



AUSTIN FLY FISHERS

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Carol Olewin with 1 of 15 trout I caught in Broken Bow, fishing with the Texas Women Fly Fishers

Club Holiday Party

Thursday, December 20

[Rudy's Bar-B-Q at 3914 North Lamar](#)

Time: Social Hour at 6:00, Dinner at 7:00

Cash Bar: Ice Cold Beer and Wine by the glass

Dinner Menu: Brisket, Smoked Turkey, Regular and Hot Jalapeno Sausage, Spicy Beans, New Potatoes, Cream Corn, Iced Tea, and Dessert



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It seems that 2018 is quickly coming to a close. It has been a very busy year. I personally have made some new friends in the club and sadly lost a great one as well. I hope everyone that can will be able to make it to the Austin Fly Fishers Christmas Party this year to get together and celebrate the holidays and to brag about all the fish we have caught and even the ones that got away. Dave Bush and Nils Pearson have done a terrific job finding us a new venue in Rudy's Country Store Bar-B-Q that will be able to seat us all in a separate room with ample space for auction tables that will display a multitude of fishing ware that you can bid on and purchase, all while munching on brisket and smoked turkey. Remember that our annual Christmas Party is our single biggest fundraiser for the local Casting For Recovery program. Year after year the club has sponsored at least two women to attend this remarkable retreat for breast cancer survivors that focuses on fly-fishing as a way for these women to share the experience and recover in a relaxed and beautiful setting. It is a worthy cause and I have no doubt that our club members will step up with their support as usual.

I know that the bad weather affected several of our planned outings in 2018 so here's to hoping that the upcoming year has better and more predictable weather in store for us and we all have the chance to get together on additional club outings. I really do hope that everyone has the opportunity to get out on the water more this upcoming year and participate in this sport of fly-fishing that we all enjoy. As busy as our lives get sometimes with family, work and other obligations it is nice to take a break from the hustle and bustle of it all and just relax with a rod in our hand and try to trick a fish with fur and feathers tied to a tiny hook. It really is such a simple act but it can be so therapeutic and help you to unwind and recharge after a long week. I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and wish you the best in 2019!



Dave Hill

Financial Report

by Jim Robinson

11/1/2018 to 11/30/2018

Begin Bal. Checking \$12,723.05

Income:

SKIFF	\$1,000.00
Misc.	\$1,000.00
Dues AFF FFI	<u>\$402.15</u>
Total Income	\$2,402.15

Disbursements:

Total Disbursements	\$00.00
Net	\$2,402.15
Unencumbered:	\$7,345.22

Encumbered Funds:

Casting for Recovery	\$00.00
SKIFF	\$6,377.83

Ending Bal-Checking \$15,125.20

SKIFF Program by Bob Maindelle



WHO WE SERVE: In last month's report I shared about who SKIFF serves – primarily the children of soldiers pulled away from their families by military duty. But, there is another segment of the population that SKIFF also serves – homefront parents. Homefront parents are the men and women left behind as essentially single parents for a season while their spouses are away from home serving. These homefront parents do all the child-rearing, all the shopping, all the laundry, make all the practices and games, all the doctor visits, and more.

Until I began conducting SKIFF trips routinely in 2009, I never appreciated how many such homefront parents can use a bit of respite now and then. This is especially true in families where there are multiple young (below school-aged) children who demand constant supervision. Upon returning to the dock from a SKIFF trip with her 7-year-old son, one boy's mother (who sent her son with me while she stayed behind, and who used on-post childcare for her two younger children on Fort Hood) came to tears thanking me for taking her son out. She told

me she really needed a break because the weather and the Christmas holidays had the family cooped up for a long time and she was really feeling the strain.

I asked her what she did with the 3 or 4 hours she had to herself. I expected her to say she went shopping or met a girlfriend for coffee, but, she shared that she just feel asleep in her car in the parking lot overlooking the boat ramp – and that that was just what she needed. Wow!

Until that moment I never realized this underlying value in what we provide to military families.

NOVEMBER WAS A WASH, LITERALLY: After the rains of 16-20 October which washed out a bridge on the Llano River and raised the two lakes I conduct SKIFF trips on (Belton and Stillhouse) by right at 20 feet, there was not much fishing to be done in the month of November with children on board.

Both lakes' ramp were shut down by the Corps of Engineers for a spell, then one ramp opened at the Union Grove Park on Stillhouse by mid-month. Even so, the fishing was still off due to an abnormally high flow of water through the lake.

On the Wednesday before Thanksgiving the first boat ramp to re-open on Lake Belton came online, followed by several others late in the week thereafter.

