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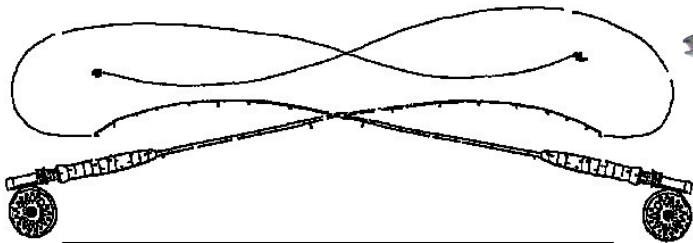
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There will be no July meeting, due to its falling on
Independence Day

I hope everyone had an enjoyable June. Hot and humid with a good amount of rain has been the norm for this summer's beginning. The Executive Committee met on June 19, at the Village Inn, to discuss the fate of our CD library. Additionally, there was a discussion regarding the September 5 fish fry and fishing outing at Mountain Springs Trout Park. I would ask all members to mark their calendars to attend the August meeting to hear both the Executive Committee's three proposals for the CD library and outings at the local trout park.

Happy fishing!

Pat Taggart



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Chapter News:



Currently, there are only four members of the Executive Committee—John Owensby, Dick Owensby, Bill Huyett, and Woody Woodman. There is one opening for the 2-year term, and one opening for the 1-year term. If any of the membership is interested, please contact one of the above committee members, myself, or Kim Schultz.

If the membership has not already heard, Bob Randall and Dennis Stead, are stepping back from their duties. Bob was the Education Chair and Dennis was the Treasurer and Membership Chair. Kim Schultz has taken over the Treasurer position. It seems like time is catching up with all of us. If anyone would be interested in becoming chair of the various club committees (they are listed on our website) please contact myself or one of the other officers/executive committee members.

The club has the following events in 2024:

Rod Pennington has penciled in the following club fishing outings:

Dates are to be determined—so get your calendars out!

July—Roaring River State Park

September—Stockton Lake for various fish species

Please contact Rod and let him know if you are interested in getting together for these outings

White River Fly Fishers Expo—October 11 & 12 at the Lions Club Community Room in Branson, Missouri

Fishing reports:

Bob Randall post:

Bennett Spring State Park, 6/27/2024: I fished about an hour and a half. Got on the water about 8am. It was about as nice a day we've had for quite a while. Water was a high and murky. Not many people fishing and fewer catching. I suppose they're waiting for the holiday weekend when can fight with other anglers for fishing space. I walked a couple hundred yards on trail through the woods to get to where I wanted to fish. Caught a nice one within 5 minutes. It was probably 14 inches long a thick body. Caught another nice one in about 5 minutes. It was a little smaller than first. I used a pheasant tail nymph on a ing line. I cast one quarter downstream and swing. While swinging, I put the rod tip the water to let it sink better. I left it there when it was straight downstream and slowly raised the rod tip. I let it hang in the current just above a drop off and tried to give the fly an occasional slight twitch. That's a technique that Kim Schultz has considerable success with, particularly while fishing a seam. I didn't land any more fish but had one on for a nice fight. As we call it, it was a 7 second rodeo ride. Just short of the 8 seconds for a successful ride. I was going to let it go anyway. Had a few more bumps but no more hookups. I considered a successful day after that first fish.



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Ron Ward Posted:

White River, Ark. #18 sulphur dries



Nice brown trout!!

Posted by Michael Kidd:

Wispy worked great with over 40 on it at Rockbridge in several hours .



Posted by Pat Taggart:

This fishing expedition was our recent vacation to LaPorte, Colorado. LaPorte is an unincorporated town on the NW side of Fort Collins. My son Sam and I fished the Cache La Poudre River that runs thru the town and Fort Collins. The river was high with murky water from the mountain snow runoff. We were not successful catching any fish, but it was gorgeous fishing this mountain stream!



Above is Watson Lake, it borders the Cache La Poudre River.

Finished our trip with a Sunday afternoon concert featuring the Poudre River Playboys— they played country/rockabilly/California surf music—an odd conglomeration but everyone had a good time!!

Christian Andrews provided the below information regarding members who would like to donate flies or tie these at the monthly fly tying sessions

By way of clarification:

The club fly tying nights for the remainder of 2024 are July 25, August 22, September 26, and October 24. Dennis Stead will be the lead on July 25. Cecil Woodman will be teaching the Mayfly Cripple on August 22. Who will volunteer to demonstrate for the September and October sessions?

Additionally, we will be doing open fly tying from 5:30 to 7 pm before the first Thursday meetings. Christian Andrews has challenged the members to tie flies for <https://www.tieathon.org/>. He will award one of his handcrafted bobbins to the member who contributes the most 100 fly batches by March 31, 2025.

