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Next Meeting:

March 16th, 2011
Lakeside Firehouse
2922 W. White Mt Blvd
Lakeside, AZ
928-368-6112

5:30 PM – Social Hour
6:30 PM - Meeting

WMFFC Mission Statement

The Mission Statement of the White Mountain Fly Fishing Club is: “To assist in the development and maintenance of fly fishing opportunities and to promote and participate in fly fishing in its many forms.”

We support and practice Catch and Release. We support the use of Barb-less Hooks and harmless netting and release practices. Fish should never be held out of water for longer than you can hold your breath.

Tight Loops

Unfortunately the weather kept me from the outing at Dead Horse Lake. The members who attended shared that they had a good time.

We had a respectable attendance at the A.F.C banquet on February 20. A few of us won raffle items. I’m sure their banquet was a huge success.

The Sportsman’s Show and Expo held on February 24-27 was informative and fun. Ten members met at Cracker Barrel for breakfast and then met another seven members at the Expo outing. All had an entertaining day.

A big “THANK YOU!” to Jerry Myers for all the time he has spent working on the Colorado River Project. It looks like the project could be delayed for a period of at least five years.

Bob Bowers is selling tickets for the Saltery Lake Lodge trip July 3, 2011. This is the last year for this trip (unless there is new ownership to take over the lodge).

REMINDER: Fly-tying classes through the month of March.

There will be a board meeting Monday March 14 at 6:30 PM at Game and Fish Office.

Can hardly wait to go fishing,



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Welcome To Our New Members...Dennis Jones, Membership Chairman

Gerry Carmody, Lakeside; Jerry and Leigh DuVall, Show Low; Steve and Ellen Hofmann, Show Low
Andrew Woody, Lakeside; Chuck Raleigh, Pinetop
Submitted by Dennis Jones, Membership Chairman

March Monthly Meeting at 6:30PM

Agenda:

- Social Hour -- (5:30PM)
- Call to Order -- (6:30PM)
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of Guests and New Members!
- Committee Reports
- Business
- Fish Tales
- Raffle
- Program – Kelly Meyer, of the Arizona Game and Fish office in Pinetop, will

provide a current update on the conditions of the lakes and streams in the White Mountains after a major portion of the winter. Come ready to ask questions about your favorite fishing location. Kelly will also share some of the key projects AZGF is working on in the White Mountains.

GERRY MYERS
VP and Programs



Future Programs:

- April 2011 Guest Speaker – In April we will be having a special presentation by John Rohmer on fishing streamer patterns in the White Mountains. Watch for the April Newsletter for more information.

2011 Outings and & Events...Ted Lambert, Outings Chairman

FEBRUARY OUTING - The Arizona Flycasters again invited us to their annual outing at Dead Horse Ranch State Park at Cottonwood. In spite of the frigid weather conditions, a few of us from our club traveled there for the weekend and had a good time.



The weekend began early Friday evening with "Happy Hour". Everyone contributed a snack of some kind and brought their drinks. Some very tasty dishes showed up. Among them were Alaskan smoked salmon, Alaskan smoked cod, jalapeño poppers, several cheeses with crackers, chips and salsa, chocolate covered blueberries, taquitos and guacamole.

There were three ponds at the park and Saturday morning found several of us there with our tubes. Most everyone caught a fish or two. Flies used were the Adams, KP Bugger, Beadhead Tailless Peacock Lady, Olive Green Woolly Bugger, Prince Nymph, Elk Hair Caddis and Brown Woolly Bugger.

Potluck was at 3:00 sharp that afternoon. Arizona Fly Casters provided hamburgers and hot dogs cooked on the grill, along with buns and condiments. Several side dishes showed up including potato casserole, potato salad, ranch beans, veggie tray, tortilla chips, 2 salsas, cold slaw and chicken. Desserts included cookies, brownies, chocolate cake, lemon pie, peach cobbler and cherry/rhubarb oatmeal crisp.

MARCH OUTING – Roosevelt Lake Grapevine Campground: March 25th - 27th, 2011, Special Joint Outing with Arizona Flycasters. Here is another opportunity for you to head to warmer climates for a few days and try your hand at hooking a Large Mouth Bass or Crappie or possibly a Small Mouth Bass on a fly. Those of you from the valley could make it there for a day trip or bring a trailer up for the weekend.

The Mallard Loop of the Grapevine Group Campground has been reserved for the outing. The campground has a nice group Ramada and restrooms with showers. The cost of camping will be \$15.00 for two nights and the cost of day use will be \$3.00 per car. The camping and day use fees will be collected by the camp host. A Tonto Daily Use Pass is required by each vehicle at Roosevelt Lake. The Tonto Daily Use Pass will be handed out by the camp host at the time you pay your camping and day use fees.

There is a boat launch near the group campground that can accommodate the launching of float tubes/pontoon boats as well as fishing boats. We are working on getting members with boats to transport fishers to some prime locations along with their float tubes or pontoons. You can also try your hand at traditional fishing (spin and bait casting) if you'd like. A 3 or 5 weight rod with full sink or sink tip lines will work just fine with Streamers, Crawdad imitations, Frog imitations, Woolly Buggers to start. The fish that you can expect to catch are Bass and Crappie, so bring your favorite fly's to entice these species of fish.

