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## April Speaker

### Fly Fishing South Central Alaska

**A**pril's speaker, **Will Maloney** of Creekside Inn in Ninilchik Alaska will be speaking and presenting his slide show about Fly Fishing South Central Alaska. Will has been guiding in Alaska since 1985. Sounds like 20 years to me. Topics will be Fish Species, Fly Patterns, Timing, Presentation, and **Travel Tips**.

Will and Creekside Inn offer an affordable alternative for those who want to experience Alaska and the great fishing to be found in this wonderful area. Will has guided in many other areas, including Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado and the White Mountains of Arizona, but he chose Ninilchik Alaska



### MEETING NOTICE

Monday, April 4th, 2005

7:30 PM

Sequoia Elementary School

4690 Limerick Ave.

(See map on back page)

### REMINDER

Volunteer hosts for this meeting  
(report at 6:15 PM):

**Bob Miller and**

**Jack Bentley**

*Thank you, Mona Morebello*

## Giant Squid Fishing With a Fly Rod

by Louie Zimm



**Louie Zimm with a giant squid caught off our coast with a fly rod. Read his story on page 5.**

to establish his lodge. In Alaska he has guided and been a fly-out guide in Katmai National Park, Bristol Bay, Ketchikan Areas and Kenai Peninsula.

Will's program promises to be informative and entertaining. His section on travel tips should be most helpful.

Who needs another level of stress traveling to a wonderful area for a life experience which should help you relax a little and get you pumped by the size of these fish?

Look forward to seeing you all at the meeting



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: APRIL 2005

I'd like to thank those who assisted in the Chollas Lake Star/Pal Fishing Derby. We all had a lot of fun rigging tackle, socializing, and most importantly, helping the young folks on who the future of fishing depends. It was a rare privilege and honor to share time with of all those wonderful young people. The Rent a Rod program continues out at Chollas every Sunday.

**Gary Strawn** had a good response to his request for volunteers to assist the Department of Fish and Game on the 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> of April at Hot Creek. We will want to hear from the volunteers how many fish in Hot Creek see and laugh at our flies.



**LOUIE ZIMM**

**Warren Lew** is putting together the Annual Raffle. He is determined to make this the best raffle of all time with extra special prizes. Held at the June meeting, the raffles proceeds go to worthy conservation and education projects. Chollas Lake, Trout Unlimited, California Trout, Chula Vista Nature Center, Cuyamaca Lake, and the San Diego Stream Team have all been beneficiaries of this great raffle in the past.

Many thanks go to **Eileen and Bill Stroud** of Stroud Tackle for their many and generous donations to our monthly and yearly raffles. Without them, the club would be but a shadow of it's successful self.

We also greatly appreciate those who have donated their own gear to our raffles. It has really made a difference!

Our esteemed trip leader, **Jack Bentley** will be easing out of Club Trip Planning. He is looking for folks to help organize the trips to the Green River, San Juan River and Lee's Ferry. Please talk to Jack if you would like to

assist in this trip planning.

The Day at the Docks is held yearly at the sport fishing landings in Point Loma. This year your club will be demonstrating saltwater fly-tying techniques to the public at the event. For those folks assisting at our booth, I will be hosting breakfast at the San Diego Yacht Club.

Contact me or **Jim Castelluzo**, to join up. The date is Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Casting instruction continues every Sunday morning at Lake Murray.

Come on out and join us at 9:00.

Instructors **Ken Armer, Marvin Darling, John Kasten, Shelley Wagner, Floyd Lee** and **Ned Sewell** will be happy to take your casting to a new level.

I'd especially like to welcome Casting Instructor **Shelley Wagner** back from three months working on her sister's sheep farm in Australia. While there, she instructed her niece and nephews in the finer arts of flyfishing.

In closing, I am looking forward to a successful fishing season and hope to see you all at club meetings and out on the water.

### SDDF Annual Raffle on June 6th

On Monday, June 6th, the Club will hold the Annual Raffle. Soon, we will be mailing tickets to your home. Tickets will, also, be available for purchase at the May and June club meetings, and at Stroud's.

