

# The Fly Line

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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!

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE!**  
**SEND ITEMS TO EDITOR:**  
**STORIES, PHOTOS, ITEMS OF**  
**INTEREST ARE ALL**  
**WELCOME!**



## Changes for *The Fly Line* Newsletter

This issue is the first in a change to our publishing model for the NLFF's newsletter, *The Fly Line*.

This change has been necessitated by the increase in the editor's workload. This will allow for a much smaller version of the newsletter, a flyer if you will, to be published monthly to keep the club members informed as to calendar events, meetings and important news that needs to still get out on a monthly basis.

It is hoped that these changes will better keep our members informed on a month-to-month basis and continue to bring member fishing/trip reports, club event reports, and interesting articles.

Please bear with us through these changes.



### 2019-2020 NLFF Executive Board

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## 2019 Toledo Bend Rendezvous

The Southern Flyfishers Rendezvous was held at the North Toledo Bend State Park, Zwolle, LA from Friday - Sunday, November 1-3, 2019. Sponsored by the Gulf Coast and Texas Councils of Fly Fishers International (FFI), it is an annual gathering of members of fly fishing clubs from Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi and beyond. And by beyond we mean Southern Missouri. There were over 60 people involved. They ranged from the mid-eighties to 4 weeks in age. You cannot say this isn't all inclusive. The weather was great. All the fly tying and story telling made for a wonderful weekend. If you have not attended this before, please make plans to come next year.



## November Fly Tying

Our resident professional tier, Jamie Franklin, provide great instructions on the Crappie Candy Fly. Many varieties of color combinations can be used. As you can see, we were looking intently to learn. In the Bass Pro tank, the crappie were licking their chops to get a hold of one of those flies.





## NEW EVENT

**March 13-14th 2020: Gulf Coast Council Fly Fest and Fishing Tournament.** 1st annual Gulf Coast Sweetwater Fly Classic at Percy Quin State Park McComb, MS Free admission, and an entry fee for the tournament.

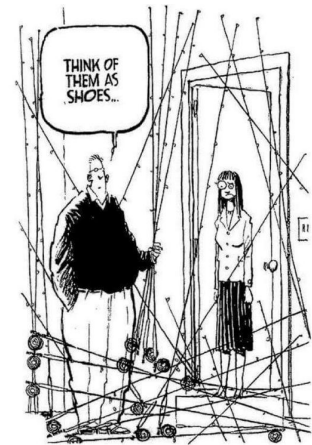
Hosted by the Fly Fishers International (FFI) Gulf Coast Council, the net proceeds from the Classic will go to benefit our educational and conservation projects.

There will be different categories - a fly fishing tournament for bass, bream, and crappie for boaters,

kayakers and bank fishermen.

There will also be fly tying demonstrations, fly casting clinics and games, seminars, raffles and more. The festival is FREE and open to the public. The tournament will be a CPR event with team format and low entry fee.

At the park, there are over 29 cabins, RV facilities, tent camping, and 9 motel rooms on premises. Nearby McComb has numerous motels and restaurants. For complete info, look for the Events menu soon on the website at [www.gulfcoastcouncilffi.org](http://www.gulfcoastcouncilffi.org).



## Kisatchie Fly Fest

NLFF was well represented at the Kisatchie Fly Fest on January 18th. The event held in Pineville was informative and a good time. As always, it was a good time to catch up with fellow fly fishers and tell a few tail tales. Even though we didn't win any grand prizes, we all left with a few partridge feathers.

**NLFF Calendar**

**Jan 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.

**Jan 31— Feb 1: Frozen Chosen.** Little Missouri River, Murfreesboro, AR. Fly fishing and lunch. Lunch will be at noon at the pavilion located in Riverside Park. Burgers and hot dogs provided. Please bring a side dish of your choice.

**February 14-16: Little Mo Fly Fest.** Murfreesboro, AR. Seminars, fly-tying, demonstrations and story-telling.

**March 13-14:** Gulf Coast Council Fly Fest and Fishing Tournament. Percy Quin State Park outside of McComb, MS.

**April 18:** Fly Fishing Texas. Athens, TX

**May 29-31:** NLFF Flies and Fleas. Purvis State Park, Canton, TX. Coincides with First Monday Trade Days in Canton.

**July 17-18:** Leesville Catch and Eat.

**JULY 25: NLFF MASTER SERIES. Mike Huffman—Topic is Warm Water Fly Fishing. Tickets on sale in February.**