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Jim Gray with 20 lb carp caught in the San Gabriel River on 11/14/20



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Fly fishing can offer so much more than the opportunity to find and catch fish. Who hasn't gotten to a destination and discovered how beautiful the scenery was or caught a glimpse of a colorful bird you hadn't seen before? While the flora and fauna of fly fishing locations is certainly a pleasant bonus, I've also come to appreciate the history of many of the places I fish.

Here in our own backyard, the namesake of Round Rock in Brushy Creek has a long and colorful history. The "round rock" which proudly stands in the middle of the creek has been a low water crossing landmark going back to prehistoric times. However, the creek crossing is perhaps most well-known for being along the route of the famous Chisholm Trail. Whenever I fish the area, I can't help but imagine the covered wagons that made their way along the trail and carved their tracks into the limestone easily visible along Brushy Creek to this day. Also, I'm grateful for the relative peace and quiet I usually find, and not the commotion of thousands of head of cattle being driven from South Texas, up the Chisholm Trail, and across Brush Creek on their way to Abilene, Kansas and eastern markets.

Earlier this fall, I had the opportunity to fish the South Platte River in Colorado. Like so much trout water in the West, the river offers beautiful views and Gold Medal fishing. As I hiked along the bank and waded into the chilly water, I couldn't help but acknowledge that the waterway has been a source of sustenance for many generations, going back to native Arapahos who lived along its banks to today's Coloradans who rely on it for water and recreation. I caught native Cutthroat Trout as I'm sure the Arapaho did, but I also caught Brown Trout which I knew were non-native. What I didn't know was how Browns made their way to Colorado. It turns out their journey started in Germany in 1883 when 80,000 fertilized Brown Trout eggs were shipped across the Atlantic Ocean to a hatchery in New York. Within seven years, Brown Trout were on

their way westward on specially built train cars to a new federal hatchery in Leadville, CO. Still others made the trip overland in milk cans loaded on horse-drawn wagons. The purpose of stocking the trout was not for recreational purposes like I was enjoying, but to replenish dwindling native trout numbers since fish were an important food source.

Last month I spent a couple of weeks fishing around South Padre Island and spent some time four-wheeling along the beach looking for fish activity. It turns out I was also following a tragic trail. History tells us that in 1553 a fleet of 20 gold and silver laden Spanish galleons set out from Veracruz, Mexico, for their motherland. Unfortunately, the fleet encountered a hurricane and only three battered galleons eventually made their way to Spain, one struggled back to Veracruz, and others shipwrecked along Nuevo Santander which we know today as Padre Island. Approximately three hundred souls made their way to the white sand beach I was driving along and headed to the nearest civilization in Tampico, Mexico, several hundred miles to the south. Only Padre Fray Juan Ferrer survived the treacherous journey to share his tale while his companions succumbed to starvation or less than friendly Carancha-hua natives. One might assume that the lone survivor of the shipwrecks, Padre Ferrer, is the namesake of Padre Island, but that honor goes to Padre José Nicolás Ballí who was granted the island in 1803.

These examples are just tiny slices of the history that accompany these fishing spots. If you're curious about history like I am, I encourage you to take a few minutes to research the places you fish and try to discover their history that make them unique and even more interesting. In addition to learning more about those places, hopefully it reinforces the need for continued conservation so future generations can appreciate and enjoy them as well.

President's Message cont.

I'm really eager to hear our guest speakers this month so please try to join us for our meeting. Once again, we will be broadcasting our monthly meeting live on Facebook which can also be viewed at a later time. To participate, go to our Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/atxflyfishers/ at 7:00 pm on Thursday, November 19, to join live. Alternatively, if you are a member of the Austin Fly Fishers Facebook Private

Group, go to www.facebook.com/groups/22082405715/ at the same time. If possible, I encourage you to join the meeting in real time so you have the opportunity to ask questions of our speakers. We will be going live a bit before 7:00, so feel free to drop in a little early to make sure you're all set.

Until next month, be safe...
Dave

Financial Report

by Jim Robinson

10/1/2020 to 10/31/2020

Begin Bal. Checking	\$17,929.35
Income:	
Total Income	\$00.00
Disbursements	
Total Disbursements	\$00.00
Net	\$00.00
Unencumbered:	\$10,058.00
Encumbered Funds:	
Casting for Recovery	\$2,365.52
SKIFF	\$5,505.83
Ending Bal-Checking	\$17,929.35

November Speaker – Deighan Cherry by Scott Kerrigan



Online Event with Deighan Cherry

Thursday, November 19 at 7:00 pm

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Our November speaker will be Deighan Cherry. At age 10 Deighan has been fly fishing for 6 years and tying flies for just over 5. At 7, she was told by a student at her school that fishing was for boys. Adopting a “watch me” attitude she decided to dedicate much of her time recruiting other girls to fly fish and sharing what she has learned about the sport with any girl that will listen.

