

Mountain View



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Moose River. Photo June Hammond Rowan

How does Cold Brook Influence the Moose River?

By June Hammond Rowan, Associate Director, Center for the Environment, Plymouth State University

The Moose River is a prominent feature in Randolph. From its starting point above Rollo Fall, it winds through the Randolph Valley on its way to Gorham where it joins the Androscoggin River. Along the way, numerous streams and land uses influence the river. The Ravine House Pool is created by a dam on the Moose River and provides a popular, yet cold, swimming spot where so many of us go to cool off on a hot day after a long hike. But how is the water quality in the Moose River? And why is Ravine House Pool so cold?

To help answer these questions, sensors were installed at two sites in the Moose River from the summer of 2012 through the spring of 2015. The sensors recorded temperature, electrical conductivity (an indicator of water quality), and stage (or river height), every 5 minutes during the summer months and every 15 minutes during the winter. The Moose River sensors were part of a larger statewide research project funded by the National Science Foundation and coordinated by Mark Green, a hydrologist at Plymouth State University's Center for the Environment. The overall project involved a broad network of over 100 sensors across New Hampshire to improve our understanding of New Hampshire's water resources.

Over the past three years, I maintained the sensors and regularly downloaded data from the devices. I have been curious about how a stream like Cold Brook, which flows through a mostly undeveloped mountainous watershed, can impact a river in the valley. To help understand the impacts of Cold Brook on the Moose River, the sensors were installed just upstream and downstream of the confluence of Cold Brook and the Moose River. By comparing the data, we can learn more about the influences of the mountain stream. Water samples from the Moose River and Cold Brook were also collected during the summer of 2013 and 2014. These samples were analyzed in a laboratory to provide additional water quality information and analysis of water isotopes to help determine the source of the water in Cold Brook.

Overall, the results are consistent with what we would expect. Based on the whole record, the Moose River is 18% warmer and 39% higher in specific electrical conductance above Cold Brook than below Cold Brook. This suggests that Cold Brook is a major source of fresh, cold water to the Moose River. The chemistry of the water samples from Moose River indicate that the river is healthy and has better water quality than most of the other project sites tested in New Hampshire. The primary concern for water quality in the Moose River appears to be the impact from road salt. The overall specific electrical conductance of the Moose River is lower below the confluence of the Cold Brook. Electrical conductivity is impacted by the dissolved ions. Sodium and chloride, ingredients in road salt, will raise the conductivity in surface water. Although Route 2 crosses Cold Brook where it likely picks up road salt, the undeveloped Cold Brook watershed around King Ravine contributes clean water to the Moose River and lowers the conductivity of the Moose River. In fact, Cold Brook is causing more dilution of salt than it is lowering the water temperature. Water chemistry analysis of the Moose River samples in 2013 and 2014 indicate that it is Sodium and Chloride, the two main elements in road salt, which are being diluted ...

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Community Calendar
 (NOTE: For recurring meeting schedules see "Town Directory" on the left)

- September**
 2 First day of school
 7 Labor Day
 26 Arnold Party & Square Dance
- October**
 9 No School/In-service Day
 12 Columbus Day/No School
- November**
 11 Veteran's Day/No School

