



Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association

Springfield Chapter

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Happy New Year 2007!!

The next MTFA meeting will be **January 4th** at the Springfield Nature Center; the activities will start at 6PM with social and individual fly tying.

The business meeting will start at 7 PM with John Dozier introducing himself as President; announcing his plan for 2007.



The program for this evening will be Jim Murphy, discussing small mouth fishing in the Ozarks. Several members have asked for a small mouth program and no one better qualified than Jim. Jim has provided our club with several programs in the past and is knowledgeable with fly-fishing for all species. He will be happy to demonstrate successful fly patterns and fishing techniques. The Ozarks have many outstanding warm water streams in which to fish for small mouth. Jim will provide information to get you on the stream to discover the joy of small mouth fly-fishing.

## Sisters on the Fly

**Sisters on the Fly** is a small but growing group of women interested to learn various aspects of fly-fishing. Our group began by learning to cast more or less properly. Several "experts" of the male variety helped us and helped us and helped us. When the weather forced us inside, our mentor Robbie O'Neal taught us about rods, reels and lines. Please do not test us on any of this!

We are currently learning to tie our own flies. This is a fun, fun time; some of us are definitely more gifted at this than others. All of us are beginners but want to and will learn the ins and outs of fly-fishing.

We invite any interested ladies to join us upstairs at Bass Pro the 1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday beginning at 6:00 PM.  
The Gals

### January Activities with the MDC Springfield Nature Center

- Sunday, January 14, 2007 1-4 PM in the lobby of the Springfield Nature Center. We have been asked to demonstrate basic fly tying techniques. The Nature Center has asked for two to six members to help with this activity.
- Saturday, January 27, 2007 9 AM – Noon: **For Adults only Bennett Spring Fly-fishing trip.** Members of the MTFA will be present at Bennett Spring State Park for first-hand fly-fishing instruction. It will be catch-and-release winter season at the park. Participants must have a fishing license and trout permit. Bring your own equipment as a limited number of rods will be available for participants without equipment. Participants need to meet at the Bennett Spring hatchery at 9 AM.
- Saturday, January 27, 2007 Noon – 5PM: **Conservation TEEN Club fly-fishing.** Spend a fun afternoon catch-and-release fly-fishing at Bennett Spring State Park. The MTFA will be on hand to teach the basics on the spring creek. Participants must have a fishing license and trout permit. Equipment, Snacks, and transportation will be provided.

We will be seeking help from members with these activities with John asking for your assistance.

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#### Activities for 2007

January 4 Regular Meeting @ 6:00 PM - Spfd Nature Center  
January 14 fly tying with Youth at Springfield Conservation Center  
January 27 Fly Fishing with Youth/Adult groups at Bennett Spring SP

February 1 Regular Meeting @ 6:00 PM - Spfd Nature Center

March 1 Regular Meeting @ 6:00 PM - Spfd Nature Center

January Program: Jim Murphy - Small-mouth Bass Opportunities

Possible programs in the future: Eleven Point River, Kayak Fishing, Rod building, or Spring White Bass

## Library

Three new DVD's have been added to the library for your viewing pleasure. These items will be at the January meeting. If you have a request from the library contact, me (Charlie) at home 833-3169 or e-mail [coppen@peoplepc.com](mailto:coppen@peoplepc.com)

1. #316 fishing knots for fresh and salt water
2. #317 Borski ties flies series 1
3. # 318 Borski ties flies series 2
4. # 123a is the little red fishing knot book,

We had three people ask for books on knots, now we have a book on knots. Of course there are many fine books, instructional VHS tapes with an increasing number of instructional DVD media for the members to improve fly tying, casting or just sit back to enjoy. There is a list of these items at each meeting, just look for me if you need a copy or check out the MTFA web page for a complete listing: [MTFA-Springfield.org](http://MTFA-Springfield.org)

Happy New Year,  
Charlie Gregory

## MSU class PED 135 Update

Charles Erickson has reported a full MSU class for the 2007 spring term. The following dates are the scheduled meetings for the class at MSU unless indicated different. Please note on your calendar and please consider helping with the class. There has been outstanding support for this project with many members giving above and beyond with their assistance to the MSU students.

