



AUSTIN FLY FISHERS

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Club Christmas Party
Thursday, December 19
Rudy's Bar-bq
3914 North Lamar
Social Hour 6:00 pm
Dinner 7:00 pm

Barbara Gorman and Dave Hill
wishing everyone a very
Merry Fishmas!



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President's Message by Shawn Riggs

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I can't believe that another year is coming to a close as well as my term serving as the club's President. The Austin Fly Fishers have been as busy as ever with several outings, meetings, and events throughout the year.

Our Vice President David Gaines did a tremendous job of finding engaging and interesting speakers for our monthly meetings time and time again. Way to go David.

We made multiple trips to local rivers and lakes targeting native species and even a few trips to the coast for some saltwater fly fishing. These outings are always fun and a good way to meet new people and to learn some new techniques or tips from your fellow anglers on how to be successful on the water.

The club also continues to give back to our great community. For another year we supported Casting for Recovery and donated funds to sponsor two women to attend an amazing fishing retreat held in Texas. This inspiring organization enhances the life of women with breast cancer through a unique retreat program that combines breast cancer education and peer support with the therapeutic sport of fly fishing.

We also raised funds to sponsor twenty-two trips in 2019 for our SKIFF charity which takes the children of men and women serving in our armed forces on guided fishing trips completely free to the families. Our guide Bob Mairdelle of Holding the Line Guide Service took forty-four children fishing on these trips this year and did an amazing job as always, not only finding the fish but showing these kids a great time on the water and bringing smiles to their faces.

This year the Austin Fly Fishers also agreed to sponsor a local Austin chapter of Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing. This terrific organization helps disabled veterans through fly fishing activities. We look forward to working with these veterans and introducing them to our great sport.

Remember everyone that this is your club and you get out of it what you put into it. I have always liked the famous quote from President John F. Kennedy's inaugural address; "ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." I feel this call

to action for the public to do what is right for the greater good can be applied to our club. Please consider hosting a future outing next year to a favored fishing spot or volunteer as a club officer to keep the club's momentum moving forward. If you have any ideas for speakers that you would love to hear at our monthly meetings or know of a fun trip that members of the club would enjoy just speak up and let us know. Let's all step up to the plate and make next year even better. Sure, we are a group of anglers that love to fly fish and given the opportunity will talk your ear off about all things fishing related but if you look at all the lives our club has affected year after year through our generous fundraising, volunteer efforts, and real passion for the sport of fly fishing it's nothing short of amazing.

I hope to see everyone at the holiday party this Thursday and wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday season. I leave you with my version of The Twelve Days of Christmas, with a fly fishing twist of course.

Financial Report

by Jim Robinson

11/1/2019 to 11/30/2019

Begin Bal. Checking \$12,798.08

Income:

McBride Foundation	\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Total Income	\$2,000.00

Disbursements:

Chris Johnson (cleanup)	\$250.00
Pat Dorsey	\$300.00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$550.00</u>
Net	\$1,450.00

Unencumbered: \$7,694.73

Encumbered Funds:

Casting for Recovery	\$1,047.52
SKIFF	\$5,505.83
Ending Bal-Checking	\$14,248.08

President's Message cont.

THE TWELVE DAYS OF FISHMAS

ON THE FIRST DAY OF FISHING MY GOOD GUIDE GAVE TO ME A BACKCAST IN A CYPRESS TREE.

ON THE SECOND DAY OF FISHING MY GOOD GUIDE GAVE TO ME TWO DROPPER FLIES, AND A BACKCAST IN A CYPRESS TREE.

ON THE THIRD DAY OF FISHING MY GOOD GUIDE GAVE TO ME THREE HEN HACKLES, TWO DROPPER FLIES, AND A BACKCAST IN A CYPRESS TREE.

ON THE FOURTH DAY OF FISHING MY GOOD GUIDE GAVE TO ME FOUR TAPERED TIPPETS, THREE HEN HACKLES, TWO DROPPER FLIES, AND A BACKCAST IN A CYPRESS TREE.

ON THE FIFTH DAY OF FISHING MY GOOD GUIDE GAVE TO ME FIVE GOLDEN BEADS, FOUR TAPERED TIPPETS, THREE HEN HACKLES, TWO DROPPER FLIES, AND A BACKCAST IN A CYPRESS TREE.