Town Directory

- AMBULANCE 911**
- BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT** (Chair, Paul Cormier) 466-5841
 Meets 7 PM the 3rd Thursday of the month at Town Hall.
- BOARD OF SELECTMEN** (Chair, Ted Wier) 466-3970
 Administrative Assistant, Linda Dupont; Treasurer Angela Brown
 Meets 7 p.m. 2nd & 4th Monday at Town Hall 466-5771
- BUILDING PERMITS.** See Board of Selectmen
- CEMETERY TRUSTEES** Suzanne Santos, Steve Hartman, & Karen Eitel
- CONSERVATION COMMISSION** (Chair, Bruce Kirmmse) 466-5777
 (Vice-Chair, Jim Hunt) 723-6653
- DOG LICENSES** See Town Clerk. Obtain or renew by the end of April.
- FIRE DEPARTMENT - ALL ALARMS - CALL 911**
 Randolph Chief, Dana Horne
- FOREST FIRE WARDEN** (Jeff Parker) Call for Burning Permits 662-4050
- GRS COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD** Contact SAU 20 Office 466-3632
 Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.
- LIBRARY** Librarian, Beth Dube. 466-5408
 Open Mon.& Wed. 3– 8 pm; Fri.& Sat. 10-noon
 Trustees meet 3rd Wed. of each month at library. (Chair, Nancy Penney)
- LIFELINE** (Heather Wiley) 466-5179
- PLANNING BOARD** (Chair, John Scarinza) 466-5775
 Meets 7 p.m. at the Town Hall on the first Thursday of the month.
- POLICE** (Randolph Chief, Alan Lowe) 466-3950
- RANDOLPH CHURCH** (Moderator, Beverly Weatherly)
 Sunday morning services July & August (10:30 a.m.).
- RANDOLPH COMMUNITY FOREST COMMISSION** (chair, John Scarinza) 466-5775
 Meets at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall on the 1st Wednesday
- RANDOLPH FOUNDATION** (President, Barbara Arnold) 466-2438
- RANDOLPH LIFE SQUAD — Call 911 in an emergency**
 Co-Directors Bill & Barbara Arnold 466-2438
- RANDOLPH MOUNTAIN CLUB** (President, Jamie Horton)
- ROAD AGENT** (Kevin Rousseau) 466-5185
- SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**
 Denise Demers, Michael Sewick & Angela Chakalis-Pfeffer
- TAX COLLECTOR** (Anne Kenison) by appointment; call the Town Hall 466-5771
- TOWN CLERK** (Anne Kenison) 466-2606
 Town Hall hours: Mondays 9 - 11 a.m. ; Wednesdays 7 - 9 p.m.
- TOWN HALL** Monday– Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon. 466-5771
- TRASH COLLECTION** Must be at roadside by 7 a.m.
 Trash - every Tuesday; Recycling, sorted & bagged - 1st Saturday of each month.
- TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND** Judy Kenison, Michael Sewick, M. Lark Andreas

Real Estate Transactions

- Lydia Goetze to Caroline Gerard
 72 Randolph Hill Road
- Mary Gail Scott Trust to Susan Ferre
 and Kenneth Lang
 162 Randolph Hill Road

Building Permits

Randolph property owners are responsible for ensuring that they or their builders receive any necessary permits before beginning any construction. Building permits must be approved by the Selectmen. The Selectmen need time to review all permits, so please remember to submit them early enough to allow that process.

Date	Names	Map	Lot
08-15	Rousseau	R15	28
09-15	Arnold	U1	3
10-15	Malick	R11	35
11-15	Bradley	R12	8
12-15	Robinson	U10	7



Lady Jane of Nekal Lane
 "Study of a Caterpillar"
 D. Aube Photo

Mary Minifie: Portrait and Still Life



D. Aube Photo

Members of the Thursday morning art group were privileged and elated with the opportunity to visit the spacious art studio of award-winning portrait painter Mary Minifie. The studio is located in an old converted Manchester mill on South Commercial St., where Paul Ingbretson, modern master of the Boston School tradition, runs The Ingbretson Studio of Drawing and Painting. Mary also teaches here.

Mary's expansive studio is filled with still life set ups, books, garments for portraits and specially filtered light, as well as samples of her impressive canvases. The group expressed amazement and delight as she freely shared her techniques, including the ways in which she uses light to enhance facial features.

The group was also treated with a tour of a large part of the Ingbretson Studio of Drawing and Painting. The old mill building has twenty-three large north light windows, large two person studios, an impressive figure studio, a lounge and a kitchen. Literally hundreds of paintings, sculptures and drawings left the group "enthralled".

