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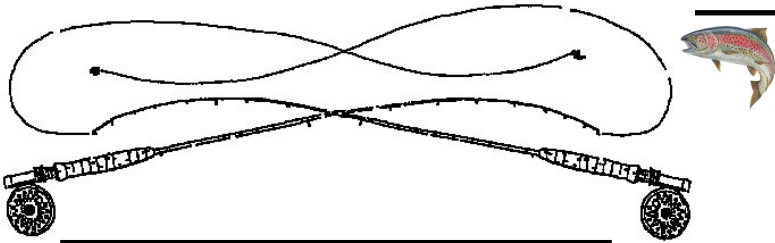
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**March Meeting is on March 14  
at 6 pm  
At the South Haven Baptist Church**

*Today is opening day at Missouri's state trout parks. It's a little cold but the weather is good. Hope that all who went today caught their limit, and then some. For those who camped at the trout parks, weather should be cold, at least there is no snow!*

*Our monthly meeting has been moved to March 14, 2024. We are having a co-event with the Southwest Fly Fishers at their meeting place, South Haven Baptist Church. The topic is the spring white bass fishing. Bill Butts will lead the event. There should be SWFF members tying white bass flies and there will be presentations on rigging lures and fishing techniques. More on this event in the following pages.*

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# *Chapter News:*

Currently, there are only three members of the Executive Committee—John Owensby, Dick Owensby, and Bill Huyett. There is one opening for the 2-year term, and two openings for the 1-year term. If any of the membership is interested, please contact one of the above committee members, myself, or Kim Schultz.

Regarding the March 14, 2024 meeting, here is a clip from an email from Bill Butts:

*On the refreshments, thank you for offering, I was thinking if your group could provide some pre-popped popcorn and cold bottled water, that would be great and a bit different than our usual. Wouldn't be a big expense, but would be appreciated by the attendees I'm sure.*

*We have a member who usually makes coffee and brings homemade cookies for our programs. She recently had knee surgery and hasn't been able to provide that, but might be able to by that date. I'll see if she will be able to by that time.*

*To your question about time and location:*

**South Haven Baptist Church at 2353 S. Campbell**

*(directly across from Westlake Hardware at Campbell/Broadmoor)*

*I'm attaching a photo of the specific west entrance to the building, as it is a locked down campus most of the time.*



*Start time to gather is always 6:00 pm and great fun. This is a social time and the meeting/program starts at 6:30.*

*The event will include my 30-40 minute presentation about the basics of spring White Bass fishing opportunities. Followed by multiple fly tyers demonstrating fly patterns for spring White Bass, and another station demonstrating the correct fly line and leader rigging, knot tying, and special casting technique for sinking-tip fly lines.*

## ***Fishing Reports:***



### ***Only one person filed a fishing report***

Michael Kidd reports catching 25 trout on a size 18 hare's ear. Michael sent a picture of a beautiful brown trout; however, I could not figure out how to save the picture and get it into the newsletter!

## ***Upcoming events:***

***March 14, 2024: Combined meeting with SWFF.***

*March 9: MTFA State Council Pre-Derby Meeting, Bennett Spring State Park*

*March 28, 2024: Fly Tying 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B*

*April 04, 2024: Fish Fry/swap meet—Living Memorial Park Springfield, Mo 6PM-9PM*

*April 13, 2024: Tri-Lakes Fly Fishers Expo in Clinton, Missouri*

*April 25, 2024: Fly Tying 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B*



**THE TRI-LAKES FLY FISHING EXPO**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 13**  
**BENSON CENTER, CLINTON MO**

**EXPO**

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### ***Schedule of Events:***

March 1, 2024: Catch and Keep season begins in trout parks

Mar 14, 2024: Monthly Meeting 6PM - 9:00PM, Combined with Southwest Fly Fishers at South Haven Baptist Church 2353 S. Campbell, Springfield, Mo

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May 2, 2024: Monthly Meeting 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B

May 17-19, 2024: the MTFA Derby, Bennett Spring State Park

May 23, 2024: Fly Tying 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B

June 06, 2024: Monthly Meeting 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B

June 27, 2024: Fly Tying 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B

July 4: NO MONTHLY MEETING

July 25, 2024: Fly Tying 6PM—9PM, Library Center, Community Room B

August 01, 2024: Monthly Meeting 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B

August 22, 2024: Fly Tying 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B

Sept ember 5, 2024: Fish Fry Mountain Springs Trout Park

September 26, 2024: Fly Tying 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B

October 3, 2024: Monthly Meeting 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B

October 12, 2024: Chili Feed -Lake Taneycomo Pavilion—starts at noon

October 24, 2024: Fly Tying 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B

October 31, 2024: Last day of Catch and Keep Trout season in trout parks

November 7, 2024: Monthly Meeting 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B

November 28, 2024: NO FLY TYING

December 5, 2024: Annual meeting and Christmas Party TBD

January 2, 2025: Monthly Meeting 6PM-9PM, Library Center Community Room B

January 23, 2025: Fly Tying 6PM-9PM, Library Center, Community Room B

February 6, 2025: Monthly Meeting 6PM-9PM Library Center, Community Room B



***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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