ON THE SIXTH DAY OF FISHING MY GOOD GUIDE GAVE TO ME SIX RODS FOR SPEYING, FIVE GOLDEN BEADS, FOUR TAPERED TIPPETS, THREE HEN HACKLES, TWO DROPPER FLIES, AND A BACKCAST IN A CYPRESS TREE.

ON THE SEVENTH DAY OF FISHING MY GOOD GUIDE GAVE TO ME SEVEN SPOOLS A-SPINNING, SIX RODS FOR SPEYING, FIVE GOLDEN BEADS, FOUR TAPERED TIPPETS, THREE HEN HACKLES, TWO DROPPER FLIES, AND A BACKCAST IN A CYPRESS TREE.

ON THE EIGHTH DAY OF FISHING MY GOOD GUIDE GAVE TO ME EIGHT MINNOWS MUDDLING, SEVEN SPOOLS A-SPINNING, SIX RODS FOR SPEYING, FIVE GOLDEN BEADS, FOUR TAPERED TIPPETS, THREE HEN HACKLES, TWO DROPPER FLIES, AND A BACKCAST IN A CYPRESS TREE

ON THE NINTH DAY OF FISHING MY GOOD GUIDE GAVE TO ME NINE LADYFISH DANCING, EIGHT MINNOWS MUDDLING, SEVEN SPOOLS A-SPINNING, SIX RODS FOR SPEYING, FIVE GOLDEN BEADS, FOUR TAPERED TIPPETS, THREE HEN HACKLES, TWO DROPPER FLIES, AND A BACKCAST IN A CYPRESS TREE.

ON THE TENTH DAY OF FISHING MY GOOD GUIDE GAVE TO ME TEN WADERS LEAKING, NINE LADYFISH DANCING, EIGHT MINNOWS MUDDLING,

SEVEN SPOOLS A-SPINNING, SIX RODS FOR SPEYING, FIVE GOLDEN BEADS, FOUR TAPERED TIPPETS, THREE HEN HACKLES, TWO DROPPER FLIES, AND A BACKCAST IN A CYPRESS TREE.

ON THE ELEVENTH DAY OF FISHING MY GOOD GUIDE GAVE TO ME ELEVEN NIPPERS NIPPING, TEN WADERS LEAKING, NINE LADYFISH DANCING, EIGHT MINNOWS MUDDLING, SEVEN SPOOLS A-SPINNING, SIX RODS FOR SPEYING, FIVE GOLDEN BEADS, FOUR TAPERED TIPPETS, THREE HEN HACKLES, TWO DROPPER FLIES, AND A BACKCAST IN A CYPRESS TREE.

ON THE TWELFTH DAY OF FISHING MY GOOD GUIDE GAVE TO ME TWELVE RED DRUM TAILING, ELEVEN NIPPERS NIPPING, TEN WADERS LEAKING, NINE LADYFISH DANCING, EIGHT MINNOWS MUDDLING, SEVEN SPOOLS A-SPINNING, SIX RODS FOR SPEYING, FIVE GOLDEN BEADS, FOUR TAPERED TIPPETS, THREE HEN HACKLES, TWO DROPPER FLIES, AND A BACKCAST IN A CYPRESS TREE.

Merry
Fishmas



Casting for Recovery by Susan Gaetz

For 15 years, the Austin Fly Fishers have supported the Texas program of Casting for Recovery, both financially and as volunteers. In 2019, the Texas program held 3 retreats for women with breast cancer. The retreats served more than 40 women from across the state who gathered to support one another, gain new resources to improve their lives, and learn the therapeutic sport of fly fishing.

Since 2005, the CfR Texas program has held 30 retreats, serving close to 400 women. The retreats are provided at no cost to the participants, and are open to women with breast cancer of all ages and in all stages of treatment and recovery.

Through CfR's program, women learn the basics of fly fishing, gaining not only specific outdoor skills, but also the confidence to seek out life-long outdoor exploration, adventure, and new experiences following a cancer diagnosis, regardless of their health or physical strength.

