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**The Newsletter of the Springfield Chapter of the
Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association
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**There will be no July Meeting because of the
Fourth of July Holiday**

**Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter
Calendar of Events for July 2019**

July 25 @ 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Set up for Branson Fly Fishing Expo
July 26 & 27 @ 9:00 am - 6:00 pm	Branson Fly Fishing Expo (if you're helping it's 8:00 am)
July 27 @ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Branson Fly Fishing Expo (if you're helping it's 8:00 am)
July 27 @ 4:00 - 5:00 pm	Expo Cleanup

Editor's Note: I use a lot of links to supplement this newsletter. If it's blue and is underlined, it's a link.

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From the MTFA President – Dennis Stead

Notes from the President – Just a reminder, our meeting falls on the 4th of July, so we will have not meeting this month. July is a busy month for a lot of our members who are involved in putting together the Branson Fly Fishing Expo. If you can help with setting up on July 25th at the Branson Expo, Loins Club in Branson that will be great put that date on your calendar. We will also need members to help during the show and on Saturday afternoon, cleaning up the Lions Club.

Special Note – Ty at the Plateau Fly Shop has set up a special program that will at year end pay our club (MTFA) 5% of what our members spend during the year at the Plateau Fly Shop. How does it work. When you make a purchase, just tell Ty, Alex or Wayne that you are a member of MTFA and they will code the sale to MTFA-Springfield. Dennis

Reports:

Fred Brown and Bob Randall went to [Rockbridge Trout Ranch](#) on the first Wednesday of June. That's the day that the ranch waives the Catch & Keep \$30 fishing permit for "locals". Yes, we still had to pay for the fish at \$4.75 per pound live weight. Needless to say, the fish were biting. I often hear people ask about Catch & Release at Rockbridge. Those permits are \$125 daily. Half day permits are available.

Taneycomo: USACE says [the spillways for Table Rock Dam have been closed](#). Carolyn at River Run Outfitters reports good fishing when generation is low. "[Good day nymphing all day with the big ruby and black copperhead or ruby 2 droppers.](#)"

Bennett Spring: Water has been high. Mixed success. See [Larry Olson's Fly of the Month below](#).

Fishing Pics [Click here](#).

Submit reports or pictures to bobbyleensandv@gmail.com. Please include location and flies used.

MDC Hunting Fishing Permits Auto Renewal Program: [Permit Auto-Renewal Service](#)

(Auto-Renewal) will allow a customer to enroll eligible permits in a service that will automatically renew their permits prior to the start of the next season or permit year. This process was designed to ensure a customer never has an expired permit when they need it most.

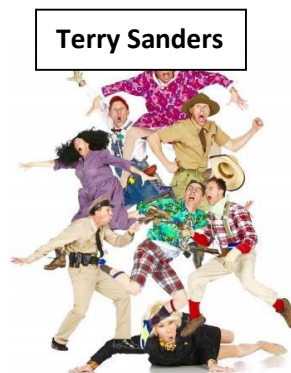
Branson Fly Fishing Expo 2019

The Springfield and Branson Chapters of the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association will hold their third annual Fly Fishing Exposition this year on July 26th and 27th. It will be a celebration of everything fly fishing and it will be held in one of the premier trout fishing areas of the Ozarks, Branson, Missouri. We have a fine venue at the Branson-Hollister Lions Club Community Center at 1015 E. State Highway 76 approximately one mile east after you cross the bridge over Lake Taneycomo from the Landing Boulevard. Our event is Free Admission to the Public.

We expect to have approximately 70 fly tiers demonstrating their skills, talking about flies, and sharing tying tips. Nearly 25 vendors and factory reps on hand to show you their products and make you a deal. During the Expo we will raffle and auction off some fine tackle, a fishing kayak, fishing trips, fly rods, Branson Show Tickets, fly tying stations, artwork, signature flies, and more. A few of our featured award-winning Fly Tyers are: Danny Ward, Terry Tanner, Patricia Pezza, Patty Lueken, Clarence Winans, Wayne Simpson, Carolyn Hellmuth, Jay Dzik, Marc Pinsel, Terry Beeson, Dave Tucker, Ryan Walker, Larry Wegmann, and Larry Olson. Also, world famous fly tiers, who specializes in “sculpting” deer hair, Mike George and Joe Jackson will be there to demonstrate amazing deer hair flies. Adults can learn from fly casting experts demonstrating their skills on our casting pool. We're looking forward to a great Branson Fly Fishing Expo, and we hope we'll see you there! On Saturday morning, July 27, from 9 to 11 am, we will hold a free Kid's Fly-Tying Event, and a special appearance from Terry Sanders, Branson's award-winning comedian.

