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Guest Speaker WALTER HINGLE

Walter Hingle, Sr., is a lifetime resident of Louisiana. He has resided in East Ascension Parish since 1974. In 1969, he enlisted in The United States Marine Corps, and served with the 7th and 5th Marine infantry regiments



in Vietnam. Walter is a 1974 graduate of Southeastern Louisiana University and attended LSU Law School along with graduate studies in Criminal Justice at Southeastern. He has served as an

outfitter at Cabela's in Gonzales, LA for the past 5½ years. An avid deer and duck hunter, Walter has also competed in high power rifle competition, cowboy action shooting events, and bullseye .45 matches. Starting in June of 1968, Walter has worked to perfect his skills in reloading both metallic cartridges and shot shells, which will be the topic for his presentation to the EASL.

AGREEMENT TO DEVELOP AIRPORT AT ELMER'S ISLAND WILDLIFE REFUGE HAS BEEN RESCINDED

Louisiana Wildlife Federation (LWF) is pleased that the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and the Grand Isle Independent Levee District have mutually decided to rescind the Intergovernmental Agreement to develop



an airport on Elmer's Island Wildlife Refuge. After several organizations raised concerns with members of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, the issue was added to their October 4, 2018 meeting in Baton Rouge. LDWF Secretary Jack Montoucet addressed the Commission and the public with the news that a decision was made by all parties to revoke the agreement. LWF appreciates the Commission's sense of urgency in having this matter brought before the Commission in an open forum to allow for public comment and Secretary Montoucet and Grand Isle Mayor David Camardelle for

responding to the many concerns expressed. This decision is in the best interest of the public and the Refuge.

Elmer's Island is vital habitat for a variety of wildlife, including several species that are listed as Federally Threatened or Endangered. The Refuge is used by nesting shorebirds and serves as a key stopover point for many species of migratory birds. LWF urges people to turn their attention to improving recreational access to Elmer's Island in ways that do not negatively impact wildlife and the environment. Expected mitigation funding from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill that would help meet the goals outlined in the Elmer's Island Wildlife Refuge Management Plan offers an opportunity to enhance the Refuge for wildlife and people.

Message From Our President

Hello again fellow members of EASL. Another month has come and gone and now here we are at the beginning of fall. You can feel it in the air. Yea right! It's like summer out there.

But I have faith that fall will be upon us soon. With that comes hunting and, my favorite, fishing. The specks will be moving into the inside waters and I'll be there to welcome them.

When I was a younger man and Robbie was a little kid, we were in the marsh almost every weekend. Rain or shine. Warm or sometimes down right freezing. We were there. Robbie was a great kid to fish with. He fished hard and all day never asking, is it time to go home yet?

Now that I'm a grandfather and I got grandkids who want to go fishing it's a whole different game. This is how it goes with them. First thing I have to do is wake them up. Even when they are standing up, they're still not awake for about an hour. By the time we get about half way there they wake up and we have to stop and get something to eat. They can't wait till we get on the water where about \$100.00 worth of snacks, sandwiches, and cold drinks are waiting.

When you fish with kids, you need a lot of food. I mean a lot. Then I give them the usual casting safety speech. This speech is repeated after about every other cast. Then after about every ten cast they need a drink and a snack. What's really amazing is that they somehow catch some fish. Every year they are a little better at it. One thing

you have to be ready for when you're fishing with kids is the fact that you don't get to fish. Your time is spent untangling lines and retying hooks and telling them how good they're doing.

After they eat everything and have grown bored with casting their baits to the fish they get tired and start looking for something else to do. Now I get to fish and I try to prove to them that the fish are biting. I catch a few and then one of them comes up with an outstanding idea. They tell me that I should hook the fish and then give them my rod so they can reel it in. Why didn't I think of that? If I'm not producing a hookup fast enough they entertain themselves by staring at the depth finder screen. Even if it's not on. They are drawn to an electric device like a bug to a light.

