

The Texas Winter Snow Storm of 2021

Wow, what a week. As I sit here in 70 degree weather after what had to be the worst week I have ever seen in Texas. People are still without water, but power is pretty much back in the city. My power went out Friday the 12th for about 8 hours after the first batch of freezing rain. But I hoped it would stay on. That hope died Monday at 6pm. That Monday night was cold, below 10 degrees. I managed to keep the house above 50 by running the two large burners on the stove. It turned out those burners would be on until Saturday morning. I would periodically put large pots of water on the burners to boil water and then move the pots to areas I wanted to warm to avoid pipe freezing. It appears as if it worked. No pipes froze, or at least no pipes broke if they did freeze. I feel very fortunate on that. I know many were not so lucky.

Anyway on to photos. These first few are from Monday the 15th. I still had power when these were taken.
The first is a shot of the pool.



Next is the stairs off the deck.



As I mentioned, Monday night was cold. Something happened that night I really did not believe. The entire surface of the pool froze solid. Hard enough you could not break it as far as I could tell. I was not going to stand on it though. Here is a shot of that.



Although the shot is from thursday the 18th. Turns out the ice would be there covering completely until Saturday afternoon, and then finally today, Sunday it has finally completely melted with no ice remaining on the surface. Keep in mind, there has never been ice anywhere in the pool since it was built in 06.

Another shot from the 18th showing the greenbelt area behind my fence. Kind of pretty.



And another I took with Sam out for a walk.



So that's it, a very long week, and probably another week to recover. You get pretty creative when you have to. From keeping food outside to keep it frozen, to charging cell phone batteries with drill batteries.