She is the writer of the story Brook Trout And Blueberry Pie featured in DUN Magazine. She is a well rounded angler fishing cold water, warm water and salt. She has fished 26 states and is a champion for actively cleaning our waterways.

Deighan competes in fly tying competitions against adults and won her first competition earlier this year. During the pandemic she sought out other girls online with an interest in fly fishing inviting them to tie flies with her. Her group quickly grew across the world and into @fly_girl_global spanning 19 time zones 3 continents and 4 languages. Girls share stories and tactics as they tie flies together online.”

SKIFF Program by Bob Maindelle

Dear SKIFF Friends,

On Wednesday, October 21st, I was contacted by phone by Mr. Doug DuBois Jr. of the Austin Woods and Waters Club (AWWC) hunting and fishing organization.

In his capacity as the chairman of the McBride Conservation Foundation Fund, Mr. DuBois reached out to me to inform me that, once again, the S.K.I.F.F. program had been awarded a grant by the Fund.

The Fund was established primarily to raise tax-deductible contributions to give something back to the outdoors community and to help "pass on the heritage" of the outdoors to upcoming generations.

The Foundation was named to honor the McBride family, who, through McBride's Guns, has made many significant contributions to hunting, fishing, conservation, and countless other outdoor activities for many years.

AWWC members contribute to the Foundation throughout the year, but the annual McBride Foundation Banquet held in the fall of each year, is the primary fundraiser for the Fund. A large variety of prizes are typically offered, including hunting and fishing expeditions, taxidermy gift certificates, outdoor gear, electronic gadgets used in the outdoors, gizmos and toys for big boys and girls as well as gear for the younger generation. Hundreds of donated items from area merchants are auctioned, raffled, or distributed as door prizes following a sit-down dinner. Over 400 people from the greater Austin area typically attend this annual event.

Mr. DuBois invited me to represent the S.K.I.F.F. program during the AWWC's virtual banquet held via Facebook and YouTube the following evening. This year's virtual banquet was kept to right at 1 hour, from 7-8PM, in consideration of those who wished to watch the final presidential debate.

S.K.I.F.F. had been awarded \$1,000 each year, as requested, in 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019. This year, we requested \$800 due to fewer expenditures than forecast being incurred this season, thanks to the impact of COVID-19. We were granted that full \$800 amount.

As I participated in the virtual banquet, I was able to send text messages which were publicly displayed in the right margin of the YouTube coverage of the event. I thanked the club, the Fund trustees who granted monies to us, and Mr. DuBois in that manner.

I appreciate Manuel Pena, Dave Hill, and Shawn Riggs all assisting me in the preparation of our grant request.

Thank you AFF, always, for your ongoing support of the Soldiers' Kids Involved in Fishing Fun (S.K.I.F.F.) program! --Bob Maindelle

AFF Outings by Juan Shepperd

This Fall is my favorite time to fish. The hot weather is gone, the bluebird sky stays. Leaves turn brown and yellow (some red). Winter is not here yet. I hope you have gotten out and enjoyed cooler weather and Fall fishing. Everyone is welcome to join and outing. We ask you to be a member of the Austin Fly Fishers before joining an outing. I try to plan local stuff. Always open to ideas though, so should you want to fly fish a particular body of water or lead an outing, I'm all for it. Bring forth your ideas!

Last month, in October, some Austin Fly Fishers attended the Fredericksburg Fly Fishers Oktoberfisch 2020. I hear it was a great event. It's usually one of my favorite local outings (I consider Central Texas local), and I look forward to going next year. Events like that make me happy to meet and connect with other fly fishers.

Earlier this month, first weekend in November, I loaded the car and drove to Broken Bow, Oklahoma with my family. For those of you that haven't been, it's beautiful and a great escape. Got an image of Oklahoma as flatland? Treeless? Or a mental picture of all of Oklahoma looking like IH 35? The scenery in Southeast Oklahoma will surprise you. My wife, who wasn't sure what to expect, loved it and said it reminded her of the Ozarks in Missouri where she used to vacation as a kid. She is a former landscaper (she knows plants and trees) and she was thrilled with the diversity of oaks and hickory in the Ouachita National Forest. Unfortunately, with the family in tow, my fishing took a backseat - and that's okay. We hiked and zip lined. Kids had a ball. I got a few hours of fishing one day and got skunked. Happens. However, there were some small wins. I was pleased I didn't fall in (Man, the Mountain Fork River is slippery). I was pleased I managed to throw an indicator, several weights, and 3 flies for a few hours and not lose anything. Sure, I got hung up on the bottom a few times - but the fact my knots held - without me losing anything was another small victory. I pleased

Outings cont.

