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The MTFA August meeting will feature a program on Crane Creek.

The program is scheduled for Thursday August 6th at 7:00 PM at the Springfield Nature Center, as usual. Fly tying at 6:00pm and regular MTFA meeting business will be conducted after the program.

Our presenter will be Shane Bush. Shane is a Fisheries Management Biologist with the Missouri Department of Conservation. The program will include a power point presentation and a brief history of Crane Creek's Trout population. Shane's management responsibilities also include Taneycomo.

Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter Activities for August

August 6	Regular Meeting at 6 PM Springfield Nature Center
August 8	Watermelon Feast @ Memorial Park (6PM - 8PM)
August 21	Insect-O-Rama Springfield Conservation Nature Center

From Larry Wegmann, President MTFA

Kevin Smith has agreed to lead the August meeting. My wife and I will be wandering around Ireland that week. I plan on getting into a fly shop or two and get some ideas on their preferred flies. Maybe I can find someone to fish with for their native browns. The websites I have browsed through warn not to expect large trout. Their average size is 8 to 12 inches.

The watermelon feast is scheduled for the Saturday following the meeting. Information will be given at the meeting.

Our July meeting had both highs and lows. The scheduled speaker was Terry Tanner. We learned that his wife has been diagnosed with ALS. I sent Terry a letter expressing our concern for him and his family. The up side to the evening was Michael Kyle's presentation on fishing for trophy browns using large turbulence producing flies. I also learned that Michael's mother did not name him Mike. How did she distinguish Michael from being a "Mike" the good boy and "Michael,!" the boy looking for trouble. She probably named him after the Archangel Michael, hoping he would have an altar ego and not alter egos! Thanks Michael for a great program.

Big flies for brown's are making the rounds. Many years ago I started subscribing to the Orvis News. This month's issue features a size 2 Polk's Dirty Rat. It is easy to make if you are interested, a rawhide tail, maribou body and a foam sheet head with rattle eyes. If interested, go to www.orvis.com and enter Polk's Dirty Rat in the search box to find a picture. The newsletter also recommends it for river and stream bass. By the time you read this, the articles should be posted on their website.

Reserve August 21st for the Insect-O-Rama, starting at 6:30-9 PM. We can begin to set up our tying stations at 6PM. Enter through the employee's entrance just to the right of the main entrance. Bring some safety pins and tie ants and spiders on the pin and we can pin them on the kid's shirts. Thanks to Ralph Eichholz for the idea.

Two adjoining cabins have been reserved for our club trip to the beginning of Catch and Release Season at Montauk. Each cabin sleeps 4. The dates are Friday, Nov 11 and leaving Sunday, the 13th. We could cook for ourselves, or the lodge has dining available. The total cost \$292 + tax for the two cabins. Be thinking about this and check out your calendar. If we have more that 8 wanting to go, more cabins are available. Discuss this in the August meeting and determine if we need to reserve more cabins.

From the Editor:

Summer is here and the season of the glorious peach is upon us. Here are two very nice recipes that I found on Peach Recipes.com. I can't wait to try them.

Enjoy the bounty of summer and try new things.

In case you're tired of fish.

Peach Chicken	
Ingredients: 3 lbs of chicken, cut up. 1 cup of whole wheat flour. 1 cup of white wine. ½ cup of butter. ½ cup of water. 8 cups of sliced peaches. 1 cup of chopped walnuts.	Instructions: Roll the chicken in the flour, then place in a baking dish. Melt together the white wine, butter, and water; then pour over the chicken. Bake at 350°F (180°C) for 30 minutes. Add the sliced peaches and chopped walnuts. Bake for another 30 minutes or until done.

What's for dessert?

Peach and Walnut Spice Cake	
Ingredients: ½ cup of butter. ½ cup of sugar. ½ cup of brown sugar, packed. 4 medium eggs. 1/3 cup of molasses. 2 peaches, fresh. 2 ½ cup of flour. ½ teaspoon of salt. ¾ teaspoon of baking Soda. 2 teaspoons of cinnamon. ½ teaspoon of nutmeg. ½ cup of walnuts, chopped Whip Cream (Optional)	Instructions: Beat together the butter, sugars and eggs. Add the molasses and beat thoroughly. Peel and chop the peaches; then stir into the mixture. Combine the remaining ingredients (except whipped cream) and stir into the creamed mixture until smooth. Pour into a greased and floured 9-inch square pan. Bake at 350°F (175°C) for about 45 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into its center comes out dry. Cut in squares and serve with Whip Cream

Stay cool and enjoy the summer,
As ever,
Eve (Editor MTFa Newsletter)

MDC's Low receives OWAA Jade of Chiefs top conservation award

Friday, July 10, 2009



(Missouri Department of Conservation photo)

Taken from the MDC.Online News Site.
Way to go, Jim. We are proud to know you.

