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MO Fishing

The Newsletter of the Springfield Chapter of the
Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association

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**The October Get-Together will be at
Mountain Springs Trout Park, October 7,
from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm**

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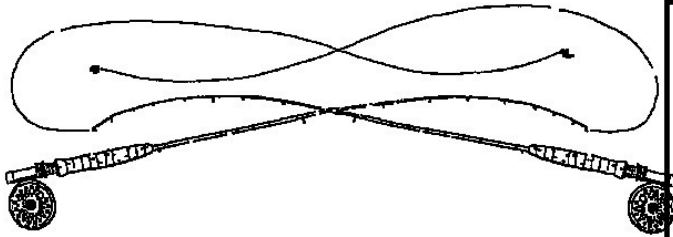
Catch and release fishing. Club will furnish hot dogs, chips, etc. This is not a pot luck so don't bring extra food. Bottled water available. Bring something for a raffle, bring a lawn chair, and bring a long handle net, if you have one. Single point barbless hooks only for a gentle, in-the-water release.

A special prize of a \$35 gift certificate for one hour of catch and release fly fishing at Mountain Springs Trout Park will be raffled. You must be present to win.

Reminder: please return any library items you may have.

Mountain Springs Trout Park is at 2549 State Hwy O, Highlandville, MO From Nixa at St Hwy 14, go south on Hwy 160 9 miles, turn right on State Hwy O, drive 2 1/2 miles. It will be on the right.

Even though this is an outdoor event, please be considerate of other people's sensibilities concerning Covid-19.



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Chapter News: Twenty-three of us (previously reported as 20) met at the Living Memorial Park for our September 2nd meeting. It was good to see a lot of friendly faces. I heard a number of comments how the casting session with Kim Schultz was very helpful. Thanks, Kim. We should do that more often.

It became dark before the casting was finished and we ended up raffling off our general items using smart phones as flashlights. Several people had already left by that time, so we didn't complete the raffle of the \$35 gift certificate to the Plateau Fly Shop. We took the sign-in sheet, added names of the attendees who didn't sign in, and completed the group list. Dennis Stead and I used that list to complete the special raffle drawing. Russ Doughty was the winner.

Congratulations Russ.

Bob Randall



November meeting: We have reserved Community Room B at the Library Center on South Campbell for the November meeting. From 6pm to 9pm. We hope to tie flies and have a program. More information will follow.



Annual Meeting Plans: We have reserved Community Room B at the Library Center on South Campbell for the Annual meeting on December 2. We have it from 6pm to 9pm. We're still trying to figure out the logistics of space, maximum capacity, catering, raffles, etc.

Bob Randall



September 2021 Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance	\$8,353.54
Income (membership)	45.00
Expenses	<u>0</u>
Ending balance	\$8,398.54

Dennis Stead, Treasurer

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, 9/2/2021:

The business meeting was called to order at 6 pm by President Robert Randall. A quorum was established. Officers and Executive Members Present: Robert Randall, Harry Morgan, Dennis Stead, Bruce Hinkston, Regina Leitle, Nellie Morrison, and Russ Doughty

The minutes of the August 13, 2021 meeting as reported in the September newsletter were approved. The Treasurer reported a current balance of \$8,338.54.

Kim Shultz was nominated to fill the vacant Executive Committee position until the December Annual Business Meeting. Motion was made to accept the nomination and passed.

The club received a donation of \$1,135 in Dick Deerfield's name. Discussion was made on how to use the money to honor Dick Deerfield. Motion was made to work with DNR to purchase a picnic table or food table for Bennett Springs in Dick Deerfield's name. Motion passed.

Discussion of reorganizing the list of Honorary and Contributing members. Some members are currently listed incorrectly. Honorary members are defined by be honored for the work they have done in and for the club. Contributing members are those that have materially contributed to the club. Motion was made to designate Herb and Norma Knight, John and Dorothy Prugger as Honorary Members and designate Brent Simmons (family), Tim's Fly Shop, Charley Reading, Weavers Fly Shop, Plateau Fly Shop, River Run Fly Shop and Larry's Fly Shop as Contributing Members with membership fees waived for the Contributing Members. Motion was passed.

