



Arkansas Chapter American Fisheries Society Spring 2007 Newsletter

September 2007

Steve Lochmann, Editor

Christine Adelsberger, Associate Editor

President's Message

Hello to all. It is time to get back to the routine of class work, reports, test, paperwork... after a short, but busy summer.

Billy Justus has been putting together what I believe is going to be a fantastic joint meeting with the Mississippi Chapter of AFS. The socials, dinners, and entertainment will only take a back seat to the presentations and posters. I hope that everyone is reserving the dates, February 20-22, 2008 now in order not to miss the meeting. Remember to encourage others to attend and become members of the AFS.

The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality has moved into its new building in North Little Rock on Northshore Drive.



It is truly a beautiful building with a great view of the Arkansas River Trail corridor. Stop in for a tour when you are in the area.

Regulation No. 2 should go before the ADPC&E Commission for approval in September, unless there are some additional delays. Stay tuned for additional updates.

On a final note, get out and get involved with your local schools; help in a classroom, conduct a hands-on show and tell program, or offer your assistance on a field trip. These are great ways to get kids interested in biology and will help to secure the future of our Chapter and the Arkansas environment.

See you all at the annual meeting.

Jim Wise, President

FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS

For the

**2008 Annual Meeting
of the
Arkansas & Mississippi
Chapters of the
American Fisheries Society**

**FEBRUARY 20-22, 2008
Sam's Town Casino
Tunica, MS**

**Questions Regarding Abstract
Submission should be directed to
Kevin Hunt at**

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Meeting Plans for 2008

We plan to have a joint meeting with the Mississippi Chapter at Sam's Town Casino in Tunica, MS on February 20 – 22, 2008. The Casino will supply us two meeting rooms and the Chapter will reserve a block of 125 rooms for Wednesday and Thursday night (reservations should be made by February 3, 2008). Dinner will be on your own Wednesday evening. A post-dinner social with musical entertainment is planned on Casino property Wednesday evening. Plans are to reserve the Tunica County River Park Museum for the reception on Thursday evening. Fried catfish and boiled crawfish will be the entrees for the reception. A free pass for the Museum (as well as the aquarium maintenance area) is included and should be of interest to most. If you have questions regarding meeting arrangements, please contact Billy Justus at (501) 228-3626 or bjustus@usgs.gov.

Billy Justus, President-Elect

Arkansas Chapter AFS Unit Financial Report

May 12, 2007 – September 13, 2007

Balance brought forward (May 11, 2007): \$ 15,958.72

INCOME

Interest (Simmons Bank), May-September 2007 \$ 27.52

Total Income \$ 27.52
SUBTOTAL \$ 15,986.24

DISBURSEMENTS

Trophies, plaques, and awards for Science Fairs \$ 80.63

Tunica conference expense- catering deposit \$ 2,092.80

Tunica conference expense- banquet facility deposit \$ 400.00

Total disbursements \$ 2,573.43

Balance on-hand (September 13, 2007): \$ 13,412.81

The AR Chapter EXCOM serves as the Chapter's auditing committee and regularly oversees the financial records as noted in the EXCOM minutes.

Jason Olive, Treasurer



61st Annual Conference

**“Fish and Wildlife Conservation:
Maintaining the Tradition”**

October 21-24, 2007

Charleston Marriott Town Center

Charleston, WV

For details...

www.seafwa2007.org

Call for Officer Nominations

This is the first call for nominations for Chapter officers for 2008. Nominations are open for President-Elect and Secretary. President-Elect is primarily responsible for organizing the 2009 Chapter Meeting and serves on the Chapter Excom. The President-Elect serves on the Chapter Excom for a total of three years (one as president-elect, one as chapter president, and one as immediate past-president). The Secretary is responsible for keeping the chapter meeting and excom minutes and serves on the Chapter Excom. The secretary serves a two-year term.

Nominations can be sent to:

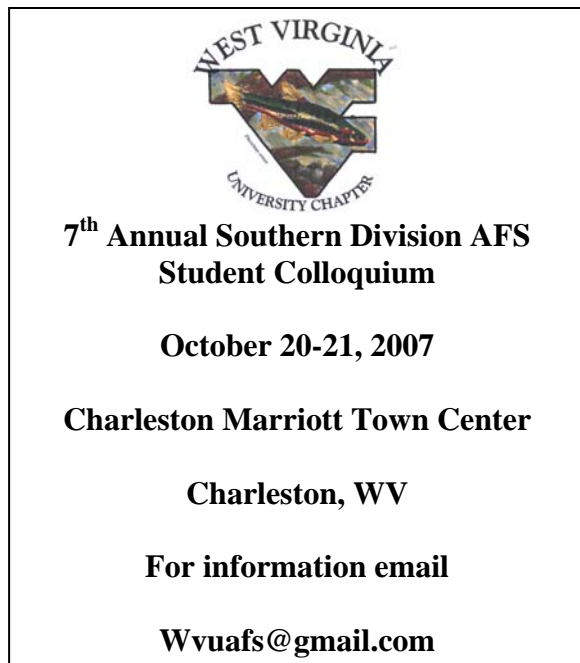
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Raffle Committee Report

The Raffle Committee wishes to remind you to gather items. If you have done this for the Chapter in the past, please ask your vendors/contacts again this year. Bring the items with you to the Joint Arkansas-Mississippi

Chapter Meeting in Tunica, MS in February.
You can give the items to Jimmy Barnett for set up. Remember that proceeds from student subunit items are passed along to the subunits.

