The Doldrums

We are entering the part of the summer when, if you don’t get done whatever needs to be done early in the day, it probably won’t get done until later in the evening or, not until the next morning because of the heat and lack of a breeze. The old time sailors had a name for this, they called it the doldrums. When sailing near the equator, there were times the winds would die for long periods of time with nary a cloud in the sky. I have a name for it too, I called it time to hit the water.

The winds back in June were brutal and, in discussions with several guides and hotel operators up and down the coast, they experienced a large number of Wednesday / Thursday cancellations, mainly because of the winds. But, since the July 4th holiday, the winds have finally decided to back off a little and allow us to hit the water. This is a good thing. If you have a boat, this gives you a chance to slip out the jetties and fish “out front” for surf trout, bull reds and jacks. Or, if you are up for the task, on the right day you can venture out in the waters of the Gulf for kingfish, Spanish mackerel, bonito and, if you happen on a weed rip, maybe a dolphin of two. And, don’t forget about the tarpon, the mighty silver king. They will be cruising inside the jetties as well as the gulf waters from the beachfront out to depths of 30-40 feet.

Yes, there is lots of fishing to be had out there and, all within a relatively short driving distance from Downtown Houston. But, like working around your house, fishing this time of year requires a little change in strategy to get it done. First off, you need to hit the water early, way early. If you can get there and don’t mind fishing in the dark, the hour before sunrise can be a very productive time but, it won’t last long after that bright orange orb peeks over the horizon in the east. Continued
Another thing to keep in mind is that you may have to alter your equipment and tactics a bit. I used to go out in my kayak and fish the green lights but, I found that I needed to go with a shorter leader, 5 or 6 foot, with a light tippet, 12 lb. or less. I’d also tie some patterns with lead eyes, to get them down to the fish a little quicker. Or, if you headed to the jetties, you might want to change over to a sink tip or intermediate line. This will allow you to cast into the channel and then, keep your fly down in the zone while you fish up the side of the rocks, much like the bass fishers work a lipped crank bait around rip rap. But, keep in mind that some of these fish sport a set of sharp teeth so, you might want to add a wire bite tippet. There are several knot able braided wires that handle this job nicely, just attach the wire to the leader with an Albright, or similar knot and your fly with a Perfection Loop or, something similar.

Often, in late July and August, the winds can switch to the East and, we can experience “bull” tides up and down the coast. These are tides that run about a foot, or more, higher than normal and, when they appear, they can hang around for a few weeks. The bull tides can be aggravating but, they are not totally a bad thing. These tides often open up some territory that weeks before were too shallow to fish. The doldrums also can make fishing over deep shell pads or, around gas wells a worthwhile proposition. I used to refer to this as dredging for trout, using an intermediate or full sink line, casting Clouser Deep Minnows (2/0) and weighted Lefty Deceivers. This set up also works well when you run across the birds working a school of bait.

So, don’t let the heat and calm weather of the doldrums keep you from hitting the water. The fish still have to eat and, there are as many, if not more, opportunities offered this time of year and, they can pay off in some nice stringers and, some unusual catches. Oh, and, one last thing I’d like you to keep in mind is, remain hydrated, apply sunscreen often and wear protective clothing. ’til next month, tight loops!

The Annual Mini Expo is coming in August!

Mark your calendar for the 9th Annual Texas FlyFishers Mini Expo on Saturday, August 26th. The venue for this year’s event will be held at the Terrace United Methodist Church, 1203 Wirt Road, Houston, Texas 77055 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and it is open to the public. ADMISSION AND PARKING ARE FREE!! Lunch is available and there will be a raffle for flies, a Temple Fork Outfitters rod and other assorted fly fishing items.

Since its inception in 2009, the Mini Expo has become one of our clubs most successful events. Whether you are an experienced, novice or wannabe fly fisherman, we invite you to this yearly event that showcases the talents and expertise of our club members.

There will be a booth explaining some of the educational opportunities that our club makes available to the novice on through the more experienced fly fisherman. Also on hand will be Mike Arnold, explaining the fishing opportunities available at Damon 7 Lakes and Guide Kevin Hutchison, Hill Country Flyfishers, who will be tying flies and explaining where to use them on the Central Texas Rivers.

