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January Thoughts

Happy New Year! With the coming of 2018, a flurry of activities begins anew.

Out with the old and in with the new. Not talking about the years here, but Chris Pierce, new club president, and his newly elected board.

Thanks to Steve Oliver for his service as club president for the last three years. As Chris takes his position, Steve remains as a board member. Most of the board remains the same with the exception of Rex White

(thank you for your service) stepping down while Joe Linder and David Gilbert are stepping up.

The month of January also means that

some club memberships are up for renewal. Renewal email notices went sent out at the beginning of the month. Dues information may be found via those emails, on our website or via Steve Oliver, our Membership Director.

Happy New Year!



The end of the month brings the NLFF's annual Frozen Chozen and February is our always fun Chili & Flies meeting. There are also other fly fishing events around the Gulf Coast Council as well. Check out the

calendar on our website. . As you can see, the new year gets off to a fast start.

For details, see our website at www.northlaflyfishers.org.



"If fishing is interfering with your business, give up your business."

~ Alfred W. Miller



NLFF's Annual Frozen Chozen - January 27th

The North Louisiana Fly Fishers host a yearly cold water outing on the last Saturday of January under the pavillion at Riverside Park below Narrows Dam in Arkansas. Many come up early for some great fishing. Lodging is available at several hotel/motels in Murfreesboro, AR as well as various cabins, lodges and campgrounds around the area. Several members bring their campers and stay at the Corp of Engineers campground on top of Dynamite hill near the dam. So come join us for some good fishing, great stories, and plenty of food. Water, soft drinks, coffee, hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert.

The Frozen Chozen is the name of the event but not necessarily an indication of the weather. This time of year, the weather can be so unpredictable it has become part of the lore that is the Frozen Chozen. Past events have included temperatures in the 70s, 20s, and everywhere in between. Whether you have to dip fly rods in the river ever so often to remove ice from the eyelets, break up thin ice on the river so you could fish or wear your waders over a t-shirt, you never know what the weather may bring!

And be sure to ask one of the long-time members how this event got its name!

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**North Louisiana Fly Fishers
6th Annual Masters Series
Proudly Presents:**

Kelly Galloup

Kelly Galloup started his fly fishing career at the age of 13, tying flies for the local tackle shop and has over forty nationally recognized fly patterns. He started guiding at the age of 16 and is still guiding to this day some 30 years later. Kelly owned and operated the Troutman fly shop in Northern Michigan from 1981 to 2002. In the spring of 2002 he sold the Troutman and moved to Montana where he and his wife Penny bought the Slide Inn lodge on the Madison River.

Kelly has written two books *Modern Streamers for Trophy Trout* and *Cripples and Spinners*. Kelly has been published in nearly every major fly fishing periodical in the country and is now one of the Editors-at-Large for *Fly Fisherman* magazine. Kelly was also one of the hosts of *Fly Fish TV* on the *Outdoor Life Network*. In 2004 Kelly was nominated and received the Living Legend award by the Federation of Flyfishers, now Fly Fishers International.



Tickets: \$40 each

***Early Bird Special: \$35 each
(if purchased before June 1st)***

Where and When:

***Red River NWR
150 Eagle Bend Point
Bossier City, LA 71112***

***July 28, 2018
9:00am - 4:00pm***

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Designing Flies that Move, Part 3 - The Usual Suspects



There Are a Few Categories of Flies You Should Have in Your Fly Box at All Times. If you're going to lace up your wading boots and go fly fishing (especially in cold weather) you should have these types of flies in your fly box: a sculpin imitation, a baitfish pattern, a wide-bodied fly, and a wild-card pattern. The four flies in this part cover these categories.

Herbert Hoover once wrote, "Fishing is much more than fish. It is the great occasion when we may return to the fine simplicity of our forefathers." The thing to take away from that quote is our forefathers did not have Articulated Shanks, Chocklett's Body Tubing, or Sculpin Helmets to tie with. So many great materials are avail-

able now to tie virtually any kind of fly pattern you can imagine.

When tying these flies, I chose materials that move and breathe well in the water (if you've never tied with black bear, it is a wonderful material and moves great in the water). Examine the water you'll be fishing for the native baitfish and tie these patterns in according colors.

