

OLD KIRBY PLACE

on the Madison River



NEWSLETTER

What's New?

■ Would you like to add another dimension to your stay at the Old Kirby Place? We now offer access to an Orvis-endorsed shooting preserve! This summer and fall you can enjoy a 10-station sporting clay course with trap and skeet ranges. A selection of quality over-and-unders and semi-auto shotguns are available for you to use. From September 1, through November, hunt Hungarian Partridge, Chukers and Ringneck Pheasants.

■ Last summer I shot sporting clays with three of our guests; Mike Bontecon, Rick Mitchell and Mark Tanner. We had loads of fun and what a great course!

■ October brought four lovely ladies to stay at the OKP and fish with guide Gary Evans; Susan Anderson from Utah, Lisa Leonard from Illinois, Patrice Laurence from Utah, and Jane Clayson of the nationally-syndicated CBS *Early Morning Show* out of New York.

■ There have been some great magazine articles relating to the Old Kirby Place these last few months! First there was Mike Gaddis' piece in the

August issue of *Sporting Classics* which captures the Old Kirby Place amid temperatures below zero degrees.

■ Next there was the September/October issue of *Grays Sporting Journal* with the photographic talent of David Foster in "Deep Freeze Angling". Did you catch the November

issue of *Outdoor Life* with Jerry Gibbs and photo-grapher Dusan Smetana's "Fire and Ice" about geese, duck and trout? Outstanding. Finally it was Denver Bryan's turn to show his magic with the camera in the November/December issue of *Grays Sporting Journal* in "Ice Cold Ducks".

from Walter...

As of this newsletter, our area — better known as "The Golden Triangle of Fly Fishing" — has received a 137% snow pack. Around February 15 the Madison River gorged, creating an ice jam near Ennis. Predicting the run off date is like trying to win the lottery, but consensus of opinion is May 15 - June 1.

The 2001 trout season was the best in the past 15 years. The Madison River maintained an ideal level and flow the entire year. The resurgence of the Rainbow Trout population was a joy to behold. What fun to walk to the river bank and watch our guests fight big, jumping Rainbows and the occasional big Brown Trout!

(over please)



Here's your host in the summer of 1945 riding shotgun in a 1934 Navy Sea Hawk with old pal Teddie Kerpez at Rangely Lake, Maine. Pilot and mechanic unknown.

The Old Kirby Place
on the Madison
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OLD MEN — OLD AUTOMOBILES AN OBSERVATION FROM TULSA

Man is like an automobile. As he gets older, the differential starts slipping, and the u-joints get worn, causing the drive shaft to go bad. The transmission won't go into high gear and sometimes has difficulty getting out of low. The cylinders get worn and lose compression, making it hard to climb the slightest incline.

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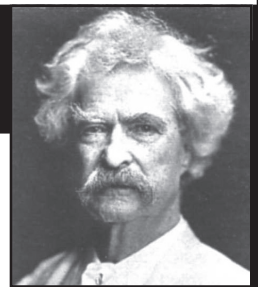
This winter, I spent quite a lot of time with our Barnsider Restaurant Culinary Chef Ryan Conklin. Having formerly owned the restaurant, you should know that you *can* teach an old dog new tricks. I sincerely hope you get the chance to enjoy some of my new dishes and culinary skills this season!

March finds me very anxious to open The Old Kirby Place April 2nd — the earliest opening ever. This spring the floors will be refinished and we will enjoy some new furniture. Our rates will remain the same as they have for the past 10 years — \$150 per night, per person.

One of the real joys of the fishing season is to say, "Hello!" and to welcome you to the Old Kirby Place. Please call me at 1-888 875-8027.

When he is climbing, the tappets clatter and ping to the point where one wonders if the old bus will make it to the top. The carburetor gets fouled with pollutants and other matter, making it hard to get started in the morning. It is hard to keep the radiator filled because of the leaking hose. The thermostat goes out, making it difficult to reach operating temperature. The headlights grow dim, and the horn gets weaker. The memory chip drops a few bytes, and the battery needs constant recharging. But if the body looks good with no bangs, dents or chipping paint, we can keep it washed and polished, giving the impression that it can compete with the newer models and make one more trip down the primrose lane before the head gasket blows. Gentlemen, start your engines.

THE WISDOM OF TWAIN INNOCENTS ABROAD, 1869



"TRAVEL IS FATAL TO
PREJUDICE, BIGOTRY AND NARROW-
MINDEDNESS, AND MANY OF OUR PEOPLE NEED IT
SORELY. ...BROAD, WHOLESOME, CHARITABLE VIEWS...
CANNOT BE ACQUIRED BY VEGETATING IN ONE'S
LITTLE CORNER OF EARTH."

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