



MO Fishing

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Our November 1st meeting will be at the Springfield Nature Center beginning at 6 PM for fly tying and 7 PM for programs and business meeting.

Our program for November will be Lezley Chastain; she will be discussing fly tying materials made from the fibers of the Alpaca, a mammal native to South America.

Lezley will be doing a short program on how one little theory on instinct driven feeding led to experimentation which led to accidently learning all the skills necessary to create her own sweater straight from the alpaca, which somehow led to a business in fly fishing. Lezley wrote, "I'm still trying to figure out how that happened, but the really cool thing is how all of the people in the MTFA, and the different programs during our meetings made all of it happen".

Last spring at the Smallmouth Rendezvous, in Tahlequah OK; Lezley was at a booth tying. She was demonstrating fly tying using material from the Alpaca. She was beginning to market the product at the event.

Lezley will also provide a demonstration at the vise with this material. Hope you will be able to attend.



Lezley Chastain

Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter

Activities for November 2012

November 1 Monthly meeting 6-9 PM

December 6 Christmas Party 5:30-8 PM (tentative)

Club News...

Greetings from Ralph: I hear that fishing has been good, both warm and cold water; wish I could confirm that, but I've been busy with other things. Maybe soon

Had a good time at the SOC Fly Fishing Festival, saw some old friends. I got to observe and talk to tiers I've seen before and some new ones. Attended a couple of presentations and enjoyed the banquet with fishing friends from three area clubs

It's time to start preparing for the Christmas party. We need everyone to try to bring something for our raffle. Fishing and tying items are always welcome, but we try to bring in other items for the non-fishing attendees. Gift certificates to your favorite restaurant are always nice; boxes of hand tied flies are good. Please use your imagination and see how you can help. All proceeds will go to needy families in the Springfield school district. We usually give clothing, never cash.

If you have caught a trout you would like to enter for our trophy, the November meeting is the deadline.

Hope to see everyone at our meeting on November 1st.

Tight lines,

Ralph

Slate of MTFA Officers for 2013

At the October meeting the nominating committee named the following for 2013 MTFA officers.

President.....Bill Huyett

President Elect.....Lezley Chastain

Secretary.....Dorothy Prugger

Treasurer.....Ralph Eichholz

Three year Executive Committee members.....John Dozier and Warren Wilkerson

The election will be at our Annual Christmas Party meeting December 6 at Heritage Cafeteria.

Finally Fishing by Ralph Eicholz

After too long without fishing, I finally made it down to Taneycomo this morning. When I called to check on water conditions, it was no generation until 9 PM. That sounded great, so even with a front moving in and a drop in temperature, Wayne and I headed for the water. It was cloudy with the sun breaking through occasionally and strong wind gusts. I caught several more maple leaves than fish, but I did manage to catch and release three that were between 14 and 16 inches. All but one, a smaller trout, were colorful.

I had just hooked this small, 10-12 inch, trout and was bringing it in when I was reminded of the tee shirt that says, sorry I missed your call, but I was busy on my other line. The shirt's picture implies there is a fish on the his fly line. That was me, my cell phone ringing and me ignoring it until I landed the fish. My niece is eight months pregnant and I'm her backup baby sitter if when she needs to go to the hospital, so I brought my phone down to the water with me. It wasn't her though, but a fishing buddy from Pevely. He wanted to give me the possible dates for a fishing trip to Florida that we are planning. Trout released, fly dangling in the water and talking to my buddy when I feel a tug on my rod. Yes, a fish had grabbed my soft hackle. I tried to keep him busy while listening to my friend, but he finally broke off the fly, never did see this one.

A little later I caught my last fish; it was particularly colorful; so I took out my camera to take his picture. The camera wouldn't come on and I had charged the battery last night. My thoughts were did the battery completely die, is something wrong with the camera, or did I do something really dumb like leave the battery in the charger? About this time the sky was really getting dark with rain clouds, so I headed for the shore and called to Wayne that I was going to get out to beat the approaching rain. As we made it to the shore, the horn went off about 9 hours before they were supposed to start running water. By the time we were changed and leaving the park the horn had sounded three times. We headed to Dana's for the best burgers around.

