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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE/CONFERENCE PHOTOS

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Now is the time to start getting ready for our 2018 NOWA conference to be held in Montana. I was charged with naming all the chairs for committee's serving this year.

Chris Batin, our VP will be handling the PROGRAM for the conference. After knowing this person for many years I know the program will be filled with useful information, I am sure members won't want to miss.

Members are encouraged to let me know if you have a committee position in mind and will volunteer to step up to the plate and provide a needed boost to the NOWA effort.

The drive back to Salmon from Sandpoint was uneventful and it rained on me on and off the entire drive. At least the weather is starting to warm and rumor has it the temp will stretch to nearly eighty in Pocatello shortly. It may not last but enjoy it while you can.

The Fishing Derby run by Gary Lewis was a total success, and both cold and warm water species were caught on both conventional and fly fishing tackle. I can't wait to hear how Gary's Texas Hog hunt goes.



My comments would not be complete without thanking Adela Jackson for all her help and strength throughout the 2017 Conference in Sandpoint, Idaho. If you missed this year's conference make your mind up right now the 2018 will be the conference to attend, and give Chris Batin's great program a "learning" chance.

...Jim Foster



Gary Lewis with Fishing Derby Winners, Craig Schuhman, Henry Hughes and Dave Kilhefner... Peter Schroeder, photo.



Kudos to National Shooting Sports Foundation and Lone Wolf Distributors, Inc. for sponsoring this year's Shooting Event. Doug Wilson photo.



Kudos to Sandpoint, Idaho for havin' us...Ya done real good...Doug Wilson photo



Kudos to Idaho Game and Fish for okaying Fishing Derby and to the fish for cooperating...OK, some of the fish some of the time...Dave Kilhefner photo

PLAN FOR SPONTANEOUS ADVENTURE!



*Spring Black Bear along the Alaska/Canadian highway.
Photo by Adela Jackson*

"Fairbanks 165 miles." I laughed when I saw the sign and said to my husband Larry, "Doesn't seem very far when you've just driven over 6,000 miles."

Our adventure began April 12, a day later than planned. I was attacked and bitten by the neighbor's dog as we were about to leave Texas. After a visit to Emergency we headed to West Virginia to pick up our belongings, drive to the NOWA conference in Sandpoint, Idaho and then up the Alaska Highway to our home in Fairbanks.

Two years ago I planned this trip up the Alaska Highway (before I was chosen as NOWA's Executive Director). On **May 5, 2015**, I purchased a cargo trailer from the manufacturer, Cargo Mate, in Waco, Texas. This trailer also had a shower, bathroom and kitchen sink. I'd added D-rings in the floor for our four-wheeler and built a bed in the back. After the Sandpoint conference and site visit to Choteau, MT we left on our spontaneous adventure up the Alaska Highway. The date: Cinco de Mayo. **May 5, 2017**.

Why now? This year the Alaska Canadian Highway celebrates its 75th Anniversary. The Alcan, as Alaskans call it, was built in 1942 by the US Army Corps of Engineers. Considering how long road construction takes nowadays, I marvel at the miracle of this 1422-mile road, built in only nine months!

The first time I drove the Alcan was 1974 and most of the road was gravel. Friends guaranteed I'd arrive in Alaska with a cracked

windshield. This time Larry and I drove an entirely paved Alcan.

The Alcan officially begins at mile 0, Dawson Creek, British Columbia. The famous Milepost publication, (bible of anyone traveling up the highway) details a mile by mile description of landmarks. To our surprise were herds of bison, newborn bison, Stone sheep, coyote, porcupines, black bears, sharp-tailed grouse, rabbits, moose, grizzly bear, golden eagles, bald eagles, trumpeter swans, Canada geese and ptarmigan along the highway. We watched in anticipation as we rounded every corner of the road!

After three straight days of driving, our retreat was the crystal-clear warm waters of Laird Hot Springs. Our aches and pains disappeared as we soaked in the wilderness pools and visited with other road-weary travelers, both Alaskans and Canadians. We enjoyed learning about their adventures along the Alcan. Laird Hot Springs was the destination every year for the couple from Alberta and a welcomed respite for the Alaskans making their way home from visiting relatives in California.

