

Welcoming **Dave Graybill** To The **Nickel Ads** *Classifieds* The Fishin' Magician



popped off the rigger and before we knew it had taken about 50 yards of line off the reel. Then it turned and ran back toward us. Dan started cranking as fast as he could and somehow caught up with the fish. I couldn't believe the speed and power of this fish. When we got it in the net and weighed it, it tipped the scale at 38 pounds! It was sleek and bright. I hope to hook one like this myself this year.

Again, fishing with Magnuson at White Bluffs his buddy Dan Redifer from Yakima hooked a fish I will never forget. It took off down stream about 40 yards and then came up to the surface. It ran in an arc on the surface all the way back up stream, crossed behind the boat, then came toward us and passed right behind the outboard motor and zoomed down stream again. It was an amazing sight, and one that I captured on video. I hope you caught the show last month. If not you can bet it will be shown again.

These are just a couple of my experiences with the exciting days I have had fishing these great fall salmon locations. I hope to get some more material this year. I am traveling down to the Columbia River Gorge for a couple of days, and then I am going to fish off the Oregon Coast. When I get back you can bet I am going to be making plans to get down river and see if I can tangle with some big fall kings.

I'll be cutting my travels short as The Wenatchee River Salmon Festival is coming up on the weekend. I want to get back in time to help get things

set up, and as you know this event is by far my favorite each year. It has everything I like about an outdoor, educational festival. Lots of great things to see and do for families that attend. I think I could just walk around and watch the kids all weekend. They are having a blast.

I will be there with my Jet Craft boat from Bob Feil Boats and Motors, answering questions and listening to fishing stories. I love it. I should mention that I am being honored this year, being named the Volunteer of the Year. The core team surprised me with the announcement at one of our planning meetings and it floored me. They couldn't believe that something actually made me speechless! I am very honored believe me.

I will remind you all once again that Salmon Fest will begin on Saturday, September 22nd, with the gates at the National Fish Hatchery in Leavenworth opening at 10 a.m. The festival continues the following day with the same hours. Get there early. You'll be amazed at how much there is to see and do. There will be more food vendors than ever before this year, too, so bring your appetite. Be sure to visit the new Long House in the Native American Village.

While I am away I will be learning some new fishing techniques and seeing some new products. I will be sharing what I learn when I return, so stay tuned!

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