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

Our guest speaker for Thursday's meeting will be Gina Leitle. She has been a member of MTFA for a number of years. She guides for River Run Outfitters. Gina fishes local waters and spends much of her time on Lake Taneycomo. Gina will discuss her experiences as a guide; provide tips fishing Taneycomo and more. She is willing to come in at 6 PM to demonstrate her go to flies used on Taneycomo. Follow the links below for more bio information on Gina.

-River Run Outfitters: <https://www.riverrunoutfitters.com/meet-our-team/gina-leitle/>

- See more at: <http://outdoorchannel.com/article.aspx?id=2407#sthash.NZsCR1D8.dpuf>

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Gina Leitle

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

February 4	Monthly meeting 6-9 PM
February 6	Club fishing excursion: Roaring River State Park
February 8	Last day for Catch and Release at MO State Parks
February 11	Sweethearts Banquet, Heritage Cafeteria 5:30-8 PM
March 1	Opening day for Trout Season at MO State Parks
March 3	Monthly meeting 6-9 PM

Club Notes from Bob Randall:

The winter fishing trip on January 9 to Roaring River was an adventure! It wasn't bad at all if you were prepared for the cold. We'll save the rest of the stories for the meeting's fishing reports. Five of us went from the club: Kim Schultz, John Bush, Fred Brown, Cody Lowery, and myself. Our next club fishing trip is scheduled for February 6 to Bennett Spring State Park. The fishing has been really hot at BSSP lately, potentially 100+ fish catches are possible. Get in on it while you can.

MDC Naturalist Alan Reed has asked us to tie up some flies for the upcoming meeting of National Association of Interpretation to be held here in Springfield next month. If you can donate some flies for them to use as a presentation gift, please bring them to the February meeting. Although he did not ask for a certain number of flies, he plans to put them in a fly box so a total of 50 would be a good number. Thanks for your help.

The Conservation Federation of Missouri Legislative Action Center has listed five bills in the Missouri State Legislature that are detrimental to conservation. See them at their [website by clicking here](#). Log in at the account sign-in with your email and a password or sign up. You can see the bills there and even write to your representatives from that site. Stay informed. I've already written my congressman concerning these five bills.

On the club schedule between meetings:

February 6	Club fishing excursion at Bennett Spring State Park
February 8	Last day for Catch and Release at MO State Parks
February 27	Fly tying demonstration at Bass Pro 10 am- 2 pm
February 29	2015 Missouri Trout Permits expire
March 1	Opening day for Trout Season at MO State Parks

Worthwhile activity: SW MO Fly Fishers Stream Team will hold a litter pick-up of Crane Creek, Sunday, February 7. If you are interested, meet at Crane City Park pavilion at 9 AM to get supplies and form into teams. Water, hot drinks, snacks, large/small leather gloves and trash bags provided. Appropriate wear for wet and cold conditions is advised. Contact Paul Goodwin, 417-887-1012 or p-goodwin@msn.com for information or to RSVP.

Dry advice: Get a waterproof camera or a waterproof case for it. My camera was dunked in the Bennett Spring creek while I was wade fishing recently. The fact that it was inside a chest pocket of my waders may give you an idea how it happened. I also recommend that you pack a change of clothes with your fishing gear. Check the

depth of the hole on the other side of a rock before you step over it. Take a pause from fishing while attempting to cross a thigh deep, swift stream and pay attention. And finally, if you are sidestepping to the right you should hold your wading staff in your right hand.

“Angling is supposed to be an escape from worries, a truancy from work and responsibility, a respite from politics and economics, a chance to get away from *whatever*, to pursue leisure or adventure, to cast a line on a good river or a quiet lake for the pleasure of it.” Watersheds article by Christopher Camuto in “Trout Winter 2015” magazine. Magazine of Trout Unlimited

MTFA members:

The 2016 schedule has now been posted to the MTFA website at <http://mtfa-springfield.org/>. Notice that fishing trips are included but keep in mind that they are somewhat flexible depending upon weather, road conditions, and flashes of brilliance about unforeseen hot fishing spots. Also, flexible are events of CFM, MTFA-SL, and MTFA-KC which are included for informational purposes. 2

Please, notify me if you see any errors or conflicts at 417-224-1104

Bob Randall

Membership Update – Kim Schultz

The renewal membership applications continue to be returned with 80% of the members returning their forms with dues for 2016; that would be sixty-eight individual and family memberships. We will accept more membership forms and dues at the February meeting. If you did not get a renewal membership package, there will be forms available at the next meeting or you can download the file at the MTFA Springfield home page (<http://mtfa-springfield.org>). Our total membership, counting all individuals is 150

There were several guests at the February meeting that joined the club, below is a list of new members.

Les and Peggy Wilson

Fred Brown

Cody and Jessica Lowery

Mike Little

Stephen Young

We are happy to welcome them to the MTFA.

Thank you for your support...

