



TVFF Club News

February 2019



Program – February 21, 7 pm

Lexi Eiler – International Crane Foundation

Lexi is the Whooping Crane Outreach Program Assistant based in Alabama for the International Crane Foundation. Their mission is to work worldwide to conserve cranes and the ecosystems, watersheds, and flyways on which they depend. In the winter the endangered Whooping Crane migrates to the areas near Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge in Decatur, AL. Come learn more about the cranes and the ICF (www.savingcranes.org). If you would like to see the Whooping Cranes during the winter, go to www.fws.gov/refuge/wheeler/ to plan your visit!

Updated Fishing Reports

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**Please make welcome
our newest members**

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This Month's Activities

- Feb 7- BOD Mtg. 7pm Room 201
- Feb 14 - Fly Tying 7pm Room 201
- Feb 21 - Program 7pm Room 201
- Feb 28- Fly Tying - 7pm Room 201

**Please make welcome
our newest members**

Jeff Thornton

Scott Miller

Brenda Barnes

Blake and Stephanie

Ransom

Jasen and Lauren

Albright

Gary Jedlovec

Harvey and Pam

Cotten

Catch of the Month Jarrod Schneider

Jarrod tried his luck at Madison County lake and caught this 2.5 lb. rainbow on a San Juan worm. It is his first fish on a fly rod. Way to go!



New Trout Stocking Spot in Alabama Black Creek below Noccalula Falls in Gadsden

This news comes from the Rainbow Fly Fishing Club newsletter:

“Our new president, Chuck Baldwin, started off the meeting by going over our plans for the year. For our February program, we will have our newly elected state representative, Craig Lipscomp, tell us about exciting plans for stocking rainbow trout in Black Creek below Noccalula Falls park. Frank Roden has been working on that project for a while, and has gotten a lot of support from Craig, and from our other newly elected state representative, Gil Isbell. They had hoped to stock the trout this month, but for various reasons that couldn't be done, so the current plan is to stock them the first week of October.”





TVFF Fly Tying Group



Fly tying Night Feb 14—Tyer – Donald Dehm

Faith Presbyterian Church Room 201 , 7 – 9 pm

Education and Tyers Choice

There will be a \$3 charge for materials

The Feb 14th event will be at Faith Presbyterian church. This will be a Tyer's Choice night. There will be a brief presentation on a fly tying material or technique. Then we will break into groups to tie a fly of our choice. If you have been meaning to tie some midges or wooly buggers for your fly box, this would be a good time to do it while you enjoy the company of other tyers. We tried this format at the first Fly Tying night in January and it was a big hit.

Fly tying Night Feb 28—Tyer – Bill Pettinger

Faith Presbyterian Church Room 201 , 7 – 9 pm

Fly – Big Eye Fly

There will be a \$3 charge for materials

Originated in the early 1980s by a UK fly tier, this pattern has rapidly gained popularity worldwide. It's certainly a non-traditional pattern and has an amazing bobbing and weaving action in the water. The pattern presented here is an attractor type patterns but any number of natural patterns can be tied with the bulbous eyes that give this fly its name. The foam at the eyes will let it float but it is sometimes fished on a sinking line with great success.



All are welcomed! Fly tying equipment is available for new tyers. Come and discover the joy of catching fish on a fly you tied or even designed. Join us for 2 hour sessions held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 7 PM.



Embroidery Roundup

Have shirts, jackets etc. that need the club logo?

Bring them to the February 14th meeting or contact [Debbie Hill](#) to make other arrangements.

Be sure to tag each item with your name and the logo of your choice, either Classic or Alternate. Logos will be embodied above the right pocket unless otherwise noted on tag.

Cost per shirt should be \$6 +/- based on a minimum of 12 items. Exact cost per item varies depending on the total number of items.



Classic



Alternate



Faith Presbyterian Church has been kind enough to let TVFF use Room 201 at the church for many years. We would like to give back by supporting their "Fill a Box" program. This program provides food to seniors that have been identified by CASA as "food insecure". Faith volunteers deliver 20 boxes to seniors in need. If you would like to participate then please bring an item to the next meeting to add to the TVFF box. The church office will also accept cash donations.

