PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
by Kathy Ramos

The leaves have fallen, fronts are chilling things down to give us the impression that Texas has a real winter and trout are being delivered as I write this message. If we are lucky we will have a typical mild season this year. Have you all made plans to attend the annual meeting in Athens? As you will see in this special meeting issue of the newsletter, things are going to be busy. John Prentice has been a model of planning efficiency and the meeting should be a great success. There will be the usual opportunities for professionals to interact with students and hear presentations on the current research being conducted in addition to some new activities for fun and games.

I am excited about the number of continuing education opportunities that will be offered and quality of the instructors. A highlight of this meeting will be the panel discussion on “Ecosystem Management”. John has done a great job of gathering a diverse group of individuals to speak about their work managing natural resources with a holistic approach. As fisheries professionals we tend to develop a sort of tunnel vision. “If it isn’t wet, we don’t worry about it” has been the standard approach for a long time. We are realizing that to be successful fisheries stewards we need to step back and look at the big picture. I hope that you all will attend the session and participate in the discussions that are sure to be generated.

Because of the change in meeting date, I hope to see lots of coastal faces that have been absent the last few years. We need your input for the group to be truly representative of the diverse group of fisheries professionals in our state. Don’t forget that the Texas Aquaculture Association meeting begins just as ours is ending. It will be held in College Station, so the opportunity exists for an entire week of fisheries interaction. MAKE PLANS TO BE IN CENTRAL EAST TEXAS!!!!!!!!!!

Merry Christmas

PAST PRESIDENTS BREAKFAST

All past presidents of the Texas Chapter are invited to attend a Past Presidents Breakfast at the Days Inn Spanish Trace Restaurant on Monday, January 26 at 6:30 AM. This will provide an opportunity to bestow collective wisdom and experience on the incoming President prior to their being sworn into office, but not far enough in advance that they can back out. So adequate planning can be accomplished with the restaurant staff, those planning to attend the breakfast are asked to "declare" by contacting Dick Luebke (phone: 830-866-3356, e-mail: rwl@ktc.com) no later than January 21. Dick hates eating alone, so please plan on attending.
The 1998 Texas Chapter AFS meeting will be held in Athens, Texas, January 24 - 27. Meeting and trade show activities will occur at the Cain Center, 915 South Palestine St. (Phone 903-677-2000). Sunday and Monday evening social activities will occur at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center (TFFC), 5550 Flat Creek Road (FM2495; Phone 903-676-2277). Along with the meeting facility, the Cain Center also offers free use of many varied sport facilities from walking/jogging trails, tennis and racquetball to indoor swimming, spa and weight room. Sunday and Monday evenings, TFFC will provide an opportunity to enjoy a tour of the wonderful aquarium and hatchery complex along with our social gatherings. Make plans to be there!

MEETING REGISTRATION AND HOTEL INFORMATION

Not only will you have the option to pre-register, I hope everyone will pre-register and there is incentive to do so. **The deadline for the pre-registration fee of $15.00 is January 12.** After the deadline, the registration fee is $25.00. Either registration fee includes entrance to all technical sessions, Sunday PM mixer and Monday PM social/meal/fund raiser and tours at TFFC, the continuing education workshops and trade show exhibitions. Those that pre-register will also receive a ticket for an early-bird prize drawing. There will be plenty to do at this meeting starting with golf, Athens visiting/shopping and/or a trip to Shreveport, LA riverboats on Saturday. Sunday will begin at 1:00 PM with youth fishing at TFFC and continuing education topics to choose from beginning at 4:00 PM. Technical presentations, trade show exhibitions and business meeting will fill Monday. Tuesday morning will finish technical presentations. Review the attached registration form and meeting information, and then **REGISTER.** Indicate your desire to participate in various events by checking off various items on the registration form. This will help better organize these events. The registration desk will be in the lobby of the Spanish Trace Days Inn, Noon - 3:00 PM Saturday and 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Sunday and at the Cain Center on Monday for information.

