

# Missouri Trout Fishermen' Association

Next Meeting: March 7, 2018

Where: **155 Wilshire Dr., Hollister,  
MO (see directions on last page).**

When: 6:00-7:00 PM Fly-tying

7:00-9:00 PM Meeting

President's Message



Hello Everyone! Well Spring has sprung, well almost! It's another 19 days to the official beginning of Spring, but today March 1, is a beautiful sunny day that reminds you that Spring is right around the corner. March 1, marks the first day of trout season and as I watched the crowds on the Bennett Springs trout cam this morning it looks like the season is off to a great start! There is a lot happening this month. One of the biggest fly fishing celebrations in the Ozarks begins on the 23 of March and runs till the 25, the annual "Sow Bug" event in Mountain Home, Arkansas, more on that later! White Bass will begin the spawning process later this

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month, weather permitting! My wife's favorite, Daylight saving time begins! St. Patrick's Day is this month. Redbuds will begin blooming! So it's going to be a great month. The MTFA State Council will be having their annual Derby Pre-Convention meeting at Bennett Springs on March 17@ which I will present our petition for full chapter affiliation. I will have the petition at this month's meeting for those to sign who haven't already done so!

At this month's meeting, John Bush will share his expertise of fishing the "Trout Parks". So come and learn from John the techniques and flies that John uses to fish area waters!

Matthew Peet

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"Sow Bug Round-Up"

### A Celebration of Fly Fishing

Demonstrations by 100+ Expert Tyers, Seminars, Tying & Casting Instruction, Drawings, & Auctions

The Sowbug Roundup is a three day fly tying and fly fishing show that is held in Mountain Home Arkansas. The next Sowbug Roundup will be held March 22, 23rd, and 24th 2018. This is the 21st year that the North Arkansas Fly Fishers (NAFF) have put on the Sowbug Roundup. The first Sowbug had 20 tyers and 150 attendees. The 2016 Sowbug had over 100 fly tiers and over 1000 attendees.

The Sowbug is basically a fly tying show. The tiers come from all over the USA and there are usually two or three from overseas. The show floor is set up to facilitate access to the fly tyers. Attendees are very much encouraged to sit and talk to the tyer as he ties a fly. The tiers love to talk about fly tying, fly fishing, and how to tie a fly.

The full name of the show is the Sowbug Roundup, a Celebration of Fly Fishing. One of the goals of the Sowbug is to encourage more people, especially young people, to become involved in fly fishing. That is why we keep the entrance fee at \$5.00 per person for all three days and kids under 12 free. Every day we have free introductory fly tying classes. Free fly casting lessons are available every day. The seminars (included in the entrance fee) are chosen to appeal to fly fishers of every experience level. On Saturday we hold a free drawing for kids for fly fishing gear.

The Sowbug Roundup is not a "vendor show" but we do

#### Calendar

Monthly Meeting- March 7

Pre-Tournament Meeting Bennett Springs  
March 17

Fishing Outing Bennett Springs March 17

Sow Bug Round-Up March 23, 24 & 25,  
Mountain Home Arkansas.

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have a nice selection of vendors selling fly fishing / fly tying products. ( no ginsu knives or insurance! ) The vendors come from all over the US. (The Sowbug has a waiting list for vendors).

Some of the names that you might recognize are Dave Whitlock, Davy Wotton, Duane Hada, and TFO rods.

The Sowbug Roundup is the North Arkansas Fly Fishers sole annual fund raising event. The income from the raffles and silent auctions allow NAFF to finance its environmental and philanthropic activities. NAFF allocates \$10,000 every year for scholarships to students majoring in the fishery or environmentally related fields.



## Fishing Reports:

Well we've gotten a good bit of rain this past week and Beaver and Table Rock have come up around 8 feet, bringing levels up to or just above Power Pool. South West Power Administration have been releasing quite a bit of water in anticipation more seasonal rains in the next week. I believe that the forecast for this week is calling for more rain Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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“Down at the core of every fisherman’s heart is the belief that on any day something wonderful and unlikely could be made to happen, and that if you’re careful and patient it could happen to you. I think a lot of us fish day after day as much for what could happen as for what actually does happen.” John Gierach, *Standing in a River, Waving a Stick*, 1999.

Instructions to get to the Taneycomo Terrace Condo Club House in Hollister Missouri for the Branson Chapter MTFa and EXPO meetings. When you go across the bridge from the landing take a right in the round-a-bout toward Hollister. Then take a right down along side Turkey Creek after you cross the Turkey Creek bridge. Keep on that road until you come to the condos. Take a left before the condo entrance and go pass the dumpsters to the next entrance. The club house is behind the dumpster.

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