I took time to soak in beautiful backdrop and wildlife (hello buck and doe across the river from me, hello wild ducks). Pleased I stood in the water happily waving a stick, catching something didn't matter. It was the perfect Fall day, even after my 9 year old started skipping rocks next to my rig. If you haven't been to Broken Bow, put it on your list.

Pencil in Saturday 11/21/2020 for the November outing. If you haven't fished this year, good gravy, get outside. Guadalupe River in Sattler, TX is a little more than an hour away. It's similar to Mountain Fork River in Oklahoma in that it's a tailwater that sustains Trout year round. Your favorite Austin fly shop can help outfit you. Three fly shops (2 within walking distance) are right off the Guadalupe River should you want to buy anything that day. Rio Guadalupe Resort has public parking available for fishing the Guadalupe River. It's \$10 for the day. If you are interested in fishing this great Central Texas tailwater on 11/21/2020, contact me. Or just meet there. I will arrive at 9 am. Should be a perfect Fall Saturday for fly fishing. Plus, it's real-world practice for the 20,000+ rainbow trout Texas Parks and Wildlife will release in the Guadalupe River this year. See TPWD website for their trout stocking schedule.

To get to Rio Guadalupe Resort in Sattler, TX , take the FM306 off South IH 35. Go past the HEB Plus (nice place to grab a ready-made sandwich for lunch on the river), past Gruene, TX signs until you get to Highway 2673. In Sattler, take River Road left and park at Rio Guadalupe Resort. If you get there before the place opens, pick up an envelope outside the front door, fill out the form, and slip the envelope with \$10 through the slotted double doors. If you are new to fly fishing, the Guadalupe River is surprisingly cold, being water released from the bottom of Canyon Lake. You can wet wade, but I recommend waders. Smart to bring a set of dry clothes too. I'll lunch on the river. Hope to see you on the River this Saturday.

Tight lines, everyone!



