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There will be no September meeting as we are beginning the MSU Class. Next month, Rod and Kim Schultz will discuss their recent trip to Kodiak Island

From the Editor:

See you next month. Remember October will be a very important meeting. We will decide if our club wants to remain as is with the Missouri Trout Fisherman's Association or re-organize with the Federation of Fly Fishers, Inc. So be sure to put it on you calendar and to-do list of important items.

Photo by Rod Pennington to accompany his article on the next page



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

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| September 2 | MSU Class - No regular meeting |
| September 9 | MSU class |
| September 16 | MSU class |
| September 23 | MSU class |
| September 25 | MSU Class Roaring River |
| September 25 | MDC Great Outdoor Days - Bois D'arc Conservation Area |

From MTFA President, Charles Erickson

BITS AND PIECES FROM CHARLIE:

Once again, I have to say my presence at the Aug 5th meeting was missing. Thanks again to Ralph for covering the meeting. It is great to have someone who is so reliable. THANKS RALPH!

The two week trip to Northeast Missouri and Iowa was a hot but enjoyable camping trip. Connie, my grandson and I had a great time. We saw neat sites, did some Geocaching and yes we did some fishing. We caught approximately 30 crappie and a few bluegills. I have to admit that Connie and my grandson both out fished the ole man.

This next month (Sept) we will be in class with the MSU students. Let's support Ralph and those who will be making the presentation. Hopefully, we can have a helper for each student. That one on one student-helper ratio is what has made our class unique and a continued success at MSU.

We offer a big kudos to those who helped with the Insect-O-Rama at the Nature Center on Aug 20th. (Ralph Eichholz, Lezley Chastain, Herb Knight, John Prugger, Tom Ciocco and I stayed busy for 2.5 hours. Many flies were tied and given to youngsters on safety pins.

It is time to start thinking about officers for 2011. The nominating committee is made up of five past presidents. John Dozier will head up this committee with help from Kim Schultz, Rod Pennington, Herb knight and Joe Simecek. We need a President-elect, Treasurer, Secretary and 2 (3 year) executive committee members. Hopefully our members will step up and serve our club in these capacities. The nominees will be announced at the November meeting and elected at our December meeting/Christmas party. Nominations can also be made from the floor at that meeting.

Remember October 7th at our regular meeting the election will be held to decide if our club wants to remain as is with the Missouri Trout Fisherman's Association or re-organize with the Federation of Fly Fishers, Inc. Announcement of this election has been made according to our present By-Laws. The election will be final and will determine our status at that time.

Fishing Trip by Rod Pennington

Kim Schultz, Ryan McClosky and myself spent some time finding some water to fish. Taneycomo was generating, Montauk was problematic so it was decided that Bennett would be the water of choice. Arriving at Bennett brought back memories of the early 60's opening days. A fisherman literally every 8 feet. We opted for the lower Niangua and fished just below the canoe launch. At 7:30 there were well over 100 canoes preparing to launch with outfitter bringing several hundred more canoes and rafts in as we fished. Only a few small long ears were caught and released before we were moved on by the torrent of canoes. So, off to Moon Valley to fish above this MDC recreation area. More canoes! But not above the bridge. Small fish were eagerly taking small flies. Fishing this area of the Niangua was a blast from the past. Bullfrog tadpoles were found in the stream holes, a water snake carrying it's breakfast (a small fish) refused to be photographed, kingfishers raked and watched from the trees, spiders dropped into the water and the heat fell.

At noon, another attempt at Bennett. After lunch at the lodge it was noted that a number of folks had left so in the water we went. Kim caught a nice brown in the ripples below the bridge, I caught several rainbows, and Ryan's first fly-fishing trip was a success. He landed three and had several others on. As the weather cooled a bit toward dusk, the stream became much more congested and it was determined time to go. Another great day in the Ozarks.

Editor's note: On behalf of the member's of the MTFA and myself, thank you Rod for the photographs you've been sending. It is wonderful to be able to use photos from a member instead of clips from the internet. And such good pictures. Thank you and please send more.

Also of note: Dave and Emily Whitlock have begun a really good newsletter. I just got the first issue and love it. Take a look and sign up. His website also lets you know about classes and other goodies. Way to go, Dave and Emily.

www.davewhitlock.com Their web site. Visit soon.



