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Our December 6th meeting will be at the Heritage Cafeteria on Battlefield our **Christmas Party** meeting.

We can begin gathering at about 5:30pm. Dinner will begin at 6:00pm.



We are auctioning of a piece of artwork and holding our bucket raffle to raise money to help people in need through the holidays.

During the business meeting a trophy for trout caught in a Missouri trout park will be awarded.

We need to make a decision about the meeting in July (it falls on the 4th).

The annual election of officers and passing of the gavel will also take place.

Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter

Activities for December 2012

December 6

Christmas Party 5:30-8 PM

Club News...

Greetings from Ralph: Thank you! This concludes my two years as president of MTFA Springfield and I've enjoyed the time. A measure of a club's success is attendance at meetings and we nearly always fill the room, thanks. Good clubs have active members and, although it sometimes took a little arm twisting, we always have members willing to do their share and then some. We've kept up most of our activities, again thanks to the members that gave of their time and talents. Several of these have already been scheduled for 2013. The MSU class is still going strong; we already have 19 signed up for spring 2013...this fluctuates a lot before the first day of class. I feel we were a good club when I took over and I hope we are just as good now.

Now for a few scheduled events: The MTFA statewide meeting is December 1 and we'll have 3 or 4 of us at Montauk for the meeting. We're going down on Nov 30 and returning Dec 2, so there will be some fishing involved. December 6 is our Christmas Party at Heritage Cafeteria. Please bring something for the raffle; all money collected will be used for clothing for some of the less fortunate in our area. I believe this is going to be a Bluegrass Christmas. Our January meeting will be on the 3rd and we tie at the Nature Center on January 12 from 1 until 4 PM

Just after our last meeting I received an email from Bill, he was told to head east to work on the damage from Sandy. He was not sure when he'd be returning. If he is back we will have a passing of the gavel, if not we can do that at the next meeting when he is back. Lezley and I have assured Bill that we will carry on until he's back. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bill and the victims of the storm that he is trying to help.

I hope that everyone can enjoy the blessings of Thanksgiving and the following Christmas season. Spend as much time as possible with family and friends, but make a little time to wet a line. As one of my fishing friends likes to say, many good vibrations.

Ralph

Slate of MTFA Officers for 2013

At the October meeting the nominating committee named the following for 2013 MTFA officers.

President..... Bill Huyett

President Elect..... Lezley Chastain

Secretary..... Dorothy Prugger

Treasurer..... Ralph Eichholz

Three year Executive Committee members..... John Dozier and Warren Wilkerson

The election will be at our Annual Christmas Party meeting December 6 at Heritage Cafeteria.

Missouri Department of Conservation NEWS: Nov. 28, 2012

Discover nature with Eagle Days around the state

Big rivers, many lakes and wetlands make Missouri especially attractive to bald eagles.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. -- Because of its big rivers, many lakes and wetlands, Missouri is one of the leading lower 48 states for bald eagle viewing. Each fall, thousands of these great birds migrate south from their nesting range in Canada and the Great Lakes states to hunt in the Show-Me State. Eagles take up residence wherever they find open water and plentiful food. More than 2,000 bald eagles are typically reported in Missouri during winter.

From December through February, Missouri's winter eagle watching is spectacular. Discover nature with Missouri Department of Conservation's (MDC) Eagle Days events around the state, or enjoy eagle-viewing on your own. Eagle Days events include live captive-eagle programs, exhibits, activities, videos and guides with spotting scopes. Be sure to dress for winter weather and don't forget cameras and binoculars. Watch for eagles perched in large trees along the water's edge. View them early in the morning to see eagles flying and fishing.

Eagle Days events:

- Dec. 1-2 at Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge south of Mound City (816-271-3100)
- Jan. 5-6 at Smithville Lake north of Kansas City (816-532-0174)
- Jan. 26-27 at Lock & Dam 24 at Clarksville (660-785-2420)
- Jan. 26-27 at MDC Springfield Conservation Nature Center (417-888-4237)
- Feb. 2 at Mingo National Wildlife Refuge northwest of Puxico (573-222-3589)

Other places for winter eagle viewing:

- Lake of the Ozarks at Bagnell Dam Access east of Bagnell
- Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area on Route K southwest of Columbia
- Lock & Dam 25 east of Winfield
- Old Chain of Rocks Bridge south of I-270 off of Riverview Drive in St. Louis
- Riverlands Environmental Demonstration Area east of West Alton
- Schell-Osage Conservation Area north of El Dorado Springs
- Swan Lake National Wildlife Refuge south of Sumner
- Table Rock Lake and Shepherd of the Hills Fish Hatchery southwest of Branson
- Truman Reservoir west of Warsaw

For more information, visit MDC's website at mdc.mo.gov/events/eagledays

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Membership Dues

MTFA membership renewal applications have been sent to you for 2013. Please review the information on the printed application, please verify the information to be correct; make any corrections necessary.

Annual membership is \$15 for family or \$15 individual once again. You may send the application with dues back to Kim Schultz with the address on the application or bring it with you to the Christmas/Annual meeting at the Heritage Cafeteria on December 6th. I will be there and will be happy to accept it. The deadline for renewal membership is March 1st, since a membership rooster must be submitted to the State MTFA Council at the pre-derby meeting in March.

New members memberships received after July 2012 are considered paid through 2013 and a note was sent to explain extension of dues through December 31, 2013. Our membership is currently over one-hundred members and looking forward to more growth the coming year.

Thank you for supporting the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association.

Kim Schultz

MTFA Programs

From Kim Schultz to the MTFA

I have a few programs in mind for 2013 and need your help.

Please pass on any ideas for a program. If you know someone willing to give a program or want more information on a particular river or area, let me know.

Missouri fishing opportunities are abundant with warm water, cold water and impoundment areas to wet a line.

Missouri has several outstanding rivers, to name a few;

- Current River, Jacks Fork River and the Eleven Point River
- There are three Missouri State trout parks; Bennett Spring SP, Roaring River SP and Montauk SP with Maramec Spring Park (maintain by the James Foundation)
- There are eleven blue ribbon streams to fish for wild trout.

These are just a few ideas to get you started....

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Peace on Earth
Good will towards Man
May blessings be upon you and yours



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Eve at the above email address**

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President Elect	Bill Huyett	887-3254
Secretary	Dorothy Prugger	862-9972
Treasurer	Connie Erickson	890-7243
3 Year Executive Committee Member	Charles Erickson John Prugger	
2 Year Executive Committee Member	Lezley Chastain, Dick Deerfield	
1 Year Executive Committee Member	Russ Doughty, John Richerson	
Monthly meetings at the Springfield Nature Center are the first Thursday of the month at 6 PM for Fly tying and 7 PM for programs and business meeting.		
Committee Chairs		
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Education Chair – Ralph Eichholz		
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