Plan on a Happy Hour early Friday evening and bring an appetizer afternoon and of course there will be a potluck on Saturday afternoon at 3PM, so bring your favorite dish (entrée, salad, or dessert). The pot luck is always a big hit at the AFC outing and it will lots of fun meeting up with the AFC members and their families. If you have any questions call one of the WMFFC outing sponsors: Michael Smith, 602-316-0948 or Dawn Hewitt, 480-695-3965.

Future Outings:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
MARCH 16TH	MONTHLY MEETING – LAKESIDE FIRE HOUSE	
March 25,26 &27, 2011	Roosevelt Lake, Tonto Basin	Michael Smith – (602)316-0948
APRIL 20TH	MONTHLY MEETING – LAKESIDE FIRE HOUSE	
April 23, 2011	Becker Lake, Springerville	NEED VOLUNTEER
May 21, 2011	Greer Lakes - Reservoirs	NEED VOLUNTEER
June 3-4, 2011	Christmas Tree Lake	Gary Hall – (480)510-7381
June 11, 2011	Annual Banquet – Pinetop Country Club	Ken Wolf – (928)367-0936
July 23, 2011	Reservation Lake	NEED VOLUNTEER
August 20, 2011	Big Lake	NEED VOLUNTEER
September 24, 2011	Sunrise Lake	NEED VOLUNTEER
October 22, 2011	Hawley Lake	NEED VOLUNTEER
November 12, 2011	Horseshoe Lake or Scott’s Reservoir	NEED VOLUNTEER
December 11, 2011	Christmas Party at Licano’s Restaurant in Show Low	NEED VOLUNTEER

Treasurers Report ... Submitted by Dawn Hewitt, Treasurer

Income from the January meeting for membership dues, raffle, and hat sales was \$152. February meeting income for membership dues, raffle and hat sales totaled \$178. Our current bank balance is \$10,183.26.



This is the picture of a fly rod after a lightning strike.

Always surprising how much graphite is in a rod. The fisherman survived. Always best to put that rod down and get off the water when that lightening starts. Submitted by Bob Bowers sent to him by Dennis Jones

Raffle Tickets for Alaskan Fishing Trip- are being sold for \$10.00 each or 3 for \$20.00. They are available from Board Members or at meetings. Saltery Lake Lodge has donated a Two for one Fly Fishing Trip for the 2011 fishing season, **July 3 – 9, 2011**. This is a 6 day/6 night guided fishing package for two fishermen/women. The trip includes round trip transportation from Kodiak City to the Saltery Lake Lodge, food, lodging in a Stand cabin and 6 days of guided fishing. Perfect time for Coho (Silver),Sockeye,Chums, Pinks & Dolly Vardens.



Regular retail price for two fishermen is \$5,100.00. Total cost, \$2,550.00. Cost for each fisherman is \$1,275.00 each. “Airfare to Kodiak City is not included.” **DRAWING WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE May 18TH MEETING. WINNER WILL BE CONTACTED IF NOT PRESENT.**

Programs and Activities...

We have a new Secretary. Georganne Jannenga has accepted the position at our last meeting in February. She was unanimously voted in by members present. Thank you Georganne and welcome to our club.

Trout Unlimited: Anyone who is a member of TU is now attached to the Payson Chapter #530. For any questions contact Bob Yost at webmasterpaysonflycasters@q.com.

Fly Tying Classes: Will be Wednesday nights on March 2nd, 9th, 23rd and the last one for this season on the 30th. The class on the 30th will have special training on how to remove hooks from yourself and others. Classes are held at the Pinetop Game & Fish office from 7 to 9 PM. You do not have to sign up, just show up and enjoy!

Furled Leaders: Dennis Jones showed us how to do these during our last meeting. Now everybody who was present will be busy making them! Jerry Myers gave a presentation about them and handed out several furled leaders, purchased by the club, along with evaluations to be filled out by the users. It will probably be several months before he gets the evaluations back, but he will let us know what the outcome is.

Library: The club has an extensive Library with informative & entertaining books, DVDs and videos. Gail Allgood, our Librarian, would like you to know that the Library is available at each meeting and is at Pinetop Sports and free to club members.

Fly Tying Classes: Will continue March 2nd, 9th & 23rd from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Arizona Game and Fish Office, Conference Room 2878 E. Highway 260 Pinetop, AZ 85935. No sign up is necessary just show up.

AZ Game and Fish will be gill netting Northern Pike at Rainbow Lake on March 18 thru the 21 and is looking for volunteers. Please call Richard Dreyer at 928-367-4281 if you can help.

Club Volunteers Needed: Sign-up sheets will be available at the next meeting. The only way a club can continue to provide programs and activities is if we get volunteers to make them happen. Consider signing up at the next meeting and get involved. It really does not have to take a lot of time and you will find it very rewarding when you become vested in the future of your club. Classes and events that volunteers are need for are:

Project Healing Waters - Is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military service personnel and veterans through fly fishing and fly tying education and outings.

Annual Banquet-June 11, 2011 There are lots of different committees that you can sign up for.

Youth Camp - The fishing camp will be broken into two age groups: 8-12 and 13-17. Participants will receive instruction on fishing and water safety, "Catch and Release" philosophy, fishing with a spinning rod, using a bubble and fly, and roll casting and fishing with a fly rod.

Wildlife Festival-1st Saturday in October 2011

Casting For Recovery-May 15 2011 The club will prepare and host an awards luncheon for participants and volunteers.

AZ Game & Fish Projects-dates, locations and activities to be determined



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