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Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association
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Notes for the October Meeting We're going to Mountain Springs Trout Park 2549 State Hwy O, Highlandville, MO

Single point **barbless hooks only** for a gentle, in-the-water release.

Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter
Calendar of Events for October, 2019

October 3 @ 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm MTFA Springfield Meeting – Mountain Springs Trout Park

October 19 @ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Chili Feed – Shepherd of the Hills Hatchery Pavilion, (below the dam) Branson

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From the President's Desk – Dennis Stead

“If the president tries to hold a meeting, we’ll shout him down.” Who is the guy Bob Randall? Ya, he is our newsletter editor, our membership chairman, and he is always ready to help out at our social events. And Bob is our Liaison to National and State Affiliate Fly Fishing Association. That is who Bob Randall is and you know what, we are going to have fun at Mountain Springs Trout Farm. We will not have an official meeting but will make some announcements of upcoming events. See you there.

Dennis Stead
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Editor's note: Dennis' comment above is an inside joke in reference to the Mountain Springs Trout Park article that you will find further down the newsletter.

Reports: *Friday the 13th* Larry Olson and Bob Randall went to Bennett Spring. It was very crowded. We started out a couple hundred yards above the big dam fishing dry flies. I had two good ones on but landed neither. I looked downstream to see Larry fighting a good one. Same thing. We finally switched to other flies. Larry above the dam stripping streamers. I discovered a small outflow from the upper raceways between the dam and the bridge. I was successful on a grey scud but it's better to fish from above the outflow due to the currents. Together we landed about 30 fish or so.

The chapter's monthly fishing trip was to Bennett Spring on Saturday, the 14th. Attending were Fred Brown, John Bush, John Dozier, Dick Solomon, and Harry Morgan. Fred reported in our Facebook page that Harry and John Dozier had very successful days. John Bush says, "Most of us caught several fish, and there were some pretty nice ones landed. I had one that went 15 inches plus easily as I pulled out my tape measure. I know Dick said he caught 40 or 50 at the gut hole, and the rest of us went up to the pool by the spring this time. I never remember to count but would guess I probably landed 15 or 20. My best fly was the top secret midge again."

Fishing Pics

For more:

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Pic of the Month:



Mountain Springs Trout Park

Yay! We're going to [Mountain Springs Trout Park](#) for fishing and picnicking for our October 3 meeting. If the president tries to hold a meeting, we'll shout him down. We're going there to have fun, not listen to a boring old meeting. This place is full of stupid, giant lunker trout. The club will pay for the fishing (not the fish, so don't kill any), hotdogs, drinks, plates, and tableware. You should bring a dish to share and your fishing gear: 6 to 9 weight rods, strong leaders, and barbless flies. Land them quickly to reduce their stress levels and improve the chance of a successful release.

It is located at 2549 State Hwy O, Highlandville, MO. Drive south from the James River Freeway on US 160 (south through Nixa). Go 18.1 miles (about a half mile south of the traffic signal in Highlandville). Turn right or west on State Hwy O. Drive 2.5 miles. The Park is on the right.

Annual Chili Feed

The Branson Chapter of the MTFA will be taking over the Annual Chili Feed. The Springfield Chapter has hosted this for years every October but since it's in Branson anyway, we'll let them put it on. We're still invited, so not to worry.

It's on Saturday, October 19, at the Shepherd of the Hills Pavilion @ noon, fish early. Bring chili or a dish to share. We ask members to make a batch of chili. We use the recipe on the Williams Chili Seasoning package and just put all the batches together in a big pot. There is really no way to estimate how much chili we will need since we invite a lot of the anglers to join us and we certainly don't want to run out of chili so if 5 members would agree to make a batch of chili with the club recipe just RSVP Matthew Peet at ozarkboy06@yahoo.com. If you have a specialty chili recipe, bring it in a Crock Pot.

The dates for the Spring MSU Fly Fishing Class of will be:

March 26

April 2

April 16

April 23

April 30 (Mountain Springs Trout Park)

May 2 (Roaring River State Park)

(keep your fingers crossed)

The UK's Malham Tarn: A tarn is a lake formed in a cirque excavated by a glacier. The glacier which carved out the Malham scoured the earth right down to an impermeable layer of shale, so the lake water does not sink into the earth. However, the water which flows out the stream at the lower end of the lake quickly reaches a layer of limestone and sinks completely out of sight only to reappear as a spring which is the source of the River Aire. One of Britain's best wild brown trout fisheries, "brown trout shouldn't even be there. Mother Nature created as perfect a Stillwater wild brown trout habitat as can be found anywhere - but forgot to add the trout. That wasn't done until the 12th Century when the Cistercian monks of nearby Fountains Abbey stocked and regularly harvested the tarn". The fly of the month described below was created in 2012 specifically for fishing the wild brown trout of Malham Tarn. Tie it, fish it on Taneycomo, and report back to me on your success

Fly of the Month: The Storr May

the fly of the month in the April 2018 issue of the British magazine Trout & Stream (thanks, Larry Olson)

Recipe:

Hook: Size 8-12 Kamasan B130 (from the UK, a shorter shanked, down eyed hook with a sproat bend in a heavy gauge wire)

Tail: Bronze mallard

Rib: black wire

Body hackle: mixed marabou – black, olive, dark olive

Shoulder hackle: Black or dark olive hen

Thread: Black or brown-olive UT 70 Denier

Mimics small fry. Use as bottom dropper or strip slowly.



Link of the Month:

Strong knots, weak knots, best tippet, fluorocarbon testing, nylon, water absorption, visibility, what X means in tippet sizes, and more. Click [here](#) for the Yellowstone Angler Shootout.

Expo Financial Report:

Total Income: \$11,745.22 (includes \$4,000 seed money from Branson and Spgfld)

Expenses: \$4,666.92

Balance \$ 7,078.30 (less \$4,000 = \$3,078.30. Springfield's half of profit = \$1,389.15)

I Wish I'd Said That

"In the faraway Amazon, politics and commercial exploitation are fueling fires that threaten the world's largest tropical rainforest. Closer to home, in Alaska, the Tongass National Forest, which represents the largest intact temperate rainforest, is facing a serious threat of its own: President Trump's determined rollback of environmental protections. In both cases, land belonging to all citizens is at risk because of the financial ambitions of a few."

Why should you care and why should this be in our newsletter? Because *"it's a fish factory."* [From Trout Unlimited](#) credit to By Mike Dombeck and Chris Wood

Late Breaking News: "ANCHORAGE (Reuters) - A federal judge on Monday temporarily halted a Trump administration plan for logging in part of the Tongass National Forest in Alaska, barring a disputed lease sale a day before bids were to be opened."

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