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Guest Speaker Tony Ruiz

Tony Ruiz is a Certified Public Accountant who has been in public accounting for over 12 years. He is a partner and co-founder at Diez, Dupuy & Ruiz, LLC, a newly formed public accounting firm located in Gonzales, Louisiana.

Ruiz helped form Diez, Dupuy & Ruiz, LLC in August 2016. In his accounting practice, he works with businesses and individuals in the areas of bookkeeping services, preparation of financial statements, income tax planning and preparation, and various business consulting.

Ruiz also has experience in



performing audit, review, and compilation services for various governmental entities, non-profits and commercial entities.

He is a member of the following associations: American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and Society of Louisiana

Certified Public Accountants. He is also involved in the community as a member of the Ascension Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Ascension 2012 Alumni, and Nicholls State University, College of Business Administration Accounting Advisory Board Member.

Silhouette Match Calendar

The dates have been set for the championship matches in Louisiana this year - so mark your calendars for the following - (contact Dustin Flint, 225-719-1112, or Jerry Tureau, 225-803-2773, for Silhouette and Rifle competition info):

The Louisiana Highpower Silhouette State Championship in Zwolle is October 19-20, 2019; and The Drue Wands Memorial Louisiana Lever Action Silhouette Championship in Gonzales is December 7-8, 2019.

EASL Monthly Silhouette Match is the 4th Saturday; check with Jerry or Dustin.

October News Letter

It's finally here, October - hunting season is here. They say the cool weather will soon be here. The trout are moving into the marshes and football is looking pretty good. The Saints and LSU are on their way to a great season it seems. Once we get our voting done and can get all the political ads off our TVs, all will be good. I hope you all voted.

Speaking of voting, we are about to elect officers and board members for the new year coming up in 2020. As you know, we are in need of some new people to step up and help to ensure that our club remains strong and can survive for the future.

EASL has been around for a long time and has fought many fights for our environment and hunting and fishing rights. We haven't had any major fights come up lately, mostly thanks to what EASL has done in the past. That doesn't mean we are finished.

We must stay vigilant and be ready for any future matters that we'll have to confront. Please think about becoming a board member or officer and actively help to get our club back on track. We need new people with new ideas. That can be you.

If you missed the September meeting, our guest speaker was Miss Alayna McGarry, a biologist with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. She talked about a program the LDWF calls the

Aquatic Volunteer Instructor Program. The Aquatic VIP trains volunteers to teach fishing to youth.

They realize that if the next generation doesn't continue to fish and buy fishing licenses, that the LDWF will suffer great losses in revenue. I think this is just the type of thing we are looking for. We are suffering the same lack of interest by the younger generation as other organizations and need to look at new ways to entice the youth to support our causes.

I hope that soon in our future that we will be able to hold a class full of EASL members who wish to be an Aquatic VIP.

I know there are a lot of members out there who don't attend our monthly meetings that have a lot of good ideas that can help EASL. We need our members to become more active and participate in the club in anyway they can. It doesn't take much of your time and in the end, you will feel good about yourself for the good that you can do. Help us help ourselves to a better youthful EASL. See you at the October meeting.

As always, thank you for your time and get out and enjoy the outdoors.



Michael Lambert

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The EASL Meeting

Held every 3rd Monday of the month at

The Gonzales Fire Department

724 Orice Roth Road, Gonzales, LA 70737

Monday, October 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Meal sponsored by:

Mike and Terri Stafford

A Letter from the Editor

Hello EASL members. My name is Brennen Normand, and I've been in charge of creating the monthly paper since around May. I graduated from LSU with a degree in journalism, and I have an absolute love of storytelling.

With that love of storytelling, I want to bring it directly to the members of EASL by giving each of you the opportunity to tell your own stories and experiences.

Something that I've noticed throughout my time involved with EASL has been the passion that each member has for the community, wildlife and outdoors. With all of these characteristics shown in each

individual, I'm looking for any anecdotes, funny stories and pictures to have in the monthly paper.

EASL is about the people who make up the club, and the paper should have stories from those member experiences. If any member has pictures of a significant moment in their hunting, fishing or outdoor life please email me at brennennormand@yahoo.com.

Let me know when a good time for an interview is, so we can share your experiences with the rest of the community.