What will fill a box?

- 1 box of low-sugar, high fiber CEREAL
- 1-2 boxes of instant OATMEAL
- 1-2 boxes of BREAKFAST BARS
- 4-5 cans of TUNA, HAM, CHICKEN
- 6-8 cans of low-sugar FRUIT
- 6-8 cans of SOUP
- 6-8 cans of low-salt VEGTABLES
- 3-5 boxes of LOW-PREP MEALS (Hamburger Helper, Mac n Cheese)
- 2-3 bottles/jars of Condiments (mayo, ketchup, oil, etc.)
- 1 jar of PEANUT BUTTER
- 1-2 packs of SNACKS/DESSERT



TVFF Job Jar YOU CAN HELP!

Click on a Job listed below and send an email to volunteer or to obtain additional information.

This is your opportunity to support TVFF without signing up for a long term commitment.

Your help is needed and greatly appreciated.

[Manage the TVFF Job Jar](#) - Update this page monthly and coordinate requests.

[Provide flies for the TVFF Casting for Recovery \(CfR\) Fly Box](#) – Tie or purchase 14 flies of the same pattern for the TVFF CfR Fly Box. Contact the [TVFF program manager](#) prior to selecting the pattern to avoid duplicates. Fly boxes will be donated annually.

CfR provides free healing retreats for women breast cancer survivors in various stages of treatment and recovery. CfR's retreats offer women opportunities to find inspiration, discover renewed energy for life, and experience healing connections with other women and nature.

[Club News Contributor](#) - Provide the Communication Director content of interest geared toward our members such as activities, articles, trip reports, etc.

[Official TVFF Photographer\(s\)](#) - Photograph TVFF events and email photos to the Communication Director.

[Safety Pin Flies](#) - Tie some safety pin flies to be given to visitors at TVFF outreach activities. This simple to tie pattern is very popular with younger visitors. Demand is always great and outstrips our supply; we never have enough.

[Manage TVFF Calendar](#) - Update TVFF Google Calendar with events provided by BOD.



Mountain Home, Arkansas Spring Trip March 23-31, 2019

Fish some of the best trout waters in the country 9 days and still squeeze in a morning or afternoon or two at the Sowbug Roundup.

This trip coincides with the Sowbug Roundup (Mar. 28-30) a three day fly tying and fly fishing show held in Mountain Home Arkansas.

The Sowbug is basically a fly tying show that features demonstrations by 100+ expert tyers, seminars, tying & casting instruction, drawings, & auctions, not to mention local vendors as well as vendors from across the US to include Dave Whitlock, Davy Wotton, Duane Hada, and TFO rods.



TVFF is putting together to Mountain Home Arkansas from Saturday, Mar. 23 through following Sunday, Mar. 31. That's a 9 day and trip for ~\$450*. That's lodging, round trip transportation,, food and a 7 day Arkansas fishing license and trout stamp.

If you have never been to a blue ribbon trout river this is your opportunity to fish not one but two blue ribbon rivers for a fantastic price.



There is still room for 4 more anglers.

Contact Larry Hice at lhice@plasticfusion.com

or call (256) 508-2344. A \$100 non-refundable deposit will guarantee you a spot.

2019 Donovan Lakes Club Trip

Opened to all club members. Trip includes: Accommodations at Donovan Inn and 4 days of fishing at one of Alabama's best bass destinations (2 half days plus 3 full days). All for \$~ 300 including meals. Never fished for bass, no problem. Experienced members are happy to coach you.

Make your plans now! Space is limited!

- Monday 17 April till noon Friday 21 April
- Per person cost ~ \$300. Includes fishing meals and lodging
- Comparable bass lakes charge \$250/day just for fishing
- First come first served
- Nonrefundable \$257 deposit required at sign-up
- Cancellations filled from standby list (Standby reimburses deposit)





Fly Tying 101

January and March 2019

TVFF Education Director, Donald Dehm, will be conducting a Fly Tying 101 Course in March 2019.

This Course will be a set of three classes, held on three Saturdays, from 9 am - 1 pm each day. Please note that the event page and ticket may indicate only the date of March 9th, but the classes are for the three consecutive Saturdays of March 9, 16, and 23.