I guess I got spoiled when Robbie was a kid. Still though, it is a blast fishing with these little dudes. I always have a big laugh watching them reel in a big redfish. It makes some funny videos to share with them later. I can't wait till the day they might take me fishing. My only regret is that I don't get to take them more often. Bring a kid fishing. It is said that a good fisherman needs to be patient. The fish don't care about that, but kids do. See how good of a fisherman you are. Have fun and be safe. Thanks for your time.

Later - Michael Lambert



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From L-R, Barney Callahan, Cameron Dautat, Lydia Capritto, Rebecca Trice and YHA Chairman David Moreland

Lydia Capritto of St. Martinville and Cameron Dautat of Effie were selected as the 2017 Louisiana Female and Male Youth Hunters of the Year.

The Youth Hunter of the Year Program is a joint effort with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the Louisiana Wildlife Federation and the Louisiana Outdoors Writers Association. The awards were presented at the Louisiana Outdoor Writers Association banquet on Saturday, August 12, 2018 at the Clarion Inn in Gonzales, Louisiana.

The Youth Hunter of the Year program is made possible by the generous donations from South LA Branch of the Quality Deer Management Association, the Baton Rouge Chapter of Delta Waterfowl, Andrew Harrison with Harrison Law, LLC, the Louisiana Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation and Bowie Outfitters in Baton Rouge.

Capritto, 15 and the female winner, harvested a 21-pound turkey that featured a 12-inch beard and 1.25 inch spurs. She took the bird on March 18, 2017, in the Atchafalaya Basin during Louisiana's youth turkey hunt weekend.

“This was the most memorable youth

weekend for me as I celebrated (the take) of a 21-pound turkey,” Capritto said. “This would be my last youth hunt with my (father). Only four days later I turned 16 so it was bittersweet.”

Dautat, 12 and from Effie, took a small buck on an afternoon hunt with his father, David Dautat, on Dec. 8, 2017, at Dewey W. Wills Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in central Louisiana.

What made the hunt even better, Cameron said, was that his father also harvested a deer.

“We couldn’t believe it,” Cameron said. “Two deer in one hunt. This was incredible and very rare. It really means a lot to me to kill a deer in the wild. But to kill two in one hunt is so special. It was worth all the time we spent scouting and sitting on the cold ground waiting for deer.”

The 2017 Youth Hunter of the Year contest began with the 2017 turkey season and gets into full swing in September when the 2017 hunting season opens for dove and teal. For photos, contact Rebecca Triche at rebecca@lawildlifefed.org, 225-344-6707.

EASL Big Fish Contest Contacts

Deadline for entry is 7 days after month end

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EASL ANNUAL SQUIRREL RODEO

Byron Gautreau, the annual Squirrel Rodeo chairman, scheduled this year's event for Saturday, October 6, 2018. This event is held each year on opening weekend of squirrel season at Merle Gautreaux's home in Dutchtown. It is open to all EASL members.

There is a youth division for anyone under 16, with special donated prizes for the winners. The youth must be accompanied by a supervising EASL

member. Byron also announced a new category: anyone harvesting an albino squirrel will win a \$100 prize.

Byron cooks a jambalaya Saturday evening and a squirrel gravy is served Sunday afternoon. The complete rules are on the EASL website, and Jodie will send out an email blast of the flyer.

A report of the event will be included in the November EASL Sportsman paper.

MY FAVORITE DUCK— THE NORTHERN SHOVELER

Jay V. Huner, Louisiana Ecrevisse, Boyce, LA

It's hard to miss a Northern Shoveler because it has a long, prominent spoon-shaped bill. This accounts for its most common colloquial name – "Spoonie". The hens, except for the bill, are non-descript mottled brown duck resembling a hen Mallard. The drakes, however, in full mating plumage resemble drake Mallards with brilliant green head. So, it's no surprise that shovelers are also referred to as "Smiling Mallards"!



I have never kept track of the number of ducks I've "harvested" but the number must be approaching a thousand. I suspect that "Spoonies" account for at least a third of that total because I have hunted a great deal around crawfish ponds, favored "Spoonie" habitat. And, I'm happy to have them because I like to eat them. Hey, why waste shells on something you don't like to eat!?

