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The Thursday, February 3rd meeting will be at the Nature Center with fly tying at 6:00 PM and the program and business portion of the meeting beginning at 7:00 PM

Ty Ingram will be our guest speaker. Ty opened a shop in Ozark last year to serve the fly fisher and the spin caster fisherman. Ty has many years experience on Ozark streams and lakes, growing up fishing and hunting the Theodosia area. He worked for Jack at Backcountry Outfitters years ago, has been and is a guide in the area. Ty showed me his version of a buck-tail streamer for walleyes several years ago, and I tie and use them successfully on Bull Shoals Lake in the spring and they work great for Salmon in AK. If you want to know more about species of fish in the Ozarks other than trout, Ty will provide some insight to fishing opportunities found on our streams and lakes. Hope you will have the opportunity to meet with Ty.



Ty Ingram

Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter Activities for February 2011

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| February 3 | Regular Meeting Fly Tying @ 6 PM Meeting @ 7 PM |
| February 11 | Valentines Party @ 6:00 PM |
| February 26 | Fly Tying at Bass Bro Shop from 10:00 AM - 2:00 pm |
| February 25-27 | 75th CFM Annual Convention |

Greetings from Ralph

Thanks to Bill for running the show last month. I took the picture below just a few hours before the January meeting. Yes, I'm in the water with this guy. Even though I had a bad cough that limited my swimming, I still had a good time with family and friends. The wedding itself was a couple of days before on the beach at Fort DeSoto.



The club wants to offer another big thank you to everyone that was at the Nature Center on January 15th. We had a very good turnout. I believe Bill will have pictures taken there. We have another fly tying demo scheduled for Feb 19, 2011 at the First Baptist Church in Ozark. This begins at 5 PM and they have a speaker, so it will probably be a short tying time, maybe 2 or 3 hours. We will also tie at Bass Pro on Feb 26th from 10-2 during their "Fishing Classic."

At this month's meeting we need to approve the budget, make a decision on the library, decide if we will affiliate with FFF, and discuss Reel Recovery. Also, we will discuss the MSU Classes. I'm sure we will also talk about the Sweet Heart Night to be held Feb 11 at Heritage Cafeteria. I know that Bill and Jeannie have been working hard on that, at least Jeannie has.

Kim has another interesting program scheduled. Remember, if you have any ideas for a program to let Kim know. We want to have programs that members have an interest in.

Hope to see you all at the meeting Feb 3rd at the Nature Center.

Ralph

The Legend of the Snowfly, A book review by Ralph Eichholz

The Snowfly is an enormous, white, and exceedingly rare mayfly. Legend has it that once every 7 to 10 years there is a prolific hatch, but never on the same stream. When the hatch does occur, huge trout, probably four decades old, leave their cover and a feeding frenzy occurs. Only these tremendously large trout rise to the Snowfly. In Joseph Heywood's *The Snowfly*, everywhere that Bowie Rhodes goes he seems to encounter this myth. The story follows Rhodes as a young man, a UPI reporter and finally a columnist who writes about fishing locations and fishing. Rhodes, an excellent flyfisher, takes us to many places including Russia, Viet Nam and many other interesting places. (While in Viet Nam, he is found fishing in a rice field that happens to be a mine field and we are introduced to two marines, Grady Service and Laticious Treebone. Grady is Heywood's hero in his "Woods Cop" series and "Tree" is a Detroit cop that often assists Grady.)

I have to agree with this quote from the back cover of *The Snowfly*: "the Snowfly is a richly imaginative and sensual novel. The world Heywood creates is broader and more wild, with more mystery lurking beneath the surface waters, than our own. Or is it? The Snowfly makes it all seem gloriously possible."

I know that most of us are familiar with Fly Anglers Online. FAOL said "If *The Snowfly* becomes a movie, it will blast A River Runs Through It out of the water."

Heywood has written another book that would interest most of us. It is Covered Waters, a collection of stories of his wanderings. Chapter 29 tells about a trip with some of the more "radical" members of Ozark Fly Fishers and his adventures on the North Fork of the White, near Patrick Bridge and floating the Eleven Point River. He also tells a story about the SOC Conclave. I'm sure many of you would recognize many of the people Heywood talks about in this chapter.

If you would like to read either of these books, check your county or city library. If not available there, I'm sure you can find a source for them online. Or ask nice and I just might loan you my copy.

If you enjoyed reading this, I ask two things: (1) let me know and I'll do my best to do some more. I have a good collection of books about fishing. (2) You write a review of one of your favorite books. This is my first attempt at doing a review and I'm sure most of you could do better. Eve said she'd like some on other topics as well.

Editors Note: I enjoyed this review very much and I would like to be able to put all kinds of articles from our membership in this newsletter. So why not send me something, anytime in the first three weeks of the month.

ekanderson@hotmail.com ... Be sure and use MTFA in the subject line as I get an awful lot of email.