Amazing fishing and hiking opportunities abound in British Columbia. Alberta, British Columbia, Yukon Territories and Northwest Territories are within NOWA's jurisdiction. NOWA has very few members from this area. Yet this area covers over three times the size of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana combined. And if you throw in Alaska, I'd say there's a lot of wilderness out there for writers to explore and write about and new members to sponsor!

Some members mentioned that Choteau, Montana is too far for them to drive. I respect that. But sometimes you need to get out of your neighborhood if you want to experience great adventures. I'm glad I did.

Here's to a fun, adventurous summer!

...Adela Jackson

2018 NOWA CONFERENCE

PLAN NOW to attend NOWA in Choteau, Montana, April 26-29, 2018

One of the main benefits of membership in NOWA is the annual conference. A tremendous amount of time, energy and expense goes into producing a successful conference. The opportunity is there for members to cover their expense in getting to the conference by getting story assignments ahead of time, participating in pre/post conference activities, gathering EIC contest winnings, Photo Shoot winnings and signing up new members. Each conference is unique and speakers give presentations that include ways to increase your bottom line. The Registration fee includes most meals and the room rate is affordable.

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2018 NOWA CONFERENCE



Choteau, Montana; Gateway To Glacier National Park; Don't miss the chocolate pie and best bufflao cheeseburgers

Pronounced "SHOWTOE". Choteau. Easy to say, sometimes hard to remember. But after you've been to Choteau, you'll always remember this beautiful area in central Montana. The gateway to Glacier National Park. Home of the Swan Liftoff in the spring. Trout fishing in the rivers and reservoirs that surround. Discovery of Dinosaurs. Best buffalo burgers and homemade pies. It's a small community that has all the conveniences of a big city. You don't have to drive very far to go fishing, hiking, shooting, shopping or to find friendly people.



The accommodations at **Stage Stop Inn** are new, clean and comfortable. Room rate is \$65 per night. There's an indoor heated swimming pool and hot tub. Conference activities are all in one location.

Conference Chairman for Montana 2018 is Chris Batin. If you have suggestions or special requests for speakers, please contact Chris right away. This conference promises to be one of NOWA's best, and we want you to be there, however long it takes to drive or fly from wherever you are, it will be worth it!

...Article and Photos, Adela Jackson



Counterclockwise from Bottom Left: Just up road from Choteau, Eureka Reservoir is a fine rainbow trout fishery; Keep one eye peeled for Mama Griz, a common visitor east of Town; Freezout (not a typo) Lake, 12 miles south on US89, is one of Montana's top waterfowl spots; Ear Mountain is an iconic symbol of the spectacular Rocky Mountain Front, where the High Plains collide head-on with the Rockies.

...Chuck Robbins photos

EXCELLENCE IN CRAFT CONTEST WINNERS

1 Column of the Year

- 1 Christopher Batin, Coast, Alaska Angler
- 2 Terry J. Wiest, Northwest Sportsman, Wiestsider
- 3 Duane Dungannon, Oregon Hunter, Finding Direction

2A Fishing Article Newspaper

- 1 Henry Hughes, Statesman Journal, Contemplating the Beauty of Fishing
- 2 Troy Rodakowski, Register Guard, Fishing the Tide
- 3 Dennis Clay, Columbia Basin Herald, Deboning Trout

2B Fishing Article Magazine/Newsletter

- 1 Dave Vedder, Sport Fishing, Washington's Albacore Alley
- 2 Jason Haley, Rocky Mountain Game & Fish, Colorado's Top Urban Fishing
- 3 Dave Vedder, Sporting Classics, To Catch a 100-year-old Fish

3A Hunting/Shooting Article Newspaper

- 1 Dennis Dunn, Sportsman's News, The Bowling Ball Ram
- 2 Alan Liere, Spokesman Review, The Disconcert of Finding a Skeleton in the Woods
- 3 Troy Rodakowski, Register Guard, If it's fall, it's definitely mule deer season