Discussion was made to consider sponsoring a fishing derby for MFTA members. One suggestion was to have participating members take a picture and measure the length of their catch and have the derby open for a certain number of days. No motion was made regarding the derby.

Discussion of the current dues amount was made. Motion was made to increase the dues for individuals and families from \$15 to \$20 becoming effective in 2023. Motion passed.

The nominating committee was discussed. Russ Doughty is chairing the committee consisting of Russ Doughty, Regina Leitle, Nellie Morrison, Mike Kidd and Harry Morgan.

Harry Morgan made the motion to adjourn the business meeting, Russ Doughty seconded. Motion passed.

Bruce Hinkston, Secretary



Fishing Reports:

9/14/2021, Larry Olson, Bighorn River, Montana: Fished all day on the Bighorn. Fishing was slow, but managed to land 2 18in browns and a 19 1/2 in Rainbow plus 1 smaller rainbow. All were caught on nymphs. One of the browns rolled and somehow made a half hitch around its body. The resulting fight felt like an enormous fish. Also, caught a large whitefish. No luck with dries even though one location had some emerging caddis. The wind picked up. The current was fast, faster than the White below Bull Shoals Dam. The guide was an old timer who had guided Lefty Kreh and some other famous anglers.

9/14/2021, Dick Solomon, Keith Coffee, Bob Randall, Bennett Spring: "Fishing was good at Bennet today even though the water was full of debris. Tuesday is the moss cutting day so we had to deal with that. Overall we caught over 50 fish at the Gut Hole. After lunch up above the Gage house Bob headed home and Keith and I fished around the Spring and below I caught several more at 1:30 we headed home. "

9/20/2021, Dick Soloman and Bob Randall, Bennett Spring: "Fishing was generally slow at the Gut Hole and the strikes that did occur were very soft. However, the successful color was white, fished 2 to 4 feet below an indicator. Dick's strategy was to use the indicator only for depth control and fish totally by sight. A hook set attempt had to be made right at the strike or it would be a miss. Dick caught 22 by noon. Bob caught between 15 and 20 fish in the same time."

9/25/2021, Bob Randall, Roaring River: MTFA-KC chapter held a "derby" at BSSP over the weekend. The event was only to see who could win bragging rights to the biggest trout. I participated mostly to show support for what they were doing. I didn't begin until about 10am . I fished from shore at the last pool of Zone 1. I caught about 5 or 6, using various flies including a white chami worm and a foam beetle. The only fish that I measured was about 13 inches long. Nothing to brag about. I had no hard strikes, all were very soft, sight fishing was the only success. After lunch, I fished Zone 3, which is open to soft plastics, scented bait, lures, and flies. There are a couple of pools I wanted to try with the foam beetle and a grasshopper. I landed two more fish on these dries. I ran into two KC chapter members. They had some luck there in Zone 3 on Friday and again on Saturday. No big fish. They confirmed my observation that the strikes were very soft and setting the hook was difficult.

"I have been to Bennett and Roaring River lately. Went to Bennett by myself and caught fish. Went to Roaring river with Dennis and Nelson. Dennis wanted to try out his micro jigs. Some where caught on the jigs. Others where caught on a small streamer stripped in the current. A couple of them where nice. All in all the fish are biting you just have to go and enjoy the Fall." Harry Morgan

Fishing Pics

**Fsihing at Bennett Spring State Park,
9/14/2021, Dick Solomon, Keith
Coffey, Bob Randall**



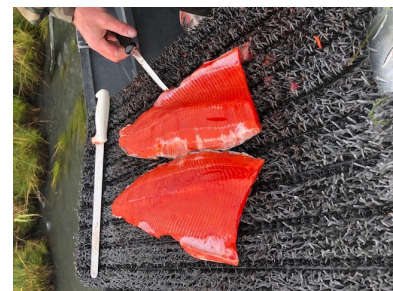
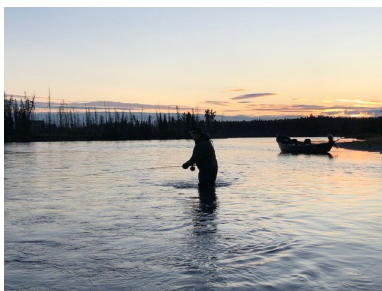
**Alabama, Labor Day Weekend, Bruce Hinkston: "Not fly fishing, but fun none the less.
Bryan Letterman, my son Ben and I went to Dauphin Island, Alabama and caught a few
Pompano, Spade fish, catfish and lots of white trout. First time salt water fishing. "**



Taneycomo, Mike Kidd: "Sculpins at night. Slow fishing due to low oxygen."



