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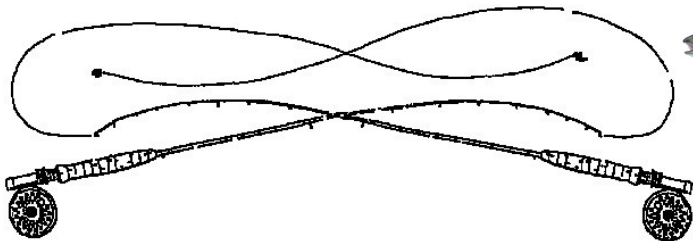
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The January club meeting will be held at the Library Center Community Room B. The meeting date is January 2, 2025.

Hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. The Annual Christmas dinner and election of officers and Executive Committee was held on December 5, 2024. The raffle part of the evening saw over \$400 raised to support the Pipkin Elementary School. Thanks to all who participated and Jerry Jester for his generous framed and hand tied fly! At the January 2025 meeting Bob Randall, Dennis Stead and Kim Schultz will do a presentation on tying knotted leaders. Dennis is bringing materials to make the leaders. Get ready to tie the perfect loop and blood knots!

Happy fishing!

Pat Taggart



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Chapter News:



The 2025 club officers and Executive Committee members:

President: Pat Taggart

Vice President: Christian Andrews

Treasurer: Kim Schultz

Secretary: Linda Chase

Executive Committee:

3-year Term: Bob Randall and Dennis Stead

2-year Term: John Owensby and Dick Owensby

1-year Term: Bill Huyett and Cecil "Woody" Woodman

The storage shed has been cleaned out and our lease has ended; consequently the club does not have to pay the \$840 annual rental. This lifts a financial burden off the club.

Upcoming events and happenings:

January:

From Christian Andrews

We will be raffling both a fly rod and rooster saddle at the January meeting, so come generously cash ready. Tickets will be \$5 each, 3 for \$10. and 7 for \$20. It will be a single raffle with two draws and choice. First ticket will get choice of rod or saddle. Second ticket will get the remaining item

From Kim Schultz

Membership 2025

I started to receive renewal MTFAs Springfield membership dues and twenty members have already paid (approximately 23%). I will continue to take renewal membership dues at the January meeting, it continues to be twenty dollars for family or individual. These dues help to pay for club functions, insurance, and money to the MTFAs State organization. We have moved the club's items from a storage unit in Ozark and no longer have a storage unit which cost us \$800 and year. The rental was costing us more than the assets being stored and this will help us to balance our budget.

Please note if you wish to fill out an application, a file can be found online (<https://www.mtfa-springfield.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/2025-Membership-Application-Word-Doc.pdf>) or I will have a few already printed at the next meeting. If there are no changes to address to your address, e-mail, or phone number, then I do not require an application if you paid in person.

Thank you for your support and looking forward to another year seeing you at meetings and on the water.

Tight lines.... Kim Schultz Membership, Treasurer

MTFA Member,

Thank you for your support to the club. We had a very active year with instruction fly tying classes, MDC outings and looking forward to another active year. We will meet December 5, 2024, at Golden Corral for the club's annual meeting. I will accept payment for membership at the meeting. Currently family and individual dues are twenty dollars.

If you are unable to attend the annual meeting, I will send out a notice later in the month to you as a reminder.

Programs are important for us to get new ideas, timely updated information from the Missouri Department of Conservation and fishing opportunities in Missouri. If you have an idea for a program please indicate on application form or contact Kim Schultz

Thank you, looking forward to seeing you this Thursday.

Kim Schultz

MTFA State Secretary, MTFA Springfield Treasurer, Membership
December 5, 2024

Here are some pictures from the 2025 Christmas dinner:







Fishing Reports:

From Bob Randall:

Fished at Bennett Spring on Dec 16. Water was a little high after some rains. Fished a little bit above the cliff faces below the stone bridge. I caught one on a midge cast 1/4 downstream with swing. Fish were making soft bites and I missed way more than I set. A guy just below me was doing better than I was on dry flies. I could see a few midges in the air and an occasional fish rise to the surface. I switched to a dry fly but the tree behind me was biting harder than the fish. I switched to an elk hair caddis and a zebra midge with a clear bead. I caught 5 rainbows total, one on the nymph and 4 on the midge.

From Mike Kidd

Fishing at Taney



Fishing report from David Reynolds:

David was guided on the White River by guide Rudy Chelednik. Rudy lives in Rogersville, Missouri, and is on the board of the Missouri Conservation Heritage

Foundation. Looks like they caught some nice fish!



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

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>

Schedule of Events:

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

June 5, 2025: Monthly meeting 5:30PM—9:00PM Community Room B

June 26, 2025: Fly Tying Community Room A



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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