Dragonfly landing on Kim Schultz



Chili Picnic October 16, 2010

12:00 (noon)

Taneycomo Lake Pavilion

Members and your family

And friends are welcome

We will provide the chili, plates and utensils and drink. Bring one item to eat with the chili and share with others. (Ex. Cheese, crackers, dessert, onions, chips etc.) Bring your fishing gear and or hiking boots because there is fishing and hiking trails nearby. The pavilion is east of the dam and the Shepherd of the Hills fish hatchery. So you can also feed the fish and/or just come and visit with others.



Connie Erickson, Social Chair

From: Kyle Kosovich <kyle@longboatoutfitters.com>

Subject: I need your support! Help Team Longboat complete the 24 Hour Fish-A-Thon!

Dear Fellow Longboat Friend,

On Sept. 10, I am participating in Recycled Fish's 24 Hour Fish-A-Thon. At 6:00 pm, I'll set off with Team Longboat--my friends Aaron Scott, Brian Wise and I--on the beautiful North Fork of the White River (NFOW) in southern Missouri, and we won't stop fishing until 6:00 pm the next day. It's a huge challenge, but we're doing this to help raise money and awareness for Recycled Fish and draw attention to issues facing the North Fork--a river that needs clean water to sustain the wild rainbow trout, monster brown trout, lunker smallmouth bass and endangered Ozark Hellbender salamanders that reside in the river. We're also preserving the heritage of the Ozarks by floating in a traditional my handbuilt wooden White River johnboat, for Longboat Outfitters guiding service.

If you have a moment, please visit the official page for Team Longboat to learn more about those issues. You'll also find a link to make a tax-deductible donation via PayPal, as well as an address for Recycled Fish where you can send a check on our behalf.

<http://www.recycledfish.org/our-programs/fish-a-thon-2010/team-longboat.htm>

Recycled Fish hopes to raise \$20,000 with the 24 Hour Fish-A-Thon, and Team Longboat's goal is a \$1,200 contribution for our time on the water. That breaks down to \$50 an hour that we want to raise through hour sponsorships, per-fish pledges and other donations. If you are able, **a \$50 donation will go a long way to reaching our goal.** Your support gives us the encouragement we need to last all the way through that 24th hour.

Thank you so much for your support. Your contribution supports Recycled Fish in our efforts to teach people across North America about how we can take better care of our lakes, streams and seas through everyday living.

--Kyle Kosovich

About Recycled Fish

Recycled Fish is the national nonprofit of anglers living a lifestyle of stewardship on and off the water. The motto for this 501(c)3 organization is "Our Lifestyle Runs Downstream," meaning the things we do and the choices we make affect the environment and the other creatures that inhabit it – especially fish! We want to ensure that we not only maintain but also improve both the fish and the fishing for years to come. Your donation will help Recycled Fish spread this message to anglers across the country.

Interested in becoming involved? Go to <http://www.recycledfish.org/> to learn more and take the Sportsman's Stewardship Pledge.

About Team Longboat

KYLE KOSOVICH: Kyle is the owner of Longboat Outfitters. His guide service is the one of the most unique you'll find, recreating the classic Ozarks float-fishing adventure. Kyle will take you down the NFOW in a traditional White River johnboat that he built by hand, teach you about the river and cook you an unforgettable meal. To book a trip with Kyle, visit <http://www.longboatoutfitters.com/>.

BRIAN WISE: Brian is the head guide at the beautiful River of Life Farm on the NFOW. His blog, <http://www.flyfishingtheozarks.com/>, is the home of "Fishadelic Foto Friday" as well as great info and advice on fishing in the Ozarks. He is also the host of Feather-Craft's Fly Tying Contest. Check out his video demonstrations of new tying materials and submit your own unique patterns at <http://www.flytyingcontest.com/>. To book a trip with Brian, visit <http://www.riveroflifefarm.com/>.

AARON SCOTT: Aaron is a freelance photographer, graphic designer and Recycled Fish volunteer. He helps ensure thriving fish populations by not catching very many. While he has a lot to learn about fishing, he knows his stuff behind the camera. Check out his portfolio at <http://www.aaronjscott.com/>, including his work on "Songs from the Tackle Box," a collection of great fishing tunes released by Patriot Records to benefit Recycled Fish.

Thank you for your support of Team Longboat and Recycled Fish!

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Kyle Kosovich
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2010 MTFA -Springfield Chapter Officers

President	Charles Erickson	890-7243
President Elect	Ralph Eichholz	343-2591
Secretary	Dorothy Prugger	862-9972
Treasurer	Rod Pennington	883-1789
3 Year Executive Committee Member	Russ Doughty, Kevin Smith	
2 Year Executive Committee Member	Bill Huyett, Kim Schultz	
1 Year Executive Committee Member	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.		
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