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We will meet at the Nature Center on November 2nd. There will be fly tying at 6:00pm and the meeting will begin at 7:00pm.

Mathew Peet has agreed to come and tie flies for the group at our meeting. This man has a lot of fly tying and fishing experience.

Stone flies are here in the Ozarks and he will tie a couple of them.

Harry Morgan, President

Read more about Matthew Peet on page 3. **Editor**



Stone Fly

Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter

Calendar of Events for November 2017

November 1, 2017 Branson MTFA Monthly Meeting, @ 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

November 2, 2017 Springfield MTFA Monthly Meeting, @ 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

no meeting on December 7, 2017

December 15, 2017 Springfield MTFA Monthly Meeting/Christmas Party,
@ 6:00 pm – 9:00pm

From Harry Morgan, MTFA President:

Dear fellow club fly fishers;

Well we are almost into November. Our chili feed went well had a good turnout. Not a lot of fish being caught but I did hear of a man catching a nice brown trout.

We will have our regular meeting on November the 2nd. This is a time to look back on a great year for our club and to be thankful for what we have. We have done a lot this year with the start if a new club in Branson and also the start of the Expo. in Branson. We can be proud of that but we need to keep up the good work.

With that in mind our Christmas party is coming up:

It is scheduled for Dec. 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the conservation center. Please put it on your calendar. As in the past we ask that you bring an item, fishing related or not for a bucket raffle, proceeds to benefit needy children at the Pipken Middle School. I'll have more information after our Regular meeting about the party.

Catch and Keep ends; Catch and Release begins at trout parks

This is just a reminder about the change from catch and keep to catch and release at the state trout parks: the catch and keep regulations at Bennett Spring, Roaring River, Montauk State Parks, and Maramec Spring Park run until **October 31**.

No fishing is allowed at those parks from **November 1 through November 9**. Catch and release regulations will begin on November 10 and continue through February 12. Fishing in the 3 state parks is limited to Fridays through Mondays; however, that restriction does not exist at Maramec as it is not owned by the state.

These regulations are not the same for other trout areas so places to fish will still be available elsewhere. Plan your fishing trips accordingly.

Norman Lee Collinson

August 28, 1930 - October 12, 2017

Norman Lee Collinson, age 87, of Springfield MO died Thursday, October 12, 2017 at the Mount Vernon Veterans Home, in Mount Vernon, MO.

Norman was born August 28, 1930 in Fresno, California the son of Vernon "Jack" Lee and Eula Edna (Denney) Collinson.

Norman was preceded in death by his parents; son, Dennis Lynn Collinson, two brothers Roy Allen, and Danny Rue Collinson. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Virginia of the home; three brothers, John of Springfield, Stanley of Rogersville, Raymond of Nixa; sister Neta Jo Staff of Rogersville; grandson Aaron of Florida.

Norman was a U.S. Army veteran with the Korean Conflict. He also won several ribbons for Bee keeping and loved to fly fish. Norman was retired from Inland Printing Co., as a salesman and the Gospel Publishing house.

His final resting place is at the Eastlawn Cemetery.

Norm will be missed by all of us.

MTFA Membership

About Matthew Peet...

... who was born in 1952 in Bakersfield, CA (Think Buck Owens home town). "I learned to fish on the Kern River, at the southern end of the Sierra Nevada Mts., throwing salmon eggs for rainbow trout. I became very proficient at reading water and it wasn't long before fishing with "bait" became passé and I became interested in fly-fishing. I obtained a fly-tying kit from Herter's Inc., thus began my life-long obsession with tying flies. I received some mentoring from the local fly shop proprietor, Dan Byford (credited with developing the Zonker series of streamers) who taught me many techniques, including weaving flies with floss using bobbins. I joined the Long Beach Casting Club in the mid seventies, while I attended Long Beach State University, majoring in Entomology. While a member of the Long Beach Casting Club I competed in two different national casting competitions and learned the dynamics of casting fly rods and bait casting rods."

"Moved back to Bakersfield, CA., in late 1980, where I joined the local fly fishing club, Kern River Fly Fishermen, and made many lasting friendships with other like minded fly fishermen. I've fished in Montana, Wyoming, Nevada, New Mexico, Baja California besides all over the Sierra Nevada's! I like catching fish, but I like catching fish on a fly rod best. One of the prominent aquatic insects on the

Kern River is the Pteronarcys californica, the Giant Salmon fly and when they are active, the fishing can be very good. To this day these salmon flies have been one of my favorite flies to tie.”

“I escaped from California in 2006 when I moved to my current residence in Kissee Mills, MO.”

The following article about stoneflies is copied from ThoughtCo. A site based on life long learning. www.thoughtco.com It is an interesting site.



by [Debbie Hadley](#)

Updated April 14, 2017

Aquatic stonefly nymphs live only in cool, clean streams, and are an important bioindicator of good water quality. Stoneflies belong to the order Plecoptera, which comes from the Greek for "twisted wings."

Description:

Adult stoneflies are fairly drab insects, with flattened, soft bodies. They hold their wings flat over the bodies when at rest. Stonefly adults have long, threadlike antennae, and a pair of cerci extends from the abdomen.

Stoneflies have two compound eyes and three simple eyes and chewing mouthparts, though not all species feed as adults.

Stoneflies fly poorly, so they don't stray far from the stream where they lived as nymphs. Adults are short-lived. Stoneflies exhibit unusual [courtship behavior](#). The males drum their abdomens on a substrate to send an acoustic signal to potential female mates. A receptive female drums her response. The pair will continue to drum to each other, gradually moving closer and closer until they meet, and mate.

After mating, females deposit their eggs in the water. Stonefly nymphs develop slowly, taking 1-3 years to molt repeatedly before emerging as adults. Stoneflies are so named because the nymphs often live under stones in streams or rivers. They feed on a variety of plant and animal matter, both dead and living, depending on the species and age of the nymph.

Habitat and Distribution:

As nymphs, stoneflies inhabit cold, fast-flowing streams in pristine condition.

Adult stoneflies are terrestrial but tend to stay close to the streams from which they emerge. Worldwide, entomologists identify about 2,000 stonefly species, about a third of which live in the U.S. and Canada.

**Happy
Thanksgiving**



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