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GRTU Meeting

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South Access Road
Sattler, Texas

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9AM Social Hour
10AM Business Meeting
11AM Speaker
Kirk Deeter
12- Lunch
1PM GRTU Board Meeting
1PM Women's Only Casting
Clinic

April Speaker Kirk Deeter

You may have read Kirk Deeter's work in *Field & Stream* magazine; he's an editor-at-large for the world's leading outdoors publication, having penned stories on a number of "out there" fly-fishing topics, from catching mako sharks on the fly from a kayak, to exploring the remote jungles of Guyana and Bolivia with natives in dugout canoes, to teaching Alaskan Eskimos how to fly fish. He's fished from the tip of Tierra del Fuego in Argentina to above the Arctic Circle in Russia, and racked up a number of "Excellence in Craft" awards from the Outdoor Writers Association of America for producing the nation's best magazine feature stories on fishing in the process. He's also the author of the best-selling *Little Red Book of Fly Fishing*, and the newly-released *Orvis Guide to Fly Fishing for Carp*.

But now he's part of the Trout Unlimited team. Deeter assumed the helm as editor of the organization's flagship publication, *TROUT* magazine, a little over a year ago, and he's busy transforming that magazine into what he calls a "lifestyle" publication that "caters to the soul and conscience of trout angling in America."

Deeter loves Texas. (He's from the Great Lakes region and now lives in Colorado.) But he's been to speak to GRTU once before, and based on that experience, he's been itching to get back.

He plans a "no holds barred," interactive presentation this time. From the wild and extreme adventures to be had around the world, to the simple pleasures found right out the back door—as well as the state of TU, where he's going with *TROUT* magazine, fly-fishing industry trends, gear opinions... all will be fair game.

So if you want glimpse at where TU is going, want to offer advice, or if you have questions for one of the noted "insiders" and opinion leaders in fly fishing, this will be your chance.



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President's Letter

As usual, a lot of great things are going on in our chapter...but we still have room (and the need) for you to help! Please seek one of the officers or directors out if you want to volunteer. We need you!

Here are a few things top of mind for me this month.

Trout Fest - We are still basking in the afterglow of our latest Trout Fest. This year marks our 7th year of Trout Fest. The first few years were more like family reunions, fairly small and low key. Four years ago we took the plunge on faith and a lot of hard work to create the premier winter outdoor expo in South Texas. Planning for next year is already underway, but we need more volunteers for 2015. Contact me at president@grtu.org if you want to help next year.

Elections – April is our annual business meeting. We have 3 directors whose terms are expiring. The chapter will vote on the slate of candidates to fill those positions in the chapter meeting.

Women's Initiative – I am thrilled to announce Mary Hulett has stepped into the role of chair for our GRTU Women's Initiative (AKA Women of GRTU). Please read Mary's column later in the newsletter. She is doing an outstanding job of spearheading this initiative. And she needs more help! Ladies, please contact her (see her contact info on the Contacts page of the website) if you are willing to help.

Youth Initiative – I am also thrilled to announce Dakus Geeslin has agreed to chair our Youth Initiative. If you were at

Trout Fest you got to hear Dakus' plans for our kids. Please contact me at president@grtu.org if you are interested in helping with this initiative and I will put you in touch with Dakus

Website Update - We are well on our way to completing a website refresh for the chapter. It will feature a new look and feel with social media options, while retaining the features we have come to depend on, like temperature monitoring and Lease Access sign ups. As of this writing, we expect to be testing the new site in about 5 weeks, and hope to have everything fully functional shortly after that. There will likely be some glitches to work out when we first launch, so we do ask for patience there.

Mid South- Finally, I am just back from the TU Mid South Regional meeting, this year held in Broken Bow, OK. on the Lower Mountain Fork River. These meetings are mini versions of the annual meetings, held regionally to encourage local chapter members to become knowledgeable about TU. We had some very informative sessions on government affairs, the overall TU Womans Initiative, TU's Veteran Services program, and leadership succession planning. Next year's meeting will be in Branson Missouri. If you are able I would encourage you to attend the either that meeting or the TU annual meeting next fall in Santa Fe, NM

Thanks for all you do for GRTU,
Mark Dillow

Temperature Monitor Update

As most of you know we have had problems with some of our temperature monitors for a few months or more. The units from 5.2, 7.4 and 10.5 miles below the dam have not been transmitting readings and this situation dates back as far as April 2013. Additionally a recent evaluation of the systems indicates that some of the other units are in need of a little TLC.