The Mouth Breather

Back Hook

- **Hook:** Gamakatsu B10S size 6
- **Thread:** 6/0 Uni thread (tan)
- **Tail:** Gold holographic flashabou trimmed to a taper, tan marabou spike on top, yel-

- low marabou spike on bottom
- **Body:** Gold ice dub in a dubbing loop and brushed out
- **Collar:** Tan marabou on top, yellow marabou on bottom
- **Legs:** Gold flake silicon rubber leg strips

Middle Hook

- **Hook:** Gamakatsu B10S size 6
- **Thread:** 6/0 Uni thread (tan)
- **Tail:** Gold holographic flashabou, tan marabou spike on top, yellow marabou spike on bottom
- **Body:** Gold ice dub in a dubbing loop and brushed out
- **Collar:** Tan marabou on top, yellow marabou on bottom
- **Legs:** Gold flake silicon rubber leg strips

Front Hook

- **Hook:** Gamakatsu B10S size 6
- **Thread:** 6/0 Uni thread (tan)
- **Tail:** Gold holographic flashabou, tan marabou spike on top, yellow marabou spike on bottom
- **Body:** Gold ice dub in a dubbing loop and brushed out
- **Collar:** Tan marabou on top, yellow marabou on bottom
- **Legs:** gold flake silicon rubber

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leg strips

- **Head:** Tan craft fur spun in a dubbing loop, colored with orange, brown, and black permanent markers

The Mouth Breather came into play when I arrived to fish a river right after a heavy thunderstorm. In the summer months, heavy rainfall can turn the water into chocolate milk. When I arrived, the transition

When you are tying the Mouth Breather, you can experiment with different head materials to compensate for different situations on the water.

The Intimidator

- **Hook:** Gamakatsu B10S size 2-2/0
- **Thread:** 6/0 Uni thread (red)
- **Tail:** Clump of gold ice dubbing center tied and pulled over, gold holographic flashabou, brown barred olive magnum rabbit strip
- **Body:** Gold ice dub in a dubbing loop and brushed out
- **Wing:** Black krystal flash under black ostrich herl
- **Head:** Clump of black deer body hair, green barred marabou on bottom tied forward and black bear fur on top tied forward, pulled back and tied down Thundercreek style
- **Throat:** Red wing-n-flash tied in
- **Weight:** Large lead dumbbell eyes (red/black)



The Mouth Breather is tied to imitate a wider-bodied prey item such as a shad or bluegill. The double articulation really brings this fly alive in the water. The heavy lead eye of the Intimidator has an up and down movement in the water column creating a nice swimming motion for a generic baitfish imitation.

The Mouth Breather came out of my frustration with my normal articulated flies being just a little too big for certain situations. I wanted to tie a smaller articulated fly with a lot of movement that would be noticed from a distance.

was already in progress. The water was fairly low and the bass were already not taking the bigger stuff the day before. Taking into account the dirty water and challenging conditions, it was not looking to be a good day for fishing. I tied on the Mouth Breather, cast it, and after three strips of the fly line an axe-handle pike came up and absolutely crushed the fly. The fly's colors, movement, and flash were enough to get the fish's attention through the murky water. I ended up catching some decent small-mouth that day in addition to some pike.

This is a great workhorse streamer that moves and breathes well in the water. I named this fly the Intimidator because this is one fly I have a lot of confidence in

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and can take anywhere and have success with it. So far this fly has been one of my most productive patterns. Its construction allows for good durability and it has enough bulk to tempt both small and big fish.

I made the choice to use black bear for the head because I know how destructive black bear hair jigs can be in cold water in a river. Black bear moves great in the water and adds a nice dimension to the movement of this fly. If you don't have black bear, then badger, raccoon, opossum, or any other longer-haired critter will work. When fishing the Intimidator, retrieve it rather quickly and then let it rest and slowly sink in the water column. That's usually when the strike comes.

The Fur Invader

Back Section

- **Shank:** 28 mm Fish-Skull Big Game Shank with Senyo Intruder Trailer Hook Wire (black), size 2-2/0 Owner Mosquito Hook
- **Body:** Purple ice dub spun in a dubbing loop and brushed out, silver polar chenille, black under purple craft fur clumps backwards tied, several strands of purple holographic flashabou over section, purple wing-n-flash backwards tied over entire body

Front Shank

- **Shank:** 40 mm Fish-Skull Senyo's Articulated Shank for steelhead and salmon flies,

black.

- **Thread:** 6/0 Uni-thread (purple)
- **Body:** Purple ice dub spun in a dubbing loop and brushed out, silver polar chenille, black under purple craft fur clumps backwards tied, several strands of purple holographic flashabou over section, purple wing-n-flash backwards tied over entire body, head and body separated with small section of silver holographic tinsel (small)
- **Head:** Same as body only adding natural grizzly long saddles under purple schlappen under Guinea fowl feather and a jungle cock nail per side

Intruder flies are beautiful and cool looking, but can be tedious and time consuming to tie. I tie and fish mainly for bass, pike, and trout, so I usually don't have a lot of rhea or other feathers on the rarer side laying around, but I do have a ton of long saddles and craft fur. Because of this, I took two shanks to maximize movement even on a swing and the Fur Invader was born.

