



Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association

Springfield Chapter

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There will be no meeting at the Nature Center for the month of September. Our MSU class is again underway and many of the members will be there.

Have a good September and see you all in October.



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Activities for September 2012

September 6	MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM (no monthly meeting)
September 13	MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM
September 20	MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM
September 22	MSU Fishing Trip to Roaring River State Park 9 AM - 4 PM Great Outdoor - Day Bois Arc Conservation Area 9AM-3PM

Club News...

Greetings from Ralph: Hello again, August is nearly gone and the, hopefully, cooler weather approaching. I'd like to begin by thanking all the tiers who helped with Insect-o-rama. It was a very successful evening. We were able to make several children happy with their pins and we possibly attracted a few more new members.

The MSU class is underway. The enrollment went up and down, and as of the day after the first class, we have 16. Those 16 were all present at the class and it looks like we have an enthusiastic group. Speaking of the class, let me remind everyone that we will not be meeting at the Nature Center in September as we will be with the class. Also, the new vises are in and the students are using them. I believe we made a big improvement in this part of their equipment. We are scheduled to fish Roaring River with the class on September 22 and we can always use more help at the class and when fishing.

We have a nominating committee of John Dozier, Russ Doughty, and Warren Wilkerson, so if you'd like to help the Chapter by being an officer, let one of them know before the October meeting.

I've enjoyed some good fishing this month and am looking forward to more of the same. Because of the low water, many of the fish are stressed, so play them as little as possible and be careful handling them before releasing.

Stay cool and tight lines.



Editor's Note: Here is an email that Ralph received from Linda Chorice, Manager of the Nature Center. He thought you'd all like to see it.

Dear Ralph,

From: Linda Chorice <Linda.Chorice@mdc.mo.gov>

To: Ralph Eiccholz <mathman3@aol.com>

Sent: Tue, Aug 21, 2012 10:17 am

Subject: Thank you

Dear Ralph,

Thank you for organizing and participating in yet another successful *Insect-O-Rama* event last Friday evening. We had the best weather ever—nearly 20 degrees cooler than in past years—and a great diversity of activities for the visitors who ventured out. We counted 650 people for the three-hour event but there may have been more. It's hard to keep track when people are coming in from three different directions and most were in large groups.

I had the opportunity to both greet the participants when they arrived and visit with them a little as they left. Most visitors spent at least 2 hours at the event, and they all had positive things to say. The most common accolade was, "this is our favorite event of the year!" As the younger visitors left, they were covered in stickers and Insect-O-Lympic medals, many were eating a honey stick, most had a hand-tied fly pinned to their shirt, and all were carrying a bag of insect prizes and brochures. A lucky number of the kids also had a prized caterpillar or cocoon with them to raise at home. These take-home items ensure that learning continues at home long after the event is over.

You and the other members of the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association really make this event possible. You all have been participating since Insect-O-Rama's inception nearly 20 years ago. We appreciate all you do to get folks interested in trout fishing and tying flies. You all clearly have a passion for trout fishing and for sharing this tradition with others.

If you have any suggestions for improving the event or adding anything to it for next year, please let me know. Also, let me know if you think the time frame of 6:30-9:30pm worked or if we should adjust it in future years. We'll probably hold the event on **Friday, August 16, 2013**, so mark your calendar!

It took 34 staff members /volunteers and 22 invited guests to make this event work. Again, thank you for taking the time to share your enthusiasm for and knowledge about insects with the public.

I did send letters or e-mails to all of your members who participated. The list included: W. Herb Knight, Charles Erickson, Tom Ciooco, Lezley Chastain, John Dozier, Dennis Stead, and Larry Wegmann. Were there any other members present?

Warmly

Linda F. Chorice

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To: "Mdcnews@lists.mo.gov" <Mdcnews@lists.mo.gov>

Subject: [Mdcnews] MDC News: MDC removes statewide fire ban on conservation areas

Missouri Department of Conservation **MEDIA ALERT: Aug. 31, 2012**

MDC removes statewide fire ban on conservation areas

JEFFERSON CITY Mo – The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) has lifted its statewide fire ban on all conservation areas effective immediately. According to MDC, the remnants of tropical storm Isaac are bringing significant rain to most of the state.

