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

We may not have a program for July due to the fact that we may want to extend the fly tying a while longer, not sure yet. There will be talk about the upcoming Branson expo, so we need to cover that topic. Next meeting will be your last chance to bring any donated item for the expo.

Harry Morgan, President

Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter

Calendar of Events for July 2017

July 5, 2017 Branson MTFA Monthly Meeting, Lions Club @ 6:00pm – 9:00 PM

July 6, 2017 Springfield MTFA Monthly Meeting, Springfield Nature Center @ 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

July 8, 2017 Fishing trip to Taneycomo

July 28, 29, 2017 MTFA Fly Fishing Fair, Branson/Hollister Lion's Club times TBA

August 1, 2017 Branson MTFA Monthly Meeting, @ 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

August 3, 2017 Springfield MTFA Monthly Meeting, @ 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

From Harry Morgan, MTFA President:

Dear fellow club fly fishers;

The James River float trip was really fun. The only people that didn't have fun where the people that didn't go. Three of the people floating along were John Bush, John Dozier and myself. It was my first trip with a kayak. After I got accustomed to the feel of it then it was fine. The flow was high enough that we didn't have to drag a lot. Not a lot of fish caught but all in all a good trip.

Our first ever expo is full. With 60 tiers from all over the Midwest and 19 vendors this has to be the largest fly fishing show in the state of Missouri so far. This thing is right around the corner so we need to be ready for it and I'm sure we will. A lot of people are excited about it and have worked hard to make it a reality. There are some really nice items for raffle this year so be ready for that. Howard Hawkins, Bob Randall and myself went to Branson and laid out the seating arrangement for tiers and vendors. Everything looks good there. We even found a place to put a casting pool.

Bob Randall sold his house so he is homeless but he is looking for another one in Nixa, Ozark, or Southern Springfield. I wish him good hunting. Hope you all can catch a lot of fish. See you at the next meeting July 6th at 6:00 P.M. conservation center.

Harry Morgan

From Bob Randall: Trout Vision, continued

Trout visual perspective:

When I pick up an Adams dry fly to admire it, I see it from the side. Depending on how it was tied, I see the wings clearly. I never look at it from below like trout do.

When fished, the Adams sits in the surface film and the fish see it from below or, at best, at an angle from below. Saying that an angle is "at best" is strictly from the human perspective. For trout, the greater the angle, the less clearly they see it. They easily see the parts that are below the surface film (hackle tips which I imagine as looking like legs). Since light reflecting off of those hackle tips simply passes through water without changing medium into the eye of the trout, it should be fairly clear. They see the parts above the water through the change of medium (air to water), refraction and all. The air part of the fly may not be as clear. There is something at the boundary of the water medium and the air medium, the surface tension.

Hydrogen bonds draw molecules together and shape the surface oddly where anything touches it. It distorts the light somewhat and anything immediately on the surface is seen from below as dimples. The Adams dry fly that I admired doesn't look the same to the trout. There must be an astigmatic world. Oh well, I just have to present the fly, I don't have to eat it. All you have to do is try to figure out where the fish are, then determine what they are eating and match the shape and color as well as you can to the flies in your fly box. Then you just have to get the fly to the fish, make a good presentation, set the hook, play the fish, then keep it alive until you can release it safely. Easy, right? Tight lines.

I must give credit to others as this is not my original research. I had planned another article some time back but never did much with it. When I was tasked with editing the newsletter a couple of months ago I quickly put the first article together from memory and my notes. I was unable to give proper credit.

Thanks to Larry Wegmann for sparking my original interest while he was teaching the MSU fly fishing course, as well as information, photos, and tips for the articles.

