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Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association

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The November Get-Together is at the

➡ *Library Center Community Room B,* ⬅

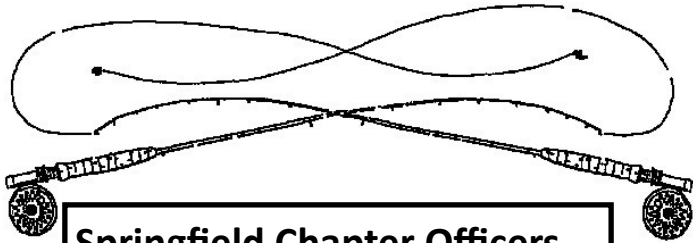
6:00pm on Thursday, November 4,

4653 S Campbell Ave, near Sam's Club and Academy

Kim Schultz and Rod Pennington will have program on Fishing in Alaska

The current Nature Center rules limit our meetings to 25 people. Even though we were hoping to slide back the wall between two meeting rooms and have a 50 person limit, the MDC decision makers in Jefferson City have not authorized that, yet.

Good News!: The Nature Center staff is receptive to letting us tie flies as a public event. The details are still being planned. Stay tuned.



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Catch and Keep season in state trout parks ended October 31, 2021

Catch and Release season in state trout parks begins November 12, 2021

Between those dates, you can still fish in other trout areas: Crane Creek, Taneycomo, etc.

The Annual Meeting is to be held on the first Thursday of December each year. We make it a Christmas Party. Last year we couldn't have it but this year we will. It will be at the Golden Corral on South Glenstone, December 2, starting at 6 pm. We will meet in the group room which is off on the northeast corner of the restaurant. We will ask the members to pay \$5 for each meal and the chapter will pay the balance and the tip. We need a head count for this event by the November meeting. Your \$5 portion will be appreciated if you pay it at that time. Russ Doughty is in charge of the meal. You may pay in cash (please have correct change) or check payable to MTFA-Springfield. If for some reason, you can't be at the November meeting but you still wish to attend the December meeting, please respond to this email.

We usually have a raffle with the proceeds being donated to the Pitkin Middle School so that they can distribute it to needy students. We are going to postpone that raffle until the January meeting.



Chapter News:

The October Get-Together was at Mountain Springs Trout Park. It was one of those rare times when fishing wasn't amazing but there were fish caught. Twenty-three members attended. The club furnished the meal with hot dogs, pork and beans, chips, and cookies. Thanks to all who helped prepare and serve the meal. We held a raffle afterward. The newest member, Scott Lambeth, won the \$35 gift certificate for one hour of catch and release fishing at Mountain Springs. Scott had joined the club about 30 minutes prior to winning the prize. Congratulations and welcome to the club Scott.

Chapter News continued:

MSU Class. I have submitted a schedule to MSU for the Spring Beginning Fly Fishing Class as follows:

March 31, 2022

April 7, 21, 28

May 5 and 7 for field trips to Mountain Springs Trout Park and Roaring River State Park

As most of you know, the class will not be held unless an adequate number of students sign up for the class. I don't know what that magic number is. We used to say it was 10 students but that was long ago. Things have changed and earlier enquiries have not resulted in a number. We will wait, hold our collective breath, and hope that I get an email telling me that the class is on. My guess is that there will be some changes because of covid-19. I don't know whether they will require masks, vaccinations, etc. We'll wait and see.

Bob Randall

Treasurer's Report Year to Date:

Beginning Balance 1-1-2021		\$ 8,719.69
<u>INCOME</u>	2021 Actual	
Memberships	\$ 165.00	
Memorial-Dick Deerfield	\$ 1,135.00	
Misc. (gifts)(others)	\$ 90.00	
Expo**		
Total Income to date		\$ 1,390.00
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		
Derby*	\$ 299.95	
Equipment (Includes storage)	\$ 660.00	
Liability	\$ 104.25	
Library	\$ 79.95	
Programs	\$ 120.00	
Socials	\$ 860.25	
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,124.40	\$(2,124.40)
Balance 10-28-2021		\$ 7,985.29

Dennis Stead

Fishing Reports:



End of October, Alaska trip, Kim Schultz and Rod Pennington, Saltery Lake, Kodiak Island, AK:

Fishing was not exceptional, lots of bears, lots of early snow in the mountains. Return trip was postponed two days as all air traffic out of Kodiak was closed due to windblown volcanic ash from an eruption that occurred in 1912 in what is now Katmai National Park. A brisk NW wind kicked up this ash/dust and brought it right over Kodiak. The guys were stranded. It's not a bad place to be stranded.