**Thank you.
As ever, Eve**

Bass Pro

The club has been invited to tie at the Spring Fishing Classic at Bass Pro. Ralph will discuss the event and have a sign-up list available for members at the February meeting. Those names will be passed on the Lauren Thiel at Bass Pro to have nametags available during the event.

Note from Bass Pro:

This year our Spring Fishing Classic will be from February 25-March 13. We were wondering if the MTFA would like to come and join us for another one of our Fishing Classics and have tables set up for fly tying. Would your group be available on February 26 from 10:00am-2:00pm to help us out? This is our opening weekend, so we expect many people to be in the store and give you all a lot of attention. Let me know if this works for you.

Thank you,
Lauren Thiel
Special Events, Bass Pro Shops

Some Nice Thank You Notes That The Club Has Received:

Ralph and Larry,
Please share my thank you with the rest of your group for providing a wonderful fly tying demonstration at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center last Saturday. We had lots of interested visitors who received ample one-on-one time from your group's members, and everyone had a great time. While many people came specifically to watch your demonstration, a number of folks simply showed up for a visit and were treated to a great and unexpected learning experience. We also had several families come early thinking it was Eagle Days weekend (it is next weekend). Some were disappointed and several families had kids that broke into tears when they learned that the eagles wouldn't be here until next week. At least one of those families spent time at your demonstration and one of the young boys spent at least a half hour with your group. He quickly forgot about missing eagles as he learned how to tie a fly. Your group transformed his attitude!

Thank you for your great service to conservation in general and to the nature center specifically through your various education efforts. We appreciate all of you.

Regards,
Linda

Linda F. Chorice
Nature Center Manager
Springfield Conservation Nature Center

Tri-Lakes Expo

Tri-Lakes Fly Fishers is having their expo on April 2nd at the Brighton Highway Assembly of God Church. From Springfield, go north on highway 13 to 215. Turn right on 215 and then left on F (there should be a four way stop there). The church is about another quarter mile on the left. Many of us were there last year and had a good time.



The poster features the Tri-Lakes Fly Fishers logo at the top corners. The main title is "Tri-Lakes Fly Fishing Expo" in large yellow letters. Below the title, the date and time are listed: "April 2, 2011 9a.m to 5p.m.". Three photographs of speakers are shown: Capt Sodie on the left, Craig Phillips in the center holding a large fish, and Larry Offner on the right. Below the photos, the featured speakers and their topics are listed: Capt Sodie Sodamann and Craig Phillips on "Skinflints Guide to the Florida Keys" and "Building your own Furled Leaders" and Larry Offner on "Flyfishing the Big Easy". The poster also lists activities: Exhibitors, Live and Silent Auctions, and Fly Tying Demos. The location is given as Highway Assembly of God Church, 5403 N Highway 13, Brighton, MO, halfway between Springfield and Bolivar on N Hwy 13. There are small images of fish on either side of the address.

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Subject: Fly patterns for Reel Recovery

Bill,
Thanks again for allowing me to speak to the club; you seem to have a great bunch of folks. Because several people seemed interested in tying flies for the retreat I thought I'd send a list of patterns that were recommended by the guide at Rockbridge, I'd sure appreciate you sharing this with the members.

- Crackleback size 14-18
- Copper Johns size 16 – 18
- Harvester midge-brown or green size 18;
- Flashbacks size 18
- Bead head crystal olive bugger size 10
- Bead head black bugger size 10

Pheasant tail nymph size 14-18
Gold ribbed hares ear size 14-18
Red fox squirrel nymph 14-18
Griffith's Gnat size 18-20

Of course any other nymph or midge patter that works in Missouri would be okay too.

Dave

MTFA was well represented at the Conservation Center Sat. Jan 15th. We had 9 club members and one of John Richerson's guest tyer from Fort Leonard Wood. Members tying were John Dozier, John Prugger, Larry Wegman, Ralph Eichholz, Lezley Chastain, Dick Deerfield, John Richerson, Joe Simecek, Bill Huyett and guest tyer Dave Chalk. We also had Rod Pennington stop by as well as new member Fritz Oeser. The day started slow but picked up and there was a lot of interest in our demonstrations. Age was not a factor in that we had interest from all generations. I saw people of all ages either watching or as you can see in the pictures they were also tying flies. All was not work as you can see Ralph enjoying a brownie. The Nature Center people were very gracious and seemed to really appreciate us being there. It was very good exposure for our club and I wouldn't be surprised to see a new member or 2 show up at future meetings.

Bill Huyett

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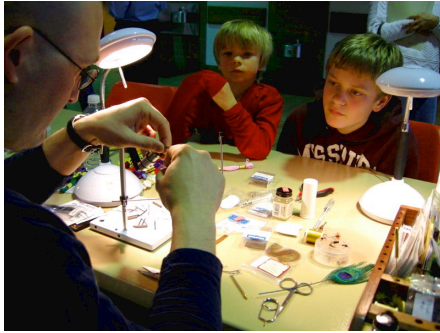
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Photos from the January Event at the Conservation Center





It looks as though we might have caught a few interested fishers, and maybe a brownie or two.
