



Fort Worth Fly Fishers Newsletter

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Message From the President

Reflecting on the month of June, I am inspired by the work of the club and its members in the face of the many disruptions we experienced. Restrictions on gathering led us to our first-ever virtual club meeting on June 2. With over 45 attendees, Central Texas guide Greg Welander provided us with a great presentation on the Colorado River with tips and techniques to enjoy this beautiful waterway.

June 14 kicked off our virtual auction to raise funds to support club operations, outing and activities. The first auction offered five regional guide trips from some the best in the business. The auction which closed on June 21, was a great success and led to a second virtual auction ([click here](#)) on our way to the 2020 Annual Auction and Dinner set for September 12. A special thanks to Les Jackson, Russell Husted, Danny Scarborough (<http://www.houstonflyfishing.com>), Capt. Jeff Johnson (<https://www.flyfishrockport.com>), and Action Angler (<https://www.actionangler.net>), who charitably donated their time and talents to this event. I would also like to express my gratitude to the bidders and winners of the auction. Your generous participation is sincerely appreciated.

In conjunction with the auction, we are continuing the annual Jackson Mayfly kayak Raffle. As you may recall , this raffle is not only for the Jackson Mayfly, which is the grand prize. This year we included two additional chances to win, with a 2nd place Jackson Crusie12 kayak and a 3rd place Classic Accessories 9-foot inflatable pontoon boat. That's right, three chances to win for only \$20 a ticket, or six for \$100. You should have received an email from the club with a fillable form that you can use to buy raffle tickets. Or, you can also get a copy by [clicking here](#). For questions or assistance, contact Bill Hodges at bcolhodges@aol.com. This is a great opportunity to support the club while getting a chance to own a Jackson kayak.

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President's Message- Contd.

On June 18-21, 18 FWFF members traveled to Port O'Conner, Texas, for the annual coastal water outing. From the photos and trip report, it looks like the weekend was a huge success. We will be looking forward to a trip report at our July meeting.

If you interested in the Colorado trip planned for July 18-25, touch base with Russell Husted at russellhusted@sbcglobal.net for additional information or questions.

Don't forget to join us on July 7 for the first of our three-part Summer Learning Series. In July we will have a short film followed by a presentation on urban fishing. This meeting will be broadcast via Zoom, so watch email for your Zoom invitation in the days prior to the meeting.

Wishing each of you a safe and peaceful Fourth of July,

David Hooper
President, Fort Worth Fly Fishers

It's a New World, Part 2: *July meeting will be online*



Les Jackson at a local haunt.

In June, Fort Worth Fly Fishers held our first membership meeting via Zoom, and your Board of Directors thought it was a real success. Nearly 50 members were watching as President David Hooper launched the meeting and guest speaker Greg Welander guided us through his home fishing waters in the Texas Hill Country. Our regular meeting venue at the UNT Health Science Center is still closed, so we will again hold our monthly meeting online.

On July 7, the meeting will start with David reviewing club business and then go right into the program. It's a double-header:

- First, FWFF member Les Jackson will present his long experiences with local and urban waters. For years Les has fooled surprisingly large fish from area creeks, rivers and ponds. He knows you don't have to drive hours to find fish to catch, and he'll show you how to do it.
- Then we'll end the meeting with an Orvis video on the basics of inshore saltwater fishing. It's an excellent source of information to get you started and on your way to catching some huge fish.

The entire meeting should last an hour. We understand you've been on plenty of online meetings lately, and we'll try to make this as brief, fun, and informative as we can! Please joint us at 7 p.m. sharp.

Upcoming Speakers

Month	Speaker	Presentation Title
July VIA ZOOM	Les Jackson and Orvis video	Local waters and saltwater
August	Summer Learning Series	Fly Tying
September	Summer Learning Series	Casting
October	Craig Hayes, Belize	Turneffe Atoll
November	Ed Tamson, Florida	Fly Fishing in the Florida Everglades

How to Join the July 7 Membership Meeting on Zoom

All you need is a computer, monitor and internet connection to participate. You'll need to download the Zoom app, but you don't have to create an account. Just watch for an email from FWFF President David Hooper with the necessary link to the meeting. Click on the link, enter the meeting number, and you'll be in like Flint.

NOTE: To make sure you get David's email, add president@fortworthflyfishers.org to your Contacts list or to your list of safe email senders. If you are a current, paid member, you should receive the email.

