



AUSTIN FLY FISHERS

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Club Meeting
Thursday, August 17
Northwest Recreation Center
6:00 Fly Tying and Social Hour
7:00 Presentation by Adam Zerrenner
on casting

Jon Creed with King Salmon
caught on Moose Creek east
of Anchorage



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President's Message Matt Bennett

Hopefully by this time next month, our temps will be on the downturn for the year and we'll be able to get out and fish for the day without seeking refuge by mid-morning. Most of my fishing this summer has been sporadic or out of state, but I'm looking forward to getting back on our local waters this fall once it cools down.

We have a bunch of outings planned already for the fall. We'll be setting a date for our makeup Llano trip, as well as our annual trips to PINS and South Padre soon, depending on tides and weather. I'd also like to take a few folks up to Broken Bow, OK and Real Ale Brewing has invited us out for a club brewery tour, so we may work in a morning trip to the Blanco as well. Stay tuned for these and other outings. If you're interested in planning more, please let me know.

Oktoberfisch is also approaching. It usually conflicts with our South Padre outing, but for those of you who'd rather stick to freshwater, it's one of my favorite events of the year. I'm coordinating the fly tyers for the event this year, so if you're interested in tying, please let me know. We usually have good representation from our club at the event. If you've never been, it's more like a family reunion of

Texas fly fisherman than a full-blown expo. There's lots of opportunities to fish, tie, and just hang out with other like-minded folks.

Hope to see you at this weeks meeting!

Financial Report

by Shawn Riggs

7/1/2017 - 7/31/2017

Beginning Bal. Checking \$15,110.91

Income:

Dues (AFF&FFF)	\$418.38
Auction	\$150.00
SKIFF	<u>\$600.00</u>
Total Income	\$1,168.38

Disbursements:

Refreshments	\$31.06
Speaker expense	<u>\$150.00</u>
Total Disbursements	\$181.06

Net

\$987.32

Unencumbered:

Unallocated Funds \$6,724.09

Encumbered Funds:

Casting for Recovery	\$628.17
SKIFF	\$8,745.97

Ending Balance-Checking \$16,098.23



August Speaker – Adam Zerrenner

Adam Zerrenner has worked in the field of environmental policy and natural resource management for more than 20 years. Mr. Zerrenner has worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Washington DC, California's Central Valley, and the Northeast. In his career Mr. Zerrenner has worked collaboratively with community leaders to resolve complex and controversial water and land use issues that protect the environment and the economy.

Mr. Zerrenner currently manages a field office in Austin, Texas, which has Endangered Species Act responsibility for Central and West Texas and he has served in this position for over ten years. Under Mr. Zerrenner's leadership, the office oversees the fastest growing region in the country that also has some of the highest numbers of threatened and endangered species.

Mr. Zerrenner received his bachelor's degree from Cornell University and Master's Degree from the University of Vermont in Natural Resources, and a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Texas at Austin's McCombs School of Business.



SKIFF Donations by Manuel Pena

On The Austin Fly Fishers SKIFF Program recently received donations from two local charitable groups.

The Dripping Springs Wild Game Dinner Committee made a donation of \$1000. The Dripping Springs Wild Game Dinner is a yearly event that is organized by the men of the Dripping Springs Methodist Church. The mission of the Dripping Springs Wild Game Dinner volunteers is to bring the community together with a fun event that supports charities and missions in Hays County, Central Texas and across the world. Over the past 27 years of the event, the Wild Game Dinner Committee has raised and distributed over \$800,000.

A donation of \$500 was made by the Women Helping Others (WHO) group of Sun City, Texas. The mission of WHO is to support existing charitable organizations with time, donations and assistance, while fostering comradery, fellowship and inclusion. The WHO group has actively supported a variety of groups in the Georgetown area, such as Blue Santa, Elder Care, Habitat for Humanity, The Caring Place and many others.

The SKIFF program relies on the generosity of groups, such as the Dripping Springs Wild Game Dinner group, and the members of WHO. We could not do it without them. The Austin Fly Fishers would like to offer our sincere thanks for their generosity.



North to Alaska by Jon Creed

This year I turned 40 and as a gift from my Mom, Wanda Creed, who suggested it was time for us to go on a trip together to Alaska! She had been many times in the past couple decades visiting family and friends. In July, my Mom, friend Jeff Love and I went to AK! It was my first trip to the last frontier as it's called and my experience could not have been any less than fantastic! We decided to rent an RV (Minnie Winnie) for the trip and it was absolutely the best way to do AK. We were going to travel over 1k miles on the this trip. With so many state and national campgrounds at available for overnights at \$10 - \$20 a night the RV was the right decision.

