

The Fly Line - Extra

Monthly Newsletter Supplemental of the North Louisiana Fly Fishers

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Lots of things happening this month. Monthly meeting is May 14 and will feature a program by a well-known fly fisher to our club. Glen "Catch" Cormier, with assistance from Larry Offner, will present "Fishing for Crappie and Bream with a Fly Rod" and "The Magnificent 7 Flies". You are almost guaranteed to learn a thing or two. Program starts at 6:45pm.

During the 6:00pm social hour, Don Lawler will tie a special fly. If you know Don, this should pique your interest! Casting practice will also take place out on the Refuge lawn.

The 2019 NLFF Master Series is fast approaching and will be here before you know it. Get your tickets now before it is too late. Tickets are \$40.00. Please support our program to be able to bring well-known people who are tops at what they do to our region. This is a service that the NLFF provides to our area. This is NOT a fundraising event. Again, it is a **service** that we willing bring to this region. Our goal is to provide this wonderful service while keeping cost down. We are happy to break even on this endeavor. Purchase your tickets to ensure we will continue to bring you this event every year.

The raffle for a TFO Bug Launcher Rod Combo Kit is even closer. It will be raffled off during our June meeting so you don't have much time to get your tickets and support your club. Remember, other than our fundraising banquet, we have a limited number of fundraising opportunities each year. The Bug Launcher kit includes an NXT II reel rigged with matching weight forward floating line, leader, and backing, all packed



neatly in a rod sleeve AND a rod and reel carrying case. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20.

Also, if you missed last year's Flies and Fleas



outing, there may still be time to reserve an area hotel/motel room or a spot in the campground. This year's event will be held the weekend of June 1st. The actual spot that you get at the State Park won't matter as we have reserved waterfront spots for beaching or anchoring your boats. This event is open to everyone. Fishing and shopping is the order of the day! A great family outing. Some will fish. Some will shop the First Mondays Trade Days in Canton. Some will do both. All will have a great time. There will be a hotdog/hamburger supper for everyone Saturday night. Bring a side and your own drinks. Book early as the Canton hotels and the State Park book up early. **NO TEXAS FISHING LICENSE IS REQUIRED!** Great for Louisiana folks. The members that attended last year had a blast. We moved this back a little this year and I suspect that the fishing will be much better than last year. There are large bream in this lake and this would be a perfect opportunity to put into use what you learn at this month's meeting.

It all starts at the May 14th meeting at the Red River National Wildlife Refuge. See you there!



2019 NLFF Master Series



**North Louisiana Fly Fishers
7th Annual Masters Series
Proudly Presents:**

Dave Hughes

Dave Hughes is author of more than 20 books about fly fishing for trout. They include *Wet Flies*, *Handbook of Hatches*, *Reading Trout Water*, *Essential Trout Flies*, the classic *Western Hatches* (with Rick Hafele), *American Fly Tying Manual*, *Nymphs for Streams and Stillwaters*, *Trout From Small Streams*, *Pocketguide to Western Hatches* and the massive reference *Trout Flies*.

Dave's articles on fly fishing have appeared in *Field & Stream*, *Outdoor Life*, *Sports Afield*, *Gray's Sporting Journal*, *Fly Fisherman*, *Fly Rod & Reel*, *Northwest Fly Fishing*, and *Fly Tye* magazines. Dave served as editor of *Flyfishing & Tying Journal* for eight years, and is currently a columnist for *American Angler*, and *Flyfishing & Tying Journal*.

Dave was founding president of Oregon Trout in 1983, and was awarded life membership in the Federation of Flyfishers in 1985. He was awarded the Pete Hidy honorary life membership in the Flyfishers Club of Oregon in 1992 for his literary accomplishments. Dave received the prestigious Letcher Lambuth Angler Craftsman Award in 2008 from the Washington Fly Fishing Club. He is a life member of his home club, the Rainland Flycasters in Astoria, Oregon.

