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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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The November MTFA meeting program will be Thursday, November 6, 2008 at the Nature Center

Michael Kyle has agreed to do the program for November. He will talk and show slides of his June Alaska salmon fishing trip.

Al Smith, the Director of Serve Outdoors Inc. of Everton, MO, will be attending our meeting. His organization has requested a donation to help them bring the outdoors to handicapped individuals. He will have details on their activities

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

November 6 Regular Meeting @ 6 PM - Springfield Nature Center

Big News from the MTFA President

Early this summer, a suggestion was given to me that the club should submit a nomination for "Club of the Year". The compiled list of activities of our club's involvement is very impressive. The Conclave nominations chairman was very helpful in allowing us to keep adding more activities, after I submitted the first nomination.

When I received my registration for the Conclave there was a note attached to the form. I did not purchase an award banquet ticket and was advised that I should be in attendance. No additional information was given. I only told a very few about this because I didn't want to raise my hopes or theirs, or jinx the possibility. This time the reality check was an elevating experience. We have recognition as **the best of nearly 40 clubs associated with the Southern Conclave**. We are no longer a "secret" and we are the example of what a fly fishing club can do for a community.

The award is a laser engraved wooden fly box. Ralph has an excellent suggestion that everyone that has participated in any of the activities should have one of their flies placed in the box. I think this should cover members that contributed to the club and have passed on. I know many of you have flies tied by members that are deceased that were active in the club presentations. Please include their fly in this collection. A list of all the contributors will be placed in the front cover of the box. I have not asked Michael if we could display this at Backcountry; but I am sure he can find an appropriate place of honor. His smile was bigger than mine last night! Kelly Galloup wrote a congratulatory note on the back of the box.

We can start collecting these flies at the next meeting

The program for the November meeting was to be a fly tying demonstration by Junior Crow. Anyone that sees Junior tie knows they are watching an exceptionally talented person of equally exceptional humility. Junior was recently notified me that he is seriously ill with a respiratory problem and has an appointment with a specialist the day of our meeting.

Congratulations to all of you who have contributed to our hallmark fly fishing club.

Important Information – Action Needed to Protect Our Waters

On Mon, 10/13/08, Beverly Johnson Sweeney <tracker@mo-net.com> wrote:

This article is from Bill Miller

Your Streams - EPA vs DNR

Be you a farmer, rancher, canoeist, fisherman or swimmer this will concern you. The Missouri DNR is mandated to be the watchdog of our aquatic environment. Our streams do not magically stop at the state border, they do affect Kansas and Oklahoma. Our neighbors deserve the very best quality of water we can allow to leave our state and with clean water flowing to our neighbors.

The DNR is wanting to de-list many streams, that is, remove some streams and not list many streams that contain heavy metals, harmful nutrients, bacteria and chemicals that will harm the aquatic life or people using these streams. The EPA has shown a leadership role in their protection by adding streams to the proposed DNR list that will not be allowed to be placed in the "safe to use" category. I urge all of you to go to the EPA web site for the full story, www.EPA.gov/region07/news_events/legal/index.htm and investigate the importance of the EPA's work towards environmental protection.

Our local health departments have worked tirelessly to protect these streams and these departments need our full support. I would like to challenge college students, college faculty, county commissioners, civic leaders and citizens to fully support the EPA and to hold the DNR fully accountable for our stream health. A simple letter showing support is needed and the above web site has all the details for writing to the EPA.

Quality water, important and necessary NOW and in the FUTURE, will soon be in short supply. Your life, your children's life and our nations future depend on your support for our streams. The deadline is November 24th; write to the EPA today.

Charles Gregory has **two flyboats for sale at \$265.00 each or \$400.00 for the pair**, they are **8ft Waterskeeters** from Bass Pro .
Contact Charles at 417-833-3169 or at the next meeting.

From: **FFF ClubWire**

October 2008 issue of the ClubWire e-mail news service for clubs.

Barbara Wuebber - ClubWire Editor

FFF and Fly Fishing Industry Mourns the Passing of Mel Krieger

Mel Krieger passed away on Oct 7, 2008. He has been one of the largest supporters of the Federation of Fly Fishers. He was a vital part in the development of the FFF's CICP - Certified Casting Instructor Program that began back in 1992. The program is now worldwide. He won the FFF's highest honor of the Lapis Lazuli Award in 2006. He will be missed by all.....

A few words from the CBOG Chair – Bruce Richards:

Mel was the brains and brawn of the CICP program in the early years, and remained our conscience and "godfather" in more recent years. We all learned a lot from Mel over the years, and not just about casting, but about how to live and love and view life as a thing to be treasured.

Mel was an important mentor of mine, and there was no one I enjoyed arguing with more, and we had plenty of opportunities. What I will never forget about Mel is that, after each heated debate, he would find me in private, apologize for being so hard on me, and reconfirm his respect for me. Mel was a master at being able to have deep disagreements with friends, and not allowing it to affect the friendship.

I will deeply miss Mel, as I know you will. He was a one of a kind guy, there is no replacing him. I am very proud to know that I was a close personal friend of Mel's, I always felt very privileged to be his friend.

To read more tributes to Mel: [ByDennisGrant.doc](#) & [ByRogerMaler.doc](#)

The "Celebration of Life Party" is scheduled for Sunday, November 2nd. From 3:00pm to 6:00pm at the Golden Gate Casting Club in San Francisco, CA.