The Itinerary of the trip started with a recommendation from one of my Mom's patients. Tangle Lakes and Tangle Lakes state campground to be more specific. This location is located in the Delta Scenic rivers area and the landscape was tundra like. Very little trees except near and around the small connecting rivers between lakes. In researching the area

before the trip, I noticed very quickly that I would have no trouble obtaining my first Arctic Grayling. Actually besides grayling the only other fish species was lake trout.

Starting the trip in Anchorage, AK it was 265 miles east to the first destination of our trip. Arriving at the Tangle Lakes state campground we observed the campsite map and found a site (35) with trail access to the river, my kind of water! After settling in and getting some dinner, it was well past 9 pm but if you've never been to AK in mid July you would have thought it was 9am.

Well, I was there to catch my first Arctic Grayling so I went fishing. I fished about an hour that first night we were there and brought to hand over 40 beautiful grayling ranging from 8 - 12", mostly on dry's. Black beetles and caddis imitations were what they wanted. We spent the next three days at Tangle and we all had so much fun catching Grayling. The largest was around 16" and my Mom was the only one to catch a lake trout

and it was around 20" at one of the inlets to the lake.

The remaining days of our trip was spent down on the Kenai Peninsula. But before we made it there, we headed to Anchorage for a resupply. We found a state campground at 10 pm that we liked outside of Palmer. Moose Creek was the location, it was late so we settled in for the night.

The next morning, I went to the woods to take care of some business and found myself next to the creek. While exploring and taking in the beauty of the blue/gray water of this small creek, only 10' wide, I noticed a large, VERY LARGE shadow in the water and then another. I ran back to the Minnie. Tried to explain what I had seen to my travel companions as I rushed to put on my waders. I was out of breath with excitement.

As you see from the picture on the cover of the newsletter, I hooked up and landed my first King Salmon! It took a little more than an hour to land this guy on a 9wt and I couldn't have don't it my first

Alaska cont.

time without the help of my mom and Jeff, who sacrificed dry running shoes so I could have a couple pictures with this guy.

With information obtained from my Mom's past trips, Living Waters Fly Fishing & Sportsman's Finest for recommended places around Anchorage and the Kenai Peninsula we finished off the trip with a Halibut Charter in Homer, AK. We fished the Anchor River (Dolly Varden), The Kasilof/Crooked Creek Campground (met new friends and watched the dip netting residents) and spent the last remaining days fishing at the Russian River and Kenai river confluence (Rainbows/Sockeye/King).

In Addition to the fishing the scenery: mountains, Glaciers, Wildlife, and the people we met was just as fantastic. We spent the last half a day before our red eye flight in Anchorage. It was rainy day but we explored flat top, Potter marsh wildlife area and shopping where we picked up native made art for ourselves and family. This was amazing gift, experience and trip of a lifetime that I shared with my Mom and will remember this and plan many more in the coming years. We are thinking Iceland!



SKIFF Program by Bob Maindelle



From left: Brenna, Lilah, and Norah Todd with their mom, Jeannette Todd in the background.



Logan Allred



Mrs. Mary Tenorio and her two daughters, Abrianna (left) and Elianna (right)

Dear AFF and Friends of SKIFF,

Last week was a busy week on Lake Stillhouse for the SKIFF program. We conducted trips #8, 9, and 10 for the 2017 season, and have #11, 12, and 13 planned for this upcoming week of July 23rd. SKIFF (Soldiers' Kids Involved in Fishing Fun) provides quality fishing adventures for the families of US military personnel separated from their families due to their duty assignments. The Austin Fly Fishers are the engine behind this program, providing funding through donations and fundraising and by partnering with folks like you. Thank you!

The girls show off the 3 fish we caught on "Round 2" of downrigging for white bass with 3-armed umbrella rigs equipped with Pet Spoons. Jeannette's spouse, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Pepple, is currently deployed to Kuwait and has served in the U.S. Army for 13 years now.

Logan Allred with one of the 100 fish we landed together today including white bass, largemouth bass, and freshwater drum. We used a variety of tactics including downrigging, vertical jigging, and sight casting. Logan's step-dad, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Chesworth, is a

US Army Apache helicopter pilot with 15 years of military service. He's currently away from home participating in recurring gunnery training.

Mrs. Mary Tenorio and her two daughters, Abrianna (left) and Elianna (right) with a trio of the white bass we landed during their SKIFF trip on Stillhouse this morning. The girls' father, US Army Staff Sergeant Rafael Tenorio, is a non-commissioned officer in the Field Artillery currently deployed to South Korea. He headed out just weeks after the family relocated to Ft. Hood from Ft. Campbell, KY.

The Fly Tyer's Corner by Jeff Hoelter

Skating Caddis

A couple of months ago I wrote about a fly called the CDC Elk Hair Caddis. This month I will build on that theme with a fly called the Skating Caddis.