So, what's in a name? Some years ago, my late friend L. J. Hebert from Thibodaux, LA referred to shovelers by a Cajun name – Micoine, pronounced Mee Kwann. He thought the name referred to "lawyers" because they flew in a shifty manner! I later learned that John James Audubon wrote that the people in southern Louisiana called the shoveler by the name Micoine. He had no idea where the name originated or what it meant.

Well, I have a friend named Bill Fontenot who lives in the Lafayette area and is one of Louisiana's most noted naturalists. I asked Bill if he knew the origins of the name. He told me that "...the mystery of 'mecoin' (in its various spellings)....it's from an old Mississippi valley Indian name for a clam shell – which they used for spoons....." Clearly, the word is referring to the spoon/clam-shaped end of the shoveler's bill.

Now, this brings me to another friend, the late Bobby LeBlanc, a noted decoy carver from Metairie, LA. Bobby was a member of the Timberton Social Club east of Sorrento, LA. One waterfowl season, members were limited to duck hunting only one side of the property including a 20+ acre crawfish pond we called "Wag's Pond". One cold, overcast morning with

intermittent light rain, I was hunkered down on the levee of Wag's Pond for my first hunt there. In comes a nice Mallard hen which I dropped with one shot. I started walking into the pond and found out, too late, that there was a deep ring ditch. I was in 50 F water up to my chest. I scrambled forward and walked, cold and drenched in 12 inch deep water to pick up the duck.

My last duck, of the three duck limit in effect then, was a beautiful drake Redhead. Upon returning to the camp, cold, wet and miserable, I showed my birds to the fellows and Bobby pipes up, "I sure could use that Redhead as a model for a decoy." Well, I wanted the duck but for some reason gave the duck to Bobby without hesitation.

Later we were discussing ducks, in general, and I opined as to how impressed I was by shovelers, especially the drakes in breeding plumage. Little did I know that two weeks later I would get a call from the club and would be told to come pick up my "decoy". Drove down from my home in Baton Rouge, LA and there was a beautiful Northern Shoveler drake decoy in full breeding plumage. So, I'd say that there was a "fair trade"! [Dead drake Redhead for a beautiful, hand-carved, drake Northern Shoveler decoy – see picture.]

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EASL BASS CLUB NEWS

By: Jim Hebert

"George and Phillip Valentine win the EASL Memorial Tournament at Lake Bruin"

September 22nd was the first day of the Lake Bruin Tournament and it was "déjà vu" all over again for the members. As we all gathered for the weigh in, at the State Park, George and Phillip emptied their bag of fish into the weigh basket, and the rest of us were left hoping for second place. It would be tough to try and catch up to their 15.36 lb. first day total for 5 fish but we were certainly going to try.

Tournament week began with the meeting on Tuesday the 18th to plan for the upcoming tournament. As usual we met at the Gonzales Fire Department where we started off by enjoying a delicious pork gravy, rice, potato salad, drinks and cookies. The meal was provided by Terry Molea and Ricky Dedon. Thanks guys for cooking.

Eddie signed up 10 boats to fish the tournament. We drew for boat numbers and Tim Fatheree was the lucky member chosen to be weigh master.

We discussed the launch location as the Lake Bruin State Park. We also discussed the Lake being drawn down so it would be 1-2 feet lower. Saturday weigh in time would be 3:00 PM and Sunday would be 12:00 noon. We discussed the Friday afternoon "fruit jar" tournament where everyone was invited to a friendly 2.5 hour scouting trip tournament. We would collect \$5 from everyone and the biggest fish would take it all. We also discussed the Saturday evening meal where everyone would gather in the side room of the Fish Tale Grill for a meal together. I'll write more on that later.

Our guest for the night was Byron Mire who brought door prizes for our Tournament. He donated a spinning rod and reel that was won by Ricky Dedon. The next prize was a box of 20 gauge shotgun shells that was won by Tim Fatheree. The last prize was a box of 12 gauge shotgun shells and it was won by Ryan Alexander. Thank you Byron for the prizes. If anyone needs hand-made baits, reels repaired, or shotgun shell reloads you might want to give Byron a call at 225-485-2110.