Here are some links to other good resources:

<http://troutfodder.blogspot.com/2011/11/through-eyes-of-trout.html>

[http://www.bing.com/images/search?](http://www.bing.com/images/search?q=trout+vision&qpv=trout+vision&qpv=trout+vision&FORM=IGRE)

[q=trout+vision&qpv=trout+vision&qpv=trout+vision&FORM=IGRE](http://www.ginkandgasoline.com/trout-fishing/what-does-the-trout-see/)

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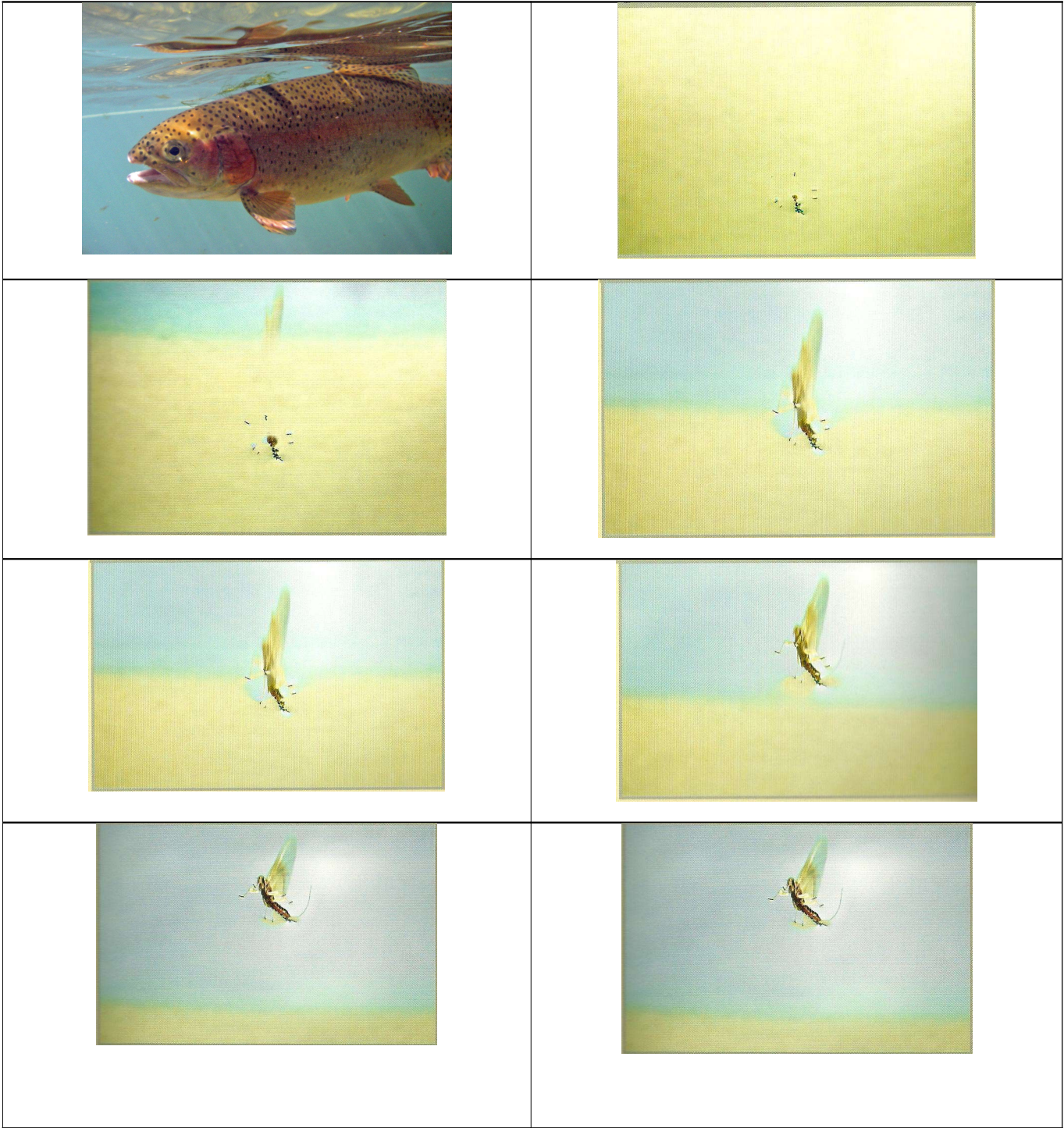
https://www.troutprostore.com/class/color_vision_trout_eyes

Editor's Note:

On the next page are some photos to help you get an idea of what Bob is talking about.

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How a Trout Sees A Fly



BRANSON FLY FISHING EXPO

Sponsored by the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association



JULY 28th and 29th, 2017

Friday and Saturday

9 am – 5 pm



Lions Community Building

1015 E State Highway 76, Branson, MO 65915

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