From the raffle proceeds, the Club will donate to many worthy and charitable causes. In the past, money has been given to California Trout, Trout Unlimited, the children's fishing program at Chollas Lake, and other great programs.

Consider making a donation of some fly fishing equipment you never use. It will be tax deductible, and another Club member will enjoy winning and using your gift. Another way you can help, is to donate a Stroud Tackle gift certificate. The winner will be able to select what he or she wants at the store, and the Club gets the funds to promote our sport!

Already, **Tom Lucas** has donated a G. Loomis graphite 2 piece fly rod, and **Al Venton** has given a quality fly reel.

Please bring your donations to the April and May meetings, or call **Warren Lew** at for pick up arrangements.



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Dear Fellow Fly Fishers,

It's time to renew your membership in the San Diego Fly Fishers for 2005.

Membership fees remain the same and are for the calendar year January through December 2005. Singles are \$30.00 and Families are \$40.00.

All members are encouraged to become involved in the operation of your club. There is a full range of opportunities that will match your talent, time and expertise.

You can mail your renewal or just drop it off at the membership table at our monthly meeting. THE APRIL FINNY FACTS WILL BE YOUR LAST ISSUE IF YOU HAVE NOT RENEWED.

See you at our monthly meeting.

Lucky Ketcham  
Membership Chairperson

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San Diego Fly Fishers 2005 Membership Renewal

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City & 9 digit ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number with area code: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose Check or Money Order payable to: San Diego Fly Fishers

Please indicate: Single \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_ or Family \$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Thank You





**JACK BENTLEY**

**Any Questions?  
Call Jack Bentley at**

If anyone wants information on  
fishing destinations, contact me.



## **SDFF Trip Schedule for 2005**

### **Green River Trip, May 9th-13th Flight Information Now Confirmed**

#### **Three day fishing trip**

Monday, May 9th      Southwest Airlines, Flt #1703  
Depart San Diego 8:40 AM to Phoenix (no plane change)  
Arrive Salt Lake City 12:50 PM

Friday May 13th      Southwest Airlines, Flt #1176  
Depart Salt Lake City 1:50 PM to Las Vegas  
Depart Las Vegas 4:15 PM, Flt #920 to San Diego  
Arrive San Diego 5:20 PM

#### **Four day fishing trip**

The four day fishing trip is the same as the three day fishing trip except  
departure for home is on Saturday, May 14th, allowing for one extra  
day of fishing.

**IMPORTANT!** Everyone will buy his own ticket. If you are traveling  
on another airline you must be in Salt Lake City by 12:50 PM Mon-  
day.

Green River 3-day fishing \$1,280 or 4-day fishing \$1,550. Walking and fishing is available with no guide, but as  
the water fluctuates, the boats are more productive. Select either 3-day or 4-day fishing proposed above.

### **2. Alaska King Salmon, June 24-July 2nd**

Nushagak River

Estimated cost: \$3,800

Contact Louie Zimm

### **3. Saltery Lake Lodge, September 10th-18th**

This year's drought was atypical and we are planning to have the lodge to ourselves (Maximum 12 people).

Estimated cost: \$3,200

Contact Louie Zimm





# Giant Squid

If you have ever wanted to fight a quarry on equal terms with your largest fly rod, here is your chance! Find a friend with a boat and head out off Mission Beach until the water depth has reached 50 to 80 fathoms. Club member **Marvin Darling** and I had an incredible morning on the 10th of March. We stopped on splashing schools of mackerel (also a worthy opponent). Using our conventional tuna rods, we dropped down heavy squid jigs to the bottom. Soon, we were pulling on giant squid. The trick is to bring one squid up from the bottom and all his hungry friends will follow. Eventually, the

strange sight of the basket-like tentacles and a flashing red/white body emerged from the dark blue gloom. Surrounding the stricken Cephalopod were ten more hungry squid. I made a short cast with my 12 -weight fly rod, sinking line and homemade, feathered squid jig fly. Four monsters squirted towards the fly and proceeded to battle one another for the tasty morsel! The largest one triumphed; grabbing my fly and commencing a run out along the surface that took my entire fly line and most of my two hundred yards of backing. Marvin fired up the boat and gave chase. After an arduous fight of perhaps fifteen minutes we were able to gaff aboard the 21- pound angry Giant Squid. We then played catch and

