

Fly Line

A Monthly Newsletter

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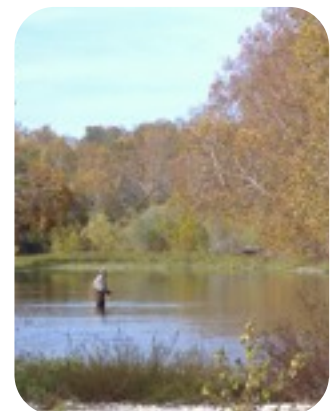
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Meetings at East Side Arvest Bank at 7 P.M.
First Tuesday of the Month

Upcoming Activities

- Club meeting – August 4th 7:00 Arvest Bank Program: [“Video on using deer hair in fly tying”](#)
- Coffeyville County Fair – August 10-11
- Burn Camp – Lake Hudson near Salina – August 15th
- Kid’s Day – Roaring River – August 15th
- Washington County Free Fair – August 20-21



PRESIDENT'S CONNER



President's Ramblings

Thanks to Dean Reed for hosting the Lookout Lake outing on July 18th. There was a good group there and fishing was good. Also thanks to Shawn Childress and all of his helpers that made the Carp Tournament a great success. Next year promises to be even better. August is going to be a full month for the club. Our meeting on the 4th will include a video on spinning deer hair the right way. Then on August 10th and 11th we will have a booth at the Coffeyville county fair. Richard Johnson is coordinating that effort. We will need tiers and talkers for that booth. The Burn Camp is scheduled for August 15th at Lake Hudson near Salina, OK. We will need tiers, casting instructors, and fishing experts to help the kids in fishing. This will be discussed more at the August meeting. The Washington County Free Fair is August 20th and 21st and will have a booth there. We will discuss this more at the August meeting. If you are in need of a float tube, fly rod and reel, tying material, chest waders, or wading shoes we may have an opportunity for you.

The family of Gary Gompf has asked us to dispose of some of his fly fishing equipment. We will probably have an auction at the October meeting with this material. The list to be auctioned will be included in the September Fly Line and will be available on our web site.

Lookout Lake Outing

The outing at Lookout lake went off without a hitch. Seven members showed for a day of fishing and comradery. Dean reed and his wife Alice, Lary and Karol Smith, Bruce keen, Shawn Prufer, and Larry Johnson. Fishing was great for the first couple of hours then went south for some inexplicable reason. Some say they just quit biting. Great day and great weather, fun had by all. Everybody stopped by Dean and Alice's trailer for coffee after the show. See you all at the club meeting Aug.4, Arvest Bank Eastside 7 PM.

Lary & Shawn fishing hard>



Larry & Lary deciding where to fish



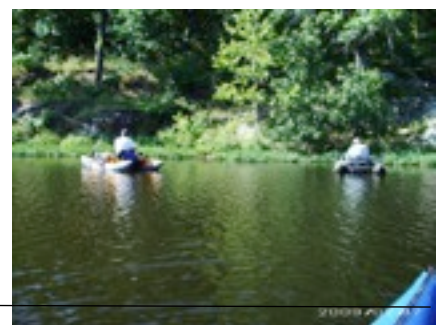
Lary & Karyl watchig the launch



Shawn ready to fish



Bev & Larry relaxing after fishing



[So, you think you want a pontoon boat](#)

You may want to consider a few things about buying, registering and using such a boat.

- Where do you find these single person pontoon or kick boats?

I visited several stores when I had decided to buy one and only found one in stock at Bass Pro Shop. Selection was limited. You will probably have to order one from a catalog or online. There are several models available and range in size from 9' x 5' to 7' x 4'. Most have two inflatable pontoons with a metal frame that straps to the pontoons. A chair is normally attached to the metal frame and there are oars that are attached on the top of the pontoons. Most have zippered storage containers attached to the pontoons. There is one model that has no metal frame and is U-shaped. The price range seems to be \$229 (sale price) to \$1,600. Of course the quality and features are based on how much you want to pay. The weight ranges from under 30 lbs to over 100 lbs.

- How about transporting and storing the boat?

Depending on the size of the boat, transportation and storage could be a problem. With the smaller boats this is less of an issue. If you have a truck then transporting is probably not a problem. Some of the models can be hauled in the trunk of a car. After assembling the boat the first time you may want to consider keeping it inflated and assembled. Then you may need to use a trailer. Most boats will fit in the bed of a truck after assembly. Storing it assembled does take space either in your garage or in your yard. You may be limited by your neighborhood ordinances. There is one model that claims to fit in a back pack. It does, if you know how to pack and unpack it and are physically able to strap a 50 lb pack on your back. That model does require less storage and transporting does not require a truck.

- How much time and effort is needed to assemble these?

The U-shaped one that has no metal frame is the easiest. After inflating and strapping on a few things you are ready to go. Almost of these boats require a pump to inflate. The pump may come with the boat or you may have to purchase one separate. The one that came with boat may not be as good as the purchased ones.

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- What accessories may be needed?

The inflating pump was already mentioned above. Even though oars are provided you may want to have flippers to use when you are not going very far or you want to stay over a good fishing spot. Having an anchor is also nice. A net bag with rocks on the end of rope makes a good simple anchor.

- What are some of the problems when fishing in one of these boats?

Navigating one of these using the oars requires some skills. If you have never used a row boat, canoe, or kayak you will need to have some training. Remember that you will be sitting above the water not in the water and that has its advantages and disadvantages. It is easier to cast and you may stay warmer in cold water when you are sitting above the water. However, wind or current can cause problems. These boats are really for still water fishing and not suitable for rivers that have a strong current. They are not large boats and you will feel confined when sitting in the small chair for long periods. When using longer fly rods you have to be careful when changing flies or untangling the line at the tip. You are probably going to have the reel end sitting in the water. If you are working with the line and the rod and reel falls over you could have a real problem, especially if you have not set the drag on the reel. From experience I can tell you that if you try to retrieve the reel by pulling on the line you are going to end up with a boat full of line before your reel comes to the surface, especially if you are fishing in deep water such as the Mined Lands in Kansas. You can buy a tether that attaches the end of the rod to the pontoon that may help in these situations.

- Are there any restrictions on using these boats in public waters?

In Kansas there is not a problem until you want to put a motor on one of these. If you add a motor you will have to register the boat and motor. Oklahoma requires a license for these boats. When you go to the tag office to register the boat they will want to see the title and normally there is not one. You will need to request a Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin from the boat supplier that includes the serial number of the boat and you will need an invoice or a bill of sales. With these two items you can request a title through the Pawhuska tag agency. You may want to call the tag agency before you go since they have strange hours. They are open on the first and last Saturdays of each month from 10:00-12:00. During the week the hours are more normal. Attaching the license to your boat may require some imaginative engineering.

- Should I consider a float tube instead?

Float tubes do not have to be registered, are easy to inflate and are easier to transport. You will be sitting in the water and you will have a little bit more trouble casting. A Coast Guard approved personal floatation device is required in most states.



Bartlesville Green Country Flyfishers dues are \$16. You can pay at the meeting or mail to Gary Kilpatrick, 1230 Dogwood Court, Bartlesville, OK. 74006.

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