



MO Fishing

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March Meeting Program

The fly tying session is at 6 PM. For our 7 PM program, we welcome Charlie Reading. He will discuss fly fishing products and new gadgets, comparisons of rods, reels, lines, and answer questions. Charlie has a passion for the history of fishing. He has a vast collection of reels, rods and books. He has been in the fly shop business for thirty years and is an expert fly fisher and caster. He has a passion for exotic destinations for salt-water fly-fishing, and is familiar with Amazon River, Australian, and New Zealand trout waters. Charlie is a regular visitor with our club and is passionate about sharing his knowledge. It will be an evening to expand your fishing knowledge, and spend time with very talented and knowledgeable fisher.

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

March 6	Regular Meeting tying @ 6 PM Meeting@ 7:00 PM
March 13, 14, 15	Sowbug Roundup Mountain Home Ark. Sponsored by North Ark. Fly fishers
TBA	Bass Pro Classic
March 29	MTFA Pre-Derby meeting 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.

Message from MTFA President, Larry Wegmann:

I am certain most of us are anxious for the coming of spring and end of the ice storms. The streams have suffered from continual flooding and it will take time for new cover to wash into place. Nature is resilient and our wild trout populations have survived similar situations.

We have information about a trip to Saltery Lake, in Alaska this August. Saltery Lake Lodge has supplied brochures describing their camp. I will have them for distribution at the meeting. The trip is for August 10-16. This includes roundtrip from Kodiak AK to the lodge by bush plane. The cost is \$2,220.00, with 50% down by March 24th. The flight to Kodiak is an additional cost. The price includes; food, and lodging in a standard cabin, and a fishing guide. The fishing license costs \$20 per day or \$55 for the week. They suggest a 3-4 wt rod for trout. Their website also claims the scenery is at its best. www.salterylake.com Everyone should do a virtual trip by Google Earth to these coordinates, 57° 32' 05" N 152° 45' 56" W. The lodge is on the south side of Saltery Lake. Their "town" headquarters is at 1516 Larch St. Kodiak AK. You can look on their "town" house and see their airplane dock out the back door. The bottom line is that someone in our club could take advantage of this offer and if they wish, give MTFA a donation. Rod Pennington is checking into the deductibility of these donations. Another option is to auction or raffle this offer and open this to the general public to increase our treasury. Someone will have a great trip at a fantastic price

- A suggestion has been made that MTFA could produce a 2009 calendar for fund raising. These photos of flies could be a great source of material to highlight our memberships' talent. In addition we could use photos of trophy fish and scenic stream sides.
- Closer to home, we have a fly exposition coming to the March meeting. The entry form is included in this newsletter. You can submit a dry fly, nymph and streamer giving you three chances at winning the \$50 gift certificate from Backcountry Outfitters. This is a raffle and not a contest! We are putting this in again this month, for those who may have missed it in February. (See page 7 for form and details)
- Seven fly tiers were at Bass Pro on trout weekend. We were given one \$50 and three \$20 gift certificates for our effort. The group agreed that these gift certificates would be given as attendance prizes for our monthly meetings. Since we have a prize for March, these certificates will be given out at later meetings.
- SMFF is looking into bringing in Mark Sedotti for the mini-conclave event at Jolly Mill on June 6, 7, & 8. They want to know if MTFA would be interested in again sharing the cost of putting on this mini-conclave. Sedotti would charge \$850.00 for the programs.....we'd have to pick up incidental expenses plus his airfare which we think we can obtain for \$300-\$450 round trip. Additional cost includes port-a-potties, tent and food. This is lower than last year's expenses. SMFF and MTFA will probably be the only two clubs participating. Sharon Yoker, SMFF President, is asking for a 50:50 sharing in costs. Last year SMFF projected that three clubs would participate and only two did. They covered two-thirds of the cost and MTFA paid one-third.

MTFA Fly Tying Exposition & Raffle

Backcountry Outfitters has offered a \$50 gift certificate for a fly tier, picked at random, that enters the MFTA fly exposition. You enter this expo by submitting a fly you have personally tied in the categories of dry fly, nymph and/or streamer. If you submit a fly in each group, you have three chances to win. The flies may be displayed at Backcountry Outfitters (BO) at the appropriate time that you have indicated is the most effective season for its' use. The flies remain the property of MTFA, but are used by BO where space is available for the display. If you wish to enter, but not want your fly displayed, note this on the back of the entry form. You can copy the entry form or pick them up at BO. Place each entry in a separate small clear plastic bag. Complete the raffle portion of the entry and deposit both at Backcountry Outfitters or bring them to the next meeting. The deadline for entry is the March MTFA meeting, at 7PM.

MTFA Fly Tying Exposition 2008 Entry	
Name	_____
Name of fly	_____
Type of fly (circle one) dry nymph streamer	
Location, season and conditions that have the best results with this fly.	

<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40%; margin: 0 auto; padding: 10px;">Attach fly here</div>	

You must be a member of MTFA to participate in this drawing. You are limited to one entry in each category, three total entries. Print or copy this form for additional entries. This fly may be displayed at Backcountry Outfitters. If it your preference not to have your fly displayed, indicate this with a large X on the back of the top form.

Cut both forms from this page. Complete the information and attach your fly within the labeled box of the top form. Place each form in a separate small sealed plastic bag. Complete the Entry Form. Both forms may be left at Backcountry Outfitters or brought to the March MTFA meeting by 7PM. The winner of the Fly Exposition will be drawn at the March meeting.