Brennen Normand, Editor



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THE AMERICAN AVOCET, AN ODD-LOOKING SHOREBIRD

Jay V. Huner, Louisiana Ecrevisse, Boyce, LA

Fall brings a very large, unique shorebird to our coastal region. A member of the Recurvirostidae – stilt family – the American Avocet has a long, thin bill somewhat curved at its tip. It has very long legs suggesting it is walking on stilts.

Often gathering in flocks of 50 or more, birds in crawfish ponds and shallow coastal waters, it is impossible to ignore the black and white birds. This is fall coloration – black wings with white wing bars and white body with a black back. The legs are a pastel grey-blue, giving the bird its colloquial name, “blue shanks.”

In the spring, avocets molt into breeding plumage, so the head and neck become a pinkish tan. This persists into the summer and some retain the color upon return to our area from breeding grounds in the Great Plains. Yes, the American Avocet’s cousin the Black-necked Stilt is black and white and is similar in size, but they are black above, have straight bills and red legs. Confusing the two species is difficult.

American Avocets have slightly webbed feet. It’s not unusual to find them swimming, often in a large flock when feeding. They sweep their bills back and forth catching prey, small crustaceans and insects by touch. Avocets have good eyesight and do catch food the conventional way.

American Avocets have been reported in Louisiana in all months. However, they are most abundant in the cooler months. This hasn’t always been the case.

“These graceful and handsome shorebirds went entirely unreported in Louisiana in the half century between 1889 and 1940,” the late LSU ornithologist Professor George H. Lowery, Jr. said.



The American Avocet

This was surely the result of heavy hunting of all shorebirds in the 1800s and into the early 1900s. Larger birds like avocets were, of course, preferred to the smaller ones. These birds with the exceptions of Wilson’s Snipe and American Woodcock are all now protected by international treaty!

Avocets engage in elaborate courtship displays with posturing and various actions. They nest in colonies of 10 to 12 beginning in April and continuing to June. They construct nests that are simple depressions on sand or grass platforms on mudflats. The breeding pair will raise a nest one foot or more with whatever is handy – sticks, weeds, bones, and feathers – to keep the eggs above rising water.

American Avocets are not shy birds when they are nesting. They are very aggressive toward intruders. They use distraction behavior to move the interlopers away. This includes loud cries, a “crippled bird” act, a “begging for pity” act and even a spectacular anti-predator

“dive bomb” display where the birds will swoop down on the predator and narrowly miss it.

The avocets “attacking predators” give a series of call notes that gradually rise in pitch. This simulates the Doppler effect one perceives when an approaching train is blowing its horn. As a result, the avocets appear to be moving faster than they actually are.

Both avocet parents incubate the three to four olive-colored eggs for 22 to 24 days. Because the eggs are laid in the open often on the ground, there is no shade to protect them from overheating. As a result, the parents dip their belly feathers in water to cool the eggs. The downy young can not only feed themselves soon after hatching but they can also swim.



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EASL BASS CLUB NEWS

By: Jim Hebert

“Phillip Valentine & Cameron Koenig win out of Atchafalaya Spillway”

I think this was Phillip and Cameron's first team win since joining the club, so congratulations are in order. I also think Phillip's new boat played a part too because it helps to be able to confidently go to where the fish are. Congratulations to you both.

The week started with our meeting at the Gonzales Fire Department on Tuesday, September 17. Our meal was prepared and provided by Terry Molea and Ricky Dedon. We enjoyed pork and sausage jambalaya with potato salad and bread, cookies and drinks.

Thank you both for cooking for the club. Phillip enjoyed his meal and then signed up 12 boats to fish the tournament. Terry Molea and Ricky Dedon were chosen as weigh masters for the event.

Mike opened the meeting and took nominations for the tournament Location. We had only one nomination and it was for the Public Landing in the Spillway. We then voted for a 2:30 p.m. weigh-in time. With no other business to discuss, we closed the meeting and cleaned up for the night.

Saturday morning, we arrived at the public launch 30 minutes before daylight to see trucks and trailers already parking on the roadside of the levee. When we topped the levee, it looked like a huge Christmas tree of green, red and white lights covering the water.

We launched right in the midst of the High School Regional Tournament so, needless to say, it was nerve wracking. We made it away from the dock just in time to see Terry who told us to ease off because it was safe daylight, and

we wanted to be ahead of that crowd. We slowly eased away and took off with others.

