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# MO Fishing

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

The program this month was to be the new hatchery manager at Bennett Spring to come talk to us. With all the weather related problems throughout the state it is unlikely he will be able to visit. If he isn't able to make this meeting, Bob Randall our new President, will talk about some new ideas for the club and about flood damages.



**Bob Randall**

**Springfield, MO MTFA President 2016**

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

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| January 7  | Monthly meeting 6-9 PM                                                           |
| January 9  | Club fishing excursion: Bennett Spring State Park                                |
| January 23 | Youth Fly fishing class and fly tying demo @ Springfield<br>Nature Center 1-4 PM |
| February 4 | Monthly meeting 6-9 PM                                                           |

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**Club Notes from Bob Randall:**

According to the January reminders in the 2016 Natural Events Calendar published by the Conservation Federation of Missouri:

- Put your discarded Christmas trees in ponds for fish cover or beside bird feeders for wildlife cover.
- Adult winter stoneflies may be seen along streams.

Are the trout hitting the surface and you're not sure what to tie on?

[Larry's Sporting Goods](#) recommendations for Bennett Spring SP are black caddis size 18/20, pale evening dun size 18, rusty dun size 20

[The Missouri Trout Guide recommends](#) elk hair caddis size 14 in olive or tan, black Adams midge (midges emerge every month of the year around here)

Try a different color Adams if you don't have black, besides, it might not be a midge hatch. Look around to see what's emerging. The best dry fly fisher I know frequently ties up white Adams on about size 18 hooks and colors them with waterproof markers.

Watch the Missouri State legislature for bills concerning conservation. The new bills are being introduced now. Don't be afraid to write letters or emails. To find your state representative, see the calendar, or read bills go to <http://www.house.mo.gov/> . For the same information in the state senate go to <http://www.senate.mo.gov/> .

There is a list of MTFA-Springfield members in the MTFA website. I will not list the user name or password here. We'll talk about it at the next meeting. Call me if necessary at 417-224-1104 for information. I suggest that once you get the user name and password, that you make a memo of it in your smart phone.

MTFA-St Louis has a new website address: [mtfastl.org](http://mtfastl.org) It's still under construction but looks like it will be a nice one.

The Conservation Federation of Missouri has blog at <http://confedmo.org/category/blog/> The CFM has offered to let the MTFA (all three chapters of the MTFA) submit a blog entry to advertise our clubs. We submitted a draft and anticipate it will be posted soon.

**Something to think about:**

I watched a guy fight a whopper of a rainbow trout one day on Taneycomo. He followed it upstream and downstream with other fishermen getting out of his way so he could move with it. Every eye on the river was glued to the effort. He finally brought it to the net, gently landed it, took a quick picture, and released it. Everyone was cheering.

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### Club Notes from Kim Schultz:

The MTFA web site has been updated with a list of new officers, calendar dates and web links. Bob asked that I send a request for any photos submissions by members to be included. The photos should be scenic or of a personal nature of places we can fish in Missouri. Please include a short text describing the photo; people, place, and time.

You may send them to me at [MTFA\\_Springfield@yahoo.com](mailto:MTFA_Springfield@yahoo.com)

**Editors Note:** Not sure if Kim is still accepting submissions, but it is worth asking if you have something nifty to contribute to the site.

### Membership:

The membership renewal applications continue to be returned with 72% of the members returning their forms with dues for 2016; that would be fifty-eight individual and family memberships. We will accept more membership forms and dues at the January 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 was 142 in 2015 and hopefully we can get a 100% return to match that number within the next month or two. Thank you for your support.

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

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### Club Notes from Ralph Eicholz:

MSU Class Spring 2016

Just wanted to keep everyone up to date on the class: As of Dec 18, we have 11 students signed up for the class. In the spring we usually have a few wanting to enroll at the last minute, so it is a likely go for the spring. We are scheduled to meet March 17, 31 and April 21, 28 and 30.

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### 2016 Fly Fishing Fair

If you attended the fair in Mountain Home Arkansas the last couple of years, you probably felt everything was great except for the flies, the live ones that were left over from the livestock shows a few weeks earlier. It looks like that won't be a problem this year. In a conference call meeting on Dec 15, the Board of Directors okayed entering a 3-year contract to have the SOC Fishing Fair at the Sheid Auditorium on the Arkansas State Campus just across the street from the Fairgrounds. All of the venues will take place there, no more Ramada for the evenings. As I find out more information I'll keep the club updated.

For more information on SOC events and news, go to the Southern Council Website, ([iffsoc.org](http://iffsoc.org)) and sign up for constant contact.

Ralph

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## MTFA Guest Post in the CFM Blog

The Conservation Federation of Missouri offered all of its affiliates an opportunity to enter a guest post in their blog. I coordinated with the St. Louis and Kansas City clubs and submitted an entry. After a complete rewrite and some editing we have an MTFA blog post. Here it is: <http://confedmo.org/winter-trout-fishing/> We will have this opportunity 3 or 4 times a year so if any of you want to submit a post or have ideas for a post, let me know. **BR**

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This is the link to the second MTFA log post about winter trout fishing in the Conservation Federation of Missouri blog. <http://confedmo.org/flood-doesnt-stop-winter-fishing-at-trout-parks/>

Bob Randall

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### Joe

Joseph Lumir Simecek, passed away December 28, 2015, he was 83. He was born November 26, 1932, in Lincoln, Nebraska. He was a beloved Husband, father, and grandfather. Joe so loved his family and was also loved by his sisters, nieces and nephews, and a multitude of friends.