release with other hungry squid until our failing arm muscles told us that it was time to go home. The squid will hit any large fly but the best fly for this game is the lightest commercial plastic squid catcher you can find. Tie on a tail of chicken feathers around the tynes and you are ready to go. Use the heaviest fly rod that you can get your hands on and be sure to use a 40- pound shock tippet to protect the leader from the rough tentacles. The squid are fast growing, very fecund organisms. They are usually found off Peru, but lately have been caught as far north as Sitka, Alaska. How long they stay around is anyone's guess, but now may be the time of a lifetime!



## March Weekend Trip

March fourth, fifth and sixth, six members and two non members made the trip to Bishop to fish the Owens River. The members were **Ted Roman, Paul Woolery, Lee Mc Elravy, Dan Hober, Malcom McCollum** and **Dick Mount**. The non members were Ted Romain's friend Bert and Dan's brother Bill.

We stayed at the Elms Motel in Bishop. With the S.D.F.F. discount, we had a room with two queen beds for fifty one dollars.

The group met at six thirty at Dennys on Saturday morning, before moving onto the river. Five of us, three in the morning and two in the afternoon fished with guide Tom Loe. I think we all learned a lot, including the fact that Tom has patented a strike indicator that is now available at Strouds.

We fished with Zebra Nymphs and strike indicators. We all caught fish.

The weather was beautiful, the scenery gorgeous, snow on the mountains all the way around.

We met at the La Casita restaurant for dinner. The cervesas and margaritas were cold, the portions were generous.

GOOD TRIP, FUN HAD BY ALL.

Next event, surf fishing April 10th 6:00 A.M. probably at Dog Beach in Del Mar. The Kern River trip June 17-18-19.



# STAR/PAL Fishing Derby Brings Smiles to Hundreds of Children

by Warren Lew

After a two week delay due to weather, the Kid's Fishing Derby at Chollas Lake was finally held on Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Over three hundred seventy-five youngsters came out to the Derby, although it was mostly a cool and overcast day.

After registering, the children were divided into small groups, and before fishing, visited various stations to learn about fishing. Department of Fish and Game senior wardens, driving from as far as Los Angeles, came to the lake, and provided fishing information to each group of children. Also, there was a casting station, where any child could get some help in learning how to cast. To provide enough bait, as many as six volunteers made Power Bait balls to be distributed to each young future fly fisher.

Before the children arrived

repair stations. Others served as "pier buddies" or "lake walkers", and helped bait hooks and undo the many tangles. It was an exhausting day for several of our members, who worked nonstop getting fishing equipment straightened out. Working hard on Saturday were **Wayne Allen, Joe Bain, Lee Anderson, Ken Armer, John Beckstrand, David Collins, Marv Darling, Vern DeMolt, Donna and Jim Gottfreid, Lloyd Jeffries, Kim Jones, Howard Knop, Sam and Mona Morebello, Dick Mount, Bob Pharoah, Jim Reeg, Gary Strawn, Ed Velton, and Leo Younge.**



during lunch!

The largest fish caught at the derby was a 3 and 3/4 pound steelhead, and this was also, the top fish in the boy's division. Winning first place in the girl's division, was a 2 and 1/4 pound catfish. In addition to these fish, a number of carp and a few turtles were caught and released by the children.



Fishing was slow that day, but each child had a great time! In addition to receiving a free STAR/PAL tee shirt and Shakespeare spin casting rod and reel, each

**Jim Reeg** has the opportunity to show a young angler how to be humane while pursuing our sport. While walking along the shoreline, helping untangle lines, he came across a large trout which had been thrown on the bank... with gills still flaring. With tremendous sensitivity, he quietly showed the young boy who had caught the fish, how to dispatch the fish on the head, teaching him a valuable lesson.

