and catching them can be very technical. Rainbows are also focusing on midges in sizes 22-26. Stealth, presentation and fly selection will be a major part of your success when it comes to catching these wild rainbows in the 20 mile section. River flows in this section are perfect for wading, but don't be fooled by the lower flows, the upper Kern will still knock you down if you're not careful. Major Crane fly hatch is going on. Open Year-Round!

Lower Kern (Isabella Dam to Democrat)

Fishing for trout has picked up on this section of the Kern. Crappie, Largemouth and Smallmouth are turning on.

Lower Kern (Democrat to Canyon mouth)

Fishing is ok for Large Mouth & Small Mouth Bass. A few trout are being caught in this section.

Lower Kern (Rancheria Road to Oildale)

Fishing is ok for Large Mouth Bass.

Lake Isabella

Lake Isabella is fishing well with the recent stocking of rainbows around the lake.

Southfork of the Kern

Season closed.

Tributaries (Small creeks of the Southern Sierra)

Season closed.

As a reminder, the fishing reports are available in video format on Facebook and can be accessed via the forum under the heading "Kern River Fly Fishing Reports - Daily Video and Kern Fly Fishing Reports."

Guy



Conservation Report: by Tim Michaels

No report submitted this month.

Tim

Outings Report: by Chris Chamberlain (ChrisC)

No report submitted this month.

Chris

Rod Building: by Pete Emmel (Pete)

No report submitted this month.

Pete

Also, remember that SSFFC club members receive a 15% discount at Acid Rod. When you make your next rod

building purchases please make sure to give Mark Griffin (Mark Griffin) a call at Acid Rod @ 909-394-7486 or stop by his shop at 910 N. Cataract Ave, San Dimas, CA and let him or Colleen know you're a member of SSFFC. - Gary

Check out the following link to see what Mark has to offer –

<http://www.acidrod.com/>



Club Meeting & Activities: by Chiaki Harami (haramic)

2015 Rendezvous

The 2015 Rendezvous, our 10th annual, will be Saturday, April 18th, and held back at our original location:

Mountain and River Adventures Campgrounds
15775 Sierra Way, Kernville, CA 93238

<http://www.mtnriver.com/campground.htm>

Here are the details:

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE:

\$25, dinner and entertainment are included. A current membership is required. One year membership fee is \$25 for an individual membership; \$35 for family membership. Go to <http://ssffclub.org/rendezvous/> for Membership and Tournament application and payment. The maximum number of participants is 79 and we expect to fill all 79 spots. The application deadline is April 13, 2015, so a headcount can be obtained.

Check in: 7:30 to 8:30 AM at Kern River Fly Shop

Announcements: 8:30 AM

Fishing: Start fishing at 8:45 AM until 2:00 PM Sharp
Return check in: 2:00 to 2:30 PM at Mountain & River Adventure.

Misc.: Casting Contest, raffle ticket sales and social: 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Dinner, entertainment and awards: 5:00 PM – ?

Tournament Rules:

Areas to be fished are from the Johnsondale Bridge to the bridge in Kernville, this area maybe expanded based upon the number of participants. Fly Fishing equipment and barbless hooks only, Catch and Release, Maximum three flies at one time No flotation devices. Return with a bag of trash that you picked up from your location (we will supply the bags). All fishing will be done in pairs to verify catch (Please find a participating partner, if you can't, the tourney committee will do its best to assign a partner.) No minimum length for qualifying fish, round down to the nearest inch.

*Trophy, prizes for biggest trout, most accumulated inches of trout, biggest Pike Minnow.

*We will also have a Kids Division and Dry Fly only.

*Prizes for best and worst dressed participant. (You have to wear it all day until you return @ check in)

*Prize for most trash collected

DINNER, FESTIVITIES AND ENTERTAINMENT ONLY:

\$15 FEE, for those who aren't able to participate in the Tourney, but want to attend the dinner, entertainment and to support the SSFFC. SSFFC membership is not a requirement for this portion of the event. We have many items for the raffle from a Guide Trip from Kern River Fly Shop to books, hats, flies, discount coupons for Fly Fishing products and MORE! We will also hold a silent auction. Dinner and Entertainment registration and payment go to: <http://ssffclub.org/rendezvous/>

