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Our monthly meeting will be at the Springfield Nature Center, Thursday March 1st. It will begin at 6:00 PM for Fly tying and 7:00 PM for program and business meeting.

The program this month will be given by Ryan Walker, a pro fisherman and guide. He will be talking and presenting a program on smallmouth bass. He will also demonstrate fly tying for bass. This should be a very informative. Don't miss this one.

Harry Morgan, Program Chair



Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter

Calendar of Events for March 2018

February 2018

February 28, 2018 Branson Expo planning meeting, Spgfld Library Center, 4653 S Campbell Ave, Story Telling Room @6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

March 2018

March 1, 2018 Springfield Chapter Monthly Meeting @ 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

March 7, 2018 Branson Chapter MTFA Monthly Meeting @ 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

March 10, 2018 Taneycomo Fishing Trip @ 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

March 17, 2018 Pre-derby Meeting, Dining Lodge, Bennett Spring SP @ 1:00 pm

March 21, 2018 Branson Expo planning meeting, Hollister Condo Club @6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

April 2018

April 4, 2018 Branson Chapter MTFA Monthly Meeting @ 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

April 5, 2018 MSU Fly Fishing Class @ 6:00 pm – 9:30 pm

A Note from John Dozier, President MTFA

I hope everyone enjoys Opening Day of trout season this year. We are working on getting our website to be more user-friendly for both the Springfield and Branson chapters.

Everyone remember our MSU Classes are coming up and we will need volunteers to help with the students. Below is an article from Ralph Eicholz with details on the classes. God Bless your weekend

MSU Classes, by Ralph Eicholz, Education Chair

The MSU class is filling up quickly, so it looks like it's a go for the spring. I was a little concerned when the university reduced graduation requirements from 125 to 120, but so far so far there hasn't been a noticeable effect.

Our sessions are scheduled for April 5, 12, 19, and 26 in the classroom and May 3 and 5 at Mountain Spring and Roaring River respectively. At our next meeting I'll be asking for volunteers to demo flies, casting and knots. I'll also need help in bringing equipment and materials to the class.

Notes from Bob Randall

MTFA Facebook

Ralph Eicholz started the MTFA-Springfield Facebook Group page several years ago. Within the last six months or so, he added the Branson Chapter to the name so it is now MTFA - Springfield/Branson.

Currently, we have 200 members who follow it. When we say member we mean members of the Facebook Group, not chapter members. A number of our members don't have Facebook accounts so that means we have a pretty good following of other trout fishers. We post fishing reports, bragging pictures, event notices, and more. Check it out at: https://www.facebook.com/groups/MTFA.Springfield/.

Chapter Membership

The Springfield Chapter of MTFA currently has 154 members. That breaks down as 28 individual memberships and 53 family memberships. The Branson Chapter has 9 individual and 23 family memberships to total 65 members.

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Committee Chairs

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