"(Fly Fishing) provided a pathway to address some of the emotional and physical pain of this ugly, ugly disease; but it did so in a positive, forward-motion, uplifting and empowering way. At the same time, in a very special way, it took the focus off the disease, which needs to happen for people to fully heal, and helped me see past my grief and sorrow and pain. I saw so much joy and hope and beauty! - CfR retreat participant

For questions about the Texas program, please contact Susan Gaetz, 512-940-0246, susan.gaetz@castingforrecovery.org or visit the CfR Texas webpage: <https://castingforrecovery.org/tx/>



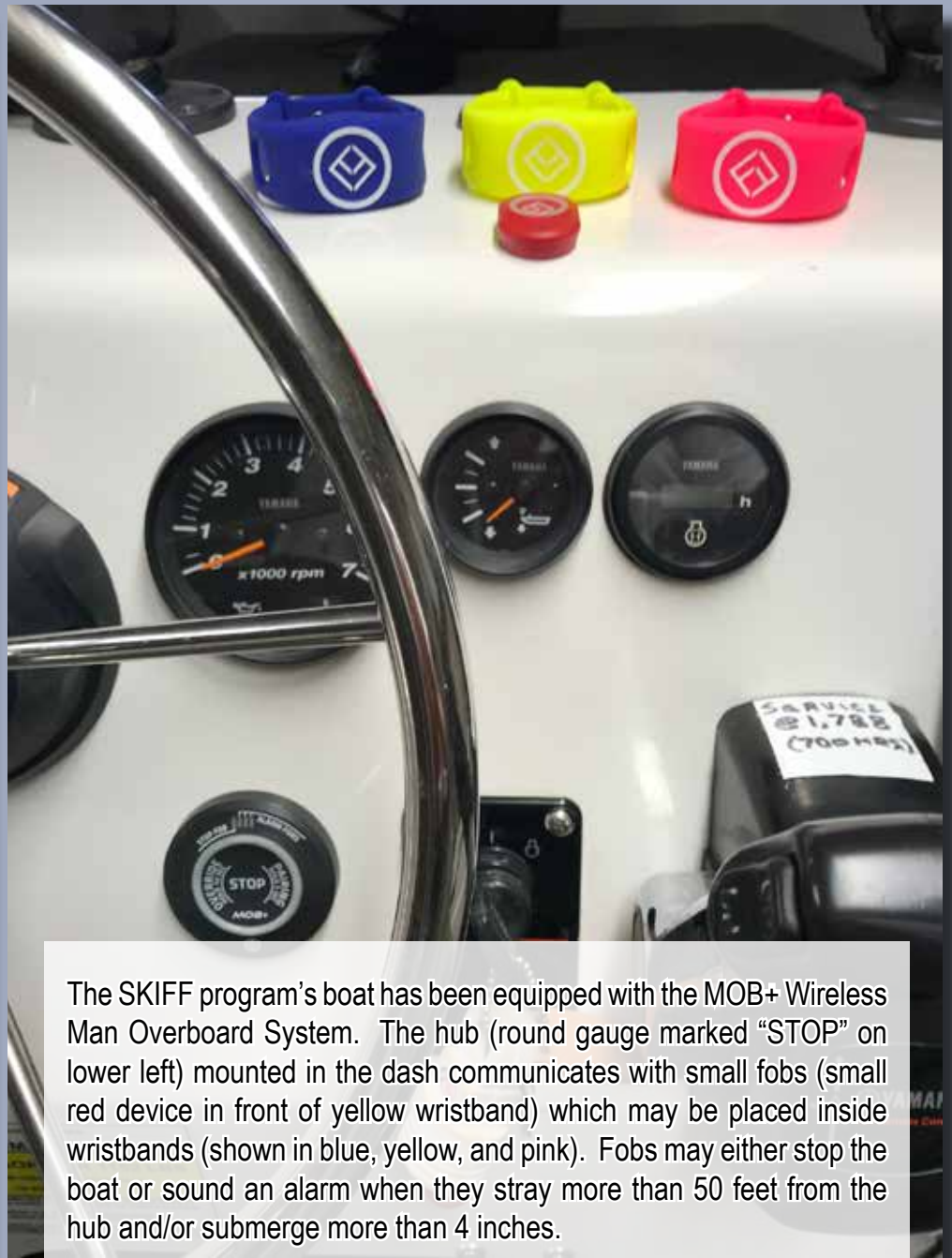
SKIFF Program by Bob Maindelle

The months of November through February are typically a little lean in the guiding business as cold weather, deer hunting, busy scholastic and extracurricular schedules, and the holidays pull folks off the water.