The classes in the course will include basic fly tying equipment identification, material identification, basic fly tying techniques, tying basic flies to intermediate flies (8 flies in total), and more. Each course will be limited to a total of 20 students either with their own equipment and/or with no equipment, which TVFF will provide at no cost.

Cost of the course is be \$25 per person, and we recommend that you attend all three classes. We will include all materials, to include hooks, thread, feathers, fur, and more for each student in attendance. You will also receive a physical copy of the information instructed as well as a digital copy (PDF) if requested. In addition, you will receive informed advice on what you can purchase to start out in fly tying, such as materials, equipment, vises, tools, etc.

Please be sure to select the box to let us know if you need TVFF to provide tools and a vise, or if you will be bringing your own.

Course Dates: March – 9, 16, and 23 (9 - 1 pm)

Coffee and assorted breakfast items will be provided at each date and included in ticket price.

Other Details:

TVFF membership is not required to attend these courses. The basic tools we recommend are threader, scissors, bobbin, bodkin, whip finisher, and hackle pliers. If you miss one date the. Please let the instructor know if you are unable to make any date and he may be able to schedule a make-up session on a TVFF Fly Tying night (2nd and 4th Thursdays). Children ages 10 and up can attend, however, we require at least one parent/guardian to also purchase tickets. Please keep in mind that we will be working with hooks and sharp tools, so safety is a concern. We will take restroom breaks on or around the top of each hour. The facility is handicap accessible, please contact Donald Dehm, donalddehm@yahoo.com for access to wheelchair accessible entrance. If the weather causes road closures, the classes for that day will be rescheduled and all attendees will receive an email with updated class information. You will receive an email the night before each class to remind you of the start time and other information for that day's class

Please contact Donald Dehm by email, donalddehm@yahoo.com with any questions or if you would like to volunteer to help.

January Fly Tying 101 Graduates

Donald Dehm, TVFF Education Director, taught a Fly Tying 101 course in January. There were 15 new tyers in the class. Ten new members have joined the club as a result. Thanks to Donald for creating the class and all of the class material. Thanks to these club members who were available to assist the students: Larry Hice, Joe Tremblay, Dick Curtis, Debbie Hill, David Hatfield and Bill Pettinger.

The class will be taught again in March. Tell your friends.



Fly Tying Social at Orvis on January 10

Donald gave an informative talk on marabou feathers, then we all tied a fly of our choice. Nick, in the center, is the new fishing manager at Orvis. Say hello to Nick the next time you are in the store.





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CLOUSER MINNOW PATTERN: EXPLORING DIFFERENT TYING OPTIONS

The Clouser Minnow is one of those flies that is always there. It's always there calling to you, saying, "You always know that you can catch some fish with me at any time. Stop messing around with the other stuff and just catch some fish. Tie me on." Like the Woolly Bugger, the Clouser is super versatile. Many fly anglers are familiar with the fact that Lefty Kreh at one point many years ago had caught at least 86 species on this fly pattern. [Read More](#)

February Holidays

National Pizza Day

Date When Celebrated : February 9th

Celebrated on February 9th each and every year – National Pizza Day is a day that celebrates this oven baked flat bread food that is covered in sauce and cheese. It is a holiday where people can enjoy one of the most popular and iconic dishes in the world and kick back with a slice as they spend time with friends and family.



National Hoodie Hoo Day

Date When Celebrated : January 29

Hoodie Hoo Day is a day that is celebrated every year on February 20th. It is a day designed to help people overcome the winter-time blues and to prepare them for the coming of Spring. Although this holiday might seem like a joke holiday, it is an actual holiday that was created and copyrighted by Thomas Roy; a guy that has created over 80 different holidays, many of them quite unusual, such as Bathtub Party Day and Answer Your Cat's Questions Day.

The history of this day can be traced back to the late 1980s. During this time, Thomas Roy was doing research for his morning show on WIOV-FM in the central Pennsylvania area, when he noticed that one of the books he was reading – Chase's Calendar of Events allowed readers to submit their own holidays for inclusion in the next printed copy. Thomas did and was quite surprised that it was published. However, he was surprised even further when he found out that the holiday was picked up by USA Today.

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