There will be activities both inside and outside throughout the day. Starting off the day outside will be Capt. Steve Soule, Jeff Ferguson, MCI and Andy Payne CCI, who will be demonstrating casting techniques for saltwater and freshwater fishing. Also, outside will be Clay Sheward, demonstrating the “Do’s and Don’ts of Fishing from a Poling Skiff” and Don Puckett doing Casting Games.
The Annual Mini Expo – Continued:

Inside will be seminars and demonstrations of the various aspects of fly fishing and fly tying. Depending on your interests, there is something for everyone.

Featured presentations:

Danny Scarborough - Urban Angling
Jeff Ferguson - Fishing the Big Lake (Lake Calcasieu)
Patti Carothers - Intro to Paddling (with the kayak fisherman in mind)
Joe DeForke - Fly Fishing West Galveston Bay

Texas FlyFishers will showcase:

Rod Building - George Sutherland and Garland Sparks
Knot Tying - Dave Steffek
Furled Leaders - Frank Schlicht
“Relatively” Recent Developments in Fly Tying - Jerry Brown
New Innovative Process for Tying Flies - Joe Nicklo

Fly tyers:

John and Shelby Carpenter
Kevin Hutchison
Chris Sumers
Barry Sandler
Curtis Gross

Beginner’s fly tying table. The Texas FlyFishers membership has a wealth of fly tying talent they are eager to share with you. Tying your own flies adds a whole new dimension to your fly fishing experience.

We look forward to seeing you on the August 26th. Mary Kay and Skip Donovan

Here’s What’s Coming Up!

Monthly Meeting:

Tuesday, July 27, 2017: The speaker scheduled for the July Monthly Meeting is Jim Gray, Past President of the Austin Fly Fishers and, the current president of the Texas Council, Fly Fishers International. Jim has been fly fishing, rod building and fly tying for 35 years. This will be the first presentation that Jim has given to the Texas FlyFishers, but he regularly gives presentations to fly fishing clubs in Texas, Louisiana and Florida. His job has given him the opportunity to fly fish all over the world, but his favorite places to fish are the Texas Hill Country and his native South Florida.
**Monthly Meeting - Continued:**

It is this South Florida connection that Jim will talk about at this month’s meeting. For the past 20 years, Jim has been hunting for exotics in the canals that crisscross Florida. Everyone knows about peacock bass, but there are over 40 species of exotic fish that have a breeding population, and many of these are viable fly fishing targets. Jim’s presentation will cover the tactics, flies and techniques for 10 exotic species. He will even give you directions to local hot spots. According to Jim, “there aren’t many places where you can hit a local canal and catch fish from North America, South America, Asia and Africa, and the list is constantly growing. Just this month, three new species were caught on fly – arowana, red-tailed catfish and flower-head cichlid. South Florida really does offer something special for anglers looking for a new challenge.”

Before the meeting, Jim will be tying his favorite fly for exotics, a reverse craft fur bait fish in peacock colors. So, come to the July 2017 we would be glad to see you there.

The monthly meetings for the Texas FlyFishers are held at the Community Center Building located in Bayland Park, 6400 Bissonnet St., Houston TX 77074. Social hour and fly tying starts at 6:30pm and the meeting kicks off at 7:00 pm. And, don’t forget the casting instruction taking place outside (weather permitting), beginning around 6:00 pm.

**Education:**

The Texas FlyFishers 2017 schedule of courses has been completed. However, our new Education Director, Joe Burton is busy working on the 2018 line up of classes and demonstrations and, we will post there here in Windknots.

**Outings: -**

**Freshwater -**

There is no Freshwater outing currently scheduled for July but, if you have a spot and you would like to take the lead, contact our Outings Chairman Don “Puck” Puckett and he’ll help you line the trip up. To contact “Puck”, call him at: (Two ate one) 865 - thirty-two sixteen or, drop him an e-mail at: doncpuckett(at) gee male (dot) com
Outings - Continued:

Saltwater - The 2017 Port O’Connor “Una Mosca!”, July 27 - 28, 2017

The Annual Port O’Connor Una Mosca Outing will take place on Saturday, July 29, 2017, from 6:30 am – 4:00 pm. If weather is a problem, Sunday, July 30, 2017 has been designated as the alternate fishing day.

The Friday night Captains Meeting will be held at Les Lehman’s house (the event headquarters), 301 Washington Street, Port O’Connor, from 6:00 – 9:00 PM. I’m thinking there could be some steaks, baked potatoes and fresh green salads being prepared so, be sure and confirm with the outing leader that you are coming. We’ll be doing a Calcutta too.