Newsletter Notes from Kim Schultz

Here is the new website URL for the Roaring River Parks Alliance

<http://www.freewebs.com/roaringriverparksalliance/>

Note on the Roaring River Parks Alliance Fund Raiser

There was a request for flies from members if the MTFA and dozens were given to Joe Simecek at the Sweet Heart Banquet. These flies were placed in twelve boxes with a MTFA logo and given to the Roaring River State Park Alliance.

The fly boxes were raffled off to visitors at the information booth during opening weekend at Roaring River. It was a small part of the support of the concerned citizens of the Roaring River State Park Alliance, to get the word out.

A big thanks to members (I was not given the names of all who donated), for these flies. They were given for a good cause.

**Try this link for a Fly tying video on the web:
Passed on from David Cook, KC MTFA**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xkUQshzp-3I>

Spring is on the way.

Try www.stateparks.com and plan a trip with all of the information you'll find there.

Another Joke From Shell Knob "The Rattler"

A man was stopped by a game-warden in Northern Algonquin Park recently with two buckets of fish leaving a lake well known for its fishing. The game warden asked the man, "Do you have a license to catch those fish?" The man replied to the game warden, "No, sir. These are my pet fish." "Pet fish?!" the warden replied. "Yes, sir. Every night I take these here fish down to the lake and let them swim around for a while. I whistle and they jump back into their buckets, and I take them home." "That's a bunch of hooey! Fish can't do that!" The man looked at the game warden for a moment and then said, "Here, I'll show you. It really works." "O.K. I've GOT to see this!" The game warden was curious. The man poured the fish in to the river and stood and waited. After several minutes, the game warden turned to the man and said, "Well?" "Well, what?" the man responded. "When are you going to call them back?" the game warden prompted. "Call who back?" the man asked. "THE FISH." "What fish?" the man asked.

JEFFERSON CITY, MO

FEB. 14, 2008 -- At 6:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 1, the long-awaited sound of the siren will resound, and trout season will officially begin at Roaring River State Park near Cassville, Bennett Spring State Park near Lebanon and Montauk State Park near Salem. Officials in the three state parks are preparing their parks for the arrival of eager fishermen. Trout catch-and-keep fishing season runs each year through Oct. 31.

With opening day falling on a Saturday this year, Missouri Department of Natural Resources officials expect good crowds for trout opening. It is anticipated that approximately 8,400 trout tags will be sold at the three state parks. Trout tags can be purchased at the state park concession stores.

Although trout fishing will be the main activity at the three state parks on opening day, the parks also offer other opportunities, including hiking and learning about the parks through exhibits in the interpretive and nature centers. All three parks feature campgrounds, as well as dining and lodging facilities.

At Montauk State Park, a dedication ceremony of a newly planted tree sapling will be held at 10:30 a.m. This new sapling will replace the great white oak tree adjacent to the Current River, which was removed this winter due to declining health. Representatives from the Department of Natural Resources and Missouri Department of Conservation will join park visitors for this historic event.

Visitors for opening day can also expect to see improvements at all three of the state parks. At Bennett Spring State Park, the renovated Campground #1 will be fully open for use. As the season progresses, work will continue on the campground, including sowing grass seed, planting bushes and trees and paving the new roadways. All 48 campsites in Campground #1 feature concrete parking and table pads, tables made of recycled materials and 50-amp electrical service.

At Roaring River State Park, fishing tags will be available at the CCC Lodge, which will open at 9 a.m. on Feb. 29 and will be open all night. The Emory Melton Inn and Conference Center will open at noon on Friday and will offer a breakfast buffet beginning at 7 a.m. Saturday. The Cassville Chamber of Commerce will hand out free coffee near the CCC Lodge beginning at 5:30 a.m. Bill Ash, a retired Roaring River State Park assistant superintendent, will receive the first trout tag. The first three kids tags at the park will go to the winners of an art contest open to several area schools.

At Montauk State Park, repairs were completed on some rental cabins and motel rooms. A stream habitat project that involved the installation of root wads into the stream was completed to enhance fishing opportunities. Gravel and sand were removed from select locations in the Current River to improve depth of fishing holes.

Visitors to Roaring River State Park may not notice some of the park improvements because they were done at Camp Smokey, the park's organized group camp. Smoke detectors and emergency lighting were installed, and roofing was replaced on some of the buildings. What visitors may notice is the new carpet in the great room and in the upstairs lodging rooms in the Emory Melton Inn and Conference Center, the new roof and porch beams on the nature center and new porch beams on the CCC Lodge. The Department of Conservation and the park also partnered to replace six old wooden baffles in zone #1 of the stream with new stone ones.

Trout season in Missouri is a cooperative effort of the Department of Natural Resources, which manages state parks, and the Department of Conservation, which operates the hatcheries and stocks the streams with trout.

For more information on state parks and historic sites, contact the Department of Natural Resources toll free at 1-800-334-6946 (voice) or 1-800-379-2419 (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf), or visit the Web site at www.mostateparks.com

For news releases on the Web, visit www.dnr.mo.gov/newsrel.

For a complete listing of upcoming meetings and events in the state park system, visit the online calendar at www.dnr.mo.gov/calendar/parkssearch.do

A Few More Notes for Our Members:

Kevin Smith has MTFAs stickers and Patches those members can purchase. Our Cost stickers - \$2.50 and Patches \$4.00

Do your heart and mind some good: Have a lovely piece of grilled salmon for dinner one night this week. Serve it with a salad of Romaine lettuce and some grated carrot and some sliced avocado. For dressing, just use a sprinkle of Olive Oil and fresh lemon juice. Add some chopped walnuts and a few dried cranberries on it.

Here is a meal loaded with Omega 3 fatty acids to help your heart and brain. It's also delicious.

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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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