Much of Saturday's success was due to the "behind the scenes" volunteers from the Club who met at the lake the day before. **Lee Anderson, Joe Bain, Gary Hilbers, Lucky**

that morning, each Club member was given a job. A number of us went to the Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn

boy and girl received a tasty lunch which included a grilled hot dog, chips, and a soft drink. I saw a lot of smiles

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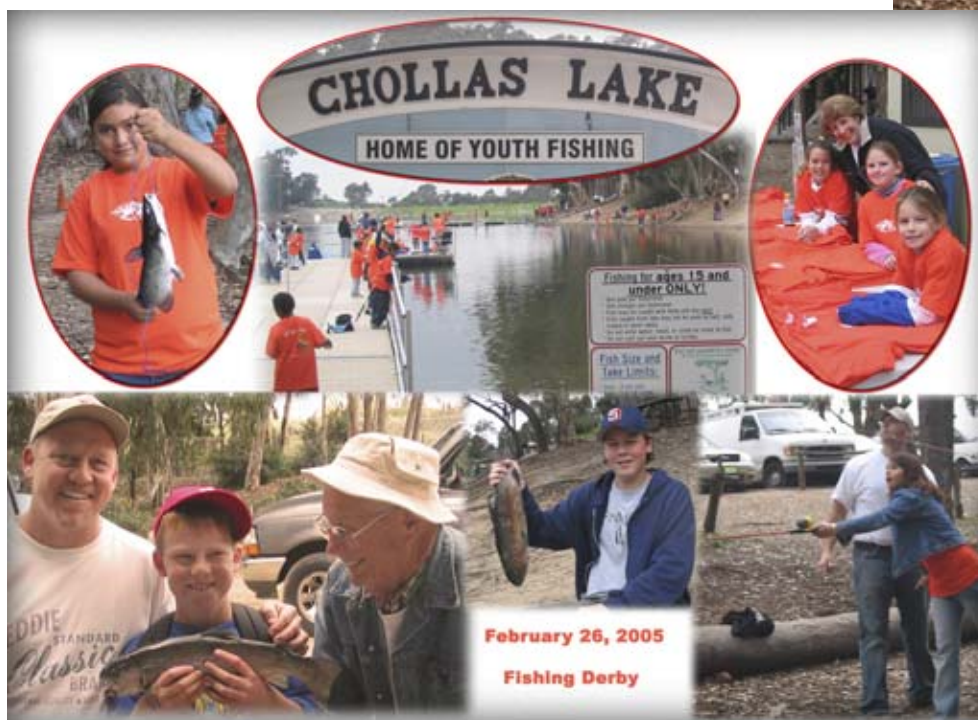


## STAR/PAL

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Ketchem, Bob McKay, Bob Miller, Mona and Sam Morebello, and Dick Mount showed up on Friday at noon to get the rods ready for the youngsters to use the next day. Also, stringing rods were Jim Murphy, Ned Sewell, Donald Smith, Paul Woolery, Gretchen Yearous, and our president, Louie Zimm.

Joe Bain, a long time member of the Club, worked countless hours to make this year's STAR/PAL Fishing Derby a success. Months before the Derby, he was requesting donations of bait, hooks, rods, and other fishing items for this derby. He coordinated the SDDF's participation at this event, and due to his infectious enthusiasm, thirty Club members helped at the derby. Not bad participation for a fly fishing club!



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# FLY OF THE MONTH

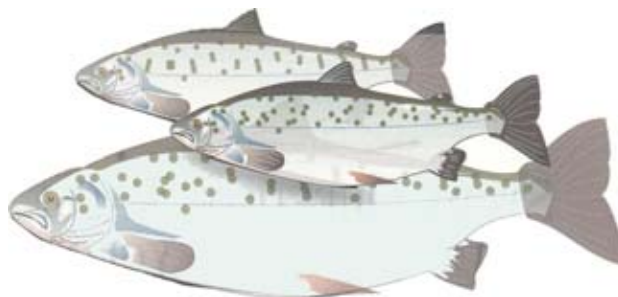
## HIT AND RUN

This is a nymph pattern developed by Trapper Badovinac. He demonstrated it at our February meeting and also describes it in his book *Fly Fishing Montana's Missouri River*. There are a couple differences between this version and the one in his book. Instead of using pheasant tail for the tail, wing case and legs, in the book he uses partridge. Instead of peacock herl for the thorax, in the book he uses hare's ear dubbing. I think those variations would work better for the smaller sizes, but either way it makes a great looking fly.