Localized high flows that occurred in October 2013 did some damage to a few of the units. The system at mile 7.4 was knocked over, inundated with water, and has been inoperable ever since. Two other units (miles 8.6 and 9.6) were bent severely but have remained in service.

Over the next month GRTU will be making repairs and changes to the systems. The two inoperable units (miles 5.2 and 7.4) will be retrieved and sent to the manufacturer for repairs. The unit previously located at mile 10.5 is working properly and we plan to install that unit at or near Maricopa Lodge to provide additional data in the upper reach. We hope to have these repairs and changes made and all unit back on line in April.

There have also been some changes in responsibility in managing the systems. Previously TPWD has been performing maintenance and repairs to the system when needed. TPWD has decided they have sufficient temperature data from the river and have handed the maintenance responsibility back to GRTU. We have some very knowledgeable and capable members that have offered to assist with maintaining this equipment and we are confident that we can provide consistent data to our members. Our current plan going forward is to keep seven real-time monitors deployed along the tailrace. Considerable temperature data has been collected by TPWD and GRTU which will likely be sufficient for most temperature studies or modeling efforts we may need to perform. The cost for maintaining these units including the annual cellular service may become a concern if costs continue to rise. We will continue to reevaluate the cost and benefit for maintaining this system and will make changes as needed based on conservation needs and financial constraints.

If you are interested in assisting with our temperature monitoring program or other conservation initiatives, or just have thoughts or concerns about our current temperature monitoring program, please feel free to email me at CobbG@grtu.org.

Women's Initiative for GRTU

We know there are women out there who would like to try their hand at fly fishing. There are also women with experience who would like to polish their skills in angling. Plus some women just like getting together with other women. To that aim, I volunteered to chair the Women's Initiative for GRTU. This is a membership drive sponsored by TU and GRTU to promote women in the sport of fly fishing. Starting March 1st, 2014, Trout Unlimited will have free membership for one year with TU. Women who already have a membership can renew at ½ price (\$17.50). Anyone who signs up with TU and lives in Texas will automatically be assigned the GRTU chapter. This is a wonderful opportunity to get the word out to women. So pass this article along to the woman or women in your life. Tell your wife, girlfriend, mother, aunt, sister, and friends about this wonderful opportunity!

Women can be intimidated by this sport. It looks too complicated, or they worry that someone will snicker at them, or they don't know the first thing about how to get started. Some women would like to support conservation efforts with our rivers and streams to provide us with incomparable beauty. Some would like to have some women friends to go fishing with. All of this can be accomplished by joining The Women of GRTU.

I have a small committee of wonderful women helping me. Pat Carlson is the President of Texas Women Fly Fishers, Susan Gaetz is the Texas Program Coordinator of Casting for Recovery, Janet Baca is with the Fort Worth Fly Fishing Club and Mary Liebermann is with the New Braunfels Fly Fishers. They have been an invaluable resource for me. We need more members of our committee. If you are interested, please contact me. The more the merrier. All decisions are made via email. You would be providing your opinion and suggestions to me to offer wonderful opportunities to the Women of GRTU.

My goal for this first year is to provide instruction in a supportive environment at our general meetings. These meetings occur the last Saturday of January, April, and October. I want to provide a Lunch and Learn session at each of these meetings. Following the morning business meeting and guest speaker, there will be a designated area for women to enjoy lunch together. This will be followed by a learning session. These sessions can range from casting demonstrations, to knot tying, to proper equipment, to methods designed to provide success on the rivers.

Right now I don't know who is female or male from the membership of 5000+ members of GRTU. So I need to know your name so I can include you in

announcements for upcoming events and news of interest to you. Please email me at profbiol@yahoo.com to give me your name and email address. I really don't want to pour through 5000 names to figure out who is female. So help me by contacting me. Your email is between you and me and strictly for the purpose of communication about fly fishing events.