JEFFERSON CITY, MO -- Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) News Services Coordinator Jim Low recently received the top conservation award from the Outdoor Writers Association of America (OWAA), The Voice of the Outdoors, during its annual conference in Grand Rapids, Mich.

According to the OWAA, the Jade of Chiefs Award represents an affirmation of OWAA adherence to and support of the principles of conservation. The OWAA has honored 44 conservation communicators since the award's inception in 1958.

"I am thrilled that my peers considered me worthy of such a high honor," said Low, who served as OWAA president in 2006-07 and holds degrees in journalism and wildlife management from the University of Missouri-Columbia. "I will spend the rest of my career trying to live up to it."

Low, who has worked for the MDC for 18 years, said he also is grateful for the opportunity to work for an agency whose tradition of excellence in communications made his career possible. "The Conservation Department has always encouraged all its employees – from full-time writers to conservation agents and other field staff – to preach the conservation gospel."

In addition to Low, four former MDC employees are among the "Circle of Chiefs," as recipients of the Jade of Chiefs award are collectively known: Werner Nagel, Dan Saults, Jim Keefe and Joel Vance.

In 1981, the MDC became the first and only government agency to receive another OWAA top conservation honor: The Mountain of Jade Award. The honor recognizes groups or individuals for outstanding conservation efforts. The MDC received the award for "its distinguished efforts to preserve, perpetuate, or improve the quality of America's great outdoors" through its Design for Conservation program.

Since its inception in 1927, OWAA has become the largest and oldest association of professional outdoor communicators in the United States. OWAA's mission is to improve the professional skills of its members, set the highest ethical and communications standards, encourage public enjoyment and conservation of natural resources and mentor the next generation of professional outdoor communicators. For more information, visit owaa.org.

The people of Missouri created the Department of Conservation in 1936. Its mission is to protect and manage the fish, forest and wildlife resources of the state; to serve the public and facilitate their participation in resource management activities; and to provide opportunity for citizens to use, enjoy and learn about fish, forest and wildlife resources. For more information, visit MissouriConservation.org.

-Joe Jerek-

Activities With The MDC And Upcoming Events

Kevin Smith, Rod Pennington and I provided instruction for several MDC programs this summer. First, we returned to Windermere Resort near Roach Missouri on the Lake of the Ozarks as staff instructors for the Discover Nature Women Summer Workshop. This was our second year with this program, which was designed to introduce women to outdoor activities. There were 82 participants at this year's event. We provide a fly tying class which included a discussion on macro-invertebrate in our streams, a brief history of fly fishing and we had them rotate through the three tying stations tying flies that represented a dry fly, a streamer and beetle.

Kevin Lohraff is the Outdoor Skills Education Coordinator from the Missouri Department of Conservation. This was his first year heading the program and he provided the enthusiasm and leadership to enhance this program into the future. We had enough downtime to fish in the evening with a few white bass caught near the lights on the lakeshore.

July 18th, Kevin and I drove to Joplin to attend the annual Shoal Creek Water Festival at the Wildcat Glade Conservation and Audubon Center. We were asked to focus on youth education and the "wonders of water". Kevin and I set up a booth and tied flies for the youth with a few of the on lookers given the opportunity to sit behind the vise creating their own flies. We were busy most of the day with several of the participants returning for additional lessons and flies. A few individuals asked about casting and we had space behind the booth to help a few with an introduction to the fly rod.

August 8 Watermelon Feast @ Memorial Park (6PM - 8PM)

The club outing for August will be the watermelon feast at Memorial Park. Gerald, Joe, and Norm will make sure there will be enough mouth watering melon for all. You will need to be the fellowship and laughter. Hope to see you there with the first slice being cut at 6 PM.

August 21 Insect-O-Rama Springfield Conservation Nature Center

The next MDC activity, the insect-O-Rama will be at the Springfield Nature Center starting at 6:30 PM. This is a MDC sponsor events for the family to learn more about the insects we encounter everyday. More details will be at the August meeting.