For Saturday’s main event, fishing begins at 6:30 AM and continues until 4:00 PM. Please make sure everyone on your boat has their state fishing license and Saltwater Stamp up to date. For this year’s event, there have been a few changes:

1) This is an inshore, CatchPhotographRelease contest. All fishing must take place inside the a line from the beginning of the east and west Matagorda Ship Channel Jetties and, a line from Decros Point to the beginning of Sunday Beach at the entrance to “J” Hook. Any fishing inside the jetties, inside the pass or, in the Gulf are off limits. Sorry but this is due to safety factors concerning small skiffs.

Catch/Photograph/Release: You must photograph your catch, using a tape measure or other fish length scale to indicate fish size. Both fish and measuring device must be in the photograph. For tips on how to measure your catch, check the TPWD website at:

http://tpwd.texas.gov/regulations/outdoor-annual/fishing/measurement-tips

2) All fish to be entered must be within the legal size limits set by the State of Texas. You can only enter a Texas bag limit, i.e. Three (3) Redfish, 20” – 28”, Five (5) Speckled Trout (TFF supports “Just Take Five”) 15” min. – and, only one 25” or longer, Five (5) Black Drum 14” and above, Five (5) Flounder, 14” and above, and Five Sheepshead, 15” and above.

Once the fishing has come to an end, all will gather at the Tournament HQ for a review of the day’s fishing, some fantastic appetizers and, a healthy serving of Chef John Purcell’s world famous Paella and a BYOB bar. The feast will be immediately followed by the awards ceremony.

Invitations have been sent thru the EVITE so check your Inbox and be sure to RSVP as soon as you can. If you have any questions or, you have some questions about the event or, lodging, let us know and we’ll see what we can do. This event is always fun and you won’t want to miss it! Mike Graham

To contact Mike Graham; Phone: ((832) 29(ate)-38 five five); email: (mgraham(dash)rrsm(AT)comcast(DOT)net)
Outings: The Una Mosca! - Continued:

Also, for all that can get away, several of the members will be in Port O'Connor for a little Pre-Fishing on Thursday, July 27, 2017 and Friday July 28, 2017.

Reel Recovery:

The October 6-8, 2017 Navasota Reel Recovery Retreat is only a couple months away. We have a count of 12 applications at this time, and plan to have 14-15 participants at the retreat. You can help us ensure enough applications by speaking with any friend or relative you know recovering from cancer who may wish to apply for the retreat! We would like to have more than 15 applications in case a man or two decide in the last couple weeks before the retreat that they cannot attend.

As always, the Texas FlyFishers members are participating in a BIG WAY volunteering to serve this year as staff members and fishing buddies during the retreat. I sincerely appreciate this continuing commitment shown to Reel Recovery. This Houston-area retreat would not exist without the dedicated support in time, talent and treasure (including the annual TFF donation) shown by our membership!! We are extending our help to these courageous men by giving them a respite from their day to day concerns. Thank you, Dave Steffek

No report this month but, if you are interested in being part of this fine outreach group or, you know someone battling cancer that might benefit from being part of an outing, contact Dave Steffek

Outings Reports:

June Saltwater: Fence Lake, Rockport / Fulton, Texas. June 10th, 2017

This year’s Fence Lake Outing started off on a good note when all but one who signed up for the outing showed up at Panjo’s Pizza in Rockport for a “Captain’s Meeting” and pizza. While I won’t go into detail about the menu, the three, extra-large, thin crust, hand tossed pies, along with one order of Shrimp Alfredo, never stood a chance. There was also a good exchange of information, tactics, patterns and general good BS before everyone split for a good night’s sleep before the eagerly anticipated day on the water.

Saturday morning broke early but, all who signed on for the outing arrived on time and, by the time our skipper, Capt. Tommy Moore arrived, the kayaks and gear were loaded aboard the M/V Skimmer for the run across Aransas Bay to St. Joe’s Island and, the entrance of Fence Lake. We had a crew of 11 long time and new members, as well as a couple of guests.

