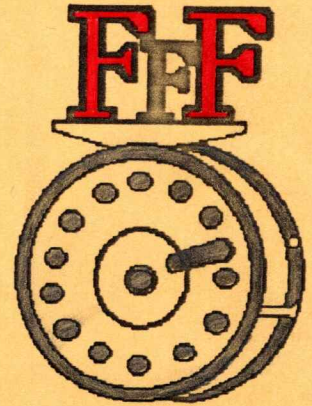
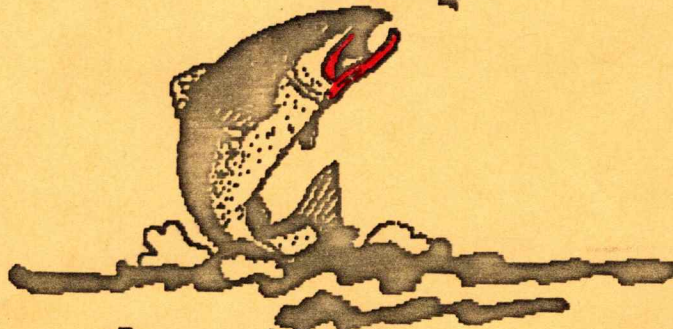
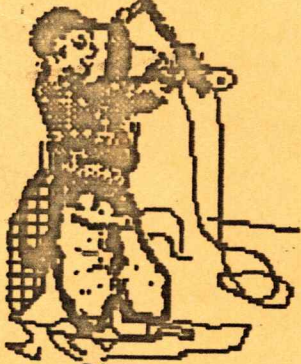


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June 13-14 Modoc Fishout

"The Modoc Adventure"

by Dr. Ed Bruno

A little scouting around in May showed that most Modoc waters should be in great shape for the June 13-14 fishout. Camp is going to be at Mill Creek Falls Campground. A U.S.F.S. campground with 19 sites, pit toilets, and running water. To get there:

1. U.S. 395 North from Susanville about 80 miles to the town of Likely.
2. Turn right just before the Likely saloon on Jess Valley Road.
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South Fork Pit River: Five minute drive from camp. Pocket water a little smaller than Deer Creek but quite productive. Browns and rainbows 8-18 inches. Black stone fly nymph, rio grande bucktail (dry).

Parsnip Creek: Twenty minutes drive from camp. Small section of spring creek meandering through a boggy meadow that transmits vibration to the fish. Go low and slow and cast elk hair caddis or humpy from well back and take short drifts. An alternate might be long downstream drift, mostly browns 6-16 inches but very challenging.

Blue Lake: Twenty five minutes from camp. A large natural

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lake in a pretty wooded setting. U.S.F.S. camp here draws some pressure. The lake is stocked yearly with rainbows but it also has a sizeable population of monster browns. Flotation of some sort is needed. Leech, zonker, streamers, damsel.

Swearinger Reservoir:
One hour drive from camp. "Big Fish" Rainbows probably average 2 pounds but 4-6 pounders are quite common. Recommended patterns are leech, leech, or possibly leech.

Lost lake: One and one half hour drive from camp. A small lake at about 7000 feet. Loaded with 8-14 inch brookies. Zug bug, tellico nymph, backswimmers. Beaver dams above the lake usually hold a few pretty good fish.

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1987 Fishout Schedule

June 6

Sacramento River -Shad

June 13-14

Modoc County - Trout

July 11

Deer Creek -Squawfish

July 18-19

Eagle Lake -Trout

August 15-16

Butte Lake Estuary -Trout

September 26-27

Klamouth -Steelhead

October 10-11

Pit River -Trout

November 7-8

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Pizons -anchovy grab

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newsletter. After four years at
the post the current editors need a
break and the Flyer needs some
new writers.