Rooms have been blocked at **Best Western (903-675-9214) and Spanish Trace Days Inn (903-675-5173 or 800-488-5173).** Room rates at Best Western are $36.00 (single) and $39.00 (double/king) plus tax with reservation deadline for special rates January 15, 1998. Room rates at Spanish Trace Days Inn are $37.00 (single) and $42.00 (double/king) plus tax with reservation deadline for special rates January 4, 1998. Be sure to identify your reservation is for the TX Chapter AFS meeting to secure the special rates.

For further details call **John Prentice (830-866-3356).**

YOUTH FISHING AT TFFC DURING THE TEXAS CHAPTER MEETING

The pond at TFFC is ready and available, fishing equipment and bait are there, and local youths are anxious to fish. What is needed now are chapter members and members teamed with college students to coach these anxious youths. The kids will be from a group called H.O.S.T.S or Helping One Student To Succeed. This is a group of at risk students and their mentors. Be sure to sign up on the registration form for this year’s meeting to be a youth angler guide at the fishing pond. This event will occur on January 25 at the TFFC Angler Pavilion from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. There is no cost to you, but a chance to shed some fishing “sunshine” on some youth and maybe win a prize for yourself. **BE THERE!!!**
AGENDA - TEXAS CHAPTER
AFS MEETING, JANUARY 1998

Saturday 1-24-98
Noon - 3:00 Registration at Days Inn lobby
Golf tournament
3:00 - ??? Trip to Shreveport riverboat

Sunday 1-25-98
10:00 - 5:00 Registration at Days Inn
1:00 - 5:00 Trade show setup Cain Center
1:00 - 3:00 Youth Fishing Derby
4:00 - 6:00 Continuing Education, Computer
   Basics, Trinity Valley Community College
   Computer Lab, Room 102 in the Technical
   Building, Allison Anderson - Instructor (Map
   available at registration desk)
4:00 - 5:00 Continuing Education - Cain Center
   Fisheries Management Software, Room A,
   Fran Gelwick - Instructor
   Aquatic Plant Identification, Room B, Kevin
   Storey - Instructor
   Introduction to Fish Genetics, Room C,
   Rocky Ward - Instructor
5:00 - 6:00 Continuing Education - Cain Center
   Fisheries Management Software, Room A,
   Fran Gelwick - Instructor
   Aquatic Plant Identification, Room B, Kevin
   Storey - Instructor
   Introduction to Fish Genetics, Room C,
   Rocky Ward - Instructor
6:30 - 11:00 Social/mixer/tour TFFC

Monday 1-26-98
6:30 - 7:30 Past Presidents' Breakfast, Day's
   Inn Spanish Trace restaurant
7:00 - 5:00 Registration at Cain Center
8:00 - 5:00 Trade show, main foyer Cain Center
8:00 - 8:15 Introduction and Welcome,
    Dr. Jerry King, Mayor of Athens
8:15 - 10:15 Invited Panel Discussion
    Ecosystem Management, Meeting Room B
    (Henderson Room), Cain Center
10:15 - 10:40 BREAK
10:40 - 2:50 Technical Presentations, Cain
    Center Room B (Henderson Room)
10:40 Spatial and Temporal Distribution of Fishes
    of the Upper Colorado River, 1987-1995.  F.
    Gelwick, O. Thorton, R. Martin, and X. Wu
11:00 Spatial and Temporal Variation in Fish
    Distributions and Assemblage Structure in
    the Upper San Jacinto River System.  M.F.
    Herbert and F.P. Gelwick
11:20 Comparative Fish Assemblage Structure of a
    Naturally Disturbed vs. A Tailwater Stream
    in Central Texas.  Allison A. Anderson
11:40 Habitat use by Arkansas River Shiner and
    Speckled Chub in the Canadian River, New
    Mexico - Texas.  T.H. Bonner, G.R. Wilde,
    R. Jimenez, Jr., and R. Patino
12:00 - 1:30PM Lunch
1:30 Community Structure of Stream Fishes in the
    Upper Brazos River.  K.G. Ostrand and
    G.R. Wilde
1:50 Chemoreceptivity in Largemouth Bass.
    Nathaniel R. Adams
2:10 Ecological Evaluation of an Open and Semi-
    open Marsh in the Brazoria National Wildlife
    Refuge, Texas.  Suzanne J. Dilworth
2:30 Trends in Composition of the Texas
    Kurtis K. Schlicht
2:50 - 3:20 BREAK
3:20 - 5:00 Business Meeting, Room B
6:30 - ? Banquet/Social/Raffle/Auction
    Angler's Pavilion TFFC
Tuesday 1-27-98
8:20 - 10:00 Technical Presentations, Cain Center Room B (Henderson Room)