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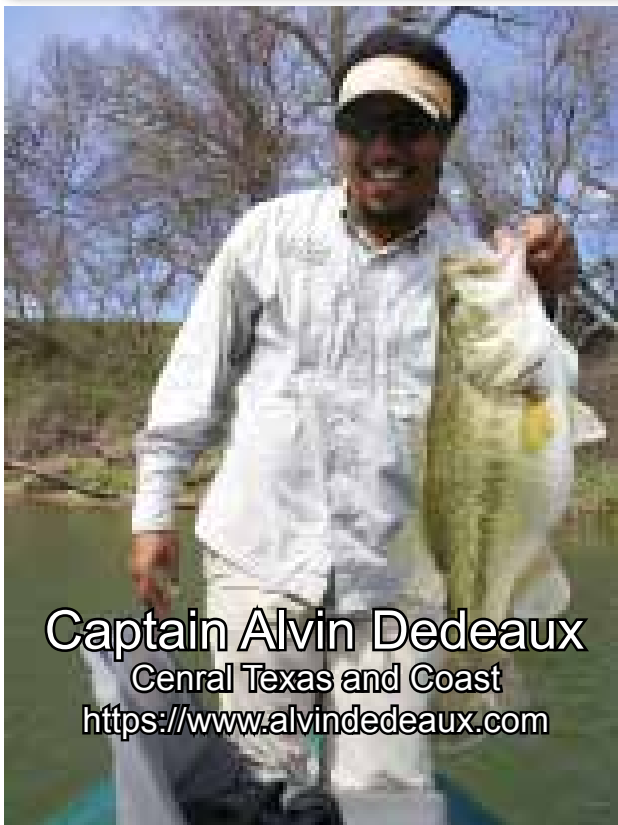
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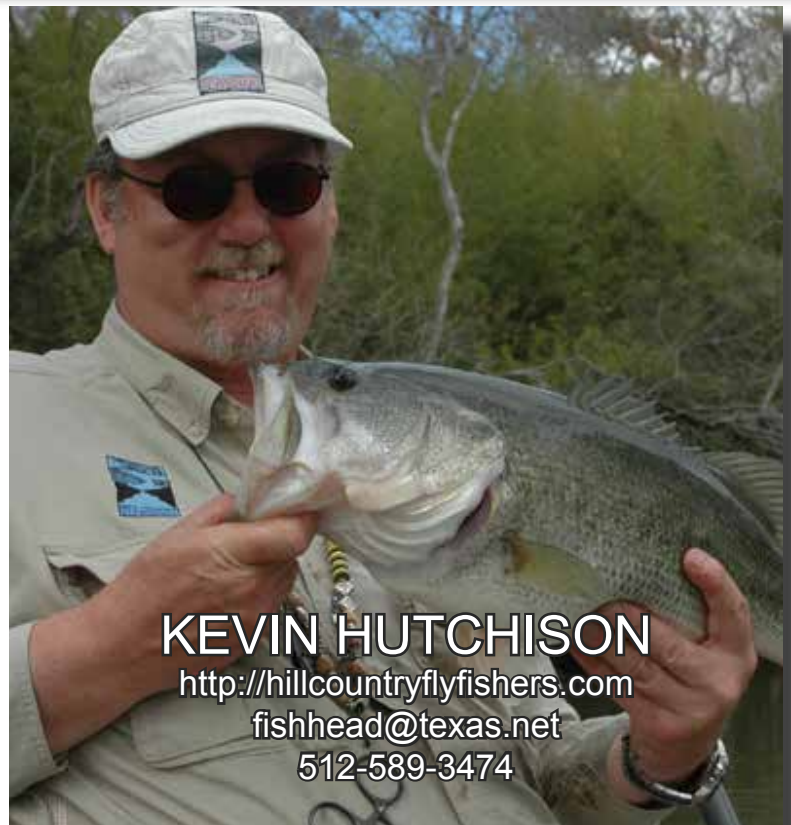
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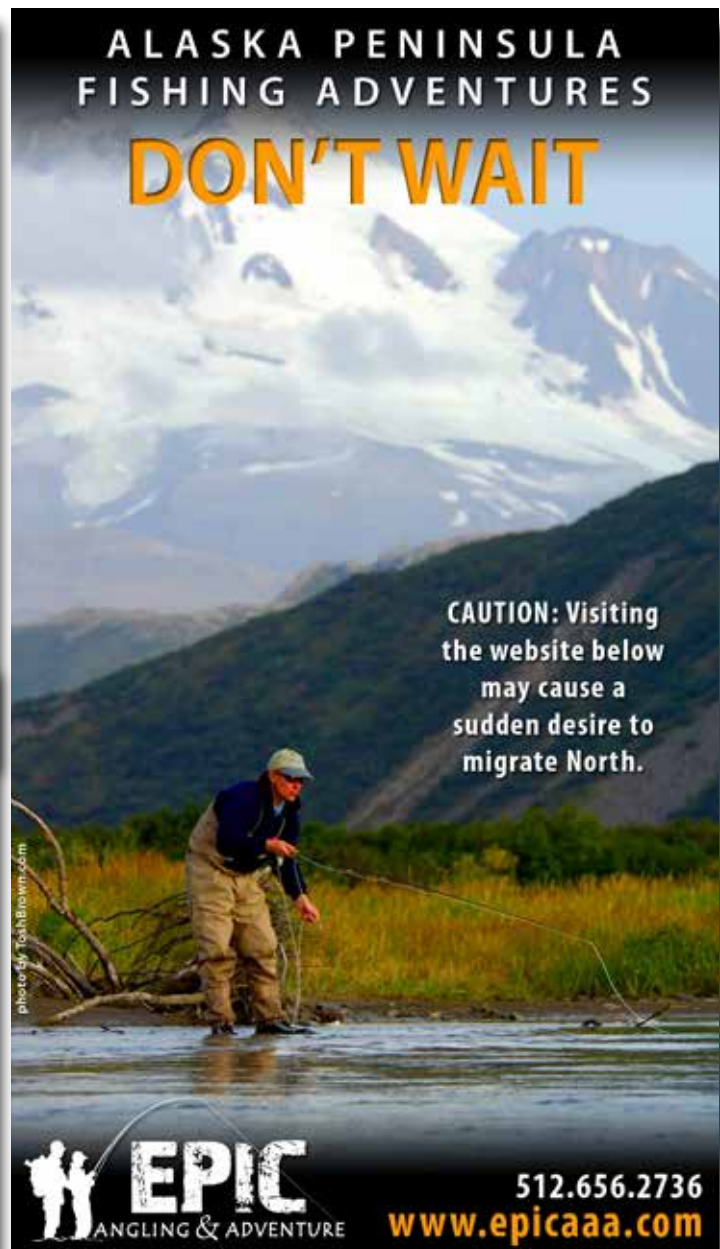
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