Mary's work has received numerous awards in prestigious shows and is displayed in many public and private collections. She was educated at Wellesley College and earned an M.F.A. from Boston University School of Fine Arts. She has lived and worked abroad in Cairo, Egypt, Oxford, England, and Vienna, Austria, exhibiting widely. In 1985, she began her study of portraiture and the figure with acclaimed still life and portrait painter, Paul Ingbretson.

Mary's brochure features her first prize for painting in the Catherine Lorillard Wolfe Foundation Show, National Arts Club, New York, 1998 Woman with Pearls.

"I have always been fascinated by faces and when I meet people I am immediately interested in how the colors, the curves, the shapes, and features become clues to who they are."

Equally fascinating, she suggests, is the sense of spirit and character that emerges as each encounter reveals more clues and deepens my understanding.

"A good portrait doesn't simply capture the surface details of the subject. Instead it uses the elements that make up the outer appearance to reveal the character and spirit of the person underneath. I don't stop working until the surface forms and the inner spirit are both captured, and a living person emerges."

Mary shares time at the Minifie family cottage on the top of Randolph Hill Road. Visit her website at www.maryminifie.com and we suggest, you too will be amazed that such talent resides within our midst.



Val Bailey photo,

Faith in Process Paying Off: New Hampshire's Spill Response Plan, After Four Meetings

By Jim Hunt

Editor's Note: Randolph Conservation Commission member Jim Hunt has regularly attended the public meetings of the committee mandated by Governor Maggie Hassan to tailor the spill response plan for New Hampshire. Committee members began meeting monthly in April of this year. The following is an update from Hunt after the fourth meeting, which occurred in July.

When one becomes both witness and participant in a mandated process understandably rife with critics, sometimes one sees good things happening. The committee formed because Gov. Hassan's action to determine the means by which the release of toxic, hazardous substances into the environment is controlled and contained already has proven constructive and positive.

To date, the spill response group has met in key New Hampshire towns directly affected by Portland Pipeline Corporation's pipeline running from Portland, Maine to Montreal, including Randolph, Jefferson, Gorham, and Lancaster. Shelburne will host the next meeting.

At the Lancaster meeting, representatives from the State's Department of Environmental Services, the Portland Pipe Line Corporation, the State's Audubon Society, and the National Wildlife Federation were in attendance. Also in attendance was Gorham Fire Chief Rick Eichler (fire chiefs customarily assume leadership of local first responders).

At the conclusion of the Lancaster meeting, the committee had addressed 17 of the 31 focus items it deemed necessary to complete the spill response plan.

Discussion of Focus Item #4 offers a good example of the how the process as a whole is proving positive and effective. It mandates that the committee "clarify (change/improve) worst case discharge amounts" and references 194.105 of Part 194 of Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration Regulations.

If a rupture were to occur in Randolph, for instance, the two worst case seasons for discharge would most likely be spring runoff and midwinter at 20 below zero (with winds howling and a thick layer of ice coating all of our waterways). In the winter season alone, who would know of the rupture? How would they find out? What would the response time be? Do the responders have expertise, equipment, organization, and practice to tackle scenarios in either of these volatile seasons?

These are the kind of concrete concerns that the spill response group is addressing at each meeting.

Regarding the issue of the Alberta tar sands bitumen, one of our earliest group decisions was to take it off the table and to consider only items of immediate interest and local concern, which is not to say that the issue is off the table for good.

After the committee's initial (approximately year-long) work, a draft proposal will be submitted to the legal branch of the Department of Environmental Services. The document will then be returned to the workgroup to review legal-approved rules prior to them being made public.

In the end, my somewhat jaundiced view of government processes has altered by what I have witnessed thus far in this committee's work. Witnessing the spill response group's representatives from distinct and disparate groups and agencies collectively move toward a viable, comprehensive, state-specific spill response plan helps restore my faith in the democratic process.

