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Christmas Party & Monthly Meeting December 1st 2011.

Once again this year our Christmas party will be held at the Heritage Cafeteria. We'll gather around 5:30 PM and begin eating around 6PM. I hope that the only business will be the election of officers and executive committee members for next year. There will be bucket raffles with the proceeds going to a needy family in Springfield. Come and enjoy an evening of good food and good friends. It's a time to wish all of our "fishing buddies tight lines and holiday greetings.



MTFA Calendar of Events December 2011

- December 1 Annual Meeting to Elect Officers and Christmas Banquet @ Heritage Cafeteria
- December 3 MTFA State meeting at Montauk State Park in the Lodge at noon

Club News

Greetings from Ralph: Hope everyone has enjoyed a happy Thanksgiving and is well on their way to being ready for the Christmas season. Not many "fishing" outings in November, but I've kept busy with related activities. The big event for MTFA for December is our annual Christmas Party. It will be held on December 1, our normal monthly meeting night, at the Heritage Cafeteria. Remember that we will have a bucket raffle and we'd appreciate you bringing a raffle item for this. We have several items for fly tiers and fishers, but could use a few for the non-fisherman. All proceeds will go to a needy family from Springfield. I've scheduled a fly-tying afternoon in January at the Nature Center, we did this last year. More information about this is elsewhere in the newsletter.

I'd like to thank everyone for the help I've received this past year and ask that you participate as well in the coming year. I believe we had a good year and look forward to another for MTFA.

Here's wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and joyous holiday season. Enjoy this time of the year with family and friends.



Fly Tying at the Springfield Nature Center

Fly Tying Demonstration

Saturday, January 14, 1-4pm

Members of the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association will be on hand to demonstrate basic fly-tying techniques. Stop by anytime and learn how combinations of feathers, yarn, and thread can imitate insects or other food that will fool a fish. All ages. No registration required

The above is an announcement that the Nature Center is publishing. We did this last year and there were more than 80 visitors. This is not big event like the Insect-o-rama, but those in attendance last year enjoyed the opportunity. Something I'd like to see this year is a couple of our younger members, i.e. kids, tie that afternoon.

Since, Kevin stepped down, I have moved into the position of President of the state MTFA. Warren Wilkerson assumed the position of Secretary of the state MTFA.

I have the briefcase and plaque.

First, it was discussed at the pre-derby meeting this past year to meet in December for a meeting to discuss any resolutions the MTFA may have for the CFM at the March meeting.

I propose a meeting **December 3rd** at Montauk S.P. at the Lodge, starting at noon. I plan to fish Friday, Saturday and Sunday and reserved a cabin for the Springfield members for two nights. I was told there are plenty of vacancies for others to make reservations.

The pre-derby meeting will be **March 10th** at Bennett Spring S.P., starting at noon.

The annual MTFA derby will be **May 12th and 13th**, hosted by the Springfield Chapter.

Hope to see you in December, and feel free to pass this on to all members of the MTFA.

Thanks,

Kim Schultz

Election of Officers and Executive Members for 2012 Proposed Club Officers for 2012

By-Laws of Springfield Chapter of Missouri Trout Fishermen’s Association

Article III Officers and Executive Committee

Section 3: The Office of President shall serve one or two years. The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee to select nominees for all offices and the Executive Committee. The Nominating Committee shall be composed of five members and shall be approved by the Executive Committee. The nominating Committee shall meet and select nominees at least three weeks prior to the annual meeting, publicized by mailed notice to the membership at large two weeks prior to the annual election meeting. Nominations for officers may also be accepted from the floor of the election meeting.

The Nominating committee compiled a list of Missouri Trout Fishermen’s Association officers for 2012. **The committee:** Norm Collison, Rod Pennington, Joe Simecek, and Kim Schultz with Herb Knight sitting as Chair of the committee. The following names are being submitted for your consideration, with a vote at the December meeting. MTFFA bylaws suggest each member club receive notification of elections

Section 4: The Executive Committee shall consist of six members elected by the membership who will serve three-year terms. The Executive committee members shall be elected to serve the following:

- (a) Two members for three years.
- (b) Two members for two years.
- (c) Two members for one year.

Executive Committee members, who have served three-year terms, cannot be reappointed to the Committee until one year has lapsed from their last term of service.

The president, president elect, secretary and treasurer are current officers, willing to serve in those positions for another year. The only change will be the addition of names for the 3-year Executive committee members: Charles Erickson, John Prugger.

Thank you to the members willing to serve as leaders for 2012.