Now living in Portland, Oregon, Dave is an accomplished amateur aquatic entomologist. His hobbies include collecting, identifying, and photographing the aquatic insects that are fed upon by trout, as well as tying and fishing the flies that match those insects and fool those trout.



Tickets: \$40 each

***Your Organization can Become
A Sponsor by Purchasing
10 Tickets for Only \$350***

Where and When:

***Red River NWR
150 Eagle Bend Point
Bossier City, LA 71112***

***July 27, 2019
9:00am - 4:00pm***

For More Information:

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Area Guide for ARK-LA-TX Fly Fishers

STATE	PARISH or COUNTY	BODY of WATER	ACCESS & INFO
AR	Lafayette	Lake Erling	5 Mi NW Of Springhill LA. 7100 Acres, Good Bass & Crappie and Outstanding Catfish Populations.
LA	Bienville	Kepler Creek	4 Mi E of Jamestown. 1988 Acres. Launch at Dam off LA 507. Many Stumps. Few Marked Boat Lanes. Clear with White Sandy Bottom. Excellent Bream, Bass, Catfish, Crappie Fishing. Nice Kayak Lake.
LA	Bienville	Mill Creek Reservoir	Just W of Saline, LA. Launch at Dam on Evans Rd/PR 707 off LA 155/LA 9. Deep Water. Few Obstructions. Known for Crappie. Good for Bass and Bream in Spring/Fall.
LA	Bossier	Black Bayou	10 Mi N of Bossier. 700 Acres. Launch by Bridge on Linton Rd. Bass, Bream, Crappie. Lots of Ski Traffic in Summer.
LA	Bossier	Bodcau WMA	North of Haughton, LA Off LA 157. WMA Contains Bodcau Bayou, Bodcau Lake and Many Other Areas. Excellent Bream Fishing With Kayak or Small Boat.
LA	Bossier	Lake Catherine	At the Red River NWR. Launch off Arthur Ray Teague Pkwy. Paddle and Electric Only. Closed During Duck Season and July/August Nesting Season.
LA	Bossier	Cypress Lake	10 Mi N of Bossier. 3000 Acres. Launch at Park. Upper End has Most Fishing Cover and Less Recreational Boats.
LA	Bossier	Ivan Lake	N of Bossier on Ivan Lake Rd off Hwy 160. Launch at Dam. Excellent Fishing From Stocking in 2011-2013.
LA	Bossier	Plain Dealing Lake	2 Mi NE of Plain Dealing on Lake Rd Off LA 3. Excellent Small Craft Lake. Numerous Small Bass and Large Bream.
LA	Caddo	C. Bickham Dickson Park	Entrance at Corner of Bert Kouns & 70th. Paddle & Electric Only. Frequently Closes when Red River Floods.
LA	Caddo	Black Bayou Lake	1 Mi W of Hosston. Launch at Dam Just Off Hwy 2. 4000 Acres. Boat Lane. Stumps, Trees. Excellent Bass & Bream.
LA	Caddo	Caddo Lake	Access in Oil City (West Side) & Uncertain, TX (East Side). Great Bass Fishery in Danger of Giant Salvenia Takeover.
LA	Caddo	Cross Lake	2 Mi W of Shreveport. 8575 Acres. Great Launches at Multiple Parks on South Side. Good Bass by Docks/Piers.
LA	Caddo	Kings Hwy Bayou	Launch Along Kings Hwy. Paddle Craft Only. Little Fishing Pressure. Good Numbers of Bass and Bream.
LA	Caddo	Wallace Lake	14 Mi S of Shreveport Off Wallace Lake Rd. Excellent Crappie Fishing. Some Ares Can Be Vegetation Choked.
LA	Claiborne	Lake Claiborne	5 Mi E of Homer, LA. 6400 Acres. Access at Lake Claiborne SP. Excellent Bass, Bream, Crappie and Some Hybrid Stripers.
LA	Claiborne	Corney Lake	10 Mi NE of Homer, LA. 2300 Acres. Access in Kisatchie Rec Area. Great for Kayak and Small Boat Fishing.

