



The Sequoia

Hiking from Groveland Off to Smashing Start

By Bob Asquith

We started off our recent hikes in the Red Hills amid the remarkable wildflower superbloom. There were many varieties including the endangered Soaproot in bloom.

Astonishing – that describes the wildflowers we found atop Table Mountain in Jamestown. We hiked for nearly a mile while on top and could scarcely set foot without crushing flowers. We even made the news. On that one hike, we identified forty-four (44) different wildflowers.

Next, on to Old Wards Ferry Road and even more wildflowers. We were high above the Tuolumne River, where we saw the huge fields of debris brought down by winter rains. See both shores in the picture of the canyon below.

We listened to the history of the Wards Ferry crossing courtesy of docent Kathy Brown.

We started our May hiking at Lake Don Pedro amid all the wildflowers there, finishing the day at a local eatery.

Ahead, we will continue our months long chase of wildflowers including outings to the Westside RR Grade, Yosemite Valley (including a behind-the-scenes tour of the Ahwahnee Hotel), Jackass Ridge pot luck, and Wapama Falls at Hetch Hetchy. Please come join us.

Follow us via Facebook at – Hiking The 120. Join us any Thursday at 8AM in Groveland. Contact Bob Asquith, Outings Leader at bobasquith@gmail.com.



Burger at the River's Edge. Our hiking outings often finish with a visit to a local eatery.



Barn located near our hike in the Red Hills



Looking down on Lake Don Pedro.

INSIDE - MAY EVENT

**STANISLAUS RIVER
ALIVE AGAIN!**

REMEMBERING THE STAN

PHOTOS, VIDEO, & MEMORIES

W/MARK DUBOIS & LARRY ORMAN

MAY 22 - 7PM - SONORA LIBRARY

Photos courtesy of the Stanislaus River Archive - stanislausriver.org

The Stanislaus River - Alive Again

Sierra Club May event at Sonora Library remembers the Stanislaus river before New Melones, and the struggle that led to a movement protecting the rivers of California.



Early (1963) commercial rafting trip led by Bryce Whitmore prepares to push off from Camp 9. – Ty Childress

Looking upstream from Mother Rapid photo: Ron Pickup

GLIDING UP HIGHWAY 49 ACROSS New Melones Reservoir, it's easy to forget that there was once a river down there. Before the flooding of New Melones Reservoir in 1983 the river ran wild and untamed along this section of the canyon. Enjoyed by anglers, campers, hikers, whitewater rafters, and those looking for a cool place to take a swim on a hot summer day, the Stanislaus was a treasure.

On May 22, learn how you can once again experience the magic of the Stanislaus River from Camp 9 to Melones from two veterans of the 1970s and 80s campaigns to save the river. Mark Dubois and Larry Orman will bring back memories of the river through video, images, and words, and will introduce you to a new web site that lets everyone see what was so special about this place. Local archivist, Marty Blake will share images and artifacts from his Stanislaus River Museum Collection.

Mark and Larry will also talk about the meaning of the river for today's challenges and engage you in discussion about the directions for efforts to leverage the lessons of the Stanislaus.

Mark Dubois was a key leader in all of the Stanislaus campaigns and was the director of **Friends of the River** during this time, with later involvements in International Earth Day 1990 and the International Rivers Network.

Larry Orman was an ARTA rafting guide and manager during the early 1970s, served as Board Chair for Friends of the River, and is the founding executive director of the nonprofit **GreenInfo Network**, which has developed the new website: www.stanislausriver.org.

Join us at 7pm Wednesday, May 22 at the Sonora Library to remember and rediscover the Stanislaus.



