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**The Newsletter of the Springfield Chapter of the
Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association
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Notes for the August Meeting

Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter

Calendar of Events for August 2019

August 1 MTFA-Springfield Meeting – Nature Center @ 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

August 16 Insect-O-Rama - Nature Center @ 6:00 pm, Fly tying on Safety pins for the kids at Insect-O-Rama

From the President's Desk – Dennis Stead

What a great show. The Branson Fly Fishing Expo gets better and better. And this year we started to everyone to sign in. We will make a few changes to speed and improve check in but Buddy and Rick had it under control. The total that signed in was 274. We missed having some volunteers check in so this number would be a little higher. Also, I might have some vendor's helpers as Attendees. Not official yet because I am still entering and verifying if those that checked in were Tiers, Vendors, Attendees, of Workers. But here is what I have now: Tiers 51, Vendors 12, Attendees 196 and workers 12. Just a BIG THANK YOU to all how helped and made this one of our best shows.

Received this email from Danny Ward Jr (Our Fly Tying Ward winner for 2019 and one of our many featured fly tiers)

Good morning Dennis thank you for the recommendation on Danna's barbeque, it was fantastic. And thank you for welcoming us to the show and we will be back next year for sure. If there is anything I could help out with the association in the future let me know.
Danny Ward Jr



Letter from the Branson Fly Fishing Expo Director

July 27, 2019

I would like to thank Expo managers and all the volunteers that put in the time and effort into the Expo a success this year. Because of you we did very well and made money for both clubs. I greatly appreciated it. We will try to make more improvements for next year as long as you get the volunteers needed from each club. We need the Expo because it brings together Fly Fishermen and women from all over, and a valuable money maker for both clubs. The new memberships we acquired will help us secure a future for our clubs, and improvements for the 4th Annual Branson Expo 2020. I look forward to next year and will have a after action meeting on the Expo on Wednesday the 28th of August at 6 pm, Branson Lions Club. Please bring your input and ideas to this meeting. All club members should attend.

Thank you,

**Ron Leggins
Expo Director**

Pictures for the 2019 Branson Fly Fishing Expo <http://www.mtfa-springfield.org/news-events/2019-branson-fly-fishing-expo-july-27-28/pictures-from-the-2019-expo/>



Thanks also to the members of the Kansas City Chapter who attended the Expo, tied, and assisted with raffles, and clean up. In attendance were David Cook, Bill Beckman, Gary Davisson, Darrell Durst.

Reports: Members of the Kansas City Chapter were in Branson this last weekend to attend the Expo and to get in a little fishing. David Cook, the president of the KC chapter reported that they were fishing below Tablerock Dam at night and caught some good trout. At least, one was a brown. He took some pictures but they are not available at the time of this newsletter.

Fishing Pics

For more: [Click here.](#)



Three Tips When Fish Refuse a Dry Fly by Allen Gardner, The Catch and the Hatch

-Fish with a smaller fly, maybe two sizes smaller.

-Perfect the drag free drift, nothing turns a fish off like a skated fly.

-Another good tip is to add 12-24 inches of tippet to your leader.

[Click here for more.](#)

The St Louis MTFA chapter will be hosting a trout derby at Montauk State Park on September 21 and 22. Plan to attend this event.

Something to think about:

Last Month's Fly of the Month was a very good fly with rubber legs. Thanks to Larry Olson. Since the publication of that recipe, I met a fellow at BSSP who was fishing the deep pool above the dam. He said he likes to fish with carp flies (I think that's what he said). The one he showed me was kind of like a brown wooly worm with rubber legs and a rubber tail. The head was dumbbell eyes tied to make the hook point ride up like a clouser. It looked like a pretty good fly to me. He didn't offer to give it to me and I didn't ask.

Now, at the Expo, I was briefly entangled in an ear-bending debate that a St. Louis fly fishing club is having with the MDC concerning "soft rubber baits".

Apparently, "the current interpretation by MDC protection staff is that flies constructed of materials that snap back from stretching and are soft and pliable are considered soft plastic bait. Since the fly definition does not allow for soft plastic bait to be used in a fly, flies constructed of such materials are illegal to use in fly only areas."