Jimmy Barnett, Chair



Call for Award Nominations

This is the first call for nominations for the Robert Jenkins Individual Achievement Award of Excellence and the Joe Hogan Outstanding Conservation Achievement Award of Excellence.

The Individual Achievement Award goes to someone who has provided an important or long-term service to our Society, our fisheries resources, or our profession. The Outstanding Conservation Achievement goes to an individual, agency, or organization that has provided leadership or outstanding assistance in helping to conserve fisheries resources.

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Student Subunit Reports

Arkansas Tech University - Russellville

We ended last semester on a high note with our annual smallmouth bass tournament and camping trip on the North Fork of the Illinois Bayou. After a long day's fishing, Chris McKee won by a half-inch in the total length of the top 5 fish. This semester, we are planning our usual lake/trail/stream cleanups for National Public Lands Day. Prizes for our duck-calling contest are continuously accumulating, and their value is over \$500 now. The contest will be held at Russellville's Fall Festival, which will be Saturday, October 27 in downtown Russellville. We will also be raffling off our usual Remington 870 Supermag at the contest. Contact me to register for the calling contest (\$15) or for raffle tickets (\$2 for one or 5\$ for three). We will also clean our Adopt-a-Highway mile at Pottsville within the week. That should keep us busy until finals (or at least duck season)...

Brandon Peoples, Subunit President

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Arkansas State University – Jonesboro

In April, the Arkansas State University Wildlife and Fisheries Society volunteered at the Lake Poinsett Youth Fishing Derby. The Wildlife and Fisheries Society provided educational games, crafts and fisheries demonstrations for both youth and adults. Educational games showed participants the importance of the food web and food web disturbance, such as the effects of DDT poisoning on insect, fish, and birds. In the craft area, youth could make pinecone bird feeders and animal puppets. Participants were also shown how to seine and electroshock fish, as well as tips for tying fishing knots.

At the August meeting, new officers were elected. Officers included, J.P. Fairhead, Wildlife President, David Baldrige, Wildlife Vice President, Allison Asher, Fisheries President, Wendy Crase, Fisheries Vice President, Leigh French, Secretary and Vonda Sears, Treasurer.

The society's plans are to complete the quarterly highway trash pickup in middle September. We also plan to participate in the AGFC Forrest L. Wood Crowley's Ridge Nature Center Family Day in September

Allison Asher, Subunit President
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**16th AFS Southern Division
Spring Meeting**

“Headwater Streams to Large Rivers”



Wheeling, WV

**Oglebay Resort and
Conference Center**

February 28-March 2, 2008

Details at:

www.sdafs.org/meeting2008

Abstract Deadline: December 8, 2007

University of Arkansas – Pine Bluff

Hello from UAPB. As you might remember, the AFS sub-unit at UAPB has collaborated with USAS and we form a unique club on campus known as the Aquaculture Fishery Club (AFC). I am this year's elected AFS sub-unit President Christine Adelsberger.

The start of fall semester is usually an exciting time in academia and UAPB is no exception. The first week of classes was met with our first subunit meeting of the year, and we had a good showing of graduate and undergraduate students alike. Dr. Steve Lochmann spent some time explaining the benefits of being a member of the parent society (USAS, WAS, and AFS). This

year's officers have been putting a lot of effort into spicing up the usual events taken on by our subunit and we have already implemented a new tutoring program from the fisheries undergraduate students. We are also lining up some exciting speakers for our monthly meetings. Among them, we have Steeve Pomerleau, an M.S. Extension Specialist here at UAPB. He joined the head of our department, Dr. Carole Engle on a trip to Vietnam last year, and is going to share his adventure. We also have Lonnie White from Bluff City Boats guest lecturing on boat maintenance and how to prepare for the winter.

September has been a busy month so far, as some of our members were out in San Francisco for the annual meeting. Our own past Sub-unit president Tom Lang put together the Urban Fishing Symposium, and we had four other students presenting their research. September 8th the club participated in the Great Arkansas Clean-Up and there were over 1100 volunteers from Pine Bluff who spent their morning picking up litter all over the city. The AFC hosted a catfish fry at the Aquaculture/Fishery Department Round-Up on September 12 to serve as a mixer for graduates, undergrads, and faculty. There was a good turnout, and after our fish fry, the honor students from last semester were awarded and then a raffle rounded out the event. September 27th UAPB is hosting Aquatic Sciences Day for the local high school. Many of our members will be helping at different stations to demonstrate seining and other techniques. There will also be games and prizes to round out this educational and fun day.

October brings Homecoming and we are planning to decorate the shocking boat and join in the Homecoming parade. The club also traditionally volunteers with the AGFC Nature Center throughout the year, and in October, they put on Boo on the Bayou: a family friendly event with games, prizes, and candy. We are also planning a club camping trip to Mt. Magazine and are hoping to hike from the base of the mountain to the peak, a total of 9 miles.

We wish you a happy and productive fall, and hopefully we will see you at the meetings in the spring!

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