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The March meeting will be Thursday, March 4th, at the Springfield Nature Center: 6 PM will be the time for fly tying and 7 PM for programs and business meeting.

In 2006, we had a program by James Civiello from the Shepherd of the Hills hatchery detailing the construction of a new raceway for the brown trout in the #3 outlet area and the renovation of the Shepherd of the Hills facility. He provided us with information and concerns with Lake Taneycomo. It was an outstanding presentation.

So for our March meeting, **Clint Hale, Manager of Shepherd of the Hills Hatchery**, will provide an update on the new facility and he will have a question and answer session on anything related to hatchery operations or Conservation issues in general. Hope you will be able attend to learn more about the on operations of our Missouri Hatcheries.

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

March 1	Opening day for Trout Season at MO State Parks
March 4	Regular Meeting tying @ 6 PM Meeting@ 7:00 PM
March 13	MTFA Pre-Derby meeting Bennett Spring State Park
March 18, 19, 20	Sowbug Roundup Mountain Home Ark. Sponsored by North Ark. Fly fishers

Sowbug Roundup at Mountain Home Arkansas March 18, 19 & 20, 2010

The Sowbug Roundup is a fly tying show. It is the foremost gathering of fly tyers in the USA. Every year more than 100 fly tyers from all over North America and Europe meet and tie at the Sowbug Roundup.

Location: Redeemer: Lutheran Church Family Life Center 307 W. North St. Mtn. Home, Arkansas
Time: Hours 9 to 4 pm: Thursday, Friday, & Saturday
Demonstrations by 100+ Expert Tyers Seminars, Tying, and Casting Instruction Drawings and Auctions.

Admission: Adults \$5.00 for All 3 Days Under 12: Free with Parent

Note: The first \$3000 of revenue from the Sowbug Roundup is used to fund the NAFF Scholarships.

The MTFA State board pre-derby meeting will be the 13th of March at the Bennett Springs Lodge at 12:00 noon. We will meet in the dining hall in the lodge. All MTFA club officers should consider attending with all MTFA members welcome. Debbie Jacques is President of the State MTFA this year with the Kansas City MTFA hosting this year's event. The derby will be at Bennett Spring State Park May 15-16, 2010.



MTFA Library News

Seems like New Years day was just last week but here it is March already. Time does fly when your having fun so I must be having a blast.

We have added some new titles, one from our fellow MTFA member Terry Beeson, many of you may know Terry from BackCountry Outfitters. "Dragonflies on my rod Tip" is a collection of short stories centered around growing up in the Ozarks. It's a nice collection and I think many of us share similar experiences. For the Fly Tyer, "A.K. Best's, Advanced Fly Tying" has several excellent patterns and detailed tips for organizing you bench and suggestions to improve upon your tying. "Modern Midges" is a collection of midge patterns that covers I think about every midge there is. Other new titles include: "Fly Fishing Anthology", "Deceiving Trout", "Fly Fishing and the meaning of Life" and "About Trout".

If you're a Bug fan or just want to know what your tying to imitate check out, "Bug of the Underworld" by Ralph and Lisa Cutter. Eleven years in the making with some incredible close-up photography. No Fly Tyer or Fly Fisher should miss this one.

We also received book donations from Ralph Eichholz and Kim Schultz along with a donation of Taps and a walkman player. The taps are recording of radio interviews with some well know names in fly fishing and conservation.

The MTFA Library has also taken on the task of maintaining our club's Fly collection and I looking for donations to restock the boxes. These patterns will be used by students or learners on club outing. I have already received some donations (Thanks Dan!) but we're still short and I look forward to your contribution. The second of the two boxes will be upgraded and used as a display of MTFA member patterns during our fly tying events, details to follow.

This year the MTFA Library has a budget of \$400.00 as of March 1st 2010 total expenses \$117.57. Remaining funds \$282.43.

Fair Winds and Following Seas!
Kevin Smith

MESSAGE FROM YOUR ABSENTEE PRESIDENT:

In writing this short message, I feel somewhat guilty for so many of you are working hard in Springfield while Connie and I are in relatively warm weather, getting a suntan, fishing, going to Mexico and festivals, playing golf and just having a great time on South Padre Island. It has been 45 – 80 degrees. Some days have been pretty windy and we have had a few days this year in which that wet stuff from the sky has appeared. We have watched the weather up your way and have noticed that Springfield has had another cold and really snowy winter.

I do want to say a serious and huge KUDOS to those of you who are helping us out while we are in south Texas. I want to thank you Kim for the programs that you have arranged. I wish I could have been there to hear them. Connie and I also want to thank Bill and Jeannie for organizing the Valentine party. We heard it was a fun time by all who attended and everyone appreciated your hard work. Thank you Ralph for standing in for me as president and Kim getting the webpage updated.

Thank you Larry for keeping me informed, by computer, on all the activities the club is doing. Thank you also for arranging the Alaska fly tying trip. It will be another fundraiser for our club and provide a great trip for any member who takes advantage of the offer. Thank you for getting our membership organized and membership list current, I know that has been a job.