With shortened daylight hours now, SKIFF trips are practically limited to Saturdays as after-school trips are typically no longer doable.

I have 3 families now on standby for SKIFF trips and hope to whittle down that list as the kids have time off from school over the upcoming Christmas holidays. As always, thank you for your donations and fundraising efforts. It benefits whole families, not just the kids catching fish.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO RIDE ALONG: AFF members are welcome to join me on my guide boat as I work with youngsters through the S.K.I.F.F. program. Simply contact me by phone or text at 254.368.7411 or by email at Bob@HoldingTheLineGuideService.com to let me know of your interest. I'll contact you each time a S.K.I.F.F. trip is booked until you are able to come along. Plan on bringing your fishing license so you can be "hands-on" in helping make the kids successful.

Broken Bow by Carol Olewin

Texas Womens Fly Fishers trip to Broken Bow, OK on Nov. 2-4, 2018

Twenty five ladies and their spouses spent a weekend in early November fishing on Mountain Fork River in Beavers Bend State Park in Broken Bow Oklahoma. On the newsletter cover, you can see me with off one of the 15 trout I caught that weekend. This fish was caught at Evening Hole and the other productive spot was the Power House along the banks of the river.

For some of the ladies, this was their first trout fishing experience and everyone was able to catch at least 1 fish. The local fly shop offered four 2 hour guided tours for 2 and this gave 8 ladies a chance to fish with a guide who helped them rig and cast for trout.

A speaker with the Texas Chapter of the FFI spoke at the Friday night Mullet Mixer and gave the ladies tips and pointers for reading the waters.

The weather was great and everyone had a great time fishing and catching.





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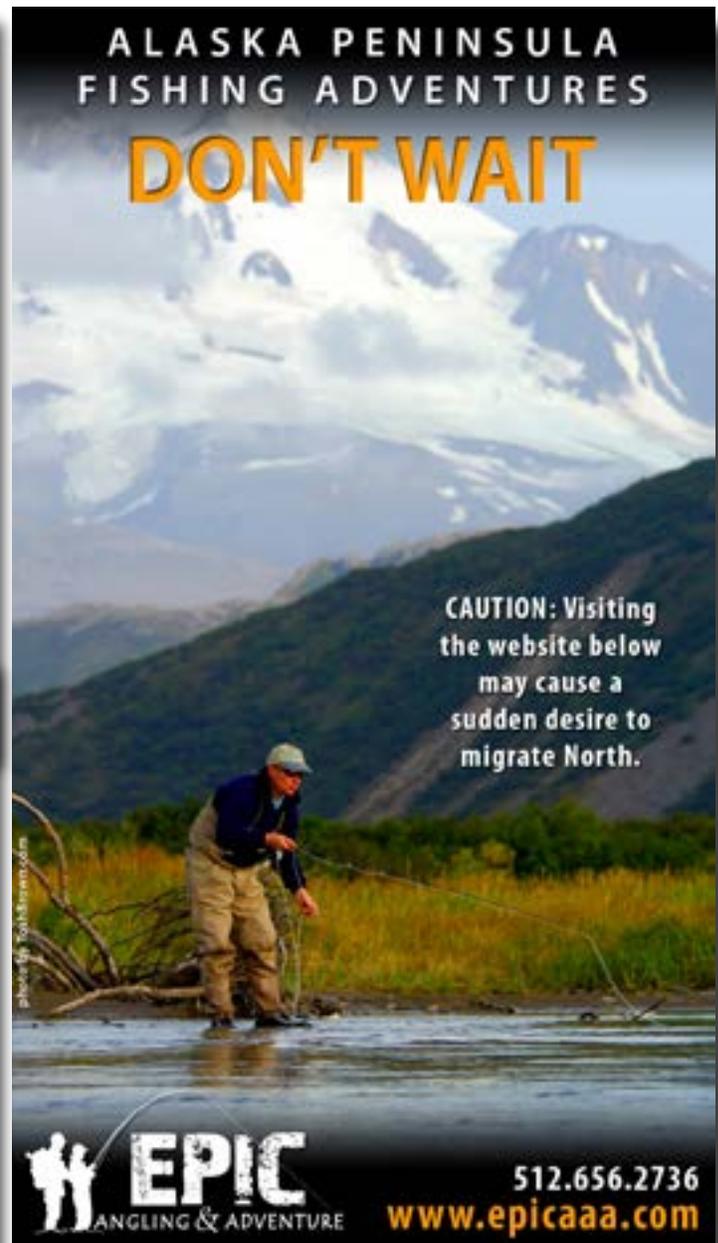
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