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It is the charge of the North Louisiana Fly Fishers to afford the general public and its 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.

NORTH LOUISIANA FLY FISHERS founded in 1984

This Month

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone. There are a few things that will happen at our next meeting we need to think about. First we will be voting on two changes to our by-laws. The first will allow us to have more than three board members. The second will allow the general membership to be notified by newsletter, e-mail and or website of the proposed changes to the by-laws at least seven days before the next regular meeting so we can vote on the proposed change at that meeting.

For the next few meetings we also will be having a raffle for some items. We have a rod case and a box of flies this month, tickets will sell for \$1 each or 7 tickets for \$5, or 15 tickets for \$10. It will probably be hard for us to make change so please bring \$1 bills if you only want a few tickets.

Don't forget the workshop at Bass Pro Dec. 19th. Frank will be demonstrating a deer hair Griffith's Gnat. We don't want you to miss this one. See you at the meeting.

Next Meeting:

Dec. 10th at 7:00 PM at Red River National Wildlife Refuge, 150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA.

Speaker: Rob Woodruff, Lake Fork Fishing Guide.

Come early to visit or tie.

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NEW 1-DAY FISHING LICENSE ON SALE FOR NONRESIDENTS

Visitors to the Sooner State who want to enjoy a spur-of-the-moment fishing outing now have a more cost-effective alternative to obtain the necessary license. On Nov. 1, the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation began offering a one-day nonresident fishing license for the first time.

"This new option allows people who are simply visiting for one day to enjoy fishing on Oklahoma's lakes and streams without having to buy the six-day license as they did before," said Michael Chrisman, license section supervisor for the Wildlife Department.

Previously, residents from other states who needed a fishing license in Oklahoma had the choice to buy either a six-day nonresident fishing license for \$35 or an annual nonresident fishing license for \$55. The nonresident one-day license costs \$15.

Beginning Nov. 1, legislation sponsored by state Sen. Josh Brecheen (R-Coalgate) and state Rep. Charles McCall (R-Atoka) created the one-day nonresident fishing license. Senate Bill 780 also increased penalties for the improper disposal of wildlife.

"When someone visiting Oklahoma decides to go fishing for a day, this new license will be a great option in addition to the six-day license that they would have had to buy previously," said Melinda Streich, assistant director of the Wildlife Department. "The one-day license should appeal especially to those people who tend to make last-minute decisions when visiting family or friends for the weekend."

Nonresidents will still be able to buy the six-day and annual fishing licenses, in addition to the new one-day nonresident license.

The one-day license can be purchased ahead of time, and the buyer can choose the day that the license will be valid. These licenses expire at midnight at the end of the day the license is valid. Most fishing and hunting licenses are available for purchase at the Wildlife Department's web site at wildlifedepartment.com or from retail license vendors across the state.

An Oklahoma nonresident fishing license is required for any nonresident who takes, attempts to take or possesses fish or other aquatic-dwelling organisms by any method in Oklahoma. Nonresidents who are 13 and younger are exempt from license requirements. Also exempt are nonresidents 15 and younger who live in Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Texas or Wisconsin.

Also, Oklahoma's reciprocal license agreement with Texas allows anyone 65 or older who is a resident of the Lone Star State to fish in Oklahoma without having to buy a license.

Lower Mountain Fork Report

Hope that everyone had a good Thanksgiving.

Black Friday is best spent on the water so I headed up to the Lower Mountain Fork yesterday...and I'm glad that I did. It was a little cold and crowded at the Evening Hole reach, but the blue winged olives were coming off well...an extended hatch of tiny BWOs (size 22 to 24) around midday brought the fish up for lunch. Before and after that, I found some obliging fish on streamers, too. Even found a brown trout at the end of the day just above the bridge.

Here are a few photos, including my big fish of the day (and probably a personal best from the LMF), which fell for a #20 BWO parachute and put up quite a fight on 6X tippet. Didn't tape him, but that net opening is 18". If you look close, you can see the little BWO in his snout. Not sure what goes through a trout's mind when they are caught, but that one with an olive Deena hanging out of his mouth does not look amused.

Now is a good time to fish the LMF.

Thanks,
Erik



Toledo Bend Rendezvous

It took over five days, but by the Friday after the Toledo Bend Rendezvous, I was getting close to my pre-Rendezvous body weight. People say going on a cruise is like going to the largest all you can eat buffet in the world. Obviously they have never been to the Toledo Bend Rendezvous...There was boudin from South, central and north Louisiana. Texas chili and sausages. Dutch Oven stew and bar-b-q chicken, brisket and endless side dishes and deserts. They call this a fly tying get-together but it should be called a cooking expo.

Oh sure, there was plenty of fly tying...wet flies, dry flies, balsa flies, realistic flies and flies that didn't look like much. If it could be constructed on a hook, someone was doing it at the 2013 Rendezvous. For over 20 years fly tyers have been gathering at this remote location. The astonishing thing is how few people attend this function from our own Club. Don't get me wrong, I don't want to come across as chastising someone for not coming to a fly fishing outing. But I can count the NLFF members that attended this event on one hand, yet over 50 tyers and some of their spouses and kids were in attendance. Many of these people travel over 200 miles to attend this event.