I thank all the members who tied flies at the nature center and those who are tying flies at Bass Pro on Feb. 20. (By the way!) I received a newspaper article from the News Leader titled "Tie one on". There was a pretty young girl and an "old geezer" in the picture. Who was that guy? Seriously, it is this type of publicity and commitment by our members that make our club the best fly fishing club in the area. I thank you John. Thank you Larry and Kevin for working with the park administrator in getting his endorsement for the Capps Creek or Crane Creek stream team project for those inclined in that direction. I am sure that there are some people whom I have overlooked but be assured that I appreciate all of our members who work to make our club what it is.

We need to now start thinking about the class at MSU. Remember that the first night is March 25th. Larry will get details to you at the March meeting.

Thanks again to all of you and I will see you at the class and at the April meeting.
Your absentee president, Charlie

PROJECT HEALING WATERS CALENDAR FOR MARCH

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OTHER THINGS ARE STILL BEING ADDED EACH DAY

March 1st Tri Lakes Fly Fishers Speaking Engagement for trout club

March 3rd Vet Center Fly tying PTSD Therapy Program 5-7 pm

March 4th DAV (Disabled American Veterans) of Springfield Rod Building Class 12-2pm

March 10th Vet Center Fly tying PTSD Therapy Program

March 11th DAV Rod Building Class

March 17th Vet Center Fly tying PTSD Therapy Program

March 18th thru 20th PHW invited as a not-for-profit to the Sowbug Roundup John Richerson, Tim Fowkes, Teri Traudt, Back Country Outfitters, and Larry Wegmann, will be tying the Patriot along with other flies for PHW and handing out informational PHW packets.

March 24th Vet Center Fly tying PTSD Therapy Program

March 25th DAV Rod Building Class/ Fly tying 101

March 26 thru 28th Lottie's Rustic Retreat Bennett Springs PHW Couples Retreat 3 Vets and

Wives Donated by Tim McDonald & Tammy Bader Proprietors 1-417-849-2807 also, Thanks to Kevin Smith for this hook-up for the Veterans!

March 31st Vet Center Fly tying PTSD Therapy Program

From: Jim Low <Jim.Low@mdc.mo.gov>

Opening-day anglers will find improvements at trout parks

The Conservation Department has upgraded fish habitat and hatchery facilities at Missouri's four trout parks

JEFFERSON CITY—Opening day of Missouri's four trout parks always involves excited anglers and hungry rainbow trout. New features at this year's event include enhanced fish habitat and improved hatchery facilities.

For more than 70 years, Missourians have been celebrating the arrival – or at least the anticipation – of spring by turning out in large numbers at trout parks on March 1. Although the parks remain open year-round, anglers can catch and keep fish only from March 1 through Oct. 31. They must release fish they catch from the second Friday in November through the second Monday in February.

The opportunity to shake off winter torpor and take home fresh trout attracts more than 10,000 anglers to the parks some years, along with more than a few people who come simply to witness the spectacle.

The Missouri Department of Conservation operates trout hatcheries at all four trout parks. It stocks three trout for every angler expected on opening day. Based on records of past opening days, the Conservation Department expects 8,000 anglers will attend this year's trout opener and so will stock 24,000 trout at the four parks.

Weather plays an important role in determining crowd size on opening day. The trout park attendance record occurred in 1992, when 14,947 anglers descended on the parks for a Sunday opener with beautiful weather. Although this year's opening-day crowd is unlikely to approach that high-water mark, pleasant conditions could boost the total considerably.

This is the 100th consecutive year of trout production at Roaring River State Park near Cassville. Roland Bruner built the first hatchery there in 1910. The state took over the property in 1928 and has operated the hatchery ever since.

By the time anglers arrive March 1, work crews will have finished removing gravel from selected areas of the spring branch at Roaring River. Flooding last year washed excessive gravel into the stream, covering bottom structure that benefits trout. The crews also have been removing excess aquatic vegetation to improve fishing conditions.

building and major raceway renovations at Bennett Spring Hatchery and a new feed storage building and office renovation at Roaring River.

Similar habitat work has taken place during the off-season at the other three trout parks. Visitors also may find ongoing renovation work at the Conservation Department's trout hatcheries. These include a new production

Anglers who have not visited Montauk State Park since the 2009 trout opener will find a new fish-cleaning station to make their post-fishing chores more convenient and keep the park cleaner.

Three of Missouri's trout parks – Bennett Spring near Lebanon, Montauk near Salem, and Roaring River – are state parks, owned by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. The fourth – Maramec Spring Park, near St. James – is owned by the James Foundation. The Conservation Department operates trout hatcheries at all four.

For more information about trout park fishing, call:

- Bennett Spring - 417-532-4418.
- Maramec - 573-265-7801.
- Montauk - 573-548-2585.
- Roaring River - 417-847-2430.

Anglers need a daily trout tag to fish in Missouri's trout parks. Missouri residents 16 through 64 need a fishing permit in addition to the daily tag. Nonresidents 16 and older need a fishing permit.

Trout parks are only one option for Show-Me State anglers. For more about the state's extensive system of trout streams and winter trout fishing, visit www.mdc.mo.gov/7248.

-Jim Low-

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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.

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