3B Hunting/Shooting Article Magazine/Newsletter

- 1 Gary Lewis, Sports Afield, Nine Three
- 2 Duane Dungannon, Washington Oregon Game & Fish, Rough it for Big Bucks
- 3 Brinton Cary, Northwest Sportsman, Hunting Turkeys on the Move

3C Hunting/Shooting Article Web-only/Blog

- 1 Troy Rodakowski, Wide Open Spaces, These are the crazy things we do to make a shot
- 2 Troy Rodakowski, Wide Open Spaces, 6 anti-hunter comebacks for your verbal arsenal

4B Travel, camping, recreation Magazine, Newsletter

- 1 Peter Schroeder, Boat US Magazine, Wining and Dining in Canada's Gulf Islands
- 2 Mike McKenna, Social Register Observer, Going Wild for the Middle Fork
- 3 Henry Hughes, Flyfishing and Tying Journal, Aliens on the Fly

4A Travel, camping, recreation Newspaper

- 1 Mike Brodwater, Spokesman Review, Beautiful Ruins
- 2 Lee Juillerat, Klamath Falls Herald and News, Old Man at the Lake
- 3 Lee Juillerat, Medford Mail Tribune, An Old Fashioned Ski Area



Excellence in Craft awards this year featured logos of sponsor

EXCELLENCE IN CRAFT CONTEST WINNERS

4C Travel, camping, recreation Web-only/Blog

- 1 Lee Juillerat, High On Adventure, Discoveries on the Lost Coast Trail
- 2 Lee Juillerat, High On Adventure, A Whale of a Time

5 Managing our World

- 1 Terry Otto, Angler's Club magazine, Bucket Biology
- 2 Henry Hughes, Flyfishing and Tying Journal, The Grace of Good Work: Jeff Coffey's Fair Flies
- 3 Terry J. Wiest, Northwest Sportsman, Packing While Fishing

6A Photography, People

- 1 Adela Jackson, NOWA web site Crater Lake
- 2 Doug Wilson, Salmon Trout Steelheader Terry Sheely
- 3 Michael Hersen, Shutterbug, Teardrop silhouette

6B Photography, Fauna

- 1 Dennis Dauble, Washington Oregon Game & Fish, Fishing in Color
- 2 Doug Wilson, Newspaper, Geoduck clams
- 3 Adela Jackson, NOWA membership directory, Three Bears

6C Photography, Outdoors

- 1 Michael Hersen, Shutterbug, Sunset at the Devil's Golf Course
- 2 Mike Brodwater, Spokesman Review, Behind the Walls
- 3 Greg Gulbrandsen, Pharaoh in Canaan, Mernepta Stela

7A Book

- 1 Jeremy Johnson, Can't Lose Bowhunting
- 2 Gary Lewis, Fishing Central Oregon, 6th Edition
- 3 Christopher Batin, Advanced Alaska Fly Fishing

8 Humor

- 1 Gary Lewis Oregon Hunter Good Vibrations
- 2 Duane Dungannon Oregon Hunter Deer Hunting from A to Zzzzzz
- 3 Shannon Fitzgerald Oregon Hunter All A-quiver

9 Video

- 1 Richy J. Harrod, The Northwest Outdoorsman Goat Hunting in the Elkhorn Mountains
- 2 Samuel Pyke, Frontier Unlimited Shady Faces
- 3 Samuel Pyke, Frontier Unlimited Finding Higher Ground in New Zealand

10 Audiotape

- 1 John Kruse, Northwestern Outdoors Radio Fishing the John Day with Steve Fleming
- 2 Gary Lewis, On The Trail That's What She Said

11f Apps and other Multi-Media

- 1 Peter Schroeder, iTunes and Android, Northwest Snow Sports Guide

EIC CONTEST WINNERS



PHOTO SHOOTOUT WINNERS



Clockwise From Top Left: 1st Place Lake, Keith Szafranski; 1st Place People, Doug Wilson; 2nd Place Mountains, Doug Wilson; 2nd Place Lake, Keith Szafranski; 3rd Place Lake, Dave Vedder; 2nd Place People, Keith Szafranski; Honorable Mention, Lake, Dave Kilhefner; Honorable Mention People, Bert Gildart; 3rd Place Mountains, Keith Szafranski Center: 3rd Place People, Doug Wilson. Cover: 1st Place Mountains, Brinton Carey

