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We will meet at the Nature Center on October 6th. There will be fly tying at 6:00pm and the meeting will begin at 7:00pm. Or you can join Kim and other members at Memorial Park because; In addition, Kim Schultz will be at Memorial Park from 6-7 PM for anyone wanting to cast. If you wanted help with a double haul consider stopping by with a fly rod in hand.

The program for this month will be the club observing and critiquing a caster with a fly rod in hand, presented by Kim Schultz.

We will discuss some common mistakes beginners make when learning to cast. There will be a short discussion on casting and explain the five essentials to proper casting as explained by Jay and Bill Gammel in their booklet, The Five Essentials of Fly Casting.

There will be a short power point presentation demonstrating some of these errors and tips whereby correcting the errors made by the fly.

**Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter
Calendar for October 2016**

October 4 Branson meeting 6-9 PM, Lions Club building
October 5 Rock Bridge fishing trip
October 6 Monthly meeting Springfield Nature Center 6-9 PM
October 7-8 Southern Council Fly Fishing Fair, Mt Home, AR
October 22 Chili Feed at noon and fishing at Taneycomo Tail water

Club Notes from Bob Randall:

Branson Report: Branson First Meeting report 9.2.2016

Last night, September 1, 2016, the MTFA-Springfield chapter held its first meeting in Branson. As far as I'm concerned, it was a successful event. We were at the Branson/Hollister Lions Club on East 76 Highway. Seventeen of our regular members from Springfield showed up to hosts, tie flies, demonstrate rod building, visit, and have a good time. Sixteen new folks from Branson were there to see what was happening. This morning I count twelve new applications for membership. The breakdown is three individual memberships and nine family memberships for a total of 24 new members. Not bad. I overheard one new member talking about how he thought several of his neighbors would probably come to the next meeting.

Our first hour was the social hour where we tied flies, talked about tying flies, talked about fishing (some of which might have been true), talked about rod building, and talked about the club. We were prepared to instruct new comers on fly-casting but didn't have any takers. Just as well, maybe next time. Then we had an introductory meeting to discuss what we were about and what we want to do. Following that we watched a video about the underwater world of trout. Finally, we held a free raffle where everybody left with something.

The youngest participant was a little girl named Becca about 5 or 6 years old. Her dad showed me a fly she had tied at home. We showed her to a fly tying vice and she worked with tying instructor, Sam Stewart, and came up with a fine fly.

No one seemed to be disappointed with the effort. The next meeting will be on October 4th, again at the Lions Club building. We hope to have a speaker to talk about trout issues in Taneycomo.

P.S. Our MTFA-Springfield Facebook page has picked up a number of new members since the Branson meeting. There is another FB page called Fly Fishing Lake Taneycomo that has some conversation and inquiries about the club on it. If you're on FB, I highly recommend you check out that "FFLT" page.

Chili Feed:

The next social event is on Saturday, October 22. Our annual Chili Feed will be at the Shepherd of the Hills picnic pavilion at Lake Taneycomo. We usually assign who brings chili and what recipe to use.

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Everybody else brings potluck dishes that fit with chili. Meal starts at noon. Guests welcome. More info will follow when we get it. Those of us, who want to fish at Taneycomo before the Chili Feed, should arrive early. RSVP John Bush or Bob Randall to carpool.

Next Great Weekday Fishing Adventure:

Wednesday, October 5, at Rockbridge Fishing Resort: Rockbridge has a "locals appreciation day" on the first Wednesday of every month where they waive the \$25 permit fee for locals. This is not catch and release; you must keep your fish at \$4.95/pound (weight before cleaning). When I went last year, I stopped fishing about 2pm and kept my cost below \$40. I came home with several good fish. RSV

MTFA Website: New and Improved:

Visit the new website at *MTFA-Springfield.org*.

We have a whole new look: 2016 photos, blog posts, a new calendar style, and more. Those of you who don't want to go on Facebook may be interested in some of the fishing reports on the website's blog page. If you want to enter a blog post, send it to me and I'll put it in or give me permission to copy your MTFA-Springfield FB posts.

If you want to enter a fly recipe, contact our Librarian, Dennis Stead.

Fishing Wisdom:

I saw this hilarious post in the "Catch and the Hatch" Face Book page as a method of scoring your fishing day:

"bull ride scoring": If the fish is on for 8 seconds, count it as a catch, followed by an "in-stream release".

"baseball scoring": hits (used the right fly, stealth, and drift.),

runs (good set and line control but connected for less than a count of 8)

errors (doping off I missed a hit and didn't set.),

on base fish hit (8 seconds or better).

20 hits, 8 runs, 4 errors, 3 fish on is a very satisfying day.

Thanks to John Davenport of Denver, Colorado

I would add that you probably shouldn't tell another angler that you caught 10 fish unless all 10 are in the net or hand. But it sure clears your head for an enjoyable way to look at your fishing success.

MSU Basic Fly Fishing Class:

This is the second time we have not had enough students for our fall MSU Basic Fly Fishing Class. It seems that most of the students don't know about it. Sam Stewart had some great ideas about reaching them. He pointed out that they communicate and get their information through social media. We will investigate whether we can talk about our class on the MSU Facebook page. He also pointed out another avenue through an International Fair held each August so we could contact foreign students.

Good work, Sam. Wow! It's a generation gap problem.

Fish It! by Gary Davisson

When I get to my fishing destination I like to take a few minutes to observe the other fisher persons, the water and what the fish are doing before I ever step into the stream or cast my fly. One of the things I see most fishermen do is make their cast and then almost immediately pick it back up and re-cast again. Many years ago while fishing on the San Juan River with a guide, I did this very same thing. Mark explained to me that I needed to fish every cast to the end. He said flies only catch fish while they are floating on or in the water. If I see one of my buddies doing this, I always remind them that you can't catch a fish unless your fly is in the water. There are three reasons you should fish your fly through a run.

One: Whether it is a single fly or a tandem midge rig, the fact is that if you rip them off the water to re-cast you cause quite a commotion. The noise, ripples and the splashes that occur when you rip your line off the surface will either spook the fish or at least alert them that you are there. If your fly hits the water, leave it, let it run its course through the run, at least well down stream before picking it up to re-cast.

Two: Take your time between cast to think about your cast and the drift you just completed. Ripping your flies out of the water only to recast without changing anything will not make the next presentation any more successful. If you land your fly not where you intended be it because of wind or some other factor let the fly drift through the run before taking it out of the water. If you do not take the time to evaluate what you did and make adjustments it only sets you up to probably making another undesirable cast. Move your feet, rotate your body, and check the distance. Take the time to maximize your chances to succeed.

Three: It's the never know factor. Just because you made a bad cast doesn't mean you will not have results. The trout do not know you made a bad cast and your drift may go right over a trout that you didn't even know that was there. Making a bad casts is just part of life. We all do it, but sometimes those awful cast produce good results. So if you make that bad cast, it's best to let it go, let the drift play out and view each cast as a learning experience. Evaluate and make adjustments.

Chili Feed October 22

October 22, Chili Feed and fly-fishing at Taneycomo Tail water. Get there for fly-fishing at your own schedule. Check the water levels first: <http://www.swpa.gov/generationschedules.aspx> TRD is Table Rock Dam. Or call Bob Randall at 417.224.1104 Chili lunch will start about noon in the pavilion. Bring a side dish.

From Branson, take Highway 165 southwest 6 miles to the hatchery near Table Rock Dam.

Shepherd of the Hills Trout Hatchery pavilion

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A Happy Memory



Jim Scheve (deceased 2011) on the Eleven Point River

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