



Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association

Springfield Chapter

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Our February 6th meeting will be at the Springfield Nature Center beginning at 6 PM for Fly tying and 7 PM for program and business meeting.

The guest speaker for February will be Carl Romesburg. Carl's job is a Stream Team Assistant, he helps to educate and support folks interested in the Program. He meets with youths starting at about 4th grade up to Master Naturalists. The MDC have watershed festivals, water awareness events and sometimes just a gathering of people just to monitor a stream. There is no age limit! MDC and Stream Team supports folks who want to do more with their stream, from litter pickups, stream management, storm drain stenciling, and water quality monitoring to name a few. The macro-invertebrates are very important as they are some of the earliest indicators of stream health. Carl writes that working with the volunteers at whatever level is absolutely the most rewarding thing he have ever done. He is looking forward to meeting with the MTFA Springfield Chapter in February.



Calendar for February 2014

February 6	Monthly meeting 6-9 PM Speaker: Carl Romesburg
February 8	Fly Fishing Movie at the Moxie Cinema 2 PM
February 14	Sweethearts Banquet at Heritage 5:30-7:30 PM
February 21-23	78th CFM Annual Convention, Jefferson City
February 22	Fly tying at Bass Pro 10 AM – 2 PM

Greetings from the President

I really hate to wish my life away, but I'll be glad to see the backside of this winter! I know a lot of you diehard's are still out fishing but I'm just wimping out and tying some flies. We've got a lot of fun stuff coming up on the calendar, tying at the Nature Center and then at Bass Pro as well as the Valentine Banquet at the Heritage. If you've ever tried to have a nice dinner out for Valentine's Day and spent an hour waiting to be seated, this should be a welcome change. I'm sure Connie has a great evening planned for us.

Larry is working on seeing if we can do a presentation at Pipkin Middle School and will be giving us an update at the next meeting-it will be pretty cool to put some faces on the kids we all generously contribute to help. If anyone else knows of a school or group that would benefit from a presentation, be sure to bring it up at the next meeting. I'll see you all at the next meeting!

Lezley

Membership

Three-quarter of the 2013 memberships have been turned in for 2014. This will be the last reminder for turning in membership application with dues. The State MTFA pre-derby will be March 8th; all three chapters will turn in a membership roster with payment to the state treasury and CFM. So, if you wish to be counted for 2014, please take time to return your renewal membership application with dues. An application file can be found on the home page of the web site: <http://mtfa-springfield.org> or I will have blank forms at the February meeting. Thank you for your support and thanks to all who have turned in their renewal membership applications.

Kim Schultz

The fly tying expo at the Nature Center went well this year.

We had at least a dozen members tying flies. Everyone was busy talking to people and demonstrating the fine art of tying flies. There seemed to be a lot of interest in our club as well. Hopefully we will gain some new members. We also heard a few fish stories which got my fishing fever up. Attached are a few pictures of our members. See you at the next meeting February 6th.

Bill Huyett



An invitation to the Membership from MCD & Kim Schultz

From: Mike Mitchell <Michael.Mitchell@mdc.mo.gov>

Subject: Bennett Spring Pre-Season Opening Meeting

Dear Kim Schultz,

You are invited to our annual Pre-season Meeting on Monday, February 10, 2014 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Bennett Room (formerly Gaston's Tackle). This invitation is not limited to you only. If you know of interested individuals who would benefit from the information being discussed, please invite them.

We will discuss issues regarding Bennett Spring State Park such as hatchery and park improvements, enforcement issues, and fishing on the Niangua River. If you have any questions about the topics covered or would like another topic addressed please call me at 417-532-4418.

I look forward to seeing you on Monday, February 10, 2014. If you would like to discuss anything before the meeting, you can stop by the hatchery office or give me a call at 417-532-4418.

BENNETT SPRING TROUT PARK

PRE-SEASON MEETING

THE BENNETT ROOM

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2014

6:30-9:00 pm

6:30pm – 7:00pm	Welcome and Hatchery update – Mike Mitchell
7:00pm – 7:30pm	State Park update – DNR staff
7:30pm – 8:00pm	Niangua River and Brown Trout update – Craig Fuller
8:00pm – 8:30pm	Fishing Regulations – MDC
8:30pm – 9:00pm	Questions and Answers – All

The MTFA Library has 5 new DVD's. Stop by and take a look

Next Month look for

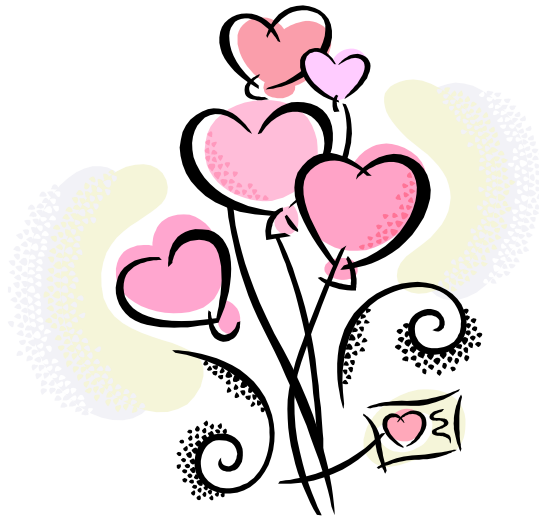
"Norman McCaskie's Cat"

By

Larry Wegmann

We ran a bit short of room this month.

Stay warm and enjoy the season. **The Editor**



Happy Valentines Day!



MTFA Club Member Sale

MTFA club members will receive a 25% discount on any single item at Plateau Fly Shop from February 1st - February 14th. Please verify your email with the cashier at the time of checkout. This coupon can only be used once during the sale period.

Plateau appreciates all the support from club members.

*See store for details and excluded products

Or call 417-889-6548

-Jim

Tying Classes	Life Cycle Tying Class	Casting Lessons
The next four week session will begin February 11th and run until March 4 th	W/ Wayne Simpson Feb. 15th	Knot & Leader Class Saturday, February 8th
....the classes are on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 pm.	10:00 am - 1:00 pm \$10	9:00 am - 11:00 am
The class will be \$25 for the four week session and materials will be provided.	Wayne will be instructing up to 8 students on four different patterns for trout. Flies include a Green Hornet (caddis nymph), Copper Head (emerger), Pheasant Tail Flymph (soft hackle), and Callibaetis (dry fly). Come learn from one of the best tiers around the Ozarks.	We are offering free casting lessons and knot rigging / leader building classes on Saturday, February 8th.
Just bring your vice, bobbin and scissors.	Lunch and materials provided. Bring your vice, bobbin and scissors.	Classes begin at 9:00 am and will run until @ 11:00 am.
If you're interested, either sign up at the shop, phone or drop an email jims@plateauflyshop.com	Sign up at the shop or email me @ jims@plateauflyshop.com	Sign up at the shop, call or email. jims@plateauflyshop.com

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