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MAKING PHOTO CARDS

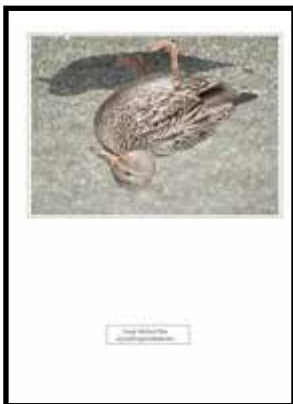
Making photo cards with your word processor gives you the opportunity to use your photographs to make a card for special occasions or just for correspondence. They can also be used for promotional purposes for a person's business or something you can sell to gain additional income.



Using Word with a vertical photograph is very easy. Open a file setting the page layout as landscape, insert a text box on the right hand side of the page, then drag a photo into the text box. The text box may resize itself requiring you to move the text box and possibly resize it to fit on the right had side of the page.

Insert a second text box in the middle of the left hand side of the layout so you can type in the location of the photo and your name and copyright notice.

Doing a horizontal card is a little more complicated if you want information on the backside of the folded card. If you are not concerned about type on the back, you can easily do a card layout by drawing a text box at the bottom of the page, sizing it so it will be sized so that it folds evenly.



If you want to have text on the back of the card, the text box to hold the photo should be placed at the top of the page on your computer screen.

The photo needs to be rotated 180 degrees so that photo is upside down in the text box.

Make a second text box on the lower half of the layout and input your text.

Using Pages on MAC is pretty much the same, except you don't have to draw a text box for the image. You will need to do a text box for the back side of the card.

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2017 NOWA RAFFLE AND SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS

Supporting Member Donations

Alpen Optics

- 20x25 Compact Spotting Scopes (2)
- Alpen Keylights
- Alpen hats

Bass Pro Shops

- Ascend Red Lodge 4-person Dome Tent
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- Ascend 25^o Women's Mummy Sleeping Bag
- Ascend MS3300 Trail Pack
- Ascend Meander 20L Hydration Pack

BoatUS

- One-year membership with on-water and on-road towing, & Ultra Slim PFD

Central Montana

- Gift Box of the area

Lone Wolf Distributors

- Complete Glock Reference Book

National Shooting Sports Foundation

- 2 t-shirts
- Bushnell Binoculars 10x28
- Project Childsafe jun locks
- Box of 38 special shells

TTI-Blakemore Fishing Group

- Road Runner cap
- Assorted Road Runner lures

Visit Lewis Clark Valley

- Basalt Cellars Rim Rock Red
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- Hells Canyon Travel Mugs

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RAFFLE-SILENT AUCTION DONORS

Member Donations

Christopher Batin
Advanced Alaska Fly Fishing

Dennis Dauble
Last Cast, book

Greg Gulbrandsen
Assorted caps
Fruit painting, framed
Banana USB Power Bank, phone charger

Henry Hughes
Art of Angling, book
Fish Stories, book
Back Seat with Fish, book

Milt Keizer
Drive America map set
Never Sniff a Gift Fish, McManus
Real Ponies Don't Go Oink, McManus
How I Got This Way, McManus
Into the Twilight, Endlessly Grouching,
The Night the Bear Ate Goombaw, McManus
My Wilderness East to Katahdin, Douglas
Western Steelhead Fishing Guide, Keizer

Darin and Wendy Koob
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Peter Schroeder and Risa Wyatt
Autographed Syran wine, bottle

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IPhone cover

Dick Streater
Rocca Nero D'Avola wine
Vintage Wine Tasting Episode, CD
Bear cartoon

Keith and Mary Szafranski
50 lbs 7½ shot
Handmade wood bowls (4)
Wood candle holder
"Ball" cartridges (3 boxes)
Federal 12g 1½oz (4 boxes)
CCI #209 Trap/Skeet (2 boxes)
Peters 20ga 2¾"
Remington Skeet 20 ga 2¾"
Large prints with matt (2)
Bear on canvas print
Penguins canvas

Trees canvas
Horses/cowboy canvas (2)
Elephant picture, framed
Handmade wood pens (4)
Handmade acrylic pens (2)

Dave and Pam Vedder
Quilt wall hangings (2)
Old outdoor magazines (2)
Zipper bags (2)
Heated sox
Fish bookends, set
Beatles coaster set
Assorted lures, box
Old fish weight
Dog boots, set
Cramer Vineyards Golden Gris Dessert wine
Mont. Ward shot gum shells, 16 ga
Kert 12ga 3" waterfowl steel shells
Federal 12ga 1oz shot shells

G.I. and Jo Wilson
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Pentax 10x18 binoculars

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pack.

