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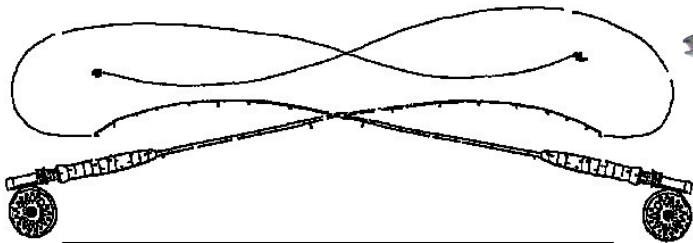
The October meeting will be Thursday, October 3, 2024, at the Library Center Community Room B

*There have been several events since the last newsletter—Insect-O-Rama, August 9th, at the Nature Center and a get together with fish fry and fishing on September 5th at Mountain Springs Trout Park. We had fly tyers at the Insect-O-Rama. There was good attendance at the fish fry, Dennis Stead collected \$185 with the club contributing additional funds to cover the \$350 cost.*

*At the October meeting, we can have members tie flies beginning at 5:30PM and start the regular meeting at 7:00PM. There will be a raffle at the meeting, so bring an item for the drawing; additionally, we will begin the auction of the DVD Library.*

*Happy fishing!*

*Pat Taggart*



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### ***Chapter News:***



***There was no September Chapter meeting, as the fish fry/fishing took place on the regular meeting date.***

***Taneycomo Chili Feed is scheduled for 10/19/2024—due to conflict with the Branson Expo, October 10 thru 10/12.***

***The club’s DVD library will be auctioned off beginning with the October 2024 meeting.***

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.

The club has the following events in 2024:

Rod Pennington has penciled in the following club fishing outing:

September 20—Stockton Lake for various fish species

Location will depend on the wind direction and speed

***Please contact Rod and let him know if you are interested***

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

Lake Taneycomo Chili Feed on October 19 at the pavilion.

## Fishing reports:

August 7, 2024— Charlie caught this nice fish and several bluegills in the lake behind our house. He used earthworms and a bobber. He would reel in about 2' of line, then let it sit, his own technique!



From David Ransin, dated 9/9/2024:

I spent 4 days solo on the Taylor, East and Gunnison rivers last week staying in a cabin on the river with beautiful weather and great fishing but no catching so I have no fish pictures to share, only great scenery photos !

Below are some pictures from the recent Insect-O-Rama at the Missouri Department of Conservation Nature Center Event. Club attendees included: Kim Schultz, Dennis Stead, Dick Owensby, John Owensby, Woody Woodman, and Pat Hayes.





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

The club fly tying nights for the remainder of 2024 are September 26, and October 24. No flytying on November 28—Thanksgiving.

September 26—Christian Andrews will be tying the Comparadun and Sparkledun; on October 24 Dennis Stead will be tying the Mighty Mite

Here are the recipes for the September 26 meeting:

### Comparadun

Hook: dry #10 - 20

Thread: to match body - strong enough to tie in deer hair

Wing: Hollow mottled deer hair

Tail: blue dun hackle fibers (or fibits)

Body: antron (or dry fly) dubbing, color match the hatch

### Sparkle Dun

Hook: dry #10 - 20 (recipe in Kaufmann's Tying Dry Flies says #16 - 20)

Thread: yellow - strong enough to tie in deer hair

Wing: hollow gray deer hair

Tail: olive brown Z-Lon (or comparable synthetic)

Body: yellowins poly dubbing



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

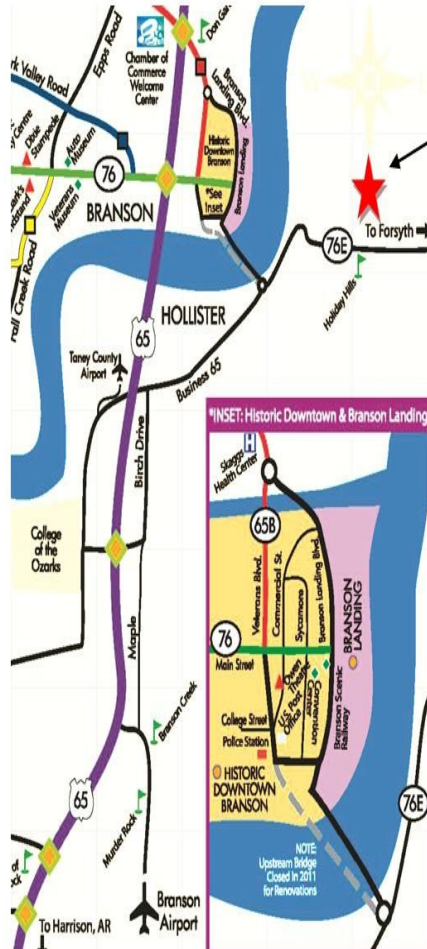


Howard and I just want to let all of you know, that the White River Fly Fishers of Branson Missouri will have their annual fly fishing expo in Branson, Missouri. The dates are October 11th and 12th.

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.

***Schedule of Events:***

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 19, 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

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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