8:20 Southeast Area Monitoring and Assessment Program (SEAMAP) Longline Monitoring of Adult Finfish in the Texas Territorial Sea. Tom Wagner
8:40 Sampling Bias Associated with Stream Access. P.E. Balkenbush and W.L. Fisher
9:00 Littoral Habitat Use by Fishes in Lake Conroe, Texas. P.F. Trial, F.P. Gelwick, and J. Cotner

10:00 Closing Remarks

ATTENTION STUDENTS

Students are encouraged to get their abstracts and registration sent in ASAP because:

- Four motel rooms (2 for men, 2 for women, 4-5 per room or to be adjusted according to applicants) are available at no charge on a FIRST COME basis for students who sign up to work during the conference on registration, running projectors, being runners for messages and other odd jobs.

- Also, student presentations will be judged for best paper awards to be announced at the meeting.

- Students are encouraged to sign up as a mentee to partner with a professional mentor during the meeting. Opportunities for professional mentors and student mentees to informally interact include:
  1. Saturday golf tournament
  2. Helping on Sunday with the youth fishing tournament at TFFC.
  3. Sign up together for continuing education workshops (free on Sunday).
  4. Cain Conference Center has sports facilities available throughout the conference for informal groups. Also, if enough interest is shown in some sports (e.g., basketball, volleyball, running, or swimming, others?), we can hold a team competition on Sunday. A sign-up sheet will be available at registration.
  5. The Sunday Night Social Mixer at the TFFC is a great time to talk to professionals about your career goals and to find out what opportunities are available and the skills and background needed to fill them.

- Students are encouraged to apply for the Texas Chapter AFS Scholarships. Two graduate and two undergraduate scholarships will be awarded. Value of each award will range from $500 to $1,000 depending on available funds this year. Applicants must be Texas Chapter AFS members, and only one applicant from each school is eligible, so please coordinate applications with your advisors. Application deadline is December 1, 1997. Check the web site for application forms. Information will also be mailed to each school. Winners will be announced at the annual meeting, and asked to present invited papers on their work at next year's meeting.

TRIVIA BOWL QUESTIONS NEEDED

Debbie Wade is still in need of Trivia Bowl questions. Anyone interested in submitting questions (with the correct answers) should send them to Debbie at Tylerhat@ballistic.com. We need your input to make this event successful.
Mentors Needed

We encourage professionals in private, state, federal and academic jobs to sign up for the Mentor-Mentee program. The purpose of the Mentor-Mentee relationship during this meeting is to facilitate students contacting other professionals. It is our hope to encourage as many and as diverse a range of interactions as possible. Therefore, we are not specifically pairing students and professionals with similar interest profiles. This would tend to limit the diversity of possible interactions. Instead, we hope that professionals will take every opportunity to introduce students to other professionals and to initiate conversations, participation in sporting and workshop activities that will allow students and professionals to become acquainted in an informal atmosphere, and to become aware of opportunities for internships, job and educational opportunities, or other mutually profitable professional interactions.

