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We will meet at the Nature Center on March 5th. There will be fly tying at 6:00pm and the meeting will begin at 7:00pm.

James Dillard will be our guest speaker at the March meeting; he will talk about the Little Red River in Arkansas. James has been guiding on the Little Red for over five years and spends 250 days each year on the water. He has guided in Alaska and fished many places out west. James is an adamant supporter of conservation and dedicated to spreading the good news of trout fishing.

Little Red River emerges from beneath the dam at Greer Ferry in Arkansas. It is a premier-class trout stream. Trout were introduced to the Little Red in 1966, some three years after the completion of the lake project. Rainbows, browns and cutthroats are caught for some 35-river miles below the dam. The nearest town is Heber Springs in central Arkansas.

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Little Red River

Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter

Calendar for February 2015

March 1	Opening day for Trout Season at MO State Parks
March 5	Monthly meeting 6-9 PM
March 19	MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM
March 20-22	79th CFM Annual Convention, Jefferson City
March 20-21	Sowbug Roundup, Mountain Home AR 9AM - 4 PM
March 21	MTFA Pre-derby meeting Bennet Spring SP 12 PM
April 2	Monthly meeting 6-9 PM

Membership

A list of 2015 membership from the Springfield Chapter has been compiled. There are 32 individual members with 43 families memberships; our total membership including spouse and dependents tally to a sum of 119. Our chapter will send a check for \$236 to the MTFA pre-derby meeting to pay our annual dues to the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association with a portion of that money going to the Conservation Federation of Missouri (CFM). The club has several new members since the first of the year; Rick Merritt, Sue Jeffery and David Hankins joining at February meeting. There are sixteen members who have not paid for 2015. If you wish to pay and not sure if you did, please contact me at MTFA_Springfield@yahoo.com; I will have all returned membership applications and new membership applications if you need to fill one out.

MTFA Pre-Derby Meeting

Warren Wilkerson (Springfield Chapter) is this year's president of the MTFA State Council. He will call a pre-derby meeting Saturday, March 21, 2015 at Bennett Spring State Park, with the meeting starting at noon. He will discuss the upcoming MTFA Derby in May. Our chapter will submit a roster of 2015 membership with dues to the state and the CFM. Since, our chapter is the host at the derby each chapter will provide \$500 to us for derby prizes. Each chapter will submit payment for insurance at the pre-derby meeting. All MTFA members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

From Lezley Chastain:

Kids Fishing Day at Bennett Springs

Thanks to everyone that donated fly's to the event last year. It's coming up on that time of year again and so if we could all dig down in our fly inventory or tie up some new ones for the kids that would be great. The Pre-Derby meeting at Bennett Springs State Park is March 21st and it would be great if we could drop them off a big batch then. If you look at previous turnouts 300-800 flies would be needed and last year our club provided just over 200 of them.

For anyone tying at Bass Pro on Saturday I can collect some there, then also at our next meeting. Thank you!

Lezley

F.Y.I.

About the Conservation Federation of Missouri

The CFM, formed in 1935, is Missouri's largest and most representative citizen conservation group. It represents more than 80 organizations with over 1 million members. The CFM is primarily a volunteer organization - including all officers and board members - but does maintain an office with a full time professional staff in Jefferson City. Visit our website at <http://www.confedmo.org>

March 1 marks opener of catch-and-keep season at Missouri trout parks

MDC expects more than 10,000 anglers and will stock more than 33,000 trout on opening day.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Sunday, March 1, marks the opening of catch-and-keep trout fishing at the Show-Me State's four trout parks: Bennett Spring State Park near Lebanon, Montauk State Park near Licking, Roaring River State Park near Cassville, and Maramec Spring Park near St. James. Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) permit records show that weekend trout park openers can draw crowds of more than 10,000 anglers.

MDC operates trout hatcheries at all four parks. To help predict angler turnout on opening day, hatchery staff rely on permit records going back more than 70 years. Montauk, Bennett Spring, and Roaring River hatchery staff expect crowds of about 3,000 anglers at each location and Maramec Spring staff are planning for a crowd of about 2,000. Based on these predictions, hatchery staff will stock three trout per expected angler on opening day for a total of more than 33,000 fish averaging around a foot in length. The hatcheries will also stock several hundred "lunkers" ranging from three to 10 pounds.

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Three of the trout parks – Bennett Spring, Montauk, and Roaring River– are owned by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Maramec Spring Park is owned by the James Foundation. Call the following numbers for more information about trout-park fishing.

- Bennett Spring - 417-532-4418
- Maramec - 573-265-7801
- Montauk - 573-548-2585
- Roaring River - 417-847-2430

Anglers need a daily trout tag to fish in Missouri's trout parks. Daily trout tags can only be purchased at each of the four trout parks. Missouri residents 16 through 64 need a fishing permit in addition to the daily tag. Nonresidents 16 and older also need a fishing permit.

Trout hatcheries are just one way that conservation pays in Missouri. MDC stocks more than 800,000 trout annually at the state's four trout parks and approximately 1.5 million annually statewide. Trout anglers' spend more than \$100 million each year in the Show-Me-State, which generates more than \$180 million in business activity, supports more than 2,300 jobs and creates more than \$70 million dollars in wages. About 30 percent of Missouri trout anglers come from other states, so a substantial portion of trout fishing expenditures is "new money" for the state's economy.

For more information on trout fishing in Missouri, visit mdc.mo.gov/node/5596.

REMINDER TO TROUT ANGLERS: To prevent the spread of the invasive alga called didymo or "rock snot", the use of shoes, boots or waders with porous soles of felt, matted or woven fibrous material is prohibited at all trout parks, trout streams, Lake Taneycomo, and buffer areas. Go online for more information to mdc.mo.gov/node/16930.



March 1 marks the opening day of catch-and-keep season at Missouri trout parks, including Montauk State Park pictured. MDC expects more than 10,000 anglers for opening day and will stock more than 33,000 trout for it.

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To All MTFA Members

All, please be sure to attend this years Sowbug Roundup in Mountain Home Arkansas, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 26, 27 and 28.

North Arkansas Fly Fishers, Steve Blumreich, Program coordinator, 417-839-0193

I've made sure we are not teaching at MSU on Thursday evening this year.

This is always a fun event; lots of good tiers. And the price is hard to beat.

Tight lines,

Ralph

Sent from my iPhone



Sowbug Roundup
2015

March 26th, 27th & 28th

Baxter County Fairgrounds, Mountain Home, AR
Hours—9 to 4 pm Thursday, Friday & Saturday

A Celebration of Fly Fishing!
Sponsored by North Arkansas Fly Fishers

A Celebration of Fly Tying
A Party / Live Music / Live Auction
Friday Evening / Ask about details!!

Entrance Fee \$5.00
Good for all three days

<http://www.northarkansasflyfisher.org> ~~~ sowbug@northarkansasflyfisher.org

The poster features a map of Arkansas with various cities and landmarks labeled, including Mountain Home, Fayetteville, Jonesboro, Elytheville, West Memphis, Jacksonville, Little Rock, North Little Rock, Hot Springs Nat'l. Park, and Ouachita. It also shows the surrounding states: Oklahoma, Missouri, Tennessee, and Louisiana. A cartoon fly character is holding a fishing rod on the right side of the poster.

2015 MTFA -Springfield Chapter Officers

President	John Dozier	209-8041
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Secretary	Lori Burke	569-6079
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3 Year Executive Committee Member	Bill Burke / Dick Deerfield	
2 Year Executive Committee Member	Connie Erickson / Joe Simecek	
1 Year Executive Committee Member	Warren Wilkerson / Mark Strothkamp	

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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