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Objective

To cultivate relationships with reputable outdoor publications with the goal of having articles and/or photographs published.

Education

- The University of Texas at San Antonio
- Graduated in 1997, B.A. in Cultural Anthropology

Experience

1997-2009 Owner, Lamar Fishing Products San Antonio Texas

Developed innovative products for both the custom and factory produced rod markets.

List of products and accomplishments include:

Development of ThreadMaster & ThreadMaster lite; first non-yellowing guide wrap finish specifically formulated for use on fishing rods.

ThreadMaster is used in several large production facilities as well as thousands of small custom shops around the world.

Development of ChromaSeal Color Preserver. First architectural grade acrylic hybrid resin for decorative threadwork on fishing rods.

Developed Exotic Burl Cork handle material. Exotic Burl Cork was designed to offer a more durable and aesthetically pleasing handle material than traditional cork.

Additionally, Exotic Burl cork offered the first significant advancement in a sustainable, eco-friendly handle material made from recycled agglomerated cork products

Developed and mass produced several custom made tools for rod makers including grip turning mandrels, cork boring clamp and wood buffing and polishing set.

Developed the industry's first foam core carbon fiber grip 2006

Started first full time custom shop in the industry for hand turned wood reel seat inserts in 1999

Turned custom reel seat insert on Spey Rod built for Prince Charles of Wales

Custom Reel seats featured on globalflyfisher.com Dec. 2002

Largest domestic distributor/re-seller of All Star Rod Blanks in USA. 2002-2008

First domestic importer of carbon fiber rod blanks from Composite Tubular Systems (CTS)-New Zealand

First domestic distributor for C.F. Burkheimer Fly Blanks

Released first instructional DVD in the custom rod building industry—The Wood Lathe In Rodbuilding 2004.

Maintained global network for distribution of all products to include USA, Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, Germany & Australia

**2015-Present Owner Axis Outdoor Company
Develop products for the Rod Building, Fly Tying, Lure making and Knife making industries.**

2015-Present- Developed BladeBond family of application specific epoxy resins for custom knife makers. Lineup includes BladeBond Ultra, BladeBond Edge-15, BladeBond HT, BladeBond Extreme and BladeBond Fusion VMX & Fusion 15

2018-Release of ClearShield HD, first application specific epoxy coating for custom lure makers and fly tiers.

2019-Release of Fusion VMX, Industries first variable mix ratio epoxy

2020-Release of Generation 4 Rodbuilding coatings and adhesives

2001-2007 Staff Writer Rodmaker Magazine

Choosing a Lathe for Rodbuilding---Volume 4, Issue #5

Turning Your Own Reel Seat Inserts---Volume 4, Issue #6

Interview with Jimmy Green - World Champion Fly Caster, Developer of first graphite rod blank at Fenwick 1972, Technical advisor to Sage Flyrods---Volume 5, Issue #5

Interview with Roger Seiders - Owner of Flex Coat Co.---Volume 5, Issue #6

Interview with Tom Morgan - Owner R.L. Winston & Founder of Tom Morgan Rodsmiths---Volume 6, Issue #1

Interview with Kerry Burkheimer - Designer at Loomis Composites Inc. (LCI) Founder/ Owner at C.F. Burkheimer Flyrods---Volume 6, Issue #2

Interview with Dale Clemens - Owner of Clemens Custom Tackle---Volume 6, Issue #3

Interview with Dick Kantner - Owner of Composite Developments Inc./Graphite USA---Volume 6, Issue #6

Interview with Press Powell - Owner of Powell Fly rods---Volume 7, Issue #2

Interview with Tom Dorsey - Founder, Thomas & Thomas Fly rods---Volume 8, Issue #2

Interview with Gene Bullard - Owner of Bullard International---Volume 8, Issue #6

Carbon Fiber Composite Grips - Aerospace Meets Angling---Volume 10, Issue 6

Southern Saltwater FlyFishing Magazine

Laguna Gold---Fly Fishing the Upper Laguna Madre of Texas Nov/Dec 2018

On The Fly South Magazine

March Madness on the Texas Coast---Spring Fly Fishing The Upper Laguna Madre---March 2020