My hunch is that we have a lot of people in North Louisiana that have simply "Lost the thread" on this truly spectacular event. Perhaps you simply don't have it on your calendar. Maybe you don't tie flies or feel you are not a good fly tyer. Maybe you are not familiar with the format of the weekend or for some reason do not feel comfortable to attend.

Allow me to review the format of this marvelous weekend that many who read this newsletter should make a point to attend.

First of all you need not be a fly tyer to attend, but some level of interest in tying is healthy. If you don't like to eat, skip the weekend, you simply would not fit in. A really nice fellow from Lufkin, Walter McClendon has been doing much of the organization of this event. If you are male and want to spend the night at the campground, there is a large group camp available. Many of those that attend stay at the group camp. The cost is about \$20 a night. Shreveport is so close, you can easily drive to the North Toledo Bend State Park in about an hour from Shreveport and just spend a full Saturday at the event. There is a fantastic campground at the park for anyone with a tent or camper. If you attend, it is suggested you bring your favorite dish to eat. The amount of food to bring does not have to be massive, just enough for you and one other family. When you get there, someone will store your food in the kitchen and it will be brought out at meal time (which is almost all the time). If you don't stay at the group camp, any donation you can make to Walter McClendon is appreciated. It costs over \$1,000 to rent the tying cabin for the weekend.

If you like to tie flies, bring your vise and gear. There are many tables set up in the tying cabin. The weekend I was there, I desired to tie the Peanut Envy. The NLFF had a workshop on this fly, but I was unable to attend. Jamie Franklin set up his vise next to me and I spent all day Saturday just tying that one fly, trying to perfect it with each successive fly. Jamie was a great help. Some that attend do not tie flies at all, but are interested in the subject. They simply pull a chair up to a person tying and visit with them on how to tie and fish a particular pattern. Others smoke a cigar in the giant rocking chairs on the porch of the cabin and strike up conversation with whoever happens to plop down next to them. It is a wonderful laid back weekend.

If you only attend an occasional NLFF meeting, I invite you to become more involved in the club and the sport of fly fishing. By attending an occasional meeting, you are simply scratching the surface of all the opportunities for you related to this enjoyable sport. The Toledo Bend Rendezvous takes place in early November of

each year. If you read your NLFF newsletter and check our web site out from time to time, you will be aware of upcoming events. It is also helpful to check out the web site of other clubs like the Red Stick Fly Fishers (Baton Rouge), East Texas Fly Fishers (Longview), or Cane Country Fly Casters (Natchitoches). They sometimes promote events that we some how miss. If you become aware of an event we don't have on our calendar, let someone on the board know and we will get it on the web site and in the newsletter. FYI, the next bonus event on our calendar (besides our regular club meeting which is always the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Red River Refuge, and the Bass Pro tying workshop which is always the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m.) is the Frozen Chosen. This is our annual trip to the Little Missouri. It has always taken place the last weekend in January. Confirm the date by looking at our web site. Good friends, good food, fishing, and the great outdoors all await you. I hope to see you at the next fly fishing event.

Scott Irwin





NLFF CALANDAR

DEC 10 - OUR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING FOR THE NORTH LOUISIANA FLY FISHERS AT THE RED RIVER [NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE](#) HEADQUARTERS BUILDING. ROB WOODRUFF, LAKE FORK FLY FISHING GUIDE WILL BE PRESENTING ON TARGETING TROPHY BASS WITH THE FLY ROD. ROB HAS CAUGHT MORE 10 LB BASS ON THE FLY THAN ANY OTHER FLY FISHERMAN I KNOW. HE IS A GREAT SPEAKER AND HIS PROGRAMS ARE EXCELLENT.

DEC 19 - [BASS PRO](#) FLY FISHING WORKSHOP. FRANK HARMON WILL BE TEACHING THE GRIF-FITH'S GNAT. THIS VERSATILE DRY FLY IS A GREAT TROUT FLY, AS WELL AS A MUST HAVE FOR THE WARM WATER GUYS. IT IS AN EASY PATTERN TO LEARN SPINNING DEER HAIR.

JAN 14 - OUR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING FOR THE NORTH LOUISIANA FLY FISHERS AT THE RED RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING. JOHN WILLIAMS OF LAFAYETTE PACK AND PADDLE WILL RETURN TO SHREVEPORT WITH A PRESENTATION ON KAYAK FISHING IN THE MARSH. THIS IS A GREAT PREP FOR OUR CLUB OUTING PLANNED FOR APRIL 5 TO FISH THE MARSH NEAR [LAKE CHARLES](#).

JAN 16 - BASS PRO/NLFF WORKSHOP FROM 6:00 TO 7:30 IN THE [WHITE RIVER](#) FLY SHOP IN BASS PRO. ERIK WILL TIE AND TEACH THE SRIMP BUSTER.

