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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**

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### **This Past Month**

July was a high water mark for the NLFF with our 2nd annual Master Series Clinic. Dave and Emily Whitlock are unbeatable for an event such as this. I can't imagine a more impressive day for a fly fisher person. I'm already looking forward for next year although we will be hard pressed to top this year. Thank everyone involved for this successful effort.

We have gotten several new members recently and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome them to the club. If you can make it, the Lake Charles club is having a fly fishing expo this month. See the article on page 6. Also mark your calendar for Sept. 12th & 13th. The IFFF Gulf Coast Fly Fishing Festival is in Ocean Springs Miss. Hope to see you there.

### **Next Meeting:**

August 12th at 7:PM at the Red River National Wildlife Refuge, 150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA. Guest speaker will be Erik Jackson speaking on the Lower Mountain Fork River. Come early and bring your rod for casting practice.

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# Gulf Coast Council Federation of Fly Fishers



Fly Fishing Festival September 12-13 Ocean Springs, MS  
Ocean Springs Civic Center, 3730 Bienville Blvd

- Cold Water
- Warm Water
- Saltwater

- MCI Casting Clinics
- Fly Tying
- Speakers
- Exhibitors
- Raffles

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## **Introduction to Fly Fishing Classes**

**Casting – Fly Tying – On the Water Skills**

**Saturday, September 13 at the Gulf Coast Fly Fishing Fair  
limited space for these classes – watch our website for details**

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## **Gulf Coast Fly Fishing Fair, Sept. 12/13, 2014 Ocean Springs Civic Center - 3730 Bienville Blvd.**

Sponsored by

**The Gulf Coast Council - International Federation of Fly Fishers**

**FREE ADMISSION - FREE CASTING LESSONS - FREE TYING DEMONSTRATIONS - FREE CLASSES**

**Auctions & Raffles for rods, reels, equipment and artwork with 50% of the proceeds donated to the USM - Gulf Coast Research Lab**

**If you have ever thought about learning to fly fish in Salt Water, Warm Water or Cold Water, or improving your skills, then this is your opportunity to learn from many of the best instructors in the country – FOR FREE!**

**Programs on tarpon, stripers, redfish, speckled trout, how fish see, and much, much more...**



## E-mail forwarded by Tom Bullock

Original Message-----

From: William Welz <wwelztrout@gmail.com>

To: TomB Bullock <twbullock@aol.com>

Sent: Thu, Jul 24, 2014 6:40 am

Subject: Killer wet fly action on the Gunnison

I got a tip that there was good caddis action on the lower gunnison in the evening .The weather was uncertain with thunderstorms in the forecast. I started fishing dry dropper and caught a few fish. On one drift the fly was swinging in the current and I caught a good Rainbow. I figured it was time to switch to wets . The wind was unbelievable but I managed some medium casts.. I got hits right away. Here is the interesting part. I caught fish in three different style drifts. Early in the evening I caught the majority of the fish on the dangle. As the hatch progressed I caught fish leading my flies across the current without any bend or tension loop in my presentation. During the last stage I was successful with across stream short dead drift presentation. I lost count of the number of fish but I know it was well above 30 fish in a couple of hours., In the count were several Rainbows in the 20 inch range and several browns above 18 inches. I got off the river just before dark . There was a crowd of fishermen waiting for me . They all wanted to know how I caught so many fish when they were getting skunked, I gave full credit to you and Davy for getting me going on wet flies and told them to buy Davy,s video.This was fast current wet fly fishing. I was amazed how aggressively the fish attacked my presentations. I used mostly soft hackles but I did manage a few on a hares ear wet fly.

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William Welz

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## **Biggest Day of Fly Fishing in the History of Shreveport/Bossier!**

Wow, what an amazing weekend with Dave Whitlock. I must say, the workshop exceeded my expectations. I have come to realize, that there is always something new in the world of fly fishing. Dave Whitlock, almost 80 years old, was an incredible example of not only how to be a great fly fisherman, but how to enter the later stage of life not only with grace, but with vigor. This man was simply amazing. For example: He wanted to see the boat ramp at the refuge. We drove to the gate at the ramp and found that it was locked. When I told him I would call and have it opened he said "What for? Gates were made for climbing!". He then jumped out of my truck and climbed the 5 foot fence, then took off his shoes and jogged down to the boat ramp 100 yards away.

While I was impressed with his balance standing up in a jon boat to give a casting demonstration, I was equally impressed with the speed in which he threaded a needle with a tippet and with his steady hands when tying flies.