This fly really glows with all the fine wing-n-flash mixed in with the craft fur. This is a great alternative

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to tying a true intruder, and takes about a quarter of the time. You can also buy that new fly rod you've been wanting because craft fur and wing-n-flash are pretty cheap.

I have the Fur Invader and similar patterns as my wild-card type of fly because its movement and effectiveness can save the day and put fish in the boat. Whether you're

about craft fur. The stuff moves so nicely in the water and it is relatively easy to tie with. Intruder flies breathe and move because they are almost entirely tied out of materials that lend themselves to movement very easily. Ostrich, rhea, and schlappen all move with very little effort so it's no surprise that these flies are very effective. The materials move well but they

pointed. Plus, it's also a really fun pattern to tie.

The Mud Muffin

Back Shank

- **Shank:** 20 mm Fish-Skull Articulated Shank
- **Body:** Grizzly mini marabou with a hare's ear wiggle dub body spun in a dubbing loop
- **Collar:** Grizzly hen feather

Middle Shank

- **Shank:** 20 mm Fish-Skull Articulated Shank
- **Body:** Grizzly mini marabou with a hare's ear wiggle dub body spun in a dubbing loop
- **Collar:** Grizzly hen feather

Hook Section

- **Hook:** Any small stinger hook, Umpqua Stinger or Gamakatsu B10S in small sizes
- **Thread:** 6/0 Uni thread (white or tan)
- **Body:** Hare's ear wiggle dub body spun in a dubbing loop, grizzly mini marabou feathers tied on each side under grizzly hen feather pectoral fins



fishing it in Alaska or here in the contiguous states on a steelhead stream, the Fur Invader pushes water and catches fish. I use this fly pretty frequently to tempt bass and pike as well. A word to the wise, if you are tying this for pike I would upgrade the hook to a larger size and use a little stronger wire.

You really can't talk about movement in fly patterns without talking

can also be pricy depending on your source, so I wanted a way to get all that movement with a small price tag. Craft fur fit the bill so I reverse tied it much the same way you would tie bucktail on a hollow style fly. It flares out and the exaggerated movement in the current is truly impressive.

Tie some of these and take them out fishing, you won't be disap-

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- **Collar:** Grizzly hen feather
 - **Head:** One clump of pink Senyo laser yarn on the bottom, Australian opossum fur spun in a loop and trimmed flatter on the bottom
 - **Weight:** Small to medium lead eye (red/black)
- other gamefish; they're like golden-brown missiles. They're smart fish and have keen senses as well. I wanted to create a natural-looking fly with great movement in the water but also has good mouth feel for the carp. A carp can suck something in and expel it almost instantly, so the fly needs to feel

This fly was tied to represent a goby or sculpin. A huge number of waters have these little critters living in them and they are an important food source for many types of trout and other fish. Lake Erie has a ton of these tiny little invaders bouncing around the bottom of the lake. The goby is an invasive species, but several species of native fish have developed an appetite for them, including bigger carp. If you look at the recipe for this fly, you will see I used some pink laser yarn for the belly. A lot of people know that carp like the color orange, but they will also respond to pink fairly well in certain situations, so have both in your fly box. You can also tie this fly in olive, all black, brown and orange, or white and pink for success with the "Kansas Bonefish".



I really enjoy carp fishing as it gives a different fight than that of other gamefish; they're like golden-brown missiles. They're smart fish and have keen senses as well. I wanted to create a natural-looking fly with great movement in the water but also has good mouth feel for the carp. A carp can suck something in and expel it almost instantly, so the fly needs to feel right for them to hold on to it long enough for a strike.

About John Satkowski:

John Satkowski resides in Toledo, Ohio, where he fishes for all fish that swim in the rivers and lakes of southeastern Michigan and northwest Ohio. An artist, fly tying demonstrator, and fly tying instructor, John shares his love of fly tying and fishing as often as he can. For the last fifteen years, he has focused on unlocking the secrets of smallmouth bass, carp, trout, and northern pike on the fly, chasing after them in the rivers and lakes of the Wolverine state and the glory waters of Montana. John is also an accomplished realistic tyer and always tries to add a little realistic flair to his patterns. John's patterns often use creative fly materials and unconventional tying styles. Check out his bio and commercial fly patterns at *Rainy's Flies*. You can get a hold of John by visiting the *River Raisin Fly Company* page on Facebook or through email at RiverRaisinFlyCompany13@gmail.com.