March 29, 2007: First night for class on the MSU Campus  
April 12, 2007: MSU Campus  
April 19, 2007: MSU Campus  
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May 3, 2007: Meet at the Springfield Nature Center.  
May 5, 2007: Bennett Spring State Park for outing with students

## Membership

Renewal membership for 2007 is under way. Forty-eight percent of the applications have been returned with forty members requesting an electronic newsletter. If you did not receive a form in the mail, please contact Kim and I will get one to you. The web page has been updated to include an application. If you know some one requesting to join, copy the form and bring them to a meeting. You may return the application in hand to Rod Pennington or Kim Schultz during the next meeting, or return by mailing to:

Kim Schultz  
2303 East Grand  
Springfield, MO 65804

Please note, earlier this year the membership voted to change the amount for annual dues to \$15 individual - \$15 Family

Thanks for your support and looking forward to another year. Rod/Kim

## Fishing report

12/16/06

Bennett Springs

It was a beautiful day, light wind in the am, not many people around. I started fishing in zone two above whistle bridge. I could not get them to take a San Juan worm of either color, so I switch to the old standby – # 16 grey scud - caught plenty of fish- caught a Brown measuring 18 inches and a Rainbow very close to same size. Then I then tried out my new Crawdad pattern below Whistle Bridge. 1 caught 4 smallmouth – ranging from 8 inches to the largest 15 inches- and even 2 rainbows enjoyed the morsel. All in all it was a great day of 25 plus fish. There were some trying dries, but the fish were real picky. Have a great week everyone.

Meet ya on the River.

**John [JW] Dozier**



## Red River Fly Fishers Prep for January Fly Tying Expo

*Texoma Tie-In to feature striped bass, warmwater, saltwater, and trout fly tying; reservation info detailed below*

\_\_By Lynn Burkhead *Herald Democrat*

\_\_What is a fly fishing enthusiast to do on a cold winter's day?

\_\_Tie up a batch of flies, that's what!

\_\_For those interested in doing just that mark your calendars for the first ever "Texoma Tie-In" slated for Eisenhower State Park on January 27 and 28.

\_\_The event will feature several levels of participation, including fly tying demonstrations and seminars (on Jan. 27) from a number of professional fly tiers and amateur experts.

\_\_For those who possess some tying skills, equipment, and materials, event organizers say to bring them on to spend the day (on Jan. 27) learning to perfect your tying techniques, to learn new fly patterns, and to enjoy the coffee pot camaraderie that can be found on a mid-winter's day.

\_\_Beginning fly tiers will also benefit from the late January event, co-hosted by the Red River Fly Fishers club and Eisenhower State Park. That's because the basics of fly tying will be taught (on Jan. 27) in a hands on manner according to event organizers.

\_\_Don't have any fly tying materials or equipment? Organizers say that those will be provided for the basic instruction classes.

\_\_According to Steve Hollensed, past president of the RRFF and the fishing events coordinator for the state park, those interested in presenting fly tying demonstrations need to register by Jan. 15 since tying space for the event is limited.

\_\_Tying demonstrators should send in their name, address, phone number, e-mail address, and whether or not they will be camping at Eisenhower State Park (registered fly tying presenters may camp in the park at no charge).

\_\_The information form can be e-mailed to Hollensed at [stevehollensed@texoma.net](mailto:stevehollensed@texoma.net) ; mailed to P.O. Box 466, Tom Bean, Texas 75489; or phoned in by calling (903) 546-6237.

\_\_Finally, according to the RRFF Web site ([www.rfff.org](http://www.rfff.org)), a block of discounted rooms for the event are available at a local motel. For full details on these discounted rooms, see the group's Web site at [www.rfff.org](http://www.rfff.org). And finally, please note that all participants must make their own motel reservations.

