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Harry Morgan, President



**Ralph Eichholz
From his Blog**

Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter

Calendar of Events for September 2017

September 6 Branson Meeting 6-9pm Lions Club Branson

September 7 Springfield Meeting 6-9pm Conservation Nature Center

September 16-17 MTFAQ-Saint Louis Derby, Montauk SP

October 4 Branson Meeting 6-9pm Lions Club Branson

October 5 Springfield Meeting 6-9pm Conservation Nature Center

From Harry Morgan, MTFA President:

Dear fellow club fly fishers;

Well as you may know the Branson expo went great. We still have work to do on next year's expo, always room for improvement. Due to the fact that MSU fly fishing class won't be held this Fall we have our regular meeting at the nature center on Sept. the 7th at 6:00p.m. Ralph Eichholz is putting together a program for the night about their groups last Canadian fishing trip.

We are happy to have new members join our club that means we are getting the message out in Springfield and also Branson. Welcome to the club. We hope you enjoy it and become a better fisherman or fisherwoman as a result.

I heard a quote the other day from a well known fellow. "Fishing is not a sport. In a sport there is a winner and a loser. With fly fishing you always win" Below is a picture taken at Bennett from our last fishing outing Aug. 2017.

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From Bob Randall:

Trout and the Eclipse

I wasn't fishing during the recent eclipse. I was way too fascinated by the celestial events. Since my cereal box viewer didn't focus as well as I had hoped, I watched it occur in a multitude of crescent sun shapes in the stippled light between the shadows of an oak tree. That was much better than an old cereal box. However, after it was over and while I was still captured by the excitement, I wondered what it might mean to a trout. To my knowledge there have been no scientific studies of that subject, but there have been proper studies of how trout deal with changes in light intensity.

From MTFA member Larry Wegmann: "As the light levels change, trout adapt by moving the light receptors in the retina backwards and forwards. Moving the receptors backwards protects the eye from intense sunlight damage as the sunlight comes from behind a cloud. The reverse occurs as the sun hides behind a cloud. This adjustment is slow, requiring 20 minutes. On days when the sunlight is

constantly changing, it is better for the trout to hide in the shade rather than suffer the stabbing bright light.”

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Using this knowledge, I would expect trout to react much as they do at dusk. They went from normal sunlight to diminished light. That would vary between the areas of totality and the partial eclipse areas. It would also vary from the beginning of the total eclipse until the moon passed completely across the sun's light. So I guess the trout would experience a short period of dusk, night, and then dawn. I suspect it could also be thought of as a dense cloud passing over. Their eyes made an adjustment, albeit over an inadequate amount of time to complete the change. Did it affect their feeding?

I propose a scientific study for the next total eclipse in seven years. Start with the hypothesis that trout react to the diminished light of an eclipse. Gather an adequate amount of data from fishermen concerning the catch rate before, during, and after the eclipse. Use that information to propose a theory that explains that data. Somehow, I think this study will be doomed to failure unless someone can find enough honest trout fishermen to trust the data. Tight Lines.

Bob Randall



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FFI - Southern Council Fly Fishing Fair

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This article is the first of series of periodic updates about the Fly Fishers International Southern Council Fly Fishing Fair (FFF), the event previously known as Conclave. I will provide updates about the status of the Fly Fishing Fair and attempt to explain what we are doing and why. For the last few years, Conclave and then the Fly Fishing Fair have been on a downward spiral. This spiral basically started when the 40+ club Southern Council was broken up and became the 13 club Southern Council. A lot of the people who provided the energy and excitement for Conclave were lost in the process. The Council is trying the stop the spiral and renew the energy and excitement. One big step in doing this was to move the Fly Fishing Fair to Vada Sheid Community Development Center ("The Sheid") on the ASU Mountain Home campus.

The Sheid is a modern, air conditioned, and bug free building. It has clean, well maintained restrooms. It is pretty much everything that the Baxter County Fairgrounds are not! As nice as the Sheid is, it did work not work out perfectly last year. We are attempting to address the issues that were identified. A big problem for the attendees is that the Sheid is at the top of a hill and the parking is at the bottom! This year we will have a shuttle to transport people up and down the hill. There was a problem with the need to share one of the classrooms between seminars for adults and participants in the "Youth Conclave". This year the Youth Conclave will take place in the Visitors' center of the Norfolk National Fish Hatchery which is adjacent to Dry Run Creek. We will not charge an admission fee for fly tiers and volunteers. Adults with children will be admitted free.

The Sheid is an expensive facility to rent. We are only able to do so because we are receiving a substantial grant from the Mountain Home Advertising and Promotion Commission. The A&P Commission is financed by a usage tax on the hotels and motels in Mountain Home. We get the grant because we can show that many attendees of the FFF are staying in lodging in Mountain Home. Be sure to provide that info to us when you register!

There two items that are necessary to make an event such as the FFF a success; tables and volunteers. The Sheid has lots of tables but we need volunteers. Besides a good feeling, volunteers will receive free admission, a Fly Fishing Fair Pin, and access to "hot and cold running snacks" in the volunteer lounge. We need volunteers in these areas:

1. Front door registration
2. Operating the "Volunteer Hospitality" room
3. Assisting with fly tying class
4. Standby gopher
5. Assisting with film festival
6. Assisting with the seminars
7. Assisting with the Welcoming Party/Tyers' Dinner

If you would like to volunteer please contact Pat Smith (iffsoc@yelcot.net) or Mike Tipton (michaeltipton@centurytel.net)

If you have any questions about the Fly Fishing Fair, any sort of question, please contact me.
Mike Tipton - VP of Development.

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