TCAFS GOLF TOURNAMENT

by Kathy Ramos

The annual TCAFS golf tournament will test the hardiness of those wishing to take up the gauntlet. The match will take place at the Athens Country Club on Saturday, January 24, 1998. A shotgun start some time after noon will pit contestants against the course, each other and the elements of January weather in Texas. The format will be a four person scramble with team members assigned in true scientific, random fashion. Green fees are $25.00 and ½ cart is $9.00, prices do not include tax. If you are interested in participating, please contact Kathy Ramos by phone (903-592-7570), fax (903-592-6769) or e-mail (tylerhat@ballistic.com) by January 20, 1998. Participants will be contacted after the deadline and provided tee time and team information. For those who won’t be making the trek to Shreveport but don’t want to miss the opportunity to make a wager, a $5.00/person contribution to a pool will be gladly accepted. Maps and other pertinent information will be made available at the Registration table that will be set up at the Days Inn lobby on Saturday. The winning team will be recognized and toasted (or roasted) at the Monday evening social.

RESERVOIR COMMITTEE SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Reservoir Research Scholarships to be Awarded

The Reservoir Committee of the Southern Division, AFS announces the creation of the Robert M. Jenkins Memorial Reservoir Research Scholarship in honor of one of our professions true pioneers in fisheries research and management. Two $1,000 scholarships will be awarded annually to students conducting reservoir-related research in the southeastern United States. Funding for a second year will be available contingent upon satisfactory academic and research performance. Scholarship recipients will be required to present the results of their study to the Reservoir Committee or at a conference where the Committee is holding a regular meeting. The Committee will also provide travel assistance of up to $500 each if student travel funding is not available.

Interested students or professors should contact Gene Gilliland (405-325-7288; gene_gilliland@mail.fws.gov) for application procedures and selection criteria that will be used in awarding the scholarships. The Committee expects to announce the first scholarship winners at the Southern Division Mid-year meeting in Kentucky in February, 1998.
The following biographies were submitted by the candidates for the office of President of the Texas Chapter American Fisheries Society. The term of office is two years with the first year served as President-Elect and the second year as President. The President-Elect will plan the 1999 annual chapter meeting.

**Nick C. Parker**

Nick obtained his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Memphis State University and the Ph.D. from Texas A&M University, where he investigated the culture of 67 species including marine and estuarine finfish, mollusks, and crustaceans.

He spent 11½ years at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Southeastern Fish Cultural Laboratory in Marion, Alabama. His work there was primarily with catfish and striped bass.

Nick is a past president of the Fish Culture Section, the Genetics Section, the Southern Division-American Fisheries Society, and the U.S. Chapter of World Aquaculture Society. He has held numerous committee appointments and participated in over 25 meetings of the AFS EXCOM. Nick is co-chair of the AFS-2000 Campaign of the AFS, Chair of the Advertising and Display Committee, a Life-Member of the Society, a member of all AFS sections and a Certified Fisheries Scientist.

Currently, he is Leader of the Texas Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit at Texas Tech University in Lubbock and, therefore, an employee of the Biological Resources Division of the U.S. Geological Survey.

**Paul Hammerschmidt**

Education:
B.A. Biology, University of California San Diego; M.S. Fisheries Science, Texas A&M University

Work Experience:
3½ years as Coastal Fish and Wildlife Technician w/ TPWD; 11½ years as Coastal Fisheries Management Biologist w/ TPWD; 4 years as Research Director of the Perry R. Bass Marine Fisheries Research Station w/ TPWD; 5 years as Program Director w/ Coastal Fisheries TPWD at Austin Headquarters.

AFS Committees:
20+ yrs as member of AFS, 10+ yrs as member TCAFS, Member of AFS Marine and Estuarine Committee

**Malcolm Johnson III**

I own and operate Johnson Lake Management Service in San Marcos, Tx. In that capacity I engage in most areas of aquatic resource management. I am married to Barbara and we have a son, Edward, a senior at Texas A&M, son Collins, a sophomore at Blinn, and daughter Evelyn, a high school freshman. I have a B.A. in biology from the University of the South, and a M.S. in fisheries biology from Auburn University. I am a veteran of the U.S. Army Infantry having served with the 196th Infantry Brigade in Vietnam in 1969 and '70.