**Alaska, August 2021, Paul Sheppard: "Fished for salmon in Alaska with my son Bryan last
month. 0 dark thirty wake up to begin our day. Brought back 100 lbs of sockeye filets."**



Bighorn River, Montana, 9/14/20212, Larry Olson



Fishing Outside the Box

excerpt from the Kansas City Chapter newsletter

You know and have fished the state parks of Missouri; Bennett Springs, Roaring River and Montauk and you have probably been to Taneycomo at Branson. Let's get started with some new places to go within 500 miles or less:

The North Fork of the White River: The North Fork of the White River is one of the finest trout streams in the state of Missouri as well as the Ozark Mountains. It has a good population of wild rainbow trout and trophy size brown trout. Stocking of the rainbow trout was stopped in 1964 and the stream has since maintained a good population of wild rainbows. The brown trout are still stocked but only in part of the river. Both the rainbows and the brown trout grow to very nice sizes. Rainbows are taken up to eighteen



Barry Wilkinson

inches long and the brown trout commonly reach sizes much larger than that. This beautiful stream starts at Rainbow Spring, one of the largest in the state of Missouri, and flows for over twelve miles into Norfork Lake. Smaller springs along the way add to the flow. The stream can be waded or fished from a canoe or small raft type boat. There is some private property along its course but under Missouri law you are not trespassing when you are in the streambed. The area between Rainbow Springs and Patrick Bridge is referred to as the Missouri Wild Trout Management Area. In 1998, the stocking of brown trout was stopped in this part of the river. This has allowed the rainbows in this part of the river to grow faster and larger because they have more to eat. Only flies and artificial lures can be used in the Wild Trout Management Area. Approximately 75% of the trout in this part of the river are wild rainbows. Anglers are only allowed one trout, either brown or rainbow but not both, over 18 inches per day. From the Patrick Bridge down to Norfork Lake, the river comes under the Missouri Special Trout Regulations. This area is stocked with brown trout, but not rainbows. Barry and I fished the river a number of years ago and stayed at a bed/ breakfast that is no longer open. One of the prettiest streams in Missouri.

Location: Tecumseh, Mo **Distance from Springfield:** 100 miles **Places to Stay:** River of Life Farm

By Gary Davisson



Casting Talk:

Joan Wulff, the First Lady of Fly Fishing

“When she was 10, Wulff asked her mother if she could borrow her father’s fly rod, having watched him casting. After a few attempts, the rod came apart, and the top section slid into the water. Fearing Salvato’s {her father} reaction, mother and daughter summoned a neighbor to retrieve it with a rake. When Wulff’s father found out what had happened, he wasn’t angry — he was supportive, teaching his daughter to cast her own rod. There was no turning back.”

“Within two years Wulff was the New Jersey Sub-Junior All Around Casting Champion. Even with her 5-foot stature, she could cast a 5-weight fly rod single-handedly, hitting targets 50 feet away. “Shifting my weight, I used my body to lengthen the stroke,” says Wulff, who enjoyed testing her mettle against male contestants. “

“In 1947 she achieved a personal best with a 120-foot cast in one of her first distance-casting contests. Four years later she rattled the sporting world when she took the National Fisherman’s Distance Fly title with a 9-weight rod against an all-male field with a record (for a woman) cast of 131 feet.”



““In 1978, they {she and her husband Lee Wulff} moved to Lew Beach, New York, and the upper Beaverkill River, where Joan realized her dream of opening a fly-fishing school.” Lee was killed in a plane crash in 1991. “Grief-stricken, Joan worried about the future of the school without Lee as its chief draw.” “Robert Redford’s film *A River Runs Through It* was released the year after Lee’s death, and its impact on the school was profound. Unheralded numbers of women filled all 10 sessions, anxious to capture the magic of fly-fishing.”