Payment Deadline: April 13, 2015

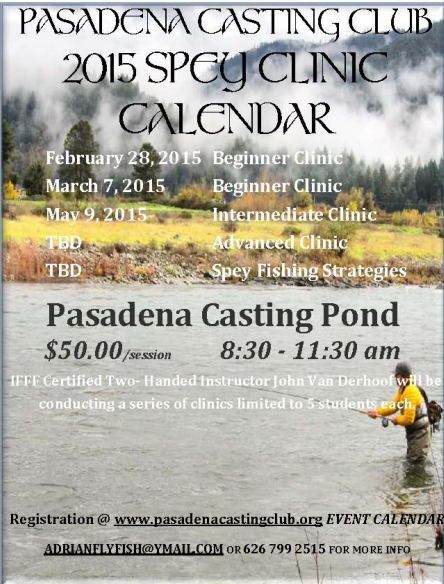
ENTERTAINMENT:

Guy Jeans and Stoneflies. \$5 if you only want to come for the entertainment. Payment at: <http://ssffclub.org/rendezvous/>

Purchase raffle tickets at a special pricing before April 13, 2015 @ <http://ssffclub.org/rendezvous/>

For questions or more information, please email me at haramic@aol.com

The following flyers were sent by the Pasadena Casting Club, providing opportunities to hone your fly fishing skills. If you have the opportunity and the desire to attend one or all of these courses, make sure to contact them ASAP to ensure you can get a spot on their roster.



PASADENA CASTING CLUB
2015 SPEY CLINIC
CALENDAR

February 28, 2015	Beginner Clinic
March 7, 2015	Beginner Clinic
May 9, 2015	Intermediate Clinic
TBD	Advanced Clinic
TBD	Spey Fishing Strategies

Pasadena Casting Pond
\$50.00/session 8:30 - 11:30 am

IFFC Certified Two-Handed Instructor John Van Derhooft will be conducting a series of clinics limited to 5 students each.

Registration @ www.pasadenacastingclub.org EVENT CALENDAR
ADRIANFLYFISH@YMAIL.COM OR 626 799 2515 FOR MORE INFO



The following flyers were sent by the Southwest Council FFF, providing opportunities to its members.



East Chat
WOMEN'S FLY FISHING CLINIC
APRIL 25, 2015

Ladies:
Come join us for the Women's Annual Fly Fishing Clinic. This clinic covers all the basics of fly fishing: casting, reading the water, entomology, equipment selection, fly tying, knots, landing and releasing fish. Whether you are a neophyte or simply want to hone your fly fishing skills, this is a fun and engaging clinic that will teach you everything you need to know to embark on a lifetime of angling adventures.

Space is limited so register early!

When:	April 25th, 2015, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Where:	The Pasadena Casting Clubhouse and Pool.
For directions:	visit www.pasadenacastingclub.org
Cost:	\$95 (Lunch included!)
To register:	Contact Leigh Ann Swanson
Phone:	310.741.7645
Email:	lacraven22@hotmail.com

**All net proceeds from this event will be donated to Casting For Recovery. Casting For Recovery is a nationally recognized not for profit program established in 1996. It provides an opportunity for women whose lives have been profoundly affected by breast cancer to experience physical, emotional, and spiritual healing through retreats in a beautiful natural setting, and learn flyfishing, a sport for life.*

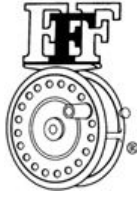


ONE SURF FLY
no.8

SATURDAY, MAY 2ND, 2015
MISSION BEACH, SAN DIEGO 6AM CHECK-IN

PLEASE SUPPORT THESE FINE COMPANIES THAT HELP SUPPORT US!

Logos for sponsors: ORVIS, OLSON VISUAL, MEC, REDINGTON, SAGE, SIMMS, Duff, FLYMEN, DENNIS HARRIS, and others.



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Nevada***

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**ONE SURF FLY 2015 –
“JUST ONE!”**

Saturday, May 2nd, 2015 / Mission Beach, CA

The 8th annual One Surf Fly is coming up on May 2nd and will return to Mission Beach, CA this year. Mission Beach was the location of the OSF four years ago and will have ample parking.

The raffle is shaping up to be huge, as always, with prizes from Abel, Hatch, Sage, Redington, Rio, Umpqua, Simms, Orvis, Sea Level, Diiachi, Tuffleye, Enrico Puglisi, Montana Fly Company, Hareline Dubbing, Vedavoo, Flymen, Sea Level, Dennis Harper, and many more.

More importantly, however, this year's One Surf Fly raffle will support The Shane Chung Memorial College Fund for his son, Devon.

Check out the [OSF site](#) for more information.