We arrived at our spot and didn't catch them early, but we stuck to our game plan and slowly caught our limit while catching plenty goggle-eye and three nice catfish. We managed to upgrade our catch twice before the day was done. We made our way back to the launch a little early to try and beat the crowd and the heat.

Terry was on the ball with the scale, so we all quickly weighed the fish while Terry read the weights and Corey wrote them down. This turned out to be a great day for fishing for the club.

There were six fish weighed in over three pounds. Nine boats weighed in a limit of fish and the others had close to a limit. We had one outlier that scratched.



Donald Braud, Big Bass 3.48 lb.

There were two limits exceeding 11 pounds and four limits exceeding 10 pounds. It ended up being a close one. When the weigh in was complete, George announced the winners.

First place went to Phillip Valentine and



Phillip Valentine & Cameron Koenig 1st Place

Cameron Koenig with a limit that weighed 11.69 pounds. Second place went to Dirk Anderson and Brandt Fairchild with their limit that weighed 11.30 pounds. Coming in a close third was the team of Chick Edmonston and George Valentine with their limit that weighed 10.89 pounds.

Donald Braud won Big Bass and the side pot with hisunker that weighed in at 3.48 pounds.

Congratulations to the winners of the September Tournament. Our next event is Saturday, October 19th. I want to remind the members to attend the next meeting to nominate and vote for your favorite location for the “Classic Tournament” which is scheduled for Saturday, November 16th.

Visit www.easlonline.org for information on the EASL and the EASL Bass Club.



Left to right, Phillip Valentine & Cameron Koenig, Dirk Anderson & Brandt Fairchild, George Valentine & Chick Edmonston, Kneeling, Donald Braud

FISHING FEVER

Outdoor Corner with Lyle Johnson

I know hunting season is well under way and that's what a lot of the outdoor buzz is about. All of the national outdoors TV shows now center around hunting as well while fishing has taken a back seat for the most part unless you can find a rerun or two.

While hunting is a sport that I dearly love to take part in, fishing will always be my favorite outdoors pastime. This didn't happen by chance as my dad, Jerry Lyle Johnson (yes, I'm a junior) was considered well above average in his ability to catch fish, especially largemouth bass.

Although I knew from firsthand experience by being in a boat with him, hearing about his exploits from others that knew him was a common occurrence. One of the quotes I heard over and over was, "Man, Jerry Lyle can catch a bass in a damp dish rag!" Although I'm pretty sure that never happened, it showed the respect other bass anglers had for him.

So, fishing came sort of natural for me as I have been fishing "ever since I can remember" which is about 62 years. Man, that's a long time! My dad passed away back in 2001. I miss him a lot but the fishing memories will never pass away. I often think of him as I'm sitting on my pier fishing for catfish.

As I grew older my horizons expanded to the saltwater arena, partly due to curiosity and partly meeting my future brother-in-law, Goosie Guice. It grew from inshore fishing for specs and redfish to heading offshore to participate in fishing the rigs to trolling for billfish and tuna.

I've been fortunate to break the century mark twice; a 118# yellowfin tuna and a 130# hammerhead shark. Been blessed enough to catch many species; red, mangrove, beeline and yellowtail snapper, lemon. fish, 3 to 5# white trout and croaker in the Gulf of Mexico. Rainbow trout, silver and pink salmon, arctic grayling and pike in Alaska, rainbow trout in Tennessee and Colorado have been part of my experience.

But there's just something about that green fish with a dark lateral line and black vertical stripes of some kind that seems to get the adrenaline pumping like no other fish. My dad loved it, I love it, my son and one of my daughter's love catching those bass.

Lots of folks that are reading this column know what I'm talking about. Plenty of folks out there all over Ascension parish know what I'm talking about. But for those that don't, there's no explanation me or anyone else could give that could make them understand.

It's so bad that in 1968 Ray Scott founded the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society. His purpose was to elevate the sport of bass fishing to a national place of prominence as a legitimate professional sport with fans and all. I think he was pretty successful in his vision.