I am a member of several professional societies and am a past president of the Texas Aquaculture Association, and the Texas Aquatic Plant Management Society. I presently chair the TPWD Inland Fisheries Advisory Board and I am a North American Lake Management Society certified lake manager.

My hobbies are fishing, hunting, flying, and complaining about the federal government.
Publicity/Exhibits Report

It is hard to believe that the meeting is just over a month away. Everything is coming together very well. Be sure to pre-register to be eligible for this year’s early-bird raffle for a $50 gift certificate to WalMart. Also, don’t forget to buy your raffle tickets for the 2-man bass boat package, and you might even consider selling some to your friends. Special thanks to Fred Janssen for putting the raffle information on the TCAFS Home Page. It looks great!

Right now we have 4 exhibitors booked for the trade show, but there are 4 or 5 others that look like good prospects. We toured the Cain Center in Athens at the EXCOM meeting and the layout looks great for these vendors.

We want to thank the Athens Chamber of Commerce and the Athens Visitor Incentive Program for all of their help with preparing for the meeting. In addition to their help and hospitality, the Athens COC will be providing the first 150 TCAFS members at the meeting with a special gift.

During the technical session this year, the morning break will be sponsored by Flowers Bakery (Tyler) through the donation of donuts and pastries. The afternoon break will be sponsored by Tom’s Foods (Corsicana) through the donation of chips and other snack foods. Soft drinks for the meeting have been donated by Tyler Beverage Company and the Pepsi-Cola Company (Tyler). These companies deserve a sincere thanks from TCAFS.

Our Raffle/Auction is looking great! You are encouraged to read the following lists thoroughly. First, to recognize the many fine individuals and businesses that have donated items to this event. Second, we want you to be prepared for the event. You need to know what items are going to be available this year, so you can beef up the check book just in time for the meeting. In other words, **SHOW ME THE MONEY!** We are still collecting donations for the raffle/auction, so if you have or know of something, give us a call. The first list is of all items already donated and the contributors. The second list is of contributors who have pledged items for the auction. The third list is a preliminary list of how the items will be handled at the event (live auction, silent auction, raffle, can raffle) with approximate values in parenthesis. These lists are subject to change between now and the meeting.

**A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE CONTRIBUTORS**

Please be sure to let them know you appreciate their support of the Texas Chapter.

TCAFS Donated Items List for 1998 Meeting

Brinkman Smoker/grill & accessories
   Wal-Mart - Sulphur Springs
Sterling Silver Bass belt buckle
   Lakeside Jewelry
Life Jacket & 2 Skeeter caps
   Dale's Marine
Life Jacket
   Boat Center
Ambassador 5500C
   Kelly Pratas
2 subscriptions, 2 hats, Randy White art
   Honey Hole
Quantam Rod and Browning reel
   Brannon's Bass Shop
2 free nights of tent or RV camping
   Stella's Campground - Lake Fork
$50.00 Gift Certificate
   WalMart - Athens
Portable Gas Grill
   Tractor Supply Company - Athens
Die-cast metal tractor
   Tractor Supply Company - Canton
Golf Balls and 1st aid kit
   WalMart - Paris
BPS Rod & Reel, Tackle Bag & boxes bass kit, panfish kit
   Bass Pro Shops
Lake Fork 1 day guided trip
   Marc Mitchell
2 free admissions
   The Science Place and IMAX Theater
4 free admissions (2 adult and 2 youth)
   Dallas Zoo & Dallas Aquarium
various caps and shirts
   anonymous donors
TFFC Soup Bowls
   Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center
Stren line, Stren cap, and Stren shirt
   Remington Arms Company
Lake Fork 1 day guided trip
   Bassin With Bennett
8 fishing videos
   Phil Smith Video/film Services
Legends of Fishing book
   Techsonic Industries
6 books (Fishing & Hunting Library)
   Cowles Creative Publishing
2 nights lodging at Lake Fork & $50 tackle
   Lake Fork Marina
Diawa Rod, 2 caps, and 1 t-shirt
   Crossroads Store
2 combo meals @ E.B.'s BBQ on Lake Fork
   Ray's Shady RV Park
Shakespeare Baitcasting Reel
   Fisherman's One-Stop
4 assorted tackle packs
   Porter's Sporting Good's
Callaway Sand Wedge club
   Lake Fork Pro Shop
2 free dinners @ E.B.'s BBQ on Lake Fork
   E.B.'s BBQ
30 lures and 3 caps
   Bill Lewis Lures
2 Bass Pro Shops Bionic Blade rods
   QA Products
Sam Rayburn 1-day guided trip
   Will Kirkpatrick
Toledo Bend or Sabine River 1-day guided trip
   Mike Wheatley
12 caps and 10 shirts
   East Texas Screen Printing
Lure assortment and $20 gift certificate