RAFFLE TICKETS DID SELL

I want to thank all the NOWA members and supporting members who made contributions for the bucket raffle and the silent auction. It was great to be in a separate room near the auditorium. We were setup and ready for you folks to come in the check it out. And it was also great to have you stop by and say hello, looking for those new additions.

We raised \$1,263.50 this year—\$415 in silent auction and \$848.50 in the bucket raffle. Again thank you for the donations and for buying tickets. Thank you to Pam Vedder for working with me to make this a success.

Be thinking about next year. I know some folks are cleaning house already and making a pile to contribute.

...Jo Wilson, Raffle/Silent Auction

MARKET OPPORTUNITIES/DO TITLES MATTER?

ROKSLIDE.COM

Robby Denning, the co-owner of <http://rokslide.com/>; is offering writers payment in cash (or in product) for articles and reviews for his website which specializes in DIY western hunts. Here is a link to the guidelines he would like shared.

Article Submission Guidelines:
<http://www.rokslide.com/forums/general-discussion-forum/25114-rokslide-article-submission-guidelines.html>

DIYFISHING GROUP

Earlier this month we unveiled the polished version of our new website DIYFishing.com, launched the ultimate DIY app for intrepid anglers, and delivered our first DIYFishing “e-newsletter” to a global audience of avid anglers.

DIYFishing is currently accepting submissions for both our summer and fall e-publications: diyfishing.com/content/newsletter

This Flipbook-style “newsletter” features stunning photography and highlights the DIY flyfishing experience via compelling articles with a distinct “where-to- fish”, “where-to- stay”

From tropical destinations to world-class trout waters, the aim is to both inform and entertain.

We’re currently offering competitive rates for images and words. Please feel free to contact us directly with your story pitches and manuscripts. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely, Rod Hamilton, President
DIYFishing Ltd.; rhamilton@diyfishing.com .

TITLE OR ENTITLED

Have you ever wondered if adding a title to a writer’s name attracts more attention, gives more credence?

Would a Colonel Gary Lewis sell more articles?

Would a Dr. Gary Lewis sell more books?

When I was growing up on the farm, my uncle John would save copies of “the Big Three” outdoor magazines for me. As I roamed the woods and creek bottoms chasing rabbits and squirrels, I dreamed of the Mountains of Colorado, and the African Serengeti.

To me, these lucky hunters were always Colonels. In my young, naive mind, big game hunting and colonel, were synonymous. I dreamed of becoming a Colonel where I could travel to Alaska and hunt Grizzlies and moose, or fly to Africa and hunt the dangerous Cape buffalo.

“What do you want to be when you grow up?” someone would ask.

“I want to be a colonel,” I would answer with puffed out chest.

With the advent of World War II, and now in my early teens, I saw all the able-bodied men march off to war and come back to become the Greatest Generation. They didn’t come back as colonels. There went my dreams of becoming colonel.

But, I continued to wonder about colonels and hunting. Do only colonels hunt? No generals, captains, sergeants?

Maybe colonels don’t have anything to do, just in a holding pattern, waiting around for a vacancy to become general?

“No chance at a promotion this month. Guess I’ll skip down to Africa and shoot a couple of zebras, maybe an elephant. Write a few articles. Heck, the magazine will probably pick up the tab.”

Over the years, I continued to give this thought of writing outdoor articles by military people.

When I returned home after the Korean Conflict, (that’s what it was called by the politicians, until the country realized how many lives were lost) I thought, “Maybe I have the perfect title to write outdoor articles: Corporal G.I. Wilson.”