Dick Solomon: "Fished Bennet last Thursday, (Oct 21) it was crowded but fishing was good in the Gut Hole, lots of small ones being caught, caught over 30 on my Hares Ear Scud but most were caught on my Shammy Jig. Moved up to zone where the bigger fish were biting. I shifted to a ultra lite so I could fish the deep side of the stream, I met a fellow from Jeff City who has purchased several of Dennis Stead's vices. We set on the handicapped pier and I caught several nice ones on my Mop Worm Jigs, I used Pink, Chartreuse and White hot pink mega worms. Left at two for home."

Harry Morgan: Went with Nelson Morrison (Nellie) to Stockton about three days ago (Oct 21?) and we caught nice white bass from the bank off windy shores.

Russ Doughty: "Fishing? What's that? "

John Bush: "Ron Ward and I went to the White River on the 16th. The SWPA ended up running a lot more water than they forecasted, so it made the fishing tough but Ron managed to catch a 20 inch rainbow and a couple of smaller ones. I had one to the net that was just slightly smaller, and several more hookups including one that I never got to see that broke me off."

Mike Kidd, October 25: "Fished Roaring River today with my friend WILSON from Kansas City and caught some on wispy's ."

Mike Kidd, Mountain Springs Trout Park, 10/7/2021.
That fish is so heavy that it made his knees buckle!



John Bush, Taneycomo, October 30:"Caught some nice ones at Taney-como today."



MTFA Business Meeting October 7, 2021

The business meeting was called to order at 6 pm by President Bob Randall. A quorum was established.

Officers and Executive Members Present: Bob Randall, Harry Morgan, Dennis Stead, Bruce Hinkston, Regina Leitle, Kim Schultz, Russ Doughty, and Mike Kidd

The minutes of the September 2, 2021 meeting were approved.

The Treasurer's report as posted in the October newsletter of a current balance of \$8,338.54 was approved.

Reports:

The club is still looking at options to use the donation of \$1,135 in Dick Deerfield's name. One idea is to use the money to purchase a picnic table at one of the trout parks with a memorial plaque. We're waiting for DNR to notify us. Another possibility is to use the money for skill competition prizes in future MSU classes.

Bob Randall is having discussions with MSU for another class, possibly in the spring. 23 members and guests attended the outing at Mountain Springs Trout Park.

Expo: The financial report is incomplete. Future plans have not been announced.

Old Business:

Reviewed the proposed amendments to the bylaws. A motion was made to accept the proposed amendments and seconded. The motion passed. The amendments will be brought before the club for a vote at the Annual Meeting in December.

New Business:

The location of the Annual Meeting was discussed. A room at the Library Center and the Banquet room at Golden Corral are being considered. The decision will be based on room capacity and availability. Russ will contact Golden Corral for more information.

The Pipkin School raffle normally held at the Annual Meeting was discussed. A motion to move the raffle to the January meeting was made and seconded. The motion passed.

The 2022 budget was discussed. A motion was made to use the 2020 budget to prepare the 2022 budget was made and seconded. The motion passed.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Fly Talk:

From the MTFA web page, fly recipe section:

Pattie Hayes a MTFA member has been tying flies for a long time. Every MTFA meeting, she is tying Flies. Every fly tying event, at the Nature Center, Bass Pro Shop or where ever there is a table, she is tying flies. Pattie gave me this fly at one of our fly tying events. She called it a variation of the Gray Sparrow. I have searched the internet for all variations of the Sparrow, and none look like this. So that is why I am give it a name – the Pattie's Bead Head Sparrow Variant.

