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NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, October 10, 2017

LOCATION:
Lake Waco Wetlands

PROGRAM:
Fly Tying and Tall Tales
About 6:00 p.m.

OCTOBER PROGRAM - STAY TUNED

Your Newsletter Editor is leaving in the morning to go fishing at the San Juan River in Northwest New Mexico. Experience has taught that modern communications such as email are not necessary reliable in that area so this newsletter is going out early. Vice President Pat Vanek will update you on program information by email.

FLY TYING NIGHT - THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 26, 2017

Join us at Uncle Dan's BBQ for Fly Tying Night. We start about 5:30 pm and leave when we get tired of tying or Uncle Dan's is about close.

Being a fly tyer is not required so if you have a few good fish stories to tell or just need a BBQ fix join us. As a special treat I plan to have



numerous highly entertaining stories of catching big Trout on the San Juan River.

Feel free to bring a guest, everybody is invited.

Bob Hanley

SPEAKING OF FALL FISHING

At the September Fly Tying Night there was some talk of club members getting together for fishing trips to exotic locations like the Guadalupe River. Several of us intend to do just that.

The general plan is to set up headquarters at Lazy L&L Camp, which was the site of the last Troutfest. The camp's location is right on the Guad. You can walk to good fishing. In fact one of my favorite sections of the river is right below where I like to camp. L&L is a well maintained and not at all crowded during the colder months. You can camp with us or just join up with us in the morning to go fishing.



The Guadalupe River at Lazy L&L

The problem we are having with planning is the current condition of the river. The Guad is barely flowing. Most of the Trout that were stocked last season are not likely to have survived the low water warm conditions. The 2017/18 Trout season will require stocking and that will not happen until there is more water and colder water in the river. Usually river conditions improve during November so the first stocking can occur in late November or early December. Our plans are to make the trip in early to mid-December.

A word on the stocked Trout. When you think of fishing for stocked Trout you usually think of those little pale silver fish like the ones stocked by TPWD. I am not sure when TPWD will stock the Guad, but the fish we will target are from GRTU stockings. The GRTU Trout arrive at the river big, strong and well colored. By big, I mean some that will be twenty inches and more.

Plans for the trip will be refined as stocking information becomes available. If you think you might be interested lets us know so we can start gauging how many members to expect.

WACO ANIMAL EMERGENCY CLINIC

Puppy Scout was acting strangely after chasing something out of the garage one night in September. Things happened so quickly that I hadn't seen what it was she had chased, but when I found her, she was sitting in the grass and was not her usual happy self. I quickly checked for blood or any other sign of injury and found nothing. It was full dark outside so I checked her again in the better lighting of the house and still nothing.

My thought was that she might have chased a snake and gotten bitten. It was also possible that there wasn't enough blood from the bite to detect. But, I quickly decided that it was more likely that Scout realized she was in trouble for completely ignoring my "NO - COME" commands as she ran out of the garage. When Scout gets in trouble for acting like a disobedient cur dog she acts like I regularly beat her with a big stick. It's actually kind of embarrassing. I will rarely knuckle her on top of that block head of hers for particularly egregious offenses which I know hurts my knuckle far more than her head.

Anyway, Scout and Kate needed to go "out" before calling it a night so I took them through the back patio which caused a big copperhead to slither off the patio into the grass and freeze. I avoid killing snakes, but do dispatch venomous snakes that seem to want to share my yard.

Of course, snakebite now become a very realistic option for what had happened to Scout. I had heard good things about the Waco Animal Emergency Clinic and although Scout did not seem at all symptomatic I decided to take her in. It was a thirty minute drive and if she had been hit I didn't want to delay treatment any longer than that.

When I arrived at the clinic, Scout still seemed fine. In fact, from Scout's perspective the clinic was a great place, everybody there really liked dogs. Scout was the only patient at the time and was the center of attention, her happy place.

As to the medical care, it was top notch. Dr. Cary Bielamonicz carefully examined Scout and found no indication of a bite. Recognizing my paranoia he offered some sort of a blood test that would quickly determine whether or not she had been envenomated. Thankfully the test was negative and I was able to sleep soundly that night.

Many of you have dogs that spend some time outdoors so I thought I would pass along my recommendation for the Waco Animal Emergency Clinic. Also, I was unaware of the blood test

as a quick check for envenomation. Now I know that if there is any question of a snake bite I can know for sure any hour of the day or night.

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