Kim Schultz, >:-:}}}'> kds<'){{:-:<

Spring 2016 MSU Classes

The MSU Classes will meet in room 102 Kemper Hall. That is the very large room on the ground floor of the building we have been meeting in recently. Because of spring break and several of our members attending the Sowbug Round-up, we will once again have a couple of weeks when we do not meet. Our schedule for classes is March 17 and 31, and April 7 and 21 in room 102. On April 28 we will meet at Mountain Spring Trout Park and on April 30 we will meet at Roaring River State Park. All of the Thursday classes will meet from 6 - 9:50 pm and the Saturday class will be from 9 am to 4 pm.

We will have a couple of changes to the flies we tie this semester and as always we will have members do the demonstrations. There will be a sign up sheet at the February meeting if you would like to volunteer to demo. The flies are week one: Wooly Bugger; week two: scud, Griffith's Gnat and Soft Hackle; week three: Bead Head Leech, Elk Hair Caddis and Crackleback; and week four: Clouser and Chili Pepper.

You do not need to be an expert to help with the tying and the casting. We appreciate all the help we can get. The room we meet in is very large so all members are welcome to come over and sit in on the class. As of now we have extra tying kits and rods, but if the class fills up you would need to bring your own.

Fly Tying @ Bass Pro

MTFA's annual fly tying event at Bass Pro will be February 27th from 10-2. We usually have a large number of watchers as BP has a big spring event that weekend. C&K trout season starts March 1st.

From the Blog of Kim Schultz
Roaring River State Park

January 9, 2016 Saturday: Bob Randall, the new MTFA Springfield chapter president; one of his suggestions; to have a monthly outing with members. The first outing was to meet at Roaring River State Park for a day of winter catch and release fishing. The winter had been mild up to this weekend. On this day, the temperatures dropped to freezing, snow fell and I did find ice in my guides at the end of the day.

I met Fred Brown, a new member at 7 AM in the Springfield Nature Center parking lot. Fred drove and we met Bob Randall and John Bush in Monett. Another member, Cody Lowery was to drive from Branson and he was to meet us at the park. For most of the drive to Roaring River, snow fell as we trek along Hwy 60. There was a forecast of snow with some areas getting up to five inches. It was after 8:30 AM, when we arrived. We started near the hatchery fishing near and below the low water bridge. The trout were active with cruising trout near the surface; I tried soft hackle, dry flies and small jig patterns.

The fishing was challenging, trying different presentations, dead drift, quick strips. My ability to hook fish came in the afternoon farther downstream from the hatchery with the elk hair caddis taking trout off the surface. There were periods of heavy snowfall, and one must wonder when it's time to quit for the day. But the snow flurry was brief and I continued downstream. There were several large trout in the waters in zone 2, in the flowing waters from dry Hollow Creek. This area has changed with more gravel and large stones placed at the in flow to Roaring River. The trout were lined up in the fast moving water. I did not hook up with a large trout, but I am rethinking what would work.

Fred Brown fishing below the bridge at Roaring River State Park



Fred Brown fishing below the bridge at Roaring River State Park



From left to right: Kim Schultz, John Bush, Bob Randall and Fred Brown. Not pictured Cody Lowery

The snow did not continue with along Hwy 60 with the roads back to Springfield clear and dry. Thanks to Fred for driving and hope we have another opportunity to fish together.

MTFA 2015 & 2016 Budget

Anticipated Income	Budget 2015	Actual 2015	Proposed 2016
2 MSU Classes @\$798	\$ 1,596.00	\$ 798.00	\$1,596.00
30 student fees @\$25	\$ 750.00	\$ 475.00	\$750.00
65 memberships @ \$15	\$ 975.00	\$ 1,165.00	\$1,000.00
Derby		\$ 143.78	
Book and VHS Sales		\$ 481.00	
Total	\$ 3,321.00	\$ 3,062.78	\$3,346.00
<u>Budgeted Expenditures</u>			
Programs	\$ 400.00	\$ 121.50	\$400.00
Liability	\$ 200.00	\$ 136.00	\$200.00
Newsletter and correspondence	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$200.00
CFM dues	\$ 300.00	\$ 254.00	\$300.00
FFF dues	\$ 334.00	\$ 334.00	\$340.00
MSU Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 511.17	\$1,000.00
Equipment (Includes \$363 for storage (\$440 for next year))	\$ 500.00	\$ 440.00	\$500.00
Socials (Mountain Spring, Fish fry, Chili Feed and Christmas)	\$ 900.00	\$ 897.98	\$1,000.00
Library	\$ 500.00	\$ 406.81	\$400.00
Charity	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$400.00
Derby	\$ 500.00	\$ 306.81	\$500.00
Website	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$200.00
Discretionary fund	\$ 250.00	\$ 55.39	\$250.00
Fly Lines	\$ 750.00	\$ 173.36	\$0.00
Total	\$ 6,534.00	\$ 4,237.02	\$5,690.00
Ending Balance Dec 2015	\$ 7,344.78		
Ending Balance Dec 2014	\$ 9,015.02		
Ending Balance Dec 2013	\$ 9,320.06		
Ending Balance Dec 2012	\$ 8,700.32		

2016 MTFA -Springfield Chapter Officers

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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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Happy Valentine's Day!