Sometimes you will see insects that just can't quite break away from the surface of the water so they skitter and take a couple of jumps before getting airborne. The dry fly hackle in this pattern allows you fish it slowly until you get to the end of the drift, then raise the rod tip and let the fly skip across the surface a few times before you cast again. This extra movement may be just enough to trigger a strike. I believe this method should work equally well with a Tenkara rig.

If you have any questions, bring them to the AFF meeting or take advantage of all the tying talent available at Sportsmans Finest on Tuesday evenings and Living Waters Fly Fishing on Wednesday evenings.

Materials

Hook: TMC 101 size 12 to 18

Thread: GSP 50 or 100

CDC body: olive, tan, yellow, or black. (extra points for a red/yellow "Yellow Sally" combo)

Wing: Elk hair

Hackle: grizzly or barred dry fly hackle in colors to match body

TMC	101	SIZE	QTY
		12	25

STRAIGHT EYE, 1X FINE, WIDE GAPE, FORGED, BRONZE

Step 1: Wrap a thread base down the length of the hook and bring the thread back to the half way point. Tie in one or two CDC feathers by the tip.



Steps 3: Grip the CDC with hackle pliers and twist it a couple of times into a rope. As you wrap forward, you may need to add another twist or two with each wrap. When you get to the 1/4 mark, tie off and trim the excess.



Step 2: Wrap the CDC down to the bend of the hook and return the thread to about 1/4 the length of the shank back from the eye.



Step 4: Trim the CDC that hangs below the hook shank.



Fly Tyer continued

Steps 5: Cut and clean a small bunch of elk hair and even the tips in a stacker. Tie it in, trim the butts at an angle and clean up the wraps. The tips of the hair should not extend far past the hook bend.



Step 6: Select the hackle and tie it in by the butt. Wrap forward 6 or 7 touching wraps (or as many as you can leaving room for a clean head). Trim the excess. You can take a marker and color a couple of inches of the GSP thread before you apply the whip finish.



Step 7: Here I trimmed some of the straggly CDC at the back of the fly. The finished product.....just add water.



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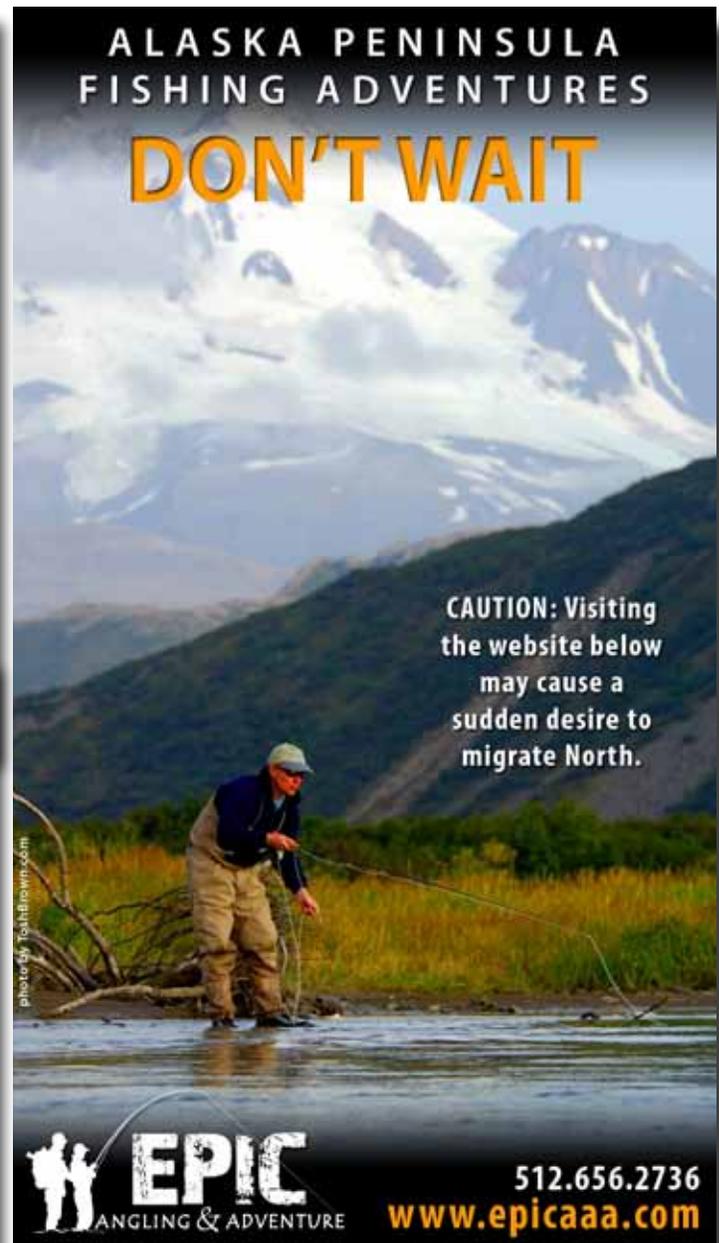
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