Editors didn’t seem to agree. “Corporal” just didn’t cut it. Of course, the fact that I had never shot anything larger than a cottontail rabbit-and didn’t have a clue on how to write an outdoor article-had nothing to do with it. I never made it to colonel.

After I retired from one career, went back to school, studied journalism, and developed a modest career in writing, I continued to be puzzled. Did the title of colonel actually give the writer an advantage in getting assignments?

Now the title of colonel seems to have faded. Maybe they all got promoted to general? Retired?

Over the recent years we have seen more articles by Dr.----. Again, the question, “Does the title of Dr. influence the editor? The reader?”

Does an article on turkey hunting by Dr. Smith attract more readers than a similar article by plain, old Joe Smith?

Is it the respect a title implies? I read a study that found respect was more important to future doctors than the money they would make.

Over my years in education, titles of superintendent, PHD, EDD, seemed to be the “calling card” to get published in journals and books.

But, like the colonels, does it give them an edge in getting the attention of editors and readers?

...G.I. Wilson

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In The Land of the Bear, Denny Geurink, 286 pages, 6" x 9", paperback; \$21.95 retail.

Danger and Adventure Hunting Brown Bears in Russia's Forbidding Siberia

IN THE LAND OF THE BEAR is an inside look at the excitement, mystery, danger and adventure of hunting huge, aggressive brown bears and traveling in Russia from 1991 through 2011, a time of political turmoil when the Soviet Union was evolving into Russia.

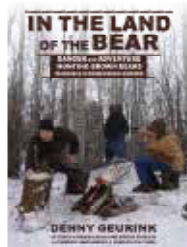
In addition to hair-raising stories of lethal brown bear attacks on people and livestock, bears digging up coffins in cemeteries, bears invading camps, and brown and grizzly bear hunting in general, the book's 23 chapters contain historical perspective of what was happening politically at that time in Russia, detailing how the Siberian people lived, worked, survived ... and how they viewed ordinary Americans. (Favorably.)

In the early 1990s, the USSR wanted to boost its tourism industry in Siberia. Hunters and fishermen usually aren't at the head of any list of tourist invitees, but in 1991 the Soviet Union, working with a U.S.-based travel agency, looked primarily at the spectacular hunting opportunities in Siberia and invited Denny Geurink, a Michigan-based outdoor writer, on a moose and brown bear hunt. He had excellent success but, even more, enjoyed learning about and adapting to an unfamiliar culture and existence that, he felt, more-closely resembled the U. S. Wild West 150 to 175 years ago.

Geurink liked the total experience so much he became a hunting outfitter for Siberian brown bear (the largest, most aggressive in the world), grizzly bear and moose hunts, plus incidental hunts for big-horn/snow sheep, wild Russian boar (the largest in the world), with now and then a grouse or wolf hunt added.

He was the first American guide/outfitter to take clients to the brown bear capital of the world. Nearly 70 percent of the world's brown bear population is in Russia. Russia is a game rich country, because few residents are allowed to own firearms; thus there is little hunting activity.

For nearly 25 years Geurink lived adventure with a capital A, enjoying every minute of the hunts, the people, the culture, the political discussions, the travel throughout Russia ... and in the process developing strong attachments to the Siberian people and



the land, sometimes staying for 90-day stretches to serve groups of hunting clients. He travelled there more than 50 times and continues to hunt Siberia annually.

It is an outdoor adventure book above all, but hunting aspects are in the tales told of camp life, in-the-field activity, and bear attacks. This is an updated, expanded version of an earlier item Geurink wrote and published a few years ago.

RON KERR

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JOHN KRUSE

America Outdoors Radio, a weekly show covering fishing, hunting and the shooting sports, is proud to announce that **KBRV AM 800 & FM 106.3** in Soda Springs, Idaho, **FM 99.3 KNYN** in Evanston, Wyoming and **KELA AM 1470** in Centralia, Washington; **KTOX AM 1340/ FM 104.1** in Needles, California, on **KPJC AM 1220** in Oregon's capitol city of Salem and on **WSDT AM 1240** in Chattanooga, Tennessee. We have added our one-hour broadcast to their weekly line-up. **WSDT AM 1240** in Chattanooga, Tennessee is also adding the show to their FM stations at **92.7 and 95.3 (HD 4)**.