Some of the members arrived to the Lake at different times on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday. By Noon on Friday 9 members gathered at the State Park boat launch for the afternoon Fruit Jar tourney. We agreed to a 2:30 weigh in time due to the heat even though Saturday was the first day of Fall. Everyone took off to different spots on the Lake with hopes of finding that one good fish. By 2:30 everyone had returned to the landing and most did not even have a fish to weigh, including us. As always, there is always one good fish and this it belonged to Ricky Dedon and it weighed in at 3.5 lbs. Congratulations to Ricky for winning the SS.

Saturday morning everyone gathered at the Landing and launched their boats for the day. Before we idled out to the Lake we had a "moment of silence" for the EASL Bass Club



EABC - Big Bass, Mike and Cory Guitreau

Members who had previously passed away.

At safe daylight, Tim called each boat number one at a time as everyone scattered out in all directions. The weather was going to be hot but this morning we could feel a breeze that had been missing the previous two days. We knew the weather would be slightly different so we were hoping for a good day.

Warren and I arrived at our first spot only to find a boat already there. He was fishing a different tournament and this was their second day of competition. I had anticipated that so we quickly went to Plan B. As much confidence as I had in that plan, we were let down by the fish so we went to Plan C. We basically stayed with that plan all day and the fish never did hit what had been working previous days. We did manage to get our limit and would not be embarrassed at the weigh in.

By 3:00 everyone had returned to the Landing and Tim was ready to weigh fish. This is when we had the pleasure of seeing our hopes dashed for winning this tournament. George Valentine and Phillip said "they were blessed and had a good bag of fish". That's when they filled the basket with their fish and they were right!

After the first day of fishing, George and Phillip were leading with 15.36 lbs. In second place was the team of Donald Braud and Eddie Hernandez with 10.74 lbs. Third place was the team who told us they had not had a bite in two days. That was Richard Rossi and Carl Singletary who finally got bit and weighed 9.20 lbs. When the weigh in was done, I reminded everyone of the Dinner that night at the Fish Tale Grill and would see them all there.



Left to right, Phillip & George Valentine, Murray & Ryan Alexander, Jim & Warren Hebert



Ricky Dedon with Friday winning fish at 3.5 lbs.

At 5:30 we arrived at the Grill and some of the members were watching the Football Game and having a few cocktails before the dinner. We gathered in the side room at 3 different tables. There was a salad bar and we started there. A short time later the food arrived in large platters. We had platters of fish, shrimp, potato casserole, and fried green tomatoes. When this had been consumed there were 3 platters of beignets to go around. Needless to say, no one left hungry and everyone seemed to enjoy the food and camaraderie. Now it was time to head out and get a good night's sleep.

Sunday morning everyone launched the boats anticipating a good day of fishing. Tim let us go one at a time and everyone scattered out across the Lake.

We made a cursory check on our Plan A and immediately went to Plan B. Funny how that works out but this day the fish cooperated. We stayed on Plan B until we had a good

limit and moved around a bit and managed to upgrade two smaller fish so we had a better day than Saturday.

By Noon everyone had returned to the launch and started loading their boats. Tim got the fish weighed and we tallied the results. Just as everyone expected, the Father-Son team of George and Phillip Valentine won the Tournament with a two-day total of 21.08 lbs. Second place was won by another Father-Son team. Murray and Ryan Alexander weighed their two day total at 19.34 lbs to take second. Third place was won by the Hebert Brothers. Jim and Warren had a two-day total of 19.01 lbs to take the last place. Big Bass was won by Mike Guitreau with his lunger of 3.70 lbs.

Congratulations to the winners of the EABC Memorial Tournament. Our next event will be on October 20th. I hope to see everyone there. For more info on the EABC you can go to the website www.easlonline.org.