Back to Colorado in July!



Pogue Lake, a regular destination on the South Fork trip, in 2019.

Hello club. As I reflect on what is currently going on in our world, I can't think of a better way or time than now to go to southern Colorado. Social distancing in its best form!!

Yes, the annual trip to South Fork, Colo., is still on, and it is not too late to make plans to go. Original plans had us staying at Ute Bluff Lodge, but due to the lodge's temporary closure, we are now staying at Cottonwood Cove, between South Fork and Creede, to the north. There is still room at Cottonwood Cove, so make your reservations as soon as possible. If they do book out, there are many other locations, and options for us. If you need help, please contact me at 972-567-4155, or call the South Fork Chamber of Commerce at <https://www.cottonwoodcove.com/>

Conditions will be much different and more normal than last year. Water levels will be much lower, and consistent, due to less late snowfall this year. Streams will be ultra-clear, and should provide great dry fly action, with much easier wading. After speaking with hotel managers and the Chamber of Commerce, I anticipate seeing fewer travelers as well this year. Add all of this up, and could be a special week for us.

Previous years, we used Raton, N.M., as a resting spot on our travel plans. New Mexico has tighter Covid-19 restrictions, and capacity at hotels is low, so we are driving straight through to South Fork. Doing so opens the door for us to fish six entire days, Sunday through Friday. We will fish the usual areas that have been so special, along with some new locations to test out as well. A good map, and some helpful tips, go a long way in finding new places to explore.

Restaurants in the area are opening up with more capacity as we speak. Some have decided to close for the summer. This may be a time when cooking on your own is a better option. I suggest reviewing your plans on meals, and plan more on quick and easy meals, so there is more time for fishing. Last year we used a crock pot for most of our meals, and it worked out great. Simply load up in the morning, fish all day, and come back to a great meal, with little to clean up.

We will be doing more of that again this year. Check out similar sites like this for tasty, easy meal selections:
<https://www.brit.co/food/recipes/crockpot-recipes/>

Finally, Colorado fishing licenses can be bought on line, which can be a good thing if you are in a hurry to go fishing. Here's the link: [Get a Fishing License in Colorado | Take Me Fishing](#)

Russell Husted, FWFF Member

Phase 2 of Texas River Access Program Highlighted with help from FFI and FWFF members



Canoes, kayaks and automobiles were needed to film a video on the TPWD river access program.

There's exciting news coming out from Texas Parks and Wildlife about more access to our Texas rivers.

Phase one of the program to improve kayak and fishing access was a huge success. Since 2012, 24 public river access leases covering more than 211 miles of 10 different rivers across Texas have been established with cooperating landowners, and TPWD is building on that success with a second round of coordinated efforts to provide anglers with even more access.

The Texas Council of Fly Fishing International played a significant role in the first phase by highlighting possible access areas and providing names of the owners of locations of interest for TPWD to explore. With this information, TPWD did some great work acquiring sites for us to enjoy throughout the state.



Russell Husted, center, with TPWD Television's John Botros, left, and Abe Moore during filming.

Since acquiring these sites, myself and many, many others have thoroughly enjoyed this access, and look forward to the news of more to come.

Texas River Access - Contd.

Here is the official statement from TPWD:

"The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is looking to expand public access to fishing and paddling on Texas rivers through leased access agreements with streamside landowners. For more information or to submit an application, please see the River Access Request for Applications on the [TPWD Grants Page](#). Landowners interested in partnering with TPWD in this effort can gain additional valuable insight into the program by checking out this [fact sheet](#) that answers some of the more frequently asked questions."

With this development, there is a need to promote the program, highlight the process and gain support throughout the state. Earlier this month, I was approached by TPWD, to see if I would be interested in participating in a promotional video and a segment for Texas Parks & Wildlife, the series filmed by the TPWD Television Series and aired on PBS stations across Texas. Thinking it was going to be an easy, "let's film Russell fly fishing," I agreed, and off I went with a loaded down, beat up, dirty truck to Mason, Texas.

Keira Quam, a FWFF member and TPWD employee, gave me a little more insight into the process, and she was right on. Thanks for that! After meeting up and discussing the plan with TPWD Television's Abe Moore and John Botros, I realized there was more involved than I realized. We spent one afternoon, then a follow-up, early morning shoot to finish the filming. It was hot, a lot of work and a very fun, memorable experience.



