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# MO Fishing

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***The September meeting will be held in Branson:***

September 1st will be the first Branson meeting. It will be a recruitment meeting and will be held in the Branson Lions Club building at 1015 MO-76, Branson (If you Google it, use Hollister as the town instead of Branson).

Drive past the Landing area, cross the bridge, go 3/4 around the round-about and continue east on 76. It will be on the left at the top of the hill. If you get to the golf course, you've gone too far.

Let's car pool as much as possible. Since it's an hour's drive, I'll leave from the north end of the Home Depot parking lot at 4:30pm. I can take three people comfortably. Harry Morgan will also take a carpool down and will probably be leaving Springfield at 5:00pm for those who can't make it earlier. A 6pm leaving time is a possibility. Please, please, RSVP to me at 417-224-1104.

***We would like to have as many of our Springfield members to attend as possible. Please bring your fly tying tools and materials so that we can demonstrate fly tying just like we do at the Springfield Nature Center location. If you're not a fly tier, just come to mingle.***

**Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter  
Calendar for May 2016**

- August 30                    Fishing at Bennett Spring SP
- September 1                Monthly meeting in Branson at Lions Club 6-9 PM. There will be no meeting at the Springfield MDC Nature Center
- September 9 and 10      Camping and fishing at Montauk SP
- September 19              Fishing at Taneycomo (we can be flexible if the water is too high)

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**Club Notes from Bob Randall:**

***Upcoming Fishing Adventures:***

***Weekday***

Weed cutting day at Bennett Spring will be **August 30**. Cutting the weeds dislodges insect nymphs, scuds, sowbugs, etc by the thousands. I hear the fishing is wild just downstream from this activity. You'll catch a lot of weed trash but you should be able to clean up on fish. With that in mind, let's go to Bennett Spring. We'll be fishing between the dam and the spring. Let's get together for lunch at the pavilion across the top of the spring. RSVP if you want to carpool.

***Weekend:*** Yes, we're going to Montauk again. Camping this time. I have a campsite reserved for **September 9 and 10**. Make plans. Please RSVP to Bob or John.

***Weekday:*** Monday, **September 19**, let's try Taneycomo at the Shepherd Hills Hatchery access and hope the generation is minimal. If we find the water is going to be too high, we can change plans. RSVP to carpool. 417-224-1104

***On August 13, the MTFA-KC held its fishing derby at Bennett Spring.*** The fishing wasn't so hot but it was a beautiful day to be out fishing. Harry Morgan and I drove up in the morning. I had breakfast with the KC folks before fishing. Chuck Penland joined us later. Steve Young came up in the afternoon but instead of fishing, he went hiking. If you stayed home and mowed the lawn, you lost an opportunity.

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***Insect-O-Rama:*** The MDC held it's annual Insect-O-Rama on Friday, August 19. We participated again by tying flies on safety pins for the kids who attended. The kids love 'em and a few adults were eager for them as well. Attending were Patti Hayes, Dennis Stead, Ralph Eichholz, Larry Wingman, Jerry Jester, his grand-daughter Kaylee, and I were all tying for the kids. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

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***Nominating Committee:*** I have set a committee to select officer nominees for 2017 for the positions of President-Elect (vice-president), Secretary, Treasurer, and two Executive Committee members (three year terms). This is a great club but often, the same people do the work each year. If they ask you, please step up to the plate and do your share to keep our club running.

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***Conservation Federation of Missouri Affiliate Summit meeting:*** Kim Schultz, Ralph Eichholz, and I attended the CFM Affiliate Summit here in Springfield on Friday, August 19. It was a good meeting. Here are a few highlights that are important to us:

-CFM Executive Director Brandon Butler (he spoke at our August 2015 meeting) has spoken with both gubernatorial candidates and says both are committed to conservation in Missouri. He feels we have the best of all the candidates who were in the running in the primary.

-None of the legislation that would have threatened Missouri conservation passed in the last legislature.

-Missouri State Parks Director Bill Bryan says that the Eleven Point River State Park in Oregon County will proceed despite earlier legislative efforts to prevent it.

-The November election will include Amendment 1, the extension of the Parks, Soils and Water Sales Tax. Please vote yes. This is important for conservation.

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***Parks, Soils and Water Sales Tax:*** I will never use this club to promote politics EXCEPT to discuss conservation issues. The MDC was created by a constitutional amendment back in 1936 to keep politics out of conservation and to promote the use of scientific techniques in management. In 1976, again by constitutional amendment, Missourians passed a 1/8th percent sales tax to fund the MDC. In 1999, politicians attempted to hijack the funds for political gain but were stopped by the Missouri Supreme Court. The value to conservation in Missouri from this tax is significant and has made Missouri the envy of every other state conservation department.

