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## **Formed in 1972 to Serve all Fishermen in the Springfield Area**

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Our monthly meeting will be at the Springfield Nature Center, Thursday, February 7th. It will begin at 6:00 PM with fly tying. Our program will begin at 7:00 PM

Our program this month will be an up-date from Larry Wegmann. It will be an in-depth study about the life of the midge, food for trout.

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## **Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter Calendar of Events for February 2019**

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

February 7, 2019 Springfield Chapter Monthly Meeting @ 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

February 9, 10, 2019 Arc of the Ozarks *Hunt & Fish* Outdoor Show @ 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

February 12, 2019 Fishing Event to Roaring River, last day of C&R @ 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

February 20, 2019 Branson Expo planning meeting, Branson's Loin Club @ 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

February 23, 2019 tentative date and Fishing trip to be announced @ 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

## **From the MTFA President – Dennis Stead**

For the year, one of our main focus points will be membership. I want to encourage those of you who have not joined the MTFA-Springfield Chapter of one reason or another, to fill out the form below and mail it, along with a check for \$15.00, to our membership chairman – Bob Randall. For you who are out of our area, it would be nice to have you as a member but understand why you would not want to. But for you who once were members or are local, here are a few reasons why should you rejoin or join.

One of the best reasons is just to support the Springfield Chapter of MTFA. But let me give you a few other reasons for you to become a member.

1. As a member, you will get 10% discount on fly tying materials at the Plateau Fly Shop.
2. You will receive a monthly newsletter.
3. You will be informed when a planned fishing outing will take place and can go with a group of your fellow fishermen.
4. You can attend some of the social events – chili feed, fish fry, etc.
5. You can audit the MSU Basic Fly Fishing class at no cost.
6. You – if you want – can attend monthly meeting and hear special speakers.
7. You can join us at fly tying events
8. When we go to Highland Trout farm - you can fish for hours at a greatly reduced rate.
9. You can have a chance to win - ½ day Guided fishing trip.

Finally, if you become a member by the March 2019 Thursday night meeting, we will draw a member's number. He or She will receive a ½ day guided fishing trip for themselves and a friend.

Plateau Fly Shop will be the guide and the winner can pick the date and the type of fish they want to fish for. The location is within an hour's drive, or approximately 50 miles. I have attached a fishing chart which shows the best time to fish for the fish you want to fish for. And a map, to give you an idea of how far to travel.

So, take the time to fill out the membership form and send it in with your check for \$15.00. And I will say thank you.

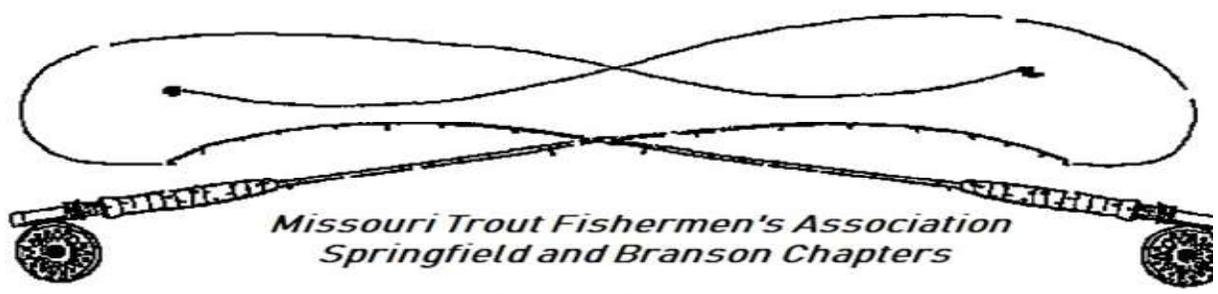
Dennis Stead - [dmstead@aol.com](mailto:dmstead@aol.com)