As a matter of fact, Scott had eight "B.A.S.S. Purposes" he laid out for the group to follow;

1. To organize the bass anglers of America.
2. To stimulate public awareness of bass fishing as a major participation sport and elevate it to a place of prominence.
3. To improve our skills as bass anglers through the exchange of expert bass catching techniques and ideas.
4. To offer our state conservation departments our organized moral and political support and encouragement. To promote full adherence to all conservation codes.

5. To demand adequate water standards and legal enforcement of existing regulatory standards. To detect and report any polluter and call public and political attention to the crime.
6. To encourage private and governmental study necessary to maintain quality fishing and fish habitat and to ensure quality fisheries for ourselves and future generations.
7. To promote and encourage youth fishing. Kids don't just go fishing — they are taken fishing. We must



instill in our youth an interest in and love for this great sport. 8. To present national championship bass fishing tournaments. These tournaments will bring together the nation's most dedicated bass fishermen, and the publicity derived from them will stimulate public interest in bass angling.

To bring some equal time to the non-professional folks, bass fishing is not all about tournaments. More anglers are just weekend warriors that enjoy the opportunity to catch a bass just for the fun of it. But believe me, they are just as serious in their efforts as any of the pros are.

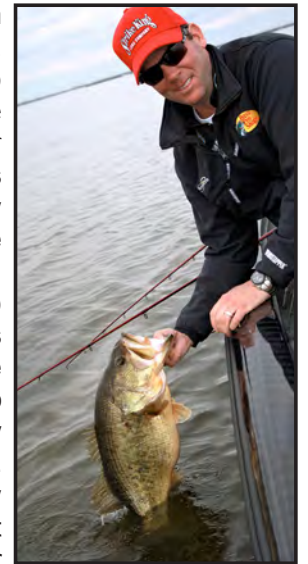
Fishing in general is a great pastime for many reasons. First off, it can be good therapy. There's just something about the water that is very relaxing whether you're catching fish or not. It's a great way to spend quality time with your kids, family members or friends. But one has to be careful as to not spending too much time doing it.

Over the years I've witnessed the spread of the well-known malady known as "fishing fever". It affects both males and females although men seem to be much more susceptible. It can even sometimes start at a very early age. One has to be very careful as once it is caught (pun intended) there is no known cure. It spreads easily as it is highly contagious. I myself have been a victim for many years.

Some of the symptoms are buying a \$60 to \$80 thousand-dollar boat to fish out of. Own two closets full of tackle and can be heard saying things like, "I need to go to Bass Pro baby; There's a new bait out and I gotta have it", Or "The weather ain't that bad, I'll wear a rain suit". Or the often-stated line with great intentions, "I won't be late".

When this is said it just about verifies that one is in the late stages of the disease and very well can't be turned around; "One more cast" and two hours later they're still fishing. Thanks dad for taking me fishing, I'll never forget it. So until next time, remember to keep the slack out and set the hook hard, be safe in the outdoors and may God truly bless you!!

Cut line; KVD; One of the most tragic cases of "Fishing Fever" ever as he fishes over 250 days a year. Kevin Van Dam is pictured with a 9 pounder he caught on the Media Day of the 2011 Bassmaster's Classic.



KVD
Photo by Lyle Johnson

Sportsman's Calendar

Oct. 21 Board Meeting, 6pm

Oct. 21 EASL Regular Meeting, 7pm (3rd Monday)

Oct. 26 Silhouette Match (4th Saturday)

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LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

by **Goosie Guice**

ATV'S ARE NOT TOYS

The event had been planned for months. We were going to have a party. Several of us who worked together were going to have a jam session and cookout on a nice Saturday evening.

The event was to take place at a family camp belonging to one of the participants of the party on the Amite River. Several people brought their three wheelers to the event with the expectation of racing them on a trail through the woods on the backside of the property. After setting up the music equipment, I decided to take a couple laps around the track to join in on the action. Two rounds of rugged riding later, I quickly decided to park that rough riding three-wheeler to go play music, so the party started.

With the bike parked and the band in full swing, the kids quickly became bored and began asking about letting them ride the three-wheelers. "Just be careful" was the answer. We were about a half hour into the music when several kids came running up to the mothers shouting.

"She just wrecked the three-wheeler into that man's truck, and they're hurt and bleeding," they said. The party came to an abrupt stop. As we approached the banged-up girls, it became evident that my stepdaughter had just dead centered a Toyota pickup truck and actually moved it over one foot from where it was parked.