The politicians don't like not having control. As a result, there is a 10-year renewal for a similar tax (1/10th percent sales tax) for the state parks and the state's soil erosion and water quality efforts. It is not a new tax. It was started about 30 years ago and has been renewed several times since. With this tax, there is no entrance fee to Missouri's state parks and we have gone from having the nation's second worst erosion problem to being close to the best. Polling suggests that it is likely to pass again. However, it needs to pass by a high margin so that we send a message to contrary politicians who would like to get their hands on conservation and natural resource management practices and finances. Other states are watching Missouri and a strong win here will help conservation and natural resource management elsewhere. Vote yes on Amendment 1 in November. It's good for Missouri.

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Finally: To be a successful fisherman you should get there yesterday when the fish were biting.

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**From Ralph Eicholz:**

2016 IFFF Southern Council  
Fly Fishing Fair at

“The Sheid”

located on the ASU Campus, Mountain Home, Arkansas

October 7 & 8, 2016

This year we are taking the Fly Fishing Fair to a whole new level! Many of you have been with us as we've grown over the years and changed locations as necessary. We've asked you for feedback in the past and the thing most often mentioned was the horrible fly situation at the fair. Last year we fumigated the space multiple times, tried fly strips, fly swatters, but nothing could deter the flies from our food and booths.

The Sheid is a beautiful state of the art facility and the only other venue in Mt. Home that could accommodate us. All of our seminars will take place on the ASU campus. Casting classes will be on the grounds and all other classes and events will be in the Sheid facility. The Trout Nature Center is located within the Sheid.

We will continue to have El Chico's serving food within the facility on Friday and Saturday during the programs and tying. Our award ceremony will be held at 6 pm, Friday night in the Trout Nature Center. We are excited to bring The Fly Fishing Film to Mt. Home for the first time! Please plan to join us for this debut in the Performing Arts Center Auditorium on Friday at 7 pm. El Chico will be running a typical movie concession stand for us that evening. Saturday night we will hold our Banquet in the Trout Nature Center.

Holding the fair on State property does come with a few rules that we have not been accustomed to in the past, but we believe the tradeoff will be worth it.

- The ASU campus is a 'no carry' area for those with Concealed Carry Permits.
- ASU campus is a tobacco-free campus.
- Dogs are not permitted in ASU buildings.
- Bringing alcoholic beverages onto the ASU campus is prohibited.

For a complete listing of programs and a pre-registration form go to [iffsoc.org](http://iffsoc.org), then click on Fair at the top of the webpage. This will take you to a page with pictures of the Sheid and at the bottom of the page will be links for programs and the pre-registration form. Pre-registration ends September 15. All of the classes that cost and a few others have a maximum number so be sure to register ASAP.

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### **From Kim Schultz**

**Membership:** A list of members to the current membership roster continues to grow. There are 45 individual members with 52 families memberships; our total membership including spouse and dependents tally to a sum of 163. The club has several new members since the last meeting; Bill Robb and Bruce Murrell. Please make them welcome at the next meeting.

On the sad note, two MTFA members have passed away. Jim Ludden July 4, 2016 and Hope Soulders May 20, 2016.

The club received a letter from Curtis (Curtis passed away 1988) and Hope Soulders daughters. They sent a donation to the club and expressed these words "Fishing at Bennett and life-long friends made through Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association were a huge part of our parents lives. We hope the organization continues to touch lives of fishermen in the Springfield area."

A letter was sent back thanking them for the donation. Hope and Jim names will be added to the Memorial Stone at Bennett Spring State Park next May during the MTFA Annual Derby weekend.

## 2016 MTFA -Springfield Chapter Officers

<b>President</b>	Bob Randall	224-1104 bobbyleensandy@hotmail.com
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<b>2 Year Executive Committee Member</b>	Bill Burke and Dick Deerfield	
<b>1 Year Executive Committee Member</b>	Connie Erickson, Lezley Chastain	
<p>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.</p> <p><b>Committee Chairs</b></p> <p><b>Program Chair</b> – Kim Schultz  <b>Education Chair</b> – Ralph Eichholz  <b>Social Chair</b> - Leslie Chastain and John Bush  <b>Newsletter Editor</b> – Eve Krit-Anderson,  <b>Librarian</b> - Dennis Stead / Harry Morgan  <b>Equipment/Supplies</b> - John Prugger/Kim Schultz  <b>Web Page</b> - Brent Simmons  <b>Membership Chair</b> – Kim Schultz  <b>Liaison to Natl./State org</b> – Bob Randall  <b>Public Relations</b> – Bob Randall</p>		

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