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Our January 5th meeting will be at the Springfield Nature Center beginning at 6 PM for fly tying and 7 PM for programs and business meeting.

Douglas Rusk will be our guest speaker for the Jan 3rd meeting. He is with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and is the Natural Resource Manager over at Montauk State Park.

Doug will provide us with information about the park; camping, hiking and fishing opportunities. If you have not visited Montauk, here is an opportunity to get to know the park, how to get there and opportunities the park has to offer you and your family.



See page 7 for more details on Montauk State Park

Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter

Activities for January 2012

January 5	Monthly meeting 6-9 PM
January 14	Springfield Nature Center Fly tying 1-4 PM

Club News

Greetings from Ralph: I managed two fishing trips this month. The first was a wade fishing trip to Taney with fairly good results and the second was a boating trip to Taney with Russ. As normal, Russ got the first fish, the largest fish and probably caught at least 2 for each I caught. He also caught the smallest, but he probably wouldn't admit to that. I managed a few nice fish as well as a couple smaller ones. Best I've ever done with San Juan worms and 2 or 3 units on.

The Christmas party seemed to be a real success. Please read the article that Larry submitted about what was bought. Congratulations to all of our members for helping to make Christmas special for these children.

The executive committee met and will submit a budget for 2012 for the chapter's approval. We did fairly well with the amounts for 2011 and we made some changes for the coming year. We are asking to spend more than we expect to receive, but as a non-profit, we don't want to maintain a large balance; but we do want to maintain a surplus for an emergency.

Most of our committee chairman will remain on board for 2012; we do need a social chairman. Please think about volunteering for this position. We could also use someone for public relations chair.

Other than the monthly meeting the only activity scheduled for this month is fly tying at the Nature Center. I'll post each month's activities on our Facebook page as well as in the newsletter and the webpage.

Hope everyone had a joyous and Merry Christmas and we'll all share a great new year. See you at the meeting.

Ralph

Fly Tying at the Springfield Nature Center

Fly Tying Demonstration
Saturday, January 14, 1-4pm

Members of the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association will be on hand to demonstrate basic fly-tying techniques. Stop by anytime and learn how combinations of feathers, yarn, and thread can imitate insects or other food that will fool a fish. All ages. No registration required

The above is an announcement that the Nature Center is publishing. We did this last year and there were more than 80 visitors. This is not big event like the Insect-o-rama, but those in attendance last year enjoyed the opportunity. Something I'd like to see this year is a couple of our younger members, i.e. kids, tie that afternoon.

Election of Officers and Executive Members for 2012

The following officers were elected at the December meeting at the Heritage Cafeteria:

President	Ralph Eichholz
President Elect	Bill Huyett
Secretary	Dorothy Prugger
Treasurer	Connie Erickson
3-year Executive Committee Members	Charles Erickson and John Prugger
2-year Executive Committee Members	Lezley Chastain and Dick Deerfield
1-year Executive Committee Members	Russ Doughty and John Richardson

Our Christmas Donation to Pipkin School

At the Christmas dinner over \$500 was donated to our annual MTFA "Help Out the Pipkin Kids" fund. Jill Palmer, our daughter, was the assistant principal at Pipkin. Just recently she has a new position in assessment for Springfield Schools. But she will always have a close attachment to the students at Pipkin. She spent this Saturday shopping for clothing for six students she knew had needs. Jill found a GREAT deal at Rue 21 in Osage Beach. The \$500 bought almost \$1000 in clothes for six students. When she left the store, she was given vouchers to purchase another \$500 in clothing at Rue 21 after December 22nd. Your donation potentially could return \$4 for the \$1 you donated helping twice as many students than we originally planned. I have always said, "what goes around, comes around." Our MTFA membership continues to value the community spirit. The Holidays are much happier for these kids> Many thank you's to the membership.

Larry Wegmann

MTFA
Proposed 2012 Budget

Descriptions are for 2011 estimates.	Budget 2011	act. Exp	2012
<u>Anticipated Income</u>			
2 MSU Classes @\$798	\$ 1,596.00		\$ 1,596.00
38 student fees @\$25	\$ 950.00		\$ 950.00
68 memberships @\$15 (76 memberships @\$15 for 2012)	\$ 1,010.00		\$ 1,140.00
Saltery Lake Lodge	\$ 500.00		\$ -
Derby	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00
Total	\$ 4,306.00		\$ 3,936.00
<u>Budgeted Expenditures</u>			
Programs	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.37	\$ 400.00
Liability	\$ 375.00	\$ 349.00	\$ 375.00
Newsletter and correspondence	\$ 625.00	\$ 119.11	\$ 625.00
CFM dues	\$ 110.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 180.00
FFF dues	\$ 280.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 310.00
MSU Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 788.35	\$ 1,200.00
Equipment Includes \$363 for storage	\$ 500.00	\$ 389.30	\$ 500.00
Socials (Valentines, Fish fry, Chili Feed and Christmas)	\$ 500.00	\$ 371.33	\$ 500.00
Library	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Charity	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00
Derby	\$ 300.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Calendar	\$ 200.00	\$ 220.13	\$ -
Website	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Quicken (for treasurer)	\$ 35.00	\$ 8.80	\$ -
Discretionary fund	\$ 200.00	\$ 276.54	\$ 200.00
Total	\$ 5,125.00	\$ 3,732.93	\$ 5,240.00
Discretionary fund was spent for breakfast at MSU fishing days, in 2012 this will be from MSU expenses.			
In 2012 Newsletter and correspondence will include calendar and treasurer's expenses.			
We received a memorial for Dr. Jim Scheve, neither this nor the expenditure are shown here, but will be approved by the membership.			