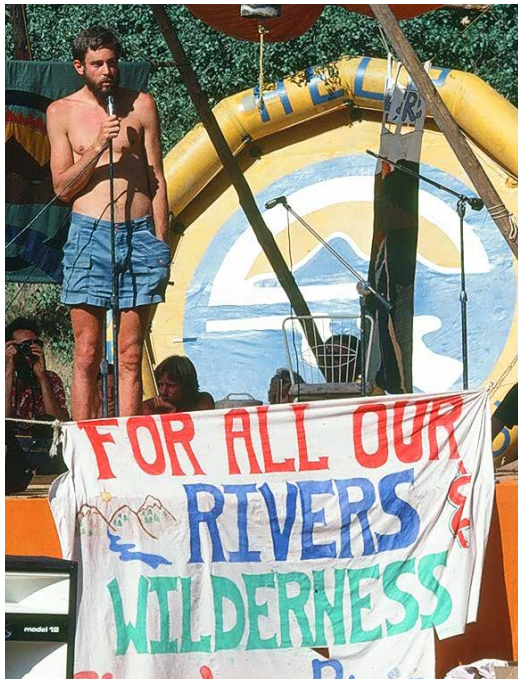
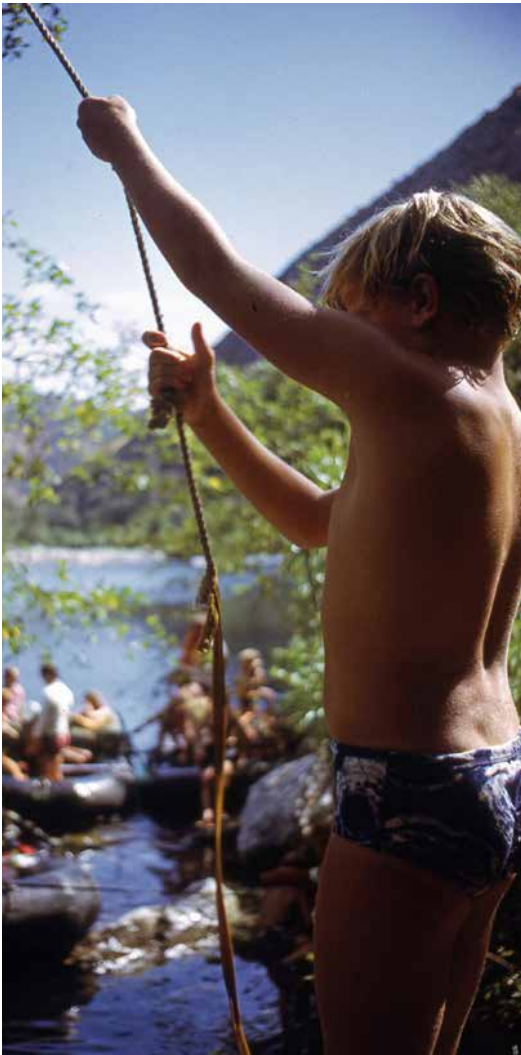


Top Rafting Razorback rapid at high water

Right Petroglyphs buried by New Melones Reservoir

Below Teeing up for a rope swing near Mother Rapid

Below Right Mark Dubois speaks at FOR rally held at Parrott's Ferry June 2, 1979.



MEMBER PROFILE



Kathi Joye by Todd Stolp

At Home on the Sierra Trails

If confronted on a remote High Sierra trail by an intrepid hiker and three well behaved canine companions, there is a good chance that you have met Stefano, Timberlake, Gloria and, of course, the human-in-charge, Kathi Joye. Kathi is the author of two books that chronicle High Sierra trails: *Day Hikes Along the Highway 108 Corridor*, and *More Day Hikes Along the Highway 108 Corridor*. Kathi has presented talks to groups throughout our region and has accumulated countless trail miles hiking the high country. Her books, available in local bookstores, provide meticulous records of hiking highlights that include good portions of the Emigrant Basin.

Kathi's passion for hiking was ignited by 3-day hostel trips that were offered during her high school years when she and her family lived in Europe. After considerable experience hosteling throughout the United Kingdom, it was only natural for her to spend time off exploring California trails during her college years at U.C. Davis beginning in 1981. With a Bachelor's degree in Physiology and a Masters degree in Exercise Physiology, Kathi became engaged in pulmonary function research. Always the two-foot traveler, Kathi recalls roller blading to classes and work during those formative years in Davis.

At Davis, Kathi met her husband, Dr. Steven Joye, who introduced her to the Emigrant Wilderness Area. Prior to and during Steve's years at medical school, Kathi obtained her teaching credential and taught school while raising three kids – Ashlin, Kaila and Kean. Kathi and Steve now make Twain Harte their home. Kathi is also a devoted dog trainer, explaining her well-behaved canine trail companions. Even today, regular trips to the High Sierras provide Kathi, Steve and the pups with an opportunity to recharge their familiarity with the mountain air.



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