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LA	DeSoto	Sabine River	Boat Launch in Logansport. Launch Kayaks at Most Hwy Crossings. Excellent White Bass Runs Upriver During March Spawn.
LA	Jackson	Caney Creek Reservoir	13 Mi E of Jonesboro, LA. 5032 Acres. Access in Jimmie Davis State Park. Note for Large Bass and Crappie.
LA	Lincoln, Winn, Bienville, Grant, Jackson	Dougemona River	129 Mi River Best Navigated with a Kayak. Excellent Spotted Bass and Bream with Little Fishing Pressure. Access at Hwy Crossings. Area North of Winnfield is Best.
LA	Natchitoches	Black Lake	Just E of Campti, LA. Access at Hwy 9 Bridge. Excellent Bass Lake with Many Specimens in 5-8 lbs Range. Cypress Covered.
LA	Natchitoches	Cane River	38 Mi Oxbow Lake Through Downtown Natchitoches, LA. Numerous Boat Launches. Excellent Bass and Bream Fishing.
LA	Natchitoches	Kisatchie Bayou	Located in Kisatchie Nat Forest S of Natchitoches, LA off Hwy 117. Great Clear Water Stream for Wet Wading in Spring & Summer for Spotted Bass and Sunfish. Rock & Sand Bottom.
LA	Natchitoches	Sibley Lake	1 Mi W of Natchitoches, LA at Hwy 1 & Hwy 6 Intersection. 2003 Acres. Excellent Bass & Bream. Numerous Public Boat Launches.
LA	Ouachita	Bayou Disard	28 Mi Bayou Through Monroe, LA. Divided into 7 Mi sections with Earthen Dams. Numerous Launches. Great Bass & Bream.
LA	Ouachita	Black Bayou Lake	3 Mi N of Monroe, LA. 4522 Acres Part of Black Bayou NWR. Noted for Huge Bream and Redear Sunfish. Good Bass Fishing.
LA	Ouachita	Ouachita River	Forcythe Park in Monroe, LA. Flows South Out of Arkansas. Great White Sand Beaches Upriver From Monroe.
LA	Red River	Grand Bayou Reservoir	2 Mi E of Coushatta, LA. Public Boat Dock at Hwy 784 Bridge. Florida Hybrid Bass. Special Slot Limits. Excellent for Small Boats. Summer Bass Schools Taken on Topwaters Near Channel.
LA	Red River	Red River Pool 5	Numerous Oxbows S of Shreveport Accessible from Launches in Shreveport, Bossier City, & Caspiana. Great Spring Bass Fishing.
LA	Sabine	Toledo Bend	On the Border of Texas and Louisiana. Famous for Bass, Bream, Crappie and Stripers. Many Public Access Points.
LA	Union	Lake D' Arbonne	W & S of Farmerville, LA. 15,250 Acres. Many Public Launches & a SP. Spring White Bass Runs Up the Bayou. Bass & Crappie.
LA	Webster	Caney (Upper & Lower) Lakes	5 Mi N of Minden, LA in Kisatchie National Forest. 350 Acres Total. Good Bass, Bream & Crappie. Upper Lake is Paddlecraft Only. Holds 4 of Top 10 State Bream Records.
LA	Webster	Bayou Dorcheat	2 Mi W of Minden, LA Off Hwy 80 Just N of I-20 Exit 44. Nicely Shaded Spring & Summer Fishing for Bass, Bream & Catfish.
LA	Webster, Bossier, Bienville	Lake Bistineau	S of Minden, LA. 15,500 Acres. Many Launches & SP. Cypress Filled. Excellent Bass, Bream & Crappie. Giant Salvinia Problem.