Forgot to report, I had put my camera battery in backwards and now it works fine. So maybe there will be pictures next time.

Editor's Note: This is from Ralph's blog that can be reached through a link on the MTFA site.

...Take a look.

Editor's Note: And now something from Kim Schultz, taken from his blog; another great link on our site.

October: Fishing local waters for trout

Friday, October 12, 2012

It has been a while since my last trip to Bennett Spring State Park (BS). Jenn, Her husband Brent and toddler son, Desmond made a trip to Springfield for a long weekend. We had an opportunity to fish BS Saturday morning. It was too cold for Desmond to fish and he came to BS later in the day with his Grandmother, maybe next spring we will have a time and place for Des to fish. Jenn, Brent and I parked near the dam; it was a typical weekend crowd; I took them down stream below the stone bridge to fish the broken water and where the trout were more willing to take a fly. There were a number of spin fishermen on the opposite bank near the hatchery outlet but the weed bed in the middle of the stream prevented them from throw across the stream, thus allowed us to fish our side of the stream without lures whizzing past us. I worked my way upstream used a #16 Adams dry fly and took a few small trout with it. We were to meet Des and Ann (my wife) at 1230 PM for lunch at the dining lodge. Just as we thought about stopping Jenn hooked a rainbow for Last cast last fish. The trout was taken out of a run that was just vacated by Brent; Jenn presented her fly for the take. Sometimes a different fly or something they have not seen will fool them.

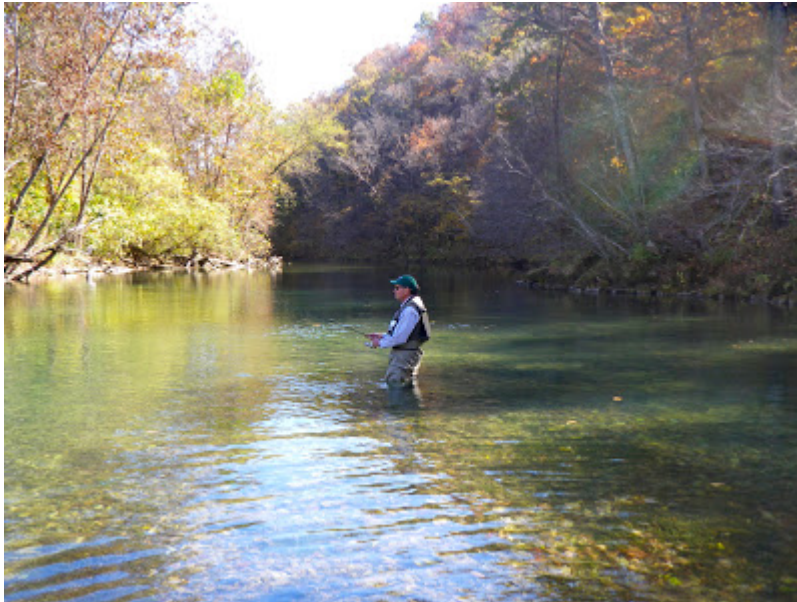


Jenn with last cast last fish...

We stopped for lunch and met Ann and Des at the diner. After lunch, Des and I play on the playground equipment and then they had to return to St Louis. I decided to fish longer; Ann went to Lebanon to shop and returned at 5 PM. I checked out some other spots and took 20+ trout. I did endure some rain without a raincoat and then it cooled off; just a hint of winter fishing, which I truly enjoy.

Editor's Note: Another piece from Kim Schultz. Thank you Kim for the lovely photos you add.

Eleven Point River October 2012



Dr Taylor fishing the Eleven Point River

Today back to work after spending the morning drying my camping gear from last night's thunderstorm; the gear was in the bed of the pickup truck overnight from a three-day weekend on the Eleven Point River. Last night's storm was much different than the weather this weekend, which was balmy, with some cloudy days and plenty of bright sunshine on Monday to highlight the colors in the Irish wilderness by way of a wonder stream, the Eleven Point River. Dr Bill Taylor and I planned and decided on this weekend three months ago to fish and camp the gravel bars between Greer access and Turner Mill access. We hoped for good weather and bright colors, which we were not disappointed.



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