RANDOLPH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Randolph Conservation Commission is required by NH law to periodically update its Natural Resources Inventory. One means of obtaining the information we need is to question as many residents of our community as possible to delineate the primary resources which make Randolph unique, special, worth saving, etc. There are many categories of resources, some of which might include the following: land in conservation and current use, surface waters, wetlands, floodplains, groundwater, agriculture, forest, wildlife and native plant, scenic, outdoor recreation, cultural and historic, air quality, peace and quiet, dark skies, etc.

This information is useful to initiate and support land protection efforts, identify and protect habitat, provide a basis for land use efforts, screen development proposals, etc.

Should you feel so inclined, would you please help us by sending a few examples of what you think make Randolph unique, special, worth saving, etc? Either e-mail Jim Hunt at jimhunt66@gmail.com or send a note to Jim Hunt, 215 Randolph Hill Road, Randolph, NH 03593. Thank you.

Cold Brook... by Cold Brook by as much as 80%. Other mineral elements not associated with road salt, such as potassium or magnesium, remain at similar concentrations in the Moose River above and below Cold Brook.

The depression of water temperature in the Moose River downstream of Cold Brook can reach as much as 10 degrees F, and this cooling is seen mostly in the summer. Water samples from the Moose River and Cold Brook were analyzed in the lab at Plymouth State University for stable water isotopes. Different water sources have different isotopic signatures, so isotopic analysis can be used to determine the source of water. Compared to other rivers in New Hampshire, overall the Moose River has a strong snow signature, indicating that snow melt is a major water source for the river. Beginning in June, downstream of Cold Brook snow melt water in the Moose River is more evident than upstream of Cold Brook and the trend continues in July indicating that even in the middle of the summer, the

ice and snow melt in King Ravine contributes water to Cold Brook making the Ravine House Pool so cold. It also indicates that the large amount of snowmelt produced at the high-elevations of Cold Brook in King Ravine not only cools the Moose River, but is also the reason for the dilution of road salt in the Moose River.

While the project has come to an end, the results have helped to confirm that overall the Moose River in Randolph is healthy and it is colder below the confluence with Cold Brook. But impacts from road salt near the river need to be considered as possible threats to the water quality, and over time, these land uses may change the Moose River.

Thank you to Edie Tucker, Stanley Cutter, and Dwight and Lauren Bradley for allowing access to the Moose River; Dyk Eusden for assisting with collecting water samples; and Mark Green, Errin Volitis, Ashley Hyde from the Center for the Environment at Plymouth State University for assistance with the sensors and data analysis.

2015 Randolph Foundation Annual Meeting

Approximately, 30 people attended the Randolph Foundation Annual meeting on August 14, 2015, at the Randolph Town Hall. During the business meeting, President Barbara Arnold remembered Gail Scott and her many contributions to the Randolph Foundation and the town. Thanks went out to Rich Wallingford for his service on the board. The current board and officers were introduced: Barbara Arnold, president; Peter Rowan, vice-president; Heather Wiley, secretary; Carol Gagnon, treasurer, Wendy Walsh, Ravine House Pool Committee, chair; Bruce Kirmmse, Ravine House Pool Committee; Laura Brocket, grants committee; Ben Phinney, Finance Committee. Sue Temme was welcomed as a new Board member.

The short business meeting reviewed committee reports. Questions from the audience were fielded by the various committee chairpersons. It was pointed out that while last year was billed as the 49th Annual Meeting, the Foundation actually came into existence in 1962, making this its 53rd year. At any rate, the refreshments reflected celebration with cake, cookies, cheese, veggies and crackers along with wine and juice.