Gary Yamamoto Custom Lures
Hank Parker Pork asst and case
   Uncle Josh Bait Company
3 shirts, 7 caps, and tackle asst.
   Minnow Bucket Marina
20 lb propane tank & free fill
   Independent Gas Company
Abu-Garcia Spinning reel
Portable propane heater
   WalMart - Troup Hwy - Tyler
2 Water Safes
   SCUBA Center
1 dozen Penetrator Jigs
   Weedless Lure Company
Fish slippers
   Barry Lyons
2 Abu-Garcia rods and reels, Baseball (to be signed
by Nolan Ryan), Trolling Motor Handle Extension,
2 Castaic Trout lures
   The Sportster
Spinnerbait Assortment (1 dozen)
   Jim Blassingame
Lochart spinnerbaits (6), jigs (10) and tail-siners (8)
   Lockhart Lures
Baseball Display Case
   2nd Look Sports
Walnut & Glass Baseball Display Case
   East Texas Trophies
2 sweaters
   Jones Creek Orvis

Pledged Contributors
Backcountry Hart's Brazos FlyFishers
DFW Hyatt Regency Academy
Cabela's The Fishing Store
Aquanaut Diving, Inc. Kirk & Pam Pratas
Pat Hutson Joedy Gray
Stanley Jigs
1998 Raffle/Auction Items

Live Auction

1) Dallas Family Get-Away Weekend - Includes 1 night's stay for 4 people @ DFW Hyatt Regency (VIP package), 4 tickets (2 adult and 2 child) to each: Dallas Zoo, Dallas Aquarium (Fair Park), and The Science Place and IMAX Theatre (at press time, motel room is still pending final approval).

2) Lake Fork Guide Trip #1 - 1 day guided fishing trip with Randy Bennett for 2 people; lodging for 2 and $50.00 in tackle at the Lake Fork Marina and Motel; Dinner for 2 at E.B.'s Hickory House on Lake Fork. Must be used before March 1, 1998 or after May 31, 1998. ($375)

3) Custom-made Sterling Silver Largemouth Bass Belt Buckle from Lakeside Jewelry - limited edition & numbered ($125)

4) 3 Limited edition TFFC large soup bowls (only 3 ever made) - auctioned individually (unknown value)

5) Toledo Bend or Sabine River Fishing Trip - 1 day guided trip with Mike Wheatley to Toledo Bend or a trophy white bass trip on the Sabine River. Must be used from Feb. 1, 1998 through August 31, 1998. ($225)

6) 2 Sweaters ($50 each)

7) Die Cast metal Tractor (1947 Massey-Harris replica)

8) Bass Pro Shops ProQualifier Baitcasting reel and Bass Pro Shops IM6 Bionic Blade 6'6" Med Rod. ($110)

