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# MO Fishing

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The next **MTFA** meeting will be May 3, 2007 at the Springfield Nature Center starting at 6 PM. The meeting will feature Jim Murphy. He will demonstrate tying and dubbing techniques to the students of the Missouri State University and to the club. This will be the last MSU PED 135 class for the spring semester. It will be followed by a day on the stream at Bennett Spring State Park with members and students. We hope you will be able to attend

**Notice of Gulf Coast Council's Conclave:  
From Bob L. Tabbert**

The FFF new Gulf Coast Council's Conclave will be held May 17, 18, 19. The Conclave/Expo is to be held in Lake Charles, LA. Lots of neat stuff will be going on at the Conclave/EXPO including a Beginners Fly Casting Course taught by 4 CCIs and 1 Master, all from my Club: The Acadiana Fly Rodders. Come on down and watch Lefty Kreh.

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## Missouri Trout Fishermen's – Springfield Chapter Activities for 2007

<b>May 3</b>	Regular Meeting @ 6:00 PM - Springfield Nature Center
<b>May 5</b>	Kid's Fishing Day
<b>May 19</b>	MTFA Derby Weekend – Bennett Springs State Park
<b>May TBA</b>	Solutions - Bennett Spring State Park

**News You Can Use:**  
Great Information Web Sites

If you are in the mood for a laugh, or to be creeped out by the weirdness nature can produce, you might want to visit the Missouri Forest keeper Network's Web site and check out entries in the 2006 Hunt for Strange and Extraordinary Trees at <http://www.forestkeepers.org/>

On May 5 the Missouri Department of Conservation's Bennett Spring Trout Hatchery will host the annual Kids Fishing Event at Bennett Spring State Park (SP) near Lebanon. The event is open to children 15 years and younger. Free fishing tags will be available from 4 to 8 p.m. May 4 at the hatchery shop building and beginning at 5:30 a.m. May 5 near the special children's fishing zone. Conservation Department workers will stock the zone to ensure success, and volunteers will be on hand to help children with lures and fishing tips.

To learn more about the MDC and the events that it has planned, visit the web site. It's great.

Missouri Department of Conservation [www.missouriconservation.org](http://www.missouriconservation.org)

The FFF is another great web site.

The April 2007 issue of Club Wire is now available on the following web page <http://www.fedflyfishers.org/ClubWireArchives/CWArchiveMain.htm>

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**Added Note to the Bass Pro Classic Report**

We extend our sincerest thanks to Cedar Ridge Portable Buildings, Inc. They had a lot to do with making the Classic a successful and much more comfortable event. The building they supplied, installed and took down, were very much, appreciated by all.

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A Copy of Harry Middleton's The Bright Country: a Fisherman's Return to Trout with his obituary which is hard to find and an article by Middleton., \$50

A really nice St. Croix Legend Ultra 7 1/2' 2 weight 2 piece slide band reel seat, tube, all factory perfect condition Teton 3 disc reel (2 1/2" diameter) loaded with Rio Classic DT 2 line and direct leader. \$300

St. Croix Pro 8 1/2 6/7 w/ Hobbs Creek reel & line (perfect for white bass) w/ case. \$100,

**Joseph Curry**  
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**Kevin Smith has come up with a fun idea. He has interviewed a member of the club using a question, answer format. Read the interview and than guess who it is. It's easy, because Kevin gives us the answer at the end.**

## **Guess who?**

We've asked one of our MTFA member's ten questions. Judging from the answers can you guess who they are?

1. If you could fish with any one person for a day who would it be and where would you fish?  
*Lefty Kreh – anywhere*
2. You have the ultimate power to make one new regulation or Law. What would it be?  
*Clean water – enforced*
3. You have the opportunity to fish the ultimate water for any one species of fish, but you can use only one fly or lure. What would you fish for and what fly or lure would you use?  
*Bones - Walkers Cay - Clouser*
4. Biggest fish ever caught? (No Fisherman tales please)  
*3 \_ Smally*
5. Favorite River, Lake or Stream? (none or all is an acceptable answer)  
*Niangua*
6. A book or Author you would recommend? (does not have to be related to fishing)  
*John Hagee*
7. Oddest material you've used to tie a fly with or oddest lure you've ever fished with? *Elastic from Underwear*
8. Someone close to you would probably describe your fishing as?  
*Ok*
9. Best thing you like about being an MTFA member?  
*Enjoying fellowship*
10. Fill in the blanks  
I'm a *Flyfisher*. Fisherman. Regardless of what *Bill Dance* has to say.

## **Guess Who Answer.**

Have you figured it out yet? Maybe a few more clues would help.