Barbara then introduced Jon Sisson, a soil scientist and longtime Randolph supporter. He and his family have been coming to Randolph since 1964, staying at the family's cottage on Randolph Hill. Jon offered to assist with obtaining the permits needed to restore the Ravine House Pool back to the swimming area that many residents fondly remember. He presented the result of his survey and offered suggestions on how to go ahead with the project. One of his proposed suggestions involves moving the deeper area of the pool just south of the 1996 dredging site. This would not affect the natural flow of the stream as much, thereby reducing the need for building an alternative flow route during dredging. It would also minimize the likelihood of the new site being filled in as quickly. There were concerns about mitigating the sand wash into the stream but Jon felt it was possible to maintain an area of sand for a beach, while protecting the stream from a sand wash. Ken Lee proposed that members request that the selectmen adopt Jon's plan. Those present were in favor. Selectman Ted Wier, who was in attendance, agreed to invite Jon to the meeting on the date the plan will be discussed. Jon felt it will take into November to get the necessary permits from the state, so dredging will not be done until next spring when the water flow is at its lowest point after spring run-off. A member in attendance suggested the Town Selectmen and the Foundation Committee connect once the permit is filed to develop a proposal, put it out for bids pending permit approval, and have a deadline of early-December in order to commence bidding. Members present approved and Ted agreed to discuss it with the other selectmen. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.



Jon Sisson Edith Tucker Photos

Woodspring stock—2015



Jenn Barton Photo

Woodspring Stock 2015 was a tremendous success. We missed a few people, I think because of fear of being microwaved by the sun, which was not as bad as anticipated. Many folks donated shelters which really helped. Anne Kennison, Ray and Dede Aube, the Kelly's to name a few. Many brought their own. Some just artfully hid in the shadows. Our Headliner band was the Press Gang from the Portland area, featuring world class Irish Button accordion player Junior Stevens from Freeport Maine. This event is truly a community event, and would not be possible without everyone's help. The Randolph Foundation is a huge contributor, and this just would not be a remote possibility without their help. Judy Owen loaned us her fine piano for the day. Dwight and Lauren Bradley have continued to graciously store the Woodspring stock stage and paraphilia in their barn without complaint, a job that was passed on to them from when Edie Tucker stored it. The RMC Trail Crew helps lug the stage into position each year. (We could not do this alone). Mark and Katie Kelly offered their Barn as an alternative location if the day were to be a wash out. And I know there were a lot of photographers out there archiving the event. The Fireside Fiddler's donated their talents and energy, as well as Points North. Roland Cotnoir, has traditionally refused any monetary compensation for the sound system. This year because of your contributions we were able to update some badly needed sound equipment. I want to thank everyone for coming. Michele and I truly enjoy hosting this event. We enjoy seeing you all, and hope you enjoy this event as much as we do. Thank you all. This is a great and unique community to live in!

Paul & Michele Cormier



Barb Phinney Photo

Beware of Scams From the Office of the Selectmen

The US Postal Service in Gorham, serves to remind us that we can be a targets for mail fraud. When reviewing daily mail, make sure the bills you are paying are for services you have contracted. Scammers are clever and go to extraordinary lengths to make billings look official. Know who is providing your electric, telephone or cable, and pay only the bill from and to that company.

The number of scams is growing all the time and scammers present themselves in a wide range of formats. Online scams and phone scams are among the different types of scams that people come across every day. Be Vigilant.

Here are some signs that should set alarm bells ringing. Be wary if:

- Something sounds too good to be true
- You are asked to give out personal or bank account information
- You are not given long enough to make a decision or if you feel pressured into making one immediately
- You are contacted unexpectedly by a company or person you have never heard of through post, email, phone, text or on the doorstep
- You are asked to pay anything up-front
- The only contact details are a mobile phone number and a PO Box address

Report any activity that is not yours or looks questionable to Chief Alan Lowe and/or the Gorham Post Master.

Logging on the Hill: A substantial clearing on Randolph Hill Road this summer had residents discussing past photos that showed the whole "Hill" open and clear of trees. Photo Jen Scarinza



ONE USE FOR HOARDING

Everyone knows the down side of hoarding. Books are filled with uncountable tales of folks who seem unable to help themselves. Television programs chronicle examples of any number of poor folks who collect a wide variety of what most of us consider bizarre items. Hoarders are even targeted by the psychotherapy industry and for a handsome fee are now able to have their demons expunged.

