MEETING MINUTES - February 17, 2026 PACK MEETING

PACK Board For 2026	
President	Ken Bement
Vice President	Max Miller
Treasurer	Eli Rivera
Secretary	Dave Druffel
Web Master	Bruce Behrens

Opening

Ken started the meeting
and welcomed everyone to PACK
He showed pictures from the Rahal trip

Guests and New Members

Jerry Carter
Wife saw the PACK website
Has a Nu Canoe Frontier 12 kayak Long and wide
Johnathan
Also has a Nu Canoe kayak

Meeting Location For 2026

Trini Mendenhall Community Center - 1414 Wirt Road

Show And Tell New Items? Modified Items?

Ken talked about food grade dry silicone
Sprayon.com Lube gazelle LU 211
Blake talked about GoPro attachable technology
20,000 mA/Hr Battery plug in
3BR Power Sports Fan for GoPro in casing
Mike talked about Rahal Flea flicker in shallow running
Lost six fish - bent all hooks Slow sinking- used to
Trailer hitch pin - had to grind off pin to get it out catch redfish
Max Miller brought in several books
1) Fly Fishing Austin by Aaron Reed
2) Canoeing and Kayaking Houston Waterways by Natalie H. Wiest
3) Fly Fishing Houston by Robert H. McConnell

Safety Spot Light

Conditions look good for fishing these days
Weather-moderate temperature and low winds
Biggest challenge these days-other people, so watch out for the other guy

Fishing Tales Any Non PACK fishing outings? Would you like to share?

Mark Olson 28" trout 7 lbs
East Matagorda

Recommendation --> Charlie Paradoski is a good fishing guide

Feb. 12 - Dave Garza and Mike O'Donnell went to Keller Bay
Dave got two 22" and one rod breaking 26.5"
Mike got a 24" red on a red and white Hogie Queen paddle tail
Mike had some challenges with his quick connects
Ryan — Southwest Keller Bay
Brad — Sand bar - Seagrass
Dave — Launched from the beach
Keller Creek - flyfishing - sight casting away from sun
Caught two reds and Mike caught one red

Trip Leader Responsibilities

- ☐ Verify third party availability for the planned activity
  e.g. - transportation, housing, site reservations, etc.
- ☐ Initiate an Event on the PACK Website
- ☐ Ensure current PACK membership for each enrollee
- ☐ Ensure current PACK waiver for each enrollee
- ☐ Communicate timing of related event stages
- ☐ Monitor weather conditions that may impact the trip
- ☐ Manage emergency contact numbers
- ☐ Initiate discussions on group events, equipment needs, e.g. meals, gear, etc.
- ☐ Communicate changes via the PACK website News Tab as needed

Past Trips

Feb 5-7 Rahal #1

Water was low in the back bay - concentration of reds on S curve
Weather was cold - everyone dressed in layers
Max and Mike caught redfish - Ken caught trout
There were white pelicans and cormorants in the area

Side Note -- Feb. 17 (this morning) -- in the Woodlands,
Ken saw white pelicans and cormorants

Future Events

Feb. 21 Lufkin, TX Angelina River Trip initiator - Max Miller

Bring your rain gear - getting various weather reports
Have nine guys signed up - please sign and submit your waivers
Plan to use roadrunners, roosterheads and jig heads

There was a discussion about hydrilla at Martin Dies, Jr. State Park
It is creating challenges for paddle drive kayaks - tough in hydrilla
It was recommended that you go to cypress knees to cast

March 8 - 11 Buffalo River in Arkansas Trip initiator - Blake Colburn

Kyle's Landing camp ground
Plan to paddle 31 miles in 6 days
Only free flowing non dammed river in the lower 48

Mar 19 - 22

Rahal Bayou Trip initiator - Steve Spadoni
Waiting for weather reports
2026 trip #2

April 16 - 19 Caddo Lake

Trip initiator - Max Miller
Staying at the Uncertain Inn
Trip is full - great spot
House is on the lake - eight rooms - $125 per person
Can also show up and join group

Guest Speaker

Mike - Down South Lures

Suggestion for kayak anglers
-> Holly Beach/Port Isabel
Has grassy pockets
and easy kayak launches
Can catch big fish - 28" and 29" trout
Also, go to Brownsville for snook

Lure comparison
Super mod versus watermelon red
versus big smooth
Short shank paddle tail and straight tails

For his rod and reel, Mike uses a bait caster w/30 braid
It has a clear florocarbon leader with about 6 feet of line
It is a 6'9" rod with limber action
Can use crank bait and fish on the top water all day

Mike suggested some other lures - She Dogs, Spooks, Skitter Walks
Also recommended spoons, corkies and stick baits

Floaters are a reaction bait
A good crank bait for catching sheep head on the jetties is the dancing crab
You can just glide it over the shell of the kayak

The bass assassin is a good lure - you just pull it and it wiggles
Rig it thru the belly slot

Mike's fishing philosophy - go thru more baits and have more action

History of Down South Lures - - Mike and his dad went fishing with an uncle
Mike discovered that he wanted a lure with a tail as natural as possible
Mike made his own mold and came up with a new lure

When you fish with a weedless lure, it punches thru the grass to lower levels
You should target the sand pockets and move slow and throw sideways

A lot of times, the color of the plastic depends on the day

Another couple of lure ideas - red shad bait and kickin chicken

Always remember - there is never one spot that is always great for fishing

Indicators of fish in the area
Two birds on the intercoastal - school of big bass
Mullet U jump - predatory fish in the area