From the Scrapbook – Gonzales Weekly, Gonzales, La., August 6, 2971

submitted by Warren Singer

CASH BASS RODEO TO BE HELD BY SPORTSMAN'S LEAGUE

The East Ascension Sportsman's League will have its First Cash Bass Rodeo on September 4, at Blind River. According to Rodeo Chairman V. J. Bourque the Rodeo will be headquartered at the Canal Bank Club, formerly Aime's Place at the Diversion Canal. Blind River and all connecting streams will be the fishing area. All boats must launch at the Canal Bank Club. The scales will open at 10:00 A.M. and close at 9:00 P.M. All fishermen must register before leaving the launch. All contestants must be a member of the E.A.S.L. and have paid \$5.00 entrance fee before fishing. Cash prizes and patches will be awarded at the end of the rodeo. The divisions will be: Largest Stringer of Bass Overall, Largest Stringer of Bass Choose Your Partner, Largest Stringer of Bass Husband & Wife, Largest Stringer of Bass Parent and Child and Largest Bass.

ANSWER TO COASTAL EROSION NOT THAT COMPLICATED

Outdoor Corner with Lyle Johnson

Most folks around here and all over Louisiana are now very aware of the issue. It's calculated that 400 square feet of land (a football field) of our coast and marsh disappears every hour. By the time I finish with this column, we will have lost two more football fields worth. Astonishing, isn't it?

The answer to Coastal Erosion not that complicated but it is very painful in more ways than one. Before we get to the answer, let's go back in history to take a look at how things really got started.

From the time of creation the mighty Mississippi River flowed from Minnesota out to the Gulf of Mexico. Along the way, the swift current churned and eroded sediment from the bottom and banks. It then carried the nutrient rich soil downstream.

Along came the Great Mississippi Flood of 1927 that turned out to be the most destructive river flood in the history of the United States, with 27,000 square miles inundated up to a depth of 30 feet. Ninety-four percent of the more than 630,000 people affected by the flood lived in the states of Arkansas, Mississippi, and Louisiana, most in the Mississippi Delta.

Just like things happen way too many times today when something happens out of the ordinary, the government feels the need to come to the rescue. Now I'm not talking about helping folks in need. What I refer to is "How can we keep this from happening again."

The US Army Corp of Engineers was tasked to try to prevent future floods. The federal government then built the world's longest system of levees and floodways. In my humble opinion this was one of the worst decisions ever made to damage the geology and ecosystem anywhere in the United States.

Prior to 1900, the Mississippi River

Proof's in the pudding; Jody Tanner caught this black tip shark in the Whiskey Bay Pilot Channel 4 miles north of I-10 fishing for catfish. This shark is a long way from where it should be.
Photo provided



transported an estimated 400 million metric tons of this brown gold per year depositing it everywhere it went. It benefitted not only the coastal Louisiana marshes but all the other places outside of its banks which resulted in new land being built especially near the mouth of the Gulf.

During the last two decades, this number has been reduced by over two thirds to only 145 million metric tons per year. The reduction in sediment transported down the River is the result of engineering modification done by government or man. The Mississippi, Missouri and Ohio rivers along with their tributaries are now controlled by dams, river-training structures (levees and flood control structures), bank revetments and soil erosion control programs.

But the biggest culprit is the levee system built along the banks of the lower Mississippi after the flood of 1927 that now starves the deltas of Louisiana of the much-needed, nutrient enriched sediment.

To add insult to injury, a vast network of shipping routes such as the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet, the Houma Navigational Canal, the Calcasieu Ship Channel, the Freshwater Bayou and hundreds of smaller oil and gas navigation routes were carved into the wetlands.

These canals allowed saltwater to penetrate deep into the wetlands, killing marsh vegetation, eroding

the banks and disrupting the salinity balance important for species at the heart of the Gulf's food web—such as shrimp, blue crabs and oysters. This process continues today.

The answer is pretty simple, but the process will be time consuming and costly. The money spent to create all these problems was astronomical. The amount needed to fix it will be multiplied many times over. The Mississippi River needs to enrich the marshes once again.

It's already working in two places naturally today. New land is being walked upon in the Atchafalaya Delta every year as Mississippi River water is diverted into the Atchafalaya River and is deposited near the Gulf like it should. Where folks are duck hunting this season will be walking on dry land there next year.

The 2nd spot has been happening for over 30 years now. The reason I know it's working is because we used to have a duck camp on the east side of the Mississippi River and we traveled through it to get to the camp.

The first breach in the levee happened there. It allowed the Mississippi to dump river water in the marsh during high water times and over five years the canal we ran to get to the lease became unpassable because dry land now occupies the canal we ran our boats through.