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Branson Fly Fishing EXPO 2019

Schedule of Events

Thursday July 25, 2018 (Expo Setup):

9:00 am. – Members and Volunteers Setup

1:00 pm. – Vendors Setup

Friday July 26, 2018 (Expo Event Day 1):

8:00 am. – Members and Vendors Setup

9:00 am. – Doors Open to the Public

Casting Demonstration

11:00 am. – Morning Bucket Raffle Ends

Casting Demonstration

11:30 am. – Morning Silent Auction Ends

1:00 pm. – Afternoon Bucket Raffle Ends

1:30 pm. – Afternoon Silent Auction Ends

4:00 pm. – Live Auction Begins

6:00 pm. – Doors Close to the Public

Saturday July 27, 2018 (Expo Event Day 2):

8:00 am. – Members and Vendors Setup

9:00 am. – Doors Open to the Public

Casting Demonstration

Kids Fly Tying Class

11:00 am. – Morning Bucket Raffle Ends

Casting Demonstration

11:30 am. – Morning Silent Auction Ends

1:00 pm. – Live Auction Begins

1:45 pm. – Special Raffles End

4:00 pm. – Doors Close to the Public



Branson Chapter News *from the Branson Chapter President, Mike Kidd:* The Branson MTFA has been looking for ideas to increase membership. One idea to increase membership is the annual EXPO where we will solicit new members. Another idea to increase membership involves “litter cleanups” at Tablerock Dam where members pick up litter, provide coffee and donuts, and talk to people at the dam about our club. We will also change our monthly meetings. Instead of having a business meeting each month we will be having a catered meal where members, spouses, and children will get together and enjoy food and conversation. The cost to members will be \$5 for adults and \$2 for children. The balance of the cost for the meal will be paid by our club. The hope is to get more spouses to attend our gatherings. Our first meal will be on Wednesday July 10th at 6pm at the Branson Lion’s Club. We will not meet on the first Wednesday since that is July 3rd and families will have other commitments. We will need to know in advance who will be attending so we can order adequate amounts of food.

We held our annual **fish fry** on June 15 at the Veterans' Memorial Park. About 35 members and guests attended and chowed down on deep fried white bass, catfish, potatoes, and onions, as well as the potluck dishes that were brought. Check out this cake.

Thanks to all who helped. The cooks: Harry Morgan, Todd Fecho, Bill Huyett. The cooks' helpers: John Bush, Mike Kidd, Russ Doughty, and Wayne Frizzell. Organizer: Vergie Darrow. Potato wizard: Patti Hayes. Fish providers: Kim Schultz and Dennis Stead. Institutional memory: Kim Schultz who is the guy we go to for answers, recipes, and equipment. For more pictures [click here](#).



Fly of the Month: Cone Bug created by Larry Olson

Materials: Daiichi 1760 2x long sz 8 hook

Sm black nickel cone head

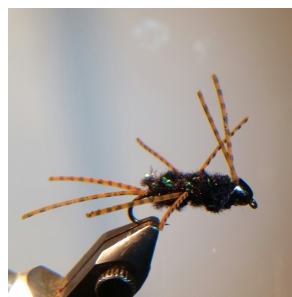
6/0 black uni thread

.025 lead wire

Wooly bugger antron chenille sz med black w/green sparkle

Silly legs: perfectly barred pumpkin

Z - ment glue



1. Pinch barb and install conehead
2. Start lead at hook point. Make 15 wraps. Push lead inside cone and coat with z-ment.
3. Start thread behind lead. Wrap to bend then back over lead to hook eye, then return to bend.
4. Wrap strand of leg rubber around thread and tie in on top of hook to make 2 tails. 1 in long.
5. Strip fibers from 4 in piece of chenille and tie in at tail tie in point. wrap 3 turns then secure.
6. Tie in a single strand of rubber wrapped around thread, on each side to make 4 legs.
7. Wrap chenille forward to just short of cone and secure.
8. Wrap strand of rubber leg around thread and tie on top for 2 antennae.
9. Wrap one turn of chenille behind antenna and cone, tie off and whip finish.
10. Trim tails to 1in. Legs and antenna to 3/4 in.

Fishing Instructions: Fish with slow, intermittent, 3 in strips.

Larry had a lot of success with this fly in the pool just above the Bennett Spring dam.

Pic of the Month: Have you heard the rumors of a high population of cottonmouths at Crane Creek, but you've never seen one? MSU researchers were collecting cottonmouths during the latest Stream Team check at Crane Creek. Russ Doughty took this photo of one of their specimens. According to Larry Wegmann, many of the "Crane Creek cottonmouths" hide in holes in the flood plain waiting for prey to fall into the hole. This is more like copperhead behavior than cottonmouth behavior. Watch your step. Better yet, fish there in the winter. More info: [Click here](#)



Video of the Month: Chapter One, the "Basics of Fly Fishing" from Orvis [Click here](#)

Podcast of the Month: "How Trout Think" from Orvis [Click here](#)

I Wish I'd Said That

"Rivers and the inhabitants of the watery element were made for wise men to contemplate, and fools to pass by without consideration." Izaak Walton in 1653 in the *The Compleat Angler. He was beckoning the "Brothers of the Angle"*.

Fishermen are called anglers because the Middle English verb for 'to fish' was angelen, and that verb came from the Old English noun for hook. The word "angle" entered the language in the Old English period as "angel" and was based on Germanic *angg- (source also of German angel 'fishing tackle') and was used to mean "hook for fishing".

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