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# MO Fishing

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Our June program will be Kyle Kosovich, a longboat builder and guide on several of our Ozark Rivers. Kyle is a resident of the Ozarks growing up on near Dora, Missouri. He grew up fishing the Bryant Creek for warm water fish species and the North Fork of the White River for cold water fish species. Kyle started his own outfitting business called Longboat Outfitters which offers several options for fishing our local streams. Dorothy Prugger read his article by Phil Lilley in the Springfield News Leader and suggested Kyle for a program.



**Kyle Kosovich  
Long Boat Outfitters**

Kyle has provided several podcast and a websites that gives some historical perspective to his new business. Kyle was gracious to do a program for our club. He will discuss the history of the Longboats in the Ozarks, his quest to build a longboat and how he starting his own business after finishing his degree at MSU. If you wish to read more check out his website:

<http://www.longboatoutfitters.com/>

**Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter  
Activities for June 2010**

June 3	Regular Meeting @ 6 PM Springfield Nature Center
June 5, 6	Free Fishing Weekend
June 4, 5, 6	MDC Discover Nature Women
June 18, 19, 20	The 35th annual Hillbilly Days - Bennett Springs

**Committee Report to the Members**

The committee for reviewing the proposed changes to align our club with the Federation of Fly fishers (FFF) met for the second time May 23rd. It was decided to let the club direct the committee's decision by conducting a straw vote. This vote will be used to steer the committee towards the club's intensions and will. This straw vote will not make changes to our present By-laws or change our current status with the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association or establish our club as a Charter FFF club. The straw vote will only provide us with the number of individuals in the club wanting to establish a FFF Charter club. If there is a majority voting in favor to support the formation of a FFF Charter Club, we will outline a plan to implement the necessary changes to become a FFF Charter club. Any changes in the current MTFA Springfield Chapter By-laws require a vote with a two-thirds approval of the membership with a thirty-day notice given to the members.

If you have read other articles about the FFF, you already know some of the advantages. The MTFA was assessed an annual fee as a FFF affiliated club. A FFF Charter club does not pay an annual fee to the FFF. The individuals forming the club pay an annual \$35 membership fee to the FFF. The fourteen FFF members presently in the MTFA club would form the FFF Charter Club. If there are members who do not wish to join the FFF, they could join the club as affiliated members. An affiliated member would participate as in the past, but would not be allowed to vote on issues and not be eligible to become an officer in the Charter FFF club.

The information gather from the straw vote will be for the president and the committee to review and help us to find the path and future of the MTFA.

**Example below:**

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**Name:**

**Are you in favor of the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association Springfield Chapter (MTFA) becoming a Charter Club under the By-laws of the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF)?**

**Check one:**

**Yes** \_\_\_

**No** \_\_\_

**Undecided** \_\_\_

**Comments:**

This article was taken from Gulf Coast Council web site

([http://www.gulfcoastfff.org/uploads/Newsletters/GCC\\_Leader\\_Lines\\_0905.pdf](http://www.gulfcoastfff.org/uploads/Newsletters/GCC_Leader_Lines_0905.pdf))

## **The Leader's Lines: News from the President of the GCC-FFF May 2009**

### **What Does the FFF Do For Us?**

Clubs continually ask me, "What do we get for our FFF dues?" Well, first you get the peace of mind that an international organization is promoting your sport, teaching it to others, and working to protect fisheries, the environment, and your right to water access. That should be enough.

However, your club can benefit directly... the FFF is currently offering fly rod outfit sets for teaching youth and others for FREE (\$1000 value) and has a fly tying tools deal with Griffin (\$500 savings). Also, each year there are special deals with fly lines, hooks, materials, books, videos, and other items for educational use, some of which can be procured for only shipping costs. For charter clubs, there's also an insurance program in the works that could save some clubs as much as \$1000 per year on insurance.

