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The September MTFA meeting program will be Thursday, September 4, 2008 at the MSU Campus. If any member wants to go and help with the class the MTFA is teaching there.

There will be no regular meeting at the Nature Center. We will be back there in October.

Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter Activities for September 2008

- September 4 NO Regular Meeting @ 6 PM Springfield Nature Center Only
a MSU class on campus
- September 11 MSU class
- September 18 MSU class
- September 25 MSU class
- September 27 MSU outing at Bennett Spring State Park
MDC Great Outdoor Days - Bois D'arc Conservation Area
WOW Fish Pond

From the President, Larry Wegmann

Have a great September. See you at the October meeting.

MTFA Library Update

By: Kevin Smith

Some of you already know that Charles Gregory has asked me to take over the MTFA Library, and I have accepted that task. Not being up on my current, "Robert's Rules of Order" there may need to be some kind of a motion, debate or vote on the change, or maybe not. If anyone else is interested in running and storing the Library, please make this known to one of the club officers so that whatever action needs to be taken can be initiated. Whatever decision the Club makes is fine with me, but I honestly look forward to this task.

As with most change, each thing affects another, and before you know it, the whole program seems completely different. The most consistent thing about change is that someone probably, most likely, guaranteed, will not like it. For those individuals I say, (without malice or discontent of any kind) please refer to the short statement following, "Robert's Rules of Order" in the previous paragraph. To further assist everyone in making a decision as to any action they may wish to initiate, be it congratulatory, motions for my dismissal or contributions to the [Help Stop the Crazy Librarian Fund](#), (a donation can, will be available at the October meeting, checks, cash and VISA, the only card excepted by crazy librarians).


Here is my current plan of action:

- After a complete inventory (this will be easy as Charles has put a good system together), I will update the inventory pages and contact information on the MTFA website. I will also have updated Inventory sheets available at the meetings.
- Many know that I live in Aurora and because of the distance I have asked and it has been agreed that I can store the Library at my work office in Springfield. This will be a much better environment and more accessible.
- Using existing Library funds, a cabinet will be purchased for storage unless someone wants to make a motion at the next meeting to take the cabinet cost out of the general fund. I've looked at a few and a cabinet will run in the 100.00 to 150.00 dollar range.
- The big change is I plan NOT to haul in the entire, (or most of it) Library for every meeting. Only those items requested, new items and a selection of featured items will be available, as well as any returned items at the meetings. My email, and cell phone numbers will soon be available on the website and in the MTFA Newsletter.
- Because of the storage location, items can be (IN MOST CASES) requested right up to the day of the meeting.

So there it is, that's my plan. If you agree or disagree please let me know. I'm open to all suggestions. Either way, please take a moment to let Mr. Gregory know you appreciated his efforts for a job well done.

Since the September meeting will not be a regular MTFA meeting NO items will be available for check out or return.

Fair Winds and Following Seas,
Kevin Smith

	<p>Conference Fees \$95 per person (2-days) - \$65 per person per day (Fee includes lunch)</p>
<p>September 11th & 12th, 2008 La Quinta Inn · 3320 Range Line Rd · Joplin MO Accommodation A block of rooms has been reserved at the La Quinta Inn under "Tri-state Water Resource Coalition". Call (417) 781-0500</p>	<p>Contacts Loring Bullard Watershed Committee of the Ozarks (417) 866-1127 Web Address: www.watershedcommittee.org By Mail: Watershed Committee of the Ozarks, Inc. 320 North Main Avenue Springfield, MO 65806-1208 By Phone: (417) 866-1127 By Fax: (417) 866-1918</p>
<p>This two-day conference will provide a forum for discussion of pressing water issues - including water supply/availability, water policies, and water research projects -in southwest Missouri, northwest Arkansas, northeast Oklahoma and southeast Kansas.</p>	<p>The event is open to participants from all areas concerned with water issues, including public, private, nonprofit, and government representatives.</p> <p>By sharing information and exchanging ideas we hope to further our common goal of an adequate, safe water supply for generations to come.</p>

Article on CAFO from the CDC website:

ABOUT CAFOs

Background

During the past three decades, animal production in the United States has become increasingly specialized. Many farms function as links in the chain of animal production, housing and feeding cattle and poultry. In 2003, the nation's 238,000 feeding operations produced 500 million tons of manure. The U.S. [Environmental Protection Agency](#) [external link] estimates that a small percentage of those facilities—called **concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs)**—accounted for more than half of the manure.