The options are:

Adams sizes #14-18

Beetles sizes #14-18

Blue Winged Olives sizes #18-22

Clouser Minnows sizes #4-8

Copper Johns sizes #12-18

Chironomids sizes #14-20

Elk Hair Caddises sizes #14-18

Foam Spiders sizes #12-18

Griffith Gnats sizes #20-22

Hare's Ear Nymphs sizes #12-16

Hoppers / Chubby Chernobyls sizes #10-14

Beadhead Eggs (trout) sizes #12-14

Pat's Rubber Legs sizes #6-12

Pheasant Tails sizes #14-18

Poppers sizes #6-14

Soft hackles sizes #14-16

Sow bugs sizes #14-18

Squishy worms / San Juan Worms sizes #10-14

Wooly Buggers sizes #8-12

Examples of these flies can be found on the Ti-A-Thon YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/@tie-a-thon8292>

Dennis Stead provided the below information regarding the upcoming White River Fly Fishers Expo—October 11 & October 12.

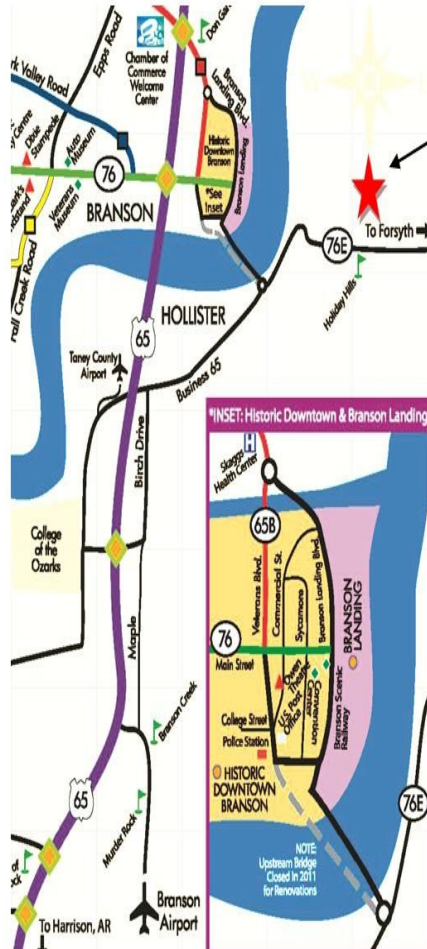


Howard and I just want to let all of you know, that the White River Fly Fishers of Branson Missouri will have their annual fly fishing expo in Branson, Missouri. The dates are October 11th and 12th.

The Lions Club has WIFI. They added Security cameras and the old lighting has been replaced with bright LED lighting. Parking will not be an issue because they purchased 8 acres for additional parking and vendors booths.

We are inviting you to join us and demonstrate your fly tying skills. Howard and I will be managing the fly tiers this year. Below is a sign-up sheet for those of you who want to join us and tie. Please fill out the form completely. Though we might have your information in our data base, it is always good to verify and update it if there are changes. Make your reservations early at your hotel or motel.

You can print, fill out and mail it to the address below, or print, fill out, scan then E-Mail it to either Howard or me. Don't forget to check off the time slot that you would like to tie.



From the Branson Landing – Take State Highway 76 East, cross over Lake Taney-como, through the roundabout heading east on Hwy 76. Around the bend heading up the hill, on you left you will see the BIG YELLOW Lions Club Community Center sign. You have arrived at the WRFF Fly Fishing Expo. Join us for a great time.



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Schedule of Events:

July 4: NO MONTHLY MEETING

July 25, 2024: Fly Tying 6PM—9PM, Library Center, Community Room B

August 01, 2024: Monthly Meeting 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B

August 22, 2024: Fly Tying 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B

September 5, 2024: Fish Fry Mountain Springs Trout Park

September 26, 2024: Fly Tying 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B

October 3, 2024: Monthly Meeting 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B

October 12, 2024: Chili Feed -Lake Taneycomo Pavilion—starts at noon

October 24, 2024: Fly Tying 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B

October 31, 2024: Last day of Catch and Keep Trout season in trout parks

November 7, 2024: Monthly Meeting 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B

November 28, 2024: NO FLY TYING

December 5, 2024: Annual meeting and Christmas Party TBD

January 2, 2025: Monthly Meeting 6PM-9PM, Library Center Community Room B

January 23, 2025: Fly Tying 6PM-9PM, Library Center, Community Room B

February 6, 2025: Monthly Meeting 6PM-9PM Library Center, Auditorium

February 27, 2025: Fly Tying 6PM-9PM, Library Center, Community Room B

March 6, 2025: Monthly Meeting 6PM-9PM Library Center, Auditorium

March 27, 2025: Fly Tying 6PM-9PM Library Center, Community Room B

April 3, 2025: Monthly Meeting 6PM-9PM Auditorium

April 24, 2025: Fly Tying 6PM-9PM Community Room B

May 1, 2025: Monthly Meeting 6PM-9PM Community Room A

May 17 & 18 2025: Missouri Trout Fisherman's Association Derby at Bennett Springs

May 22, 2025: Fly Tying 6PM-9PM Community Room B



Water levels:

Roaring River water level: [National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service](#)

Taneycomo water level: [National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service](#)

Bennett Spring water level: [National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service](#)

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If you would like to submit an article for the MTFA newsletter, please put MTFA NL in the email subject line and send to Pat Taggart: cptaggart@sbcglobal.net

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