### **Affiliate or Charter?**

When the insurance proposal leaked out, one club contacted me about details on being a Charter club. FYI, a charter club is one in which all-FULL members are FFF members. This is a misunderstood point that was clarified by the Federation's counsel, Jim Schramm. Many clubs rejected being a Charter club because they had members - particularly college students, military, and limited income adults - for whom the \$35 dues, plus club dues, would be burdensome. If these members were willing to be "affiliated club members" - that is they cannot vote on club business or club elections - then a club can keep these non-FFF members and still be a Charter club. In addition, a club needs to determine the benefit of going Charter. Annual FFF Affiliate dues are \$100 plus \$2 per non-FFF member not to exceed \$500. A club with 25 members, of whom 10 are FFF, pays \$130. They pay no dues if they are Charter. Some clubs charge their members \$35 a year, all of which goes to FFF dues. For club expenses, they hold a fundraising activity. This allows even those on limited income to enjoy being a full FFF member.

Glen 'Catch' Cormier

The idea is to educate the members and get an understanding what the majority of members in the Springfield club want for the future.

Thank you,  
Kim Schultz

### **An invitation to the MTFA from the MDC**

From: Linda Chorce

Subject: Insect-O-Rama - Save the Date

To: "Larry L Wegmann"

Hi, Larry,

I wanted to invite the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association to participate again this year in our annual Insect-O-Rama event at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center on Friday, August 20, from 6:30-9pm. The MTFA has been present at this event since it began about 15 years ago and is always a popular booth. While some of the exhibitors appeal to a particular age group, your booth seems to be equally attractive to all ages. Please discuss with the group and let me know if you all will be interested in exhibiting during this year's event. I will send additional details later.

Also, we are more than happy (and able) to pay for supplies for this event or for any demonstration your group does at the nature center. If someone can bill us, we'll gladly pay. If that's difficult to do, then maybe we can purchase some items for the group if you provide a list of what is needed and let us know some sources of where to purchase the items.

Regards,  
Linda



## FISH FRY/AUCTION

When: June 26, 2010

Where: Living Memorial Park (north side of pavilion)

Time: 5:30 pm

The club will furnish the fish and potatoes and tableware. If you are coming, please bring one of the following: salad, vegetable dish, fruit dish or dessert. Since we are adding an auction and we might have more people, please bring a dish according to your size group so we have enough for all. I will have a couple of activities for the kids plus there is a small playground nearby. This is a time to socialize, eat good food and just relax and get to know others in the club. Bring a lawn chair and plan to spend the evening. Remember the auction, we have many good items to auction off and the money collected will go in our education fund. This was requested by Ed's family. You can call me at 890-7243 or let Charles or I know at the May meeting. I will be setting the area up for the meal and Charles will be putting the auction together so we do need some help.

Connie Erickson (Social committee)

### \*\*\*\*\*AUCTION\*\*\*\*\* ITEMS

1000's of hooks (Treble, #1, #2, 1/0, 2/0,3/0,4/0, keel-fly, spinner bait, kink-fly, spinner bait, kink shank)

16-packages of flies (over 300 in each pack)

12 boxes of misc. fly fishing and fishing materials

Many fly boxes (all sizes)

14-fly boxes full of flies

Rod stand

Fly tying table with grizzly vice

Red winder

Dubbing machine

Minnow Bucket

Fish basket

4 knives

Renzetti vice

Carousel thread holder

4 boxes of dubbing

Many packages of Misc. swivels

New Orbex fly box

Marlin classic fly reel with Fenwick DT4F line

Fly tying vice with tools

5 casting rods

Red ball large stocking waders

Polaris magnifying lamp

Antique vice

Crappie pole

5- fly rods

Coffee mill

Net

Spinning rod

Wing cutter

Thompson Bobbin Needle

Fly tiers wastebasket

New Marado Basis-F fly reel

A treasure selection of dry flies

5 rod carriers

**The above items will be sold at the Fish fry/Auction at the Living Memorial park on June 26 at 5:30pm.**

## A letter to the MTFA Membership from Mike Kyle

Hello Everyone,

I would like to take this opportunity to address the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) issue with the MTFA. First and foremost, back in August of 2009 we discussed this issue about becoming a charter FFF club for the first time. We discussed the benefits of becoming one and the main issue was that it was going to save the club about \$450.00 a year for affiliate dues plus gain us access to the FFF insurance that is \$217.00. I am not aware of what our insurance covers now or how much it costs, but I am sure it is more than \$217.00/year.