MTFA Editor's Note

To read archival issues of the FFF ClubWire

<http://www.fedflyfishers.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4362>

Christmas Party Need to Know

This month we need a firm head count and payment of \$10 each from those attending the **Christmas Party, December 4th at the Nature Center**. **Please understand that if you do not pay by mail or give me your money and reservation by December 1st, you cannot have dinner**, however, you can come to the entertainment portion of the night and gift exchange raffle. **You can make payment at the November meeting, or, mail your check to:**

Larry Wegmann
5619 S. Roanoke Ave.
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Our Christmas party will be a catered event, with a choice of ham or turkey, and all the fixin's, and includes dessert. The caterer is "The Cedars". Their food is excellent, guaranteed to be MSG free. If you are on a diet, this is the day the Lord gives you permission to temporarily stray from your objective by being extra good the next week. There will be entertainment after dinner.

Dinner starts serving at 6 PM. Bring a wrapped gift and note attached if the intended recipient is guy or gal. We will have a raffle drawing for the gifts. You must bring a gift to take home a gift. This is a great start to the Holiday season and we hope you'll be there.

Larry Wegmann

Information About Missouri's Diverse Trout Fishing Opportunities Is Found :

in "Missouri Trout Fishing," which is available from MDC, Missouri Trout Fishing, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0180, or by e-mailing pubstaff@mdc.mo.gov<<mailto:pubstaff@mdc.mo.gov>>.

Further information is available by calling:

- Bennett Spring Fish Hatchery, near Lebanon, 417-532-4418.
- Maramec Spring Fish Hatchery, near St. James, 573-265-7801.
- Montauk Fish Hatchery, near Salem, 573-548-2585.
- Roaring River Fish Hatchery, near Cassville, 417-847-2430.

-Jim Low-

RSS News Feed: mdc.mo.gov/news/out/news.xml

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Editor's Note

We had no room for the entire article on Winter fishing this month, but all the information sources are listed above.

Stay warm , and Happy Fishing

MTFA Library News

Well here it is November already. I must have been having fun, because it sure went by fast. Sunday October the 11th I was floating the Current River and the temperatures were warm enough to wet wade. It was a great float, but they say all good things come to end and I fear that mild temperatures will be no exception to that rule. But that certainly doesn't mean that we have to go dormant for the season and I'm pretty sure that warmer weather is in our future, it's just a matter of time.

The Library has some great DVD's that will help those long winter days past, learning to tie a new pattern or just brushing up on your technique.

VHS Tapes with a greater range of information than Mel Krieger with a double haul cast. Books to help you build the rod, learn to cast it, ty the fly, ty the knot, catch the fish and how to identify your catch and if that's not enough you can even learn how to noodle.

The MTFA Library Locker

Check out the complete Library list at: <http://mtfa-springfield.org/>

Go to the Library page

Click on the PDF or Word document or get a list from me using the address below.

Order your selection at: MTFALibrary@suddenlink.net that's my address or call me at 417-440-0577.

I'll deliver your selection or you can pick it up at the next scheduled meeting.

Fare Winds and Following Seas
Kevin Smith

Editor's Note:

Kevin has a new website, here is what he says about it:

Fly Waters Edge <http://flywatersedge.spaces.live.com>

It will have:

Fishing Reports (only a few so far)

Pattern Recipes (only a few so far)

Pictures (you may even see one of yourself_

MTFA Christmas Packages

What now seems like a very long time ago, I once spent six years with the United States Coast Guard. I've quite often said that the two best decisions I ever made during those years relating to service, was to get in and to get out of the Coast Guard. If you desire to know the details of that comment you'll have to ask me sometime.

I never had a long deployment, although I had several deployments that seemed very long. Missing Holidays and Birthday phone calls were the norm not the exception. Jenna my oldest daughter was two before I had even spent a total of one year with her. Recalling those days doesn't seem so bad now but they sure did seem that way, sometimes then.

None of that compares to any of our Troops currently deployed in Afghanistan or Iraq. About the time most of us will be going to sleep, Bradley Young will be waking up to another day in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Another day closer to completing a fifteen month tour which has him half a world away from his wife and family living in the Bennett Spring Area.

Many of our MTFA members are veterans of WWII, Vietnam and/or Korea. Anyone of them have a far, far better understanding than I ever will, regarding just how slowly time can pass. I have come to realize, however, that no matter what branch of service you may have served in, nothing is more disappointing or disheartening than a mail call were you get no mail. Ask any veteran and I'll bet they say the same.

At the November meeting, I'll be making a motion for the MTFA- Springfield chapter to cover the cost of shipping for a minimum of two boxes. We can vote on the recipients. I bet some of you know a few service members, maybe some are even family members or one can go to Bradley Young's unit in Afghanistan and the other to the Baghdad school of fly fishing in Iraq. I would prefer that they go out to family members of the club.

I would actually prefer we had no need to send them at all. If we're up to it we could even send additional boxes.

Each box will cost \$10.95 in postage with no weight limit. The boxes only measure 12x12 and are 5.5 inches deep. The boxes and all shipping materials are provided through a post office program. You can order your own kits by calling 1-800-610-8734 and requesting a Mil pack. Cards, letters, Coffee, Powdered drink mixes, Magazines etc... what ever fits in the box are just some of the items we can send. Member contributions will be accepted up until the December meeting. Larry Wegmann, Kim Schultz and Rod Pennington have all agreed to help collect the items. So let's fill a couple of boxes!

Fair Winds and Following Seas
Kevin Smith