SexyLoops Fly Fishing Website, Front Page Staff Writer

The Return Home---November 18th, 2018

Guilty Pleasures---November 29th, 2018

Common Thread---December 9th, 2018

Friends (Jim Green)---December 23rd, 2018

Solitude---January 6th, 2019

The Golf Swing & The Fly Cast---January 20th, 2019

Feel vs. Real---January 27th, 2019

Intention---February 3rd, 2019

Slow Motion---February 10th, 2019

Distance & Direction---February 17th, 2019

Distance & Direction Part 2---February 24th, 2019

Aged to Perfection---March 3rd, 2019

The Map Room---March 10th, 2019

Gates---March 17th, 2019

Out with the old, in with the old---March 24th, 2019

Foul Weather, Largemouth Bass & Attention Deficit Disorder---March 31st, 2019

Around the next bend---April 7th, 2019

The SeaHunter---April 14th, 2019

Rafts, Rivers & Small Batch Bourbon---April 21st, 2019

Optimism---April 28th, 2019

The Jedi Master Training Manual---May 5th, 2019

Fly Fishing and the Space Time Continuum---May 12th, 2019

Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler!---May 19th 2019

What's in a name?---May 26th 2019

Primitive Kinship---June 2nd 2019

Chasing Records---June 9th 2019

Father's Day---June 16th 2019

Serendipity---June 23rd 2019

Lesson learned---June 30th 2019

Breaking The Weed Barrier---July 7th 2019

Powderhorn lake---July 14th 2019

Artifacts---July 21st 2019

The Hat Situation---August 4th 2019

Legacy---August 11th 2019

Fishing Trucks---August 18th 2019

Selective Memory Loss---August 25th 2019

Multitasking---September 1st 2019
Pier Pressure---September 8th 2019
Wood Work---September 15th 2019
Horses For Courses---September 21st 2019

Chicken Scratch---September 29th 2019
Anticipation & Insomnia---October 6th 2019
Addicted To That Rush---October 13th 2019
Exploration---October 20th 2019
Discipline Equals Freedom---October 27th 2019
Infectious Enthusiasm---November 3rd 2019
Fishing & Pipes---November 10th 2019
Campfires---November 17th 2019
Teachable Moments---November 26th 2019
Knockout In Round 2---December 1st 2019

Back To The Future---December 8th 2019
The Ghosts Of Matagorda---December 15th 2019
Time Flies---December 22nd 2019
The Year In Review And The Year To Come---December 29th, 2019
Air Sculpting---January 5th 2020
Perspectives---January 12th 2020
TradeCraft---January 19th 2020
The Search Part I Why---January 26th 2020
The Search Part II Tradition---February 2nd 2020
The Search Part III Survival---February 9th 2020

The Search Part IV Rhythm---February 16th 2020
The Search Part V Addiction---February 23rd 2020
The Search Part VI Mystery---March 1st 2020
The Search Part VII Novelty---March 8th 2020
The Search Part VIII Ego---March 15th 2020
The Search Part IX The Great Escape---March 29th 2020
The Search Part X In Conclusion---April 5th 2020
Pay To Play---April 12th 2020
Plugger---April 19th 2020
Open For Business---April 26th 2020

The Cutting Edge---May 3rd 2020
It's Alive....ALIVE---May 10th 2020
Soul Searching---May 17th 2020
A Stroll Part 1---May 24th 2020
A Stroll Part 2---May 31 2020
A Stroll part 3---June 7 2020
A Stroll Part 4---June 14 2020
Shop Talk---June 21 2020
Behind The Mask---July 2 2020
Simplicity---July 9th 2020

From The Bucket Of Wisdom---July 16th 2020
Get a Grip---July 23rd 2020
Cedar Bayou---July 30th 2020
The Kindness of Strangers---August 6th 2020
Spoon Fed---August 13th 2020

Why Knot---August 20th 2020

The Tip of the Spear---August 27th 2020

Being Tim Borski---September 3rd 2020

Up On The Snake---September 10th 2020

The Artist---September 17th 2020

The Slayer of Giants---September 24th 2020

Preserved For Posterity---October 1st 2020

All Hail The King---October 8th 2020

Streamers Of Consciousness---October 15th 2020

Scars---October 22nd 2020

Early Winter---October 29th 2020

Wingmen---November 5th 2020

Old Friends---November 12th 2020

Luck Of The Draw---November 19th 2020

Lessons Learned Revisited---November 26th 2020

Thanksgiving---December 3rd 2020

Another Year---December 10th 2020

My Only Brush With Royalty---December 17th 2020

Living Legend---December 24th 2020

Packing A Punch---December 31st 2020

Back Among The Living---January 14th 2021

Letting Go---January 21st 2021

Ocean Hair---January 28th 2021

Neuroses---February 4th 2021

The Master Of The Archtop Jazz Guitar---February 11th 2021

Arctic Blast---February 18th 2021
A Weapon?---February 25th 2021
The Fish Kill---March 4th 2021
My Own Fortunes Of Failure---March 11th 2021
The Millhouse---April 26th 2021
Interview With A Rodmaker---May 3rd 2021
The Master---May 10th 2021
Kerry Burkheimer---May 17th 2021
Tom Morgan---May 24th 2021
Dick Kantner---May 31st 2021

Custom Rod Builders Guild 1999-2001

Founding member Custom Rod Builders Guild 1999
Member Board of Directors of Custom Rod Builders Guild 1999-2001
Referral Chairman-Custom Rod Builders Guild 1999-2000

Featured presenter/lecturer at 2001 Custom Rod Builders Guild Conclave

How to turn cork grips and reel seats on a wood lathe

International Custom Rod Building Expo 2005/2006/2007

3 time featured presenter/lecturer International Rod Builders Expo in High Point North Carolina

2005--Turning cork grips and custom reel seat inserts on a wood lathe

2006—Perfecting fit and finish on custom fishing rods

2006--- Turning cork grips and custom reel seat inserts on a wood lathe

2007—Round table “Panel of Experts” discussion on modern rod building construction and assembly techniques

