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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

Well August has passed by and our busy season is upon us. The GCC has the Gulf Coast Fly Fishing Fair set to kick off Sept. 12th and 13th. I anticipate a fine time for everyone who attends. Details are on page 2 & 3 of this newsletter. Our club banquet is also coming up Oct. 14th. This is the main event of the year for us and we will be discussing it at the meeting next Tuesday. Please plan on participating and bring donations to raffle or auction off. Our club has done some great things for the past several years but we depend on the proceeds raised at the banquet to fund these things. We also have elections coming up so be thinking about who you might want to nominate for officers and board members. See you at the meeting.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, Sept. 9th, at Red River National Wildlife Refuge, 150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA. Starts at 7:00 PM. Come at 6 for casting practice.

Speaker: Ben Dupree. Subject will be Saline Bayou and Black Lake.

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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

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...

Louisiana Hunt Fish Day.

For a great day with the family go to the Bodcau Dam Recreational Area in Bossier Parish on Saturday Sept. 27th. Lots of stuff to do. See notice below.

LA Hunt Fish Day When: Saturday, Sep 27, 2014. Where: Various locations across Louisiana. Description: Louisiana's National Hunting and Fishing Day Outdoors Festival Saturday, September 27, 2014

Locations: Baton Rouge, Bodcau, Monroe, Woodworth Free and open to the public.

NHFD is a national event celebrated by all 50 states on the fourth Saturday in September. It was created in 1972 when Congress passed two bills establishing a specific day to celebrate the conservation contributions of our nation's hunters and anglers. Louisiana's National Hunting Fishing Day Outdoors Festival celebrates hunting, fishing and other outdoors activities with events held across the state.

Activities include fishing, fly casting, fly tying, shooting, canoeing, archery. Visitors can learn about coastal restoration, bird watching, turkey hunting, game tagging, and much more.

FREE admission. Presented by Louisiana Dept of Wildlife and Fisheries and various conservation organizations and agencies.

For more details, check www.state.la.gov/ldwf.us.

Red River National Wildlife Refuge Celebration

The following message was sent out regarding the RRNWR annual celebration. We need volunteers to man a booth for the NLFF. If interested, please let one of the board members know.

Save the Date: Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014

After a year's hiatus due to the Government Shutdown, the annual Red River National Wildlife Refuge Celebration is back and we're celebrating a milestone anniversary: our 10th annual event.

Mark your calendars and plan on spending a great time in the outdoors at the Refuge's Headquarters Unit (150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City). There will be a wide variety of booths and demonstrations, children's and adult activities, an art exhibit, some wild things to view up close and personal, Refuge tours by cart and, as always, the Refuge's lake, trails, exhibit gallery and Nature Store to visit. It's all free (unless you choose to make a purchase from a food vendor or the store).

Bird walks will start at 8 a.m. and the booths will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

The Directors of the Friends of Red River National Wildlife Refuge

P.S. "Like" us on Facebook at Friends of the Red River National Wildlife Refuge and see our website at www.friendsofredriver.com.

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We thoroughly enjoyed our time with the Contraband Fly Fishers where Bud and Don tied along with the best of them. It was a pleasure meeting old friends and making new ones. They had a fine fund-raiser and I was honored to win a complete fly-tying set up built by a wounded warrior in their club and a myriad of fly tying materials contributed by Ron Foreman. I couldn't wait to get home and go through my loot. I had to keep smacking Bud's hand to keep him out of it. I did let him teach me to tie a deer hair mouse before I hid my supplies, though. I must say, it looked pretty good. Thanks for a great time Contraband! We will be back!

Linda Bethea



New fly tying station and materials



Don Lawler and Bud Bethea tying their best at the Contraband fly Fishing Expo in Lake Charles.

Recent Vacation Photos from Erik Dilts

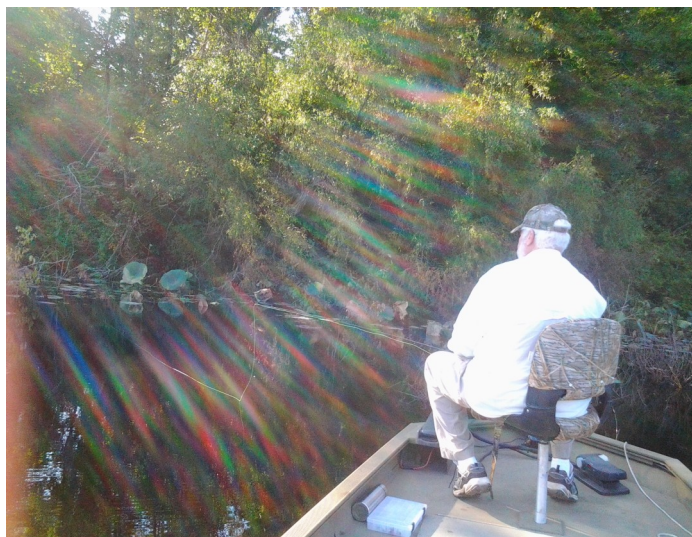


We will expect a full report from Erik at the next meeting. I don't know why he caught the big fish and left the smaller ones for his daughter. Thanks for the pictures Erik.



Stalking the wiley Bluegill on Ivan Lake in Bossier Parish, LA.

Bluegill Heaven



Got the little fat rascal !



He ain't that big but I don't care.

Tom Bullock on the North Platt River.

When he gets home maybe he will take the time to work up a picture presentation and give one of his outstanding lectures on trout fishing.



Sept. 9th North Louisiana Fly Fishers monthly Membership meeting: **Unlocking the Mysteries of Saline Bayou National Wild & Scenic River and Black Lake: By Ben Dupree.**

Don't miss the September 9th North La Fly Fishers meeting. A special speaker has been lined up to provide detailed information on two regional bodies of water that few people in Shreveport/Bossier fish: Saline Bayou and Black Lake located near Campti and Coushatta Louisiana. Ben Dupree grew up on these waterways. He recently authored a book: A Dying Way of Life. His book describes his life long experiences growing up on the shores of these bodies of water. (He will have books available for sale. Cost is \$20, bring cash). Ben will focus on places that would be ideal to fly fish on these waterways. He will give a presentations on boat ramps to utilize and areas that are protected from wind that would be ideal for fly fishing from a kayak. He will also provide a short history of the area.

The North Louisiana Fly Fishers strives to provide it's members a wide variety of speakers that support the sport of fly fishing. This past year we have had speakers on Salt Water, Cold Water, and Fishing equipment such as bamboo fly rods. Don't miss this presentation that focuses on little known Warm Water fishing locations.

When & Where:

Tuesday September 9th at the Red River Wildlife Refuge.

Fly casting lessons / Social Hour from 6 to 7 p.m.

Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

(Meetings are always the second Tuesday of each month at the Refuge)

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Upcoming Events:

Sept. 27th: LA Hunt Fish Day at Bodcau Dam. See article on page 4 for details.

Oct. 3rd—5th: SOC IFFF Fly Fishing Fair at Mountain Home AR. Go to www.southerncounciliff.org for details.

Oct. 11th: 4th Annual Wall Hole Day. Riverside Park on the Little Missouri River. See www.littlemissouriflyfishing.com for details.

Oct. 14th: Club Banquet. Bring your donations. Full details will be sent by e-mail.

Oct. 18th: Red River Wildlife Refuge Celebration. We need tiers and casters to help out. Please make plans to be there. See page 5 for details.

Oct. 31st—Nov. 2: North Toledo Bend Rendezvous. Always a great time. Lots of top notch tiers, good food and a chance to meet new and old friends.



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