JAN 25 - THE ANNUAL CLUB OUTING , "FROZEN CHOSEN" ON THE LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER IN ARKANSAS. SHORE LUNCH WILL BE BURGERS AND DOGS PROVIDED BY THE CLUB WITH EVERYONE ASKED TO BRING A SIDE DISH AND YOUR OWN DRINKS.

JAN 28 - NLFF [EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING](#) 6:00 PM IN THE BASS PRO CONFERENCE ROOM BEHIND THE GUN SECTION IN BASS PRO. ANY MEMBER IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.

FEB 11 - OUR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING FOR THE NORTH LOUISIANA FLY FISHERS AT THE RED RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING. HARRY BOYD, ONE OF THE PREMIER BAMBOO ROD BUILDERS IN THE NATION WILL BE PRESENTING ON THE CHARACTERISTICS OF BAMBOO RODS, HOW TO MAKE AND FISH THEM.

FEB 20 - BASS PRO/NLFF WORKSHOP FROM 6:00 TO 7:30 IN THE WHITE RIVER FLY SHOP IN BASS PRO. BUD BETHEA WILL BE TING LEFTY'S DECIEVER

FEB 25 - NLFF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 6:00 PM IN THE BASS PRO [CONFERENCE ROOM](#) BEHIND THE GUN SECTION IN BASS PRO. ANY MEMBER IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.

MARCH 11 - OUR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING FOR THE NORTH LOUISIANA FLY FISHERS AT THE RED RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING. THIS WILL BE OUR CHILI AND FLIES MEETING THIS YEAR. BRING YOUR CHILI ALREADY MADE, AND JOIN IN THE FUN OF SOME REALLY FUN FLY TYING WITH A TWIST. SCOTT IRWIN ALWAYS HAS A SURPRISE FOR US ON THE FLY TYING CONTEST.

MAR 20 - BASS PRO/NLFF WORKSHOP FROM 6:00 TO 7:30 IN THE WHITE RIVER FLY SHOP IN BASS PRO. ERIK DILTS WILL TEACH A CRAB PATTERN.

MAR 25 - NLFF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 6:00 PM IN THE BASS PRO CONFERENCE ROOM BEHIND THE GUN SECTION IN BASS PRO. ANY MEMBER IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.

APRIL 5 - CLUB OUTING FOR MARSH FISHING IN SOUTH LOUISIANA. THIS WILL BE A SEMI-GUIDED TRIP IN KAYAKS, WITH 2 EXPERIENCED MARSH KAYAK FISHERMEN SHOWING EACH OF 2 GROUPS WHERE AND HOW TO FISH WITHOUT GETTING LOST. THERE WILL BE A FEE FOR THIS TRIP WHICH WILL BE DETERMINED AFTER WE FIND OUT THE FEES FOR THE GUIDES.

APRIL 8 - OUR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING FOR THE NORTH LOUISIANA FLY FISHERS AT THE RED RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING.

APRIL 11 & 12 - CADDO CONCLAVE AT CADDO STATE PARK. DETAILS TO FOLLOW

APRIL 17 - BASS PRO/NLFF WORKSHOP FROM 6:00 TO 7:30 IN THE WHITE RIVER FLY SHOP IN BASS PRO. INSTRUCTOR / PATTERN TBA.

APR 22 - NLFF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 6:00 PM IN THE BASS PRO CONFERENCE ROOM BEHIND THE GUN SECTION IN BASS PRO. ANY MEMBER IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.

MAY 5 - NATCHITOCHES FLY FISHING FAIR HOSTED BY CANE COUNTRY FLY CASTERS ON THE CAMPUS OF NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY IN NATCHITOCHES.

MAY 11 - OUR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING FOR THE NORTH LOUISIANA FLY FISHERS AT THE RED RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING.

MAY 15 - BASS PRO/NLFF WORKSHOP FROM 6:00 TO 7:30 IN THE WHITE RIVER FLY SHOP IN BASS PRO. INSTRUCTOR / PATTERN TBA.

MAY 27 - NLFF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 6:00 PM IN THE BASS PRO CONFERENCE ROOM BEHIND THE GUN SECTION IN BASS PRO. ANY MEMBER IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.

JULY 26 - THE SECOND ANNUAL "MASTERS SERIES" WILL FEATURE A DAY WITH DAVE WHITLOCK. THIS WILL BE AN ALL DAY EVENT WITH ONE OF THE MOST RENOWNED FLY FISHERMEN IN THE WORLD. DETAILS ON COST WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE SPRING. ATTENDANCE WILL BE LIMITED TO 75.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 13th: Pack and Paddle Golden Meadows Mother Ship Kayak Fishing Trip. \$375 per person. Registration required. www.packpaddle.com for details.

Jan. 18th: Red River Rendezvous at Eisenhower State Park, Denison TX. 9:00 AM—4:00 PM. Free event. www.rrff.org for details.

Jan. 24th—26th: NLFF Frozen Chosen at Little Missouri River, Murfreesboro, AR. See the events calendar in this newsletter for details.

Feb. 14th—16th: 10th Annual Little Mo Fly Fishing Festival, Community Center, Murfreesboro, AR. www.littlemissourifyfishing.com/ff-festival.html for details.



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