



Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association

Springfield Chapter

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The next MTFA meeting will be April 5th at the Springfield Nature Center; the activities will start at 6PM with fellowship and members demonstrating basic fly-tying. The business meeting and program will start at 7 PM.

Our guest speaker for April will be Terry Tanner. Since his retirement Terry has found more time to fish; He would like to share some of his recent discoveries about fishing for white bass with the club, and explain why some flies work better than others. He will discuss fishing techniques other than stripping a streamer for white bass and some advice shared with him by the late L.D.Griffith. Terry will demonstrate some modifications of known streamers for a better fly and explain why it can work for you. Many of you already know Terry from his appearances at the conclaves, Sow bug, or from his many years working at Bass Pro. It will be a very informative presentation and a chance to learn more about white bass fishing. Hope you will be able to attend this program.



Missouri Trout Fishermen's – Springfield Chapter Activities for 2007

April 6.
April 12
April 19
April 26
April 28

Regular meeting
MSU Class 6 PM
MSU Class 6 PM
MSU Class 6 PM
MSU Class Bennett Springs

List of Programs Suggested by MTFA Members for 2007

White Bass spring and fall fishing
Beaver Lake Tail waters
Entomology
Salmonoid behavior
Fishing techniques with various lures
Line tippet rod and reel weight
Info for balance and casting ease

Small mouth bass fishing
Best Flies for MO trout parks
Fly Presentation
Tying Flies
Fishing the Bermuda Triangle
Fly tying techniques and fishing techniques
Montauk, C&R stream

MTFA Pre-Derby Meeting

Rod Pennington is on the MTFA State board. On March 10, 2007, he attended the pre-derby meeting. He reports that "Kid's Fishing Day" will be May 5, 2007. The Kansas City club has a conflict and will not be able to help this year. Mike Mitchell was not present for the meeting and therefore was not available to answer several questions. The question's are, how many flies will be needed for this year's "Kid's Day" and will there be help with the cooking?

The Derby will be May 19, 2007 at Bennett Spring State Park and all members are invited to participate. The same rules will apply as in years past with no changes. Rod bought ten hats with the MTFA logo and will have them to sell at \$10.00 each. If we need more, the KC club will have extras. If you have any questions about this outing, please contact Rod.

In Memory of Ronald Leonard Adkins



Ronald Leonard Adkins, 72, of Springfield, Missouri, went to be with the Lord on March 23, 2007. He spent the last weeks of his life with his family in his home. Ron was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 8, 1934, to Spencer and Elizabeth Adkins, who have predeceased him. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, two sons, Greg and Mark Adkins and their wives, Susan and Julie. He is also survived by grandsons, Donald, Matthew, Austin and Ryan, and granddaughter, Heather. He also has a great-granddaughter, Bostyn. Also still living is his brother, Robert Adkins of Montana. Ron and Barbara moved to Missouri and lived at Table Rock Lake for 12 years where Ron spent many wonderful hours bass fishing. After moving to Springfield four years ago to be nearer the children, Ron and Barbara also became enthused with fly fishing and loved to go to Bennett Springs. Ron was also an avid NASCAR fan, along with both of his sons. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Hulston Cancer Center and Cox Health Care Hospice for the dedication and compassion shown to patients and their families. God bless all of you.

Taken from the Springfield News-Leader

Bass Pro Fly Fishing Display

By Robby O'Neal

I would like to update everyone about the fly fishing display at the museum on the 2nd floor at the Bass Pro Shop. Larry Wegmann and I are working on the fly fishing equipment. It will be placed into two very large display cases. We are at the museum on Wednesday's at approx. 9:00 AM. Do we need help?? You better believe we do!! If Wednesday is not a good time for you, check with me and we'll see what we can do. If you have a computer at your home you can do research on the rods, reels and the other equipment. Research is one of the most important parts of this project, and you don't even have to leave your home. We have fly fishing equipment dating back to the 1800's. If you are interested, contact me: Robby O'Neal at 883-5956 or email me, bondoasa@yahoo.com

Fishing Report - March 11 2007 Roaring River SP, Cassville, MO

It's Sunday, about ten o'clock. The sun is shining and it's around fifty degrees. There is a light, gusty wind, more or less from the south. I debate, to go or not? I've already decided. Packed up my gear and I'm buying my daily just before eleven. By now the wind seems a little more determined to get where it's going and this seems to have had a direct effect on the number of people in the fly only area. I tie on a new midge pattern and make my first cast at the top of pool one. A few casts more, I land the first fish of the day, it comes with a bonus, a bright green jig. Two more fish from pool one and I'm still using what I have now named, "The Liquid Midge". I move down to pool two and pick up two more fish, one from the top of the pool and one from the lower end. The next fish breaks off, taking my only Liquid Midge with it. Maybe, a bonus fly for someone tomorrow.

The next several pools are where all the other anglers are. I skip down to long pool, which surprisingly I have all to myself.

Gas to drive to Trout Park - five dollars, daily fishing tag - three dollars, having an entire pool to yourself on a sunny March Sunday - priceless.

Long pool is also a wide pool and the wind keeps me from casting to the far side. I'm using a short 3wt. This may be why no other anglers are fishing the pool. Changed to an olive ostrich scud, a number eighteen. First cast, fish on. Worked the pool top to bottom and back again. The next two fish were both over two pounds and full of fight. Had a blast playing them on the 3wt.. I landed two or three more before I started back up stream. Changing to a Black and silver Midge, I wanted to work the swifter water at the top of the pools. Landed two more before I found myself standing on the same big, flat rock where I had started at pool one. The wind was in a little less of a rush now, tired from a full day of blowing. It was nearing three o'clock and the evening crowd was moving onto the water. Long pool had four anglers now and pool one had just as many. Having no desire to be a fifth wheel I packed it up and headed for home.