On the east side of the river from Buras to Baptiste Collette, the marsh is prospering and adding land instead

of losing it. The levee took the river away so the only hope is to move the levee away where we can and let it flow through the marsh again. It's the only hope. "Let the river flow" has been the phrase repeated over and over in my mind lately as that is what's needed.

Nutrient-rich, freshwater being introduced back to the marsh is the only long-term cure along with pumped-in sand to help create land mass. But this will cause hardship for many folks who live and make their sustenance from the salt water. Their concern is legitimate but if we don't do anything, their land and homes will disappear as well in time.

The Prophet Ezekiel sees a vision of a great river that flows from the throne of God. This is part of that vision, "Every living thing that gathers where the river goes will live. There will be very many fish, because these waters go there and make the salt water clean.

So everything will live where the river goes. "Fishermen will stand beside it. They will have places to spread their nets from the Biloxi marsh to the Sabine River." (Biloxi and Sabine added by me) Maybe we could follow the advice of the one who made it in the first place. Let the river flow.

Remember to keep the slack out and set the hook hard. So, until next time, have fun in the outdoors, be safe and may God truly bless you!



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LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

by **Goosie Guice**

YOU GOTTA BE THERE

At the moment of this writing it is 6:05am December 8, 2017. I've taken the day off of work to make a deer hunt. It has been raining for the last couple of days and our area is presently experiencing a very hard showering of wet snow. Although I've taken a vacation day to hunt, it is now breaking day and I'm still sitting on the couch. You can't kill a deer like that, that's a fact. It's safe to say that the more time you spend in the woods, the better chance that you will eventually get your prize.

I was successful a couple of years ago after following a suggestion from my wife while trying to make up my mind whether to hunt or not. It was the last day of what had been an unproductive deer season for me. After turning the alarm clock off, I made the statement that I really didn't feel like making what would be my last hunt of the season. She quietly replied, you need to go. You complain when you have to work and can't go. Now you're off and you can't

make up your mind whether to go or not. I listened to her for a change and at 7:15 that morning I was loading a nice buck on my 4-wheeler.

Just last year, several members of our hunting club experienced a prime example of what it means to be there at the right time. Several members of the group had been hunting a buck that was pictured as one of the better racks on our property. This was immediately after the passage of a severe line of rain, thunder, lightning and wind when the large deer was harvested by the only hunter in the woods that evening. They all accept the fact that he deserved it. He was out there and they were not.

This past season my friend's thirteen year old daughter shot the biggest deer that their Livingston Parish club has ever taken on that land. She was sitting alone at a not hard to get to stand location. It was around 1:00 in the afternoon on that warm November day. Most of the other hunters were at the campsite preparing to make the hunt later that

evening. Suck it up y'all, she was out there where you can shoot a deer...in the woods, not at the campsite!

We all pick and choose what weather conditions, times and days that we care to hunt on. Hold up! It's 7:45 and I've heard a loud crash outside of my house. I open the door and see a large oak limb that has fallen because of the weight of the snow. It has fallen on my gas meter in the front yard. I manage to roll it off of the meter and the meter doesn't seem to be leaking. That's luck. Now back to the subject. Sometimes we make the correct choice at being successful on days that we go and sometimes maybe we do not. One thing for certain. You'll never know what could have been on those days when the decision was made to stay at home. Each to their own, but there are certain times that I just don't feel like fooling with a dead deer for a number of reasons. I guess it comes with age. At



this particular moment with four inches of snow on the ground, wrecks on the highway and branches falling out of trees I'm content being at home. Would I have been successful this morning if I would have gone? Who knows? Will I go for the evening hunt? I don't know yet...I'll make up my mind later. One thing for sure, I won't shoot one sitting here and for the moment that's alright. At present I'm praying that this heavy snowfall quits before the weight of it harms my house or property. That's way more important than killing a deer at this time.....

**Till Next Time,
Go When You Can
James "Goosie" Guice**

Sportsman Comic Corner

This actually happened(not) They tied the guy down on the roof. The driver and passengers put on moose heads. Then they went down road I-35.... causing 16 accidents. Yes; they went to jail.. Yes; alcohol was involved... Yes; men cannot be left alone.



