



MO Fishing

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The November monthly meeting will be at the Springfield Nature Center on Thursday, November 3rd, with Fly tying at 6 PM for Fly tying and programs and business meeting at 7 PM

Joe Curry will be our guest speaker this Thursday. Joe is a Springfield police officer, serving more than twenty years. He is married with two boys, which he enjoys taking them to the streams to fish. He will discuss fly-fishing the blue ribbon area of the Eleven Point River, which is the section of water above Hwy Bridge 19 where the Greer Spring branch enters the Eleven Point River to Turner Mill Access, which is approximately 5.5 miles of river. Joe will provide his insight to this river with a power point presentation with photos, the river's access points and a map of good places to fish. Even if you never fished this river, you will understand and be able to catch trout after Joe's program.

In 1964, the Current and Jacks Fork were protected as a national park and named the Ozark National Wild and Scenic Rivers. This became the model for other rivers and watersheds to be preserved and protected as Federal parks in the years to follow.

In 1968, the Eleven Point River was designated as one of eight rivers to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers system, when Lyndon Johnson signed the bill into law. The Eleven Point River has 44 miles of river protected by federal law from Thomasville to Hwy 142. It is truly a river worth protecting for the next generation.

For remarks by Lyndon Johnson upon signing the four bills relating to conservation and outdoor recreation go to: <http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/ws/index.php?pid=29150>

For more information about National Wild and Scenic Rivers and the Eleven Point River go to: <http://www.rivers.gov/wsr-eleven-point.html>

A great resource to the history of the national park river system and the Ozark Wild and Scenic River system go to the National Park Traveler for two articles by Susan Flader: Part 1:

<http://www.nationalparkstraveler.com/2011/10/ozark-national-scenic-riverways-river-system-risk8832>

Part 2: <http://www.nationalparkstraveler.com/2011/10/ozark-national-scenic-riverways-river-system-risk-part-ii8834>

If you want to know about places to fish in Missouri, here is one of the best streams in the state. See you Thursday evening... Kim



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

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. MTFA 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

Ralph, I'm going to miss this month's meeting as I am in Colorado. Just wanted to send you this picture of a ten lb. channel cat I caught on one of Ed Kosuth's flies. It took a 4" purple zonker strip streamer tied by Ed. I was not using a fly rod but was fishing a Daiwa Mini Might reel and rod combo with 4 lb. line and a split shot. Took about twenty minutes to land. Kerry Evans



Taneycomo Fish Habitat Update

If you remember the August 2010 meeting, we had Mike Allen as our guest speaker, a biologist for the MDC with responsibilities over Table Rock Lake and Lake Taneycomo.

He has been working with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers to enhance the fish habitat in these waters. Taneycomo has become a gravel-choked tail-water from recent floods and the progression of moving rock below a hydroelectric dam. The featureless shallow bottom provides little cover for trout. The project for Taneycomo will include boulders in designated areas to scourer the gravel bottom to sustain deep water pockets for trout habitat. Mike provided a power point presentation and provided us with up to date information to the plans to enhance the tail water fishery in Taneycomo.

This weekend, the MDC will work with heavy equipment operators and place the boulders in designated areas to complete the habitat improvement project. The water level has been dropped to 696 ft, making it easier for the equipment to move about. If you get down there, make some notes and pass on any information at the next meeting.

For more information from the MDC: <http://mdc.mo.gov/newsroom/mdc-improving-fish-habitat-lake-taneycomo>

Kim Schultz

Rivers To Run, Sycamores And Smallmouth Bass

While floating the Eleven Point with Kim, I mentioned a book I have and last read a few years ago. I wanted something more for the November newsletter, so I pulled out the book, found the authors web page: www.larrydablemont.com. The author is Larry Dablemont who was born in the Missouri Ozarks. Following in his grand-dads footsteps, he began guiding float trips on the Big Piney River when he was 13. Larry attended the School of the Ozarks for 2 years before transferring to Mizzou. He has written several articles for national sporting magazines. The following paragraph is from the web page referenced above.

"Rivers to Run, Swift water, Sycamores and Smallmouth Bass, includes about anything you would want to know about rivers, including plans for making a wooden johnboat. It is filled with the history of the early days of float-fishing, the old time river guides, tie-rafting, trot lining, gigging, trapping and all the things early Midwesterners did to make a living on the river. From this book you can learn how to fish the rivers, how to paddle, how to camp on a gravel bar, pack a boat or canoe, or go after a big smallmouth. It also contains several chapters on natural history, the trees, the birds, furbearers, fish and other unique creatures of the rivers, above and below the surface. This book delves into the history of the people along the river going back to the time of the bluff dweller Indians, and includes accounts from writers in the earlier decades of the last century, describing the rivers they floated and fished, and what they were like in that time. It has 384 pages, and dozens of old photos....and fish pictures as well."

If you would like to know more about Larry and his many other books and articles please try his web site. I have a copy of this book and will gladly loan it to anyone. As I recall, Dorothy has read and enjoyed it.

Ralph

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2011 MTFA -Springfield Chapter Officers

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Secretary	Dorothy Prugger	862-9972
Treasurer	Connie Erickson	890-7243
3 Year Executive Committee Member	Lezley Chastain, Dick Deerfield	
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