CAFOs are agricultural facilities that house and feed a large number of animals in a confined area for 45 days or more during any 12-month period. Federal regulations require CAFOs to carry a permit and to develop nutrient-management plans designed to keep animal waste from contaminating surface water and groundwater. The number and type(s) of animal(s) the operation houses, and the extent to which waste from the operation could pollute surface water and groundwater, determine whether EPA considers a feeding operation to be a CAFO.

EPA began regulating CAFOs during the 1970s. The latest EPA regulations, guidance and other information on CAFOs is available at http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/afo/info.cfm?program_id=7

Public Health Concerns

People who work with livestock may develop adverse health effects, including chronic and acute respiratory illnesses and musculoskeletal injuries, and may be exposed to infections that travel from animals to humans. Residents in areas surrounding CAFOs report nuisances, such as odor and flies. In studies of CAFOs, CDC has shown that chemical and infectious compounds from swine and poultry waste are able to migrate into soil and water near CAFOs. Scientists do not yet know whether or how the migration of these compounds affects human health.

Pollutants possibly associated with manure-related discharges at CAFOs include:

Antibiotics, which may contribute to the development of antibiotic-resistant pathogens

Pathogens, such as parasites, bacteria, and viruses, which can cause disease in animals and humans

Nutrients, such as ammonia, nitrogen, and phosphorus, which can reduce oxygen in surface waters, encourage the growth of harmful algal blooms, and contaminate drinking-water sources

Pesticides and hormones, which researchers have associated with hormone-related changes in fish

Solids, such as feed and feathers, which can limit the growth of desirable aquatic plants in surface waters and protect disease-causing microorganisms

Trace elements, such as arsenic and copper, which can contaminate surface waters and possibly harm human health

Researchers do not yet know whether or how these or other substances from CAFOs may affect human health. Therefore, CDC supports efforts to address these questions. Copied from -<http://www.cdc.gov/cafos/about.htm>

Great Outdoors Day

Andy Dalton Shooting Range & Outdoor Ed Center

Saturday, September 27 2008 @ 8:30am

Join us for a celebration of National Hunting and Fishing Day on the Bois D' Arc Conservation Area and the Andy Dalton Shooting Range & Outdoor Education Center. Come out and enjoy a great day outdoors and shoot trap, skeet, archery, rifles, muzzleloaders, along with fishing, wildlife habitat trails, cave tours, and much more.

For information call 417-742-4361.

From the Joplin Grove Newspaper

In our view: Residents, judge perform DNR's duty

August 26, 2008 10:35 pm

— We want to celebrate and call this a victory. In reality, it's a tragedy.

A Cole County circuit judge has upheld a lawsuit filed against the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. The court action overturns DNR's approval of a concentrated animal feeding operation a stone's throw away from the state historic site of Arrow Rock.

According to the conclusions of Judge Patricia S. Joyce, CAFOs now cannot be built within 15 miles of the Arrow Rock site — or any other state historic site or park, according to the interpretation of DNR Director Doyle Childers.

That means the number of future CAFOs could be severely limited in Southwest Missouri. A corporation would be hard-pressed to find enough suitable land far enough away from similar sites in Barry, Barton, Jasper, McDonald and Newton counties.

That sounds like a victory worthy of major celebration, considering the damaging environmental impacts CAFOs have. But the decision only highlights the willful failure of the Department of Natural Resources to protect the state's resources.

Arrow Rock falls directly under the purview and protection of DNR. Yet DNR easily granted a permit to a farm that would have housed 4,800 hogs only two miles from the village of Arrow Rock and the Sappington Cemetery. If it weren't for the attention of people concerned about the environmental impact of the hog farm, it likely would have been built. In other words, residents and the courts had to do DNR's work for it. Nothing better describes DNR's failure than the attitude of its director: Childers refers to this as some of the worst "judicial activism" he has ever seen.

Ironic, considering Judge Joyce cited DNR's injudicious inactivity within her conclusions. This case happened not because a judge wanted to change the law, but because Arrow Rock residents were tired of DNR not enforcing it strongly enough. Make no mistake: Joyce's decision is a major victory for anyone who appreciates the natural beauty of the Ozarks. But the court's decision demonstrates a tragedy of tremendous proportion, because it shows that residents cannot trust DNR to do its job.

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Two emails from Beverly Johnson Sweeney about the Arrow Rock Ruling

--- On Mon, 8/25/08:



Now if we can get that retroactive wouldn't that be great.

