



MO Fishing

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There is no meeting for September. Time for volunteer teachers and mentors for the MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM. Check out the calendar for dates and then contact Bill Huyett if you want to be a part of this.



Russ Doughty with a MSU student at Mountain Spring trout Park near Highlandville, MO with a lunker rainbow trout caught during a class outing.

(Copied from the MTFA website. Looks fun.)

Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter

Calendar for September 2013

September 5	MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM (no monthly meeting)
September 12	MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM
September 19	MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM
September 21	MSU Fishing Trip to Roaring River State Park 9 AM - 4 PM
September 28	Great Outdoor - Day Bois Arc Conservation Area 8:30 AM-3PM
October 3	Monthly meeting 6-9 PM (Plan ahead)

From The President

Greetings everyone,

Well here I go again, another month without casting a fly. Between all of the rain and back surgery I haven't been fishing once. I am beginning to have the shakes. I looked in the phone book and could not find even one support group for withdrawal from not being able to fly fish. September can only get better. It sure can't get any worse.

I was able to attend our first MSU class last night. We are fortunate to have 10 students. MSU forgot to put us on the registration list this year. We are still tight on having enough mentors for the students. If you can spare the time there is still an opportunity to help. On the first day of casting I could see several students practicing and I was pretty impressed with how quickly they seemed to be picking up the technique. The 2 students I had did much better than I remember I did on my first day of learning to cast, that's for sure. Again Ralph, Larry and Tom did an excellent job in the classroom.

I was able to go out to the insect-o-rama for a while at the Nature Center. We had Larry Wegmann, Ralph, John and Dorothy Prugger, Charlie Erickson and Herb Knight. I really got to observe some troopers that night. Everyone was very busy just trying to keep up. There were a lot of excited kids waiting to get their fly so they could pin it on their shirts. We did get a nice letter from Linda Chorce (Nature Center Manager) thanking the club for participating and inviting us back next year. I have included the letter and some pictures of the event.

Connie Waterworth got a Charbroil grill and smoker donated to the club for our Christmas raffle. We will be selling tickets to the public as well. You can call Larry Wegmann for tickets. Speaking of Larry W. Larry got the raffle bug and got a 7-piece 4-weight travel rod that he is putting up for raffle as well. So now we have two articles to offer the public but as separate raffles. Hopefully this will allow us to support more people this Christmas. We are also having a speaker in October that is a fish carver and he is donating one of his carvings to the club. We decided as a club to raffle the fish carving only to club members.

Also I would like to thank Joe Abrams for donating the very informative dictionary book on fishing in memory of his father. The book is now in our library at the Plateau Fly Shop.

I hope you all have a good September, remember that we will not have a regular meeting in September due to the MSU class. Come help the class, or if you are a new member and want to get some casting and tying tips come too.

Good fishing,

Bill Huyett



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August 19, 2013

Bill Huyett
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Dear Bill:

The 21st annual *Insect-O-Rama* event is now a pleasant memory for the nearly 700 people who participated in the three-hour event. I hope you found time to rest this weekend after an extremely busy and exciting evening. Unseasonably cool weather, happy participants, and great volunteers made for a perfect evening.

Being in front the building to welcome guests gave me an opportunity to talk with many of the participants as they arrived and again as they left. While we did have many first timers to *Insect-O-Rama*, we had just as many who said they came every year and that it was one of their favorite events in town. Admittedly, the first timers looked a little overwhelmed by the number of activities taking place and with the number of people participating, while the "regulars" were quick to charge in the direction of their favorite activities from years past. Most were smiling when they left and it was fun to see how different they looked. (There were, however, a few kids crying as they left because they didn't want to leave or they were completely exhausted!) Participants were wearing stickers (some with many on their shirts), kids and adults alike were sporting monarch or dragonfly headbands, and many kids were clutching proudly their bags containing caterpillars or cocoons to raise at home. Others were quick to show their trout fly pinned to their shirts, and everyone was a little sticky with honey or from their "cricket licket" suckers.

Thank you for making this event possible. With only a staff of 6 working, we depended on all of you to share your expertise, your time, and your enthusiasm for insects with all the guests. By my count, there were a total of 57 people volunteering. You made it possible for everyone to learn something about insects, to have a personal connection with nature, and to make a great memory. We appreciate the continued support of the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association. Thank you.

We'd love to have your involvement in next year's event, so mark your calendar now for **Friday, August 15, 2014**. If you have any suggestions of how to improve the event in the future, please send comments my way.

Sincerely,

Linda F. Chorce
Nature Center Manager

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Insect-O-Rama



(Editor's Note: Ralph Eichholz sent this to me for the newsletter. He said the following in his email; We had 6 tiers this year and were kept busy the entire evening. As always, I really enjoyed it. Letter from Linda @ the Nature Center below.)

Ralph,

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Thank you,

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Bill Huyett caught this 26.5" female rainbow trout on Lake Taneycomo. He was in front of the old Sammy Lane resort.

Picture of our President, copied from the MTFA website.

19th Annual Great Outdoors Day Event

Location: Andy Dalton Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center
Date: Saturday, September 28, 2013, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

The 19th Annual Great Outdoors Day event will be held on the Bois D Arc Conservation Area and at the Andy Dalton Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center. This event encourages participation in the shooting sports of archery, rifles, handguns, and shotguns located at the range and fishing, camping, fly tying, and canoeing at the Aquatic Education pond located on the area. There is no registration for this free one day event. All firearms and ammunition are provided and no personal firearms are allowed on this day. For more information send an email to DaltonRange@mdc.mo.gov or call 417-742-4361

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

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