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The Thursday, January 4th meeting will be at the Nature Center with fly tying at 6:00 PM and the program and business portion of the meeting beginning at 7:00 PM

Our guest speaker for the February MTFA meeting will be Kevin Lohraff. Kevin works in Jefferson City as the Department of Conservation's Outdoor Skills Education Coordinator and oversees the Discover Nature Women's program. Kevin had a recent article in the Missouri Conservationist, titled "Finding Aim", telling of the National Archery in the Schools Programs, which teaches students how to shoot for success. (Vol 70, issue 7, July 2009). He authored a book titled *Hiking Missouri*. The book is a complete guide to 127 of the most scenic day hikes in Missouri. It brings to life the history, terrain, flora and fauna of each area.



Photo from MDC 2008 DNW

Our club has been associated the Discover Nature Women program for several years. The activities include Canoeing, skeet, hiking, map and compass reading. For more information about the Discover Nature Women program click on the link. <http://www.mdc.mo.gov/programs/mow/weekend.htm>

Kevin will provide us with an overview of the outdoor skills programs. Hope you will be able attend to learn more of the on going programs provided by the MDC.

Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter Activities for February 2010

February 4	Regular Meeting Fly Tying @ 6 PM Meeting @ 7 PM
February 12	Valentines Party Heritage Cafeteria @ 6:00 PM
February 20	Fly Tying @ Bass Pro Shop from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
February 26, 27, 28	Annual CFM Meeting, Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark Location:

From Larry Wegmann

Our membership numbers are currently at 66. As most of you know, reminders have been emailed to approximately 80 names of past members and friends of members. Postcards have also been sent as reminders of meeting dates and of social events.

If you have a fishing partner, drop a hint that we are welcoming new members and we have an information door that swings both ways. It is always good to get fresh ideas and share experiences.

If you have an interest in developing a stream team project, Kevin Smith and I have been throwing around ideas about working up a project on Capps Creek or Crane Creek. Capps Creek has the greater need, but we are not excluded from being involved with Crane Creek too. Capps Creek begins in the privately operated Jolly Mill Park. The creek is periodically stocked with trout from Roaring River. It is a White Ribbon trout stream. This indicates that the hold over ability for Rainbow Trout is especially tough during a warm summer. Several MTFA members can tell you that hold over's do occur. With a little help, Capps could become one of the better kept "secrets" of Ozark trout streams.

The Park's administrator has given us a full endorsement for taking Capps Creek on as a project if the members in club want. Several Stream Teams are listed as serving Capps Creek. But the reality is that the need is greater than the activity levels of the current Stream Teams listed for Capps. If you would like to be involved in stream monitoring, clean up activities or conservation efforts, let Kevin or me know.

Our club is not an organization to push a particular business, but I found a great deal. Junior Crow told me about Hatches magazine last year. He said there are fly tiers featured that will bring your tying skills to new levels. It is printed once a year.

While surfing around this week, I found that you can get the 2007, 2008 & 2009 Issues of Hatches magazine for only \$10! This is a saving of over 50% Off the Cover Price.

If interested go to <http://www.hatchesmagazine.com/>

Fly tying at Springfield Nature Center

Eight members of MTFA, Hubert Barber, Dick Deerfield, Bill Huyett, Rod Pennington, John Prugger, John Richerson, Larry Wegmann and myself, spent the afternoon of January 16 at the Springfield Nature Center doing a fly tying demonstration. Although I would like to thank all of the members that participated, my thanks can't compare to the looks on several "young tiers" faces that were getting one on one help from some of the members. We also had several adults that were very interested and, hopefully, we may have picked up a few new members.

Here is a portion of an email Larry received from Linda Chorice, Nature Center Manager "... please share our sincere thanks to members of the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association for spending time at the nature center today to tie flies. I'm so glad we had a busy day with lots of folks interested in learning about fly tying. We heard many favorable comments from the folks who spent time with your group. We had over 500 visitors on Saturday, and most were in the afternoon when your group was here."

Again, thanks to all of those who participated,
Ralph Eichholz

Note: The News Leader covered our club's fly tying at the Nature Center. The Web Site address is: www.news-leader.com



VALENTINES GET TOGETHER

Where: Heritage Cafeteria

When: February 12, 2010

At: 6:00pm

This is an evening for you to spend time with your sweetheart and socialize with others in the club. There will be a meal of your choosing, a gift for your gal, laughs and a game to see how well you know your honey. We hope you will be able to attend. We would like to get a number of people attending by the Feb. meeting so we can make plans. Let Bill or Jeannie Huyett know if you are planning to attend.