We used cameras, GoPros and drones to put together what we think will be an awesome reflection of the program and what fly fishing on the Llano River is like. It was all about the experience, camera angles, lighting and telling the story. It was a great experience, and so much fun working with Abe and John. The photos accompanying this report show what was involved.

Stay tuned for the segment's release, and also an announcement when the Phase 2 of the river access program rolls out.

Russell Husted, FWFF Member

Fly of the Month: Western Coachman variation

This month's fly is a variation on a classic Western fly pattern, the Western Coachman. Originally credited to Wayne "Buz" Buszek from Visalia, Calif. You may recognize Buz as the namesake of the Fly Fishers International prestigious Buz Buszek Memorial Fly Tying Award. This award is given occasionally to the very best of fly tyers who show not only outstanding skill but who make significant contributions to the art of fly tying. Buz fished the Sierra Nevada mountains near his home in the 1930s and developed the Western Coachman in an evolutionary fashion from the base of a Royal Coachman. It can be tied as a wet or dry (I'll choose to tie in a wet fly style). The original had a golden pheasant tail, a peacock herl body and a white calf tail wing with a hen hackle collar. The pattern gained widespread use after Jack Dennis included it in his iconic *Western Trout Fly Tying Manual*, published in 1974. This variation is one that I got from our own Joe Gunn. Joe and his wife, Jeanne, fish often in Colorado and were introduced to this variation by a guide with whom they fished. This should be a great addition for those of you who are headed to Colorado this summer.



Materials:

Thread: Thread is not critical, tied here in Danville 6-0 Olive. It only shows in the thread head.

Hook: Traditional long-shank (2x length) nymph hook, size 12 - 20. Here on an Orvis 1524, size 16.

Tail: Golden pheasant tippet barbs.

Ribbing: Brassie-sized wire (gold or copper), leg material, etc. Here with Fly Tyers Dungeon Bug legs in bright white.

Body: Peacock herl.

Wing: Traditionally white calf tail. Here in white polypropylene wing post material and pearl crystal flash.

Hackle: Any soft neck hackle sized for the hook. Here in Whiting Hen Cape in grizzly.

Fly of the Month: Western Coachman variation - Contd.



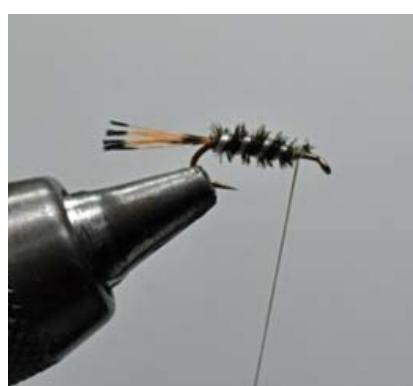
Step 1: Debarb the hook if needed. Start the thread near the bend and lay in a small section of thread as a base for the tail. Attach a section of Golden Pheasant tippet barbs, about a hook shank in length. Try to keep the barbs aligned on the top of the hook.



Step 2: Attach ribbing material to the hook, long end out the back of the hook, and place in a material keeper if you have one.



Step 3: Select three or four peacock herl strands that have a good amount of fuzzy barbules. Snip all the herl ends and attach to the hook with the ends out the back. Advance thread to two to three eye diameters behind the eye. Wrap herl with touching wraps up to thread and secure with a couple of tight thread wraps. Snip off the tag ends.



Step 4: Counter-wrap the ribbing material forward through the herl body with evenly spaced wraps and tie off with thread at the end of the body. Snip the tag end.



Step 5: Take a small clump of the wing post material (about two hook shank lengths long, but it's OK longer, since you'll trim to

length later). Attach the middle of the material with a couple of thread wraps at the head of the body in the middle of the length of the post material. Take the forward half of the post material and pull it back over the rear half so that both now point to the tail. Secure with a couple of thread wraps. Trim to about the end of the hook bend.



Step 6: Select a single strand of crystal flash. Fold it in half multiple times until it is about two hook shanks in length. Attach the middle of the flash to the shank and fold it back, just as you did the post material. Attachment point should be at the same spot as the post material. You should still have at least an eye diameter of bare hook at the front for the hackle and the thread head.