John is the host and producer of *America Outdoors Radio* which is sponsored by *Media Index Publishing*. Media Index publishes *Northwest Sportsman Magazine*, *California Sportsman Magazine*, *the American Shooting Journal* and *the Alaska Sporting Journal*. The independent syndicated show, launched last June, is now airing on 46 stations across the nation and online on the WRVO Radio Network. Find out more about this fast growing show at <http://americaoutdoorsradio.com/>

SCOTT LINDEN



BACKCOUNTRY HUNTERS AND ANGLERS



White Cliffs of the Missouri are beyond special; As part of the Upper Missouri Breaks National Monument could lose protections if Monument status is rescinded...Bert Gildart photo.

For up to date information on Issues Facing Sportsmen please visit www.backcountryhunters.org

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BOATUS



According to those surveyed by BoatUS, 91 percent prefer non-ethanol fuel for their boats.

“Big Ethanol” is at it again. In a [new advertising campaign](#) timed with the start of boating season, the Renewable Fuels Association (RFA), the leading trade association for America’s ethanol industry, continues to spread [mistruths](#) in its support of the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), a 2005 law that mandates the blending of biofuels such as corn-ethanol into our gasoline. The nation’s largest recreational boating advocacy, services and safety group Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) clarifies the ad campaign’s spin with hard truths.



SPIN: “E10 is the fuel of choice for many boaters because of its

high performance and lower emissions.”

HARD TRUTH: E10 is simply the most common fuel sold in America today, but it is not recreational boaters’ preferred choice of fuel. According to those surveyed by BoatUS, 91 percent prefer non-ethanol fuel for their boats. Unfortunately, non-ethanol gas is facing more uncertainty as the government mandate to increase the volume of ethanol in the nation’s fuel supply may actually reduce the availability of ethanol-free gas. While ethanol boosts a fuel’s octane rating, the US Department of Energy acknowledges that ethanol contains less energy than gasoline and “result(s) in lower fuel economy.”

For rest of the story please visit: <https://goo.gl/voE4xG>

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION



Elk Habitat Conserved in Washington’s Lewis River Watershed

Nearly 4,500 acres of prime wildlife habitat in southwestern Washington are permanently protected and opened to public access thanks to ongoing collaborative efforts by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and PacifiCorp, an electric utility company.



“This is a tremendous accomplishment,” said Blake Henning, RMEF chief conservation officer. “This forestland is crucial habitat for Roosevelt elk. It’s now forever protected and conserved in a region where designation of the Mount St. Helens National Monument restricts management options.”

“Conserving and managing this habitat on the southwest slopes of Mount St. Helens, where elk are threatened by forage loss from forest succession and habitat loss to development is a just part of PacifiCorp’s ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship,” said Todd Olson, the company’s compliance director. “We highly value the partnership with the RMEF and the other parties that makes this possible.”

The just-completed 1,880-acre acquisition is the third phase of a project that previously protected an additional 2,590 acres of habitat in the upper Lewis River basin north of Swift Reservoir.

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CRAFT IMPROVEMENT

THEODORE ROOSEVELT CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP



Another rollback to local input on public lands

Groups Created to Provide Local Input on Public Land Management Are Told to Stay Home

The suspension of the BLM's local advisory committees threatens transparent and collaborative management of America's public lands

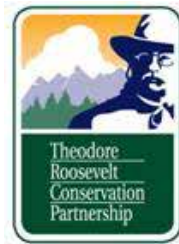
In a world that seemingly becomes more polarized and political by the day, public-land resource advisory councils—commonly known as RACs—have represented a last bastion of cooperation in public land management. These collaborative committees are made up of individuals from diverse interest groups, including ranchers, local agency representatives, environmentalists, commercial interests, and sportsmen-conservationists. RACs serve the important purpose of bringing diverse local perspectives to the table to find agreement over competing demands on our public lands, like grazing, development, recreation, and conservation. They have been very successful in shaping positive public-land management outcomes.