What's going on you ask... well let me check my Calendar.

According to the Chinese, it's the year of the Tiger but closer to home it's the year of the first MTFA Springfield Chapter Calendar.

Members over the years have realized a need for the ability to track pending events without the need of web access. The logical solution was a printed calendar. Members attending the November 2009 regular meeting approved an initial \$300.00 for the purchase of a printer and supplies for printing the calendar. A layout was also agreed upon. Photographs provided by MTFA members were used for each month. Dates for events were submitted, reviewed and entered over the next couple of months.

Finally at January's regular meeting the first 30 copies of the eight and a half by eleven, center fold full color thirteen month calendar were distributed to attending members.

Plans for the 2011 calendar are already under way. An improved cover design, possibly selling next years photo space to members to help fund the calendar has been discussed and possible options for ad space may also be incorporated. It's an expanding project with a lot of possibility.

Having our own color printer also gives our club the ability to print fliers, cards, invitations and awards. Anything that requires ink being applied to paper in small formats.

Additional calendars are available by request through the MTFA library. A few copies will also be available at the February meeting.

If imitation is the highest form of flattery, it has been rumored that other area clubs are intending to copy our idea and print their own calendar of events.

Fair Winds and Following Seas!
Kevin Smith

Friday Dec11: It had been cold for several days with the temperatures dipping into the twenties. I drove into the park to find two fellows fishing in the handicap hole above the New Holland dam. The waters above the dam left alone, no other fishermen in sight. This continued through out the day. I had the waters totally to myself. Again, I started at the dam and fished my way up stream.

Yellow Butt Caddis

Dry Pattern By Kevin Smith

Recipe

Hook – TMC 200R or equivalent

Thread – Camel 8/0 UNI-Thread

Butt – Yellow Poly yarn

Body – 40 wt. Trilobal polyester twisted pair brown & tan
Coats & Clark Co. (Local Sewing Shop)

Wing – Natural or golden Deer body hair

Hackle – Furnace or Brown sized to hook

Head – Brown Sparkle Antron dubbing



Tying instructions

1. Start the thread and wrap back to a point where the bobbin hangs even with the barb.
2. Trim the tag end of the thread.
3. Tie in the Poly yarn and tie down as an under body back up to the 1/3 point away from the hook eye.
4. Trim the excess tag end of the poly yarn.
5. Trim the Butt section of the poly yarn to a length just beyond the rear bend of the hook.
6. Wrap the thread back to the point in step 1.
7. Tie in the body thread (40 wt. Trilobal polyester)
8. Wrap the tying thread back to the 1/3 point and secure with a half hitch.
9. Wrap the body thread (in close turns) up to the 1/3 point. (layer 1)
10. Wrap back over the first layer to a point even with the hook point. (layer 2)
11. Wrap forward over the second layer back to the 1/3 point. (layer 3)
12. Wrap back over the third layer halfway back to the hook point. (layer 4)
13. Wrap back to the 1/3 point. (layer 5)
14. Tie the **body thread** off and trim the tag end. You should have a nicely tapered body at this point.
15. Trim and stack a small amount of deer hair for the wing.

The amount of hair depends on the size of the hook. However the completed wing should be open, meaning that you should be able to see through the wing. Looking from the top if you can't see the body of the fly, you have too much deer hair in the wing. This will require some practice.

16. Position the wing so the tips extend slightly beyond the ends of the butt section.
17. Tie the wing down just in front of the body with 2 or 3 good tight wraps
18. Trim the tag ends of the deer hair (use an angle cut) and tie the ends down with minimal wraps.
19. Trim about 1/16 inch of hackle fibers from the stem.
20. Tie the hackle in over the point where the wing was initially tied down.
21. Wrap the thread slightly forward.
22. Wrap 3 to 4 turns of hackle.
23. Tie down the tag end with two wraps of thread.
24. Trim the tag end of the hackle.
25. Two more wraps of thread to secure the hackle.
26. Trim any wild hackle fibers.
27. Prep a small amount of dubbing onto the thread.
28. Wrap the dubbing to create the head with the last wraps closest to the eye.
29. Whip finish and trim the tag end.
30. Apply a small amount of head cement.
31. (Optional) I treat all my dry patterns with Water Shed (Must stand overnight before fishing).
32. Tie up a few more and go fishing!

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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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