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The July meeting will be July 5th, at the Springfield Nature Center. There will be fellowship and fly tying at 6 PM and the business meeting to start at 7 PM.

This meeting will provide information to help an individual begin the sport of fly fishing. President John Dozier and Dr. Charles Erickson will lead a discussion to help individuals learn to teach fly fishing to MSU students or your grandchild. Hopefully, this will help with the next MSU class and place everyone on the same page. It will give you some insight to terminology and instruction. We will have open questions and answers. If you have an idea to expand this discussion, please feel free to contact John with you suggestions: jdozier@oandstrucking.com or 753-9118.

Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter Activities for July 2007

- July 5..... Regular Meeting @6 PM Springfield Nature Center
- July 14-17..... The 33rd annual Hillbilly Days - Bennett Springs

Regular meetings are the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center, unless indicated differently on the activity calendar.

We will begin early, meeting at 6:00 p.m. to share fly tying tips and tie a few flies for anyone who is interested before the business meeting.

www.angelfire.com/ia3/fishing/terminology.htm#c

This is a website URL that has a very complete list of terminology and links and information that are useful for a novice, or just for curious fishermen.

www.mdc.mo.gov

(Editor's note)

This is the URL for the Missouri Department of Conservation Online. The wrong address was published in an earlier edition.

Fly fishing information with Podcast

by
Kim Schultz

Sometimes when you least expect it; you come across something unique and important to increase your fly fishing experience. You can access information detailing fly fishing at Flyfishradio.com; I came across it by exploring fly fishing podcast. One of the episodes featured Norm Albiston from Utah. He explained the five things you can change when you're fishing.

- 1) Depth – you can fish the bottom, water column or surface
- 2) Location – different areas .
- 3) Movement – the fly can be fished on a dead drift, twitched or stripped
- 4) Time – season, time of the month or time of day
Times to fish: the general rule is to fish when it is the most comfortable to you.
Summer – morning and/or evening (bright days)
Winter – Mid day (bright days)
Spring – Cloudy days
Autumn – Cloudy days
- 5) Changed the fly
The most common mistake made by fishermen is changing the flies too often and not thinking through the other variables

His discussion was clear and concise and helped to explain those successful days.
Norm Albiston explained why there are only four colors to match and provided his favorite flies.

Black – prince nymph
Chocolate Brown – Pheasant Tail
Tan – Hair's Ear
Olive Green – a variety of flies

If you have an interest in exploring Podcast; drop a line to mtfa_Springfield@yahoo.com . I will do my best to get you on track.

Tight Lines,

Kim Schultz

Jolly Mill Conclave Report

By
Kevin Smith

An old school house next to a flowing Missouri stream seems like an appropriate place to learn about fly fishing from an expert.

If you have a passion for fly fishing, you've probably spent who knows how many hours, researching, reading about, observing, and discussing fly fishing. Maybe you have even spent time arguing a point about methods, fly selection, presentation, rods, reels, casting, weather conditions and/or all of the above. You have concentrated on countless additional topics, like weather, waders, shoes and boots. Oh and the hatch, don't forget to, "match the hatch". I'm getting t-shirts that say, "Match the Hatch".

All this has probably lead to extended amounts of time on or in a river or two, sometimes in conditions that you wouldn't let your dog out in. You may have added a few magazine subscriptions. You have had to pay some late fees at the local library, where they now know you by your first name because they once asked if you fly fish, and got more than they expected, when you answered. You likely have a copy of a video, DVD or both of the movie, "*A River Runs Through It*" Add in a number of various compartmentalized or foam lined boxes, in several, or lots, of sizes, that any sane person would call excessive.

You have been lead to buying a vise so you can tie your own flies, which has somehow disconnected some small brain thread. This disconnect causes you to look at things like underwear elastic or your pet cat's fur and wonder, "Can I tie a fly with that?"

All this lead you to an old school house at Jolly Mill Park along the banks of Capps creek to observe and learn from undeniable master of the craft, "Dave Whitlock".