Hopefully some of our club members will be able to take advantage of these opportunities being offered.

Chiaki

Tippets from the Fly Addict: by Allen Bell (Raider)

Fishing Again!!!

For the last few months, maybe longer, I just haven't been able to fish as much as I'd like to. To me, fishing is an every opportunity endeavor. The more I get to fish, the better I like

it. Sometimes, as much as I hate it, life just gets in the way. Even though I am blessed with a wife that encourages me to get out as much as possible, I still like to stay home and hang out with my lovely bride. There is something seemingly necessary about staying home on a rainy Sunday morning and enjoy good coffee and a warm fire. I can't really afford to fish and possess all the fishing related goodies I covet on my normal salary, so some weekends I would fish, I have to work. I do hate it when work interferes with my fishing!! Then, something wonderful always happens. I fulfill all my obligations and finally get to go Fishing Again!!!!



Lower Owens waiting for the hatch!!

This time, I had been away more than usual. As I strung up a rod, I wondered if I remembered how to use this thing. Fortunately, I was part of the SSFFC Lower Owens outing, there were plenty of people to help me get going. I love the Lower O. Nice small river, nice small fish, the best thing, there are lots and lots of those small fish!! Unfortunately, fishing was a little slow, but as morning turned to afternoon, a nice caddis hatch came on. Things picked up in a big way then. My friends and I moved around, stalking rising fish after rising fish. I don't think there is anything I like better than that.

The next trip was up to the Kern. It was a meeting weekend, with speaker Joel Stewert, who started the Bagdad School of Fly Fishing. What an amazing day of fishing with Joel. His stories always started with "I don't want to ruin the presentation, but..." then out would come another amazing story. My favorite and the one that still sticks with me, is about how the Iraqi's were not allowed to fish for Saddam's fish. To be caught with one of them was a death sentence. Joel and some of the others that took this terrible tyrant down, made it a point to go catch as many of 'Saddam's fish' as possible. I can only imagine the rush of doing this for the first time, holding the fish and thinking, "There you go Saddam, I just caught one of your fish and guess what, I might give it to one of the people that live here to eat!!" That thought still makes me smile!! Joel did give a few fish to those that wanted to enjoy them now and then, but the vast majority were released.

Fishing was really tough on the Kern, but who cares, I was actually fishing.



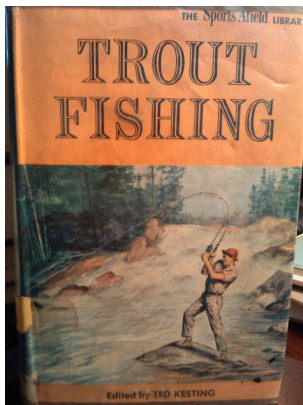
Watching the master at work, Cmdr Joel Stewart

I suppose I should be content to fish as I do and be more content to stay home on the weekends. I also should spend less time wishing for retirement to come so I hopefully can live where I can fish every day if I wish. I am still young feeling, most of the time, and have great zest for life. I'm happy, in general, I just miss the times I can just sit near moving water and watch the sun go down on the snowy Sierras. I just don't get out nearly as much as I'd like. But, that's ok, because very recently, I was 'Fishing Again'!! And really, that's all that matters.....

Blue Skies and Fishy Flies,

Allen

Fly Fishing Book Review: by Ants Uiga (Ants)



Trout Fishing

The Sports Afield Library

Edited by Ted Kesting

Thomas Nelson & Sons, New York Published 1962

160 pages

Since it has been 77 years since this book was published, an obvious question is does it still have value and is it relevant? My response is that the book was entertaining with regard to fly fishing and new topics were presented. The answer is Yes.

As an early comment, the keen-eyed readers of this review will notice the cover shows a rod in the hand that is not a fly rod. I find the choice of covers odd since the fishing concentrates on fly fishing and spin fishing is a limited topic. However, the painting has style and that overcame any other hesitations. The period photographs are highly enjoyable but are far from reflecting the catch and release ethic of many current fly fishers.

My fly fishing experience has not reached the decade mark, but I have made an effort to make up for lost time by reading a lot about fly fishing and spending as much time on the water as possible. The following topics added to my knowledge or provided a nice refresher.

The first topic was simply the basics of how trout live and behave. The discussion presents the basics. After reading many complicated versions of trout behavior, a brief read of basic information was helpful to focus on the simple explanations. I finally found a simple explanation about "gray drakes" and "green drakes" and "black drake." The fly names are used to describe various stages of the same insect. Why didn't I hear this explanation a long time ago?