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LA	Winn	Saline Lake	12 Mi NE of Natchitoches, LA. 8400 Acres. Numerous Public Boat Launches. Excellent Bass, Bream and Crappie Fishing.
TX	Angelina	Kurth Reservoir	6 Mi N of Lufkin, TX Off Hwy 59. 726 Acres. Lake Permit Required. Excellent Bass lake Good Crappie Fishing.
TX	Bowie, Cass	Wright Patman Lake	10 Mi SW of Texarkana, TX. 18,994 Acres. Numerous Public Boat Launches. Big Water/Large Boat Lake. Excellent Catfish, Crappie & White Bass. Good Largemouth Bass.
TX	Camp, Marion, Morris, Upshur	Lake O' the Pines	25 Mi N of Longview, TX. 16,919 acres. Numerous Boat Launches. Big Water Lake. Kayaks Best in Coves. Noted for Largemouth Bass, White Bass and Crappie.
TX	Harrison	Brandy Branch Reservoir	10 Mi SW of Marshall, TX off FM 3251 S of I-20. Concrete Ramp. Power Plant Three Season Lake.
TX	Harrison, Marion	Big Cypress Bayou	From Lake O' the Pines to Caddo Lake. Large Boat Access at Caddo Lake State Park. Kayak/Small Boat Access in Jefferson. Excellent Multi-Species Fishing Up/Down River From Jefferson.
TX	Morris	Little Pine Lake (Daingerfield State Park)	2 Mi E of Daingerfield, TX Off Hwy 49. Paddlecraft Only. 200 Acre Spring-Fed, Clear, Cold Lake. Excellent Chain Pickerel Fishing in Winter.
TX	Nacogdoches	Lake Naconiche	14 Mi NE of Nacogdoches, TX Off US 59. Take FM 2435 W 2 Mi & Turn onto CR 137. Excellent Bream and Bass Fishing.
TX	Panola	Lake Murvaul	15 Mi W of Carthage, TX. 3397 Acres. Public Access at Decker-Hill Park, FM1971 Bridge, Rosie Jones Park & Tinkle Park. FM 1970, FM 1971 & FM 999 are Access Roads. Excellent Catfish.
TX	Rusk	Martin Creek Lake	3 Mi SW of Tatum, TX on CR 2183 off Hwy 43. 4981 Acres. Only Public Launch is at the SP. Power Plant Lake. Good Bass.
TX	Shelby	Lake Pinkston	10 Mi W of Center. 523 Acres. Access at Dam (West) Off CR 1510 & Sandy Creek Park (East) Off CR 1211. Excellent Bass & Bream Fishery.
TX	Shelby	Timpson Reservoir	4 Mi NE of Garrison, TX on FM 2667 off US 59. Boat Launch. 14 to 21 Inch Slot Limit Produces Many Trophy Bass.
TX	Smith	Lake Tyler (East & West)	5 Miles SE of Tyler off Hwy 64. 2 Lakes Joined by a Canal. 2224 Acres. Numerous Public Boat Launches. Host to Many Bass Tournaments. 2-8lb Bass Common. Good Bream and White Bass.
TX	Titus	Welsh Reservoir	10 Mi SE of Mt Pleasant, TX. 1269 Acres. Public Access on FM 1735 N, Turn Right at Boat Ramp Sign. Power Plant Lake.
TX	Upshur	Lake Gilmer	4 Mi W of Gilmer, TX. 1010 Acres. Access at Hwy 852 Bridge. Excellent Bream & Bass in Spring Before Vegetation Thickens.
TX	Wood	Lake Hawkins	4 Mi NW of Hawkins, TX. 633 Acres. Launches on CR3440, CR 3497, FM 14 & FM 2869. Pickerel in Winter. Bass in Spring.

NLFF Calendar



May 14th: NLFF Monthly Club Meeting. Red River National Wildlife Refuge, 150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA. Club business from 6:45 - 7:00pm. Presentation starts promptly at 7:00pm. Social hour starts at 6:00pm and involves fly tying and/or casting depending on weather.