“Although we don’t believe we are completely out of danger,” says MDC Forestry Management Chief Mike Hoffmann, “fire danger will be reduced enough through most of the state in the coming week to lift our statewide burn ban. We understand that some parts of the state may not receive a lot of precipitation from this system, but MDC area managers can issue burn bans for individual conservation areas if they believe fire danger is too high.”

MDC issued its statewide fire ban on all conservation areas in late June.

The use of fireworks remains prohibited on all conservation areas under the *Wildlife Code of Missouri*.

Joe Jerek

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News from Backcountry Outfitters

Backcountry outfitters will be sold to Mike Manzardo as of 9-4-2012. Mike will be closing the store for renovation and product enhancement for a number of weeks.

If anyone should need any items during this period please feel free to contact Mike at 849-1667 or Mike@islpromotions.com

If not on hand he will be able to quickly obtain your purchase.

Thanks,

Rod

Rodney K. Pennington, CLU, ChFC

Editor's Note: This is from the Federation of Fly Fisher's Southern Council Web Page. You can get more info through the link with FFF on our MTFA website.

[2012 Southern Council Fly Fishing Fair](#)

NOTICE: Fly Fishing Fair is the new name for our annual October event.

The time has arrived to review and select workshops, classes and events you want to attend at the **2012 Southern Council Fly Fishing Fair**. On the menu to your left, you will find **Fly Fishing Fair**. This is the link which will provide the most up-to-date information. You will find a downloadable program and registration form for your offline convenience. You will need to have Adobe Acrobat Reader software in order to view the content or print it. Keep your eyes on this area for changes and updates as they become available. This is your source for keeping informed about the **2012 Southern Council Fly Fishing Fair**.

Larry Murphy
VP Communications

P.S. In case you hadn't noticed this is a new name for the annual October event!

October 4 - 6
2012 Conclave and Fly Fishing Fair
Mountain Home, AR

October 7
General Membership Meeting/Board of Directors Meeting
Mountain Home, AR

Editor's Note: I snitched this from Ralph's Blog; a very nice place to visit. Another great link on our website.

[Two mornings on Taneycomo](#)

Friday, August 3, 2012



Morning mist on Taneycomo

Marty was down from Festus, so we tried our luck on Taney Wednesday morning. It started cloudy, with a spotty fog. We both fished purple and starling soft hackles with varied success. This proved to be one of my better days at not missing hits and landing what I hooked. When the fog lifted and the bright sun came out, I switched to a caddis green soft hackle and had fish on three of my first four casts. We fished for a little less than two hours and I netted about 12 fish, none of great size, but lots of to catch. Marty was fishing the same fly, but had little success.

Dean came down Wednesday evening and the three of us met Friday for a few more hours of fishing. The picture above shows Marty and Dean shortly after we started fishing. Same misty conditions to begin with, but the sun never shown bright while we were there. Dean loves to fish a white thread jig under an indicator and, as usual for him, was catching fish. I started with my purple and starling with a little, very little, success and later added the green caddis when a nice fish broke off my fly. All of the fish I caught were on the purple.

When I caught my 4th or 5th fish, I gave Marty a rough time since he hadn't had a take yet. I asked if he wanted to take my rod and see what it feels like to play a fish. Even though I fished hard for a long time afterwards, that fish was my last landed of the day.

Dean was almost as bad. Shortly after my last fish, he landed a trout, held it up toward Marty and said "hey Marty, want to see what a trout looks like?"

A little later Marty caught his only trout of the day, but it was probably the nicest one caught.



Marty landing his fish



Look what I got

I shouldn't be so hard on Marty. It was him and his family that got me started fly fishing in the mid nineties. That start has led to many great times on the water, my interest in fly tying and because of this hobby, many new and good friends. So thanks, Marty, I owe you big.

As I was leaving the water, I heard a loud splash and turned around just in time to see Dean coming up out of the water. All of those rocks weren't here when he last fished this area. So Marty had the last laugh!!!

Ralph

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