As for fly selection, the first thing to look for on any fly is for the eye of the hook to be clear so it can be tied on. I can imagine many folks have experienced problem with a hook eye that doesn't pass a tippet. The section on How to Catch Trout covers the basics – observe trout behavior, provide a stealthy presentation, and be careful about spooking the fish. In addition, the use of specialized casts such as roll cast, steeple casts, and curve casts. Many of these same topics are presented today and for good reason – the casts are effective in good presentation and make fish catching easier.

The identification of 12 Famous American Trout Streams included several that I was not informed about (Brule River anyone). In addition, the general description of steelhead behavior provided a nice overview of the coastal areas with a shorter migration period and the inland fisheries with an extended migration. Good information to know and helps to understand fishing options if traveling for steelhead (or other migratory fish) is the reason to travel.

The description of Edward Ringwood Hewitt and his activities related to fishing is exceptionally entertaining. The fishing overseas ranged from being a guest to General Franco on the salmon rivers of Northern Spain to fishing the Nipigon wilderness section of Ontario (Canada) in 1887. Hewitt's contributions to fly fishing were many and reflect the options he lived in a well-funded life.

The last item – trout recipes. The trout are still good eating. When it is time, make the effort to benefit from best cooking techniques.

Seventy-seven years old and I enjoyed the book. Look for it in the used book sources at bargain prices.

AntsYour SSFFC Fishing Book Aficionado

Fly of the Month: by Rob Buhler (clouserfreak)



Krabby Patty

By Kevin Green

Continuing with the salty theme this month, we will take a look at another very easy to tie pattern that has a strong reputation for catching fish in the surf and has been productive for me in bays as well. A simple fly that has only four materials outside of hook and thread should make it an option for every tying level.

Local surf fishing guru, Kevin Green, designed it with the intent that it would imitate the jetty crabs found in many of the local bays and beaches. When finished, he realized it looked more to him like a crab hiding in a kelp patty. Either way, we have reaped the benefits of his imagination by improving our chances at hook ups along the coast. I know that our club President, Chiaki Harami uses this fly exclusively in the surf and has recorded at least one 60+ perch day. I have caught perch, croaker and halibut and know of others that have recorded corbina and several other species.

Tie some up, throw'em in your box and go fishin'!

Materials:

Hook: Gamakatsu B10S Stinger Size 6 (I am using Mustad 34007)

Thread: Brown 3/0 (I am using Fl. Red 140 UTC)

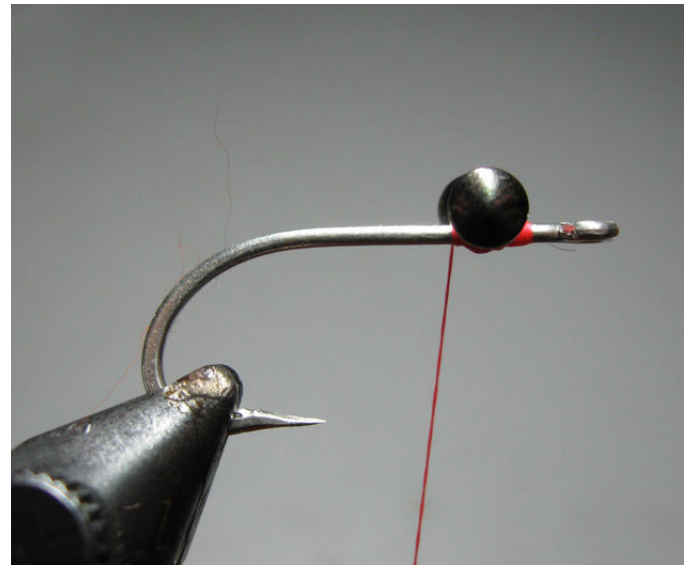
Eyes: Black 5/32 Dazzle Eyes

Tail: Red Marabou

Body: New Age Chenille Size 2 Cherry Pearl (any small similar chenille will work)

Hackle: Medium Spirit River Root Beer Palmer Chenille

Tying Instructions:



1. Debarb hook and insert into vise. Attach thread at the 80-85% mark and make a small bump. Attach eyes using tight crisscross figure eight wraps. Make sure the first few wraps are tight to minimize eyes spinning on hook. Add a drop of super glue, Hard as Hull or Zap a Gap for security if wanted.