September 20-21

Klamouth -Steelhead

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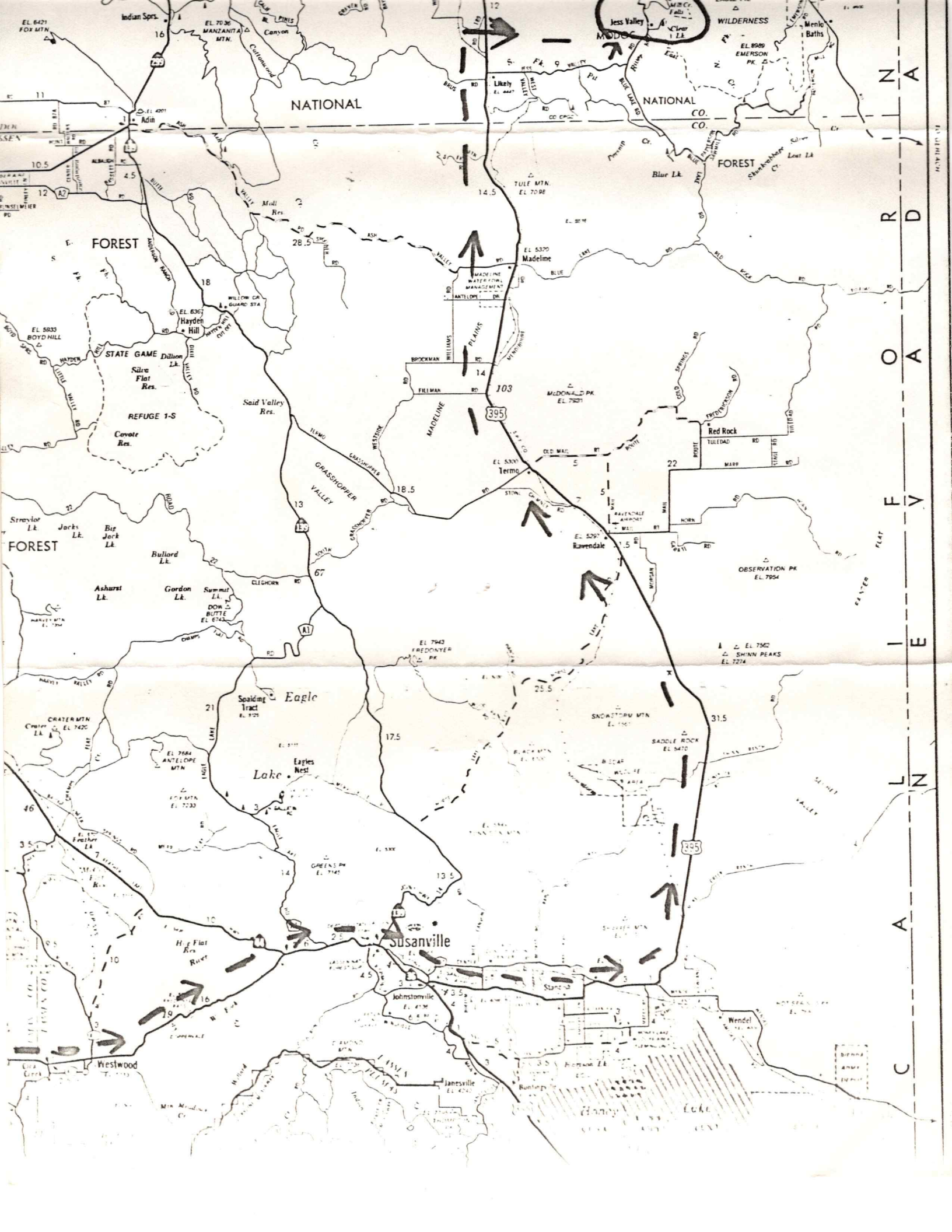
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STATE GAME RESERVE

REFUGE 1-S

Susanville

Madeline

Terro

Kavendale

Red Rock

Eagle Lake

Eagles Nest Lake

High Flat Res.

Westwood

Janesville

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Indian Spgs.