Our fellow MTFA member is married, has two children and currently works in Sales. Joined MTFA to learn and enjoy. You may have even heard him use the phrase, “**See ya at the River**”. You've got it now right? Of course the member in question is none other than our MTFA president JOHN DOZIER. If you wonder about any of Johns answers, Like that three and a-half pound smally answer??? The next time you see him would be a good time to ask him about it. I'm sure there's a story in there somewhere. If you guessed John correctly, you've won a new Temple Fork Finesse 6 wt. with a matching Ross Momentum reel and preloaded with Rio ghost tip weight forward line. Sorry. Just kidding about that last part.

Editor's note:

Please ignore Kevin's prize offers. We think he has been outside a bit too long and it has affected his ideas about our budget.

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## Another Method to Fishing a Wooly Bugger

Recently I had the opportunity to fish a Charity Trout Tournament on the Beaver Lake Tail water in Arkansas. Four individuals per team, we called ourselves the "Dinkmisters". Why I don't know. Terry, Don, myself and a new friend Paul. Some of you may know him as Trout Chaser if you participate in the Ozark Angler's Forum. By the rules of the tournament the team had to record the first fish caught as part of the teams four fish total length. Because of this, we all agreed that starting out with a number twenty midge would not be the way to go. We also pretty much agreed that a big wooly, maybe a size six, would be a good choice. It wasn't until team Dinkmister was walking to the access point at Parkers bend that Terry asked me a simple question.

I'll get to the question in second, first I'd like to tell you something about my friend. He's fairly new to the sport of fly fishing. In fact if you ask, I'm sure he will say something along the line of how he used to have money until I got him hooked, (pun intended) on fishing. He's working on his cast, (aren't we all) and I believe he truly enjoys the sport. He's not concerned with all the technical aspects, or the hottest gear. Just clear water, blue sky kind of stuff. No fish or one hundred, it's all a good day of fishing. So when he asked, "Do you just drift the wooly under an indicator?" I immediately responded, "Only if you don't want to catch any fish." Ladies it's a guy thing, it's just how we talk to each other. I explained the, "PROPER WAY" to fish a wooly was to cast it out, and then strip it back; altering the speed and length of the strip until you find a successful method.

Anyway, thank goodness Terry seldom listens to me. He drifts that Olive wooly Bugger all the way up the river. I've changed patterns at least half a dozen times. Paul has changed out flies and we've all been as successful as Don, absolutely no fish. Paul finally nets the first fish an eleven and a half inch rainbow using a number fourteen Sowpig. So went the first hour.

There is a long deep pool that starts just after the fly only section and extends way up the river. We had been fishing the bait fish area until now. All of a sudden Terry has a fish on. He nets a thirteen and a half inch Brown. Then he nets another rainbow and then another. Paul asks the inevitable question, "You still drifting a wooly?"

"Yep, working pretty well too, you think that I only tie on after eating Chetos has anything to do with it?" He says. He's only kidding of course, we all laugh. Terry nets another fish while I'm tying on an Olive Wooly Bugger about three feet under an indicator. My first fish was a thirteen inch rainbow. After I netted my second Paul tied on, (you guessed it) an olive wooly. I should mention that Don was off by himself way up the river scouting possible holes. He hadn't crossed over to the alternate wooly bugger fishing method, yet. By the time he got back, fishing had slowed for the three of us. Don had netted no fish and we all told him of our wooly adventures. It's was around one thirty now and check in was no later than three. Don tied on a wooly, under an indicator. At two Terry, Paul and I started back towards the access point and left Don, still looking to record a fish. We waited at the Dam Store, (the check in point, it really is named the Dam Store). Don finally arrives. After catching three rainbows he had recorded a twelve incher, for a team total of fifty inches. Team Dinkmister placed fourth.

I've never fished a wooly under an indicator and after revealing our secret method to several other teams none of them had either. The windy conditions may have added to our success. The choppy water must have had that Wooly bouncing up and down, doing a marabou hula at the other end of the line. The fish definitely reacted. If you ever find yourself in similar conditions I would suggest you try it. I know I will.

Now I told you all of that just so I could say this. The real story here isn't drifting a wooly under an indicator. It's really about never discounting new ideas no matter what their source. I made a big mistake by so easily discounting the suggestion because of my sources lack of experience. One I will try never to make again. New members to our sport bring fresh ideas and thoughts that should motivate all of us to think outside the box. . So, the next time you find yourself on a river, just remember it's really a clear water, blue sky kind of thing. No fish or one hundred, it's time well spent.

Fair winds and following seas,

Kevin Smith

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## Paul Henry

At the April MTFA meeting, a motion was made by Robbie O'Neal. It was overwhelmingly approved by the club. The MTFA voted to recognize and honor Paul Henry for his years of dedicated service to the Missouri Trout Fishermen Association. A plaque and flowers were delivered to Paul, by John and Dorothy Prugger at St. John's Hospital, where he was recovering. He is currently convalescing at Primrose making progress, so that hopefully he can soon return home. Paul was very touched by the members of the club who have showed their support with visits, friendship and many prayers.



Get well soon Paul, we miss you.

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