With the horizon to the east began showing it’s orange glow and a mixture of Jimmy Buffett and Joe Ely serenading us over the speakers, we made our way across the bay and in a few short minutes, the drone engines throttling back, announced our arrival at Fence Lake. Some of the gang hit the water and the rest made it up to the flying bridge and the “unloading” process began. Continued
Outing Reports - Continued:

Shortly, everyone had collected their kayak, loaded their gear (except for one lost paddle, don’t ask me how I know) and off we all went, into the gentle morning breeze in pursuit of redfish, speckled trout and the other inhabitants of Fence Lake…we hope.

The water was clear and the wind was agreeable for most of the day. The sky stayed mostly clear and there was never any threat of any showers. We did have a few skiffs and airboats run through the lake but, I’m guessing they were members of Flats Worthy because they kept their distance. Through the day, I would see kayaks moving here to there and sometimes, back again. I went up to a spot I usually can find a few redfish moving through and spent the day up there. Well, the redfish never showed but…

About 3:00 we all gathered at the usual rally point to swap stories and wait for the Skimmer to scoop us back up. Most all on the trip had some luck however, I guess I had the best story of the day. About midday, I had a large speckled trout take my fly, a tan and pink Gartside Gurgler, in ankle deep water. I knew it was a good fish and, in a few nervous minutes, I had it in my hands. While I had my camera, I didn’t want to handle the fish any more than necessary and, since the speck wasn’t too keen on posing for a selfie, my photo was a little fuzzy. But, before she swam off, I did get a good measurement against my rod so I could later convert it to inches when I could find a ruler.

About 30 minutes later, I had two dark logs swim in my direction. At first glance I thought “redfish” but, they weren’t the right color. Then, I realized that I was looking at two exceptional trout. I laid my Gurgler in their direction and, the larger of the two cut in front of the other, opened its big yellow mouth and sucked my fly down. I immediately knew this fish was much larger fish than the one I had just released. Well, after a couple of minutes of nervous rod work, I got my hands on this sow, got a good mark against my rod, snapped a few more fuzzy photos and released her back to swim off and make some more, hopefully, just like her.

To my good fortune, Ron Mayfield had a ruler stuck to the side of his Hobie sail/yak and, the first trout taped out at 27½ inches, a new personal best for me on a fly rod by two inches. The second fish mark really surprised me when it hit the tape at 29¼ inches, a new – new personal best for me on both fly and conventional tackle. Needless to say, this was a great day on the water for me…not to mention the fact that since the big fish was less than 30 inches, I did not feel compelled to have a replica made for the wall (saving me a healthy chunk of change).

The Skimmer showed up on time, in true “Skimmer style”, with more Outlaw Country coming out of the speakers and a few “drinks” iced down in the Igloo. It didn’t take long to reverse the loading process and, along with our gear, we were soon all back aboard the Skimmer as Capt. Tommy pushed the throttles forward and headed her back to the dock where, in short order, everyone had their kayaks strapped down, their gear safely stowed away and, their faces in front of the air conditioning vents in their vehicles.
I want to thank all the members who made the trip to Fulton and once again made this one of the best attended saltwater outings we have each year. I hope to see you back here next year.

Photos by Steve Tomlinson and Chris Sumers

**June Freshwater: South Llano River Float Trip – June 23-25, 2017**

Report submitted by Don “Puck” Puckett

19 people made the trip. Only one person didn’t feel up to making the float, and we hope she feels better soon. This left 18 members on kayaks floating, and fishing the chosen stretch of river.

- Everybody was on the water by 08:00
- 3 broken rods
- 2 required first aid
- 2 slip and trips
- 4 swimmers
- One lost, then recovered, spinning rod
- One broken paddle
- One accidentally inflated life jacket
- Hundreds of fish caught. Largemouth Bass, Guadalupe Bass, bluegill, Rio Grande Perch, and catfish were all brought to hand. Ken hooked a carp, and one person lined, and somebody almost hooked, a gar.
- Off the water by 2015, but if you want to know more….

We started arriving around 14:00 on Friday. Once there, we found that we had nowhere near enough beds. In addition to what was already in the cabin there were 3 mattresses thrown on the floor, one cot and, one air mattress which later sprung a leak. Bring only cots next year, no more air mattresses

Friday night menu consisted of hot dogs and hamburgers with Rene D. manning both of the grills, with occasional help from others. When it came time to serve, help came out from everywhere and starving people were fed as goodies magically appeared. Desserts, chips, cheese, crackers, fruit, hummus, wine, and much more were all on the serving table that the Delattes brought. Plans for the next day were asked, and answered, as we sat down to the shared meal. Cleanup was a joint effort with many pitching in. (pictures of dinner here)
Outing Reports - Continued:

Saturday came around 04:30 as Steve, our chef of the day, started the griddle and began feeding our horde with orange juice, sausage/ham and egg sandwiches, mini pastries, and Greek yogurt filling the stomachs of the soon to be paddlers.