If your not a big fan of the crowds, but still enjoy fishing our state Parks, try the days that keep most fair weather anglers home. Not a big fan of rain or windy days? Try fishing during the off hours. At Roaring River eleven to two seems to be the times that people are less interested in fishing.

If you're not familiar with Roaring River but would like to give it a try, please let me know. Regardless of the time I would enjoy showing you the area.

Fair Winds and Following Seas

Kevin Smith

Conservation Department Upcoming Events

Coalition Annual Meeting Schlafly Bottleworks

Sunday, April 15 , 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
7260 Southwest Ave.
Maplewood, MO 63143

The St. Louis region is quietly becoming a showcase for green buildings - commercial, residential, and rehab. The Coalition's 2007 Annual Meeting features a presentation and panel discussion with local green builders and designers as well as updates on the Coalition's latest work protecting Missouri's environment, board and officer elections, and door prizes. Hope to see you there!

Green Building Panel:

Rick Hunter of SAGE, LLC, on green building standards, residential projects, and the "zero energy house."

Tim Montgomery, AIA of TMA Architects LLC will introduce what may be the region's 2nd LEED platinum commercial building and St. Louis' first wind mill. Tim Michels of Energy Solutions on "how to keep the green in your pocket: the hidden values and opportunities of energy efficiency."

St. Louis Earth Day in Forest Park Sunday, April 22

On the MUNY grounds in St. Louis' Forest Park, Coalition volunteers needed. Email Erin at enoble@moenviron.org to volunteer.

Hope to see you there,

Erin Noble

Missouri Coalition for the Environment

March 23 All Outdoors

1. Taneycomo trout respond to new management
2. Diana Mulick is Missouri Conservationist of the Year
3. Bait dealers need to register with Conservation Department
4. First Fish Program recognizes young anglers' achievements

Visit www.missouriconservation.org/news to access text and illustrations for these stories and Conservation Department news archives or to subscribe to this weekly news release package. Go to www.missouriconservation.org/seasons for the Conservation Department's weekly "Outdoor Calendar."

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Sho-Me Sisters on the Fly

I sit at my computer desk watching the rain and the effects of the wind. On the weather channel it says that spring has arrived. Sometime soon the White Bass are going to start the yearly run, and of course all the State Parks are now open. You're sitting in your favorite chair, thinking about fishing and who you can go with. Just look next to you and see the best partner you could have, your wife. You know she would love to go, the only problem is, she can't fly fish. There is a perfect solution: "Sho-Me Sisters on the Fly"- they meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month from 6 to 8 pm at Bass Pro. Ask her, you just might be surprised.

MTFFA is one of the sponsors of this program, along with Backcountry Outfitters, and Bass Pro. For more information contact Kristina Kyle at 417-207-2054. Sorry guys women only.

Late Breaking News - Sho Me Sisters on the Fly

By Robby O'Neal

Late breaking news about one of our members, Alex Griffith. If you don't know her, Alex is a junior at Missouri State University, She has been on the pistol team for the last three years, and is one of a team of four, the others being males. The Missouri State University pistol team was invited along with the other top 10 pistol teams in the USA to shoot in the Inter-collegiate Pistol Championships. Alex, with her other three teammates arrived at West Point on March 13th along with approximately 75 other men and women. They came from all over the United States, to compete for three days. After all the smoke had cleared, Alex had won first place in the Women's Sport Pistol category, shooting against approximately 20 others. She finished 7th in the Standard Pistol, shooting against 50 of the best men and women in the country. Alex shoots with a Smith and Wesson .22 cal model 41. She said it was inspiring to walk the hallowed halls and grounds of West Point. Congratulations Alex- always is a straight shooter.

Bass Pro Classic Report

By Robby O'Neal

Well, another fishing season has started. How do I know? Because we got through the Bass Pro Classic!! No one got stuck with a hook that includes most of the fish. In three days of fishing we had about 150 children. Very few fish were caught. It seems that every year Mother Nature shows us who the boss is. This year was no different; wind, a lot of it, low temps, and snow. "Welcome to the Ozarks". If not for Michael Porter, catching fish, I would have told anyone who asked that the pond had no fish in it.

I would like to thank Dena and Michael Porter. They worked at the pond for two days. Michael worked really hard, when he wasn't catching fish. Jack Wilson arrived at the fishpond with the enthusiasm of a person supporting the Olympics. He did anything that was asked of him and some things that weren't. He picked up trash, (trash that Wonders of Wildlife ignored). He took dead fish out of the pond. "Thank you" Jack for having the true spirit of this club. If more of the members both old and new would have the same spirit as Jack, our club would be the best around. I see the same wonderful faces at all of our events. When I pass around a list for helper to sign, those same people step up and take a real part in the event. I would like to thank the 25 members that worked at the pond, without you we would not have had a Bass Pro Classic, handled by the MTFA. It's not that everybody should sign-up for every thing. However, a big part of life is the adventures we have and there are many you can have with the MTFA. Become an ACTIVE member. Before I forget, "thanks" Amber for putting up with me.

Hope to see you there beside me, next year, or better yet, next MTFA event. Let's have an adventure together.

Robby

We took our grandson to the fishing pond for his first lesson in fly fishing.
I don't think 2 yrs and 4 months is too early to start learning
Larry Wegmann



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Monthly meetings at the Springfield Nature Center.
The first Thursday of the month at 6 PM for
Fly tying and 7 PM for programs and business
meeting.

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