<b>HOOK:</b>	TIEMCO 2457 size 14-20
<b>BEAD:</b>	Gold 2mm
<b>THREAD:</b>	Brown 8/0
<b>TAIL:</b>	Pheasant tail (or Hungarian partridge)
<b>BODY:</b>	Red holographic tinsel
<b>RIB:</b>	3X tippet wound brassie style
<b>THORAX:</b>	Peacock herl (or light brown hare's ear dubbing)
<b>WING CASE:</b>	Same as tail
<b>LEGS:</b>	Same as tail and wing case



1. After placing bead on the hook and inserting the hook in the vise, start the thread one third of the shank length back from the eye of the hook and wrap back to the bend of the hook.
2. Tie in about six pheasant tail barbs for the tail and wrap thread back to the start point. **Do not trim.**
3. Tie in 3X tippet and wrap thread back to bend.
4. Tie in tinsel and wrap thread back to the starting point. Trim excess.
5. Wrap the tinsel forward to the starting point, tie off and trim.
6. Wrap the tippet forward tightly as you would a brassie. Tie off and trim.
7. Take a wrap of the thread in front of the pheasant tail. Tie in two strands of peacock herl. Wrap several times to form the thorax. Make sure that you go back slightly overlapping the abdomen and come forward just behind the bead. Tie off and trim.
8. Pull the pheasant tail over the thorax to form the wing case. Tie off just behind the bead.
9. Split the pheasant tail into two equal bundles. Tie back and down, one section on each side, to form the legs.
10. Whip finish and cut your thread.
11. Trim legs to the point of the hook.
12. Go fishing.







# CALIFORNIA TROUT

March 4, 2005

Senator Sheila Kuehl, Chair  
Senate Natural Resources Committee  
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310/441-9084  
[senator.kuehl@sen.ca.gov](mailto:senator.kuehl@sen.ca.gov)

Re: URGENT – Request to Emergency Senate Natural Resources Committee Meeting regarding DWR Certification of Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse # 2004051123) – Middle Piru Creek

Dear Senator Kuehl:

California Trout, Inc. is making an urgent request of you to call an emergency hearing of the Senate Natural Resources Committee in Los Angeles. This hearing will allow the individuals who are most affected by the Department of Water Resources's (DWR) plan to dewater Piru Creek (Los Angeles Co.) to comment on the proposal. Please find attached the March 1, 2005 *Los Angeles Times* article detailing the DWR's plan ("*Creek Croaks...*").

The DWR, operating under the auspices of the Schwarzenegger Administration, claim that drying up a stream is good for one of California's native species—but this fiasco is not about species protection. Unfortunately, the plan instead is a money savings tactic to benefit the DWR that additionally breaks a mitigation promise made to Californians when Pyramid Dam was built in 1972. Our persistent inquiries about these issues have been posed to Governor Schwarzenegger's staff and have hereto date been ignored and unanswered while concurrently the DWR has approved this misguided project. (see *Los Angeles Daily News* February 9, 2005 article attached).

We are calling on you as Chair of the Senate Natural Resources Committee to call an emergency meeting so that the California State Senate and your constituents can expose the truth about DWR's plan:

- Dewatering Piru Creek to protect the Arroyo Toad will jeopardize other federally listed species such as the Willow Nat Catcher and Southern California Steelhead — each of these species are legally required to utilize streams with an adequate quantity of water.
- The National Marine Fisheries Service has determined the genetics of wild rainbow trout in Piru Creek are similar to the endangered Southern California Steelhead yet the DWR claims that trout in Piru Creek are not of particular importance.
- DWR claims they are being forced to take their proposed action, yet the *Los Angeles Times* and *Los Angeles Daily News* revealed that no such demand has been made by the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) who has jurisdiction over the federally listed Arroyo Toad. To the contrary, the USFWS is opposed to protecting the toad if it harms Southern California Steelhead trout.