### Chance of a Life Time

How would you like to see your name in lights for people all over the world to come and see!!

The only thing you have to do is get that old Leonard rod or any other old or very old fly fishing equipment that is in the attic--under the bed--or some other dark foreboding place. Then the next step is to LOAN it to the Wild Life Museum at Bass Pro, and get your name in lights.

Now that you have read this far and I have your interest, here is the deal --We are looking for a few good men and women to help re-vamp the two fly fishing display cases at the museum. We are going to just clean and preserve the rods, approximately 60, reels approximately 80 and the other fly-fishing equipment. We are also looking for any old fly-fishing magazines or pictures that we can make copies of and give the originals back to you.

We have a target date of about the middle of January; you would be working at Bass Pro. If you have any questions feel free to ask me, just remember this is a Club Project and you get to see the museum for FREE. See you at the club meeting Robby O'Neal (883-5956) [bondoasa@yahoo.com](mailto:bondoasa@yahoo.com)

## Geocaching

The calendar said December 13, but the weather felt like May. A perfect day said the Prugger's and the Erickson's for a treasure hunt AKA. Geocaching. We have bent your ear a little on this subject, our off-season hobby. Our destination this day was the Henning Conservation Area in Branson. Paul and Ruth Henning, originators of the Beverly Hillbillies, gifted this area to the Conservation Commission. This is a great natural area, saved from the blasters and bulldozers in Branson.

Our trail started near the Sycamore Log Church, across a low water bridge and up into the forest on a trail built in large by Boy Scout Troop 2001. The trail winds along the side of the hill next to Roark Creek, which winds along clear, with some deep holes and neat riffles, but no fish to be seen. On the bank grows a large sycamore with its white top and large leaves, now on the ground to make a neat rustle when we walk through.

Our first cache destination was the site of the Stewart Store early 1900's. A place to visit neighbors, trade your excess and purchase needed supplies. This area had seen a lot of water from the last storm with a lot of debris left behind which either covered the cache or washed it away, because has hard a we looked we were not successful in finding this cache.

Now on up the hill and up the hill to our next cache hidden in a grove of cedars. A lot of white cedars were harvested from this area in the early 1900, and sold to the American Eagle Pencil Company for a penny a log to make pencils. The cache was cleverly hidden but with the aid of our G.P.S.'s and the clue we found the treasure this time.

Now up some more, across an area cleared for the power lines and left as a good example of a natural glade, with a Hawk sailing overhead looking for the next meal. Up some more and on to the next site, the homestead of Jim and Ann Cox. In the 1870's the Cox's lived and raised their eight children in a large two story home. You can still see the pile of rocks that used to be the fireplaces. Again we were successful in finding our treasure, neatly hidden in a neat area.

Now we got to go down hill for a change, and back to the Log Church where we used their picnic table to enjoy our lunch. Only interrupted twice with the passage of two dump trucks full of gravel bound for Branson. Not fair of them to ruin a perfect spot for lunch.

Since we had no horse and buggy we had to resort to our car to carry us to the North side of the park for three more caches. A small one practically under feet, one on the tower trails, up hill again, and one at the end of the horseshoe rode out of the parking lot. All found well hidden in neat natural areas. There were more trails and more treasures but time had shut us down for this day, always tomorrow.... John, Dorothy, Connie and Charles

## 2007 MTFA -Springfield Chapter Officers

<b>President</b>	John Dozier	753-9118
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<b>Secretary</b>	Dorothy Prugger	862-9972
<b>Treasurer</b>	Rod Pennington	883-1789

Monthly meetings are 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.

**Education Chair** - Charlie Erickson

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**Newsletter Editor** -

**Librarian** - Charles Gregory

**Equipment** - John Prugger

**Web Page** - Brent Simmons

**Membership Chair** – Rod Pennington

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