



Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association

Springfield Chapter

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# MO Fishing

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Our August 1st meeting will be at the Springfield Nature Center beginning at 6 PM for fly tying and 7 PM for program and business meeting.

Our guest speaker for this August will be Carolyn Parker. She and her husband Stan own and operate River Run Outfitters in Branson Missouri. Each has fished the Taneycomo area for forty years. Our president, Bill invited her to speak to the club about fishing opportunities on Lake Taneycomo. Carolyn will provide us with tips and information to improve catching more trout in an outstanding tail water fishery. Hope you will be able to attend.



Carolyn with her drift boat

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**Calendar for August 2013**

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| August 1  | Monthly meeting 6-9 PM                                        |
| August 16 | Insect-O-Rama Springfield Conservation Nature Center 6:30-9PM |
| August 22 | MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM                               |
| August 29 | MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM                               |

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**From The President**

Greetings everyone,

I think I have experienced the "dog days of summer a little earlier this year. I have only had one chance to fish since my last newsletter. It seems when I have an opportunity to go to Taneycomo they are running water and I have completely given up on calling the Lake schedule for generating. Jeanie and I went down to Lilly's Landing the weekend of the fourth. We just fished off the dock (I know it's not real trout fishing) and after fighting the moss and only catching 2 fish in about 45 minutes it was time to give up. Phil Lilly mentioned that they were catching some decent numbers out of boats. That statement prompted Jeanie to mention that maybe we should get a small boat so we can still fish when the water is running. I thought it was a good idea but it seems the thought was fleeting since I haven't heard anything more about a boat. Of course that could be because I said good then I would have to buy a new vehicle that could pull a boat.

Connie Waterworth hasn't been setting around this summer. She was able to get Academy Sports to donate a barbeque grill to the club. We hope to raffle it off and announce the winner at our Chili Feed in October. The idea is to use the proceeds to help our families we adopt at Christmas. Get out your cash and buy lots of tickets it is for a good cause.

I am looking forward to the August meeting. I miss talking to the experts at trout fishing and learning new ideas. We also have a good program with Carolyn Parker from River Run Outfitters in Branson. I hope everyone can make it and bring a friend.

See you at the Nature Center August 1.

Bill Huyett

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**Editor's Note:** I received this from Ralph Eichholz in May, after the MSU class. For several reasons I decided to save it until the issue before the new fall class. So, here it is.

### **Spring MSU Fly Fishing Class**

Let me start by saying thanks to all of the workers who helped with the class, be it one time or each time. We had 19 students and they all seemed to enjoy it. The fishing at Mountain Springs was great and thanks to Robbie for suggesting we grill hotdogs. That part went well. Saturday at Roaring River was very cold and the fish were down. Still the students enjoyed the day.

I'll bring the voluntary evaluations to the June meeting, but thought I'd share a few comments now. All of the students who returned the form said they enjoyed the class.

"What was the best thing about the class?" Mountain Springs, fishing, hands on experience tying, each student having a mentor, and "no homework, but I still learned so much."

"Is there something we could do better?" most replied no changes, but one said more classes, 5 weeks was too fast.

"Do you expect to use what you learned in the future?" most said yes for both fishing and tying, another plans to buy a fly rod and fish at Bennett with his own flies, another said yes in saltwater, and one said "definitely, catching a fish on something I made was awesome."

Additional comments; "a lot of fun", "before the class, I had no experience with fly-fishing. Now I understand why it's so popular. I really enjoyed it, Great class." and "All the mentors from MTFA were great. I really enjoyed getting to know them."

Now, the discouraging news. The day we went to Mountain Springs I went to the website to see how the class was doing for the fall. I was unable to find it listed. I contacted the department the course is taught through and they discovered the same thing. Somehow it was left out of the catalog. We worked together and the course is now listed and open for enrollment, but I believe most students have already completed their enrollment. Hopefully, we'll get some during summer for the class.

**Editor again:** I hope we have a good turnout. It's Hard to tell who has more fun, the students or the teachers. Thanks to all who get together to make this happen. You are really appreciated.

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**Editor's Note:** Here is some information on our guest speaker and the company she represents. I have taken this material from their website because it looked so interesting. Thought everyone would like a bit of a preview for the meeting.



