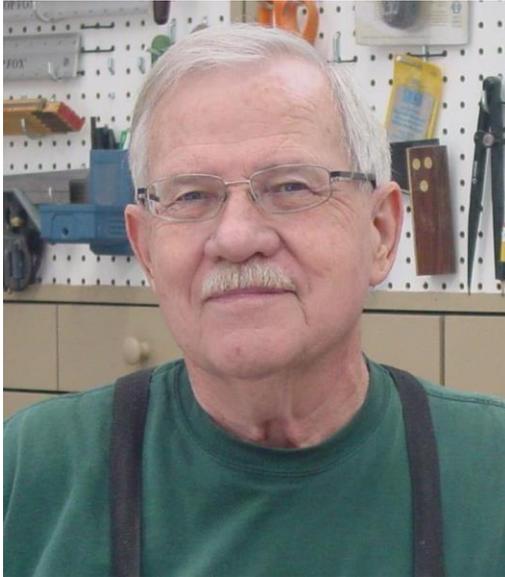


Stan Stephens



I was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area. I graduated from Pleasant Hill High School on 1964 where I ran track and cross country. I graduated from Chico State College in 1968 with a degree in biology. I met my future bride while attending college and we were married in 1968. We recently celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary.

After graduation from college and losing my college deferment, it was pretty apparent I was about to be drafted (this was pre-lottery) so I enlisted in the Navy and was sent to Officer Candidate School in Rode Island. I graduated as an Ensign in 1969 and was assigned to the USS. Midway, an aircraft carrier, which my Uncle Sam let me drive. I made two deployments to Vietnam

between 1970 and 1972. The USS Midway was home ported in Alameda and this is where I made my first woodworking project in the NAS Alameda woodshop; a poorly designed coffee table, which I still have and use.

I was discharged from the Navy in 1972 and attended graduate school at Cal-State Hayward, graduating in 1975 with a Master's Degree in Environmental Biology. I landed a job with the California Department of Fish and Game where I worked for 32-years as a Fishery Biologist. Most of my summers were spend in the Sierra Nevada Mountain working with various trout populations and their habitats. I retired in 2007.

I have been a member of the Kaweah Flyfishers since 1978 and love to fish. I have been out of that activity for a while, but hope to resume the love of that activity.

I have three married daughters and six grandchildren. They all live in California so I get to spoil the grandkids on a regular basis.



My grandfather was a finish carpenter and the two of us (I watched) duplicated all the wood support structure for a 1930 Model A Ford, which my family restored and I recently gave to my brother in an effort to make more room in my shop for woodworking equipment. I have always had a love for woodworking and started off with a Craftsman table saw. I have since advanced to better (and more) woodworking equipment. I continue to try and improve my woodworking skills.

I am in the process of redesigning my wood shop (again) and hooking up my dual stage cyclone dust collection system. All my power tools are on wheels, so this makes it relatively easy to change my mind. I have three wood lathes and am probably a better turner than woodworking, but I do hope to change that.

I joined the SJFWA in 2006 and am so appreciative of the willingness of members to share their skills and knowledge. Recently, I have very much enjoyed the talents of Ben Douglas and Roger McCoy and their efforts to share their knowledge through the fine woodworking subgroup.