For the woman who is interested in participating in the Lease Access program to fish specific places on the Guadalupe, there is something you need to know. To participate, you need to have an active membership from October 1 to September 30 of a calendar year. By joining now with your free membership offer, you will need to renew your membership again in October with your purchase of a Lease Access pass. Technically you won't get a full year's free membership, ladies. It is a requirement of the Lease Access program that you be a member in good standing through the length of the Lease Access pass. Just so you know.

So what do you say? How about joining the Women of GRTU and have fun making new friends, learning new skills, and getting outdoors to enjoy our beautiful rivers and streams?

Go to www.tu.org/womenjoin if you are a new member OR www.tu.org/womenrenew if you are renewing your membership. It is quick and easy.

Contact me, Mary Hulett, at profbiol@yahoo.com for more information and send me your name and email for future announcements. Looking forward to meeting you and helping you.



Women of GRTU Lunch and Learn Session

Our guest presenter at the April 26 meeting is Terri Couteau. Terri is a noted fly caster and guide with the Hill Country Fly Fishers. Plan to come to the general meeting in the morning and then stay for lunch. Following lunch Terri will take us outside and help us perfect our casting techniques. This is for the complete novice who has never held a rod in their hand and for those who are more experienced. There will be help for any woman who attends at any level. Terri will bring the rods and reels so you don't have to bring anything. You can buy the catered BBQ lunch or bring your own. Get ready to have some fun!!

See you there this April.

Contact Mary Hulett profbiol@yahoo.com for more information.



Troutfest 2014

When winter is coming to an end and spring is approaching, we can count on one thing on the Guadalupe... sunscreen, swim suits and hot weather, but count one thing for sure, TROUTFEST and getting to be with friends! Troutfest 2014 was truly a remarkable, memorable, and successful event. The purpose of TF 14' was first and foremost to educate people of all ages and gender, and secondly to raise funds for the GRTU KIDS INITIATIVE.

Everyone who attended applauded the efforts of GRTU's finest participants as they enjoyed the events and guest speakers along the peacefully flowing and most beautiful spot on the Guadalupe. Spirits were high as the weather was perfect....Ralph Torres coordinated the setup of the tent and facilities, while Gary Lehman brought in musician band Little Outfit, which created a fun and happy atmosphere for the banquet and auction. Alan Bray, our Master of Ceremonies orchestrated the evening's agenda and the crowd was more than pleased to be in the presence of the one and only duo Dave and Emily Whitlock. Rick Lowerre, our defense attorney, presented on the concerns of Texas' future water plans, including updates on various regulations that are under

review. Since the Guadalupe trout fishery depends on cold water from the Canyon Lake Dam, we are especially interested in water rights and future regulations that impact Canyon Lake region. The banquet and auction was not only financially successful but so much fun that people kept asking "How are you going to top this next year?!!" The generous \$1000.00 donation from Sportsman's Finest during the Paddle Raise was not only a big hit, but it also spurred interest in the purpose of the donations and in return it brought forth financial success to the event. We look forward to using the funds to carry out the GRTU KIDS INITIATIVE in 2014/2015.

All presenting demo's/classes drew crowds on the river and in the classroom. We were fortunate again to have Banning Collins with TFO sponsored, who sponsored our two other guest speakers Charlie Craven and Duane Hada. All of our guest speakers were equally satisfied with the attendance and accommodations TF'14 provided. Dave and Emily as always put on a spectacular show of art, fly-tying, fly-casting and precision technical advice. In one instance there was over 60 participants in the classroom soaking up the knowledge

from the wisdom these fine presenters pour out.