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Wulff has taught countless people the art of fly-casting through the school she founded and the books she has written: the revolutionary Joan Wulff's Fly-Casting Techniques, published in 1987, and Joan Wulff's New Fly-Casting Techniques, published in 2012. Her demystification of the fly cast landed her in the International Game Fish Association Hall of Fame and American Casting Association Hall of Fame, and she has garnered 20 awards, including the Lapis Lazuli and Lifetime Achievement awards from the International Federation of Fly Fishers. A modern day Annie Oakley, she can still slice a piece of fruit with a cast."

At 95 years of age, she "continues to operate the Wulff School of Fly Fishing as a dedicated mentor and teacher."

[Here's her video "One on One with Joan Wulff"](#)



Catch and Keep season in state trout parks ends October 31, 2021

Catch and Release season in state trout parks begins November 12, 2021

Between those dates, you can still fish in other trout areas: Crane Creek, Taneycomo, etc.

Three Ways to Catch More Fish on Your Next Flyfishing Trip by Allen Gardner, The Catch and the Hatch

1. Cover More Water

FIND THE FEEDING PATTERN FOR THE DAY

2. Have the Right Seasonal Flies

DON'T SHOW UP UNPREPARED

3. Spend 5 Minutes Observing

MATCH THE HATCH ABOVE AND BELOW THE WATER

[3 Ways to Catch More Fish on Your Next Fly Fishing Trip – The Catch and The Hatch](#)

With Allen's permission

Good news from Trout Unlimited's "legal effort for Bristol Bay. After the EPA in 2019 decided to withdraw proposed protections for Bristol Bay, TU sued, and after a long year and a half of pursuing every legal option to reinstate these protections, we {TU} have prevailed. The EPA will reinstate the proposed Clean Water Act protections for Bristol Bay, and we will work to make sure we see them finalized."

You may never get to fish the Bristol Bay or its tributaries, but all anglers should value this resource. BTW, the proposed mining would threaten the most prolific wild sockeye salmon fishery on the planet, 20,000 fishing jobs, \$1.5 billion fish-based economy and vibrant Alaska native culture and traditions.

Bob Randall

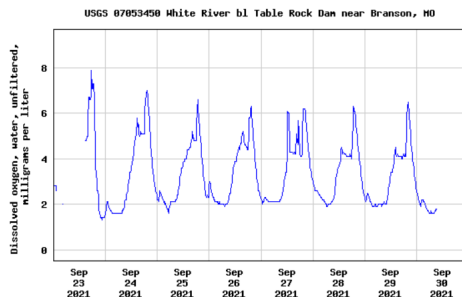
Oxygen graphs for Lake Taneycomo

Note: 4 milligrams / liter is minimum target level. This time of year, it drops off dramatically after cessation of generation. Compare with oxygen levels just below Tablerock Dam with levels at the School of the Ozarks gauge.

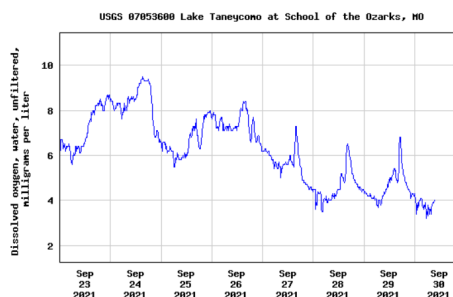
[USGS Current Conditions for USGS 07053450 White River bl Table Rock Dam near Branson, MO](#)

[USGS Current Conditions for USGS 07053600 Lake Taneycomo at School of the Ozarks, MO](#)

Dissolved oxygen, water, unfiltered, milligrams per liter
Most recent instantaneous value: 1.8 09-30-2021 09:15 CDT



Dissolved oxygen, water, unfiltered, milligrams per liter
Most recent instantaneous value: 4.0 09-30-2021 09:30 CDT



Graph scales differ. Dam figures are from 0mg to 8mg and S of Oz figures are from 2mg 10mg.

Below dam dissolved O2 drops to 2mg/l.

At S of Oz it drops to about 4mg/l.

Water levels:

Roaring River water level: [National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service](#)

Taneycomo water level: [National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service](#)

Bennett Spring water level: [National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service](#)

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