After making contact with the portage provider, Paddler’s Porch, we found that they could only support 10 watercraft at a time, this meant 2 trips. Another challenge was that they had a large group of canoes headed out at 0900, so we needed to be completely clear before then. 05:00 was suggested for a pick-up time, but we compromised for a 0600 pick-up, which we thought would still allow both of our groups to be on the water before they had to worry about the canoeists.

The shuttle service did not show up at 0600, and a phone call yielded a surprise. She heard 0630, but still wasn’t on location until almost 0700, with the rented 4 kayaks already on board. As we loaded the remaining 6 kayaks, I asked as to when the next load could be expecting a pickup, thinking it would be around 0800, only to get another surprise as we were told 1000 or so. Continued

Going with that would not have allowed an in the second group to wet a line, as they would be required to paddle hard all day just to get off the water by dark. Backup plan was formed and, a quick shuffle, another trailer and, another truck had us up the road and on the water by 08:00, only a little later than our original plan of 07:00.

As we were unloading, a light mist started falling. It was not heavy enough to don the raingear, but later was another story. About an hour into the float, thunder in the distance caused some alarm. After all, here we are, in the water with lightning rods in our hands. It came down hard as we huddled next to the shore. Even though rain gear was on the packing list, some folks didn’t bring it. The secondary use of rain gear is to keep the wind off of wet clothes and skin. Those that didn’t don the gear were chilled and uncomfortable for hours afterward, only by wearing their life jackets were they able to keep body heat captured.

Topwaters brought most of the fish to hand, with one angler (Ken) sticking to a streamer and still landing decent fish. S1Bs, spiders, etc. all worked well.

One man couldn’t catch fish unless he was talking, and no, it wasn’t me.

Some of the fast water was challenging for the newer members, but as the day progressed, so did their confidence, and skills. By using the radios and staying generally as a group at the faster waters, we were able to guide, and coach the new members.

We thought that the distance to the take-out was a shade over 8 miles, but when the day was done the traveled distance was 10.4 miles, and considering that we were fishing our rate should have been about 1 mph.

We covered the first mile in a little over 2 hours, not leaving us any time to fish at the end of the day.
Outing Reports - Continued:

The most difficult parts of this trip, in my opinion, was the forced portages. There was one close to Burt Ranch Road, where we stopped to have lunch, and another at South Llano River State Park, where the path under the road is now completely blocked off with huge rocks placed into the downstream side.

Mark Your Calendars:

Meetings:

See The Mini Expo Announcement for August Meeting

Outings:

Freshwater Outing: Garcitas Creek, Near Victoria, Texas - September 9, 2017

Garcitas Creek is a stream located less than 8 miles from Port Lavaca, in Victoria County. Alternate names for this stream include Rio de los Frances, Garcitas River and Garcetas River. A variety of freshwater species inhabit these waters and, a few typically thought of as saltwater fish. We’ll fish from boats, kayaks and/or canoes.

Outing Leader, contact information and more details to follow.

Note: Puck will be taking a reconnaissance trip and will report back to us.

Saltwater Outing: 2017 Padre Island National Seashore (PINS) – September 22 - 24, 2017

This is the outing where we take four-wheel drive vehicles down Padre Island National Seashore during the anchovy migration, and target blitzing schools of ladyfish, jacks, redfish, and tarpon…and other denizens of in the surf.

Based on past years’ experience, we will meet up at noon on Friday (9/22) at the Malaquite Visitors Center (PINS Headquarters) and begin our run down the beach, fishing our way to Mile Marker (MM) 40± area and setting up camp in that area. We may be able to get by Big Shell by taking the high road.

Then, after a good night’s sleep and Saturday (9/23) morning coffee and breakfast, we’ll fish down to the Port Mansfield jetties. Fall brings bait migrations and large schools of predators that feed on them. The water is typically clear (much more so than Galveston). Then, we’ll head on back up the beach, picking a spot to set up camp in the MM 40 - 30 area.