Many thanks to each and every one of you who volunteered and were behind the scenes making sure everything happened! Special thanks to my lovely bride, Julie Lehman, for putting up with all the stuff in our house, conference calls, meetings, late nights, and long phone calls for the last 6 months. To name a few that were key in implementation: Jeff Schmitt, our Sound Guy, Casey Smartt, our Fly-Tyer coordinator, Brad Wilkins, our volunteer coordinator and traffic controller, Phil Dopson and staff - registration and finances, Ted Mendrek consulting, auction and banquet, and filling in the gaps for the Expo. Bob Runion for coordinating the BBQ, food vendors and store. Doug and Tanya at the registration table and GRTU Store, Rio Raft for their services, and once again, Rafael Torres for making sure the tent, electricity, facilities were all in place and working!

We have too many wonderful volunteers to mention by name, but you know who you are we appreciate you all. The activities Saturday and Sunday were definitely beyond expectations. Fishing's Future held the river down with the kids events. Carroll Hall's casting games, TPWD seminars and displays. The TFO tent and fly fishing clubs fly tying classes

were rocking! Vendors were pleased with the Expo. Gary Burns devoted his time and energy contacting the vendors and confirming their requirements. All were satisfied with the vendor booths, help and support from GRTU members, and expressed their sales were good. Most commented they would be returning for Troutfest 2015. The opportunity to work with GRTU members and the Troutfest committee was an honor and an experience I will always remember. I look forward to the opportunity when a new team of professionals carry on the torch. We express our sincere gratitude to our outside sponsors W.O.R.D, TFO, Sportsman's Finest, HEB, GBRA. We want to thank each of those who donated their personal finances during the banquet and/or as a sponsor, it was a true blessing to see the money being given to the kid's initiative.

TU and GRTU have the same goal in mind and that is to help preserve, protect and restore North America's coldwater fisheries and their watershed", especially our beloved Guadalupe River. Educating the next generation about our goal is paramount and will pay dividends in the future.

God Bless Texas and God Bless you all!

Herman "Gary" Lehman IV
(Houston)

Raffle Item

This year's GRTU fund raising raffle is courtesy of Chris of Living Waters Fly Shop in Round Rock, Texas.

This new rod from Scott Fly Rods is a 9' 4wt Living Waters Fly Shop donated is one of the all New Radian from Scott. Until now, you've had to choose between a rod with power and line speed or a rod with touch and feel. But thanks to Scott, those days are over.



Raffle tickets for this rod went on sale at the October 2013 meeting and the drawing for this rod will take place during the 2014 October meeting. Please purchase your tickets and help GRTU continue working to conserve and protect the Guadalupe River.



Chris' Turducken

Tied by Chris Johnson of Living Waters Fly Fishing Named after the Cajun combo of a Turkey, Duck, and Chicken stuffed inside of one another and then cooked to perfection, the Turducken is a fantastic fly that blends the floatation of CDC with the classic look of a hackled, biot bodied dry!

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throughout their recovery and lifetime.

To provide participants information about cancer-related resources, both in the local community and nationally, to facilitate networking and enhanced management of their recovery.

GRTU is assisting Reel Recovery in its Mission and Goals and if you want to help in any capacity please visit the web site at www.reelrecovery.org and donate your time and volunteer to be a Fishing Buddy to a retreat participant, it is fun and very rewarding. If you are interested and want to know about volunteering call Rafael Torres 512-560-4380 or email Debbie McKinney at debbie@reelrecovery.org

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Fisheries Report

Hello All My Fellow Trout Fishermen

Let me start off with some good news. NOAA is predicting a better than 50/50 chance that an El Nino will form this summer in the eastern Pacific. With all the news about the continuing drought we have been hearing and experiencing the last 4 years that is good news. I hope they're right this time. We need it.

This has been a season of low flows with 50cfs being the average flow released from Canyon Dam. These conditions have been challenging to say the least. Also the fish seem to have had quite an education as far as angling is concerned and apparently are very good at their studies. I have had good days and poor days on the river this year like everybody else. Water temperatures are still good and we should have good fishing conditions till the end of May. I wish I could tell you we going to get some good summer flows but it doesn't look to be in the cards this year.

