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MO Fishing

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We will meet at the Nature Center on August 4th. There will be fly tying at 6:00pm and the meeting will begin at 7:00pm.

Dave Woods will be our guest speaker for the August meeting. Dave is a MDC fisheries management biologist working out of the MDC Southwest Office. One of his duties is the management and monitoring of the special smallmouth bass management area of the James River. Dave will provide us with survey information, giving us a glimpse to the river conditions and fishing opportunities that James River may provide for us. With our club recently floating and fishing the James River, this should provide good information for the next trip. Hope to see you Thursday night (August 4) with an excellent program for fishing opportunities near Springfield.

Kim Schultz



Dave Woods

Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter
Calendar for May 2016

August 4	Monthly meeting 6-9 PM
August 13	MTFA-KC fishing derby at Bennett Spring SP
August 19	Insect-O-Rama Springfield Conservation Nature Center 6:30-9:30 PM
August 25	MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM (May not take place)
September 1	Monthly meeting in Branson at Lions Club 6-9 PM.

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Club Notes from Bob Randall:

The July Great Fishing Adventure: Montauk. The following is a FaceBook post from club member Fred Brown: "Caught on our trip to Montauk today. Mark your calendars now, we're going back in September. Camping".



The first Great Weekday Fishing Adventure: Bennett Spring State Park July 13, 2016. It was a good day with 11 of us going out to fish. Most of us caught a few fish but Steve Young and Larry Olson showed up the rest of us. Steve was fishing with a black wooly bugger with a gold bead head and grizzly hackle, letting it bounce along the bottom. He caught at least 15 fish. Larry was using a bead head pheasant tail with a thorax that was the color of peacock herl and some hackle around the neck on a size 12 hook.

We paused for lunch at the picnic pavilion up by the spring, that was probably the best part of the day: lying and talking about fishing. After lunch, we went fishing again for about an hour before the weather made us think twice about standing in water while holding a graphite lightening rod in the air. Present were: Dennis Stead, Rick Merritt, Steve Young, Larry Olson, David Tucker, Chuck Penland, John Dozier, Keith Coffey, Todd Fecho, Dick Solomon, and me, Bob Randall. Oops, we forgot to take pictures.

The next Great Fishing Adventure: August 13- MTFA-KC fishing derby at Bennett Spring. Let's carpool up, fish, have lunch together, and meet some of our fellow club members. Although, none of us seem to care much about derby fishing, it's a fundraiser and we can enjoy the day.

Bennett Spring weed cutting schedule: August 30th and 31st. Cutting the weeds dislodges insect nymphs, scuds, sowbugs, etc by the thousands. I hear the fishing is wild just downstream from this activity. You'll catch a lot of weed trash but you should be able to clean up on fish. The next one scheduled is October 4th and 5th. With that in mind, let's go to Bennett Spring on August 30 for the ***Next Great Weekday (Weed-day) Fishing Adventure***. Plan ahead and let John or me know if you

want to carpool. I'll leave from the north end of the Home Depot parking lot at 7am that day. Let's meet for lunch at noon at the pavilion just across the head of the spring. RSVP, please.

September Great Fishing Adventure: Yes, we're going to Montauk again. Camping this time. I have a campsite reserved for September 9 and 10. Make plans. Please RSVP to Bob or John.

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Branson: If you were at last month's club meeting, you already know this. We have determined that we will expand the Springfield chapter into Branson with the expectation that they will petition to break away from Springfield in a year or so. The executive committee met to discuss the issue and voted to approve the plan We have formed a Branson committee for oversight. I then presented it to the club at the members' meeting. There were a lot of questions and uncertainties about how it would work. Basically, Branson will not be separate from the Springfield chapter, but will be an integral part of the Springfield Chapter. There will be one budget, one club but two meetings, one in Springfield and one in Branson. If they ever want to hold a fundraiser, it will be a club fundraiser. If the Branson group want to control a "Branson" line in the budget, (perhaps to hold a social function in Branson), it would be up to the club as a whole to approve or not. They will not have separate officers but can serve in any of those functions if they want. One exception is that the oversight committee will appoint someone from the Branson area to hold monthly meetings there in lieu the club president or vice-president when necessary.

We will hold the first Branson meeting on September 1 at the Branson Lion's Club meeting room. Hopefully, our current members will carpool down so that we can tie flies, teach fly tying, maybe rod building, meet and greet, tell fishing stories, etc. during our social hour. I'll conduct the meeting to explain who we are and how we operate. I hope to have Russ Doughty available to discuss Healing Waters there as well as Ralph Eichholz to discuss our MSU fly fishing class. We'll hold another meeting in October, then have our chili feed at Lake Taneycomo which they will be a part of. I think that timing is good: a couple of recruiting meetings, then a social function.

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Special Orvis fly offer: Orvis is offering a special on 20 of their best flies. It's only $9.95, the shipping is free, and this is from Orvis. I have these flies. I have never opened the box. I use them only as examples. If I want to tie a bead head pheasant tail nymph, I study their fly and try to duplicate it.
"This incredible *trout fly* value includes:

-9 dry flies including the Adams Parachute, the most popular dry fly in the world.

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-4 streamers including 3 styles of the Woolly Bugger—the pattern responsible for more trophy trout than any other fly.

-Fishing tips on when and where to use each trout fly."

This is a bargain. http://www.orvis.com/store/product.aspx?pf_id=76Tk

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MTFA-Springfield Facebook page: Join us on our club Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/groups/MTFA.Springfield/ . Unfortunately, you have to log into your FB account to get on it and some of you seem to think that having such a thing will turn you into a social network zombie. I never communicate with anyone on my FB page but having an account allows me to get on to this page and other fishing pages.

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From Ralph Eicholz:

The MSU Fly fishing class doesn't look like we will make our class registration numbers this semester. Our Numbers have fluctuated between 2 and 6 and as of 10:30 am on July 28 we are down to 3 young ladies.

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I recently returned from a trip to fish in Ontario Canada. We fished for 5 days and 1 evening. Lots of pike were caught, most between 22 and 28 inches. A couple of smallmouth were caught, the best fish was a smallmouth of just over 19 inches. I've attached a couple of pictures. My fishing companion was Steve Jensen,; he caught the nice smallmouth.



Ralph



Steve

We're booked to return next year and planning to take Jerry Jester and Larry Wegmann with us.

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From the MDC Fishing Report

James River

Information: 417-895-6880

Water Surface Temp: 90º

Water Level (Range): normal

Water Type: dingy
Fish Reported:



Black Bass
Prospect: Fair



Crappie
Prospect: Slow



Catfish
Prospect: Good



Bluegill
Prospect: Good



Northern Rock Bass (Goggle-Eye)
Prospect: Good
goggle-eye good on worms, crickets, and small jigs in black or crayfish colors; catfish good on live baits, cut baits, livers, shrimp, and worms using pole and line or trotlines; bluegill goof on worms, crickets, and small jigs in black or crayfish colors; black bass fair on topwater lures or crankbaits in crayfish or green pumpkin colors around gravel and Texas rig in deep water; crappie slow, best on minnows and shad baits over deep brush piles.
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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.

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