

Andy has been on sabbatical, hosted by the U.S. Forest Service in Oxford, Mississippi, working on stoneflies, mussels and stream fishes. He has collected stoneflies at 38 sites in two forested catchments near Hot Springs, Arkansas, in the Ouachita Mountains. The project concerns monitoring the effects of experimental and industrial timber harvest on regional streams. He says the project is going well and he is gaining appreciation for seasonally dry streams. The ecological generalizations of Poulton & Stewart (1991) seem to be standing up pretty well. He will return to Montana in early August, 2001 to pursue other stonefly projects and publish his work with Dick Baumann on biogeography of Great Basin Plecoptera.

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REPORT ON RECENT ACTIVITIES OF NOEL HYNES

Editors note: The following is response to my inquiry to Noel Hynes about his activities over the past year.

Thank you for the inquiry, and for your appreciation of my chapter in the Eastern North American stonefly book. It is good to see that appearing now.

The short answer to your query is that I am getting older and less active, but I have had a good year. I am no longer able to scramble about on stream banks, but I do get around a bit. A few weeks ago I was at Tulum in Mexico with my daughter and her husband, walking around the ruins that spooked the Conquistadores and snorkelling in the Caribbean, and I have recently returned from California, where I was invited by Ken Cummins to talk to his students at Humboldt University. It was a joy being back in a classroom with a bunch of good grad students, and I was able to spend a day or two with my grandson who is now an architect in San Francisco. It was the first long journey I have done alone since Mary died, and it did me a power of good.

I have little to report on accomplishments, but I did complete a 200 page autobiography, which has now been published in Holland by Backhuys. But that was only a couple of weeks ago so I have not yet seen it. There is also talk of another publisher's wishing to reissue my Ecology of Running Waters, which still seems to be in much demand despite being very out of date. Otherwise I continue to be around, contributing very little to the world and being well looked after by friends, particularly my neighbour Karin Barton (Davis' wife) who is like a daughter to me.

I look forward to Perla 19 and the new edition of the nymph book, but I doubt I shall make it to the Italian meeting, although I may get to Schlitz later in the year. I have friends in Freiburg whom I would like to visit before I am too old to do so. I do not possess the remarkable toughness of Bill Ricker!