Years ago, I was charged with emptying an elderly gentleman's home. His wife had died decades earlier. She had saved ten thousand empty oatmeal boxes and he had kept them all in her memory.

You too may be a hoarder and not even be aware of it. You may become aware when a spouse or another well meaning adult brings it to your attention or when you move to another abode. This is especially so if your new home is significantly smaller than the one you are exiting. Both are presently happening to me and my wife.

Our situation is exacerbated by the reality we have owned both properties for decades and both are filled to capacity! We are downsizing at a precipitous rate.

Cheesiest Scalloped Potatoes

Make a basic white sauce

Melt 3 Tablespoons of butter in a heavy bottomed pan.

Add 6 Tablespoons of flour and cook for a while to make a roux. Do not let the roux brown.

Add three cups of half and half or light cream.

Cook over medium heat until thickened.

Cut eight ounces of Velveeta Cheese* and whatever cheeses you have that fit my description into smaller pieces and add to the sauce. Cheddar, Swiss, provolone, asiago, parmesan remains are all fine. Add some good quality soy sauce and Franks Hot Sauce to taste. Keep warm someplace.

Sauté a large diced onion in a bit of oil until limp but not browned and add to the sauce.

Peel and thinly slice 5 large potatoes. (California long whites or Russet Potatoes.) A mandolin works best but a steady hand and a sharp knife will do.

Place potatoes in a pot of boiling salted water. Bring back to a simmer and cook 2 minutes. Drain potatoes in colander.

To Finish:

Cover bottom of 1 or 2 casserole pans (enameled steel works best but Pyrex pans are fine) with a thick coating of sauce.

Cover sauce with potatoes. Cover potatoes with sauce.

Cover sauce with grated cheese or sauces of American or Cheddar cheeses.

Cook in a 350 degree oven for one hour or until bubbly and browned.

* James Beard insisted that the best remark he could make about Velveeta Cheese was that it was nonpoisonous. But it is essential to this recipe.

PS. If you get into a jam, call me at 401-714-5466.

By Pat Archambault

Be aware that your children are not the least bit interested in your brown furniture, unless of course, it was crafted in Boston, Philadelphia or Newport in the eighteenth century. They are really only interested in "things" they are able to store on their computers.

With all the down sides, what could possibly be worth hoarding? My long suffering wife, Laurie, has been summering in Randolph since Dwight Eisenhower was president and we have owned a cottage on High Acres Road since 1986. Over that time we have hosted innumerable Randolphians for dinner parties. Many of these dinner parties have included a potato dish which is significantly better because of my passion to hoard small pieces of high quality cheese. It is not beyond the pale that your refrigerator is presently home to remnants of cheeses which are past their prime. The difference between us is that your propensity is to toss them out and mine is to use them as a key ingredient in the following delicious concoction.



Back to School with the GRS Cooperative School District

This year's first day is September 2nd, due to the late Labor Day Holiday. Students will be returning to their classrooms with their "new" principals well-versed in the day to day operations of the schools.

Ed Fenn Elementary welcomed Chris Blair from Portland, Oregon, as its new principal last year. He and his wife Deidre are also artists—he's a photographer and she's a painter. Their work is displayed in the new WREN Maker Studio on Main Street in Berlin. "Principal Blair" has a public Facebook page where you can enjoy videos and photos of the various activities going on at the school. Significant changes to the elementary school this year are full-day kindergarten and multi-age classrooms.

Gorham Middle & High School welcomed David Backler last year, formerly the principal of Milan Village School. He has embraced technology and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) for students in 6th through 12th grades. The middle/high school has a new STEM curriculum as well as improved technology access for students in grades 6 through 12. Due to a number of retirements and reassignments, new teachers hired this year include 6th grade teacher, middle school science, and middle school social studies, with a middle school teacher moving to the high school level. All schools will be served by our recently hired K-12 music teacher.