Oh did I mention, I learned some cool stuff. The importance of keeping the rod tip down and lifting the line off the water to cast (Dave never made a false cast), The importance of the knotless leader, and how it can eliminate 75% of the tangles you get when casting. I was amazed with his techniques with sink tip line. This workshop was custom tailored for the lakes and rivers we fish right here in the Ark-la-tex.

It was impressive to see so many of our new members at the workshop. Even more impressive was the number of people that drove over 250 miles to attend the event. Half of the people in attendance were from other cities. I want to thank Tom Bullock who had the vision to bring Dave Whitlock to Shreveport/Bossier. Tom had confidence in our club membership to support this event. I applaud the whole board of the NLFF for having the courage to step out and host such a premier event. These things take money, time, and planning. The board and many members responded in a great way.

It was really enjoyable to visit with the members of other fly clubs that traveled to this workshop. There is an amazing amount of depth and friendship developing with the regional fly clubs. It does not matter if someone is in the Texas Council or Gulf Coast Council...it's just fun to get together. This may lead to more and more diverse fly fishing events within a short drive of our area.

Thanks again to all those who attended the Dave Whitlock workshop...without you, it could never have been the success that resulted. As one of the three tv newsmen that covered the event said, "This is like Michael Jordan putting on a basketball camp in Shreveport/Bossier". Thank you fellow fly fishers for making the event a success!

Scott Irwin



## More Dave Whitlock Day photos



### **10TH ANNUAL CONTRABAND FLY FISHING EXPO**

Saturday August 23rd at Porter Hall, 2250 Prater Rd., in Westlake LA . The Lake Charles club, aka the Contraband Fly Casters, will host their 10th annual fly fishing show. Some of our members will be there to tie flies (and eat lunch). The admission is free and everyone is invited. There will be raffles, demonstrations, and lot of top ranking tiers. It's well worth a trip to lake Charles to be there. Make plans to attend. The expo is held in a large air conditioned facility in a pleasant setting. Plenty of room to practice casting. Hope to see you there.



## How to fish Broken Bow to be topic of August NLFF meeting

Erik Jackson loves the river in Broken Bow Arkansas. This is one of the premier trout streams close to Shreveport/Bossier. Erik is intimately involved with the Lower Mountain Fork Foundation, an organization striving to protect and improve this incredible trout fishers. With I-49 opening up, this trout stream is just a little more than 2 hours away from our area. Come to the August NLFF meeting, visit with old friends, make some new ones, and learn about some great trout fishing in Southeast Oklahoma.



## Beginners Fly Tying Workshop August 21

Fishing is fun, but tying flies comes in as a close second. There is just something about catching fish on a fly you create yourself. Fly tying is practical as well as an art. Many of our fly tying workshops are a bit challenging to beginners. We try to keep them simple, but sometimes they have tricky elements. Plan to make it to the August BEGINNERS fly tying workshop at Bass Pro on August 21 at 6:00 p.m.. Bud Bethea will teach the most important fly everyone should know how to tie, the Woolly Bugger. This fly is by far the most productive fly you will ever use. It is great for bream, bass, as well as trout. If you can tie a Woolly bugger, you can tie many, many different kinds of flies. Bud will go slow and teach beginners each step so that you can master the craft of fly tying. All materials are provided. Bring your vise and tools if you have them. If not, extra tools and vises are available. All that is needed is you!



## NLFF BANQUET

Save the date, Tuesday October 14, 2014, for the annual NLFF fund-raising banquet. Make plans donate your gently used but still useful items that your fellow club members have been coveting. This is your chance to do something good for the club and make room for more gear.



Uncle Larry Offner held us captive at our last meeting, hanging on his stories of fishing, romance, business and his misfortunes, making even those sound like just an unfortunate bump in the road. It must be good to be Uncle Larry. I always come away charged and ready to fish and have a great time. Thanks a lot, Uncle Larry.



Uncle Larry doing what he does best. Talking.



Artwork by Dave Whitlock

Linda and Buzzy enjoying the life of retirees.



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## ***Upcoming Events***

August 23rd: 10th Annual Contraband Fly Fishing Expo in Westlake LA. Free admission. Go to [www.contrabandflycasters.net](http://www.contrabandflycasters.net) for details.

Sept. 12th-13th: Gulf Coast Council IFFF Fair at Ocean Springs Miss. See the flyers on pages 2 and 3 of this newsletter for more details.

Sept. 27th: National Hunt Fish Day Outdoors Festival at Bodcau Dam Recreation Area.

Oct. 2nd—4th: IFFF Southern Council Conclave in Mountain Home Arkansas. For Complete details and information go to [www.southerncounciliff.org](http://www.southerncounciliff.org).



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