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The next Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association meeting will be Thursday, January 3rd. We will start at 6 PM with a few individuals tying their favorite patterns and time to browse the library.

The business meeting will start at 7 PM. Larry Wegmann, our newly inducted President, will introduce himself and share his goals, for the club and its members, over the next year.

Kevin Smith will provide the program;

He will discuss the Little Red River; Heber Springs AR. Kevin has fished it for several years. He will discuss how to get there, where to camp, local fly shops and the river layout. In addition, Kevin will discuss how to camp on a gravel bar.

Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter Activities for January 2008

January 4
January 27

Regular Meeting Fly tying @ 6 PM, Meeting @ 7 PM
Adult/Youth Fly Fishing Outing Bennett Spring State Park

Regular meetings are the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center, unless indicated differently on the activity calendar.

MTFA Wed Page Update

The MTFA Web page (MTFA-Springfield.org), has been updated for 2008. The event calendar is current with meetings and events. The 2008 Officers have been updated. If you have a friend wishing to join, there is a link to a membership application at this web site. New to the web page, an archive page with 2007 newsletters and 2008 newsletter will be included after distributed through emailing. If you have any links of interest, send the suggestions to MTFA_Springfield@yahoo.com or to Brent. Brent Simmons is the web master; he maintains and updates the site. He designed the pages and keeps them on his server for safety and editing. Any suggestions are welcomed

....Kim

MTFA Fishing Reports

The MTFA Fishing Report was started several years ago when I fished with Paul Henry. I would describe the events of the day, providing location, and water/weather conditions. It was low key, a paragraph or two describing our trips with more detail given to the observations of the day than the numbers of fish caught. Since the passing of Paul, I continued to fish but have not sent out reports. For the past six months, I would combine a few trips and submit an article to the MTFA newsletter. Since taking time away from the reports, I have found the passion to again send out reports. If you wish to receive these reports through your email; send a message to MTFA_Springfield@yahoo.com. Your name will be added to the 2008 MTFA Fishing Report list. I usually write a report the next day and send it through the MTFA_Springfield@yahoo.com email address.

...Tight lines Kim

Fishing Report
Roaring River State Park
Nov. 10th 2007



On the water...

about ten and on this trip my Daughter Mandy came along. She fished some but mostly just watches and enjoys the nice weather. Catch and Release season arrived November ninth and right on cue the big summer crowds departed the Trout Parks or so I thought. I wanted to fish the upper section pools but the nice weather had an unusual number of fishers out and they seemed to all have the same game plan. So I opted for the section between Dry Branch Creek and the third bridge which is about six pools up stream. During the summer, power eggs are heavily used in this section. We only had about four hours to fish as we had to be back home to attend a previously scheduled function.

Started with a #20 harvest Midge and picked up a couple. Changed to a new pattern that Mandy has named the, "Hedge Hog". It does kind of look like one. It's a weighted hook up design tied with Red Fox and Possum. Had a fish first cast and two more before losing it to a tree on a back cast. Tied on another "Hedge Hog" and again landed two or three more before losing it to another tree on a back cast. You think I would learn. That was the last one I had so I changed to a #18 Tan G-Bug with a wine tail. Tan with a burnt orange tail works just as good. . One of the things I like about the G-Bug is that it seems to do as well in still water as is does in swift. So I can fish the entire pool without changing flies. This is quickly becoming one of my favorite patterns.

By now it was getting to be around noon and I was about three pools from the bridge. One of the attractions at Roaring River is they release some very large trout during C and R season. So far they were all ignoring my G-bug. That is until I got to the top of that last pool. A nice big boy slowly swam all the way across the pool and sucked that little G-Bug right in. He made two mad runs and I though once I was going to lose him as he wanted to go under the bridge. Somehow I was able to turn him on 7x tippet. After a long fight I measured him to be 18 inches my best fish to date. The 7x snapped just as I netted him. I tied back on the same G-Bug but with 6x this time and landed three more right off the bat.

Then to my utter surprise and even larger Rainbow sucked up that same little bug. Down the pool he went, then up the pool he went. No big hurry just a constant pull on the line with an occasional full body shake just to keep my blood pressure up. This went on for quite some time but I managed to net him in the end. He measured just over 20 inches. It was the biggest fish Mandy had ever seen; after releasing that one I quite for the day.