Subject: [Arrow Rock CAFO] WE WON THE LAW SUIT !!!!!

Yes, Whitney Kerr called me at 4 p.m. today to say he had just gotten the word that we won the lawsuit.

Patricia Joyce who is the Senior Judge of the Cole County Circuit Court signed our lawyer Richard Miller's order without changing a word. Richard Miller's order was that DNR not issue any CAFO permit within the reasonable distance of 15 (yes, 15) miles of a State Park or Historic Site.

Congratulations and heartfelt thanks to Richard Miller, Day and Whitney Kerr, and all who work diligently to protect State Parks and Historic Sites in Missouri! Bravo!!

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Congratulations, Arrow Rock, for being chosen a 2006 Dozen Distinctive Destination by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

More news.... from Roaring River re: Arrow Rock Ruling

--- On Mon, 8/25/08, Beverly Johnson Sweeney

Date: Monday, August 25, 2008, 11:27 PM



Let me remind you this was Arrow Rock that had the lawsuit, but hopefully all of us will benefit from the courts ordering a 15-mile distance between State Parks and Historical Sites and CAFOs.

15 miles is a long way, I'm sure this will be contested and taken back to court, but it does set a precedence.

We still have a fight on our hands because the Ozburn CAFO is up and running and I don't know if we can get anyone to make the ruling retroactive. Hopefully between DNR not obeying the STAY ORDER and the WATER PROBLEMS we are going to bring up, we have a chance of closing them down. That is first and foremost what we want. At the very least maybe we can keep more CAFOs from moving in.

Bev

Camping with Rednecks and a cat on the North Fork

by Kim Schultz

Jim Scheve and I camped and fished August 18-21 on the Eleven Point River and the North Fork. After spending an entire day on the Eleven Point, we drove to Patrick Bridge on the North Fork. We arrived after eight-thirty in the evening and we set up camp at the MDC facility. It was a well-kept area with the exception of one site. The first camping site entering the MDC area was cluttered with piles of aluminum cans, jars of condiments, including relish, mustard and many more left on the concrete picnic table. Several pairs of shoes left behind with four tiki lamps on the ground and a chair in the up right position next to the fire pit. A tent with broken supports was deflated where it was staked to the ground with blankets and sleeping pads still inside. A ten-gallon water cooler was filled with pungent garbage. It would be worthy of a comment or sideline from the Bill Engvall Show, showing off our fine examples of rednecks camping in the great outdoors. I did take a picture just in case Bill asks us to show our "sign".

Just after we pulled into our campsite, a yellow and white calico cat made his presence known. He was less than a year old, but had a persistent and loud cry. He was in our camp until midnight expressing his hunger and discontent. You could tell by his demeanor he had suffered some abuse. We did not have food and we tried to ignore him. The next morning, the rains began and the cat had vanished. We figured he found his way back to his residence; there is a resort on top of the hill. The next night the cat returned, we had plenty of left over's and we shared it with the cat. But, he continued to call out his cries throughout the evening and into the night. It rained throughout the next day and into the night; the cat remained under the truck while staying in our camp. The next morning the cat was near the fire pit lying next to the metal ring absorbing the heat from an expired campfire. The cat was much friendlier; I offered and he allowed me to scratch his back. I noticed his flea collar had slipped from his neck to his body and around his right front leg making it too tight causing a sore on his neck. He was happy to have it removed. I had a can of smoked herring, which was shared with the cat, and he lapped all of the oil and juices. The cat stayed for another hour before trekking along the high grass looking for another adventure. He was not seen again.

After we broke camp, we had thirty minutes before meeting Craig at Pettit canoe rental to get a canoe for the day. Jim and I walked to the redneck camp site and made four trips to dumpster with a tent, all the sleeping gear inside, left over food, burnt cans, two pairs of shoes, a broken chair, a water cooler full of floating garbage and much more. We figured it was the least we could do for the three days of camping along the North Fork of the White River.

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Monthly meetings at the Springfield Nature Center. The first Thursday of the month at 6 PM for Fly tying and 7 PM for programs and business meeting.

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Editor's Note –Another Reminder:

If you go to the Web Address you will find lots more very useful and interesting information.

Due to the length of the various articles we wanted to share this month, I had to use a fairly small font size, but I tested and with my reading glasses, it can be read. Sorry for any inconvenience, but this is vital material and worth the hunt for your magnifiers.

If you would like to submit for the NL, Please put MTFA in the subject line