EASL Wild Game Recipe

DEEP FRIED BBQ VENISON AND CHEESE POCKETS

BY MICHAEL PENDLEY, AUTHOR OF *TIMBER 2 TABLE WILD GAME RECIPES*

INGREDIENTS

2 pounds ground venison
8 ounces colby-jack cheese cut into small cubes
5 green onions diced
2 tablespoons soy sauce
1 teaspoon minced garlic
1/2 teaspoon minced fresh ginger
1/2 cup barbecue sauce
1 package egg roll wrappers
egg wash for sealing pockets (one egg beaten with an equal amount of water)

DIPPING SAUCE

1/3 cup soy sauce
1/3 cup teriyaki sauce
1/3 cup barbecue sauce

2 rounded tablespoons peanut butter
3 green onions diced
2 tablespoons honey
1/2 teaspoon garlic minced
Cooking Instructions
Brown the ground venison over medium-high heat. When nearly browned, add the soy sauce, green onions, garlic and ginger. Continue cooking until the meat is well browned. Remove from heat and stir in the barbecue sauce.

Warm the egg roll wrappers under a damp paper towel in the microwave for 20 seconds. Spread a wrapper on your work surface, then add a tablespoon of the meat mixture to the center. Nestle

a cube of cheese into the center of the meat. Fold in one corner of the wrapper over the meat. Dab it with a bit of egg wash and fold in the opposite corner, pressing the two together to seal. Repeat with remaining two corners. Heat two to three inches of vegetable or peanut oil in a heavy pan until it reaches 325 to 350 degrees. Gently drop the pockets into the oil, one at a time, until you have four to five in the pot. Cook for 60 seconds, then flip the pocket and fry for an additional 60 seconds or until the wrapper is crisp and golden brown.

Remove the pockets from the hot oil

and move to a paper-lined pan or platter while you cook the next batch.

For the sauce, heat all ingredients in a small saucepan over medium heat. Stir well until the peanut butter has melted and the sauce is fully blended.

Serve the pockets while they are still hot. Serves 5-7.





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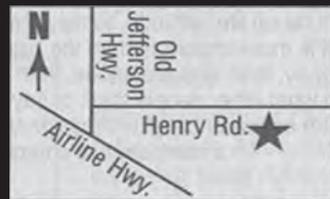
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EASL BOARD MEETING

September 17, 2018

Present: Mike Lambert, Barney Callahan, Herb Finnerty, Jodie Singer, Warren Singer, Darlene Bourgeois, Kevin Diez, Byron Gautreau, Warren Hebert, David Miles

Mike Lambert called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

Barney Callahan said he is working on a guest speaker for October. David mentioned Walter Hingle with Cabela's had offered to do an ammunition reloading presentation. Barney will contact him.

David Miles said he needs articles in by October 5th, and asked for more articles from EASL members. If you've had any outdoor adventure you would like to share, please write something up, including pictures if possible, and get it to David. He can help with polishing it up if you need help.

Byron Gautreau said he will cook a jambalaya for the Saturday evening get-together at the Squirrel Rodeo. Mike said he will bring the scales. Jodie said she will send out an email blast to our members with Byron's write up and reminding them that we have a youth category for hunters under age 16 with special donated prizes.

Jodie Singer passes around a list of advertisers with accounts in arrears and a few board members said they would contact them for collection. The board also agreed to drop any advertisers who are not paid up; and that we should not accept any advertisers in the future without payment up front.

David Miles said the antique Model 1911 pistols are on sale now if we want to pursue

this for a fundraiser. There was some discussion, including questions about how EASL would handle reimbursement to the buyer if multiple guns were purchased for the fundraiser, how the sale was being conducted, and what each gun would cost. There was no firm commitment from the board to pursue.

Warren Singer asked if EASL wanted to advertise in the Advocate. Nothing was decided. Warren then asked if EASL wanted to participate in the Chipotle' Restaurant fundraiser. There wasn't much enthusiasm and the topic was dropped. Warren then asked if anyone had suggestions for using some of the Revive New River donation for youth programs in our locality. There was some discussion but nothing confirmed.