On Sunday (9/24) morning, we’ll break camp and fish back to the Malaquite Visitors Center for a shower (the Malaquite Pavilion offers public showers to get off the sand and salt before the drive home. Our back-up plan will be the following weekend if there is a conflict, or weather related issues.
Mark Your Calendars – Continued:

For additional information on this outing, check the Texas FlyFishers website at https://texasflyfishers.org/2016/10/16/tff-pins-2017-surf-fishing-trip/#more-3041

The leader for this outing is Don “Puck” Puckett, Phone: (two ate 1) 865 dash 32 sixteen; e-mail: doncpuckett at gee male

Fly Fishing International 2017 International Fly Fishing Fair, August 1 – 5, 2017

The Contraband Fly Casters Annual Fly Fishing Expo, August 19, 2017

The Contraband Fly Casters are going to hold their annual Fly Fishing Expo on Saturday August 19, 2017 at VFW Post 7321, 2668 Hwy 171 N, Lake Charles, Louisiana 70611. The event will begin at 8:30 AM and end at 4:00 PM. It will be a great opportunity to make new friendships as well as renew old ones. There will be things to do, things to see and great food to enjoy. Come see us and have a great day.

Hope to see you there, Warren E. Landry, Expo Fly Tying Chair
Fly of the Month:

The Gartside Gurgler
By Jack Gartside
Tied By Chris Sumers

This is the version of the Gartside Gurgler I caught my two big trout with while fishing Fence Lake back in June. The eyes are an addition shown to me by my friend Barry Evans.

Materials:

- **Hook:** Mustad 34007 or 24011366, Size 4 to 2/0
- **Thread:** Flat Waxed Nylon, Tan
- **Tail:** Pink Bucktail, Very sparse overlaid with 3-4 strands of Krystal Flash.
- **Body:** 2 mm or 3 mm Tan Closed Cell Foam with Sticky Back, 1mm Lime Foam, Cut to 1/2”-5/8 Width.
- **Legs:** Tan, Pink or Natural Grizzly Hackle
- **Eyes:** 4mm Beaded String Trim – Gold or Black

Tying Instructions:

Step 1

Attach thread just behind eye and wind back approx. halfway along shank.
**Fly of the Month - Continued:**

**Step 2**
At mid-shank, tie in three or four strands of Krystal Flash, doubled over, approximately 1 ½ times the length of the hook shank. Repeat with a very sparse tail of bucktail (or full tail of marabou plumes) the same length of as the Krystal Flash.

![Fly of the Month - Continued: Step 2](image)

**Step 3**
Cut 4 or 5 inches of 2 or 3 mm foam (approx. 5/8” - 3/4” wide for most sizes) and lay this flat on top of shank. (Remember that body and shell are formed from ONE piece of foam.) Tie in so that front part of foam ends just short of eye, leaving around 2”-3” of foam trailing to the rear of the shank.

![Fly of the Month - Continued: Step 3](image)
Fly of the Month - Continued:

Step 4
At beginning of rearmost segment, tie in saddle feather by the tip. Move thread forward again between segments up to the eye of the hook. Palmer feather forward between segments and tie down just behind eye. Trim excess.

Step 5
Bring foam over top of body and tie down snugly just behind hook eye. Tie in eyes Whip finish head and trim lip to desired height.

Step 6
You can trim your lip in various ways, using a simple straight cut (the most usual way) or you may round the corners a bit to further cut down wind resistance and make the fly less likely to spin as it travels through the air. You can super glue a piece of foam under the lip to create a little more splash.
The Texas FlyFishers Executive Committee

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For additional information, check out the Texas FlyFishers website at [www.texasflyfishers.org](http://www.texasflyfishers.org)

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**Texas Flyfishers Membership Application**

Please check one:  □ New Application  □ Renewal

To join Texas Flyfishers or renew your membership, please complete this form and mail it with your check to the address below, or bring it with you to one of our monthly meetings. All memberships expire June 30th of each year, and renewals are due July 1st. Please pro-rate your payment for the number of months between now and the end of June, inclusive, if you are joining for the first time. Our monthly meetings are at the Harris County District 3 Bayland Park Community Center, located at 6400 Bissonnet Street, Houston, Texas 77074, on the last Tuesday of every month (except December), beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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