Step 7: Select a hackle that is about a one hook gape to 1-1/2 hook gapes in length. Clean off any fuzzy barbs, leaving a length of bare rachis (the feather stem) and tie in front of the wing. Palmer the hackle to create a nice smooth collar. You may need to fold the barbs on the hackle to achieve this smooth collar. Tie off the hackle and clip the tag end. Create a nice small thread head and whip finish. Apply head cement to complete the fly.

Starting about 1942, the Western Coachman quickly became popular with Buz's clients. Buz soon left his job with the Postal Service and opened a full-time fly and fly-tying store, Buz's Fly and Tackle Shop, or as most knew it, simply "Buz's." In his first catalog he wrote that the Western Coachman was his No. 1 producer and his favorite fly. In short order it was known across the country for its effectiveness on rainbows, browns, brook trout, cutthroat, crappie, bluegill, bass, and even steelhead. For years, even after Buz's untimely death in 1965, it accounted for half the fly sales in the shop.

Barry Webster

Port O'Connor Outing Finds Fish Despite Early Wind

It was a good weekend on July 18-21 for the club's outing to Port O'Connor on the Texas coast, other than winds the first full day. With 18 mph winds gusting to 25 mph on Friday, the fishing was mediocre as kayakers had to find sheltered waters but did catch fish. Some hired fly fishing guides, but even the professionals found it difficult to find clear water, essential for sight casting to redfish.

Local guide Capt. Kevin "KT" Townsend came Friday night and provided a talk on the fishery of the bays around Port O'Connor and tarpon fishing in the area. He's probably the lead guide in the POC area for tarpon and contributes to the research on these ancient fish by tagging them with trackable devices, which monitor these silver beauties' migrations.

On Saturday, the winds died and made for a very pleasant experience for kayakers, who were shuttled to the back side of Matagorda Island State Park. Capt. Townsend and outing host Bryce Bezant provided their boats to carry a fleet of kayaks to some beautiful waters with a hard sand bottom, offering some great shots at redfish and speckled trout. The majority of folks encountered, hooked or landed fish. Newbies to saltwater kayak fishing had an excellent experience.

We had 18 Fort Worth Fly Fishers members in four nice condos. FWFF member Paul Bonner owns two of these condos and donates stays in them during our club auction. Those condos are Pirates Cove 1 and 2 (462 and 464 South 15th St., Port O'Connor, TX 77982). One has two bedrooms and three baths, and the other is three bedrooms and three baths. Both are very nice, with stocked kitchens. They sit on the water with a boat slip. They can be viewed and booked through Port O'Connor Rental <https://pocrentals.com/> or by calling 361-983-4371.

A big shout out goes to Capt. Townsend for a load of information on where to access good waters for kayak fishing and much help in the kayak shuttle operation. Besides tarpon he also guides for redfish. You might also catch some of his shows on the Outdoor Channel titled KT Diaries. Please consider using him if you are headed down to POC. His website is: <https://www.ktdiaries.com/> or <https://www.facebook.com/TheKTDiaries/>.

He can be reached at 832-477-3810.

All in all, it was a great trip that held many adventures.

Bryce Bezant



Suresh Venugopal is a happy fisherman hoisting a hefty Jack Crevalle he landed on a 12-weight sinking line aboard Guide Capt. Tom Hornsby's boat.



Brian Loria scouts for redfish.



Frank Huneycutt, a saltwater newbie, hooked up on a couple of reds.



Jake Sherwood landed this nice redfish on the flats with Guide Capt. Gilbert of Fly Fish Rockport.



Brett Morehead, Merilyn Evans and Bryce Bezant boated a limit of reds and just four shy of a limit of specks on a conventional fishing trip with guide Ed Stracos.



Brian Loria with a red caught on the fly in Espiritu Santos Bay with Capt. KT Townsend.

Port O'Connor Outing - Contd.



Sunrise on Matagorda Bay, searching for Jacks.



Jacob Sherwood shows how to take care of a nice redfish.



Brett Morehead landed this double spot redfish in Matagorda State Park.

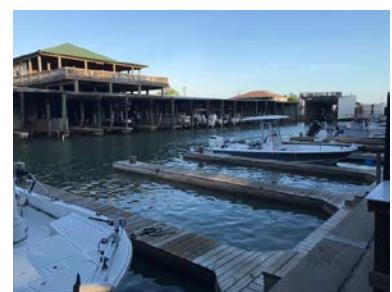
Brett Morehead shows off a nice redfish.



