



**INLAND EMPIRE FLY FISHING CLUB
SEPTEMBER MEETING
Tuesday, March 12, 2024
Wet Fly 5:30 Meeting 6:30 PM
RAMADA INN-AIRPORT
8909 W Airport Dr, Spokane, WA 99224**

Presidents' Message By Bob Johnson

While penning these ramblings, I received the e-mail of the passing of Bill McElroy. I enjoyed fishing with Bill. We fished together on multiple occasions, so his passing has left me very sad & a bit empty. Please remember Bill and his family in their difficult time.

The Valentines meeting was a rocking event. We had 64 members and guests in attendance. The buzz from all the conversations going on was a wonderful sound to hear.

We welcomed Larry Garner to the club. Make sure you stop and say hello to him at the March meeting.

We listened to the trials of Bob Burton, as described by Skip Cavanaugh, from their fishing trip to Brazil. Then the folksy and humorous presentation by Byron Johnson that left a smile on the faces of all.

Hopefully we have more at the March meeting where we will be starting a raffle for not one, but two boxes filled with flies, tied by some of the premier fly tyers in the club. Bryan Harmon, Phil Beck, Matt Mason, and Jerry McBride. We can't thank these great fly tyers enough for their contributions to the club. The boxes of flies will be divided into River and Lake flies. The first ticket drawn will get their choice as to which box they desire. So, start getting your tickets this month and we will be drawing the winners at the April meeting.

Pull out your calendars and save these dates.

March 7th and 21st. The final fly tying nights at Ya Ya Brewery til next winter. Those will be your last chance to come out tie, chat, and maybe even have a beer in such great company.

March 12th. The next general meeting at the Ramada.

March 13th . 6 pm board meeting at Ya Ya Brewery. The date

March Presentation Dave Blackburn 'Kootenai Country'



Since 1982, Dave Blackburn has owned of Kootenai Angler out of Libby, Montana.

Nothing makes he and his guides happier than sharing the joy of fly fishing one of Montana's least fished rivers, the Kootenai. Kootenai Angler offers a full service fly shop, and float or wade guided trips, river cabins, and a restaurant!

Dave's presentation will present the great attractions of this nearby but often overlooked area, an area perfect for a long day trip, or weekend getaway for those of us in the inland Northwest

Remember, flows in the Kootenai are regulated out of Libby Dam, so it's perfect for a late summer trip when everything else is closed or curtailed!

Join us for a wonderful presentation by Dave.



If you have not paid your dues, please do not sing the blues

For you remaining few, 2024 club dues are due. \$50 again this year. Please send a check to

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or pay at a meeting! Like this one!