The Department of the Interior oversees more than 200 individual advisory committees, including 38 RACs that meet with the Bureau of Land Management—the largest public-land management agency in the country, responsible for 245 million acres of our public lands. In fact, three TRCP field staffers serve on full RACs in Idaho, New Mexico, and Oregon, and weigh in on issues affecting BLM lands.

That is, until their meetings were indefinitely suspended.

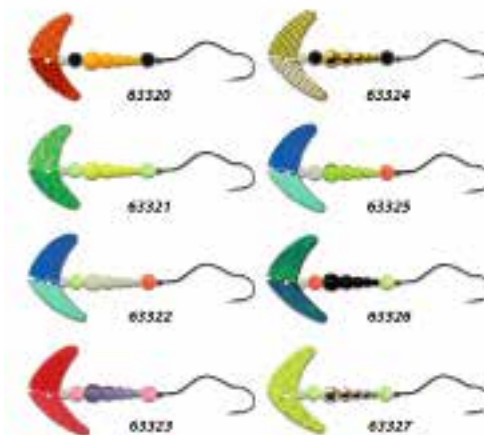
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<http://www.trcp.org/2017/05/18/groups-created-provide-local-input-public-land-management-told-stay-home>



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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

NOWA FIELD NOTES SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

One of the benefits of belonging to NOWA is the chance to communicate with fellow members through NOWA FIELD NOTES. Almost everything is submitted by NOWA members or Supporting members. Alas, of late, submissions have dwindled to a trickle. In other words, please, crank up the 'ol word processor and start submitting.

Below is a list of possible subjects, but anything interests you doubtless interests at least some the rest of us.

- Craft Improvement.
- Member News (let us know what you are up to: projects, trips, book releases, whatever).
- Humor (In these contentious times something we could use a lot more of).
- Letter to Editor/Opinion (let 'er rip, but please refrain from personal attacks, name calling, etc.; in other words feel free to get whatever off your chest but keep it down to a dull roar).
- Gear/Product Reviews (please, nothing might compete with Supporting Members).
- True Stories and Tall Tales.
- How-To (stuff doesn't fit the CI category).
- New Members (send your mug shot/contact info/and profile and I'll introduce you to the fold).

Articles can be any length.

- **Please NO FUNKY FORMATTING.** (Adobe InDesign (program used to produce NFN does not do funky well)
- **MS Word or PDF**
- **Black type only** (let me decide if another color works better)
- **Please stick to MS Word default fonts (Calibri or Times New Roman,** (let me decide if another font might work better).
- **Please NO INDENTS;** (require manual copy/cutting)
- **NO SPACING BETWEEN LINES AND PARAGRAPHS** (same reason as above)
- **Please use MS Word default style bullets only.** (same reason as above)

IF COPY IS FULL PAGE (AS IN PAGE WIDE)—SUCH AS JOB OP OR NEWS RELEASE—GO FOR IT; CREATIVE TEXT, PHOTOS, ANY COLOR, LOTS A DIFFERENT COLORS—IF REALLY WILD, PLEASE SEND as PDF.

Photos, either to support a piece or stand alone are always welcome. I use as many photos per issue as space allows. Please note I have a large file of stand alone photos and can only use so many per issue, so please be patient. **Photos promoting up coming Conference will always trump say, a random swimming duck shot or your champ bird dog in action. Cover shots must be horizontal.** Photos should be jpeg, approximately 6X9 inches @72 or 96 ppi... Attach to e-mail (or e-mails) or send a disk.

Late submissions too often result in the need to re-format a completed issue or one nearly finished. So starting now instead of being included in say, Member News, where belongs, late arrivals will be found in kind on the last page (or pages) of the newsletter. Sorry but I can no longer justify the increased time it takes to do otherwise.

Newsletter is published 10 times a year: Deadline is 20th of every month of the year preceding publication with one exception...June, as next newsletter, July-August, comes out August 1.

Whenever possible please send all materials—text and photos—as attachments to e-mails to, crobb@bresnan.net; Deadline is 20th of month preceding publication (see above list). Send photo disks to Chuck Robbins, 199 Antelope Dr., Dillon, MT 59725

Thanks in advance for your submissions,

...Chuck