Both girls are seriously injured with one having an aching arm and the other leaving

teeth marks on the side of the truck. The impact broke several teeth out of her gum. The mothers loaded them up and off to the emergency room they went. The band fired up again and some hours later the girls returned, bandaged and each girl having future doctor appointments. Although not life-threatening injuries, it could have been. Only luck saved these children's lives.

Kid's fault? I guess not. Not at all. It was the grownups fault, if you could call us grownups back then. Yeah, we were plenty old enough to know better. It was 100 percent our fault. We don't let young children take off in our trucks or cars but for some reason think that it's perfectly fine to let them drive a vehicle that offers zero protection from crashes that can reach speeds nearly what our cars can run. I see this behavior quite often around hunting camps and other outdoor venues.

Just recently, I was sitting in my living

room when I heard an all too familiar sound of emergency vehicles rushing by my house on a 911 call. About a half an hour later a helicopter passed overhead. I felt that he was headed toward the site of that past incident. Sure enough, that was his destination.

The incident involved a young boy with serious head injuries in an ATV accident. My thoughts and prayers go out to the victim and his family for a full recovery.

Electric vehicles and all-terrain vehicles are no more of a toy than a firearm is. It's really not my business what you decide to let your child do, but if I were you, I'd really think hard before you turn a child loose on one of those things without adult supervision. In the event of an accident, it won't be the kids' fault. It'll be you know who's fault.

Till Next Time,
Think About It,
James "Goosie" Guice

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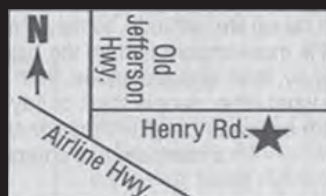
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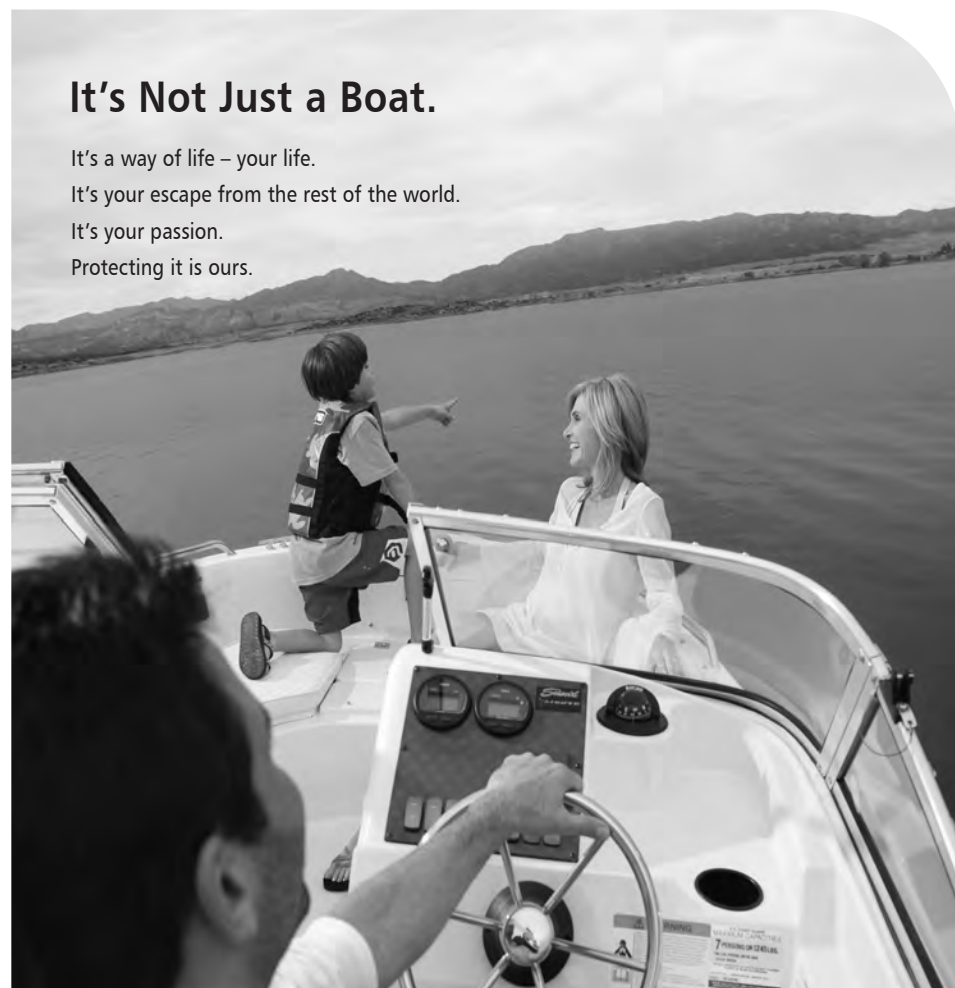
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EASL MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Gonzales Fire Dept. Training Center