2. Select a small clump of marabou (trim tips if desired for a thicker look) and measure to about ¾ to a full shank length. Trim butts to length for tie in and

attach to top of shank. Wrap back to the start or just past the start of the bend.



3. Attach a small piece of Palmer Chenille. Then attach standard chenille.



4. Wrap standard chenille forward, one wrap after the last stopping at the eyes. Tie down with two wraps of thread and trim excess.



5. Palmer (wrap evenly with a small space between each wrap) the Palmer Chenille forward over the cherry chenille stroking the "hackle" back as you go, allowing fibers to sweep toward the rear of hook.



6. Finish the Palmer Chenille by criss-crossing through the eyes and tie off in front of the eyes. Trim excess.



7. Stroke all fibers toward the rear as you create a neat thread head. Apply three half hitches or whip finish and a drop of Hard as Hull, Super Glue, Zap a Gap, etc.

Rob

Tips & Techniques: by Ryan Buhler (ryan)



Raffle Time!

It's that time of year again Rendezvous raffle time. It is the major fund raiser of the year for the club. There are always a lot of donated items to keep all of us who love fishing stuff entertained. This year we got together a box of flies tied by Allen (Raider), Adam (petundra), Bill (Cyberfish), Rob (clouserfreak) and myself to help raise money for the Kids Academy. Rob and I will also have a dozen of other flies that will be up for raffle. This year we will also have a few gift certificates for a dozen flies of your choice. Anything from bass bugs to tiny soft hackles your choice. Please come out and enjoy the day.

Ryan

Message from the Editor: by Gary Silveira (CopperDropper)

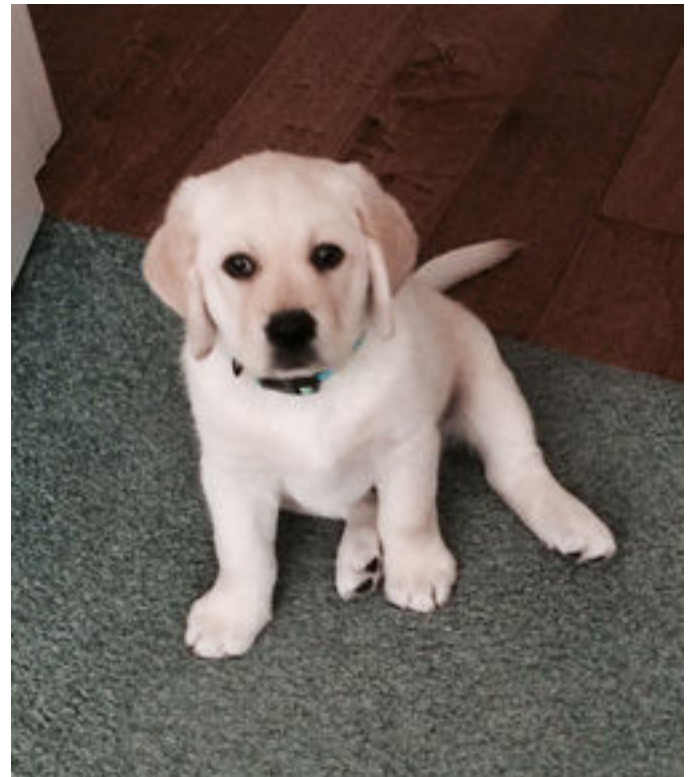
Tranquility... Is that a word you think of often? Me neither.

As fly fishers we can easily conjure up thoughts of being knee deep in a beautiful river, surrounded by the sights and sounds of the moving water, the songs of birds and the buzzing of insects. If we take our idea of this tranquil moment a little further, I'm sure most of us would also throw in the fact that we've seen nary another angler nor bit of trash in this watery sanctuary.

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines Tranquility as; "Free from agitation of mind or spirit" or "Free from disturbance or turmoil" Yep, tranquility sums up a state of mind and a place that I want to spend most of my time in!

My reasoning for reflection and writing on this topic is that my relatively tranquil life has been turned upside down lately. I typically compile the newsletter in my quiet office, old black lab "Coal" lying down at my feet, cat occasionally walking in front of the computer monitor while jazz standards stream in the background. Ah yes.... the whole process has worked well for many years now and is comfortable and familiar as an old friend.

That's the way it has been, but there has been a dramatic change in the routine of our home lately. Two days before Easter, Lacey and I introduced into this happy mix a new member of the family..... "Rio."



Tranquility..... now what does that word mean again?

Tight Lines, *Gary*

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