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The November Meeting is Cancelled

There will be a December meeting. For information
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Catch and Keep Season is over for the year in the four state trout parks.

Catch and Release Season begins at 8 am on Friday, November 13. If you're going to Bennett Spring that day, bring your lunch and meet at the pavilion across the Whistle Bridge at noon. There will be plenty of room for social distancing and telling lies.



2021 Officer Nominee Slate (voting approval required)

One month notice

Voting will be December 5)

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3 year Executive Committee: Regina Leitle and ?

1 year Executive Committee replacement for Fred Brown: ?

We **NEED** two volunteers for the Executive Committee. One will be a three year commitment and one will be for one year only. Contact Dan Ditzler at 417-737-0885.

Chapter News: **IMPORTANT News about December meeting**

Heads up for the December meeting: in lieu of the annual Christmas party, the Springfield chapter will hold its December meeting at the Mountain Springs Trout Park pavilion in Highlandville. It will be on December 5, the first Saturday in the month at noon. We will elect our 2021 officer slate at that time. The date and time has been selected so that we would have adequate light for the meeting and, hopefully, it won't be too cold. Bring your own lunch and drinks. We'll have a bonfire for warmth but dress accordingly. The club will pay for an hour of catch and release fishing for our members. Barbless hooks only. Please be considerate of other people and assume they want to social distance. "Air high fives" or "elbow bumps" are recommended as the pandemic won't be over and many of us have pre-existing conditions (like being old). Bring your lawn chairs and your fishing gear. From JRF, take US 160 about 15 miles through Nixa to Highlandville. Turn right about a mile past the traffic signal on Hwy O. Drive 2.4 miles.

Fishing Reports:

Mike Kidd, Crane Creek October 1, 2020. McClouds all caught on size 14 Fox squirrel Nymphs under indicator

10.5.2020, Taneycomo, Dick Solomon. "Fishing at Taney this morning with Ron Ward and Mike Kidd. It was a wee bit nippy. After the sun rose and the wind died down the fishing was great. Caught 20 , two nice ones no wall hangers. Fishing was tough early I used several colors of crackle backs, white jigs and mostly wee little gray scuds."

Ron Ward and Mike Kidd hit 6 Blue Ribbon Trout streams Monday and Tuesday , Oct 19 & 20, and achieved Bronze level on the MDC Trout Slam (second time for Mike) . Congratulations.

10.22.2020, Lake Taneycomo, Mike Kidd, 11 trout, early morning, leeches and sculpins, Larry Olson, 2 trout on tigertails, Bob Randall had one strike and doesn't want to talk about his day.

John Bush started working on the Blue Ribbon Trout Slam. He says, "I went to Blue Springs Creek on the 23rd and found it to be a very tough and challenging little creek. I could be honest and admit that I only caught 3 fish, none of which were over 2 inches but I'll just say I got skunked there. Saturday, the 24th I hit Little Piney Creek south of Rolla and Mill Creek just outside of Newburg. I caught 8 at Little Piney and 4 at Mill Creek. Most of them were about 6 inches. I did have one nicer one on at Little Piney that I got a good look at before he managed to get off but wasn't able to close the deal. One on a wispy at Little Piney, but most were on a guide's choice hare's ear or a pheasant tail nymph. One thing of interest, when I first got to Little Piney there was a mayfly hatch going on and the fish were hitting the surface pretty regularly. I found some of them washed up on the bank and they were a very tiny, creamish colored mayfly dun. I'm guessing a size 22 or 24. I took my nymphs off and put on the smallest dry I had in my box, but by the time I re-rigged the hatch was pretty much over."

Better than watching the news! This will calm you down. It's a 19 minute long underwater video made by Orvis. No fishing, just fish. (skip the ad)

<https://youtu.be/LmrZhkONO2s>

Fishing Pics

Mike Kidd, Crane Creek October 1, 2020. All caught on size 14 Fox squirrel Nymphs under indicator. Any McCloud redband trout is exciting. They're wild! Notice the parr marks in the left picture. Photo on right as taken on a different fishing trip.



Taneycomo, Dick Solomon



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Paul Sheppard, Rockbridge, 10/7/2020. Paul was using a 2 weight rod.



Oops!



Fly of the Month: The Patriot

The Patriot Fly isn't new to us as it is in the MTFA-Springfield website in the [Fly Tying Recipe section](#). However, it deserves to be revisited as it was a hot little item for Paul Sheppard at Rockbridge in early October. It's basically an Adams dry fly or a parachute Adams, depending on how it is tied. It's name comes from its colors.



The fly comes to us from our late friend, Larry Wegmann. He said, "The Patriot dry fly was developed by Charles Meck. It is a great summer attractor."

Back in 1985 Larry conducted experiments almost the entire summer with the Patriot and 19 other dry fly patterns. He compared its effectiveness against patterns like the Light Cahill, Royal Coachman, Adams and other top patterns. Over an entire season he cast each of the 20 patterns 1000 times on the same section of a nearby river, making certain that none of the casts were made over rising trout. Larry said, "If I saw a trout rising I purposely passed by that section. I carried a counter with me so I had a fairly accurate count of the number of times a dry fly drifted and the number of strikes. In those tests the Patriot out-fished all other patterns by a wide margin."

Materials

- Hook: 16-10 Standard Dry Fly Hook
- Thread: 6/0 Red
- Tail: Ginger or Brown
- Body: Blue Mylar Flashabou-Red thread or floss-Blue Mylar Flashabou
- Wing or Post: White calf hair or Nylon
- Hackle: Ginger or Brown Three wraps behind the wing and five in front of the wing.



[For complete instructions, click here.](#)

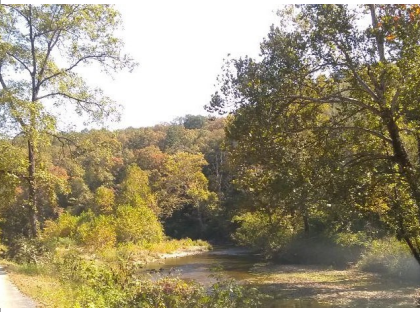
Thanks to Dennis Stead for putting the fly details in MTFA-Springfield

Rockbridge Trout Resort is kinda like a combination of Bennett Spring and Mountain Spring Trout Park. It's private, they raise and release their own trout.



You catch them in a beautiful spring creek setting and all of the fish are trophy size. You have to pay to play. One way to do this if you want to keep your fish is to pay \$30 for a "daily license" and \$4.85 per pound live weight. They will clean, package, and flash freeze them for you. However, on the first Wednesday of each month, they will waive the daily license fee for "locals". Yes, they will consider Springfield local. Another way to pay to play is "catch and release" for 4 hours at \$85 plus tax. A full day is more.

On the first Wednesday in October, MTFA members, Paul Sheppard and Bob Randall met up there. Paul fished catch and keep while Bob fished catch and release. They ended up paying about the same but Paul took his fish home. Bob says it was worth the price for him to fish and to his wife just to get him out of the house which makes it a double bargain.



From Springfield, take US 60 east to Mansfield, south on Hwy 5 past Ava to Hwy N, east on N to Rockbridge. About 90 miles.



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