September 16, 2019

President Mike Lambert called meeting to order @ 7:08 pm with Pledge of Allegiance and Conservation Pledge

Meal provided by Cody Braud

Barney Read minutes of 9/9/19 Board Meeting held at Gonzales public Library

Jim Hebert announced August Big Bass winner Bubba Watson with a 3.28 Fish

No Big Speck entrees for Group discussion August

Group discussion broke-out on the need for a renewed effort to engage more youngsters and parents to join our organization similar to discussion noted in Board meeting of 9/9/19 and the struggles associated with expanding member participation in the ranks. Events like the upcoming National Hunting and Fishing day coming-up on September 28th are perfect volunteer opportunities.

Guest Speaker, Alayna McGarry with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries' Aquatic Volunteer Instructor program presented a very informative presentation, highlighting NUMEROUS educational activities, for all ages, across the state on a range of topics related to aquatic sports, fisheries and volunteer efforts much like the earlier discussion we just had. The LDWF program is exceptionally well thought-out and well received, engaging thousands of young outdoors girls and boys across the state. Also offering Many, Many opportunities for volunteer instructors to be certified and contribute by becoming part of the program.

Applications for volunteer instructor training can be submitted on-line, on the LDWF website.

Brief discussion and appreciation from the audience for the presentation.

Meeting Adjourned 8:50

EASL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Gonzales Library

September 9, 2019

- Mike Lambert: called meeting to order 7:03 pm
- Barney: Speaker for September will be Alayna McGarry, with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and fisheries, Aquatic Volunteer Instructor Program.

- All: More group discussion on monthly newspaper editing and distribution with newly assigned board members comments and suggestions to make the process smoother. Expecting more changes needed to make deadlines, September paper will again be late due to scheduling errors.

- Meal Sponsor for September: Cody Braud
- Treasurer and membership update: New board member assignments are coming slowly but making progress.

- Assignments, updates from last board meeting:

Byron: Squirrel Rodeo on track for October 5th Rodeo on Saturday and Cook-out on Sunday

Looking for small gift items for junior division winners as was done last year.

Also, group discussion on possible reschedule for Salt Water Challenge, however opening of hunting seasons is near and year-end priorities have conflicts, so not much chance of a reschedule.

- Guest member Rodney Dupuy of Cajun Livin N Cooking, LLC in attendance and shared some interesting thoughts about expanding EASL's membership outreach efforts and individual participation thru the use of available non-profit advertisement offers from local newspapers, TV and social media opportunities. Prospects are out there, Including partnering with other organized fishing rodeos or outdoor clubs and like-minded businesses in the area, but someone has to lead the effort? Plenty of spirited conversation ensued and a vote called to ask for professional guidance from Rodney or his associates to investigate and identify possible proposals for consideration. Many Thanks to Rodney for his offer an experience in this field.

- Other topics? Reminder that all 2020 board nominations process begins in October, (Contact Barney Callahan, Nomination Committee lead) to make a nomination, and let's try to recruit some "new blood" ... Not retire the old ones, just fill the opened positions would be a great achievement!

- Board Members in attendance: Mike Lambert, Barney Callahan, Herby Finnerty, Darlene Finnerty, Warren Hebert, Charlie Moore, Bette Lambert, Marcia Jimerson, Byron Gautreaux and Kevin (KD) Diez.

- Meeting Adjourned: 8:35 pm

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CASUAL OBSERVATIONS

The Mule Blew Up

by Torrey Hayden



Sometimes when we leave the gate open, cajuns escape from south Louisiana and infiltrate other parts of the country. Usually, wherever they go, the local population will tell stories for generations about the time Cajuns came to town.