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## Piru Creek

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- Current water releases in Piru Creek are benefiting the Arroyo Toad. ("The {current} modified releases have benefited arroyo toads in that drainage." (US Forest Service, 1999. *South California Mountains and Foothills Assessment*)
- DWR's plan will undermine the highly successful and popular *Trout in the Classroom* program enjoyed by thousands of Los Angeles area elementary children.
- DWR admits its plan will destroy a highly popular and rare trout fishing stream located adjacent to the Los Angeles metropolitan area which would also adversely affect the local economy due to a loss of recreational expenditures.

California Trout have raised the above facts to the Schwarzenegger Administration via Mike Chrisman, Secretary for the Resources Agency. We asked the Secretary to postpone the certification of DWR's Environmental Impact Report but again, our letter to Mr. Chrisman and other inquiries were ignored.

California Trout is not suggesting that the DWR's efforts to establish a comprehensive and possibly modified management scheme for Pyramid Lake be terminated. To the contrary, we are ready to work with all interested parties in order to get this program back on track at the earliest possible time.

Thank you in advance for your attention and action to this urgent request. I will call your office early next week to discuss scheduling a Senate Natural Resources Committee hearing in Los Angeles.

If you should have any questions please do not hesitate calling me at your first opportunity.

Sincerely,



Jim Edmondson  
Southern California Manager  
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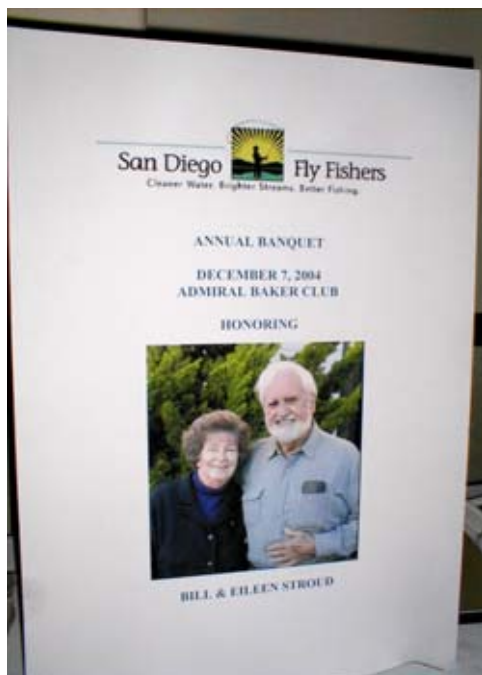
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**Mike Chrisman, Secretary, The Resources Agency**



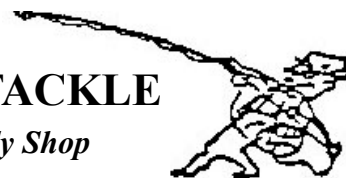
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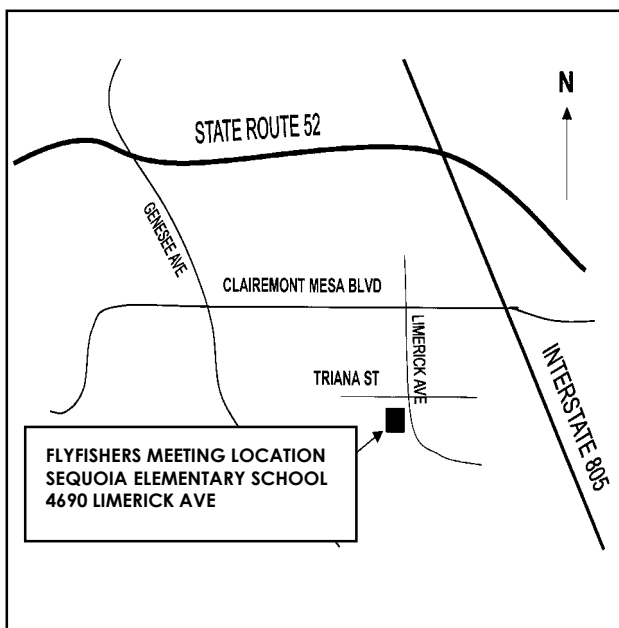
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