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**Who?:** The Tulare Lake Yacht Club and the Mima Madness Support Group

**What?:** are pleased to announce that the 2018 Full Tilt Hogwallow Powermosey will transpire

**When?:** the weekend of 20-22 April

**Where?:** Flying M Ranches, north of Planada, California

**Why?:** Why not?

**How?:** Join several dozen vernal pool enthusiasts for three days of park-and-dump camping in the midst of the largest, least-disturbed, densest patch of vernal pools and related habitats left in the Great Valley (on the planet?). This is one of Mother Earth's Special Places, and we enjoy the privilege of convening an annual cabal of vernal pool glitterati to celebrate, contemplate, and communicate all the disparate wonders that the habitat affords. Walk for hours through the flowers, and never find a fence. Bring your own everything (including instruments), and haul away your mess. Originally a gathering of botanists, we have expanded our horizons to include wildlifers, archeologists, soil/geomorph types, professors emeritus, grad student wannabes, amateur naturalists, babies in diapers, and grandmas that fuss after the urchins while Mom and Dad stretch their legs. We are among peers. There are no dumb questions. Everyone has something to add. Nobody bites.

The agenda is intentionally sparse: a round for John Friday at 5 atop Haystack, and pot luck dinner Saturday night. Brother Al and his River Kitchen will be performing his Sumptuous Hogwallow Stew; you are welcome to use the kitchen for any final assembly your contribution may require. We also will rent chemical toilets and will solicit contributions to defray these and some other expenses. Our hosts ask that we each sign a liability release, so expect me to come around with my clipboard.

Each year we like to try something a little different. This year, join us for Botany Sox Derby during Saturday evening cocktails. This is a no-pressure game wherein we pick the day's stickers from our sox and try to identify all the propagules. Prizes of dubious value for the most species-rich and species-poor sock. Sound like something you could do? Call Bob Holland or Ginny Dains 530 888 9180 to RSVP. We will answer any questions including how to get there.