As I mentioned last month, I keep a “rainy day” list to tend to when I’m not on the water in order to fix what broke last season and be more fully prepared for the season ahead.

In that vein, and in order to comply (and then some) with the new “Cali’s Law” mandatory boat motor kill switch regulation, I installed a state-of-the-art wireless kill switch system this month in the boat I use for guiding my young SKIFF clients.

Called the “MOB+ Wireless Man Overboard System”, this system consists of a hub mounted like a round gauge into the dashboard of my boat’s console, and four small, battery-powered fobs which communicate with that hub. One of those fobs is the kill switch fob which is attached to me, the boat operator. The other three fobs are passenger fobs which will be attached to our SKIFF kids. The kill switch fob will shut down the outboard motor if it strays more than 50 feet from the hub, and/or goes more than 4 inches underwater. The passenger fobs cause an alarm to sound under these same circumstances, but leave the motor running.



The SKIFF program’s boat has been equipped with the MOB+ Wireless Man Overboard System. The hub (round gauge marked “STOP” on lower left) mounted in the dash communicates with small fobs (small red device in front of yellow wristband) which may be placed inside wristbands (shown in blue, yellow, and pink). Fobs may either stop the boat or sound an alarm when they stray more than 50 feet from the hub and/or submerge more than 4 inches.

The three passenger fobs all come packaged in brightly colored wristbands which will be attractive to younger kids.

The maker of this product, Fell Marine, upon hearing about the SKIFF program, provided these passenger fobs to us at no charge.

Hopefully, we’ll never have a situation where the system is put to the test.

Merry Christmas, and thank you all for your ongoing support of our military families!!

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The following individuals who made presentations to our club in 2017/2019. Please follow the links to get more information on the services they provide. You won't be disappointed.