9) Best Bass Lakes 4-video series (Fork, Sam Rayburn, Toledo Bend, & Okeechobee)

10) Garcia Ambassador 5500C Baitcasting reel and Bass Pro Shops Tourney Special 6'6" Med-Hvy Rod ($100)

11) Abu Garcia MX130R Spinning reel and Bass Pro Shops IM6 Bionic Blade 5'10" Med-Hvy rod ($80)

12) Fishing Lake Fork 3-Video Series (Spring, Summer, Fall/Winter)


14) 20 lb Propane Tank & free fill ($50)

15) Lock-on style tree stand for deer hunting made by Gary Pickett

16) Baseball autographed by Nolan Ryan in a walnut and glass case

17) Abu Garcia Pro-Max Concept 2000 5’6” Light action baitcasting rod

18) Abu Garcia Black Max 6600 baitcasting reel ($150)

19) Lockhart Lures complete lure package (jigs, spinnerbaits, and chuck-n-spins) ($70)
Silent Auction

1) Lake Fork Guide Trip # 2 - 1 day guided fishing trip with Marc Mitchell for 2 people; lodging for 2 at Lake Fork Resort (formerly Lake Fork Lunker Lodge); 2 combo dinners at E.B.'s Hickory House on Lake Fork. Must be used before March 1, 1998 or after May 31, 1998. ($320)

2) Stren Package - Fishing Shirt, cap and fishing line ($60)

3) Sam Rayburn Fishing Trip - 1 day guided trip on Sam Rayburn Reservoir with Will Kirkpatrick - Must be used on a weekday. ($225)

4) Sand Wedge by Callaway Golf Clubs ($100)

5) Browning Aggressor A350 Baitcasting reel and Quantum XL IM6 6'0" Med-Hvy rod ($125)

6) Bass Pro Shops Pro Qualifier 370 Tackle System (Tote bag and 5 boxes) with assorted lures (> $40)

7) Abu Garcia Black Max 5500 baitcasting reel and Abu Garcia Pro-max 6' Med rod ($200)

General Raffle

1) Brinkman Smoker/Grill & accessories package - (approx value $50)

2) Cannonballing For Crappie Video

3) 2 free nights of tent or RV camping at Stella's Campground on Lake Fork

4) 6 Bill Lewis Rat-L-Trap 3-lure Gift Packs

5) Two 1-year subscriptions to Honey Hole Magazine and 2 Honey Hole Caps

6) $20 Gift Certificate to Gary Yamamoto’s Custom Lures

7) Two Castaic Trout lures and replacement tails ($40 each)

Can Raffle

1) Shakespeare SS420 Baitcasting reel and Diawa Procaster SST 5'6" Med-Hvy rod ($80)

2) Portable propane heater, portable propane grill, and 2 cans of propane ($50)

3) Fish'n Buddy Trolling Motor Handle extension ($50)

There are too many other items (caps, t-shirts, lures, etc.) to list that will be handled mainly through the general raffle. We are also expecting more items to arrive between now and the meeting.

Shreveport Riverboats

Those that arrive on Saturday, and want to, may go to Shreveport to enjoy the special entertainment. Be sure to pre-register. The only costs are your evening meal, gambling losses and transportation to and from Shreveport. One 15-passenger van will provide free round-trip transportation to the riverboats on a first come - first served basis through pre-registration (check at AFS registration, Noon-3:00PM Saturday - Days Inn Lobby, if you made the cut-off for a van ride request). This van will meet you at the Spanish Trace Days Inn and depart at 3:00PM. Other vehicles can meet here and caravan along with the van, or travel on their own schedule. Discount cards offered by the various casinos can be obtained for you and available at the various casinos if you indicate you want one by providing your birth date on the pre-registration form.
Pre-registration and registration at the door includes: Meeting Registration, Sunday PM Mixer, Monday PM Social/Meal/Fund raiser and Continuing Education Workshops. Pre-registration also includes a ticket for an early-bird raffle item.

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