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1	<b>Plateau Fly Shop Guided fishing trip for two people</b>							
2	You pick the fish you want to fish for and the day you want to fish							
3	Fly Fishing for 1/2 Day	\$200 Value - Drive time 1.0 hour from Springfield						
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5	This is the best guess when to fish for a certain type of fish							
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7	<b>Month</b>	<b>Trout</b>	<b>Smallie</b>	<b>Whites</b>	<b>Crappie</b>	<b>Muskie</b>	<b>Walleye</b>	<b>Carp</b>
8	<b>January</b>	○	○	⊗	⊗	⊗	○	⊗
9	<b>February</b>	●	○	⊗	⊗	⊗	●	⊗
10	<b>March</b>	●	○	○	●	○	●	○
11	<b>April</b>	●	●	●	●	●	●	○
12	<b>May</b>	●	●	●	○	●	⊗	●
13	<b>June</b>	●	●	○	○	⊗	⊗	●
14	<b>July</b>	○	●	○	⊗	⊗	⊗	●
15	<b>August</b>	○	●	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	○
16	<b>September</b>	●	●	○	⊗	●	⊗	○
17	<b>October</b>	●	●	○	⊗	●	○	○
18	<b>November</b>	●	⊗	⊗	⊗	○	○	⊗
19	<b>December</b>	○	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗
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21	<b>Chart Key</b>							
22	●	This is the Best or prime time to fish for the fish above						
23	○	This is a decent time to fish for the fish above						
24	⊗	This is not a good time to fish for the fish above						
25	○ ●	The middle to the last part of the month is the Best						
26	● ○	The first half to the middle of the month is the Best						
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28	Note: Fishing license not included.							
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# 2019 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



I have an interest to improve the grand sport of Trout and Game fishing in Missouri and desire to give support to activities directed towards this end.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Make Check Payable to: **MTFA-Springfield** or **MTFA-Branson**  
**Circle either Springfield or Branson. Use separate forms to join both.**

Dues are not deductible for income tax purposes.

For Springfield Chapter mail to:  
Bob Randall  
2239 W. Buena Vista St.  
Springfield, MO 65810

For Branson Chapter mail to:  
Howard Hawkins  
198 Groton  
Hollister, MO 65672

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home or cell Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

If applying for family membership, please list names spouse and children age 16 and under who should receive membership.

Spouse:  
(1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_

### **Please circle or list a response to the following questions:**

Are you an individual member of FFI paying dues directly to this organization?... Yes or No  
Are you an individual member of CFM paying dues directly to this organization?... Yes or No  
Name a topic or program of interest. \_\_\_\_\_  
What would you like more from the club? \_\_\_\_\_  
Newsletter preference: electronic e-mail? \_\_\_\_\_ or hard copy by U. S. mail \_\_\_\_\_

### **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Family .....\$15.00 Individual .....\$15.00 Contributing .....\$25.00  
Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield or Branson Chapter dues through December 2019

Use the following if receipt is needed for cash payment:  
(4)

Received 2019 MTFA dues payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from: \_\_\_\_\_  
this date \_\_\_\_\_.  
Signature of Treasurer or Membership Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

**Message from Bob Randall – Membership Chair: MTFA-Springfield Membership:** Currently, there are 69 paid memberships and three honorary memberships. That translates to 135 people.

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While fishing at Bennett Spring State Park, I tested the insect rest population in the outflow stream below the hatchery runways. ... I found sowbugs. You can read the whole story by Ctrl-clicking at <http://www.mtfa-springfield.org/2019/01/05/matching-the-hatch-at-bennett-spring/>

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**Winter Dry Fly Fishing Tips** by Allen Gardner It's too long to post the whole thing here but you can read it all by Ctrl-clicking [here](#). Or I have condensed it into about half a page below:

Topics of Winter Dry Fly Fishing Tips

The Winter Hatches including insects, sizes, colors and fly suggestions.

When you can fish dry flies in winter?

How you should fish dry flies during the winter months?

Where you can find rising trout during winter?

Time of Day

For the best times of day, focus on the warmest parts of the day, usually 10 am – 3 pm. Early morning can produce well with nymphs, but as weather warms, dry flies will begin to show up. They won't hatch all the time, and I've found that blind casting to trout during winter with dry flies to be as successful as winning an argument on politics of opposing opinions. It's just not worth your time. If you see fish rising however, the game changes and get your dry flies on!

Fly Tying Suggestions

The best advice for tying midges is to tie small. Small sizes, small portions, etc. Less is more with midges of all stages.

Use Unbalanced Leader

The purpose of leader beyond the obvious tying on of flies, is also to transfer the energy and power of your cast down to your fly. While most times you want as close to 100% energy transfer as possible, I've found with winter dry flies, that an unbalanced leader stops the power 1-3 ft short and allows the fly to land as soft as a natural insect. This goes a long way in creating a good presentation. The key here is to take something like a 9ft 6x leader, and then tie 12-36 inches of additional 6x to the end.