We could set it up just as the FFF is set up; we would have our roster for the FFF and we would have our roster that was just the MTFA members. Just as the FFF has charter clubs and affiliate clubs we would have charter members and affiliate members. That is what we voted on in the December meeting. It is my understanding that this has now come under fire due to the fact that we have to change our status from a 501c7 to a 501c3.

As we are right now teaching classes at MSU and have a fully stocked library we would fit better under the 501c3 since that is for educational not for profits. James Schram, the FFF attorney, said he would do all the paperwork for us for free to change us from a c7 to a c3. The normal cost on this would be \$300-\$500.

I have recently been voted in as the National Membership Chairmen for the FFF and have formed some very close bonds to several of the BOD's for the FFF. I just had a conversation with Phil Greenlee, the President of the BOD, and he didn't see any problem with the way we have our club set up. Yes, I know it sounds too good to be true but it will work. I know there was a letter that went out last week stating that people were disgusted walking out of the meeting and there ultimately could be a split in the club.

A split of the MTFA is not what any of us want. I would really like to grow our club through the FFF by creating a charter club. It will make available everything that the FFF has to offer from manuals for fly fishing classes to rods and reels that we can use for classes so that we do not have to spend our own money on up-keep. We can use their equipment when we are running short. Also, it would open an avenue for us of being able to buy from suppliers at wholesale pricing.

I have taken the time to call several members and ask their opinion on the situation. I think we can all see that there are a lot of pros and cons to this, just as there is with everything you do. By doing this we are not going to affect the way the club performs or educates both adults and the youth about fly fishing. I assure you that most of you will not even notice any change at all.

In my own opinion I feel that the MTFA is the strongest fly fishing club around and I am just sure that at least 1 out of every 2 members have attended a FFF event, either it be a local event or national event. I am positive that we have tiers in the club that have tied flies at both and I am 100% sure that we have some CCI's that have taught classes at FFF events. MTFA was also voted the Federation of Fly Fishers Southern Council club of the year for 2008.

I did have a couple of members ask what does the FFF do for me in my local area and I want to take the opportunity to address that now. The first project that came to mind is the Terrell Creek project over by Twin Oaks Country Club. They gave a grant for \$1500.00 for erosion control. That is the most recent project that they have given a grant to in this area. When you look at the USA as a whole they have donated several hundred thousands of dollars in preserving, conserving and educating so that everyone will have the same opportunity to fly fish for any fish any water.

If you look at a number of members in our club, they are already participating in the FFF sanctioned events. It is time that we take the next step with our club and make it an FFF CHARTER CLUB, let's make this happen so that we will be the premier fly fishing club for the FFF in the Ozarks.

If you have questions or concerns please feel free to call anytime 417-207-2053 or send me an e-mail at [mbkwrh@gmail.com](mailto:mbkwrh@gmail.com).

Have a great day

Michael Kyle

Membership Director, Federation of Fly Fisher

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## 2010 MTFA -Springfield Chapter Officers

<b>President</b>	Charles Erickson	890-7243
<b>President Elect</b>	Ralph Eichholz	343-2591
<b>Secretary</b>	Dorothy Prugger	862-9972
<b>Treasurer</b>	Rod Pennington	883-1789
<b>3 Year Board Members</b>	Russ Doughty, Kevin Smith	
<b>2 Year Board Member</b>	Bill Huyett, Kim Schultz	
<b>1 Year Board Member</b>	Crete Deerfield & Connie Erickson	

Monthly meetings at the Springfield Nature Center are the first Thursday of the month at 6 PM for Fly tying and 7 PM for programs and business meeting.

### Committee Chairs

**Program Chair** – Kim Schultz  
**Education Chair** – Larry Wegmann  
**Social Chair** - Connie Erickson  
**Newsletter Editor** – Eve Krit-Anderson,  
**Newsletter Advisory Editor** - Kim Shultz  
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