I believe that last quote is from Michael J. Mitchell., Fisheries Administrative Manager, Missouri Department of Conservation but since I took it from a blog post, it should not be considered solid. I believe we will hear more about this. Bob Randall



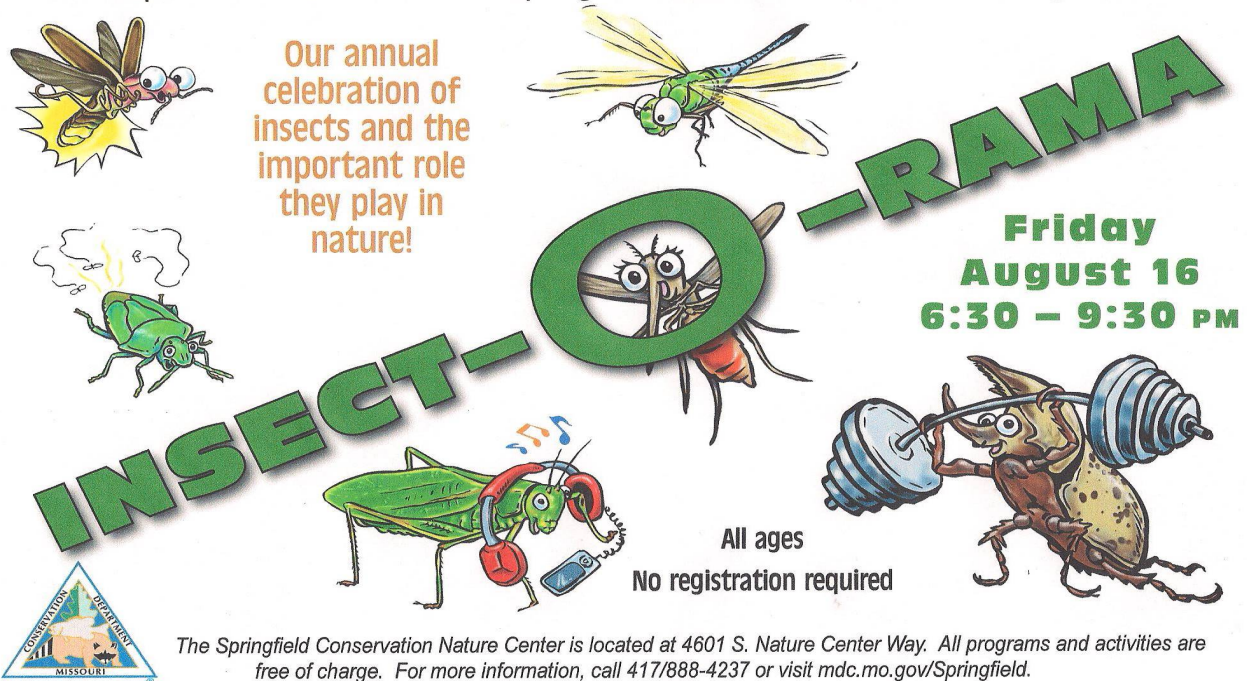
Pic of the Month: Teach your kids how to pose with a fish.

Video of the Month: <https://howtoflyfish.orvis.com/video-lessons/chapter-four-basics-of-stream-fishing>

Insect-O-Rama 2019

MDC has extended an invitation to us to demonstrate fly-tying on Safety pins for the kids at their annual Insect-O-Rama event on Friday, August 16 from 6:30-9:30pm. If you are interests in participating, please let Dennis Stead or Mike Kidd know at the next meeting. Yes, this is also open to the Branson Chapter

Missouri Department of Conservation's Springfield Conservation Nature Center presents:



MDC is asking us to park on the west side of Living Memorial Park and they are providing a shuttle. They will shuttle folks every 10 minutes or so beginning at 5:30pm in Missouri Department of Conservation vans. They'll shuttle everyone back to their cars following the event. Unfortunately, they are unable to provide a shuttle for the public because They don't have an offsite location large enough for public parking. This makes parking in this lot even more crucial. You are welcome to drop your materials off at the building before you park, and they are happy to help you unload your equipment. If you are unable to park at the designated location, please park in the bus parking lot along the perimeter of the lot. If carpooling is possible, they encourage that as well.

I Wish I'd Said That

Matching the hatch is about finding the right fly in the right size and color, using it on the right tippet with the perfect cast and making the right presentation so that it looks like food. It's the Rubik's Cube of fly fishing.

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