Your Randolph School Board representatives are Bill Demers and Angela Brown. School board meetings are held at 6:30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, on a rotating basis between the three towns. The public is invited and encouraged to attend these meetings. A wide variety of information is available regarding the school district. Visit www.sau20.org to find school calendars and events; copies of the prior year's annual report; minutes of prior meetings; agendas for upcoming meetings; policy manuals; parent newsletters; student and parent handbooks; and so much more. Both schools and even some departments have a Facebook presence as well. If you don't have access to the internet at home, your local public library or your grandchild's smart phone can help you find everything you could ever want to know. Check it out!

Angela Brown



Blake and Austin Scarinza, formerly of Randolph and now of Bow, visited Uncle John and Aunt Jenn Scarinza this summer and over the course of two different trips, were able to check off three of the 4,000 footers. They have set a goal to hike all 48, and Blake says he wants to hike the Appalachian Trail someday. They are shown here at the top of Mt. Jefferson, their first 4,000 peak and later in the summer climbed Jackson and Pierce.

Photos by Jenn Barton Scarinza.



Where is Izzy? Where is Kai? Can you find them? Left and right,

Photos by Sally Miccuci



Randolph Remembers ...

Ernest Samuel (Sam) Cross III

July 30, 1949 ~ October 15, 2014

Sam Cross, 65, died peacefully at Alexander Cohen Hospice House in Hughson, CA after a year-long struggle with cancer. He is survived by his loving wife of 36 years, Cyndy, and his sister Susie Sellers (Duncan) of Colorado Springs CO, Uncle Hershner Cross (Jackie) of Hanover, N.H., brother-in-law Steve (Glenda) Flentje of Fullerton CA, and mother-in-law Bev Flentje of Payson AZ.



Sam was born in Baltimore MD, attended and graduated from Gilman School in Baltimore. He spent his summers in Randolph, New Hampshire where he learned to fly fish, was a Junior Maine Guide and a Randolph Mountain Trail Crew member.

Sam received his Bachelors of Science Degree from the University of Baltimore in 1973 and his MBA from USC in 1974.

Sam had a lifelong love of organized sports starting with his football career at Gilman and University of Baltimore and his lacrosse career at Gilman and USC.

He loved to watch and read about his Beltway teams including: Baltimore Orioles, Baltimore Ravens, Baltimore/Indianapolis Colts, Washington Nationals and Washington Capitals. Only the Phoenix Suns at the professional level and USC at the college level were teams outside the Baltimore/Washington area that he loved.

He also found great pleasure in fly fishing, especially in Gaspé Bay, Quebec, the White Mountains of New Hampshire and the White Mountains of Arizona.

In 1976 he moved to Phoenix where he met and married Cyndy in 1978. His entire career was in the transportation industry, first with Greyhound Corporation and Gates Lear Jet in Arizona, and 25 years in California Trucking, 1989 – 2014, first with Condor Freight Lines and later with Rocha Transportation. His love of transportation and vehicles included high performance luxury cars. Sam considered his Uncle Hersh to be great mentor to him in his career.

Sam loved being a teacher and he used these skills in trucking safety and maintenance management, football officiating, and sharing his faith in Jesus. He started officiating football in 1978 until he retired in December 2013 to stay involved in the sport he loved and to share that passion with other officials and football players.

Sam helped lead his trucking firms to be awarded numerous safety and maintenance management awards. Sam also received the Silver Spark Plug award from the American Trucking Association for Trucking Maintenance.

Sam always made others feel as if they were his best friend, and loved being the life of the party and making people laugh. He loved to Live Life Large.

A memorial was held for Sam at New Life Christian Center in Turlock, CA. on 10/31/14. His burial was held in the Durand Road Randolph Cemetery on 8/25/15.

Anyone wishing to make a memorial contribution in Sam's name should donate it to the Randolph Foundation.