In other news the TPWD Commission approved changes to the rainbow and brown trout fishery along a section of the Guadalupe River below Canyon Reservoir establishing a 12- to 18-inch slot length limit with a five-fish daily bag limit, harvest by artificial lures only, and only one trout over 18 inches could be retained. The new regulation zone would begin 800 yards downstream from the Canyon Dam release and extend downstream to the easternmost Highway 306 bridge crossing. This regulation will

go into effect Sept 1, 2014

We stocked 6,928 strong Rainbows this year. A Big Thanks to all our members who support this program. Each stocking it seemed the fish were stronger and in better shape than the last. The third stocking definitely had the best Trout of the year. Our Lease Access Program had a few less members this year, nonetheless, we are always looking to improve. The program is in good shape and ready for next season.

Jimbo Roberts
GRTU V P of
Fisheries



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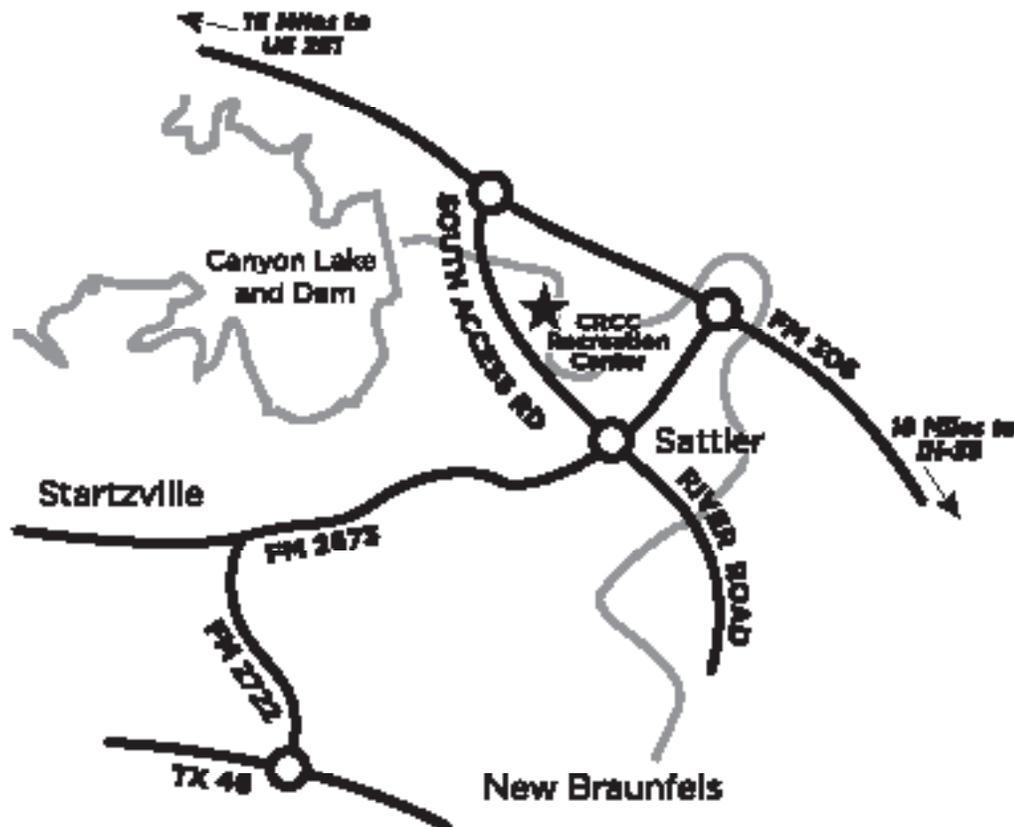
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>From the WEST: From US 281, turn EAST on FM 306, which is between Twin Sisters and Spring Branch. Drive about 16 miles to the blinking caution light (just before you enter the area called Canyon City). Turn Right on South Access and follow the South Access Road for about two miles, passing below the dam and across the spillway. The Recreation Center will be on your left.

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Follow our new map created by GRTU Volunteer Mark Broderick.

Map of GRTU Meeting Area



The Guadalupe River Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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The following distinguished members of GRTU have been designated, some posthumously, as Honorary Life Members of the Chapter for their exceptional contributions to our work. This honor is reserved for commendatory recognition of individuals whose personal service contributions to the Chapter are deemed to have had outstanding impact in advancing Chapter and TU objectives.

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