Shakespeare... on Fly Fishing?

To fish or not to fish... is that even a question? I was thinking with a key board at hand and wondered what if Shakespeare fished with fly attached? You be the judge.

Tis' lights first kiss upon the plains of water outstretched before my wondering eyes

A Heron does break the perfect still silence.

Does it's cry fall upon my ears only...? I wonder as the night fog, still thick that it would conceal my brothers of rod and method, even those but two rods way would still be but faint shadow to thy eye.

My attention now does fall to thy box of fly

Who amidst ye will be more app this day to connect thy line with prey?

The Nymph... the Dry... a Streamer may

Stay my hand from the bitter egg, for no glory will be sought with tis' hook this day!

Does not the San Juan worm speak the promise of catch

My hand has already unlock it from thy foam prison

Tying to tippet t'was but a simple task!

Of depth I now consider,

will not six hands below thy indicator bring thy line tight with promise

Nay, not do I want for weighted shot as thy fly is rot with tungsten bead

for thy vise will not fear ever the hook with weighted sphere or underbodies of heavy wire
as thy line does fear the weighted shot.

Just in thy belief that not one fowl has fallen by my hands use of the dreaded lead shot.

Now tis' the moment for a fishers arm to be true

But for one fare cast do I seek with true delivery upon thy eye's intended target

Let leader and tippet unfold before thy six weight, weight forward line and fall to surface as thy intend.

Stay the closing loop for tis' it's onslaught that will crush thy hope of success

I beg neh not the closing loop and as repast freely offer all thy days catch return to the water depth

Only will thy keep high resolution digital photos which will be thy evident of this days event.

Now tis' the reels release of line that does break the still silence

As thy line casting back in perfect execution and forward over the clear surface

True does it fly forward then back again with each false cast adding distance from tip of rod to fly.

Sudden is thy arm stayed in mid throw

Thy line grown tight but tis' not with promise on thy tippets end.

Neh tis' the tree behind me that has stayed my cast

Thine head shakes back then forth in disbelieve

as a Heron does break the perfect still silence again

but alas on my ears it does fall as a laugh!

Fair winds and following seas!

Kevin Smith



David Kraft Senderling, born August 13, 1944 in Dallas, Texas, died on Monday, July 6, 2009, due to complications from pancreatic cancer. Mr. Senderling worked for more than three decades as a designer/draftsman, first for Monsanto and later for Solutia, both in St. Louis, where he helped pioneer the use of computer-aided design in drawing plans for chemical plants. *(1)

David Senderling fishing on the Little Sac River

Dave was an avid fisherman and a member of the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association for more than 50 years, including multiple terms as MTFA state president, St. Louis Chapter President and a long-time organizer of the St. Louis derby raffles. He was a member of the Springfield MTFA Chapter for many years. He spent countless hours at Montauk and Bennett Spring state parks, Table Rock Lake, and Lake Taneycomo, all in Missouri, and took guided fishing trips in Michigan, Montana, and California. Mr. Senderling passed on his love of fishing by tying flies and building exquisite and cherished fly rods for family and friends. (1)

Dave leaves behind a daughter, Catherine Senderling-McDonald (Aaron) of Sacramento, Calif.; a sister, Ellen Steen (Mitch) of Edwardsville, Ill.; and a brother, Peter Senderling (Pat) of Arnold, Mo. He also leaves friends too numerous to list, and a caring team of doctors, nurses, and other professionals who helped him in this fight. David was preceded in death by his parents, Edward Esley & Eleanor Helen (Kraft) Senderling. (1)

I had the opportunity to fish with Dave. He introduced me to Montauk State Park and we fished there several times over the years. He told of his fishing there as a young man and through the years. Dave describes the many changes that occurred at the park over the years with floods and park improvements. Dave came to Springfield in the spring several times to fish for white bass. He enjoyed the walks and his laughter could be heard up and down the streams. He was not impressed with the turbidity of the Little Sac and had concerns wading without seeing the bottom, but he did catch several species of fish and had a great time.

A memorial was held Sun. July 12, 2009 at Winghaven. Donations may be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, the Metro East Humane Society, or the Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation.

We will miss Dave at the MTFA functions and on the water... Kim

Information (1) obtained from <http://www.wojstrom.com/>

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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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