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Tim Ambrose and a trophy fish!



Tim Ambrose shared stories about his life and love of fishing. Tim's full time job is in fuel-loading terminal maintenance at Nu Star in Council Bluffs which he loves. He stated lead gas and diesel fuels are fed through pipelines

from Kansas, then loaded on trucks which go to gas stations – one million gallons a day. He has to flag pipes and make sure no one works within 3000 feet.

Tim was raised in CB and new to Treynor in 2012 when he married Teresa Quick, who introduced him to Zion Church where he attends church. He felt very welcomed into the community and stated Jordan Campbell and Pastor Magill at Zion have really opened his eyes. God is a lot more a part of his life, and he attributes all his accomplishments to God. Since being a part of the church, things have turned around for him.

Tim stated that Nu Star has a prayer site on their computer log-in, where employees can ask for prayers from others in the company. He stated Nu Star encourages their employees to volunteer 48 hours a year, and he and Teresa volunteer with Wings of Hope.

Tim fished all his life in Iowa with a rod and reel, but then his son said we are going to fish with a bow and arrow. With special polarized glasses, you can see thousands of fish. The glasses help you see by taking the reflection off the water.

Tim and his son love night fishing. In the shallows at Lake Manawa they see the bass fish come in under the grass, but you can't catch bass, catfish, or walleye with a bow and arrow. The bow and arrow can only be used for the gar and trash fish.

The two go to Texas every year to fish gar, fishing on the Rio Grande south near the border (Septa, TX). Because of the huge police presence on the border, they are asked to

minimize lights on the boat so as not to impact the patrols' vision.

The alligator gar fish Tim caught last year was 6 foot, 3 inches long, and weighed 135 lbs. The fish was full of teeth, and it took 2 ½ hours to get it into the boat, and during all that time the fish was actually pulling the boat. They used a dog catcher pole to hook the head and get it into the boat.

Tim and his son also shoot in Bow Fishing Tournaments and like the Johnson Reservoir in Nebraska. One time in 8 hours and with 30 teams, 13,000 lbs. of carp were shot out of that lake.

Last year when unloading their fish, Tim discovered he had shot with bow and arrow a trophy fish - a 14.5 lb. snub nose gar out of the Johnson Reservoir, which set the Nebraska State Record and the World Record. Tim showed a picture of the arrows blowing up and looking like the brush of a broom when hitting the fish which is so hard. His prize-winning fish is still in a freezer in Nebraska. He's not sure if he'll ever get it. It will be displayed as a world record. If he does get it, he might mount it, but stated his wife might not want it hanging on the wall!

Tim said he stands up in the boat most of the time to shoot and his normal shot taken is about 5 feet off the side of the boat but he has taken 15-20 foot shots before. He and his son are super stoked and will fish 20 hours a day. They might break for lunch and a short nap, but are ready to go back and fish. When they catch the gar, they use a hatchet to filet. They open the fish up from tail to head, filet it and the fish gives them big solid white loin steaks, which are excellent to eat. The fish is not boney at all. They are allowed to catch 3 fish per day in Texas and spring is the optimal time.

Thanks to Kathy Luedke for taking notes.

Next week's Speaker:

Jan-Erik and Beate Kuenstler, Germany, will share research about Bea's Grandpa, who was a POW camp in the U.S. during WW II.

Famous Quote

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."

C.S. Lewis

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg called the meeting to order. There were 14 members present. Our guest was our speaker, Tim Ambrose.

Dale led the pledge and offered the prayer. Dale Willenborg and Ken Graham shared jokes.

50/50: Tim Ambrose won

Attendance: Steve Chambers won

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: None

Bragging Rights: (Dollars are contributed to benefit local youth programs.)

- Jim Clausen bragged about the Iowa Women's Basketball win in the Final Four.
- Keith Denton stated the shot in his knee is helping.

Community:

- Jordan Campbell is leading the Treynor Alumni Basketball Tournament today.

Business:

1. Scholarship applications are being circulated among Optimist. It was stated there are many good scholars in Treynor.
2. John Klein stated the applications for the can kennel was turned in to the Western Iowa Community Foundation. Grants will be made in May.
3. John stated more can kennel bags have been received. He stated if all cans collected were lined up, the line would go all the way to the Colorado state line.
4. An update was given about Arbor Day/March Madness by John Klein. Five of the trees are tall. Old hosiery legs are needed to use for

- tying trees to the posts. Please get to John. Gary Gutttau is donating old steel posts unless someone else wishes to donate. Lucy Hough, Underwood Optimist, has offered to help.
5. Gary Gutttau, Gary Funkhouser, Chad Gutttau, Dale Willenborg plus Doug and LaJean Wehring helped sort cans at the Can Kennel this week. There were just three JOI members.
 6. The next sorting day will be on April 12 to help Keep Kids Alive.

Auction: None

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

April Fools' Day HUMOR

Babies born on March 31 are the easiest to prank on April Fools' Day. They were literally born yesterday!

Calendar

Events

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| April 12 | Can Kennel Sorting – To be announced. |
| May 1 | Mulch Madness –Adults arrive at 12:30 PM |

Birthdays

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| Apr 20 | Steve Chambers |
| Apr 24 | Linda Danker |
| Apr 25 | Irvin Saar |
| Apr 28 | Gene Seran |

Anniversaries

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| Apr 7 | Jim and Diane Clausen |
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Programs:

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| Apr | Keith Denton
John Klein (last Sat.) |
| May | Dale Willenborg |

Speakers

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| Apr 8 | Jan-Erik and Beate Kuentler (visiting from Germany): Research about Bea's grandpa, who was in a POW camp in the US during WWII. |
| Apr 15 | TBA |
| Apr 22 | TBA |
| Apr 29 | TBA |

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