May 16th: NLFF Monthly Fly Tying Session. Bass Pro Shops, 100 Bass Pro Dr., Bossier City, LA at 6:00 - 7:00pm. Fly to be announced at the May 14th regular meeting.

May 28th: NLFF Monthly Board of Directors Meeting. Bass Pro Shops, 100 Bass Pro Dr., Bossier City, LA at 6:00 - 7:00pm. Held in the meeting room on the second floor by the elevator.

May 31st - Jun 2nd: NLFF Flies & Fleas 2019. Purts Creek State Park, 14225 FM 316, Eustace, TX. Open to everyone. Fishing and shopping is the order of the day! A great family outing. Some will fish. Some will shop the First Mondays Trade Days in Canton. Some will do both. All will have a great time. There will be a hotdog/hamburger supper for everyone Saturday night. Bring a side and your own drinks. Book early as the Canton hotels and the State Park book up early. **NO TEXAS FISHING LICENSE IS REQUIRED!** Great for LA folks.

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Jun 20th: NLFF Monthly Fly Tying Session. Bass Pro Shops, 100 Bass Pro Dr., Bossier City, LA at 6:00 - 7:00pm. Mark Trombetta will be tying a popper.

Jun 25th: NLFF Monthly Board of Directors Meeting. Bass Pro Shops, 100 Bass Pro Dr., Bossier City, LA at 6:00 - 7:00pm. Held in the meeting room on the second floor by the elevator.



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INTEREST ARE ALL
WELCOME!

Upcoming Events

May 17th - 18th: RSFF Spring Catch-n-Eat annual marsh fishing trip. Hwy 1 corridor - Galliano to Grand Isle. Friday evening gathering at local restaurant (optional) and Saturday evening gathering for fish/shrimp/veggie fry in Golden Meadow. Must be a member of RSFF or other fly fishing club to participate. For details, go to www.rsff.org

May 25th: Bass on the Fly annual competition. Lake Fork Marina, Alba, TX. Details to come. Think about entering. We would like to field a couple of teams from the NLFF. For more information, go to www.bassonthefly.org

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Jul 12th - 14th: Leeville Fly Fishing Weekend Leeville Fly Fishing Weekend Friday-Sunday, July 12-14, 2019 A great tradition since 1990. Members of fly fishing clubs in Louisiana and Mississippi gather for a weekend of marsh and inshore fishing. Hosted by the Red Stick Fly Fishers club. Saturday evening fish and shrimp fry to be held at Boudreaux's Waterfront Motel in Leeville, featuring fresh-caught fish contributed by attendees. *** Formerly the Grand Isle Fly Fishing Weekend, the venue was changed in 2018 to Leeville, with several other changes.*** Check rsff.org website for details.

Jul 27th: NLFF's Annual Masters Series featuring Oregon Trout's founding President, accomplished author and amateur aquatic entomologist Dave Hughes. Tickets are \$40 and a lite breakfast and hamburger/hotdog lunch will be provided. See www.northlaflyfishers.org for more details.



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Serving the Ark-La-Tex for over 30 years

It is the charge of the North Louisiana Fly Fishers to afford the general public and our members in particular, a better understanding of Fly Fishing, Fly Tying, and Rod Building. We wish to perpetuate the sport as a most pleasurable and exciting fishing method and provide education, instruction and the opportunities for relaxation to the membership.

The North Louisiana Fly Fishers (NLFF) Club serves the Ark-La-Tex area surrounding Shreveport. As the closest cold water fishery, we consider the Little Missouri (Little' Mo) River near Murfreesboro, AR our home waters. We also fish the local rivers and lakes. We even have a growing group of kayak fishermen that, as well as the local rivers and lakes, will fish the gulf coast marshes for some saltwater action!

We meet the second Tuesday of every month at the Red River Wildlife Refuge (150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA). Meeting starts at 7pm but come about 6pm to visit, tie flies and practice casting when the weather permits. See you there!