Brian Loria and Frank Huneycutt get ready for the Saturday kayak shuttle to Matagorda State Park.

Frank Huneycutt with another redfish taken in the bay.

Sharon Leisner with a redfish she caught fishing with Debbie Williams and guide Capt. Jack Campbell.



Pirates Cove Harbor

What a haul! Merilyn Evans, Bryce Bezant and Brett Morehead.



Blasts from the Past!

ESPN and other sports channels are rerunning memorable competitions from the past in the absence of current events, so we thought we'd do the same. Here is an article from 2017. Enjoy!

Tate's Tips, Tricks, & Tales. - "My Backyard... the Trinity"



It was many years ago when I was able to go out the back door of my house, and walk down to the fishing hole. Diamond Lake to be exact in Abilene Texas. I did as many do, and took for granted the ease of having water just walking distance

from my home. I appreciated it greatly then, but rather I didn't understand this is not "life" for the majority of people. I'd grab a long cane pole with mono tied from the base up and out the tip. It'd have just enough line to toss it out passed the grown up moss bank with a cork, small weight, and hook. You could say I "tenkara" fished before it was a big deal. I'd sneak a hotdog out of the fridge, stick it in my pocket, and out the door I would go. The perch were no match for my rod setting skills. Haha, I was very thankful for the tempting pieces of hot dog that they couldn't resist. You see I had the ability and freedom to fish because the lake was so close, but what I didn't know is this was going to change. We moved and the pond on the back part of our 5-acre property just never held water through the West Texas droughts. It's what we would all call a big hole.

I look back to that time because in this month's write up I want to share what I've discovered. The only difference is I'm just a big kid now. I've found what I once had. I found a place to throw a line out the backdoor of my apartment in downtown Fort Worth. I found the Trinity River.

When I talk about the Trinity most folks first reaction is, "gross", "seriously", "do not eat the fish out of there", "do you catch two headed fish", and so forth. First off, I'm a catch and release dude. Next, I understand there was an alert because of E. coli last year due to high water, dead bodies found (mostly Dallas side), an alligator two years ago, and much more caution from people who probably have never fished before.

Really folks? I am not pulling out my travel cup and taking a big swig of river water when I'm thirsty. Lastly, I have never caught a fish with multiple heads. I have caught this crazy looking thing and then with further research and simple common knowledge

I explained turtles eat baitfish too. I call it the clouser effect, Aka if you fish with it you never know what you're going to get, maybe a turtle or two. Here is what I've learned, and what I want to share with you.

In Fort Worth we have two forks of the Trinity River that meet together at Panther Island Pavilion. The West Fork that flows from Lake Worth, and the Clear Fork coming out of Benbrook Lake. Where I live and walk down to fish the two forks have already come together. If you are familiar with the Trinity you know in Fort Worth there are a lot of small dams, low water crossings, and concrete kayak chutes that help pool the water and create more than a tiny flowing stream. These structures help the river maintain depth and allow for some great fishing opportunities. They add oxygen to the water and also "land lock" some fish. The West Fork has three of these structures, the Clear Fork has 11, and after they meet there are four downstream. What I'm saying is there are 17 opportunities for you! Choose carefully some are a lot more productive than others.

Here's the Tate scoop, I like to fish down river of these structures in the current. I fish primarily two of these dams because they are close to me and they are productive right now. The water is warming up and the baitfish are spawning. The minnows have been schooling so thick that I'm hooking them on my flies while stripping back in. We know the white bass and hybrids have also been running... but they can only run so far, wink wink. I measured the water temperature on March 20th and it was 71.6°. My latest discovery after catching a 24-inch hybrid or striper was the amount of crappie in the Trinity. On the 19th I was fishing until 9 p.m. with a fly rod catching crappie and white bass, and there were zero lights on or around the water. I'd



Tate's Tips, Tricks, & Tales. - Contd.

take a flashlight and fish the evening through sunset. Look for the minnows rippling across the water. Don't be afraid to move around! Unless your hooking fish, do not stand in one spot. These fish are moving around chasing food, so remember spotting bait in the water will be your ticket. The wind has been incredibly challenging the past few days; I'm using a 6 wt. to rip it. Be courteous on the Trinity Trails and watch out for bikers, they are ruthless.

