



Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association

Springfield Chapter

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Our November 7th 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 the November meeting will be Jim Wright. Jim is a wood carver with an interest in fish art. Bill Huyett met Jim at Bass Pro last spring with the club working an event. Jim told Bill of his hobby and was willing to attend a club meeting to discuss his interest. Jim will show some of his work and explain his passion of carving fish. Hope you will be able to attend.



Jim Wright:

With one of his carved fish.

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Calendar for November 2013

Nov 7...	Monthly meeting 6-9 PM
Dec 5...	Christmas Party 5:30-8 PM

From The President

Greetings Everyone,

By the time you read this letter we will be back in Springfield. I am still getting my fishing fix. This time though not with a fly rod. I have been saltwater fishing. I have been fishing from a pier and a local friend has a small bay boat and we have been fishing for flounder and speckled trout out of the boat. The pier fishing has not been very productive this year but it is a social event as well. There are a lot of locals that I see year after year and we have formed friendships. I am attaching a picture of one of my catches of the day on the pier. Terry, who you see holding the catch, helped me untangle it. One day when the gulf was calm my friend (Chappy) with the boat took us out to fish for red snapper. We were one short of the limit for legal fish. The grouper I caught was a bonus. I have been asked a number of times why I don't take my fly fishing stuff but I am real scared of the salt water. Salt water can be ruthless on tackle.

I want to thank Lezley for taking the responsibility for running the October meeting. You all got a preview of what's to come next year. I'm sure Lezley did an excellent job. I am looking forward to getting the raffle tickets at the November meeting. Our club has an opportunity to make some significant funds, which will allow us to help needy families. I hope the chili feed was good. I really miss it, not only the chili but also the desserts that our talented ladies bring.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the November meeting.

Bill Huyett



Upcoming Election Information

Bill Huyett appointed a nominating committee to search out officers for next year (2014). The members on the nominating committee are as follow: John Dozier, Charles Gregory and Dave Tucker. They announced their nominees for 2014 at the October meeting with the names to be published in the November and December newsletters. There will time to add any one else to the list at the November meeting before the election. The election of officers will take place at the Christmas party and December meeting on December 5, 2013.

See a file of the By-laws on the web site:

http://mtfa-springfield.org/member_area/officers.htm or a portion of the By-laws below

The candidates will be:

President	Lezlie Chastain
Vice President	John Dozier
Secretary	Dorothy Prugger
Treasurer	Ralph Eichholz

Executive Committee:

3 year	Connie Erickson / Joe Simecek
2 year	Warren Wilkerson / Mark Strothkamp
1 year	Charlie Erickson / John Prugger

From Article III section 3 of the MTFA Springfield Chapter By-laws. The nominating Committee shall meet and select nominees at least three weeks prior to the annual meeting, publicized by mailed notice to the membership at large two weeks prior to the annual election meeting. Nominations for officers may also be accepted from the floor of the election meeting.



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Bill,

Please express to the club members that their contribution to the SOC Fly Festival is greatly appreciated. The Southern Council sends special thanks to everyone that for their continued labors with the auction to make the festival a success.

Our reduced numbers of affiliated clubs had a partial effect on the lower attendance. As we have fewer clubs, each club has become a more essential component in the success of festival. Next year we need your help in spreading the information about the October event to induce more attendees to make the trip to Mountain Home. As we enter the summer fishing season in 2014, I will be providing you with material to be placed on vehicle windshields in areas frequented by fly fishermen, such as access points to fishing sites. This includes trout areas and warm water sites. The same information could be posted in your local fly shops. This past year the Corps of Engineers were not aware of the event and made no accommodations for the attending fly fishermen. I will be notifying them next year and hope they can make adjustments in their generation schedule. We will have more advertising in newspapers, radio and television. Your suggestions on improving this event are welcomed. A little extra effort by all of our members will enhance next year's festival.

Sincerely,

Larry Wegmann

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President Southern Council of the IFFF

“Boys will be Boys”

Larry Wegmann

The following ramblings have a fly fishing destination. Be patient and I think you can see the potential in a new “fly” for trial this summer.

This ramble began over twenty years ago after reading an article written by Robert Quammen on the “Spatula Theory”. The article described a book written by a Harvard biologist, William Eberhard. The book has a grabbing title, “Sexual Selection and Animal Genitalia”. When I read the article, I had the fortunate timing of being in a class at Washington University. I gave the article to one of my cohorts. He and I became obsessed with finding this book. The “Spatula Theory” is based on sexual selection of the female mating with a male that has a “spatula” equal to or exceeding her standards. This is similar to Red Green’s motto, “If the women don't find you handsome, they should at least find you handy.”