Earlier that morning a Missouri Conservation agent checked my Licenses. The first time in I couldn't tell you how long. My daughter being under sixteen years of age needs no licenses, or so I thought. In talking with the agent and to my surprise, special permits are still needed for under age fishers. My daughter was still required to have a trout stamp even though she did not need a license. The officer was nice enough to let her fish the day without the permit, proving that not all agents are evil and that I still haven't read my code book.

Since writing this report I have modified how I tie the G-Bug. I have replaced the marabou tail and body dubbing with four strand rayon. It works as well as the original design and simplifies the tying process. I'll be glad to show anyone interested how to tie one.

Fare Winds and Following Seas Kevin

Editor's Note:

If you haven't been getting these Fishing Reports from Kevin Smith while Kim was taking a breather, here are two samples to get your interest. Not to be missed by either sportsman, whenever they are available Like having your own private guide information:

Fishing Report
Bennett Spring State Park
Nov. 23th 2007



On the water...

About 10 am. Kim Schultz and Ken Marrow are both trying their luck with me today. It's a cold morning, not much above freezing with a breeze that cuts through bare skin. The sun is shining though and it should warm up pretty quick to the guess-ta-mated high of forty-three degrees. Things started out slow as I wanted to try a couple of new patterns, neither of which worked very well. It was still cold enough that the guides were freezing up but I saw a few fish midging so I changed to a #18 Harvest Midge and picked up two pretty quick. A third one snapped my line as soon as it hit. I decided to see if they would go for a G-bug and they did. I landed three or four more before they quit on me. I was now just above the outlet still throwing that G-bug standing in about knee high water. A movement caught my eye and I looked down to see a Muskrat, mouth full of grass swim right between my legs. Almost cleared the water before I realized what it was. He swam over to the roots of a cotton wood just behind me and lazily entered his den. I don't think he even saw me or maybe he was just taking the shortest route to get back to a warm den. Either way I wish they wouldn't do that.

Moving up stream I pick up a fish or two trying a few other patterns to see if I can improve the action. No particular one seems better than the other. I meet up with Ken, (it's about two o'clock) just before the bend in the river. He had been doing about the same as me but he had picked up a nice Brown along the way. We agree to go back to the car to have a bit to eat and see if we can spot Kim anywhere. Found the sandwiches, didn't find Kim and no one was fishing below the dam. So we decided to try it. I caught one dead drifting a brown woolly after changing flies five times before that. I moved up above the Dam, no takers on the brown woolly. But I could see a lot of active fish. I tied on a Brice Midge and caught eight in the next thirty minutes or so. When they quit, I did to. It was getting close to the whistle anyway. Shortly after Kim showed up having had a good day fishing Dries and Ken had picked up a few more from below the dam.

Brice's Midge was the pattern of the day for me. If you want to try it use a #16 Temco 2487 hook. Silver bead and med. wire with Dun thread. I've caught fish from Roaring River, Taneycomo and Bennett Spring with it. Brice the originator of the pattern is the General Manager of the Beaver Dam Store as well as a Guide on the Upper White River. To the best of my knowledge he only ties them in size 16.

Fair Winds and Following Seas Kevin Smith

Rod Building

Howard Hawkins has a shop on west Division and has offered space to MTFAs members for wrapping rods this winter. Earlier this year, Howard contacted the FFF to order blanks through a promotional program, but the request was late with many of the rod blanks were already spoken for and distributed to other clubs. We discussed other options and decided to go ahead with rod wrapping this winter with individuals buying blanks on their own to wrap. I plan to finish two rods that were started earlier the fall and will set up at Howard's shop to complete the project in January.

After talking with Charlie Reading, he mentioned a surplus of Batson Rain Shadow blank rods that he received recently. These are 5 wt, 6wt and 8 wt blanks in combination of 2 and 4 piece sections that come in 8.5 and 9 ft in lengths. He will sell the blanks two for one:

Example: Buy any wt, 2 piece blank for \$35 and get the second same wt blank, 2 piece rods free.