The first thing I learned is that Dave and Emily Whitlock are not just married, they're a team. It shows and plays very well. In less time than it took Lee Price to stealthily run an extension cord, you were at ease with them, comfortable in the surroundings. Like ice cream and pie, it's all good. After a short introduction, Dave started with a pattern called the, "Fox Squirrel Nymph". This is a fly probably known to every fly fisherman, worldwide. When I watch someone demonstrate a pattern it's not so much the sequence or the materials used to create the pattern that I watch. In most cases, a web search can get me that with pictures. It's the Ah-ha moments. Those little tidbits of information that make you say, Ahhh so that's how, or Oh! That's a good one. The second thing I learned, almost right after the first, was I needed to go back to the car and get a note pad because there was so many Ahha moments, there was no way I was going to remember all of them.

At around ten thirty, (guess-ti-mate here) we all moved outside for some casting. More ah-ha moments, tips to keep your fly where you want it by controlling the rod tip and line mending made easy, (I've since used these tips and they work). After lunch more tying and Emily had two great presentations on plants and insects while Dave signed books and included some artwork in each one. After Emily's presentations Dave demonstrated his hopper and Crayfish patterns, Dave's Hopper and the Near-Nuff Crayfish.. Two more proven patterns that you'll find imitations of in just about any fly shop or fly fishing catalog you look. I made a lot of notes.

Time flies (shameless pun) when your having fun and before you know it, it's dinner time. I don't want to fail to mention, Piper Price, who did a wonderful job of organizing and cooking the meals. Without her hospitality and efforts there would have been a lot of hungry fly fisher's. A BIG THANK YOU to both Piper and Lee Price for their generosity in inviting all of us to the other side of the river.

After dinner a raffle was held for some great gear that Ken Marrow had acquired just for this event. Dave and Emily included the flies he had tied that day. I was lucky enough to win a display box with Dave's "NearNuff Crayfish" inside. Dated and signed by the master himself. I fished it the very next day and... just kidding I didn't really fish with it. It was a great day, time well spent with friends old and new.

Meeting individuals who are considered to be masters of something that you are passionate about isn't always what it's cracked up to be. Sometimes our expectations exceed the real person and sometimes the real person... well maybe they were just having a bad day. It wasn't that way meeting Dave and Emily and I would venture to guess that no one would say otherwise. They started the day the same as it finished. Two people sharing information about a subject they have a great passion for. The advancement, future and preservation of fly fishing and our environment. I think that's because they may have a copy of the movie, "A River Runs through it", own a number of various sized compartmented or foamed lined boxes, (some repaired with Zap-A-Gap) and still wonder, "Can I tie a fly with that?" Just like the rest of us.

Fare Winds and Following Seas Kevin

Paul Henry passed away, May 25th, 2007. He was a long time member of the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association and Queen City Lion's Club. Paul had many friends in these clubs with an unequaled and obsessive passion for fishing. A few of us had the privilege to fish with Paul. He would share his stories and life experiences on the road trips to Paul's favorite fishing destinations and make us smile. Paul adopted me in the spring of 2000, after his long time friends L.D. Griffith and Gene Vestal passed away.

From that time Charlie Buttery, Paul and I would travel to area waters to fish for white bass, trout and other warm water species. Paul showed us his pattern to fishing with the season and weather directing us to specific areas in the Ozarks to fish. The spring was dedicated to white bass; the hot temperatures of the summer would take us to the spring creeks and the state parks. Autumn fishing would take us to Taneycomo for trout or Stockton Lake, fishing the points for white bass and maybe finding a few walleye. Paul had a network of friends and shared his successes and failures on the waters with others.

A few years passed and Charlie Buttery passed away. Paul continued to fish with me and took additional trips with Larry Philyaw, Jim Ludden, Jerry Mackey and a few others. The last two memorable trips for Paul were in the autumn of 2006. A fishing trip with his niece; Paul took her to Bennett Spring for a day of fishing with pictures showing beaming faces with fly rods in hand. The last fishing trip for Paul was last October, Jim, Paul and I fished Bennett Spring. Paul mentioned feeling weak; he stepped out of the water several times that day to sit on the bench to watch the water, allowing the day to pass with no regard to time, maybe to burn the images into his mind, realizing his fishing days were coming to an end. The months to follow, I would call him after each fishing trip, providing Paul with details of the day. Paul hoped he had one more fishing day, but he did not regain enough strength. Paul taught me more than I will be able to describe. But a few I'd pass on would be his passion for life, embracing a positive attitude and looking forward to the next fishing trip. He will always be standing behind me as I continue to fish in the years to come.

Kim Schultz