Spring 2012 MSU Class Schedule

I looked at the MSU class schedule for last spring and put the flies in the same weeks as then for this spring. You'll also see the class dates and we will be in the same room as last time. Below is what I came up with:

Dates and flies for the MSU Classes: (The flies can be changed: if you would like to demo one for the class, let Ralph know at the March MTFA meeting or before)

March 29, 2012

Zebra Midge
Wooly Bugger

April 12, 2012

Red Hot Chili Pepper
Elk Hair Caddis
Renegade

April 19, 2012

Crackleback
Beaded Leech
Scud/sowbug

April 26, 2012

Clouser
Foam Popper

May 3, 2012

Fishing at Mountain Spring followed by fishing locations around Springfield.

May 5, 2012

All day trip to Roaring River State Park

It would be good to have a few more people volunteer as demonstrators. I'd like for the students to see a variety of tiers and learn tricks from each of us.

MTFA Calendar of Events 2012

January 5.....	Monthly meeting 6-9 PM
January 14	Natured Center Fly Tying 1-4 PM
February 2.....	Monthly meeting 6-9 PM
February 10	Sweethearts Banquet at Heritage Cafeteria 6-8 PM
February 24-26	CFM Annual Convention at Lodge of the Four Seasons
February 25	Fly tying at Bass Pro 10 AM – 2 PM
March 1.....	Monthly meeting 6-9 PM
March 10	Pre-Derby meeting at Bennett Spring State Park, noon
March 22-24	Sowbug Roundup 9 AM-4 PM
March 29	MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM
April 5.....	Monthly meeting 6-9 PM
April 12	MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM
April 14	Tri-Lakes Expo 9 AM – 4 PM
April 19	MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM
April 26	MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM
May 3.....	MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM No monthly meeting
May 4-5	11 th Annual Smallmouth Rendezvous, Tahlequah, OK
May 5	MSU Fishing Trip to Roaring River State Park 9 AM – 4 PM
May 19-20	MTFA Derby at Bennett Spring
June 1-3.....	Discover Nature Women's Event at Windermere
June 7	Monthly meeting 6-9 PM
June 16	Annual Fish Fry
July 5.....	Monthly meeting 6-9 PM
August 2.....	Monthly meeting 6-9 PM
August 17	Insect-o-rama 6:30-9 PM
August 23	MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM
August 30	MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM
September 6.....	MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM No monthly meeting
September 13	MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM
September 20	MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM
September 22	MSU Fishing Trip to Roaring River State Park 9 AM-4 PM
October 4.....	Monthly meeting 6-9 PM
October 4-6	Southern Council Conclave
October 27	Chile Feed
November 1.....	Monthly meeting 6-9 PM
December 6.....	Christmas Party 5:30-8 PM

Montauk State Park

Montauk State Park is near Salem (Hwy 19) and Licking (Hwy 63) Missouri. It has 1,396 acres and was acquired in 1926. There are seven springs within Montauk State Park forming the headwaters of the Current River. The park features an old gristmill, campgrounds, cabins, and motel with a dining lodge, hiking and picnicking.

Many trout fishermen consider Montauk State Park the finest of the three Missouri trout parks. Montauk has three miles of stream before it flows into the blue ribbon waters of the Current River. The park has secluded areas where a fisherman can fish completely alone. A portion of the Current River within the park has been modified with boulder placed in specific areas, but the majority of the waters appear in a natural state. There are some boulders placed here and there to enhance the structure and shelter for the fish, but there is minimal channelization and bank access is not uniformly wide open. While bait fishermen tend to focus their efforts on the big pools with easy bank access, there are a couple of miles of textbook trout stream that get little attention even during the peak of the tourist season.

The U. S. Congress passed a law in 1964 to preserve America's free-flowing streams, by making the Current River and its sister river, the Jacks Fork, a national park named the Ozark National Scenic Riverways. The nation's first river-based national park; its start at Montauk State Park flowing 134 miles to Arkansas. This water is cold enough for trout; the river is home to resident bald eagles, great blue herons, belted kingfishers and other wildlife. The upper stretches from Montauk to Cedar Grove, Cedar Grove to Akers, Akers to Pulltite and Pulltite to Round Spring all are excellent day floats, passing gravel bars perfect for camping and turquoise springs that boost the river's flow. Summer Saturdays are crowded. Spring, fall and winter, after a snowfall, are best for a quiet wilderness experience.

The park offers the opportunity to relax and unwind to even those that do not fish. There are picnic pavilions, playgrounds, hiking trails, and a great floating river downstream of the park, and of course the trout hatchery is fun to visit. The park store also has a very nice restaurant and an ice cream shop.

Check it out and you may find this park a place for you and your family to spent time together.

Kim

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