This short-loads the leader and makes it hard to transfer energy to the fly. The end result will be that your leader almost unloads and lays out, but the last 12-24 inches just stops and flutters to the water.

This lands the fly just how you want it and is a great presentation. In order for the line not to get all messed up around the fly, you need to have a good cast and cast at an angle to the trout.

With permission of Allen Gardener of The Catch and the Hatch

**The Conservation Federation of Missouri has taken a position on a legislative measure** in the Missouri House of Representatives which would potentially take away the funding for Missouri's conservation program. MO-HJR 18: Proposes a constitutional amendment to require that the conservation sales tax be renewed by voters every six years. The CFM Legislative Action Center says the following:

"The Conservation Federation of Missouri strongly opposes HJR 18.

Over the last 40 years, the Conservation Commission has used the funds entrusted conservatively and responsibly. Available economic and social data proves that the payback on the investment has been extraordinary. Important points to consider are:

1. The amount of money involved relative to the state budget is minuscule.
2. There will be significant taxpayer cost for periodic ballots for re-authorization, both in time and dollars.
3. Failure to re-authorize the sales tax would result in a catastrophic collapse of conservation related activities and service, closure of facilities, and layoffs of employees.
4. The budgetary burden would rest on permit revenues and federal reimbursements, the latter of which would be in jeopardy as these funds typically require a state match — thus federal conservation/wildlife revenues due to Missouri would be divvied up among other states. Any difference in need would have to come from general revenue which the legislature would likely not provide.

Missourians are justifiably proud of our conservation agency — widely regarded as one of the best in the nation. There is little risk voters would ever choose to end the small sales tax, one penny per \$8, that makes it all possible. But that won't stop the uncertainty inherent in this effort. No organization the size of the MDC can operate effectively when half of their budget at periodic risk. Aside from making long-term commitments and project planning impossible, it would end the ability to attract the best and brightest wildlife professionals to have their career in Missouri. Thus this proposal severely damages the ability of the MDC to perform its mission even if not a penny was ever taken away.

There are no compelling reasons for asking the citizens to re-authorize the dedicated funding. Most importantly, the people established this dedicated funding by initiative petition. If the people feel the need to re-visit how the Department of Conservation is funded, we believe the people, not the legislature, should be the body that initiates the change." The CFM is on record opposing such changes.

Your fishing license and your trout permit are about to expire. Visit MDC or order permits online by Ctrl-clicking: <https://huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/fishing/permits>

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**The Branson Fly Fishing Expo logo** will be a take off of this photo:



It will end up being something like this line drawing on the left.

We will use a version of the color photo on our advertising fliers and may make a Cloisonne lapel or hat pins.



Oddly, the line drawing ended up being a composite of two different photographs because the trees block much of the dam. Another photo of the dam was taken from a different angle and worked better as a line drawing.

These pictures are honorable mentions:



Yes, that's Harry Morgan fighting a lunker.

And this

photo of the dam:  
It was actually used in the line drawing.



## MTFA Springfield Chapter Officers

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<b>2 Year Executive Committee Member</b>	Larry Wegman and Dick Solomon	
<b>1 Year Executive Committee Member</b>	John Bush and Charlie Stewart	
<p>Monthly meetings at the Springfield Nature Center are the first Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM for Fly tying and 7:00 PM for programs and business meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Committee Chairs</b></p> <p><b>Program Chair</b> – Harry Morgan  <b>Education Chair</b> – Larry Wegmann  <b>Social Chair</b> – John Bush  <b>Newsletter Editor</b> – Eve Krit-Anderson  <b>Librarian</b> – Dennis Stead  <b>Equipment &amp; Supplies</b> – Wayne Frizzell  <b>Web Page</b> – Brent Simmons  <b>Membership Chair</b> – Bob Randall  <b>Liaison to National and State Affiliate fly fishing Association</b> – Bob Randall  <b>Public Relations</b> – Vacant</p>		

If you would like to submit an article for the MTFA newsletter, please put **MTFA** in the email subject line and send to Eve. **Send Articles to: [ekanderson@hotmail.com](mailto:ekanderson@hotmail.com)**

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