Mike said Rodney Dupuy called wanting EASL to buy Squirrel Rodeo tee shirts and Rodney would come film the weigh-in and dinner. The tee shirt idea didn't get approved.

Warren Hebert is checking on getting more EASL caps made. He received a few vendor ideas from the group.

Barney Callahan had some flyers for an upcoming Waterfowl Talk by Larry Reynolds and will distribute them during tonight's regular meeting.

Jodie Singer reported that the scrap metal recycling project that was offered to, but rejected by the board, was picked up by the Fire Department. They made \$600, which they donated to a burn center.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR LAST MEETING



Eugene Hoover, Guest Speaker



Kevin Diez, our host and Chef



Jodie Singer won the 50-50



Cole Legnon won shotgun shells



David Miles won shotgun shells



Torrey Haden With September's Winning Big Spec



Mac Bordelon won shotgun shells

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CASUAL OBSERVATIONS ATV BICYCLES

by Torrey Hayden



When someone hunts, fishes or camps, transportation is required. Young outdoorsmen must either rely on someone with a driver's license and a vehicle or get creative to arrive at their destination.



My buddies and I had mountain bikes long before there was such a thing as store bought mountain bikes. A good old fashioned full-sized bicycle could be modified to be quite the ATV.

A milk crate could be strapped onto both fenders to carry everything from tackle, camping gear, coolers, fish and game to hunting buddies. That was back when bike still had fenders front and back. My grade school buddies that lived near enough to not require motorized transportation for our adventures were quite adept at loading up our bikes and heading into the wilderness.

Barry would show up for these adventures with an eight-man canvas tent strapped to his bicycle. The tent weighed more than the Barry but that was all we had. We each carried a sleeping bag and a pillow. Since I was in the Boy Scouts I took care of the cooking and the camp fire because our troop did a lot of camping and cooking in the woods. I had accumulated some nice gear by way of Christmas and birthday presents. I had a Boy Scout cooking kit that had all the pots, pan, utensils, plates etc. all put inside the biggest pot. Also, I had my Scout Ax, Scout canteen, Scout knife and fire-starting kit. I was in charge of everything needed to cook.

Jeff carried all the food provisions in my Scout Back Pack on my sister's bike. We had to create a diversion to use her bicycle because Jeff's mom would drop him off at my house without his bike. Jennifer would beat us up and not let us use her bike for camping trips if we asked her to borrow it. I would find some way to convince her best friend Mona who lived three houses down to invite Jennifer over to her house while we

were loading the bikes.

We could never figure a good way to secure a fishing rod to a bicycle. You could tie them on handlebars sideways and they would break when going between trees. If you put a fishing rod in a milk crate straight up it would break going under limbs. You could carry it in one hand, but it was difficult to control a bike loaded down with a couple hundred pounds of camping gear and provisions with one hand. You could tie one end to the front milk crate and the other to the back milk crate but this made it difficult to steer and pedal.

One time I bought "As Seen on TV Popeil's Pocket Fisherman" which was great to carry on a bicycle, not so great for fishing. It did not last very long. I made only one early morning cast with a Jitterbug then "ka-whoosh". A big bass took everything away from me. Left nothing but the nub of a broken handle in my hand. Would not recommend that product. I spent hard earned grass cutting money to buy that.

A few years later in high school Mona was a very good athlete, a statewide star on both the Gymnastics and Tennis teams. She had great leg strength. Jennifer also had great leg strength and was a cheerleader. She was always on the bottom of the pyramid holding up seven or eight other girls. I attribute their athleticism to them push starting my 1968 Ford Fairlane every morning in exchange for a ride to school. I would use the Fairlane's battery for my Ted Williams model Sears Trolling motor on weekends. When I put the battery back in the car on Mondays it would not start. When Mona and Jennifer reached between five to ten miles an hour, I would pop the clutch and we were off and running in a cloud of blue smoke. The Fairlane was a great camping car. Big trunk in addition to front and back bench seats. But that is another story. Those bike camping trips were fun. I wonder if kids still do that.

It's A Fact!

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