Joe joined the club 2000; Charlie Erickson invited him to an MTFA club meeting. At that time, Joe and Charlie were both members of the optimist club. Joe had a can do, positive attitude, a unique laugh that was loud and joyful. He was from the generation of service. He was ready to help on short notice for a MDC event or teaching others to fish.

He was the Springfield Chapter President 2004 and the State MTFA President 2006. Joe was not a fly fishing purist; he was more interested in the numbers or pounds of fish caught. But, over the years he grew a passion to fly fish, yearning for spring, with the sucker and white bass runs. He wrapped his own fly rods, tied flies for himself and others. He spent many hours teaching others to fly fish at the MSU class and outings with the MDC. We will miss Joe and the support he gave the club.





Joseph Lumir Simecek, 83 years of age, was born November 26, 1932, in Lincoln, Nebraska, to Lumir Rudolph and Laura Bessie (Sindelar) Simecek. After surviving many adventures, he finally allowed himself to rest on December 28, 2015. He was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather. Joe so loved his family and was also loved by his sisters, nieces and nephews, and a multitude of friends.

This lifelong Cornhusker, Joe had an inquisitive love of life, was an encouraging mentor and had a welcoming face in any crowd. Joe graduated from University of Nebraska with a civil engineer degree; he was a registered professional engineer. Joe was an avid fisherman, remarkable builders of things, a true Mr. Fix It.

He was past president and charter member of the Sunrise Optimist Club, as well as Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association. He was the past commander of the Korean War Veterans.

Joe is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years, Lois (Ripa) Simecek; children: Mark (Shelia), Scott (Kathrina), and Sherry (Jeremy); grandchildren: Samuel, Alaina, and Alexandros; sisters: Louise, Bessie Jane, and Donna. He is preceded in death by his parents; and three sisters: Laurette, Joan, and Hazel.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, December 30, 2015, from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM at the Walnut Lawn Funeral Home Chapel, Springfield, MO. Funeral services will be on Thursday, December 31, 2015, at 12:30 PM at the Walnut Lawn Funeral Home Chapel, Springfield, MO. He will be led to his final resting place to the MO State Veterans Cemetery by the Patriot Guard, Springfield, MO, where he will receive full military honors at 2:00 PM on Thursday, December 31, 2015.

The family gladly accepts your thoughts and prayers. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that Joe's memory be honored with a donation to the American Heart Association or your favorite charity.

Arrangements are under the direction of Walnut Lawn Funeral Home, Ltd. - DeGraffenreid-Wood-Crematory, Springfield, Missouri.

**Obituary published in the Springfield News Leader and on the Walnut Lawn Website**

**Editor's Note:** In the early fall one weekend, not long after John and I moved to Springfield, we went to check out Bennett Spring Park. As we came out of the main building two gentlemen sitting on a bench in watermarked waders, smiled and said hello and we met Joe and Norm. We also met Kim, a master caster we were told. That very day between the three of them, we learned our first lessons on fly-fishing and the MTFA hooked two new members. Two urban types who only knew about fish on a plate went to Bass Pro and bought rods, and the adventure began.

We will miss Joe; his smiles and teasing, his being willing to take up whatever task was needed by the group. We will miss his friendship.

*Eve*

## 2016 MTFA -Springfield Chapter Officers

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| <b>President</b>                                                                                                                                        | Bob Randall                   | 224-1104<br>bobbyleensandy@hotmail.com |
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| <b>Past President</b>                                                                                                                                   | John Dozier                   | 209-8041<br>Flytyer88@gmail.com        |
| <b>3 Year Executive Committee Member</b>                                                                                                                | Russ Doughty and Jerry Jester |                                        |
| <b>2 Year Executive Committee Member</b>                                                                                                                | Bill Burke and Dick Deerfield |                                        |
| <b>1 Year Executive Committee Member</b>                                                                                                                | Connie Erickson               |                                        |
| 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. |                               |                                        |
| <b>Committee Chairs</b>                                                                                                                                 |                               |                                        |
| <b>Program Chair</b> – Kim Schultz                                                                                                                      |                               |                                        |
| <b>Education Chair</b> – Ralph Eichholz                                                                                                                 |                               |                                        |
| <b>Social Chair</b> - Leslie Chastain and John Bush                                                                                                     |                               |                                        |
| <b>Newsletter Editor</b> – Eve Krit-Anderson,                                                                                                           |                               |                                        |
| <b>Librarian</b> - Dennis Stead / Harry Morgan                                                                                                          |                               |                                        |
| <b>Equipment/Supplies</b> - John Prugger/Kim Schultz                                                                                                    |                               |                                        |
| <b>Web Page</b> - Brent Simmons                                                                                                                         |                               |                                        |
| <b>Membership Chair</b> – Kim Schultz                                                                                                                   |                               |                                        |
| <b>Liaison to Natl./State org</b> – Bob Randall                                                                                                         |                               |                                        |
| <b>Public Relations</b> – Bob Randall                                                                                                                   |                               |                                        |

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