We spent two days searching the book files knowing somewhere at Wash U the holy grail of sexually diversity could be found. All of this occurred searching through those old card files. We finally realized we needed to ask the librarian where we could locate “Sexual Selection and Animal Genitalia”. She looked over the top of her chained reading glasses and said the Comparative Anatomy instructor had the book on a permanent checkout status in his private library! How disgusting, but then my buddy and I did not look too close in the mirror at our own obsessions.

Now fast-forward to 2013 and OTC’s adjunct faculty office. I have a new cohort, Mike, who enjoys esoteric and arcane discussions as much I. He announced one day that turtles breathe through their cloaca! Every anatomy/physiology instructor thought he was pushing the envelope of scientific reality. A Google search confirmed his statements. Then Missouri Conservationist magazine puts the final nail in the coffin of doubt, “turtles respire through their cloaca while hibernating”. We wondered how many readers comprehended this. From this conversation, Mike and I moved to the “Spatula Theory”, not a far distance from the cloaca in sexual context. Strangely, we both knew the context of the “Spatula” and again the old demon was awakened. We both Goggle searched for the Eberhard book and discovered the lowest cost was around \$150! How could such a desirable title be

so unobtainable? Thanks to Amazon, suggestions for an alternate title came up, “Promiscuity” written by Tim Birkhead, a fellow explorer of Eberhard’s favored topic of obscure sexual activities among the animals.

I have been reading in “Promiscuity” how males try their best to insure that their mate remains true to their relationship and he is guaranteed to be the father of their progeny. This is quite a problem and troublesome to a lot of males of most species of animal. Then on page 53, a Eureka moment! Gammarus (Scuds) males have a special appendage to grab their current favored “girl friend” and hold her for nine days waiting until she is ready to ovulate. As soon as she is bursting, he flips her over, face to face, “Wham, Bang, Thank you ‘Mam”, and never to be heard from again. He has done his best in insuring that he is the father of the baby scuds. What else matters? From the fly fishers perspective, this is potentially a great food source to imitate in our chase of trout.

A quick search on the Internet and I discovered at MSU, Chris Barnhart’s student, W Wyatt Hoback, researched oxygen depravation at Taneycomo and its affect on the amorous attachments of the scuds. It turned out that respiration has priority over worrying about your mates’ “promiscuity”. Within the discussion of habits of Gammarus, it was stated that this extended attachment, called pre-copulatory guarding, happens over six times a year. Simple math, one female scud spends over 54 days a year attached to a male scud, floating in the waters of our trout streams! What do the trout think of this, two scuds for the price of one. Check out the following website to see how the larger male scud grabs his mate. The male is about 25% larger than the female and attached only at the front. The potential of a mating scud imitation is going to be my new challenge that I am extending to our membership. Over this next month, try to come up with your version of the pre-copulatory scuds including fishing reports on their success. The following webpage also indicates that isopods, sowbugs, follow the same pre-copulatory pattern and size differences.

<http://jcsites.juniata.edu/faculty/glazier/researchlink/rl2kpage3.html>

Notice the inspiration of the web page discussion, Dr. T.R. Birkhead in the Department of Animal and Plant Sciences at the University of Sheffield, England. The Internet can be a small place when you search a topic like crustacean pre-copulatory behavior.

http://courses.missouristate.edu/ChrisBarnhart/Documents/pdf_files/Hoback%26Barnhart-96-JNABS.pdf

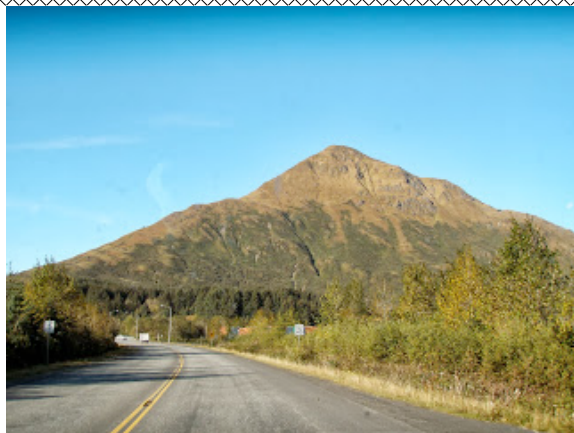
Editor’s Note: OK all you peeping fisherman, get out there and take up Larry’s Scud challenge. Maybe we can check out some of the results in January at the meeting

Some pictures from Kim Shultz's Link on the MTFA site. These are from Kim and Rod Pennington's recent trip. They are so beautiful I couldn't resist putting them in. Check out Kim's link on the club website if you haven't yet. ***The Editor***



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