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Hayden Hill

Silver Flat Res.

Covate Res.

Straylor Lk.

Jacks Lk.

Big Jack Lk.

Bullard Lk.

Ashurst Lk.

Gordon Lk.

Spalding Tract

Chater Mtn

Antelope Mtn

High Flat Res.

Westwood

Janesville

Runty

Wendel

Jess Valley

EL 6421 FOX MTN

EL 7036 MANZANITA MTN

EL 5833 BOYD HILL

EL 5307 MADLINE

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EL 5307 TERRO

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THE GOLDEN ZIPPER

Once upon a time on the opening day of trout season, the CFFC had their annual fishout on the Hat. Club member Walt Koebler, bought a new pair of Levi's for the occasion. Unfortunately, Walt took a dip and got his new pants a little (read "a lot") wet. That night while sitting around the campfire Walt figured he'd dry out his pants by laying them on the edge of the campfire. After a few stories and a few more beers some observant club member noticed that the Levi's were gone. Only the zipper remained. A couple of years later Walt passed away. The Club felt that they would like to start a perpetual trophy in memory of Walt. Knowing Walt's sense of humor, it was decided to present the Walt Koebler memorial trophy (better known as the Golden Zipper) to the club member who managed to come closest to duplicating Walt's feat.

The first recipient was Dr. Charles Beach (who truly earned the award). However, the following year I was given the award only because they couldn't find anyone who was deserving. I did take a "little" dip but at least one sock was dry and I did land a fish as I was coming up for air. For a while this year I was afraid I would be unable to find a worthy recipient. Then my old fishing buddy came through. Mr. Delbert Robinson was the unanimous choice of the selection committee. I don't know how he did it but he did manage to out do Charley, myself and Walt combined!

While everyone was catching fish Bert was busy video taping. All the time griping to me "why in the hell did say I'd do this. I want to be fishing". While filming I also noticed that he was nipping away at some peppermint Schnapps. That probably explains why none of the film came out. On the way to Carbon Bridge Ole Bert tells me how good the Schnapps was. That's when I noticed that it was gone and he had some other stuff called Rotsepuss Peach brandy. He said it warmed his body and he was able to detect a strike better.

Bert was fishing below me about 50 yards when I "heard" him sneaking up on the fish. Looking up I noticed him doing a very good job of keeping his balance by waving his rod over his head in increasingly larger circles. I then heard a loud splash as he entered the water. When I looked up again I noticed that he was in the water up to his arm pits preparing to cast. I didn't think that the water was over knee deep. It wasn't. Ole Bert was on his knees in 6 inches of water and two feet of mud trying to act like it was all planned. After a while he did manage to land a fish. What a fish! When I first saw it jump into his waders it looked like a typical fat 11 inch Rainbow. But as some of you old timers know, Hat creek Rainbows grow fast. By the time Bert got to BJ's, about two hours later, that Rainbow had already grown to a healthy 18". Either that or Bert's arm that he uses to measure fish had grown.

I didn't know if anyone else was in competition for the award, so on Sunday evening I checked with the committee. It seems that Ole Bert was making a name for himself on the stream. Rex told me that he had observed Bert casting to a rise for over 45 minutes. Finally he felt sorry for Bert and suggested that he tie on a fly. Bert tied on a #4 paradun but couldn't get it to float. Rex, always a friend, told Bert that he might have better luck if he took off the sinkers that were still tied on his leader from fishing the toilet bowl.

Mark tells me that Bert was bragging about a secret hole he found that was chucked full of 20 inch Rainbows. I guess Rex was a little suspicious and followed Bert. He watched for about 30 minutes while Bert caught and released two suckers and 4 squawfish. He couldn't say for sure but he thinks Bert was using either the popcorn or an imitation rubber worm pattern.

I will miss the golden zipper. I must now find something to cover the light spot on my wall. I'm just real glad that it will go to such a deserving angler? I know it will be in good hands. --Ron