...or...

A 4 piece any wt blank for \$40 and get the second same wt blank, 4 piece rod free.

He will have components available; guides, tread, cork handles, reel seats, hook keeper and tip tops; all the items for your project. He will offer advice to get you started with these prices available until March 1st.

Howard will announce the dates and approximate times at the January meeting when we will be in the shop working on rods. These will be informal sessions enabling you to work at your own pace to finish a personalized rod. For more information contact Howard Hawkins 234-6806 or Kim Schultz 883-5234

From Our Guest of Last Month:
Beverly Sweeney
RRPA

Kim & the other fishermen/women,

I wanted to let you know how much we enjoyed meeting you all. You were very friendly and kind. Thank you for the very generous donation you gave to help us on our quest to save Missouri's parks.

Our treasurer has had hip replacement so I don't know if she has gotten a thank you card off to you, but be assured we do appreciate your time and donation.

Right now we are waiting to hear from the Administrative Hearing Commission on rather they will "stay" the operating permit or not after we sent out "Findings of Fact". We were suppose to have a hearing from January 7th to the 11th in Jefferson City asking the commission to appeal the whole construction of this CAFO (confined animal feeding operation), but our lawyer, John Price has ask for a delay so we can get a couple of experts to testify on our behalf. As it stands right now that date is up in the air, but I will keep you posted.

Thank you,

Beverly Sweeney
RRPA
(Roaring River Parks Alliance)

Per Kim Schultz: Beverly Sweeney wrote a letter to the Cassville Democrat recently. The URL to view this letter is; <http://www.cassville-democrat.com/articles/2007/12/20/commentary/letter1.txt>

Trout fishermen Join Alliance Effort (From the Cassville – Democrat Web Page)

Wednesday, December 19, 2007 12:13 PM CST

Dear Editor,

On Thursday evening, Dec. 6, it was a cold and windy night with rain coming down and turning to ice on the cars. In spite of the weather conditions, there was a pretty good turn out at the Springfield Nature Center, where the Roaring River Parks Alliance was invited to speak before the Missouri Trout Fishermen Association of Springfield. I would guess 25 to 30 men and women were there to hear our presentation.

Our environmental lawyer John Price started by telling them some background on what has been happening with the appeals, stays and hearings. He gave our group high praise on what we have accomplished before he was hired. He told about DNR circumventing the stay and allowing construction to continue.

You could hear "what" and "I can't believe that" in the background. He explained about the Administrative Hearing coming up in January and seemed rather positive that we would do well.

John Robinson, former director of the Missouri. Division of Tourism drove down from Columbia. He did a wonderful job telling what CAFOs were and how they are single-handedly destroying our land and how DNR wants to put them right next to our parks and historical sites. He told some fish stories, not real big ones. He was very informative and interesting to listen to, we sure appreciated him coming and helping.

Mark Stephenson started by showed them the map of Missouri showing all the CAFOs and what a concentration there is in and around Barry County and how the manure could be placed outside in the spring and be rained on. He showed a topographic map of the area showing where the CAFO is and where the park and river were in comparison.

Mark explained in detail what DNR has been doing and what we have done to try and correct the injustice. There were several questions from the audience. I don't remember them all but in general just not believing DNR could be siding with big business and letting the people of Missouri down with their actions.

Jim Riedel spoke on the Roaring River State Park recharge area and the reports that have come from DNR themselves on the pollution from the CAFOs above the stream. He told about the 60 million pounds of pork going to China but the manure is staying here for us to deal with.

I brought along quite a few articles on the way chickens were treated debeaking, cages, hormones, antibiotics, pictures of Ozbun's farm and what Trout Unlimited had to say about this practice of confining animals in this way.

In all everyone did an excellent job and the fishermen were beside themselves with disbelieve. Which was proven when I got home and found an e-mail saying: "Beverly, Thank your group for the outstanding program. You helped us to be more aware of certain peril to our state parks. We truly appreciated you all taking time, driving from your homes to meet with us. I will get with the treasurer and send a check for \$250 to your association that was approved by the club tonight. Thanks again . . ."

Sincerely,
Beverly Sweeney
Eagle Rock, Missouri

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