Frank

My buddy, Frank, was telling me how a dead mule blew up and started a forest fire in Alabama on one such occasion. Normally this is a three-beer story but due to limited space for this article I will condense into a one beer story touching on the highlights. As with most stories dealing with Cajuns, the truth is much more entertaining than fiction.

Frank and his mule riding buddies went to participate in a charity trail ride starting in Boaz, Ala. and concluding in Wetumpka, Ala. Several of these mules were educated, having graduated from "Mule School" which is similar to dog obedience school except for mules. This was a ten-day trail ride through the back country of north and central Alabama.

As the journey came to an end one of the mules died of natural causes.

"What do you do with a dead mule when you are two states away from home," some looked around and asked each other.

It would take a really big hole to bury it. Along the route they camped on farms. A contingent from the trail ride went to the host farmer's house to discuss the dead mule dilemma.

The farmer was clearing land and had a big brush pile he was getting ready to burn. He instructed them to drag the mule to the brush pile and burn the carcass. One of the farmer's hired hands had a gas can marked diesel and poured its contents all

over the mule. There was gasoline in the can instead of diesel.

Gasoline, dry brush and a dead mule makes for a very combustible combination. Sparks and other flaming objects were about to be propelled in grand fashion from the epicenter which was the dead

mule doused in gasoline.

Prior to pouring gas, one of the mule riders cut the mule's head off to skin it out then bleached it to make a decoration. Once the match was thrown on the mule and gas it created a tremendous fireball and explosion catching the nearby woods and a few mule riders on fire. Stop, drop and roll was implemented - no serious injuries occurred.

The flames quickly spread out of control. A local volunteer fire department was called. They exhausted their truck's water supply and resources trying to put out the fire. The Fire Department then called the National Forest Service to help. They managed to contain the inferno by getting bulldozers and cutting a fire lane all the way around the fire.

The head man for the National Forest Service was somewhat irritated and demanded to know how the fire got started. A self-appointed spokesperson from the Cajun contingent stepped up and explained that a dead mule blew up and started the forest fire.

The administrator was very skeptical until one of his Forest Service guys pointed to the smoldering mule carcass and said, "Look they are telling the truth, the explosion blew the mules head clean off". A reporter who had been dispatched to cover the story overheard the conversation.

The headline for the local newspaper next day: "Cajun Mule Blows Up, Starts Forest Fire".

It's A Fact!

The world record speckled trout weighed in at 17 pounds, 7 ounces.

EASL Wild Game Recipe

Pan Sauteed Filet of Trout in Shrimp Chive Cream



PREP TIME: 1 Hour

SERVES: 6

INGREDIENTS:

- 6 (5-8 ounce) speckled trout filets
- 24 (21-25 count) shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 3/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup eggwash (1 egg, 1/2 cup water, 1/2 cup skim milk, blended)
- 1 1/2 cups seasoned flour
- 1/2 cup mushrooms, sliced
- 1/2 cup green onions, chopped
- 1/4 cup red bell peppers, diced
- 1 tbsp garlic, diced
- 1/4 cup dry white wine
- 2 cups heavy whipping cream
- 1/2 cup chives, finely chopped
- salt and black pepper to taste

METHOD:

In a 10-inch heavy-bottomed sauté pan, heat oil over medium-high heat. Dip filets in eggwash and coat generously with seasoned flour. Saute filets, 3 at a time,

until golden brown, approximately 3 to 5 minutes on each side. Once cooked, remove and keep warm. In the same saute pan cook mushrooms, green onions, bell peppers and garlic until vegetables are wilted, approximately 3 to 5 minutes. Add shrimp and saute until shrimp are pink and curled. Deglaze with white wine, add heavy whipping cream, bring to a low boil and cook until sauce is thickened. Add chopped chives and season to taste using salt and pepper. Place serving of chive cream sauce in the center of a serving plate, top with fish filet and garnish with four jumbo shrimp.

NOTE: The fryer used in today's segment is a Bravetti (Platinum Pro) EP67, which can be ordered for approximately \$100 from Chef's Ingenuity Smart Solutions (order no. 2721). Please call (888) 944-9888 for more information.