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Today's speaker was Scott Lardner - Rocky Mountain Stone



♦ Scott briefly noted that Rocky Mountain Stone is doing well, then He went into a presentation about fly fishing. It appears as though Scott does a bit of fishing, or a lot or reading about it. I suspect the former. Scott provided some interesting information regarding the sport. There are two types of streams: Freestone streams originate with melting snow pack that flows down through tributaries and creeks. This type of stream is typically smaller and doesn't keep a constant temperature. The second type of stream is a Tailwater. These

streams originate with the outflow from a dam. They are usually large and retain a constant temperature. The San Juan River in northern New Mexico is a Tailwater stream. It has a temperature of 42 to 44 degrees, no matter the surrounding weather. The Brown Trout that live there were introduced to the river in the 1880s and they regularly reproduce there. There are also Rainbow Trout in the river. They are only there through the stocking program of New Mexico Game and Fish. Some interesting facts about Trout: Their sense of smell is 600 to 800 times better than those of a human. Trout can taste and smell things in the water and, although they see a range of colors, but they see yellows and greens better than the other colors. Without eye lids, the bright light is uncomfortable to them, so they feed near the surface and out in the open in the early mornings or twilight. During the sunny part of the day, the fish stay in a shady place, or in deeper waters. They use shock waves for location; can reach a speed of 22 miles per hour in 1 second; and can jump a distance about 4 times their own length. Mr. Lardner brought a guest speaker as well. Paul Cassidy. Mr. Cassidy runs Aquatic Consultants. He uses his formal education and his extensive experience in the field to build lakes for golf courses, ranchers and Tribal organizations; assist with algae control; construct water restorations and build a variety of river habitat enhancement projects for improving outdoor adventures and fishing experiences. His advice is that the big fish feed in front of the smaller fish, so best fishing will be at the head of a feeding area. Trout will eat anything and catching fish is more about technique and knowledge than it is about specific bait and time of day. Mr. Cassidy has quite a few "fish stories" and the amazing thing is that most of them are probably true. Even the ones about his fishing experiences with (and providing advice to) President George Bush. Scott and Paul appear to know what they are talking about and it is best to not enter any fishing or casting contests with them as participants. Since Scott spent his entire presentation providing fishing information and advice, I thought I would add just a little background on Mr. Lardner. He has been involved in the rock business since he was quite young. His father started Rocky Mountain Stone in 1963 and Scott was operating fork lifts from age 8. He is now runs of the company and has presided over its expansion from a general landscape stone business, to an extensive operation of fabricating, importing, cutting and quarrying a variety of stones and materials. Scott has also been a President of Marble Institute of America. If you want fishing advice, or if you need stone materials for a back-yard project or for a more major project, give Scott a call - 505-345-8518 .

♦ Last call for a couple of things:

- If you are bringing guests to our 'Prospective Member Breakfast' this Tuesday, April 21st, please make sure that Mario has included them in the count, so that we are certain to have ample space and food.
- Fishing and camping event is next Friday through Sunday, April 26th—28th. If you are going to attend any, or all, of the days, please make sure that you are on the list.

- ♦ Sign up sheets will be available on Tuesday for the upcoming Golf Outing. The event will be on June 6th, at Sierra del Rio Golf Club in Elephant Butte. 10am shotgun start. Bus service is included for those that do not want to drive. Cost for the event is \$60/guest, \$20/member. We would also appreciate the involvement of hole sponsors at \$100 per hole. Contact Jerry Becker, or just note the sponsorship on the sign-up sheet.

- ♦ We are interested in learning more about your business, from an up close and personal perspective. If you are interested in hosting an EAGA Open House at your place of business, please contact Mario or President Klint. Past open house events have proven to be a very educational experience for the attendees; and a beneficial exposure for the host.

Business Leads:

Lost the leads that Lionel provided. My apologies and hopes that he will resubmit next week.

Reciprocity:

Various expressions of gratitude were provided at the meeting. None written down.

♦ We are very sad to report the passing of two previous EAGA members:

- Owen Wells passed away on April 4th, in Port Washington, Wisconsin. He was not only a good member of EAGA, but a valuable contributor to society. Owen and his wife, Linda were heavily involved in local and national Bone Marrow Donor Programs. They saw the need for such programs when it was discovered that one of their daughters, Kailee was desperately in need of a donor. They were ultimately successful for Kailee, and the national, and international, donor programs were the beneficiaries of the Well's work. We offer our condolences and prayers to Linda and the entire family.
- Jim Hutchinson passed away in California where he has been living the retired life for the past few years. Jim was a very long term member of EAGA, a friend to everyone he encountered and well known for his generosity throughout our community. Jim was the owner / operator of Hutchison Fruit Company and we could always count on take-home bananas at our breakfasts each week. We offer our condolences and prayers to his wife, Betty and their family.

Badge Board Greeters

Apr 21st	Garrett Hennessy - TLC Plumbing
Apr 28th	Chuck Mitchell - Ethridge Tire
May 5th	Rick Reese - Blue Ristra
May 12th	Michael Dennis - HUB International Insurance
May 19th	
May 26th	Memorial Day Holiday Week - NO MEETING
June 2nd	Michael Edwards - New York Life
June 9th	

Upcoming Speakers

Apr 21st	Don Clark - ABQ1
Apr 28th	UNM School of Engineering
May 5th	Jim Asperger - Crest Mechanical
May 12th	Tom Payne - Yearout Mechanical
May 19th	Michael Edwards - New York Life
May 26th	Memorial Day Holiday Week - NO MEETING
June 2nd	Dr. Fred Snoy - Urology Group of New Mexico
June 9th	The Honorable Greg Hull, Mayor of Rio Rancho

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