## ***About Us***

River Run Outfitters was awarded the "2006 Orvis Endorsed Outfitter of the Year" at a Rendezvous of other Orvis guides and outfitters held in Cody, WY in April!!!

Welcome to River Run Outfitters

River Run Outfitters is a full line fly fishing shop located in Branson on Highway 165, about 1/2 mile north of the Dam and some of the best wading area. Branson, one of the country's favorite family entertainment destinations, is approximately 40 miles south of Springfield, MO, on Highway 65. Branson sits on the [banks of Lake Taneycomo](#), which is one of the premier trout fishing lakes in the Midwest and ranks among the top trout fishing spots in the entire U.S.



River Run Outfitters is owned and operated by Stan and Carolyn Parker, each of who have fished the area lakes and rivers for over 40 years. Customer satisfaction is the most important thing we have to offer. Well, that and one of the best varieties of fly fishing equipment for both the fisherman and woman. With manufacturers such as Orvis, Sage, Temple Fork, Galvan, Lamson, Ross, Simms, Hodgeman, Winston, and many more, you will find products which are serviceable, and that will do the job. River Run also carries a wide line of fly tying materials, gifts, and many functional accessories, as well as the just "gotta have" items for the fly fisher. We hope you can stop by our fly-fishing shop and visit with us, but if you cannot, please take a look at [our on-line fly fishing store](#).

HOURS: – 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. seven days/week

Check under Schools/Classes for the schedule of our winter fly tying clinics. Come Spring, we will again offer full day Women's Fly Fishing Clinics, as well as Open Fly Fishing Clinics. We are always excited about sharing our knowledge of fly tying and fly-fishing with other people. It is such a relaxing, beautiful, and fun sport.

### *About Carolyn Parker*

Carolyn fell in love with fly-fishing right here on Taneycomo in the mid 60's. In her previous life, she was in management and used fly-fishing as a sanity check every weekend. Up on retiring and spending some time fishing other rivers out West, she and Stan decided to do something they dreamed of...opening their own fly shop. The rest is history. She attended Joan Wulff's "Fly Casting Instructors Course in May of 2000 and really enjoys teaching. She is usually the last one off the river when she goes fishing, as she has to make "just one more cast".

Our question to each of our guides: "What do you enjoy most about guiding?"

"Everything! New people, new challenges, and watching people get as excited about fly fishing as I am."

**Editor's Note:** Downloaded from the MDC website. Thought it was an important reminder. And yes, I know that we are a fly fishing group. But we all know people who bait fish and there is nothing wrong with a little eco-nagging. Thanks for the help.

### **Don't Dump That Bait!**

#### [Rusty Crayfish](#)



This invasive species hurts Missouri's fishing. Don't buy it, don't trade it, and don't dump it.

#### [Exotic Invaders](#)



**Keep invasive species from colonizing new waters**

If you love fishing Missouri's lakes, ponds and streams, protect your prey by destroying unused bait or throwing it in the trash—not in the water. This simple practice can keep invasive species from colonizing new waters, and wrecking your fishing experience in the future.

What's so bad about non-native or non-local species? They are frequently larger, more aggressive and more fertile than local native species. Their habits can also be more destructive, and they often lack local predators or other natural controls.

The **rusty crayfish** is a good example of a species that became invasive when it was moved from its native Ohio River basin drainage, largely via bait buckets. The rusty crayfish is larger than most native Missouri crayfish, so it outcompetes them, and its size makes it unattractive prey for many fish. It also destroys the aquatic plant beds that serve as cover and food for other aquatic organisms, as well as nursery habitat for sport fish. In addition, rusty crayfish prey on fish eggs, further harming local fish populations. Other bait crayfish, including native Missouri species that are moved from one water body to another, have caused similar problems.

Biologists recognize "bait bucket introductions" as one of the most common means of spreading aquatic invaders. To remind yourself not to accidentally introduce an invasive species into your favorite fishing spot, ask for a "Don't Dump Bait" sticker at your local bait dealer or marina.

**One last Editor's Note:** This is because of a conversation I overheard at work a week or so ago. Yep, you guessed it, I nagged. Have to keep my rep going. Everyone take care.

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