It's been fun being able to go out the back door of my apartment, and walk down to the fishing hole!

Don't forget to send your fishing pictures to fortworthflyfishers@gmail.com



Thanks for the read,

"He founded it on the seas and established it on the waters"

Adam Tate - @reeltatetales #onthewaters

CLUB ACTIVITIES

2020 OUTINGS CALENDAR

DATE	LOCATION	SPECIES	HOST
July	South Fork, Colorado	Trout	Russell Husted
August 15, 2020	Brazos River, near Glen Rose	Bass, drum, white bass	
Sept. 19	Loughridge Lake, Fort Worth	Crappie, bass, panfish	
Sept. 28-Oct. 1	Fisheads of the San Juan River in New Mexico	Trout	
Oct. 16-18	Oktoberfisch - Pedernales River – Edgewater Springs Resort	Bass and perch	Fredericksburg Fly Fishers
Nov. 20-22	Lower Illinois River near Gore, Oklahoma	Trout,bass, catfish,carp	

EVENTS AROUND TEXAS AND THE NATION

For many more events and detailed information, visit the [Events page at Fly Fishers International](#) and the Facebook page of the [FFI Texas Council](#).

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Wolf Creek Anglers, Southfork, Colo; Trish, 928-640-
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Ken Bowers	Norm Tremblay
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"Fishing can heal the mind. Talking and sharing can ease the pain." Retreat Participant



Reel Recovery is a national non-profit organization that conducts **FREE** fly-fishing retreats for men living with all forms of cancer. The organization offers a unique experience for these men: introductory fly-fishing instruction to learn a new skill, "Courageous Conversations" a time to share their stories, form friendships, and gain renewed hope as they confront the challenges of their recovery. A maximum of 12-14 men are invited to participate in each retreat to ensure a quality experience and to create a powerful, small group dynamic.

Texas 2020 Retreat Schedule

Waring: April 3-5 (Veterans & Active Military Only). Sept.18-20 All Participants.

Glen Rose: April 17-19. October 9-11.

Navasota: May 1-3. October 30-November 1.

If you would like to be a participant, volunteer, or make a donation contact us at:
Toll Free 800.699.4490 info@reelrecovery.org www.reelrecovery.org

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Fly Tying Groups Around Town

One of the best ways to improve and learn new tying skills as well as make new friends is to attend one of the tying events held in our area on a weekly basis. If you are a seasoned and experienced tyer, many of us would be glad to learn a new pattern or technique from you. If you are new to the whole mystifying ordeal of putting thread and feathers on a hook, do not be intimidated. Come and watch, enjoy a cold one, and catch up on recent fishing reports.

Fort Worth

Backwoods:
441 Carroll Street
Montgomery Plaza
Fort Worth, TX
817-332-2423
Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m.
Call ahead for details and information.

Backwoods fly tying nights are well attended with lots of knowledgeable tyers that are willing to help and share.

Orvis Fort Worth
4601 West Freeway, No. 310
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Second Tuesday of the month
682-703-7675

Stephen Woodcock, fly fishing manager of the Fort Worth Orvis store, leads a monthly fly-tying session that starts Feb. 18 and after that continues on the second Tuesday of the month. Materials are provided, but bring your own vice, tools and thread.

Arlington

El Fenix Mexican Restaurant
4608 S Cooper St.
Arlington TX 76017
817-557-4309
Thursday nights: Dinner and drinks start at 5:15-5:30 p.m.
Tying starts at 6:30 p.m.

This event is usually headed by FWFF members who rotate in leading the class, which meets in a space in the rear of the restaurant. Mexican cuisine and cold drinks get the program rolling before tyers start making the fur, feathers and lies fly. If you don't mind a bit of rabbit fur in your salsa or peacock herl in your PBR, come join us!

Grapevine

Bass Pro Shop: Fly Fishing Department
2501 Bass Pro Drive, Grapevine, TX 76051
Wednesday Night: 7:00 p.m.
Saturday Morning: 10:00 a.m.

Led by "The Roadkill Round Table", this group has been tying for 35 years but welcomes new members.

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Our Purpose

"The purpose of our local club is to provide a forum for the meeting and exchange of ideas among members concerning the art of fly fishing."
*Federation of Fly Fishers, Southern Council 2002 and 2003 Club of the Year,
Texas Council 2014 Club of the Year*