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Lake Waco in November Sunset

(photograph by John Sumner)

Next Meeting: May 11th

Meeting Location: 7901 Fish Pond Rd., 2nd Floor of the Bridgeview Center at Williams, Squires & Wren Law Firm.

Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Mike Attas (see Vice President's article)

From the President: Good Friday

It was a Good Friday for me this year for several reasons. I always look forward to the Spring for both spiritual and piscatorial reasons. Had Good Friday free to fish, but had a hard time hooking up with a fishing partner, so I headed to San Marcos alone. Did the self-shuttle thing, hiding my bicycle at the take out point near Staples. Drove back to Martindale to launch.

While I was getting situated, Johnny Quiroz and Joey Lin came by guiding clients. I pushed off in my kickboat and got to fishing. It was ideal weather, mid-70's, light southerly wind, and not a cloud in the sky. (cont. on page 2)

Started out with a popper. Had a few rises, but no hookups. Switched to an olive Cone Head Woolly Bugger, and the action commenced. Caught several bright yellow sunfish and some small bass. Needed Jinger to identify them for me. One bass was kinda brown with a red eye.

They were not constant, but hit often enough to keep it fun. Best bass was a 13" largemouth. Best sunfish was around 9". Most productive flies were the WB, Madame X, and Cypert Mylar Minnow. The last part of the float is wide and slow, so I also got my flippin' workout in.

Late afternoon at Martindale, I traded my kickboat for the bike and rode the five miles back to the truck. It was kinda fun to be self-reliant. I highly recommend this float trip! The fishing is good, and the scenery is great. By the way, I found out later I had a better day than the paying dudes.

I'm also finishing up a fun book, Confessions of an Eco-Redneck: Or How I Learned to Gut-Shoot Trout & Save the Wilderness at the Same Time by Steve Chapple. He is a Montana author who is an environmentalist, realist, and one who hunts and fishes. Think a bunch of you could relate to his perspective.

Don't forget! Our annual pilgrimage to the Cervantes place on the Guadalupe is June 25-27.

Hope you are enjoying the wildflowers, good fishing, and nice weather we're having this Spring,

Tight Lines, Dale Connally

From the Vice President: Ya'll come. May 11, come hear the word made fresh as Dr. Mike Attas brings flyfishing to life. He has just returned from Argentina, where the fish are really jumping. With words and pictures, he will take us with him on an exciting fishing journey. We will be ready to sign on for the next flight down there, if he would be the guide. Mike's next fishing jaunt will be to the Rockies in Colorado this summer, where he fishes every year. This program should be exciting, just to hear a Wacoan, that you maybe didn't know was a flyfisherman, tell of his fishing experiences. You may know Mike as a cardiologist or as an Episcopal priest. Well, he also takes time out to go flyfishing. Ya'll come.

Ray Perry

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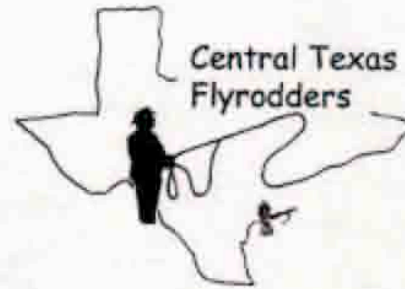
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