2018 Kayak Raffle

North Louisiana Fly Fishers

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NLFF Calendar

Jan 9th: NLFF Monthly Meeting. Red River Wildlife Refuge, 150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA. Social gathering at 6:00pm, meeting starts at 6:45pm and presentation will begin at 7:00pm. Topic- White river fishing with Tom Bullock.

Jan 18th: Fly Tying Workshop. White River Fly Shop in Bass Pro Shop in Bossier City, LA., 6:00-7:30pm.

Jan 23rd: NLFF Executive Board meeting. 6:00pm at Bass Pro Shop in Bossier City, LA upstairs in the conference room directly across from the elevator.

Jan 26th - 27th: "NLFF's Frozen Chozen". The North Louisiana Fly Fishers will host this event on the Little Missouri River in Murfreesboro, AR. A cookout will be held at Riverside park at 12:00 noon Saturday. Burgers and dogs provided. Bring your own drinks and a side dish or dessert. Camping and lodging are available near Murfreesboro or just come up for the day.

Fed 13th: NLFF Monthly Meeting. Red River Wildlife Refuge, 150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA. Chili & Flies meeting. Details at the January meeting and in February newsletter. Social gathering at 6:00pm, meeting starts at 6:45pm.

Feb 15th: Fly Tying Workshop. White River Fly Shop in Bass Pro Shop in Bossier City, LA., 6:00-7:30pm.

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Mar 13th: NLFF Monthly Meeting. Red River Wildlife Refuge, 150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA. Social gathering at 6:00pm, meeting starts at 6:45pm and presentation will begin at 7:00pm. Steve Oliver will be giving a presentation on his trip to Alaska. Disclaimer: Sightseeing trip with just a little fly fishing.

Mar 15th: Fly Tying Workshop. White River Fly Shop in Bass Pro Shop in Bossier City, LA., 6:00-7:30pm.

Mar 27th: NLFF Executive Board meeting. 6:00pm at Bass Pro Shop in Bossier City, LA upstairs in the conference room directly across from the elevator.

Mar 31st: "Flies and Fleas". This is a new outing for our club. Hopefully it will turn into an annual event like the "Frozen Chozen". Details at January meeting, in February newsletter and on the website in February.



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NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE!
SEND ITEMS TO EDITOR:
STORIES, PHOTOS, ITEMS OF
INTEREST ARE ALL
WELCOME!

Upcoming Events

Jan 20th: "Cenla Fly Fishing Fest". Kisatchie Fly Fishers will host this event at the Civic Center at Kees Park in Pineville, La from 9am - 4pm. Admission is free. Fly tying demonstrations, programs, and more. Lunch and refreshments available. For more info, go to www.kisatchiefly.org.

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Feb 10th: "Natchitoches Fishing Expo". Cane Country Fly Casters will host this event at Westside Baptist Community Center, Old Highway 1, Natchitoches, La from 8:30am - 4pm. Fly tying demonstrations, programs, and more. For more info, go to www.canecountry.blogspot.com.

Feb 16th - 18th: "Little Mo' Fly Fishing Festival". A celebration of trout and fly fishing on the Little Missouri River February 16-18, 2018 Community Center, Murfreesboro, AR. Friday evening gumbo and tying. Saturday: Programs, fly tying, exhibitors, retailers, casting, biologists "State of the River" program, and more. Sunday: on the river casting program. Admission is \$5 per person or \$10 per family. For details, check www.littlemissouriflyfishing.com/ff-festival.html

Mar 10th: "Fly Fish Texas". Held at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens, TX. Admission is \$10. This annual event will run from 9am - 4pm and is designed to teach everything from tying a fly to catching a fish in one day. For seminar and activities schedule, go to www.tpwd.state.tx.us/tffc and click on "Fly Fish Texas" link.



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Serving the Ark-La-Tex for over 30 years

It is the charge of the North Louisiana Fly Fishers to afford the general public and our members in particular, a better understanding of Fly Fishing, Fly Tying, and Rod Building. We wish to perpetuate the sport as a most pleasurable and exciting fishing method and provide education, instruction and the opportunities for relaxation to the membership.

The North Louisiana Fly Fishers (NLFF) Club serves the Ark-La-Tex area surrounding Shreveport. As the closest cold water fishery, we consider the Little Missouri (Little' Mo) River near Murfreesboro, AR our home waters. We also fish the local rivers and lakes. We even have a growing group of kayak fishermen that, as well as the local rivers and lakes, will fish the gulf coast marshes for some saltwater action!

We meet the second Tuesday of every month at the Red River Wildlife Refuge (150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA). Meeting starts at 7pm but come about 6pm to visit, tie flies and practice casting when the weather permits. See you there!