Herb Knight

Nominating committee Chair

To be voted on at December Meeting at the Heritage Cafeteria in December

President Ralph Eichholz 343-2591 mathman3@aol.com

President Elect Bill Huyett 887-3254 Bill.huyett@prodigy.net

Secretary Dorothy Prugger 862-9972 JandDprugger@aol.com

Treasurer Connie Erickson 890-7243 CErickson1231@att.net

3-Year Executive Committee Members

Charles Erickson, John Prugger

2 Year Executive Committee-Members Lezley Chastain & Dick Deerfield

1 Year Executive Committee-Russ Doughty, John Richerson

In Memory of Jim Scheve



Jim Scheve, a friend of the MTFA, passed away November 1, 2011, at the age of 58. He served as club president in 1985. Jim grew up in Lawrence, Kansas, where he graduated from the University of Kansas in 1976 and received his Doctorate of Optometry from the Southern College of Optometry, in Memphis, Tennessee, in 1980. Jim joined the doctors of Sunshine Eye Clinic in 1981.

Jim is survived by his wife, Linda, of 35 years, and sons Jacob and Jesse, both of Springfield. He is also survived by his sister, Jane Neary, and brothers Daniel Scheve and John Scheve, along with many other loving family members.

Jim was an outstanding fly fisherman, with a passion for the outdoors and the North Fork of the White River. He knew the North Fork, its many secrets and had many stories of the river. We had numerous trips together on the N. Fork and Eleven Point Rivers, camping on gravel bars, wading streams for trout and enjoying the time around campfires.

My next trip on the North Fork will be remembering Jim with a fly rod in hand showing me how to catch rainbow trout. ... And he is probably there now with other friends who have passed away; enjoying the cool waters, the sounds of the river, with his presents known with a warm sun rays on my back and a gentle breeze on the water. Thank you Jim for the many memories...

Kim Schultz

MTFA State meeting

It was discussed at a MTFA State meeting this past year for the officers of the state to meet at Montauk in December to discuss any resolutions or problems which could be addressed by the Conservation Federation of Missouri (CFM). The 2012 CFM Annual Convention will be February 24-26, 2012 at the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark.

It has been announced this meeting will take place December 3rd at noon in the lodge at Montauk State Park. Ralph, Warren, Rod and I will address the meeting and take a three-day weekend to fish.

If you want to spend any time fishing Montauk, a day or the entire weekend make plans to join us. The meeting is open to all MTFA members on Saturday.

Kim Schultz

Winter Fishing at Missouri State Parks

For me the best time to fish the Missouri state parks is the catch and release season, which is mid-November to mid-February. The days to fish are limited to Friday through Monday, 8 AM until 4 PM. It requires a Missouri trout stamp with all trout caught to be released immediately. The number of people fishing may be a crowd of twenty on a Saturday afternoon in zone 1 or a stretch of water all to you on a Friday or Monday. A snowy day may find you all alone in the park with a few eagles perched on the Sycamore tree over the stream. A hatch is common with a #20 BWO; imitating celery green Baetis emerging from the slough or backwaters near the concrete access structures. Use a light rod with 6X or smaller tippet wading upstream looking for trout hunting these insects. Even if you never tried to fish a dry fly, these trout are blind to the many mistakes a fisherman starting out may make. If you have an interest to try a dry fly, drop a line and we will try to plan a trip.



For more information of these mayflies check out:

<http://www.troutnut.com/hatch/180/Mayfly-Baetis-Blue-Winged-Olives>

I will continue this subject with an article about Montauk State Park

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Membership renewal

Membership renewal applications have been sent out. Please review the information and make any corrections on the form. You may return the application forms with dues during the Christmas party or return by mail to the address on the form.

Dues for members joining the club after June will be considered paid for following year, with membership good until Dec. 31, 2012. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at:

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Thoughts of Living the Moment

Fishing is living the moment; we often live in the future; it may be minutes, hours or days in the future. We work towards deadlines, trying to get to an appointment on time. I often think of my next trip to fish; all events living for the future, not the moment. The time on the water or walking the beach is spent living the moment. The time fishing takes me to the moment, taking in the scenery, smells of the season in the air or the sounds of rushing water with the high pitch sounds of insects flying or the bass tones of bullfrogs.

We need to step back from our busy schedule and live the moment with more time on the water.

Kim Schultz

If you would like to submit an article for the MTFA newsletter
Please put MTFA in the email subject line and send to

<p><i>The web sites:</i></p> <p>MTFA-Springfield.org</p> <p><i>E-mail:</i></p> <p>MTFA Springfield@yahoo.com</p>

Eve at the above email address

2011 MTFA -Springfield Chapter Officers

President	Ralph Eichholz	581-6456
President Elect	Bill Huyett	343-2591
Secretary	Dorothy Prugger	862-9972
Treasurer	Connie Erickson	890-7243
3 Year Executive Committee Member	Lezley Chastain, Dick Deerfield	
2 Year Executive Committee Member	Russ Doughty John Richerson	
1 Year Executive Committee Member	Warren Wilkerson Joe Simecek	

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 – Ralph Eichholz

Social Chair - Connie Erickson

Newsletter Editor – Eve Krit-Anderson,

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Membership Chair – Kim Schultz

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