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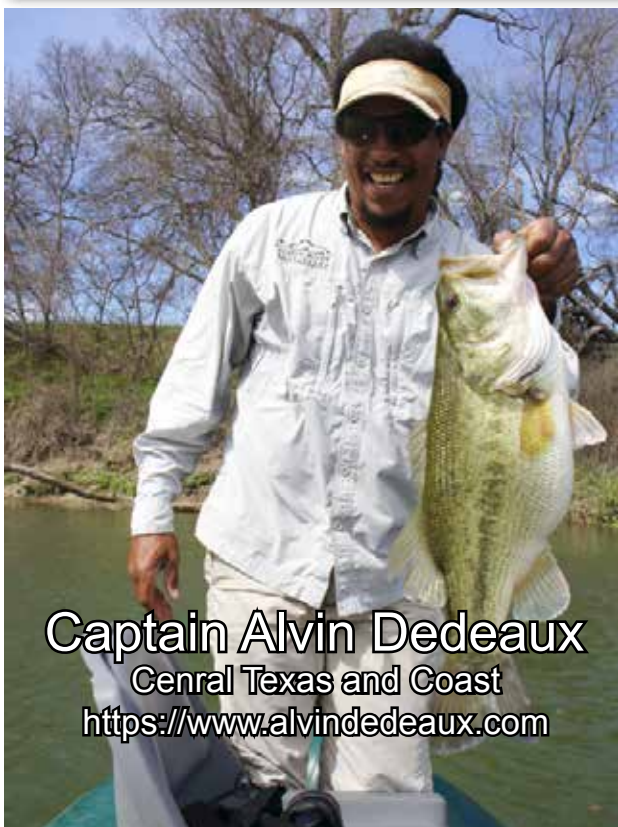
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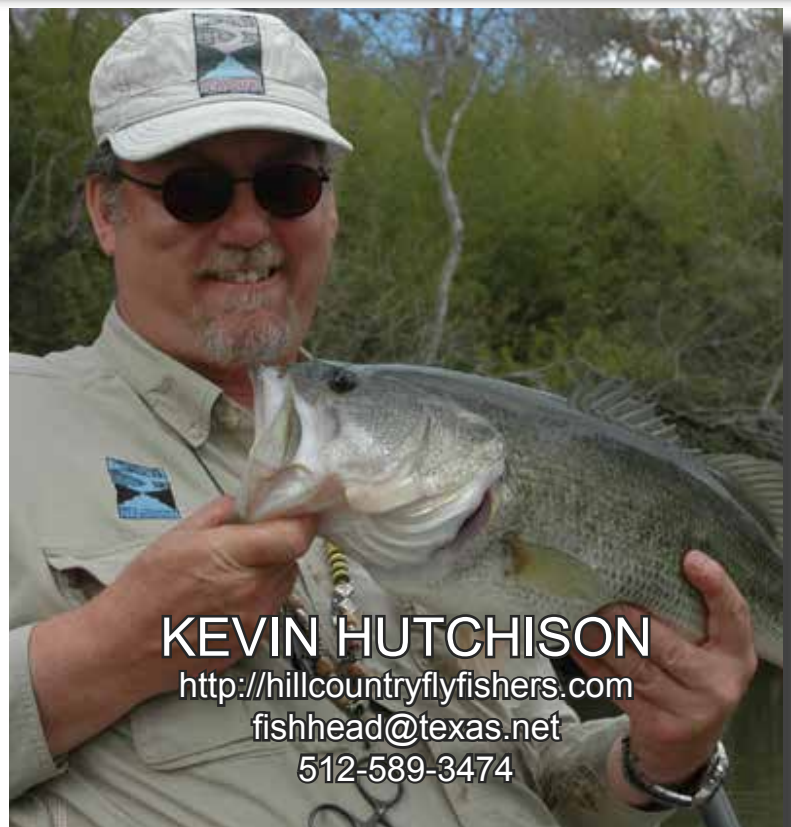
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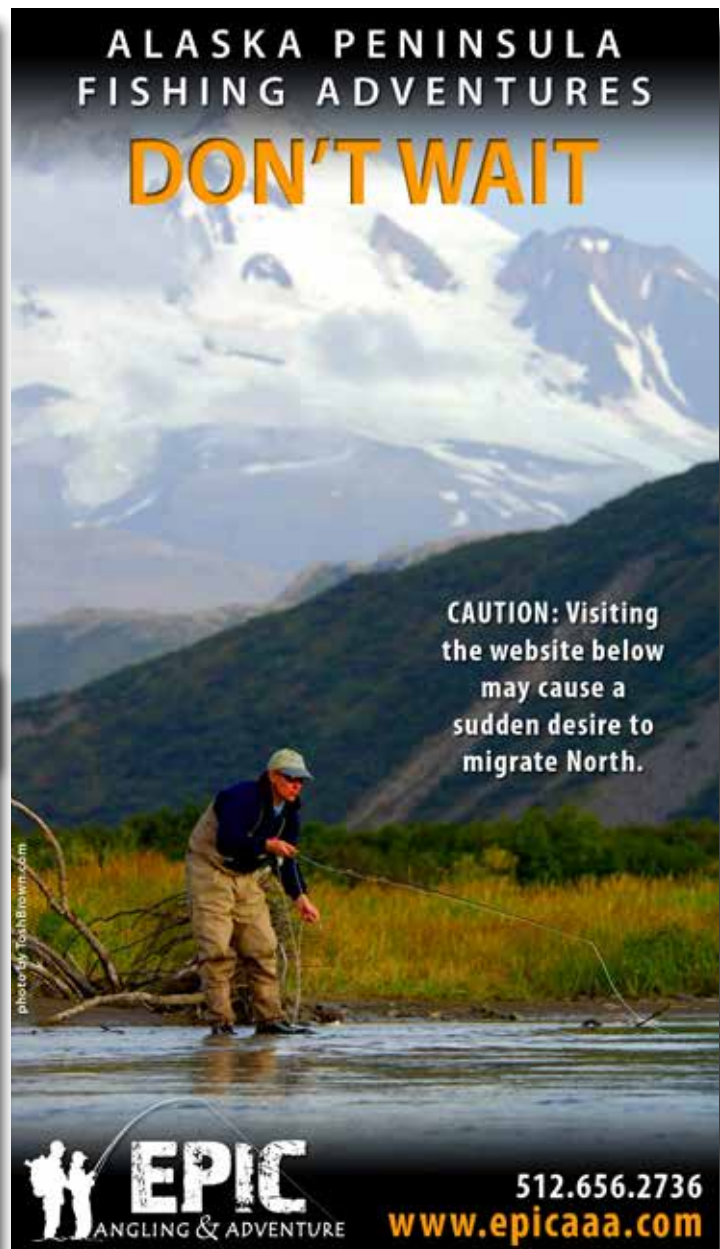
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