Dennis Stead



Pattie's Bead head Sparrow Variant

Hook: Tiemco TMC5263

Hook Sizes: 10, 12, 14

Thread: UNI-Thread 8/0 Black

Body: Natural Brown Rabbit Dubbing

Tail: Golden Peasant Hackle Barbs

Hackle: Gold Peasant Hackle

Collar: Gray filoplume

Head: Copper Brass Bead



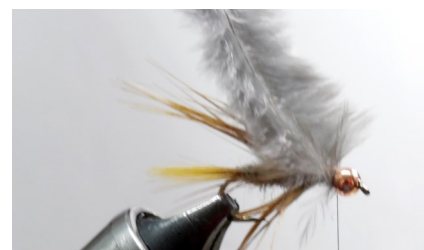
Web: MTFA-Springfield.org
Meeting: 1st Thursday of Month
6:00 PM Springfield Conservation
Nature Center

Fly tied by Dennis Stead - size 12

Fishing instructions: fish on a sinking lead or line
and stripe back



Gray filoplume



Fishing Outside the Box

excerpt from the Kansas City Chapter newsletter



White River below Bull Shoals Dam: The White River flows out of Bull Shoals Lake, the depth of the river and the speed of its current depends on how much water is being released from Bull Shoals Dam. The Corps of Engineers determines how much water to release into the river based on flood control and electric power demand. The water level in the White River can drop or rise fast at any time of day depending on how many electric power generators the Corps runs. Fisher-

men must know what the water level currently is and what it is likely to do. Water fluctuations can cause hazardous situations when unexpected, so be alert! The first three quarters of a mile below the Dam is catch and release only and only barbless hooks. The other catch and release area is at the Rim Shoals access area.

Location: Cotter AR **Distance from Springfield:** 79 miles **Places to Stay:** Gaston's / Motel's / State Campground

Little Red River in Arkansas: The Little Red River is known for its fine brown trout fishing but it is also stocked with brook, cutthroat and rainbow trout. This river has some huge brown trout in its gin clear water. It's cold, water comes from the Greer's Ferry Dam at a temperature of about forty-seven degrees year-round.



Location: Heber Springs, AR **Distance from Springfield:** 220 miles **Places to Stay:** Lindsey's Resort / Red River Trout Dock / Heber Springs Motels / John F. Kennedy Park Campground

Norfolk River, Arkansas: The Norfolk River is a tailwater below the Norfolk Dam and is only about 4.5 miles long and flows into the White River. It offers some of the best trout fishing and is one of the rivers in which you can catch the grand slam of trout, Rainbow, Brown, Brook and Cutthroat. Be sure to visit Two Rivers Fly Shop in the small town of Norfolk. Norfolk Café was a good place to eat, or it's a short drive to Mountain Home where there is lot's of places to satisfy your pallet.

Location: Norfolk AR. **Distance from Springfield:** 118 miles **Places to stay:** Norfolk River Resort, Army Corp of Engineers has a great campground directly below Norfolk Dam.

By Gary Davisson

Bennett Spring State Park administration has informed us of a project they would consider allowing MTFA to complete. This all started as a discussion of how to best use \$1,135 from the Dick Deerfield Memorial Fund. Pavilion B is the pavilion across the Whistle Bridge and it is usually the location preferred by our State Council for the MTFA Derby every May. Some of the table top boards are in need of replacement. That was the original offer, but the park administration would like for all of the boards to be replaced at once so they all look the same. Originally, our offer was to replace two to four tables and I suggested that we could get a few club members to do the work. This has expanded greatly and would require several more worker hours than just a few club members. Still, we could do it if we set our minds to it and get some good cooperation from the membership. A fall work date is now out of the question but spring is a good option and would give us time to plan. The tentative plan is that we would pay for the project, using our funds the park would purchase the lumber, and several of us could bring our tools and show up for the work.

It has been said that we don't have any worthwhile projects and fail to accomplish much. Here is our chance to turn that around. Please give this project some thought and share your opinions with your Executive Committee representatives: Russ Doughty, Harry Morgan, Regina Leitle, Nelson Morrison, Kim Schultz, and Mike Kidd.

The Executive Committee will be considering our options and making plans.

Bob Randall

Water levels:

Roaring River water level: [National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service](#)

Taneycomo water level: [National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service](#)

Bennett Spring water level: [National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service](#)

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If you would like to submit an article for the MTFA newsletter, please put MTFA NL in the email subject line and send to Bob Randall: bobbyleensandy@gmail.com

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